



MAY 2025

Quilters,

With all of the rain we've had in May, I've been staying busy with quilting since it's been too wet to get outside – or maybe that's just me. I've been putting the quilting time to good use working on my UFOs. My sister will get a long overdue quilt when I visit her mid-June.

Early summer seems to be Quilt Show season. Personally, I'm attending 2 shows this summer and hope to see something new – at least to me.

Susie Guyton will present a program on Wool Applique at our June meeting. I hope to see everyone next week.

Pam



May 5, 2025 minutes -

The meeting was called to order by president Pam Avara. There were 35 members in attendance and two visitors—Katie and Ceila Burkett (mother and daughter).

Pam asked for approval of the April minutes as noted in the April newsletter, after the misspelling of Marilyn Rose's last name is corrected - Ann Williams made a motion to approve, Kathleen Greer made the second and all approved.

Ann Callender gave the Treasurer report, we currently have a balance of \$8,823.69 (includes retreat funds), \$5,453.83 are the current available funds. Since the available funds do not include UFO funds, our UFO challenge was explained for our new members and visitors.

Polly Duggan reported that 12 quilts were delivered to the Veteran's Home this past Friday.

Pam Beard has mailed out 9 birthday cards for May.

Sarah Ketchum stated that Quida Davis's quilts are currently on display in the library (May & June).

Patriotic quilts will be displayed during July and August, please contact Sarah if you have a quilt that can be included in the display.



May 5, 2025 minutes *continued* -

May's Sit-n-Sew included a charm bag class taught by our own Kathleen Greer. Numerous bags were made and a good time had by all.

MQA update by Kathleen Greer—the June Gathering registration is active on the MQA website (mississippiquilt.org). Classes are \$35. The instructors will forward a list of supplies required prior to the gathering. Friday night dinner and Saturday breakfast will require prior registration.

GSQA (Gulf States Quilting Association) will have their POE (Pursuit of Excellence) this month. The demonstration will be May 24th on the Coast. GSQA members are encouraged to attend and then return to their guilds and teach/share what they learned.

Christy Calhoun invited all to join the Wynndale Quilters for their 2-day sit-n-sew on this Thursday and Friday (May 8 & 9) from 9:00am– 4:00pm each day at the Wynndale Baptist Church. Please bring your machine, projects, beverages and lunch.

Saturday, May 10th the Clinton Quilters will meet at 10am for demonstrations and then sit-n-sew at the Clinton library—The Quisenberry Library.

Pamela Kirby delivered a total of 68 dog beds during April and May. She asked for donations of unused yarn for Trustees to have while learning to crochet.

Debbie Wilson reminded us of our annual retreat at Lake Tiak O'Khata this September 18-21. We have 18 registered so far. The registration form is on our website or check with our welcome desk.

Pam Avara presented Tips and Tricks—sewing bias strips together.

Pam Avara shared the 5th clue to our 2025 Mystery Quilt, we will be joining all those flying geese we made last month into flowers.

Our program for the night was presented by Debbie Wilson—The Versatile 9 patch quilt block.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch

Brandon Quilters Secretary/Newsletter



June Gathering is scheduled for June 6 & 7. Classes and registration are available on the MQA website. Review the class selection and register before they reach their capacities at mississippiquilt.org



Mystery Quilt—Clue 5

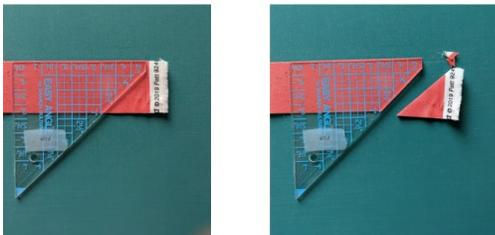
Pam shared clue 5 for our mystery quilt. We will be sewing our 2 colorway flying geese (that we made last month) together this month to make flowers. For a total of 16 for the small quilt and 60 for the large.



