



SEPTEMBER 2018

BRANDON QUILTERS

Note from the President—

WOW! Last meeting had some great information in it. Who knew? I grew up in the Louisiana Delta and there was always plenty of cotton around. As a kid me and my cousins would play in the cotton trailers before they were taken to the cotton gin. We were supposed to be packing it down, not sure that happened. I certainly would love to visit a mill and see beginning to end. Hope you all have a great fall and get some of that sewing done.

Sew on!

Debbie Wilson

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

September 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by our President, Debbie Wilson. There were 29 members present and 4 visitors—Dottie Freg, Lisa Dunn, Carole McClellan and Linda Davis.

Debbie introduced Rinata Hunt our speaker for the evening. After Rinata's talk of her fun and exciting career as a buyer for Wal Mart's Arts and Crafts department, our regular business was discussed.

Our October meeting will be held in the library's Genealogy room. November's meeting will be our annual auction. Minutes from the August meeting were approved and accepted. Missy Lee gave the current Treasurer's report; stating our guild has an ending balance of \$3,785.35 for the month. Judy Robbins mailed out 4 Birthday cards and 1 Get Well.

Announcements -

- Byram Sewing Machine Sales & Service is now located in Pearl.
- A Fiber Show is to be held in Vicksburg on September 21st and 22nd. Contact Susan Beard for information.

Minutes continued -

Needs for our upcoming retreat were discussed (irons, ironing boards, table risers, power cords, etc.) and Cindy Barnett thanked everyone for their assistance. Everyone is very excited about our end of the month retreat.

There being no other business to discuss, Sew n' Tell was shared and the meeting then adjourned.

Patricia Welsch, Secretary—Newsletter

Rinata Hunt—Former Arts & Crafts Buyer



Rinata had been a buyer for the Arts and Crafts departments of Wal Mart. At one time she bought for 1900 stores. She spoke of a cotton storage from 1982 to 1992, as the cotton market was up and down due to cotton damaged by boll weevils. Alternate fabrics and crafts were introduced and used during this time. Once cotton was readily available again Rinata would attend large quilting shows and listened to the advice she received from quilters as to what Wal Mart should carry for their craft. She also worked at developing a magnolia fabric to be carried in the southern stores that became a huge success.

Rinata developed quilting kits that were sold at Wal Mart that included everything needed to make a quilt—including needles, thread and fabric. Rinata told us that she would shop and spy on JoAnne's and Hancock's.

Spring Industries allowed her to tour a cotton mill, where she saw the full process of making fabric from raw cotton; where she found the entire process amazing. She experienced raw cotton bales, separated, blended, blown by air to develop webs of fibers, and spun until smaller. A suggested website to see the full process is www.fair-t.com/fairtrade-cotton-production-from-field-to-fabric Printing on cotton is a similar process to printing on paper. Mills can print 10 colors at one time.

The most amazing item that she brought to Wal Mart was the rotary cutter and cutting mat.



Sew n' Tell—UFO's



Janet Lindsey—At the Lake



Billie Thompson—Hampton Ridge



Christie Calhoun for Karen Longo—Table Runner



Sew n' Tell



Janet Lindsey—Beneath the Ice



Betty Magee—Yo Yo's—Scarf enhancement and flag



Delene Browning - Interleave placemats



Marilyn Rose—Antelope Canyon





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Reminders and Dates -

**Brandon Quilters Fall Quilt
Retreat at Lake Tiak O' Khata—
September 27—30**

**October Guild meeting—Monday,
October 1st**

Sit n' Sew—Friday—October 12th

**MQA—Fall Gathering—October 19th and
20th in Corinth, MS**