

Piecing Our Lives

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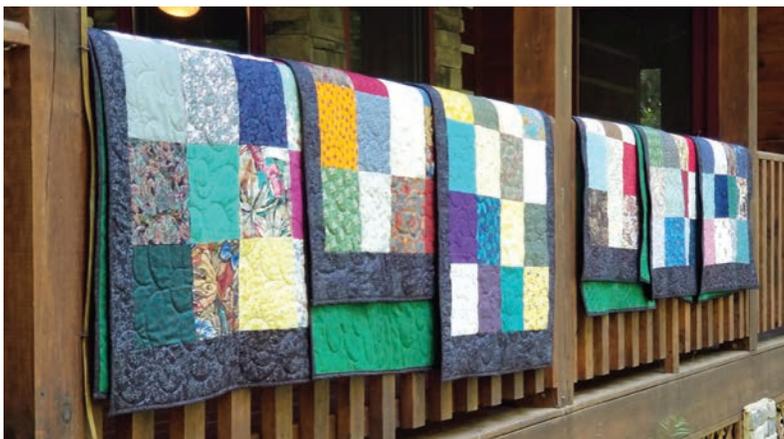
Ana says...

Greetings Stitchers!

Well, summer is coming to an end and I am beginning to see little bit of cooler weather especially when I am outside very early in the morning. Of course, I wasn't expecting twin hurricanes to come at us, but let's hope that they will not bring too much damage with them. We have had a sad summer with the passing of Donna N. and now Sara T. Such heavy hearts as we head into fall. Let's keep their families in our hearts.



On a happier note, several members of the Board spent Saturday the 22nd at Holy Spirit Church collecting the Itch to Stitch quilts and I am so excited to announce that we collected 35 skinny quilts and 8 baby quilts for the Juvenile Detention Center. I will deliver them on Monday the 23rd to Ms. Cathy W. and I think we have almost covered their entire population of beds. Several of you notified me that you were not quite done with yours so we will have at least 40 by the time we are done. The colors and the differences were fantastic and I know that they will add wonderful color to the Center. Thank you from



Top: Coach H. and Cathy W. receiving itch to stitch quilts with Mako the dog.

the bottom of my heart and I know that Ms. W. will want to thank you for your time and effort as well. It is one of the things that we do so well and giving with our hearts is one of our best qualities.

September is upon us and we are going to try doing a Zoom meeting on the 12 of September. I asked everyone who came by to drop off an Itch quilt and almost everyone has access to computers, tablets or phones so I think this might be fun. We will send instructions on how to do it and you don't need to have a lot of equipment and you don't need a Zoom account. You will only need to click on the address I send you and you will be there with us. It will be fun to see people without their masks. More on this later.

The Board will be meeting to price the garage full of quilting fabric and notions that I have from our donations and we will get them ready for the September "yard/parking lot" sale. It all will be priced "to go" so don't think you can't afford it. It is all donated to our guild and we are not interested in making all that much money, just getting it out to you so that you can use it for your projects. There is fabric, some notions, some pre-cut fabric in boxes, some batting and some clothing fabric as well.

A busy fall is coming up for all of us. Take care and watch for my emails about the Zoom meeting. We are coming into the 21st century!

Much love, Ana

Juvenile Detention Center Itch to Stitch Quilts



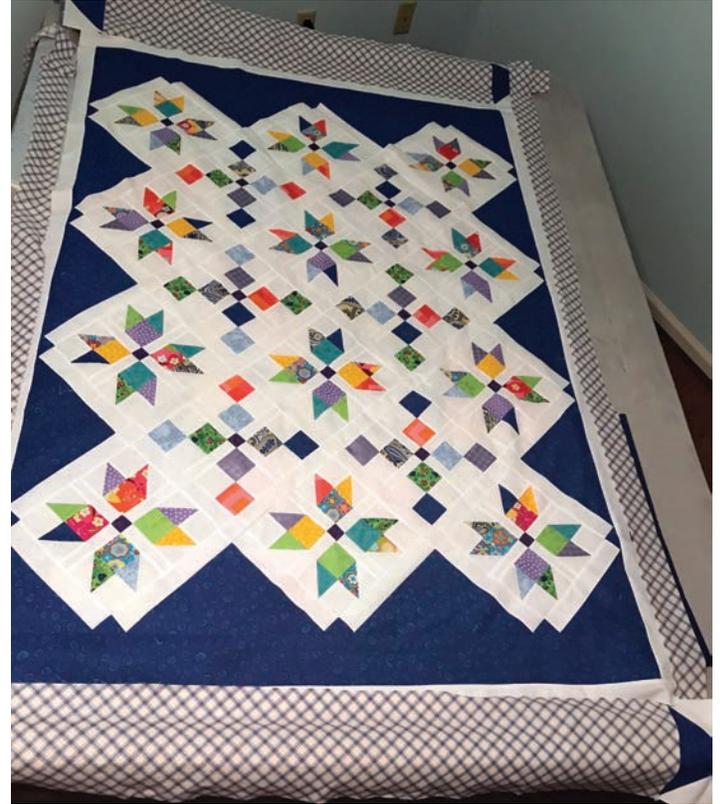
Doris L. G.



...and baby quilts!