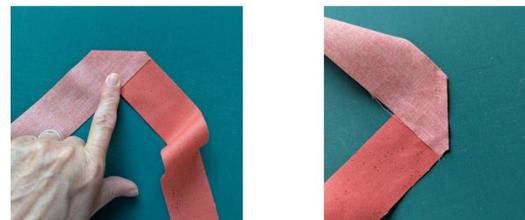
Tips, Tricks and Tools—

Pam prefers to use the Easy Angle Tool when cutting bias strips and then sewing them together for binding. Cutting the end of the strips with the ruler eliminates the dog ears and makes the lining up of strips for sewing easier. Once the strips are sew together she suggests that the seams be pressed open to reduce seam bulk.

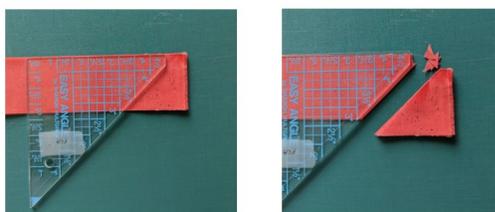
Use the Easy AngleTool



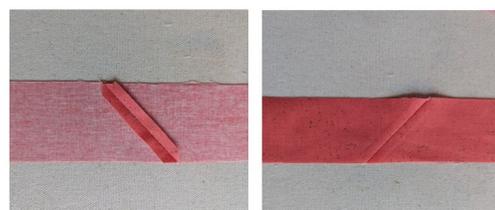
Align the Edges and Stitch



Cut the Other End the Same Way



Press the Seam Open





Program—The Versatile Disappearing 9 patch block



Debbie shared a presentation on various 9 patch quilt blocks. She displayed numerous 9 patch blocks on design boards showing the variety of blocks this quilt block can make by being assembled and then cut in various ways and put back together differently with interesting results.

Debbie's presentation will be attached separately from the newsletter and available on our website—brandonquilters.com



This completed quilt is a Disappearing 9 patch quilt Debbie started in a class taught by Joan Alliston a few years back.

Some of the information shared in Debbie's presentation came from Lea Louise from "Inspired Quilting by Lea Louise."

<https://inspiredquiltingbylealouise.com/lea-louise/>

Also from the Double Disappearing 9 Patch Tutorial from Wendy J Haney

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxyrwGmGsl8>



Sew-n-Tell

Community quilts assembled from the Pam's President's Challenge blocks. Many guild members assembled and quilted these (pictured are Pam, Diana Carey-Smith, Ann Callender and Marcella Comans).



Pam Beard, Ruby Lowe and Pam Avara showing the "Charm" bags they made during Kathleen's class on May 3rd during our May Sit-n-Sew.





Sew-n-Tell



Sarah Ketchum—Shaving bag, Project bag & ID holder



Pam Avara—Blue Waters
2011 RWB Mystery
Dragonfly Garden
and Illusions





Sew-n-Tell



Ruby Lowe—2024 Block of the Month quilt



Kathleen Greer—1600' in 1930's reproduction



Christy Calhoun—
Flat Mat bag



Marilyn Rose -
Jackson Sampler and
Beach Bargello



Sew-n-Tell



Pamela Kirby shared several baby bibs and burp clothes she has made for donations.



Martha Ludke—Life Choices (quilt with blocks of various colleges for a new high school graduate to select from)



Karin Brown -
Scrappy string quilt

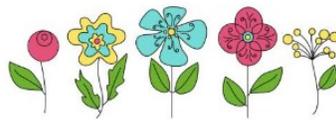




Sew-n-Tell



Celia Taylor -
Memory Pillow



Medina Richards -
Colorful table runner



Hope all Mom's had a wonderful Mother's Day, whether your children have two legs or four.

The following are a few "Mother" quotes, some to make you smile and others to chuckle.

Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother."

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then, I want to move in with them."

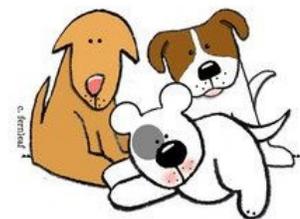
- Phyllis Diller

When you look into your mother's eyes, you know that is the purest love you can find on this earth. "

"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow." — Maya Angelou

If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning."

Happy Mother's Day



to the
World's Best Dog Mom!

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

**Guild meeting—Monday, June 2nd at the
Brandon Library - Social Time at 6:00 pm;
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**

Sit n' Sew

**Saturday, June 7th at the
MSU Extension-Rankin County Bldg**