

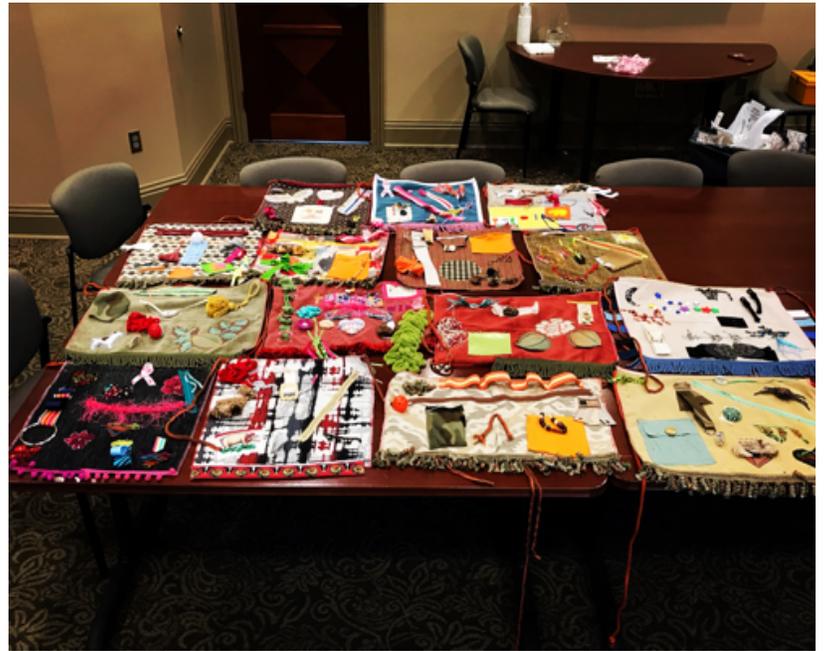
Piecing Our Lives

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The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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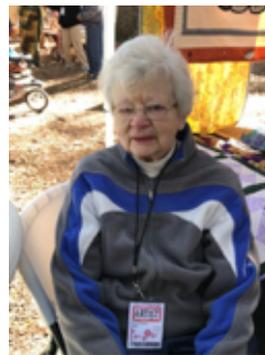
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October's Activity Quilts at Hospice.... great work ladies!!! Thanks so much for what you do. If anyone has any donations to make to this activity see Dot B or Faye L. **Next work day – Nov. 7, 9am – 2pm**

Kentuck Fun



WAQG President's Letter-November 2018

Dear WAQG members,

What's under your needle? Not sure about you but I was inspired at the 47th Annual Kentucky Festival of the Arts and have some new ideas of quilting that I am anxious to try out. It was wonderful to see so many of our guild members coming out and working on Friday setting up the guild's booth on a gorgeous sunny day. Saturday and Sunday, we had a great team that came and talked to folks about our guild, demonstrated quilting techniques and sold handmade quilted items that our members had stitched up. We had another wonderful team that showed up when the festival was over to take down the booth and get everything back to the storage unit. A big thank you to everyone who came out and supported the guild over the weekend on sunny Friday, in the rain on Saturday and in the cold on Sunday. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 12, 2019 for next year's Kentucky festival. Traditionally the festival has been on the third Saturday, but next year it will be on the second Saturday. Not sure if it was moved up a week because the third Saturday is a home game against Tennessee and to the second Saturday is an away game with Texas A&M.... but Kentucky has announced the change. Every year, over 10,000 travel from across the United States to become immersed in a Southern experience of prolific creativity not found at other festivals and our guild is honored to be considered a *Demonstrating Artist* booth.



Our guild is blessed to be filled with kind, caring and generous folks who have supported our community in so many ways this past year. There has been a group that met monthly at Hospice of West Alabama that stitched up over 100 small activity quilts. We had members go into a couple of schools and teach students how to quilt. We had around 25 members who supported our Itch to Stitch charity project by stitching, with love, 257 beautiful pillowcases for patients receiving treatment at DCH Manderson Cancer Center and 27 Quilts for Kids. We also raised money to recognize Hallie O'Kelley by having one of her quilts to be part of the Tuscaloosa Public Arts project. Our community is brighter and more beautiful because of the generosity of the members of our guild.

At the November 10th meeting we have several things going on:

- Voting on the nominating committee's slate of officers.
- 2018 Challenge reveal. Please bring your challenge in a pillowcase with your category clearly marked.
- Itch to Stitch recognitions.

I have been touched deeply by your kind words and have been blessed to have your prayers as well during my mother's illness and passing. Your support during this difficult time in my life makes me realize even more that our guild is truly a nurturing, loving family. Again, thanks for all that you have done to support me.



