

JUNE 2018

BRANDON QUILTERS

Sewful Greetings!

Our June meeting group was smaller than usual, but that is the way of the summer months. Everyone going here and there. Our lives stay so busy and we especially as women tend to keep piling on more things to do. We are special that way. Please take some time to take care of yourself. You are the only you that you have.

I forgot to mention during the meeting when I passed the picture around of the block of the month idea for 2019. Whoever brings their completed quilt top and backing to January 2020 meeting will receive free quilting from me. If there are more than one, we will have a drawing. Stay cool and keep on stitching!



Debbie Wilson

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

June 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order by our President, Debbie Wilson. There were 27 members in attendance. Sarah McCormick still has questionnaires for those that would like to participate. A California professor is researching "Quilting and Copyright", the questions are short easy questions and a self address/stamped envelope is included for returning the questionnaire.

Debbie passed out an idea for a Block of the Month for Brandon Quilters to participate in 2019. The MQA June meeting along with Bonnie Hunter classes was a success. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Trunk Show on Friday night. Bonnie was a great speaker.

Billie Thompson will present a Trunk Show at our July meeting, along with her tips for successful applique and quilts.

Martha Ludke gave the sunshine report in Judy's absence—9 birthday cards, 1 get well and 2 welcome to the guild. Missy's treasurer report has the guild with a \$3,514.58 balance (no retreat money in that total). Cindy Barnett reported there are 15 signed up for the Brandon retreat in September.

Debbie then turned the meeting over to Polly Duggan to discuss machine applique.

After the program Sew and Tell was shared and enjoyed by all and the meeting was adjourned.

Patricia Welsch, Secretary-Newsletter Editor

Machine Applique—Polly Duggan

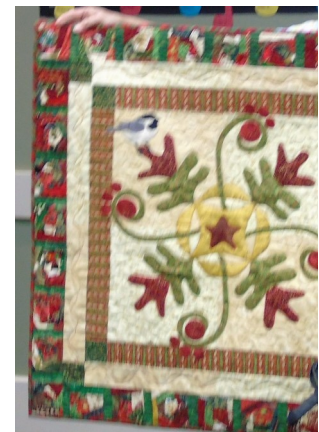
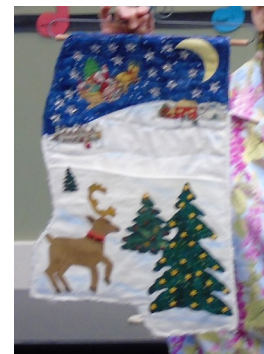


Polly has been applique quilting using fusible for over 30 years. The first fusible she used was stitch witchery.

Polly's first applique class was a MQA class in 2005 with Sue Nichols and Pat Holly (sisters) at St. Marks.

How Polly likes to applique -

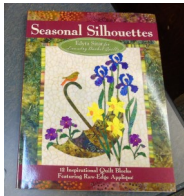
- Starch background on the back, so not to interfere with fusible adhesion on the front of fabric
- Trace pattern onto fusible
- Cut out pattern and center of shape, making a donut in the fusible
- Follow fusible instructions (they all differ)
- Make sure fusible is all the way to the edge of the shape
- Score backing with a pin if having problems with removing it
- Fuse onto background fabric
- Stitch around shape with satin stitch or button hole stitch
- Match top and bottom threads
- Use Open Toe foot
- Stitch close to edge of applique
- Adjust stitch lengths at ends of shape (making smaller at points of applique shape)
- With curves, rotate with needle on outside of shape
- Recommends Microtex needles (sharp needles)



Machine Applique—Polly Duggan



Polly's Applique Reference Recommendations



Edyta Sitar—Seasonal Silhouettes



Sue Nichols & Pat Holly—Raw Edge Applique



Pat Sloan's—Teach Me to Applique'

Twelve Top Tips for Machine Applique

1. **KISS! Keep it simple Sewer!** Start with a simple pattern, hopefully symmetrical so you don't have worry about reversing it.
2. **Keep a still upper lip!** Well, prepare you background fabric for easier handling.
3. **Stick with it!** Find a fusible product that works for you, and be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions.
4. **You light up my life!** Come up with your own good idea for a light box!
5. **Let's get edgy!** Be sure your fusible goes all the way to the edge of your applique.
6. **Time to make donuts!** Cut away the center part of your piece of fusible makes your product less stiff and save on fusible.
7. **Score one for the home team!** Score the paper back with a pin for easier removal.
8. **Don't step on my toes!** Well, at least don't stitch on YOUR foot! Use an open toe foot for better visibility.
9. **Watch your step!** Actually, it is your stitch you are watching. Position it right at the edge of your applique piece for a better finished product.
10. **Danger, curves ahead!** Curves are tricky but just remember ALWAYS stop with your needle down at the right of the stitch, on the outside edge. Otherwise you end up with V's and not a true blanket stitch.
11. **Tying up loose ends...**use an "easy threading needle" to pull ends to back and slide under the row of stitching if your background fabric is a light color.

Tip from the audience—store your Wonder Under (fusible product) in a Ziplock bag with a "silicon" package that comes inside handbags and shoe boxes to keep fresh.

Reminders and Dates -

- ◆ **July 2nd—Brandon Quilters Guild Meeting**, Brandon Library at 6:30
- ◆ **July 14th, Saturday—Sit-n-Sew and Community Quilt "Work Day"** at MS Extension Bldg, Brandon at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **September 27-30—Brandon Quilters Fall Quilt Retreat** at Lake Tiak O Khata;
- ◆ **October 5th & 6th—Pine Belt Quilt Show**, Hattiesburg, MS

2019 Block of the Month

Quilt Size 64 X 78
Block Size 12 X 12

Fabric Requirements

- 16 fat quarters
- 1 1/3 yard of blue print
- 1 5/8 yard navy mottled
- 1 7/8 yard cream tonal

More information and
details to come



Sew & Tell—UFO's



Sarah Ketchum
Joan's Flying Geese class



Missy Lee
Tiny House Movement

Sew and Tell—UFO's



Dianne McLendon
Crossing
And
Home Sweet Home



Sew and Tell



Christy Calhoun
MQA Class—Interleave



Medina Richards and Billie Thompson
Bonnie Hunter Class—Winston Ways



Cindy Barnett
MQA Mystery Quilt



Missy Lee
Baby Quilt



Diane McLendon
Self Portrait



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