



March 2025

Quilters,

I'd like to thank Beth Sonnier for filling in for me last month while my brother was visiting and installing the vanity he made me. Listening to him talk about the wood he used and the other projects he made from the same logs was like listening to a quilter talk about all the quilts that have that special fabric in it. I'm sorry I missed the applique presentation. I tend to avoid applique as I've yet to find the right project and/or technique to motivate me. Speaking of applique there were some beautiful applique quilts at the AQS Branson show in February. As I scroll through my photo album of pictures from the event, nearly all of them have some applique. So maybe one day.

March 29th is the Brandon Artisan Festival at the Brandon Senior Center. Be sure to stop by and check out all of the artisans participating. For those of you manning our booth, thank you.

Our April meeting is our birthday month, and the President's Challenge blocks are due. With just 35 blocks needed to make a throw quilt we have enough to make 2 more quilt so far and there will be a drawing for at least 3 prizes. For every 35 blocks turned in, there will be another drawing.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 7th.

Pam



March 3, 2025 minutes -

The meeting was called to order by vice president Beth Sonnier. There were 40 members in attendance, including two new members, Cyndy Bailey and Karen McConlogue.

Ann Callender gave the Treasurer report, we currently have \$5,681.98 available funds.

Polly Duggan (Community Projects) thanked all quilters for the 22 quilts that were donated to the Star Fire Department during last month's program.

Sarah Ketchum reminded us that Susie Guyton's quilts are still hanging in the library, but will be replaced with Cindy Barnett's quilts this week. Be sure to view each set of quilts.



March 3, 2025 minutes *continued* -

Lucy Large announced that Kathleen Greer will teach a class on how to make the “Charm Bag” during the May 3rd Sit-n-Sew. The class will start at 9:00, please be there when the doors open at 8:30 to be set up and ready to begin on-time. Kathleen will distribute a supply list during our April meeting.

All 2025 Rankin County Sit-n-Sew events are on the first Saturday of each month. The April Sit-n-Sew is April 5th. For our new members, these are held at the Rankin County Extension Services building at 601 Marquette Rd, Brandon.

MQA update, Kathleen Greer—The Summer Gathering is scheduled for June 6 & 7 and will be at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond again this year. This year classes will begin on Friday, continue Saturday morning and we will be dismissed around noon on Saturday. Marilyn Rose will be teaching this year. Information should be on the MQA website soon.

GSQA (Gulf States Quilting Association) will have a traveling teacher teaching in Pensacola, FL on April 8th. Please check out their website for additional information.

Christy Calhoun invited all to attend the Wynndale Quilters 2 day sit and sew being held on March 13 & 14, 9:00am– 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend. Please bring your machine, projects and lunch for each day.

The new Clinton quilt guild is to meet on Saturday, March 8th. The meeting is at the Clinton library on the second Saturday of each month. They will have a business meeting beginning at 10:00am and a demo on square in a square.

Pamela Kirby reported that 10 dog beds had been donated recently.

Debbie Wilson reminded us that registration sheets for our 2025 retreat being held September 18-21 are at our sign in table and on our website. A deposit of \$50 is required when registering for the retreat.

Debbie Wilson did a review of the Mystery Quilt (in Pam’s absence), information can be found on our website under “Activities”. She also informed us that Cecilia has a sign up sheet for volunteers for the Brandon Artisan Festival that we will participate in on March 29th from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Beth distributed printouts of a suggested logo update and Patricia Welsch spoke briefly on the change. A slightly more modern look for guild signage and other printing planned for the Brandon Artisan Festival. Guild members unanimously approved of the change.

Beth announced as of tonight, 148 President’s Challenge quilt squares have been turned in.

Several quilting events were announced -

- Life’s a Stitch!, Ozone Layers Quilt Guild, March 7, 8, 9 at the Abita Springs Town Hall
- MS Cultural Crossroads, Pieces & Strings-The Quilt Show Experience - March 28 in Port Gibson
- Bay St. Louis—Bay Oaks Quilt Show, May 9 & 10, 9am - 5pm at St Rose De Lima Church, 301 S. Necess Avenue.

