

Sewful Greetings!

The most asked question of the year so far is, "what is the weather doing today?" No matter if it's warm or cold, it's always the right temp for sewing, quilting, and being creative. At least we have an indoor hobby where we can adjust the room temperature. Don't



let the dreary grays days get you down, pull out those UFOs and get busy. Pull out some bright colors that will lighten your mood and go after it. Don't you just love to pet your fabric sometimes? My favorite part of a project is the planning and picking fabrics. That could explain so may UFOs in my house. Most of us have a fabric stash that could supply a small third world country. Delve in a come out sewing. Once a day is gone, it's gone never to return. Keep warm/cool and at the end of the day feel refreshed.

Sew on!

Debbie Wilson

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

There were 28 in attendance, no visitors.

Debbie welcomed everyone and wished everyone a happy new year. Reminder for those that wish to participate in this year's UFO Challenge to see Missy for sign up sheets. These are to be returned by our March meeting..

Another reminder that Cindy Pannier collects the fronts of greeting cards (Christmas, birthday, etc.) for a children's hospital for craft fun for the kids.

- Minutes were accepted as published in the December newsletter.
- Missy reported the guild's current bank balance at \$4,494.26.
- Judy Robbins mailed out 4 birthday cards in December.
- No MQA update other than reminder of the Spring Gathering to be held in Tupelo, March 2nd and 3rd

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Our annual retreat will be September 27th—30th at Lake Tiak O' Khata, cost will be the same as last year. See Missy for a sign up form and payments can be made as your budget allows, final payment due September 10th.

Volunteers needed to cut squares for Community quilts at our next Sit n' Sew scheduled for February 9th. (see Sarah or Polly)

A representative from the Star Fire Department to visit at our next meeting on February 5th.

Delene received this "Advice" from a Facebook friend. Everyone had laughs as she read it out loud to us (there were times she was too tickled to read).

The planned agenda for the meeting had a last minute change and Debbie asked for anyone who would like to share when and/or why they started quilting and to state their favorite part of the process. After those that wanted to share did so, Sew-n- Tell was shared, the meeting was adjourned. Advice from a 1949 Singer Sewing Manual



Advice from a Singer Sewing Manual from 1949:

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. . . never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or

beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. . .When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on . . .[If] you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing as you should. .

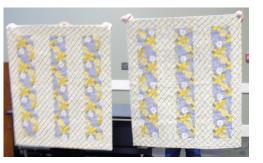


<u>Diane Knott Trunk Show</u>—Friday, February 9th at the MS State Extension Bldg. starting at 6:30 p.m. (no charge). <u>Diane Knott</u> <u>quilting class</u>, Crazy Daisy or Spring Cleaning, Saturday, February 10th starting at 9:00 a.m., cost \$25.00

Community Quilts-



Pieced by Sarah Ketchum



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Shared Quilting Stories -

Debbie Wilson	Started quilting when her mother did—planning the quilt is her favorite part			
Marie Yonko	Started quilting when she broke up with a boyfriend			
Marilyn Ross	Her mother had always sewn with 3 girls and 1 boy. Her mother would sew a dress till half complete and then hand it off to Marilyn to complete First quilt, made 50 state blocks, took 6 months to piece and another 6			
Christy Calhoun	First sewing project was bench cushion cover for beacon bench made by her father. First quilts were magazine baby quilts. 20 years later took her first			
Cindy Pannier	Learned to school in Home Economics in school, first quilts were Mountain Mist kits (fabric was very bad). Favorite quilt-Hawaiian, started with pillow,			
Joan Anniston	She was the oldest of 8 children, 5 were girls and she lived on a farm. Sister, Susie got her interested while looking for fabric for her own quilts. Joan was			
Delene Browning	Her grandmother sewed, but did not quilt. Delene took Home Economics and learned to sew clothes. Took a beginners quilting class, were all work was hand pieced and quilted.			



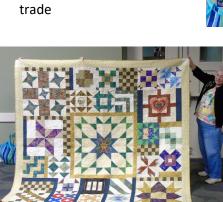
(Note, Community Quilt Work Days are subject to cancellation)

January 5th	Friday		July 14th	Saturday	Community Quilt Work Day
February 9th	Friday		August 10th	Friday	
March 10th	Saturday	Community Quilt Work Day	September 8th	Saturday	Community Quilt Work Day
April 13th	Friday		October 12th	Friday	
May 5th	Saturday	Community Quilt Work Day	November 10th	Saturday	Community Quilt Work Day
June 8th	Friday		December 8th	Saturday	Community Quilt Work Day

Sew-n-Tell—







Marilyn Rose -

Jin Kingwell—Circle Game

Bonnie Hunter quilt Pat Sloan quilt

Miniature—Quilt "Pal"





Missy Lee -Block Challenge





Billie Thompson, working on making her stash smaller with these four gorgeous scrap quilts











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Mark your calendar -

- February 5th—Guild meeting, 6:00, Brandon Library
- February 9th, Friday, Sit-n-Sew and Diane Knott Trunk Show at 6:30 p.m. (no charge)
- February 10th, Saturday, Diane Knott Classes
- March—National Quilting Month
- March 2 & 3—MQA Spring Gathering in Tupelo
- April 13 & 14 Gulf States Quilt Show, Slidell, LA
- May 31—Bonnie Hunter class through MQA
- June 1 & 2—Bonnie Hunter Classes and June Gathering