

Piecing Our Lives

The Monthly Newsletter of
The West Alabama Quilters Guild

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PIECES OF A ZOOM QUILT



Ana says...

Greetings and Fall Salutations,

I am loving this cooler weather in my garage studio. I am sure the neighbors think I am nuts out here in the garage most of the day, but it is great to feel the cool air, get something done and see the world go by. I hope you have found a way to make this isolation easier on yourself. If you need a visit, give me a call, I love company out here in the garage.

It was so nice to see everyone at our October Picnic at Bowers Park! Just to sit in the sun and eat and laugh and see eyeballs, if not mouths, was so relaxing. I came home and took a two hour nap after all that fresh air. The board will try to come up with something for us to do (some good trouble to get in) for November and we will let you know. It is so important that we keep each other active.

My heart goes out to the family of "Topsy" G., a long time member of WAQG and long known as the "hummingbird lady". We got word that she passed due to Covid this month.

We will have our next Zoom meeting on November 14th and I will send out the information, agenda and zoom address twice the week before.

Two things to remind you of: We need a new President for next year (I have no desire to be president for life) and a Vice-President as well. Please step up. It is a great organization and I have been president twice over the years and it has not killed me yet. You will have a great Board behind you and I am always around for any information or cheer-leading that you will need. Just let someone on the board know that you will step up and we will put you on a ballot.

Secondly, we are still trying to figure out how to manage the 2020 Challenge for December. Some of the ideas have been: a car presentation with everyone using the parking lot at Holy Spirit to display your quilt and everyone walks around to view and then vote; a photo presentation on the Website and a vote done via email; an indoor presentation on the tables at Holy Spirit and everyone comes through to view and vote based on a schedule so we don't have more than 20 people at a time.....soooo if you have any ideas, let me or let anyone on the board know and we will let you know in November at the Zoom meeting.

Thirdly, we will need a new Newsletter creator in January because Rachel D. will be stepping down. We have templates for you to use and it is not that hard. Let us know.

Alright, go forth and create quilt stuff....and of course much love to all of you.

Best, Ana



Zoom screenshots on cover, thanks to Becky B. Photos pages 2-3, thanks to Christine C.

MINUTES

WAQG Meeting, October 10, 2020,
9:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President, Ana S.

Mary B. announced that there were 7 members who celebrated birthdays since our last meeting. There were no new members. 28 members attended today's virtual meeting.

Ana announced that 6 additional quilts were added to the previous 32 quilts and 8 baby quilts donated to the Juvenile Detention Center, for a total of 40 "skinny quilts" and 8 baby quilts. She thanked our members for their participation.

We will begin to consider our next Itch to Stitch project for the coming year.

In the absence of Marie D., Treasurer, Ana announced that our balance had not changed from our last meeting.

Becky B. followed with Sunshine and Kentuck.

Sunshine: Karen C.'s mother passed away and Brenda M.'s husband is having health issues.

Kentuck: The virtual festival will be beginning soon. They have Kentuck shirts for sale that feature our Hallie O's quilt. The shirts will be available for a limited time.

There is a link on our facebook page.

Ana announced that our sidewalk sale was a success! The proceeds totaled \$901. Leftover fabrics went to Judy W., who teaches children to sew, and leftover books went to the Alabama Thrift Store.

Jane H. won the block challenge.

We will have a picnic at Bowers Park on October 17. Those attending should bring their lunch, wear a mask, and bring a chair. The picnic will be from 11 AM until 1 PM at the Elm shelter. The picnic will be for members to socialize.

JoAnn W. showed slides of examples for the 2020 Challenge strip/string quilt. These will remain due in December unless we have to extend due to the pandemic. There will be only 3 categories this year: Bed, Wall Hanging, and Non-traditional. Several ideas were discussed of how to display and vote on the winners. Anyone with new ideas should contact a Board member.

Ana mentioned that we usually vote on the new Board in November. There will be 3 open positions. One Trustee, the President, and the Vice President positions will



need to be filled. Under the circumstances of the pandemic, she announced that the current Board is willing to remain intact until the end of the year. We need volunteers or someone to find a new President and Vice President. The Board selects the Trustee.

Rachel D. announced that she will not be able to continue as editor of the newsletter after December. We need a volunteer to do our newsletter. Interested members should contact a Board member.

There was a virtual bring and brag session. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A.
Secretary

Treasurer's Report
our current bank balance:
\$13,739.33



Na Kalaunu Me Na Kāhili, quilt attributed to Mary Sophia Rice, c. 1886, Honolulu Museum of Art, Wikimedia Commons

2019-20 WAQG Officers

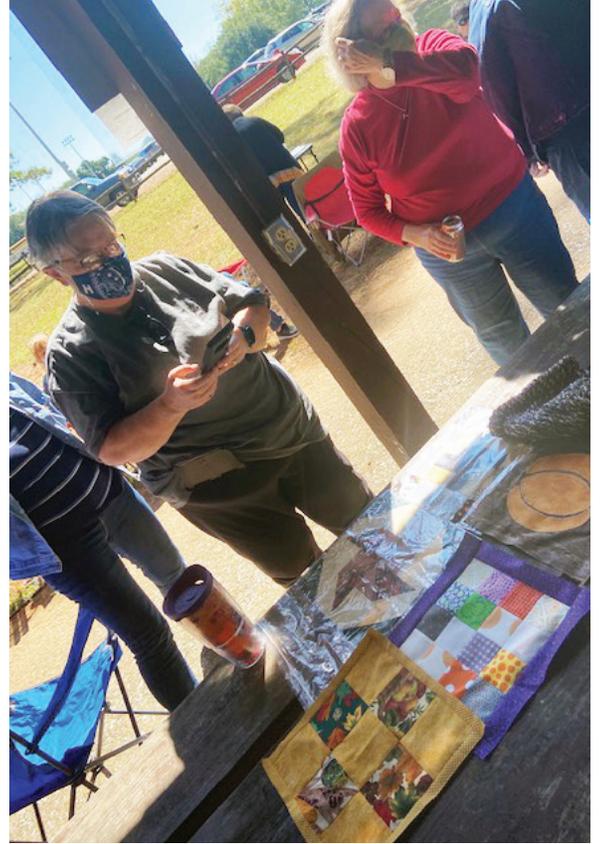
President - Ana S.
Vice Pres - Barbara W.
Secretary - Linda A.
Treasurer - Marie D.

Board Members

Jamie S. 18-20
Joyce T. 19-21
Rose O. 20-22

Committee Chairs

Basics and Beyond - Board Members
Community Service
Education
Historian - Anne E.
Hospitality - Judy S.
Kentuck - Becky B., Linda A.,
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





Page 6, all photos thanks to Becky B., except bottom left: From Debbie W.: "Five quilts I delivered this morning to the Juvenile Detention Center, made by Mary Ann L., Teresa M. and myself." Page 7, top left: Christine C.; top right: Becky B..



"Thanks to everyone that made a 10" block for the Picnic Challenge and to Ana for the loom-knit hat. I felt lucky to be the winner!"

--Christine C. (photo above)

One of our members, Joyce W. has a Bernina 830 for sale. This is a sewing/quilting/embroidery machine all in one. She has all the hoops, all the feet and other equipment that will go with the machine. It has been serviced recently and is clean and ready for a new owner while Joyce upgrades to a newer machine. Joyce is looking for \$3,000.00 for the machine. If you have questions you can contact her.



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