

President's message:

Merry Christmas Everyone!

For the few of you who didn't hear the awesome news, we had a fantastic November Auction. We raised \$1,306.00 for the Guild. Thank all y'all for your generosity. Thank you for donating so many great items and thank you for bidding and buying all the donated items. I know it was a long night, so thank you for hanging in there with me and making it so successful.

December is our traditional Christmas celebration and this year is no different. We will have a short meeting with show & tell. Bring your UFOs' that you signed up for the UFO Challenge (if you haven't already shown them) because Ann Callender will be spinning the wheel to see who wins the UFO money pot!

There is one very important bit of information I forgot to announce at the November meeting. We will be playing the Wright Family Christmas game after we have eaten our potluck supper. For those of you not familiar with the game, **you need to bring one fat quarter in a brown paper lunch bag**. We will be trading bags back and forth as we follow the Wright family on their Christmas adventure. It's loads of fun and doesn't take too long.

This is the last President's message I will be writing. I'm passing the "hammer" on to Pamela Avara!

Thank you to the Board of Directors and all the committee chairwomen who make Brandon Quilters function.

Quilt on,

Kathleen Greer



Announcement: Danielle Butler (guild member) has found and is working on purchasing a building in Crystal Springs for a new fabric, quilting store, that will be named Ritzy Quilting Company.

Current plans are to open in February or March of 2024. Along with fabric and quilting services, sewing machine repair by John will be available. Miss Kaye from Stitch and Frame plans to be present for the Grand Opening.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

November 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order by our President, Kathleen Greer. There were 37 members present, including new member Cindy Braatz. Also visitors Karen Cessna and Darlene Jardee.

- The October minutes were presented for approval as published in the October newsletter. Motion to approve along with a second and overall approval.
- Treasury report by Ann Callender, our guild currently has a balance of \$3568.94.
- Area guilds are working on contracting a National Teacher. Possible date May 10, 2024.
 Teacher will teach on scrap quilts.
- Community quilt update by Polly Duggan, six quilts were recently delivered to the UMMC Children's Safe Center.
- Library Liaison, Sarah Ketchum reported that the quilts currently displayed in the Library were made by Marcella Comans. Be sure to check them out.
- We are in need of an new MQA representative. This person will provide MQA updates and submit a guild synopsis for the MQA newsletter three times a year. Please let Pam Avara know if you are interested.
- A sign up sheet for the December 4th Christmas Potluck is being circulated tonight by Karen Petrignani. Please be sure to sign up to bring your favorite holiday entrée, casserole, salad or dessert.
- Reminder our dues are \$12/year and collection starts at our January meeting.

Announcements -

- Rankin County/Brandon Quilters Sit-n-Sew is Saturday, November 11th.
- Wynndale Quilters to meet Thursday November 9th for sewing and their Holiday Potluck.
- Pam Kirby stated 44 dog beds have been delivered.
- Cynthia Simpson informed us of the Candy Cane Market being held on Saturday, November
 11th at the Muse Center at Hinds Community Center in Pearl. She will be there selling the
 ornaments that she demonstrated how to make during our October meeting, along with other items.

Our program was our Annual Make It, Bake It, Sew It and Grow It Auction. Our President Kathleen Greer was our Auctioneer, assisted by Beth Sonnier, Jo Paterson and Pam Avara (our Vanna Whites for the evening).

With the amount of items for the auction, no Sew-n-Tell was shared. We hope those items brought tonight can be shared at our December 4th meeting.

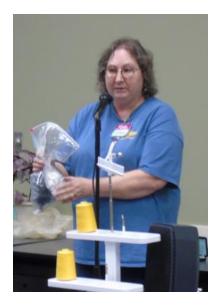
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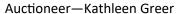
Patricia Welsch

Secretary/Newsletter Editor



Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It Auction







Two of the assistants—Pam Avara & Jo Patterson

Dianne McLendon displayed the quilt she completed from the squares guild members designed at our September meeting. Dianne had presented a program on Hands on Design. We evidently learned a lot.







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Guild meeting—Monday, <u>December 4th</u>
at Brandon Library; 6:30 pm
Holiday Potluck & Fellowship

Sit n' Sew— Friday, <u>December 1st</u>