



Brandon Quilters

October 2024

President's Message:

Greetings,

This past month I hope you've taken advantage the quilting events in the region. Gulf States Quilting Association quarterly meeting, the International Quilt Festival, the Fall Gathering for Mississippi Quilt Association have all taken place in October – early November. I feel it is important to attend events like this when you get a chance to see what is new and get re-energized. That's not to say new quilting things can't be found on the internet. A week after our last meeting I saw #quiltedsneakers in a post from one of the Kansas City quilt shops I still follow. Intrigued, I started digging and found a class. Check out my new shoes at our next meeting.

Speaking of the meeting, our November meeting is our **Annual Make It, Bake it, Sew It, Grow It** auction. Please bring in your gently used quilting supplies that you no longer want or need to donate to the cause.

Hope to see you November 4th.

Pam



October 7, 2024 minutes -

The meeting was called to order by president Pam Avara. There were 37 members in attendance and one visitor, Susan Farley.

Pam asked for a motion to accept the September minutes as published in the September newsletter. Polly Duggan requested a correction as the 57 quilts donated to the Rolling Fork nursing home were only from Brandon Quilters and Heart's Desire guilds. Jackson Quilters had made separate donations. With this correction, Christy Calhoun made the motion to accept the minutes and 2nd by Jo Patterson and all approved.

Treasurer Report by Ann Callender – Total available funds - \$4,651.00 after payment to Lake Tiak O'Khata for the retreat.



October 7, 2024 minutes *continued* -

Retreat update—Debbie Wilson informed us that the dates for our 2025 retreat will be September 18-21. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Sunshine report—Pam Beard mailed out eight cards for October birthdays.

Missy Lee requested prayers for member, Dianne McLendon. She has recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer.

MQA update—the Fall Gathering is scheduled for November 1st and 2nd in Batesville, registration ended October 16th. For additional information see the Mississippi Quilters website.

Christy Calhoun stated the Wynndale Quilters will have their monthly sit-n-sew on Thursday, October 10th. They will have a two day sit-n-sew on November 14 & 15. November 14th will be the Christmas luncheon, please bring a potluck item to share.

Sarah Ketchum stated the November Sit-n-Sew date is November 16th. The date had been incorrect on the website, but is now corrected.

Lucy Large announced that Kathleen Greer will be teaching a stained glass class at the Rankin County Quilter's December 9th meeting. If you would like to attend, please let her know. She will order supplies for the class at \$39.51 per student. This meeting is their holiday potluck meal, so please be sure to bring a dish.

GSQA (Gulf States Quilt Association) will have their quarterly meeting on October 18th in Gulf Shores, AL. Southern Fiber Artists (SFA) will teach felt embroidered circles on Friday and present their Mississippi post card display on Saturday as the program.

Old Business -

The slate of officers for 2025 was submitted. Cindy Pannier made the motion for the slate to be accepted, Christy Calhoun second the motion and all approved.

- President—Pam Avara
- Vice President—Beth Sonnier
- Treasurer—Ann Callender
- Secretary/Newsletter—Patricia Welsch

Pam Avara is working on a Mystery quilt for 2025. One set of instructions will be distributed each month in 2025.

Our November 4th meeting will be our annual Make It, Bake It, Grow auction. Kathleen Greer will be our auctioneer. ***We will not have Show-n-Tell due to time constraints.***

Five guild members shared their completed Block of the Month quilt tops. Each was very unique and several utilized the various techniques that Pam had shared for the placement of their blocks on the quilt top.

New Business -

Pam asked for a show of hands for Pot Luck or purchasing our holiday meal for the December meeting. Pot Luck was selected by the majority. A sign up sheet will be distributed during our November meeting.

Paulette Walley presented this month's Tips and Tricks—the "binding tool"



October 7, 2024 minutes *continued* -

Paulette also announced she had released a Facebook post on heading up a project to make 1,000 quilts for flood relief victims. She is asking volunteers to make tops. A Sit-n-Sew is planned for October 21st at her store, Twin Oaks Crafts, Quilting, Embroidery and Sewing in Richland. The Take Five quilt pattern will be utilized and is a 36 x 45 inch quilt.

