

Piecing Our Lives

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The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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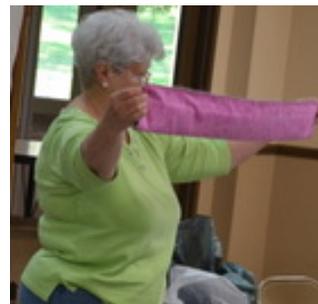
The Tuscaloosa VA Alzheimer's Unit was the recipient of the proceeds from the Silent Auction at this year's Quilt Show. The total raised was \$807 and Mrs. Deborah Cain, Voluntary Service Officer at the Tuscaloosa VAMC, was on hand at the May Meeting to receive the donation. She expressed appreciation on behalf of the Veterans and indicates the funds will be used to fund necessities for veterans on this unit who sometimes arrive with nothing.

Education Report

Tuscaloosa Magnet School Partnership Program ~ Nan G
All the students were very proud but Mary B, Margaret P, and her friend Mary Beth C and I are even more proud to witness them accomplish so much in 6 short classes!



Pillowcase Program ~ Thanks Joyce and Debbie!!! 80 pillowcases were turned in last month!! (60 by Mary Lou)



WAQG President's Letter- June 2018

Dear WAQG members,

What's under your needle? It has been hard to keep much under my needle this month, it has been a crazy May for my family. We celebrated three family birthdays- my mother's 85th, my only sister's 60th and Daniel's 5th, the little guy that folks think is our grandson, but is really our great nephew. We had Daniel's pre-K graduation, Mother's Day and a special '3rd Sunday in May, Church Homecoming' at the church where my parents were married over 64 years ago and all my mom's family is buried. Add in friend's kid's graduations and weddings so seeing June come is a relief.



As many of you heard, our scheduled program for May was changed to June due to our speaker, Cathy S rushing to Texas to be with her father before he passed away. I appreciate all who participated in the last minute program on our Itch to Stitch pillowcase project. Joyce and I had a good time telling the group about how we had worked with some other guild members to make two dozen pillowcases in an assembly line style sewing gathering. It was fun to pool our 27", 11" and 3" cuts to create some pillowcases that is putting smiles on some folks faces as they go through cancer treatment. Many thanks to all who have already turned in pillowcases that are making folks days brighter. A special thank you to Mary Lou P who turned in 60 at the meeting and said that she was inspired by taking fabric from the shark-pit, adding more fabric to it to create pillowcases made with love. Eve E created pillowcases with some vintage pieces and Dot B used some orphan quilt blocks along with free-motion quilting. Each pillowcase has such unique touches of creativity that makes each one special. It has been exhilarating looking at my stash from the perspective of '*how can I make someone's day a little brighter by giving of my time and talents?!?!*' Remember that as we give unto others, pressing, clipping thread tails and sewing the West Alabama Quilters Guild tags on the items is appreciated which saves someone else from doing it before the item is delivered.

I loved hearing about the Paducah Trip that over 20 of our guild were able to go on and be with Hallie who received 3rd place in the small wall quilts: Hand Quilted category for her "Lakeside Reverie" quilt. It was neat seeing the guild members sporting their "Hallie shirts" in the pictures that were posted on FaceBook at the quilt show. We still have a few of the sweat shirts and v-neck t-shirts available for purchase to support our fundraising efforts. Thanks for all who have helped us in raising over half our goal and we can't wait to wrap up this project and see Hallie honored with one of her quilts as part of Tuscaloosa's Public Art Project.

Someone sent me a quote from Bonnie Hunter, from Quiltville, "*You can't always control who walks into your life, but you can control which window to throw them out.*" So, let me get back to finding some cheerful fabric to get under my needle and stitch up something that will spread some love.

Debbie

June 9, 2018 Guild Meeting:

8:45: Basics & Beyond: Turned Edge Applique'

9:30: Business Meeting

10:30 Program: Crochet Fusion in Quilting –Cathy S

May Treasurer Report

Income: \$775.42 *

Expenses: \$1030.65 *

Previous Checking Balance: \$10,682.57

Current Checking Balance: \$10,427.34

Hallie Fund: 3,061.97

*Details can be seen at the guild meeting.



