

January 2017

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




Guest speaker, Betty Magee discussed the “crazy quilt” and the various embellishments. She is to hold a class in on May 6th and will present additional information and items needed for class during our April meeting. The cost of the class will be \$25 and held in the Mississippi Extension Building

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Special Dates

- February meeting—Monday, 02.06.17
- January 30th, Barn Quilts completion, Brandon Library
- Feb. 4th—Rickey Timms at Bernina Sewing Center. Call 601-991-2120 for info.
- Feb. 17-18: MQA Spring Gathering in Brandon
- March 2017 National Quilting Month—National Quilting Day—March 17th



NEW Member—**Betty Bain** and
 RETURNING Member—**Gaile Matlodge**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

January 9, 2017

President Debbie Wilson called the meeting to order. There were 36 members in attendance, 1 new member, Betty Bain and 1 returning member, Gaile Matlodge and 1 re-occurring visitor, Robbie's granddaughter, Rebekah Oakley.

Motion to accept the December's minutes as published in the newsletter were approved by Lucy Large and second by Jo Patterson.

Missy Lee was not able to attend the meeting, therefore no treasurer's report available.

The Sit-in-Sew for January 7th had been cancelled due to bad weather and rescheduled for **Friday, January 27th**.

Debbie open for discussion a couple of activities for guild members to participate in, bring a gift on birthday month to draw for door prizes, and a Brown bag swap that would start in March to be due in September. Both ideas were voted down.

We were reminded to complete the 2017 UFO Challenge form and turn in with \$1.00 for each unfinished object. As in years past when a UFO is completed a fat quarter is received. This challenge was explained in greater detail for your new members, encouraging them to participate.

Debbie then gave a brief overview of the upcoming year's agenda -

February – 3 stations for learning something new and/or sharpening our skills on

- Fabric and color
- Binding
- Seams and accurate cutting

March – Entering quilts in Quilt Shows. Also National Quilt Month, the library would like to display quilts from March through end of April. Need quilts and racks.

April – Crazy Quilts with a class May 6th.

May – Thread painting

June – Machine quilting

July- Working with rulers while quilting

August – Quilts of Valor

September – Stack N Whack Quilts

October – Trunk show on Halloween

November – Auction

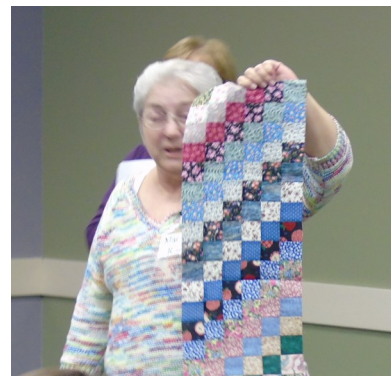
December – Christmas party

Polly gave a brief talk concerning Community Quilts in Linda McGill's absence (*see page 3*)

Marilyn Rose is to teach a Scrappy Bargello class on Saturday, February 11th and gave brief details. A sign-up list was passed around as well as a list of supplies that will be needed for the class. Marilyn stated she would happily take last minute attendees as well. Cost for the class will be \$25.00 and held in the Mississippi extension building.

Sarah McCormick made a motion that the guild consider purchasing a camera for use at all guild functions. It was suggested that additional information, price, etc. be gathered and presented for consideration at a later meeting.

Community quilts and Sew and Tell were shared, and the meeting was adjourned.



Marilyn Rose with a sample of the **Scrappy Bargello** that she will be teaching February 11th 128—2.5" fabric strips, at least 16" long are needed (so get out those rotary cutters). Marilyn will have the supply list available at the February meeting for those that could not attend the January meeting.

Community Quilts

Community Quilt efforts are responsible for many charitable quilts undertaken by our guild; completed quilts are distributed to a variety of local agencies, such as: The Methodist Children’s Home — Children’s Safe Center—Star Fire Department—Blair E. Batson and more....

Our guild stash is maintained from donated; as well as purchased fabric. It is available to all members for charity quilts. We provide patterns and batting also. We have several Saturday work days planned throughout the year which will coincide with Sit and Sew—
March 11th • May 6th • July 8th • September 23rd • October 7th • December 9th—Please come join the FUN!!!

In 2016 we gave away 11 quilts to the Star Fire Department, 5 Quilts of Valor and 9 quilts will be delivered to the Children’s Safe Center this month. We have 21 tops of different sizes ready to quilt... two (2) of which are Quilts of Valor.

Our recommended quilt sizes are—
Lap 45” x 60” • Double 78” x 87” • Twin 64” x 87” • Queen 84” x 92”

Contact our Community Quilt Chair, Linda McGill for more information or to make a fabric donation: bqcq@gmail.com

(Community Quilts ready for donation presented by Polly Duggan)



Sew & Tell



Marilyn Rose—Farmer’s Wife



Marilyn Rose—Challenge Quilt



Polly Duggan—Dinosaur quilt for a lucky little boy

Samples of Jenny Doan’s **Checkered Dresden**; Marilyn’s class for the MQA June Gathering



2017 FREE ONLINE PROJECTS (information compliments of Marilyn Rose)

Pat Sloan—Mystery Quilt, The Children’s Library—10 month , 12” block of the month

<http://www.freequiltpatterns.info/pat-sloan-mystery-bom-2017-supply-list--the-childrens-library.htm>

Pat Sloan—182 Day Solstice Challenge—25 12” blocks in 6 months

<http://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/182-day-solstice-challenge/>

365 Day Challenge—make a 3” or 6” block every day for a year to make a big quilt

<http://www.365challenge.com.au/>

Mystery BOM—Moroccan Mystery (must subscribe to her FREE newsletter)

<https://www.jinnybeyer.com/blog/category/block-of-the-month/>

47” x 47” medallion kit available \$69.95

Craftsy BOM by Nancy McNally—Fabric kit available for \$99.00



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