Sunshine report—Pam Beard has mailed out 8 birthday cards for March.



March 3, 2025 minutes *continued* -

Diana Carey-Smith reminded Beth of the approval of the February minutes as printed in the February newsletter. Beth Sonnier accepted Diana Carey-Smith as the motion and second was made by Marilyn Rose, all members approved.

Marilyn Ross announced that funeral services for Ann Root will be Friday, March 14th at Ott & Lee in Brandon. Ann had owned a fabric store in Clinton, years ago and several of our long time members knew her. Marilyn also made us aware that Carol Kossman has a long-arm machine for sale. Anyone interested please contact Marilyn for additional details.

Tips and Tricks were then presented by Diana Carey-Smith. She demoed several quick ways to make 2 and 4 patch quilt squares.

Our program for the evening was a table rotation of visiting volunteer members demonstrating various techniques on how to applique fabric.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch

Brandon Quilters Secretary/Newsletter



Tips, Tricks and Tools—



Diana described how to make quick four-patch and half square triangles. Easy four patch blocks by sewing two sides of two fabrics right sides together, cutting in half and pressing. One of the two fabric blocks is then rotated and the blocks placed right sides together again.

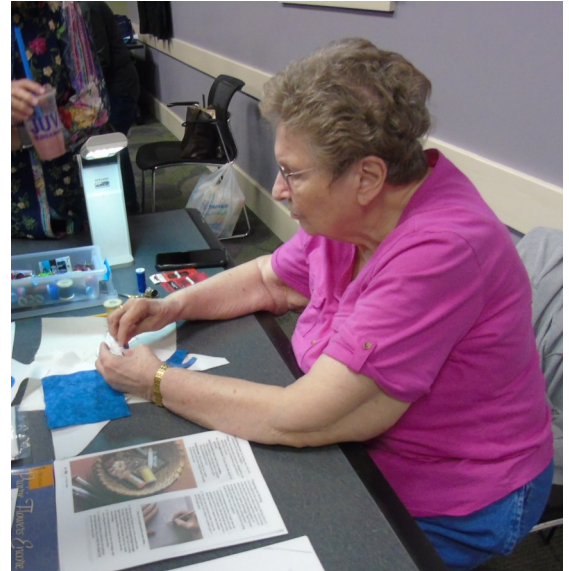


Four half-square triangles can be made by placing two squares of fabric right side together. Mark two diagonal lines corner to corner and sew a 1/4" seam around all four sides of the square and then cut on the diagonal lines, open, press and trim and you have four half square triangles.

Numerous YouTube videos can be found to assist with these techniques.



Program—Applique Techniques



Thank you to our guild members—Polly Duggan, Christy Calhoun, Lucy Large, Ann Callender and Cindy Pannier for sharing their favorite techniques on how to applique. Some guild members were introduced to these techniques for the first time.

Thanks also to Kathleen Greer for gathering this team.





Sew-n-Tell



Pam Beard has been working with her embroidery machine to embroider a t-shirt of her daughter that will soon be graduating from UMMC Physical Therapy school. Also embroidering on the sleeve and around the neck of long sleeve shirts for the wedding party of a friend of her daughter's. What talent and patience.



Ellen Meeler—precious Baby quilt and Lovey



Sew-n-Tell



Ann Callender and two UFO baby quilts and a quilt for Swayze, new to the family.

Cindy Braatz—crib quilt





Sew-n-Tell



Sarah Ketchem—Letters From My Beloved



Cindy Barnett—Dreaming Peacock



Pamela Kirby—Blueberry Bounty and LOVE U baby quilt



Linda Wolfe—Stained Glass pillow





Sew-n-Tell



Diana Carey-Smith
Blue square and three cheater quilts, great for practicing quilting on her long-arm as well as great looking quilts.



Delene Browning—
Water color and
Spring wall hangings





Sew-n-Tell



Martha Ludke—two quilts made from the President’s Challenge squares,
Four block and Chain quilts



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, April 5th at the
MSU Extension-Rankin County Bldg**

**Guild meeting—Monday, April 7th at the
Brandon Library - Social Time at 6:00 pm;
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**