Now I need to get back to completing my entry in the 2018 Applique Challenge that is under my needle.

Debbie

November 10, 2018 Guild Meeting:**8:45: Basics & Beyond: Zippers!!****9:30: Business Meeting****10:30 Program: 2018 WAQG Challenge reveal****September Treasurer Report**

Income: \$0.00*

Expenses: \$0.00*

Previous Checking Balance: \$10,650.66

Current Checking Balance: \$10,064.98

Hallie Fund: \$5,027.00

*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.

**Total Donation to Damon for Brandon - \$695**

New Members: None reported this month.

**2018 WAQG Officers**

President Debbie W
Vice Pres Eve E/ Rose O
Secretary Anne E
Treasurer Dot B

Board Members

Christine L 16-18
 Paula B 17-19
 Jamie S 18-20

Committee Chairs

Basics and Beyond Charlotte N
Community Service
Education Nan G
Historian Anne E
Kentuck Becky B
Library Patricia W, Dana M
Membership Mary B
Name Tag Drawing Diane A
Newsletter Jamie S, Judy S
Programs Eve E, Rose O
Quilt Show Beth M, Julie T
Retreat Ana S, Barbara H
Shark Pit Paula W
Sunshine Julie T
Telephone Tree Nan G
Workshop/Major Eve E, Rose O
Workshops/Mini Debbie W
Website Coordinator Laura R
Yearbook Mary B
Challenge 2018 Board
Website Laura R

Major Workshop, Free Motion Quilting on a Domestic Sewing Machine with Christina Cameli
April 19th and 20th, 2019.

Cost for workshops will be \$40 each and the courses offered will be announced soon!

We are fortunate to have booked Christina Cameli for our major workshop for 2019. Christina Cameli has been free-motion quilting for over a decade, and writes the quilting blog A Few Scraps (www.afewscraps.com). She is the author of several books, including **First Steps to Free-Motion Quilting, Step-by-Step Free-Motion Quilting** and **Wedge Quilt Workshop: Step-by-Step Tutorials 10 Stunning Projects** (at least one of these is in the Library), and contributes to numerous publications, including **Stitch, Quilts and More, Quilty** and **The Quilt Life**. She is also regularly featured on the PBS show **FRESH QUILTING** (www.freshquilting.com). Christina has several classes on Craftsy (www.craftsy.com) and also has several free videos on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/afewscraps>). In her life outside of quilting (is there such a thing?), she is a nurse-midwife. She is a member and past president of the Portland Modern Quilt Guild. She is extremely relatable and practical, making Christina the perfect person to guide the novice as well as inspire the seasoned quilter.

**WAQG Meeting, October 13, 2018, 8:30 a.m.
TDOT meeting room
Minutes**



Debbie W called on Dot B, who showed the group one of the activity quilts made for individuals with dementia/Alzheimer's. Dot explained that those interested gather at West Alabama Hospice on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. They can use volunteers and various items such as zippers, Velcro, ribbons, fabric with different textures, etc.

The Treasurer's Report, prepared by Dot B, was available during the meeting in the pink binder at the registration table.

Diane A, dressed in full Halloween regalia, drew the following name tags for gifts: Peggy A, Paula B, and Judy S.

Basics & Beyond. Charlotte N presented Seminole patchwork quilting, and will talk about zippers at the November meeting.

Membership: Judy S filled in for Mary B (but did not sing.) 10 members celebrated birthdays. 48 members attended the meeting as well as 2 visitors: Darrilyn C, and Maleyah Rose C.

Opportunity Quilt Tickets: Joyce T asked that members turn in their sold tickets.

Nominating Committee: Joyce T, Judy R and Teresa M presented the slate of candidates for office for 2019:

President: Ana S

Vice President: no candidate yet, nominations welcome

Secretary: Anne E

Treasurer: Marie D

Major workshops: Julie T

Sunshine. Julie T

Mary B's husband has been very ill but is about to be released from hospital

Sara T and Shirley W have had/will have knee surgery

Laurie P is much better and now able to travel

Debbie W's mother passed away

Damon L (General Sew-Vac)'s son, Brandon, was severely injured in a boating accident. He is making slow progress. A number of members made contributions to assist with expenses.

Hospitality. Julie announced that the December meal will be potluck and that she will send out lists for members to sign up shortly.

