

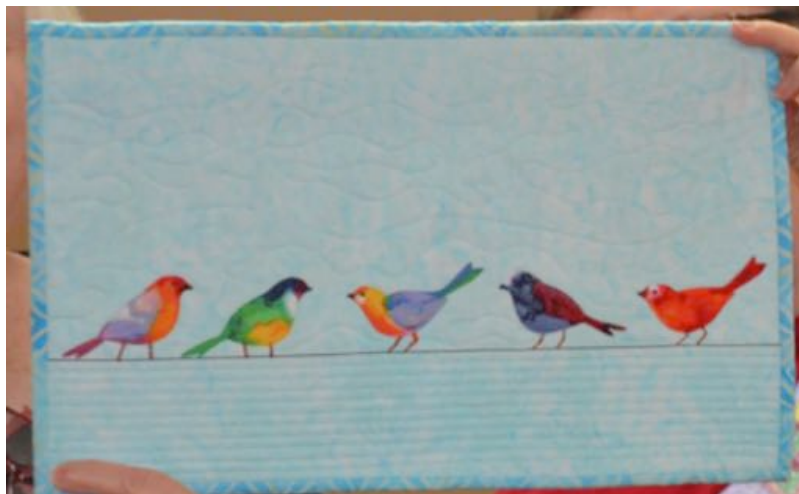
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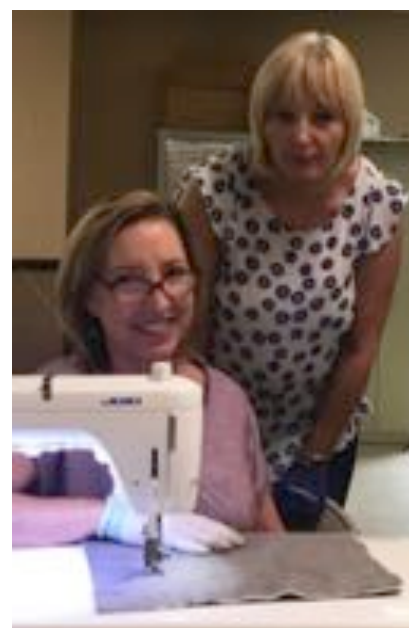
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Beth M brought this beautiful quilt for one of June's Bring & Brag - Pretty birds for the month of June.

Free Motion Quilting Workshop – held June 23 – hosted by Charlotte N, Julie T, & Judy R

Looks like everyone had fun!!!



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WAQG President's Letter- July 2018

Dear WAQG members,

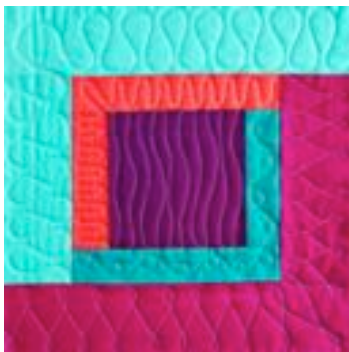
What's under your needle? I hope that you are having a wonderful summer and for all of you that are traveling, I hope you have been able to stop by some quilt shops along your route that has inspired you. I'll admit, I haven't had much under my needle this summer. Maybe the world will stop spinning so fast, life will slow down a little and I will find some time to carve out to lock myself in my studio and sew. It is true, being in my studio really makes me a happy camper. So, here's to the hands on my clock slowing down so I can get back to my happy place!



Debbie

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

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. She will be doing several mini-workshops and you'll be able to pick one, a few or do them all! Cost is to be announced but will be very reasonable. Of course, the lecture on Friday night will be free and open to the public. Please plan to take advantage of this offering of a world-renowned quilter at a fraction of what it would cost to attend at a conference,



July 14, 2018 Guild Meeting:

8:45: Basics & Beyond: Golden Ratio and other compositional guidelines.

9:30: Business Meeting

10:30 Program: Christmas in July

2018 WAQG Officers

President Debbie W
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June Treasurer Report

Income: \$25.00 *

Expenses: \$349.60 *

Previous Checking Balance: \$10,427.34

Current Checking Balance: \$10,102.74

Hallie Fund: 3,061.97

*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.

