

Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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In-person board meeting this month - photo thanks to Joyce T.

Ana says...

Greetings and Salutations:

Okay, one day we are sweating and this morning, it was sweater weather! Feels wonderful after such a hot and humid summer. Quilt and soup weather for sure. I hope that your quilting moments have been plentiful this past month.

I really enjoyed our Zoom meeting and we will do it again in October. Our next Zoom meeting will be on October 10th at 9:00 a.m. and I will send out the Zoom link several times so that you will have it to click

on. If you have any agenda items, please send them to me and I will make sure we address them. If you have bring and brag photos, please get them to me or to Joann W. by the 7th of October and we will put together a slide show for everyone to see. I know you have some beauties to show.

Looking forward to our 'parking lot' sale on the 26th at 10:00 till noon in the Holy Spirit parking lot. Everything has been priced and the fabric is 1.00 a yard. There are some other items: batting and some bolts, books, and some notions. All reasonable and priced to go!. Also looking forward to our block challenge (10 ½ by 10 ½ with green in it). We will draw at noon and notify

the winner.

Enjoy the cooler weather and keep a sunny disposition. Our isolation is not quite done yet, but we will survive it if we keep smiling and staying connected.

Best, Ana

MINUTES

WAQG Meeting, September 12, 2020,
9:00 a.m.

Minutes for the Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President, Ana S. Linda A., Secretary, read a thank you note from Sister Maria Elena for our donation to Catholic Social Services. Mary B. announced that 37 members were in attendance. We ultimately had more members join in to make the total attendees 45. Mary sang "Happy Birthday" to all members who celebrated birthdays since our last meeting.

Ana announced that Vicky T. donated \$275 to the guild for some of our members making masks for her organization which helps the disabled. We can use that money for making more masks as necessary.

Marie D., Treasurer, reported that our recurring bills have been distributed and left a balance of \$13,739.33.

Ana reported that the Board has met and

discussed our budget going forward. The typical amounts used in previous years were tallied and research has been done of non-profit status.

Becky B. reported on Kentuck. She announced that there will be a virtual Kentuck this year and we were invited to be involved. She sent an email to members to see if there was enough interest in participation. She heard from 12 members with only two who were interested. Also, she brought to attention that our mission statement is education of the art of quilting. A virtual event would signify that we would only be making profit. She said that not participating would not affect our status with Kentuck and they have assured her that we would retain our spot for next year. The Board had voted to not participate this year.

Becky also reported on Sunshine. We sadly have recently lost two of our members, Donna N. and Sara T.. JoAnn W. also lost her father. Becky would like for us to get together when it is safe to make quilted cards for her to use for birthdays and sympathy. She suggested the possibility of making a work session after an in-person meeting when we resume.

JoAnn W. showed a powerpoint of quilts donated to the Juvenile Detention Center for our Itch to Stitch project. There were 34 skinny twin quilts and eight baby quilts donated.

Ana announced that there will be a sidewalk sale for members, friends, and family on September 26 in the Knights of Columbus parking lot at Holy Spirit Catholic

Church. The sale will be from 10 AM until noon. The donation from the family of Christina D. will be sold. All yardage will be \$1 per yard, precuts will be \$5 per box, and grab bags will be \$5 each. There are other miscellaneous items as well. Buyers will be asked to pay with cash or check only. Cards will not be accepted.

During this sale members who would like to participate in a “square challenge” should bring a 10½” x 10½” square, pieced or appliqued, with the only stipulation that there be the color “green” somewhere in the block. There will be a drawing for the winner of all the submitted blocks.

Our Opportunity Quilt was revealed. It is a beautiful king-sized Disappearing Nine Patch and has been completed since early

