



Note from the President—

This year is moving along and I feel like so much has happened since we've been back. I have been having fun and hope everyone else has too. Still, the summer is moving in and we are getting around more. I want to encourage everyone to continue to be safe, vigilant, and wash your hands often.

Sincerely,

Diana Carey



Minutes of Monthly Meeting

April 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order by our President Diana Carey. There were 35 members in attendance (welcome back Betty Bain) and one visitor Ricki Bartuto.

A motion was made to accept the March minutes as published in the March newsletter by Pam Avara and second by Danielle Butler.

Kathleen gave the treasurer's report and the guild currently has a balance of \$3129.00. This is after depositing dues collected in February, UFO and retreat money and paying our February speaker \$50.

Kathleen updated us on the \$500 we set aside for quilting of our community quilts, to day \$137.50 has been paid toward quilting services and \$48 for batting, leaving a balance of \$314.50. Kathleen proposed part of the balance of funds be utilized to purchase "Legacy" batting at \$112 per roll. Pam Avara has agreed to purchase on the guild's behalf. Pamela Byrd made the motion that 2 rolls of batting be purchased and Billie Harrell second the motion and all voted to approve. The batting will be used for our quilts for the local Veteran's Home and our other community quilt projects.

Minutes continued

Polly Duggan reported that 11 quilts were recently donated to the Children’s Safe Center and we are to continue to work on our quilts for the Veterans at the local VA home.

Rudy Robbins, Sunshine report—in March seven birthday cards and eight welcome cards were mailed out.

Marilyn Rose gave out the final installment for the Starflower mystery quilt. Please bring your completed quilt top to the May meeting for the REVEAL.

Diana, thanked everyone for Pot Holders that were brought in tonight and that will be displayed at the Brandon Library. She was impressed with the great turn out and wide variety.

Lucy Large reminded us that Kathleen Green will be teaching the “Charm” square bag class at our April Sit-n-Sew on Saturday, April 23rd.

Pam Beard shared her favorite quilting ruler, the Stripology ruler. Diana shared the “twisted” ruler that assists with tessellation blocks. (See photos with more details)

Joan Anniston announced that the “Heritage Quilters” are to have a reception at the MS Ag Museum on Friday, June 24th, the first day of the MQA Summer Gathering. Nominations are still being accepted. Nominees do not have to be a MQA or guild member, the only qualification is that the quilter must be 65 years of age or older. There are currently only two nominees, the MS Ag Museum has room to hang seven quilts until October. We would love to have seven quilters to honor. The MS Ag Museum hopes MQA can supply them for Christmas quilts in November.

Marilyn reminded all of the GSQA (Gulf States Quilting Association) quilt show being held on April 8th and 9th in Slidell, LA. There are to be 25 vendors and 300 quilts in the show. Prizes are to be awarded on various categories of quilts.

Our program for the evening was various methods of making half-square triangles. Three demonstration tables were set up and we rotated to obtain insights on the various techniques.

Sew-n-Tell was then shared and afterwards the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Patricia Welsch, Secretary and Newsletter



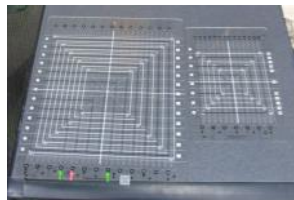
Favorite Ruler



Pam Beard -

Stripology ruler has slits every 1/2', easily adaptable for 1/4' cuts. Ruler has

diagonal lines for specialty cutting and easily helps with squaring up blocks. Grippies on back hold onto your fabric when cutting. Available in a couple of sizes. The small one is great for travel.



Dianna Carey -

Twisted tool, sew four fabric squares together into a four patch and cut using this

tool for easy "pieced" pin wheels. Check out "Twister Sisters" patterns on line for cute ideas.



President's Challenge - Pot holders



A very wide selection of Pot Holders to be displayed at the Brandon Library.



Program - Half Square Triangles



Cindy Pannier demonstrated one of the most commonly known HST method of drawing a diagonal line on a square of fabric that is cut $7/8$ " larger than the finished size square needed for your project. (She recommends the square start out 1 inch larger piece of fabric than having to deal with $7/8$ " and then trimming the finished HST) Sew $1/4$ " on each side of the diagonal line and then cut on the drawn line to produce two HST's.

Cindy demoed producing 4 HST's at one time as well.

Polly Duggan demonstrated "Triangles on a Roll" paper that can be purchased for various sizes of HST's with stitching and cutting lines printed on the paper for quick and precise HST's. Pin the paper to your two fabrics, stitch on the stitching lines, trim around the paper and then cut on the cutting lines,



open each HST and press, remove the paper and you are ready to sew into into your project.



Diana Carey demonstrated the Strip-Set Method. Strips the size of your choice ($2\ 1/2$ " were shown) are sewn together, create a bias edge and then cut utilizing the 45 degree line on your ruler, cutting the width of your original strip along the edge of the strip-set. Then the 45 degree line of the ruler is utilized again to cut your HST's.

Also the sewing of two strips together on the both long sides and then cutting using the triangular end of a 45 degree, alternating cutting point up and point down along the strip results in HST's that just need a stitch or two removed. (please see attached hand out)

Quilts for the State Veteran's Home



Thank you!

Beautiful quilts sewn and donated for our local State Veteran's Home. Great job ladies!!!!



Sew-n-Tell - UFO's



Pamela Avara -
MQA Quilt Along



Billie Harrell -
Make Me Happy
(Jelly roll quilt)



Marcella Comans - Blue Star



Cindy Pannier - Joan Ford
scrappy quilt

Sew-n-Tell



Pam Avara,
Accuquilt Go! Crazy



Dianne McLendon,
Pin wheels

Sew-n-Tell



Danielle Butler - Sketch book quilt



Linda Wolfe - Carpenter's Wheel



Judy Robbins, Red, White & Blue quilt, Christmas Tree table runner and One Fabric quilt from the "Wonderful 1 Fabric Quilts" book.



Debbie Wilson will be presenting "Bags by Annie" during our May meeting. If you have one or have made one please bring and show during Debbie's presentation.

Thanks !



Sew-n-Tell



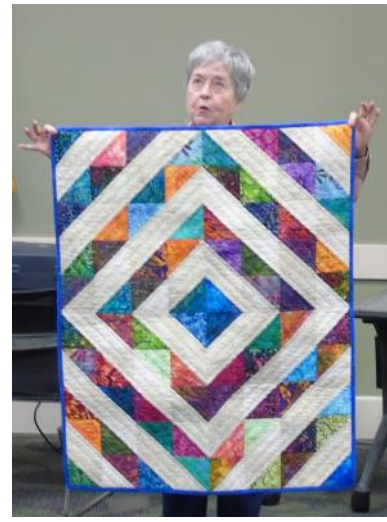
Helene Tann, Cat and Pumpkin quilt



Ann Fox, Christmas tree pot holder



Dianne McLendon, Nativity Christmas Tree shirt (nephew's wedding present)



Missy Lee, Colorful Half-Square Triangle quilt



Remember to bring your completed quilts for the Veteran's Home to our May 6th for our next delivery.



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Mark your calendar -



- **May 2nd—Guild meeting, 6:00 p.m., Brandon Library**
- **May 7th—Sit-n-Sew at MS State Extension Office**
- **June 24 & 25 - MQA Summer Gathering, Belhaven University, Jackson, MS**