**Membership Report**

New Members:

Louanne C
 XXXXXXXXXXXX
 XXXXXXXX, AL
 205-
 kathylouanne1953@gmail.com

Birthday: October 23

**July: Repairing with Applique'**

Sometimes quilts get stains or weakened fibers tear. When a quilt needs repair one method of covering damage is by appliqué patching. Any appliqué on an existing quilt needs to be appropriate for the overall theme/color/pattern scheme. Choose shapes that go well with the overall design and make sure the appliqué will add visual appeal. Check the size of the appliqué patch so it is large enough to cover the entire damaged area and that it will not throw the quilt out of balance. Use machine or hand appliqué depending on appropriateness, and the fragility of the quilt. If need be, you can also use fusible appliqué. Use fabric that is dark enough or double the fabric so the underneath issue won't show.



WAQG meeting minutes, June 9, 2018

Eve E chaired the meeting for Debbie W.

Reports and Announcements

Financial Report: Eve E (for Dot B) pointed out the pink notebook containing the financial reports and invited members to look at the reports.

Name Tags: Diane A announced the name tag winners: Nan G, Maryann L, and Mary B.

Membership Report: Mary B reported that 51 members were present, plus 2 visitors, Gayle L and Angela R, and a new member, Louanne C.

Jamie S announced that she is planning to open a new quilt shop in August. It will be called Quilters' Point and located near CC's Pizza in Northport.

Basics and Beyond: Charlotte N finished her series of presentations on applique and asked members to suggest new topics. Charlotte reminded members that she will host a gratis Free Motion Quilting Workshop on Saturday, June 23 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at TDOT.

Itch to Stich: Eve E reported that the Manderson Cancer Center is overwhelmed by the Guild's love and generosity reflected in the gift of over 100 pillowcases so far. She reminded members of the project and procedures.

Sunshine: Beth M reported for Julie T. In addition to Debbie W's loss of a friend, Susan A is still suffering from a fall, and Dianne H passed away. The Guild is making a donation to the Hallie O fund in memory of Dianne H and one of the orders of service from her funeral was given to the Guild for the archives. David L is getting married to Penny M and has moved to Wisconsin, which is Penny's home. Dana M and Patricia W have agreed to be librarians for the Guild and will meet with Susan A soon for an orientation.

The Board has decided that in the event of a death of an active Guild member, flowers or a donation up to \$75 will be given in his or her memory. Donations will be sent to the Hallie O Fund or to a fund preferred by the family.

Opportunity Quilt: Joyce T asked that all those who have turned in money and tickets already should let her know so that she can bring the records up to date.

Future Workshop: Rose O reminded the group of the April 19-20, 2019 program with Christina Cameli. Members can access her Website to become familiar with her work beforehand:

<http://www.afewscraps.com>

Eve E announced that Cathy S was present and ready to make a presentation on crochet fusion quilting after the meeting break. Also, next month's presentation is titled "Christmas in July" and in August, Patricia W will talk about mosaic quilts.

Education Report: no report but Nan G would welcome volunteers to help with her outreach programs.

Retreats: Fees for the upcoming retreat are due to Ana S no later than the July meeting. The costs are \$275 for Thursday through Sunday, and \$195 for Friday through Sunday. Please let Ana know if you have signed up but are unable to go, as there is a waiting list.

Kentuck: Becky B reminded members to sign up for name tags for Kentuck at the July or August meetings. The \$5 fee allows entrance to the Festival in lieu of the regular \$15 entrance fee, but requires guild members to work shifts at the booth. Kentuck will be held on October 20-21, 2018.

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Minutes Continued.....

Before giving her presentation on crochet fusion quilting, Cathy S reported on her trip to Texas, during which she delivered the many quilts made by guild members for those affected by the hurricane. She showed slides of the people she met, and shared their stories and appreciation for the quilts.

Bring and Brag: 16 people showed 28 quilts or quilted objects. In addition, 22 pillowcases were shown of which Michelle Hudson contributed 20.

The next meeting of the WAQG will be on July 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne E, Secretary

June Bring & Brag/Just Finish It









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