Membership Report

New Members:

Linda A
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXX, Alabama
205-xxx-xxxx
205-xxx-xxxx
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Birthday: December 27



Robin E
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXX, AL
205-xxx-xxxx
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Birthday: April 19

2017 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

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Education Nan G
Historian Anne E
Kentuck Paula B , Teresa M
Library
Membership Mary B
Name Tag Drawing Diane A
Newsletter Jamie S, Judy S
Programs Eve E, Rose O
Quilt Show Paula W, Karen L
Retreat Ana S
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
Shark Pit Paula W
Website Laura R

Challenge Quilt 2018 - Applique'

Reverse applique is the opposite of traditional applied fabric. You can either use the raw edge technique or sewn edge. Raw edge is when you apply a fabric beneath the top, stitch a design, and cutaway the top fabric to reveal the fabric underneath. To create this unique applique, you'll need two fabrics, a water-soluble marker to trace the design, small sharp scissors, and your choice of contrasting thread. Since the applique is cut from the top the thread you choose is important for either contrast, or to blend in. As you trim away the top fabric, leave a 1/8" seam allowance from the outline stitch. Sewn edge is more complicated. You will need to use a fusible applique paper or freezer paper to iron on the design. Trace the design on the paper and cut out the center of the design so the outline is framed. Press it in place on the reverse side of your fabric. Cut out the center of the fabric leaving about 1/4" to be pressed down along the edge. Peel away the paper. Now place your background fabric under the cut piece and pin. Once everything is aligned stitch 1/8" from the edge. Reverse applique is a unique way to add dimension to a quilt.

For more see: <https://www.craftsy.com/quilting/article/reverse-applique-quilting/> or <http://www.lovepatchworkandquilting.com/quilt-tutorials/quilt-school-reverse-applique>

Next month: Repairing with applique'

June: Reverse Applique'



WAQG guild meeting minutes, May 12, 2018

Presentation: Rose Osuma, vice president, presented a check for \$807.00 to Deborah Cain, Voluntary Service Officer at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center. The check represented the amount raised by the silent auction at the Quilt Show, and will be used by the VA Alzheimer's/Dementia Center.



President's report

Anyone interested in serving as a committee chair for Kentuck in October 2018, the Quilt Show in 2020, or the Opportunity Quilt in 2020 should contact a board member. Guild Bylaws state that committee chairs are to be approved by the Board.

The program for May 12 by Cathy S has been postponed until the June meeting, due to the passing of Cathy's father. Instead, Debbie W announced that she would present a session on making pillowcases for the Itch to Stitch project (see below.)

Treasurer's report: Dot B announced that the Guild's financial records will be available at every Guild meeting in a folder, as will a place where reimbursement requests can be submitted.

Name Tag winners: Laura R, Hallie O, and Becky B. An additional drawing was made for a donated sewer's briefcase, which was won by Diane S.

Membership report: 53 members were present and there are two new Guild members: Robin E and Linda A.

Basics & Beyond: Charlotte Nix reported on the session on fusible applique, and announced that the topic at the June meeting would be turned edge applique.

Paducah: 20 Guild members attended the 2018 Paducah Quilt Show and pronounced it to be a success. Hallie O's quilt "Lakeside Reverie" was a winner in the Small Wall Quilts - Hand Quilted category (see www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sq1rABg0unI) and another was displayed in the museum.

Hallie project: the Guild continues to raise money for this project. Contributions are welcome. The wall in downtown Tuscaloosa has been identified and artist plans are being drafted.

Sunshine and Hospitality: Julie T reported that Susan A fell a few months ago and is recovering, and Cathy S's father passed away. Nan G announced that her son graduated with a 4-year degree, beating multiple odds.

Future workshops: on April 19-20, 2019, there will be a major workshop by Christina Cameli. There is a great deal of information about her on the Internet.

Charlotte N announced that there will be a workshop on June 23rd from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on free motion quilting. She has a sign-up sheet and a supplies list. There is no cost.

Secretary's Report: Anne E read a card from the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences thanking the guild for a contribution. This was actually a donation from Dr. Virginia Kimberly of her honorarium for presenting a program on quilts at UA.

Anne also shared a cutting from the Northport Gazette about Nan G's well-received education presentation to Morning Pointe.

Retreats: Ana S announced that the August retreat is fully booked and that there are 2 people on a waiting list.



Fidget Blankets

FOR HOSPICE OF WEST ALABAMA
MEETS ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



Can't join us? Still wish to help?



THINGS WE NEED

POCKETS WITH AND WITHOUT FASTENERS

EMBELLISHMENTS AND APPLIQUÉ - THINK TEXTURE

ZIPPERS - BONUS POINTS IF TRIMMED WITH NICE
FABRIC AND READY TO SEW ON QUICKLY

SEW ON VELCRO AND OTHER CLOSURES

RIBBONS, TRIMS AND EDGING

BIG BUTTONS, WASHERS, BIG BEADS THAT CAN BE
(OR ALREADY) STRUNG ON RIBBON.

BUCKLES, BELTS AND SNAPS IF ALREADY ATTACHED
TO SOMETHING THAT CAN BE SEWN DOWN

Drop off items
with Dot, Fay or
Christine



A fun and quick way to get some of the above is to cut them
out of old clothing. Look at button down shirts. Jeans. Dress
pants and other finds. Please just wash before donating!



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WAQG meets at the
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the second Saturday of each
month.