

# August 2022

## BRANDON QUILTERS

### **Note from the President—**

The year is speeding by and there seems to be so much to look forward to, the retreat, the MQA meeting in Columbus and the fair. I am encouraging you to submit quilts for the fair in October. Also, please start setting aside things for our annual auction during our November meeting. I really enjoy this event, as we all do.

*Diane Carey*

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### **Minutes of Monthly Meeting**

**August 1, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by president Diane Carey. There were 34 members in attendance (1 new member, Carolyn Lawrence, plus 8 visitors (2 were our speakers).

The July minutes are to be corrected to read Pam Avara is maintaining our Facebook group, not Pam Beard as noted in the July newsletter minutes. Minutes were accepted after this correction is made - motion by Cindy Pannier, as amended, 2nd by Ann Williams.

Current bank balance \$2700.92 after setting our retreat money aside. Judy Robbins was not available for our Sunshine report. Several mentioned they had received cards and appreciated them. Polly Duggan reported she plans to deliver quilts to the VA home on July 14th and currently has 11 quilts to donate. Six quilts were delivered to the Children's Safe Center in July and five to the Star Fire Department.

Discussion was held on making the Brand Quilters Facebook page "private" to unwanted posts from being added by people who are not guild members. We would

Welcome

## Minutes continued -

like for the Facebook page to benefit Brandon Quilters and it was decided anyone who is not a guild member will be removed.

### New Business -

Slate of officers for 2023 needs to be established, presented in October and voted on during our November meeting. Volunteers for the committee include: Kathleen Greer, Ann McDonald and Patricia Welsch. Please say “yes” when they call asking you to consider being an officer

Diana introduced Donna Mabus, who spoke briefly on fidget quilts. Donna is to present a future program to our guild and suggested items we could start collecting for making these useful quilts that are no larger than a fat quarter and full of textures.

Our August program was Crazy Quilts presented by Betty McGee and very informative.

After the program Sew n’ Tell was presented and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Patricia Welsch, Secretary-Newsletter

**Annual Quilt Retreat -  
September 22nd - 25th  
Lake Tiak O’ Khata,  
Louisville, MS**



## Fidget Quilts -



Donna Mabus, spoke to us on Fidget quilts. Brightly colored and fun fabrics; adding fake fur, and trims for textures to encourage touching and items for dexterity (ex. zippers, buttons, snaps and buckles). Please start such collecting items as Donna will be back to present a program seeking our help and support for Fidget quilts projects.



Finished Fidget quilt about the size of a fat quarter.

## Program - Crazy Quilts

Betty McGee stated that Crazy Quilts began in the Victorian times, in the late 1800's to early 1900's. Quilts up to this time had been utilitarian quilts for warmth, made from old shirts, feed sacks, overalls, what ever ladies could find to make a quilt of. The Crazy Quilt is decorative and attractive with lots of embroidery, using silks and other fine fabrics that were usually not washable. Lace, trims, buttons and bows were normally added to enhance.

Betty prefers to hand embroidery her work, large foundation piecing, embroidering and then trimming to the appropriate size. Machine embroidery works just as well. She recommends a universal needle when using a machine.

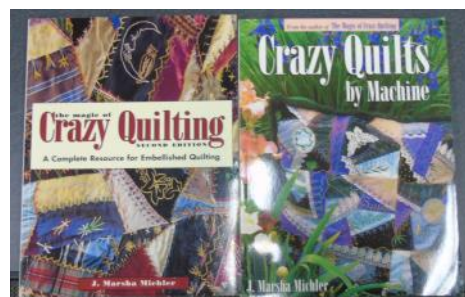


Betty suggested starting with smaller projects, as book marks, book/diary/ledger covers, wall hangings, etc. She had numerous examples for us to view and touch.

Betty also had a treasured Crazy Quilt that dated from 1913 that we also viewed. All embroidery on the quilt is hand stitched.



Great reference/inspiration books by J. Marsha Michler





## Sew-n-Tell - UFO's



Amy Schwalm - Modern,  
colorful Courthouse steps



Martha Ludke -  
Provence & Beyond



Debbie Wilson - Ombre' Weave and Yellow Brick  
Road pattern in blue



*Reminder!*

**September's meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th.  
The Brandon Library is CLOSED, Monday, September 5th in  
observance of Labor Day.**

## Sew-n-Tell - Community Quilts



Polly Duggan - Joan Ford  
scrap quilt pattern



Ann McDonald - Air planes



Pamela Kirby - row  
quilt



Delene Browning - 5 inch  
squares quilt



Debbie Wilson - sample  
blocks quilt



Martha Ludke - sample  
blocks quilt



**MQA**  
Mississippi Quilt Association

2022 Fall Gathering will be held in  
Columbus  
at the Fairview Baptist Church  
127 Airline Rd  
On October 14 & 15th  
*More details to come soon.*



## Sew-n-Tell - Veteran's Home Project



Billie Harrell -  
Scrap Quilts for the  
Veteran's Home



## Sew-n-Tell



Ruby Lowe - Fall table topper and shoulder bag



Pam Avara - Zip & Clip bag



Christy Calhoun - Moon and Sun



Billy Harrell - Birch and Stone

# Sew-n-Tell



Linda Wolfe - sewing machine bag, Irish Chain and Convergence quilts



Danielle Butler - 9 Patch variation  
MQA Class with Jere' Funk

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Quilt  
So I Don't  
Unravel

When life hands you scraps  
Make Quilts!





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***Dates to Remember***

**Saturday, September 10th—Sit n’ Sew**  
*(before our meeting)*

**Monday, September 12th—Guild meeting at  
Brandon Library** (delay due to Labor Day holiday)

**September 22-25—Brandon Quilters Fall  
Retreat at Lake Tiak O’ Khata**

**October 14 & 15th—MQA meeting in Columbus**