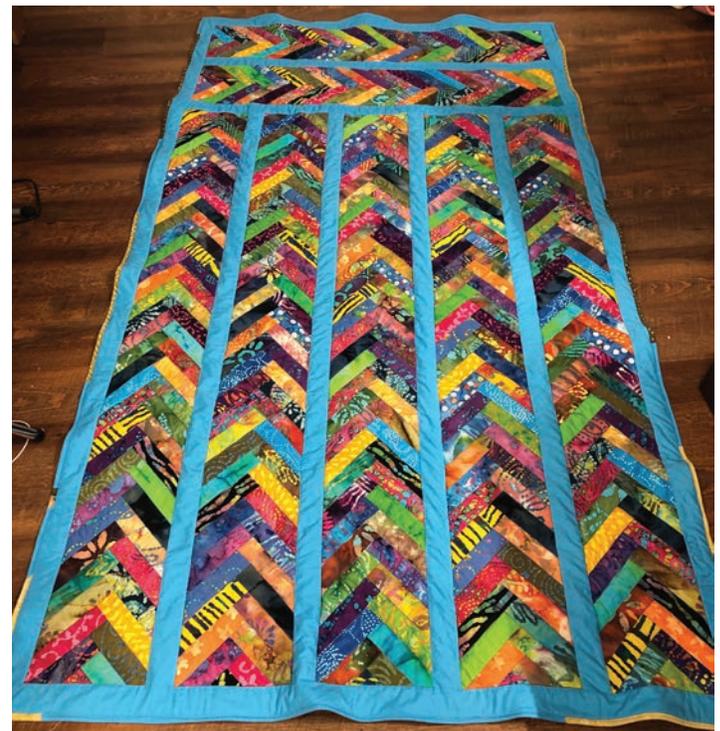
Mary A.



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Diane A.



Dorothy B.

Treasurer's Report - our current bank balance:
\$16,550.28

Since we had no August meeting (because of the coronavirus), there are no minutes.



In Memoriam



Donna N. Sara T.

Thanks to Joyce T. for the photos.

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

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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?

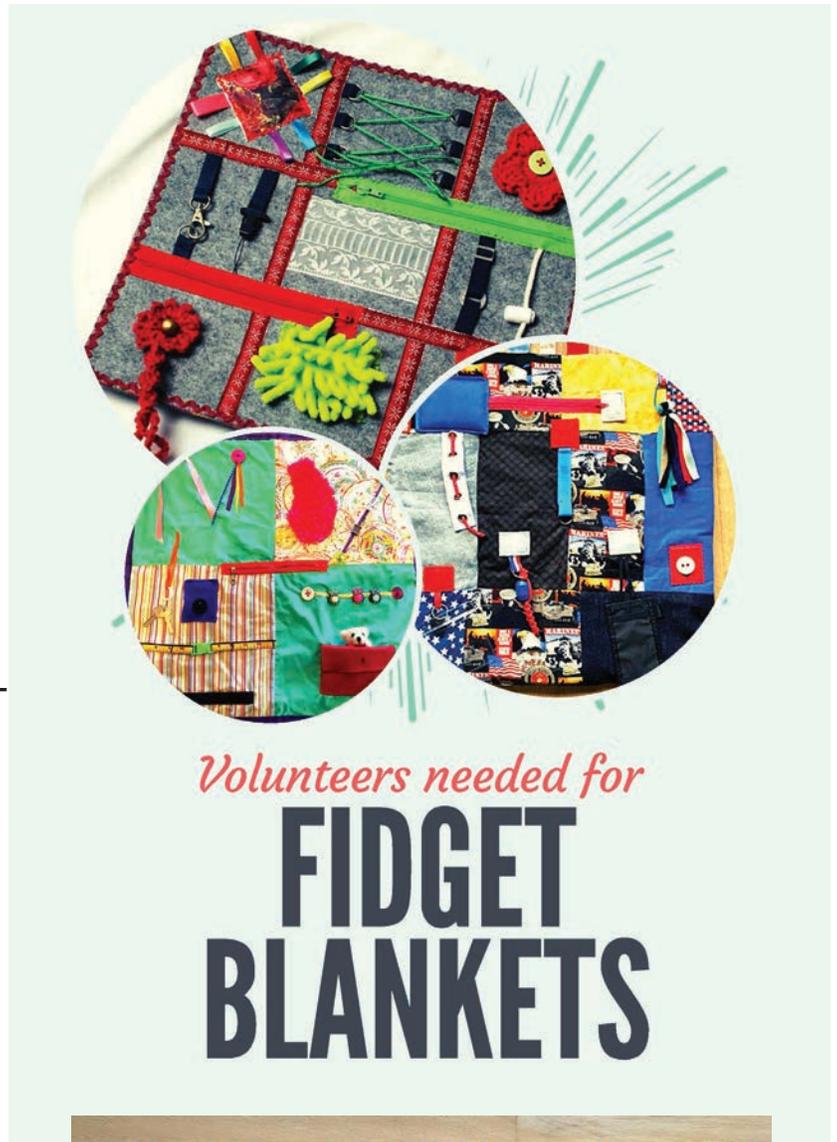
A fidget blanket is a lap-size quilt that provides sensory and tactile stimulation for the restless hands of someone in stroke recovery, with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, such as ADD, or an autism spectrum disability. A fidget blanket or quilt can help with anxiety reduction, occupational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

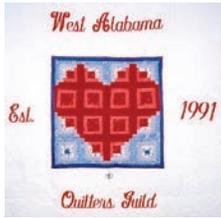
OUR GOAL

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.