

Brandon Quilters

January 2024

President's message -

Greetings.

With the cold and wet weather we had earlier in the month I felt like I needed to migrate further south, not unlike Joan Alliston's migrating geese which she showed us at our January meeting. As I write this, my weather app says it could rain on our meeting again, but at least it will be a bit warmer.

It was warm under the Studio 3 lights. Patricia Welsch and I were interviewed by Angela Evans for the WLBT lifestyle program Studio 3. If you didn't see it live, you can watch it [HERE](#).

Our speaker for February is Jonce' Smith. She will be showing us how the Studio 180 Tucker Trimmer can be used. I have the tool but have only used it once. I'm looking forward to seeing everything it can be used for.

Don't forget to download the Block of the Month pattern from the website. It's under Activities -> 2024 Block of the Month. The Ribbon Star pattern for the President's Challenge is also under Activities.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone Monday.

Pam

<https://www.wlbt.com/video/2024/01/22/patching->

2024 Leadership -

President - Pamela Avara

Vice President - Karin Brown

Past President - Kathleen Greer

Treasurer - Ann Callender

Secretary - Patricia Welsch

Membership - Beth Sonnier

Sunshine Cares - Pam Beard

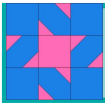
Library Quilt Liaison - Sarah Ketchum

MQA Representative - Lisa Dunn

Community Quilts & QOV- Polly Duggan

Retreat - Debbie Wilson





January 8, 2024 minutes -

President Pam Avara welcomed all that braved the bad weather to attend tonight's meeting. There were 21 members present, including new member Susie Guyton.

Pam asked for approval of the December minutes as presented in the December 2023 newsletter - Medina Richards, had the motion, it was second by Ruby Lowe and all agreed.

Pam introduced all of the 2024 officers. Those that do not give a monthly report (listed on the front page) and extremely vital to the guild - Board of Trustees - **Polly Duggan, Debbie Wilson, Marie Yonko**; Party Planning - **Karen Petrignani**; Sound system - **Helene Tann**; Tips, Tricks & Tools - **Pamela Kirby** and Webmaster - **Lisa Dunn**. Thanks to all that volunteer to keep our guild going.

Old Business - Be sure to wear your name tags, we have several new members that would like to know who we are. A Social Time, 6:00-6:30 is suggested before the meeting starts for visiting and catching up with each other. Conversations should be held outside the meeting room during the meeting, so that all can hear the speakers and enjoy the program and presentations.

Announcement - Brandon and Rankin Quilters have contracted National Teacher Diane Knott for a Trunk Show and a Class on April 5th and 6th. See page 6 for more details.

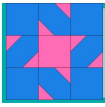
New Business - One line of advertising will be offered to paid guild members on our monthly newsletter (no advertising on our website or Facebook page). This will include personally owned businesses or services offered and will be noted as either related to Quilting or Other.

Through the Quilter's by Heart Desire website WLBT contacted us on appearing on Studio 3 to discuss quilting and promoting our guilds. Pam Avara, President of Brandon Quilters and Patricia Welsch of Quilter's by Heart's Desire are to appear on the Monday, January 22nd show, live at 3:00 pm. The segment is five minutes. Should you miss the live show, the Studio shows are placed on the WLBT website on the same day for viewing.

Pam informed us of her **2024 President's Challenge**, asking each member to make one of more 9" (finished) Ribbon Star block. Finished blocks are to be turned at our April 1st meeting. With each block turned in the maker's name will be entered for a bundle of Fat Quarters. We will lay them out in a pleasing design. Pam will assemble the quilt and quilt it. The quilt will be given to Polly for one of our Community quilt projects. Hand outs were distributed and are available on our guild's website.

Pam mentioned that Gulf State Quilters Associated does have instructors available for classes to guilds that have at least 5 members with GSQA. If you are a member or plan to become one, please let Pam know. [It was confirmed Pam Avara, Judy McPhail, Beth Sonnier and Patricia Welsch are current members.]

A Block of the Month will be available this year for those that would like to participate. The quilt will be 12 blocks and the block patterns will be posted on our website. The last pattern will be posted in September. Our September program will be I have blocks, Now What?



January 8, 2024 minutes continued -

Marilyn Rose, reminded everyone that up to 5 quilts can be entered to the GSQA Quilt Show that will be held April 12th and 13th in Slidell, LA. The last day to register quilts is January 31st.

Other upcoming quilt shows are -

- North Louisiana Guild Show, February 23rd and 24th in West Monroe, LA
- West Alabama Quilt Show, March 1st and 2nd in Tuscaloosa, AL
- Fanfare 2024 Quilt Show, March 15th and 16th in Huntsville, AL

Electronic registration is available for the MQA Spring Gathering being held on February 9th and 10th in Wesson, MS at the Thomas Center at the Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Polly updated us on Community Quilts donated in 2023 - 18 were donated to the Star Fire Department, 38 to the UMMC Children's Safe Center and 44 to the Veteran's Home. The Veteran's Home project began in April 2022 and we have donated 100 quilts - **great job quilters!!**

Debbie Wilson is still waiting on our Retreat contract with Lake Tiak O'Khata and will share the information as soon as she has it.

