



# Brandon Quilters

February 2025

## President's Message:

Quilters,

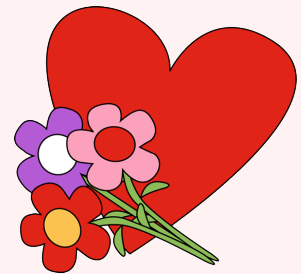
This weather has been crazy , so it's a great time to be inside snuggled up under a quilt. Hopefully before too long the weather will warm up and we can get outside again.

Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> we've been invited to participate in the Brandon Artisan Festival. We need volunteers to run the booth, to talk to folks about quilting and perhaps do a few demonstrations. The event is 9 AM – 3 PM, if you can only make it part of the day that will be great. Debbie Wilson has agreed to coordinate this event.

For our March meeting Kathleen Greer has coordinated a roundtable of Applique Techniques. So come eager to observe and learn.

Don't forget to pay your dues, turn in your UFO lists, and bring in your Double 4-Patch blocks. Currently we have 112 blocks including the quilts Martha Ludke and Pamela Kirby made. We will be accepting blocks at the April meeting as well.

Pam



## February 3, 2025 minutes -

The meeting was called to order by president Pam Avara. There were 40 members and one visitor, Peggy Cote in attendance.

Pam introduced our speaker for tonight, Fire Chief Jackie Squires of the Star Fire Department. After he spoke donation quilts were shown by those that brought them tonight. Chief Squires stated he appreciated each quilter's generosity, talent and time in making and donating quilts.

Our business meeting began after Chief Squires exited. Pam asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the January newsletter. Corrections to the Gulf States Quilters Association website was requested (.org not .com as noted) and correction to the dates of the MQA upcoming Spring Gathering. The minutes were then approved with corrections by Kathleen Greer and Beth Sonnier made the second and all approved.



### February 3, 2025 minutes *continued* -

Treasurer, Ann Callender gave the treasury report, we currently have available funds of \$5,589.98.

Sarah Ketchum stated that Susie Guyton's quilts are currently on display in the library. Cindy Barnett's quilts will be displayed in March and April.

Pam reminded us that the 2025 Rankin County Sit-n-Sews are the first Saturday of each month.

MQA report from Kathleen Greer, the Spring Gathering will be held in Hattiesburg at the convention center, this Friday and Saturday, February 7th and 8th. Southern Fiber Artists are presenting the Friday night program, displaying and discussing their Mississippi exhibit of small art quilts from artists all over the state.

Christy Calhoun invited all to attend the Wynndale Quilters meetings being held the second Thursday each month. On March 13th and 14th there will be a two-day sit-n-sew. All are welcome to attend. Please bring your machine, projects and lunch.

A new guild has been started in Clinton, meeting at the Clinton library on the second Saturday of each month. They will have a business meeting and then Sit-n-Sew to follow each month. Their first meeting had sixty-seven in attendance.

Debbie Wilson gave us the 2025 retreat dates of September 18-21. A deposit of \$50 is required when registering for the retreat. Registration sheets with additional information are at our sign in desk. The cost does include 3 nights and 10 meals. The full balance of the retreat is due at our August meeting.

Karin Brown presented the folded Pinwheel Surprise quilt block during our Tips, Tricks and Tools.

Pam stated that her President's Challenge quilt block instructions are located on our website as well as the 2025 Mystery Quilt. Both are found under "Activities".

Regular Sew-n-Tell was shared and our meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Welsch*

Brandon Quilters Secretary/Newsletter

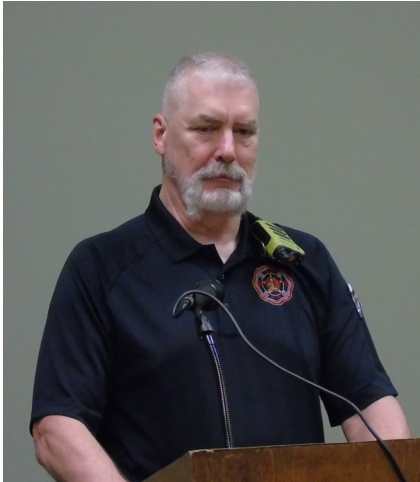


**Guild dues of \$12 are due by our March meeting.**

**The 2025 UFO challenge form is available and should be completed and returned by March to participate.**



### Program—Star Fire Department



Fire Chief Squires of the Star Fire Department was our speaker. The Star Fire department and their sister departments receive our community donation quilts for those they serve, both children and adults. Our quilts and small stuffed animals are given to those that need a kind “hug” and reassurance after a fire or auto accident on busy Highway 49 South. Chief Squires thanked all quilters that have given to this community service project over the years. He is always impressed with each of our talent and support.

Many quilts were shown and then given to Chief Squires after he spoke for distribution as needed by the fire fighters.





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Thanks to all quilters that brought donation quilts tonight - Pam Avara, Kathleen Greer, Martha Ludke, Pamela Kirby, Diana Carey Smith and Polly Doggan. And to all those that have given generously over the years.

**Thank you, Chief Squires for all you and the firefighters and their families do everyday!**



### Tips, Tricks and Tools—



Karin Brown demoed how to make the Folded Pinwheel Surprise quilt block. The pattern can be found on Etsy and Jaded Spade Creations websites. Charm squares can be used for constructing the pinwheels (per Jaded Spade).

### Sew-n-Tell—



Cindy Barnett—stained glass quilt from Kathleen Greer's class



Diana Carey Smith—baby quilt and pillow from a cute turtle panel



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Sew-n-Tell—



**Pam Avara, Snowmen block swap**

**Martha Ludke, Scrappy Stars and Diamond quilts**

**Pamela Kirby, Dragon Flying Flight**





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Sew-n-Tell—

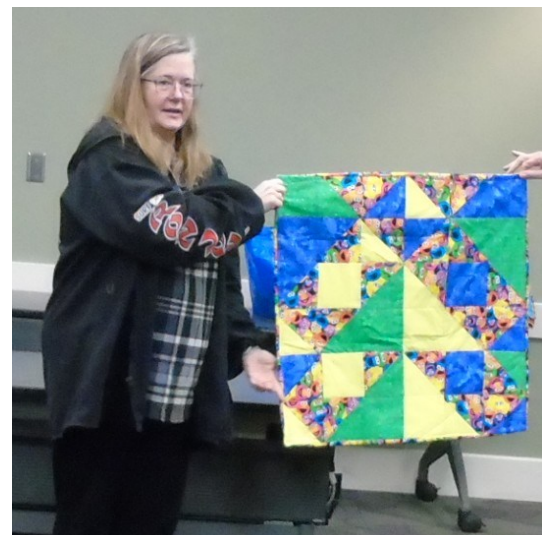


**Dorothy Reyna**, Peach color scrap quilt

**Linda Wolfe**, Chenille pillows and 2024 Block of the Month

**Dawn Taylor**, Forest Animals

**Cindy Braatz**, baby quilt



## 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*

#### Sit n' Sew

**Saturday, March 1st at the  
MS State Extension Bldg**

**Monday, March 3rd—Guild meeting at the  
Brandon Library - Social Time at 6:00 pm;  
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**