

# Brandon Quilters

April 2024

## President's Message:

Greetings—

April 1st, we celebrated our 20th anniversary as a quilt guild. Having only been a member since September 2021, I was surprised at the number of folks who raised their hands as being members since the beginning. That is wonderful that so many of you are still sharing your love of quilting. *Here's to another 20 years!*

I want to thank everyone who participated in making Ribbon Star blocks for the President's Challenge. We made enough blocks for 2 quilts. Marcella Comans and Polly Duggan have graciously agreed to assemble the quilts.

The turnout for our National Teacher, Diane Knott was fantastic. Not only did we get to see some great quilts made by Diane, members of Brandon Quilters & Rankin County Quilters brought in the quilts they made the last time she was here. I'm sure we'll see some great quilts as a result of the two classes she taught.

Did you know if you took sixteen 2-color half square triangle units you could arrange them in over 300,000 possible variations? Next month we'll look at just a small percentage of those blocks as our topic is "Just HSTs".

See you May 6<sup>th</sup>!

Pam

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## April 1, 2024 minutes -

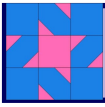
President Pam Avara called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, there were 39 members in attendance.

Pam asked for approval of the March minutes as presented in the March 2024 newsletter - Kathleen Greer made the motion to accept, the motion was second by Billie Harrell and all agreed.

Treasurer's report, provided by Ann Callender - end of March balance is \$5,299.27.

Polly Duggan - Community Quilts, no update tonight.

Sarah Ketchum - Amy Schwalm's quilts are currently displayed in the Brandon Library.



### April 1, 2024 minutes *continued* -

MQA update - Lisa Dunn, our guild's updates were sent in for the spring newsletter. The June Gathering will be held on June 7th and 8th at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, MS. Registration is now available on line at the MQA website. Hotel rooms available at Eagle Ridge and local hotels. Meals are required to be purchased from the conference center. Friday night will be a buffet and Saturday lunch boxed sandwiches and salads. Be sure to check out all details, including classes at the MQA website.

Pam Beard - Sunshine report - 4 birthday, 1 sympathy and 1 get well cards have been mailed out for April.

Lucy Large - Diane Knott Trunk show will be Friday night, April 5th, all are welcome to attend. Please bring your completed "Daisy" quilt for Show & Tell that night. Friday's class will begin at 10:00 am and Saturday doors open at 9:00 am to set up for class. Diane will have books and patterns for sale.

Pam Avara made us aware of the following upcoming quilting events:

- Pieces & Strings, Port Gibson, MS - 43 quilts on display until the end of April
- Gulf States Quilting Association (GSQA) - Biennial Quilt Show with over 360 judged quilts and numerous vendors on April 12th & 13th in Sidell, LA at The Harbor Center
- Allison Wells Quilt Guild Show, Canton, MS - April 18-20 at the Canton Welcome Center
- Pine Belt Quilters - one day quilt showcase - Saturday - April 20th in Hattiesburg
- AQS QuiltWeek, Paducah, KY - April 24-27
- MQA June Gathering, June 7th and 8th at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, MS

Polly Duggan informed us that Twin Oaks Crafts, Embroidery & Quilting in Richland has a Longarm quilting club. Please contact Polly or Paulette Walley (business owner).

Christy Calhoun announced Wynndale Quilters will have two Sit & Sew days per month for the next few months - dates are April 11 & 25; May 9 & 30; June 13 & 20 and July 11 & 12. Be sure to mark your calendars. Bring your sewing machine, projects and lunch.

Cynthia Simpson, shared that the Flowood Baptist Church will have a Craft Show, April 20th.

Pam demoed how to make your own quilt block board. The President Challenge Star Blocks, that were turned in over the past few months, were distributed to all members and placed on design walls for block arrangement ideas for our community quilts.

Sew-n-Tell was shared and then we all enjoyed Birthday cake.

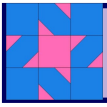
The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

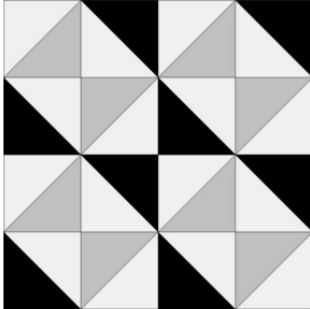
*Patricia Welsch*

Secretary/Newsletter



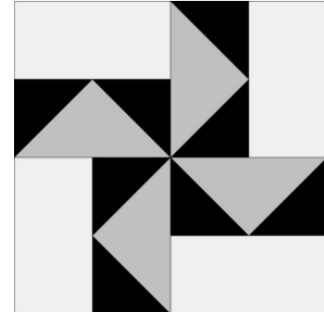


### 2024 Block of the Month



Block 4 - Broken Dishes and  
Block 5 - Louisiana

Instructions available on our website  
for these and the first three blocks.



### Tips and Tricks -



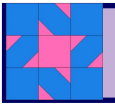
Pam Avara went over the steps to make a quilt block board . Supplies needed - foam board, quilt batting, adhesive spray and duct tape. She suggested a solid color tape for the edges, this will not distract from your quilt block as decorative tape might. Pam also introduced some of us to E6000 adhesive spray. It can be found at WalMart near the duct tape and can be used for numerous crafts.



### President's Challenge



Thanks to all that participated in the President's Challenge and made Star Blocks. We collected enough to make two Community Quilts. This photo is one set of blocks as we played with their arrangement.



## Sew-n-Tell - UFO's -



Debbie Wilson - Emma quilt and Tree Rings



Susie Guyton -  
5 yard quilt

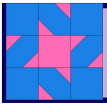


Marcella Comans  
Star quilt



Ann McDonald -  
Blooming Butterflies  
and Crazy Daisy  
(Diane Knott )





## Sew-n-Tell -



Pam Avara -  
Zip & Clip Denim purse



Marcella Comans -  
Rag community quilt

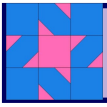


Billie Harrell - Daisy quilt (Diane Knott) and Selvage Basket quilt



Sherlene Abrigo showing  
quilts for Linda Vaughn -  
Roman Holiday (3 yard  
quilt) and Conner quilt





## Show-n-Tell -



Pamela Kirby - small quilt and patriotic table topper



Martha Ludke - Fruit Punch



Karen Petrigani -  
Child's community quilt



Judy Stanley -  
Scissor (badge holders)  
made by a friend



Diana Carey-Smith - Dahlia and Lover's Knot and a beautiful quilt she found, and saved by purchasing.

## Goods and Services provided by our members:

### Quilting related:

**Danielle Butler**, owner Ritzy Quilting Company, quilting fabric, accessories & long arm services - 601-850-7913; Ritzyquilting@yahoo.com

**Paulette Walley**, owner Twin Oaks Crafts, sewing and quilting machines, fabric, accessories & long arm services - 601-506-7514; twinoakscrafts20@gmail.com

**Jonce' Smith**, Tucker Trimmer licensed instructor, 601-201-3011; jblainessmith@gmail.com

**Judy Stanley**, computerized E2E longarm quilting and makes t-shirt quilts, 601-942-9882. Also has ETSY page: <https://handmadesbyjudith.etsy.com> for her thread catchers.

### Other:

**Jo Patterson**, artisan jewelry, metalsmithing and lapidary artist (text) 601-842-3139;

FaceBook - Jo Patterson Artist

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### *Dates to Remember*

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

### **Sit n' Sew**

**Friday, May 10th at the MS State Extension Bldg**

### **MQA June Gathering**

**Friday & Saturday, June 7th & 8th**