Kathleen Greer gave the Treasurer's report in Ann Callender's absence - December started with a balance of \$5301.18, after expenses for our donation to the library for the continued use of their space for our monthly meetings, the President's gift and UFO winner, our current balance is \$4600.48.

T-shirt update, the remaining guild t-shirts will be sold at \$5.00 each. Remaining sizes are Large and XL. We also have one set of bed risers for sale tonight for \$5.00.

Karin Brown presented the Quick Curve ruler for the Double Wedding Ring quilt as our Tip & Tricks for the month.

Tonight's program was presented by Joan Alliston on Migrating Geese.

Sew-n-Tell was then shared and enjoyed by all.

Our February 5th meeting program will be presented by Jonce Smith on the Tucker Trimmer.

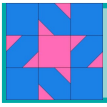
Also, member Danielle Bulter will have the **Grand Opening** of her new store, **Ritzy Quilting Company** on Thursday, February 1st. Her store is located at 212 East Georgetown Street, Crystal Springs, MS.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch

Secretary/Newsletter Editor

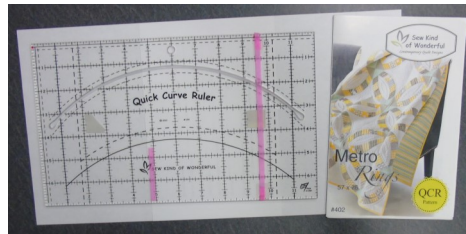




Tips and Tricks -



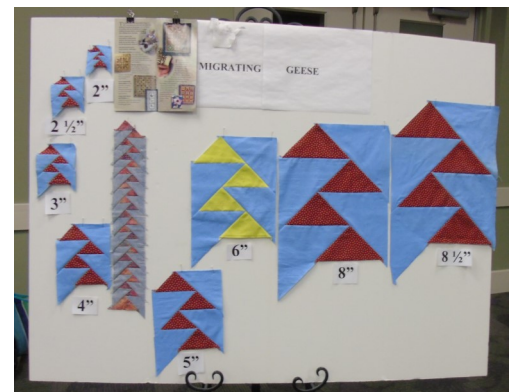
Karin loves Double Wedding Ring quilts and has found her 6th method of making these beautiful quilts - the Quick Curve ruler. This ruler has been the easiest way that she has found in making this quilt, actual square blocks pieced with strip sets and then sewn together for beautiful results. See the tutorial for the Metro Rings pattern via Sew Kind of Wonderful on You Tube for more detail.



Program - Migrating Geese - Joan Alliston -

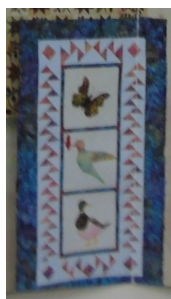


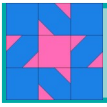
Joan shared a couple of quilts and wall hangings that she had incorporated Migrating Geese. They are similar to flying geese but not centered, the side tips of the geese are on opposite sides. She distributed a technique sheet that we found helpful, there are YouTube tutorials on line.



Her first experience was a small MS themed quilt for

a MQA meeting prize that she and a couple of others had designed and created.





Sew-n-Tell -

Debbie Wilson - Fruit Punch

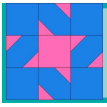
Judy McPhail - MSU 3 yard quilt

Helene Tann - colorful community quilt



Karen Petrignani - Community quilts



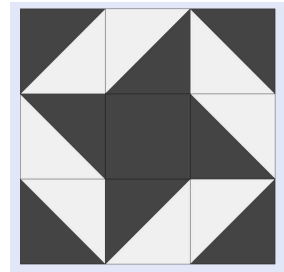


Brandon and Rankin Quilters have contracted National Teacher Diane Knott for a Trunk Show on Friday, April 5th starting at 6:30; there is no charge for this event that will be held at the Mississippi State Extension building. Those that register for the for Saturday, April 6th class, will pay a \$45 registration fee. We will start collecting these fees in March. A pattern will also need to be purchased at \$12. The class starts at 9:00 am; two different quilts will be taught during the same class. Quilt selections will be from one of Diane books - Scrap Quilt Secrets or Strip Quilts Secrets If you would like to make a quilt pattern suggestion please visit Diane Knott's website www.butterflythreads.com and contact Pam Avara or Lucy Large.



President's Challenge

Complete one or more 9 inch (finished) Ribbon Star block. The blocks are to be scrappy made from your stash using medium to dark fabrics and neutrals for the background (no darker than Kraft envelope). For each block completed and turned in, your name will be placed in a drawing for a small fat quarter bundle. All blocks should be turned in before or at our April meeting. Our program in April will include arranging the blocks in a pleasing layout. Pam will assemble the quilt and also quilt it. Our guild quilt will be turned into Polly for donation as a Community Quilt. The pattern for the Ribbon Star block can be found on our website, see the Activities tab.



2025 Spring Gathering

- * February 9th and 10th at the Thomas Center/Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, MS
- * Visit mississippiquilt.org for registration, hotel and program information
- * Registration & shopping at event starts at 3:00 on Friday, the event begins at 5:00
- * On-site vendors are: Gardensong Fabrics, Pear Blossom Cottage and The Stitching Post



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Dates to Remember

**Guild meeting—Monday, February 5th
at Brandon Library; 6:00 pm Social Time;
6:30 Meeting and Program**

Sit n' Sew— Friday, February 9th