

Piecing our Lives

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Nan G presents Alabama First Lady, Dianne Bentley, with her quilted book cover for the guest register used in the Alabama Governor's Mansion.



President's letter:

Tick tock! Tick tock! The quilt show will be here before we know it! Things to remember: Fill out your registration forms (one per quilt, make sure you include a value on your registration form and indicate if you want your quilt judged or not) and return to me by the May 10th meeting at the latest, sign up to help before, during or after the show, make an item for the silent auction and make a dish for the Hospitality lunch. Our very own Laurie Prentice-Dunn is our featured artist this year and she has been working on some cool and interesting pieces for the show! I am looking forward to it!



I hope you are planning to attend the free lecture from Jane Sassaman on Friday, March 14th at TDOT at 7pm. Just google her and you will be inundated with her quilting accomplishments. Her style is instantly recognizable and even if it's not your taste, there is always something to learn from someone so experienced. Bring that quilting buddy who is wishy-washy about joining the guild and enjoy the trunk show. Inspiration can come from anywhere.

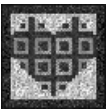
When it gets warm and sunny I get the urge to purge. Bring your quilting and sewing items to the

May meeting for our garage sale! Have your items priced or prepare to work a trade, barter or whatever. This is a treasure hunt with the bonus of letting go of some of the items interfering with your creativity. We have invited Buy-the-Inch-Fabrics to be with us to buy our stuff (they buy at low-low prices because they then re-sell at low prices). We hope they will do a brief presentation about what they buy, give us a preview of what they will have to sell when they come back as a vendor at our quilt show! Have fun and enjoy clearing your work space and your mind!



Thank you to everyone who brought food for the TDOT lunch! News of the lunch traveled quickly on the radio and they were very happy to have such a wonderful lunch prepared for them. Thank you for making them feel appreciated.

Beth



March 8, 2014, Guild Meeting:



8:45 Basics and Beyond: You dress up to go out, putting on your best scarf or snappy gloves. Let's take a minute to dress up a quilt. This month we will learn how to add a "flange" of color to make the presentation of your quilt "pop". While we are at it, let's try some prairie points to put a fine "point" on your quilt projects. **Ana.**

9:30 Guild Business meeting

10:30 Program: - **Basic Binding and Hanging Sleeves.**

During our regular program, we will demonstrate the whole process of adding regular binding and hanging sleeves to your quilt. The three types of regular bindings will include: from the back to the front, single fold and double fold. **Following the regular meeting will be our Make-n-take binding session** where we will have two machines plus binding supplies to let you practice adding a complete binding and take it home. You may bring your own machine if you wish. This is a great opportunity to practice on our small quilt samples—how to go around corners and how to join the ends of the binding for a smooth finish. Programming note- Specialty Bindings is planned for July.

Also after the meeting, while the make-n-take binding is happening, we have Hallie leading us in silk screen printing our show nametags. We need a four volunteers and two blow dryers—please let Charlotte know if you can help.

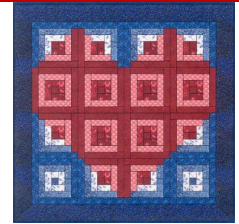
Panel Play

see Sara and Julie to purchase a panel \$1, then remake it for Itch-to-Stitch.



Hospitality

Bring food to share when you can. We love our goodies!



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Pat S 12-14
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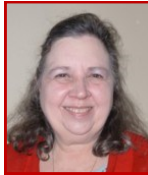
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Membership Mary B
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Sunshine Julie T
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Welcome New Members—

Robbie W

Pam S



Karen L



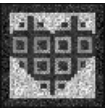
Other contact info update:

Nan

Yearbook News: make sure you have updated your address, phone numbers and email addresses by March 3rd to either Mary Burke (Mary.burke5@gmail.com) or Ana Schuber (aschuber@ccs.ua.edu) so that the 2014 WAQG Yearbook will be up to date for the March Guild meeting on the 8th.

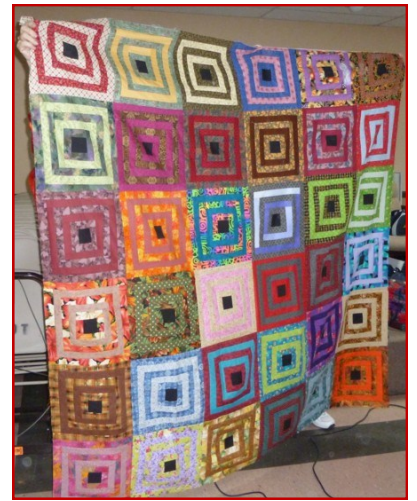
Great Quilts at our February meeting.





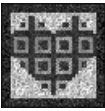
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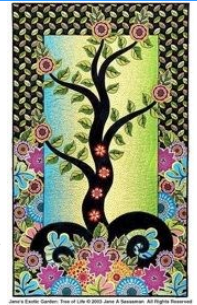
Julie shows Mary Ann some of the panels available for our **Panel Play** project. Purchase one or more panels, \$1 each. This project requires that you cut it up and put it back together in a different way. Add your own fabrics to it. Bring it back in August for our Community Service Itch-to-Stitch to the DHR Foster Kids program. Let us take before and after photos, too!