Beth Sonnier presented the night's program on a simple origami gift bag made from fabric.

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

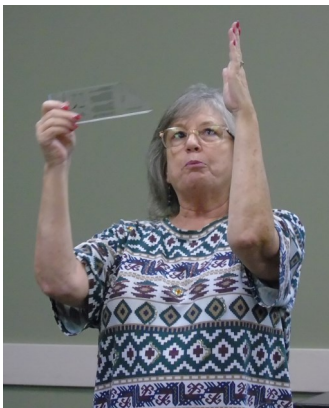
Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch

Secretary/Newsletter



Tips, Tricks and Tools -



Paulette Walley presented the "Binding" tool.

Sew binding to quilt, leaving at least 10" tail at the beginning and end of attaching the binding and 12" gap on your quilt between the beginning and ending sewing.

Butt the flat end of the ruler to the end of one of the binding attached to the quilt. Mark binding as indicated on the ruler. Rotate the ruler around and do the same on the other piece of binding. Place ruler on marks and trim as instructed on the ruler. You will have opposite diagonal cuts on the binding ends, that will now be sewn together. Once the binding is sewn it should be the exact width to lay flat and now be attached to the quilt.

There are numerous videos on how to use the binding tool on YouTube. Jenny Doan of Missouri Star has one of the best. The following video demos just the binding tool.

[The Binding Tool Explained - Learn The Perfect Binding ...](#)



YouTube·Missouri Star·Jan 31, 2010





Program—Origami gift bag



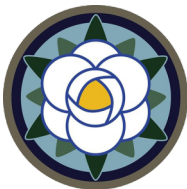
Beth Sonnier shared the process of making a simple Origami gift bag. The gift bag can easily be made using “Layer Cake” squares.

- Place squares right side together, sew all 4 sides leaving an opening for turning.
- Turn right side out, pulling out the corners. Press and top stitch all four edges, close to the edge.
- With the “inside” fabric face up, fold in thirds.
- Mark the center point and make marks 3/4” on both sides of the center point line.
- Fold in half and sew on both sides. Make small box corners on each side, using the seam as the center.

- Turn inside out.
- Top stitch 1/2” from top fold for a casing for “pull ties” for the bag. Thread yarn, ribbon, etc. in casings (one from each side); tie and pull item inserted on each side to close gift bag.
- Bag can be embellished however you chose.

Check out the YouTube video from “The Sewing Studio”. Search YouTube for “simple origami gift bag”.

Beth gave out several bags she had made to guild members as door prizes.



2024 Fall Gathering

- Dates:** November 1st and 2nd
- Where:** Batesville Civic Center, Batesville, MS
- Hosted by:** MQA and Piecemakers of Oxford

Additional information can be found at the MQA website—mississippiquilt.org



Sew-n-Tell—2024 Block of the Month



Pamela Kirby, Ruby Lowe, Anne Callender, Cindy Braatz and Debbie Wilson showing their completed quilt tops from our 2024 Block of the month. Each quilter has their blocks in different lay outs, making each very unique.



Great job, quilters!



Sew-n-Tell -



Karin Brown—Mozaic quilt

Missy Lee -
Pillows savaged from friend's aging
family quilt and precious Cat quilt



Celia Taylor -
Sunflower panel quilt





Sew-n-Tell



Susie Guyton—UFO quilts

Polly Duggan -

Easter basket (clothesline/fabric basket), Marilyn Doheny Hexie class quilt and Hexie Hearts





Show-n-Tell -



Cindy Pannier—1600 inch quilt



Debbie Wilson—2019 Block of the Month quilt

Billie Harrell Cotten –Divided 9 patch





Show-n-Tell -



Susan Farley—Gene's quilt



Pamela Kirby—Love U and Scrap Busters



Show-n-Tell -



Ann Callender -
Raggedy Ann and
Andy



Patricia Welsch -
Fall Wreath
(similar to a Jelly
Roll rug)



Cindy Braatz -
Berry Dreams



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, November 4th—Guild meeting at the
Brandon Library - Social Time at 6:00 pm;
Auction: Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It begins
at 6:30 pm**

Sit n' Sew

**Saturday, November 16th at the
MS State Extension Bldg**