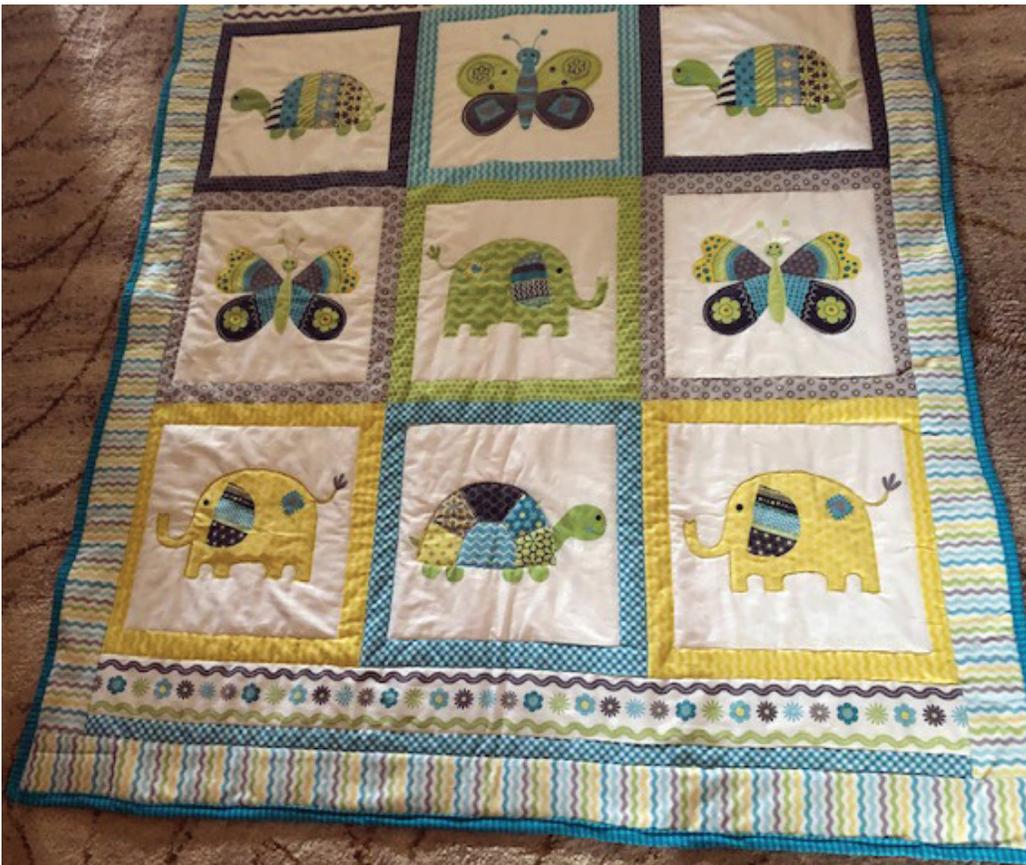
April. This quilt will carry over for next year since we have not been able to sell tickets because of the pandemic.

Julie T. gave an update on Steven H. He has moved to New Jersey and his treatment is going well.

Ana mentioned that we usually vote on the new Board in November. There will be three open positions: one Trustee, the President, and the Vice President positions will need to be filled. Under the circumstances of the pandemic, she announced that the current Board is willing to remain intact until the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully
submitted,
Linda A.,
Secretary



Baby quilt by Diane A.

Treasurer's Report - our current bank balance:
\$13,739.33



Your Quilt Photo Here



2019 WAQG Officers

**President - Ana S.
Vice Pres - Barbara W.
Secretary - Linda A.
Treasurer - Marie D.**

Board Members

**Jamie S. 18-20
Joyce T. 19-21
Rose O. 20-22**

Committee Chairs

**Basics and Beyond - Board Members
Community Service
Education
Historian - Anne E.
Hospitality - Judy S.
Kentuck - Becky B., Linda
A.,
Library - Patricia W., Dana M.
Membership - Mary B.
Name Tag Drawing - Debbie W.
Newsletter - Rachel D.
Photos - Becky B.
Programs - Barbara W.
Quilt Show - Beth M.,
Julie T.
Retreat - Joann W.
Shark Pit - Paula W.
Sunshine - Becky B.
Telephone Tree - Nan G.
Website Coordinator - Laura R.
Workshops
Yearbook - Mary B.
Challenge 2019 - Board**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE FIDGET BLANKETS!

WHAT IS IT?

A fidget blanket is a lap-size quilt that provides sensory and tactile stimulation for the restless hands of someone in stroke recovery, with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, such as ADD, or an autism spectrum disability. A fidget blanket or quilt can help with anxiety reduction, occupational therapy, and provide hours of stimulation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Rebekah and Wendi will provide the supplies through the Volunteer Auxiliary funds, and create a packet for you or your group to sew and make the blanket(s).

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to produce 4 fidget blankets per month to donate to various units.



Volunteers needed for

FIDGET BLANKETS





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WAQG meets at the
Department of Transportation
Building (1000 28th Avenue)
on the second Saturday of
each month.