

January 2020

Note from the President -

As I write this we have moved from too warm and rainy to truly cold but sunny weather. Ah, the joys of January. I finally let myself off from Saturday morning chores and sewed for 3 hours straight!! Awesomeness. I still didn't finish but am enjoying the process. I hope you all let yourselves enjoy the process of sewing, quilting, designing or just playing with fabric. Looking forward to a great year of quilting ahead of us!

Janet Lindsey



January 6, 2020 - Minutes of Monthly Meeting

There were 36 members in attendance.

Janet welcomed everyone and started the meeting with discussions on what to do with all of the fabric the guild has accumulated for our Community Quilt program. All of the boxes were moved to a storage unit; we had rented the unit for just month, a quick solution with the departure of Linda McGill (who had headed the program before moving out of state in December) and needing this to be handled during the holidays. A motion was made by Marilyn Rose to vote for authorization to pay for at least one more month of storage, as the deadline of moving it all in 10 to 11 days seemed very tight. The motion was carried and noted "just in case it is needed".

The following suggestions were made as what to do with the guild's large stash of fabric -

- Donate some to the prison ministries
- Donate to Wynndale quilters for their community quilt program
- It was mentioned that Rankin County quilts would take kits that are ready for sewing

Polly Duggan volunteered to handle the distribution of completed Community Quilts. We currently donate to the Star Fire Department and the Children's Safe Center. Sarah McCormick, Polly Duggan and Dottie Frey will work together to divide up the fabric and supplies. Brandon Quilters Community Quilt program will continue in a modified format.

Minutes of January 6, 2020 continued -

- The minutes were accepted as published in the December newsletter.
- New treasurer Kathleen Greer reported the guild's current bank balance as \$3,114.67.
- MQA reminder, the Spring Gathering is to be held in Vicksburg on February 7th and 8th.
- Reminder - **Stitch-n-Frame** near Vicksburg will have their Annual **Super Bowl Sale** on Sunday, February 2nd, starting at 1:00 p.m.
- Forms for our 12th annual retreat at Lake Tiak O'Khata were made available tonight by our new retreat organizer Debbie Wilson. The retreat will be held September 17-20 this year, a week earlier due to a conflict at Lake Tiak O'Khata.

The 2019 Block of the Month participants were asked to bring their quilts to the front to show everyone. Dianna Carey and Janet Lindsey had partially completed BOM quilt tops to show. Helen Tann and Patricia Welsch had completed their quilt tops. Their names were placed in a container for selection of a winner to have Debbie Wilson long-arm quilt there BOM (this had been our incentive to complete the quilt top for the January meeting). A very excited Patricia won the drawing.

There being no further business for discussion, we moved on to our program - "Preparing your quilt for long arm quilting" presented by Kathleen Greer. Kathleen had a very nice handout for us to review and this will be sent out with the newsletter.

After our very informative program, Sew-n-Tell was shared and then the meeting was adjourned.

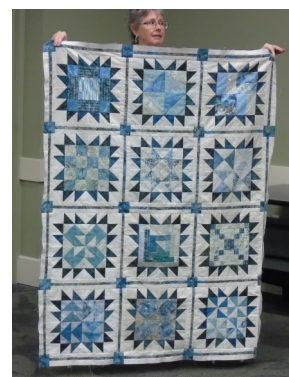
Respectively submitted,
Patricia Welsch, Secretary and Newsletter

2019 Block of the Month



Dianna Carey -
Just missing the borders and
chose a slightly different sashing
(great idea & look)

Janet Lindsey - also just missing
the borders, but what a great
color selection.



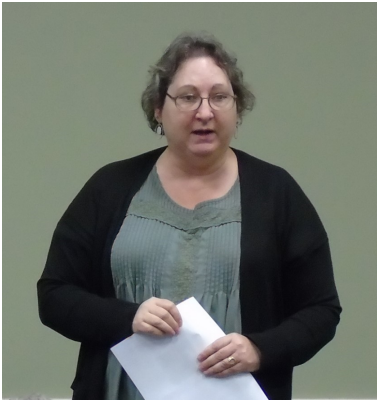
**COMPLETED and 50/50 chance
of being chosen for quilting by
Debbie Wilson.**

Helen Tann, another gorgeous
selection of colors.

Patricia Welsch, sewed on the
last border, Sunday night.
Winner of the drawing.



Preparing your Quilt for Long-Arm Quilting



- Give your quilt top a good pressing before adding the borders. The quilter will not be able to “quilt out” wavy borders.
 - Remember if your quilt is wonky to begin with it will come back wonky.
 - Always square up your quilt before taking to your long arm quilter.
 - Stay stitch an 1/8” around your pieced borders
 - The quilt backing should be 4 to 6 inches bigger than the quilt top on all 4 sides. Leaders can be added if backing isn’t as large as needed for quilter to load on the long-arm machine.
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- Trim all visible threads.
 - Do not assemble quilt before delivery to long-armed. Deliver the 3 quilt components as separate pieces.
 - If using 108” wide fabric for backing, be sure to “prewash” as it does shrink.
 - If backing is pieced, be sure all selvages are removed if sewn in the middle of the backing; leaving selvages on the outside edge of the backing is acceptable.
 - The long-armed normally supplies and charges for the batting.
 - Do not add embellishments prior to quilting being done.

Computerized long-arm quilting - the machine makes the movements to quilt; in free-motion quilting the quilter moves the quilt around to quilt on their domestic machine.

Kathleen also brought to our attention that long-arm quilting thread is strong and designed for high speed quilting, so different than thread we use for piecing and free-motion quilting. Long-arm quilting can be charged by the inch; ranging from 1 cent to 5 cents per inch. Some long-armed charge hourly and some could charge by the number of bobbins they use. Be sure to talk with your quilter and discuss charges for extras as squaring up the quilt, ironing the top and/or back, binding and adding a label.

Never tell a long-armed that the delivery deadline is “whenever”. Be sure to set a reasonable deadline. The quilting experience should be a partnership between you and your quilter.

2020 President’s Challenge

Do something new to you in your quilting - whether it is using a new tool/ruler or a new technique or working outside of your “box”, incorporate something new this year.

Sew-n-Tell -



Diana Kelly -
Violets and Window Pane
quilts



Medina Richards - Baskets

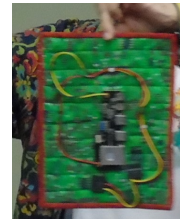
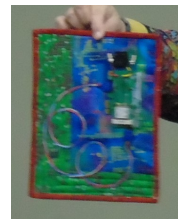


Christy Moon - January & February Seasonal Silhouettes



Marilyn Rose -

"Aves" and
Two small art quilts,
made from actual
computer parts.



Dianna Carey -
Twin "log cabin" baby
quilts.





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Mark your calendar -



- **Monday, February 3rd—Guild meeting, 6:00 p.m., Brandon Library**
- **Friday, February 7th - Sit-n-Sew at MS State Extension building, 9:00 a.m.**
- **February 7 & 8—MQA Spring Gathering at Convention Center in Vicksburg.**