WAQG announces our 2014 Major Workshop

Jane Sassaman will be in Tuscaloosa Friday, March 14th, to present "Under the Influence," a trunk show of her wonderful work. That program will be at 7:00pm at the Tuscaloosa Department of Transportation, 1000 28th Avenue, in Tuscaloosa, and is **free and open to the public**. Come and bring your family and friends! Jane will have fabrics, patterns and books available.



More information about Jane is available on our website or on her site: <http://www.janesassaman.com>



"Simple Silhouettes" One-day workshop: will be held on Saturday, March 15th, also at TDOT, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. This workshop is designed for the beginner to intermediate quilter using Jane's Free Spirit fabrics.

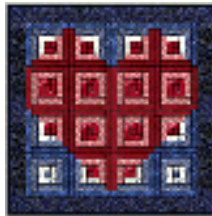
Charlotte contacted Jane about a few questions regarding the supply list. Fusible interfacing preferred by Jane is Pellon Shirtaylor 950F, each participant needs 2 yards (Charlotte asked Sew Delightful to order this). Jane prefers that the fusible have a paper backing (ex. WonderUnder) please no heavy duty type. Bring a rainbow of thread colors along with black and be willing to share/trade. Also, Jane will be shipping fabric to Charlotte a few days prior to the workshop.

Jane told us: "I always ship items ahead for each job. I just mail the patterns, fabric, etc., to arrive before I do. I will set out all the fabric in class and the students can purchase what ever they like. I bring fabrics according to the class. Usually 1 yd and 1/2 yd cuts, bundles and kits. I have a credit card swiper and we just settle up at the end of the day. Cash and checks are, of course, fine, too."

WAQG Quilt Show 2014

Friday, May 30th 9am—6pm

Saturday, May 31st 9am—5pm



Set up: Wednesday, May 28th

Judging: Thursday, May 29th

Location: Holy Spirit Catholic High School

Registration forms for entries into the quilt show are now available and due back by the May meeting (May 10th).

It is important to completely fill out the entry forms with the size and value. We use this information to buy insurance and map where each quilt will hang. Please also note if you want your quilt to be judged.

We want everyone to enter at least one quilt, even if you are a beginner.

It is not too late to be a Quilt Show sponsor! You can sponsor the show yourself or in honor of or memory of someone special. Sponsors are recognized on posters displayed at the show and receive admission and Opportunity Basket tickets.

Thank you to these quilt show sponsors:

Sara Terrell

Barbara Wells

Laurie and Steve Prentice-Dunn

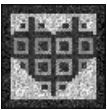
Charlotte Nix

Charles and Hallie O'Kelley

the makers market

Townsend Ford

We want to strut our quilted stuff for our community! Help us plan a great show!



Minutes February 8, 2014

Next Board meeting February 18, 2014 at 5:00p.m. Jason's Deli

Mail: June 5-7, 2014 announced dates for Birmingham quilt symposium which will be held at Bumpus Middle School in Hoover. Discount price Registration for classes is March 1, regular price after that date, and entry for quilt show by May 1. Website alabamaquilts.com. There is a Quilt show in Defuniak Springs, FL on February 21-22.

Committee reports: Basics and Beyond- Pattern for Victorian crazy quilt demonstrated and hand out given. Community Service – Sara T and Julie T have panels available for Itch to Stitch project. Panels are available for \$1/panel. Membership- 49 members present today and three new members, Robbie W, Pam S, and Karen L, plus 2 visitors. February birthdays announced. New membership cards for 2014 were passed out. Library- Donation of new books received. Reminder for everyone to check books out and back in. Name Tag- Names drawn this month were Christine LC, Martha M, Jill K, and Charles O. Tara L won clip on light provided by Emily M. Workshops- For March workshop with Jane Sassman, Sew Delightful has interfacing that is needed.. Retreat- Ana announced slots were available for January retreats. August retreat full and Ana is accepting names for wait list. Newsletter- There is a 20%off coupon for Sew Delightful on back of newsletter. Opportunity Quilt –Ana will be ready to turn quilt into Christine for quilting next week. Quilt Show- Registration forms for entry into show are available on registration table, one form for each quilt. Deadline for registering quilts is May meeting. Members encouraged to donate items for Silent Auction to benefit Turning Point. Yearbook- In process of completing, if members want to change any of their information or change their pictures, please contact Mary B or Ana S. Sunshine- Cards were sent to members. Challenge Quilt- Members not here last meeting picked a colored crayon and will create a quilt with that crayon color as the predominate theme. Categories: Small wall hanging 20 x 20 or less, Large Wall hanging 40x 40 max, and Misc—wearables, household items, 3-D (still max size 40" in any dimension).

Just Finish It- Last meeting this year for UFO's. Will do this challenge again later in the year. Showing today was Steven H, Mary Jean H, Fay LC and Pat S. Pat S won the award for most finished projects on their list.

Bring and Brag- Paula B, Mary P, Cheryl S, Marjorie S, Martha S, Hallie O, Betty S, Christine LC, Mary Jean H, Peg L, Tara L and Martha M.



Hallie gave a demonstration of silk screen printing and showed us many of her wonderful quilts.



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Reminders:

Update your yearbook contact information with Ana TODAY!

**Stay for Make-n-Take binding practice.
Bring your own machine if you like.**

Stay to help silk-screen quilt show name-tags.

**Buy your panels for our Panel Play project
for Itch-to-Stitch.**

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presentation Friday, March 14th, 7:00pm.
Free and open to the public. TDOT.**

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WAQG retreats coming up:

August 14, 15, 16, 2014.

January 1-4, 2015.

Sign up with Ana.