Quilt Show. Julie and Beth M reported on progress and assignments:

Diane B will be looking after our honoree, Hallie O

Rose O will be the mistress of ceremonies

Laurie P will be working on nametags with Teresa M's help

Paula B will organize demos

Charlotte is in charge of prize ribbons

Eve E will write thank you notes

Secretary's report. Anne E talked about a meeting of the Arts Council of Tuscaloosa members. She brought back a number of ideas and suggestions that will be forwarded to the 2019 Board.

Announcements:

Diane B announced that there will be a very interesting quilt show in Nashville, on February 21-24, 2019.

The Modern Quilt Guild is hosting this event and more information can be found at modernquiltingguild.com

There will be a craft Show at the Taylorville Church on November 3, 2019

Jamie S reminded members about the Challenge Quilt event in November. Instructions will continue to appear in the Newsletter.

Itch to Stitch. Next month is the last month to submit items for this project.

Education. Nan G reported that she and volunteers will be working with the Magnet School on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. There are 8 students this semester. She invites anyone who can spare some time to join her at these sessions.

Retreats: Ana S announced that there are a few slots open for the next retreat, which will occur on January 3-6, 2019. Payments will be expected by the end of the December meeting. and accepted \$20 from members who were not able to submit items for sale. Paula B and others are assisting.

Many quilts and quilted items were presented by members during Bring & Brag, before members were invited to enjoy refreshments. There was a great deal of activity in connection with Kentucky, which took the place of a regular program.

Kentuck: Becky B gave out artist tags and tickets to those who had already signed up

Respectfully submitted,
Anne E, Secretary

IT'S TIME !!! - - - 2018 Challenge Quilt Information

Challenge Quilt due at November meeting! For new members, this is an optional project in which any guild member may participate. **Only one entry per member allowed this year.**

Make sure you bring your entry in a pillowcase with a label designating the category. Drop in the box in the entry of TDOT.

The categories for the 2018 WAQG Challenge – “Anything Appliqué” are listed below:

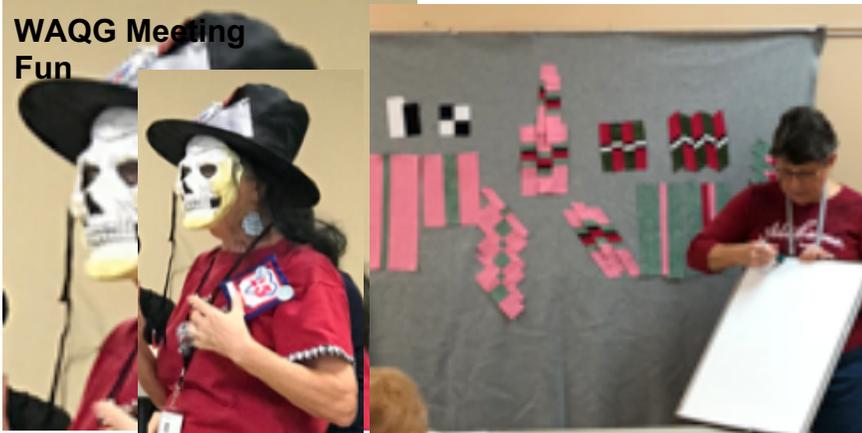
- Small quilts
- Medium Quilts
- Large Quilts
- Non-Traditional Quilts
- Starting Line Quilts

Sizes: (using the **smaller** of the width and length measurements)

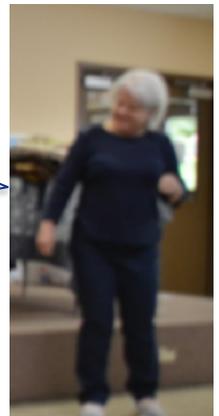
- Small: up to 30 inches
- Medium: 31 inches to 60 inches
- Large: 61 inches and larger



WAQG Meeting Fun

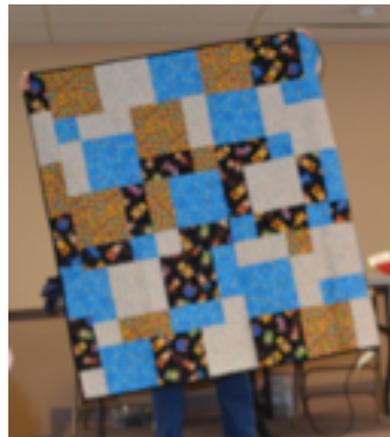


I want to see that quilt !!!!!



Bring & Brag/Just Finish It





Quilt Con 2019
February 21-24, 2019
Nashville, TN
Nashville Music Center
201 5th Av S.
themodernquiltguild.com

**Quilt Show
Opportunity**



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www.waqq.com



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