



AUGUST 2025



President's Message:

Quilters -

We had a great turn out for our August meeting for Pam Beard's program on crayon quilts. If you didn't finish your block at the meeting, please bring it to the September meeting. We are gathering them to make community quilts.

At the September meeting Beth Sonnier will be filling in for me. She will have the instructions for completing the last block of the mystery quilt and Jonce' Smith will be demonstrating the Hunter's Star Block. It should be another great meeting.

Pam

August 4, 2025 minutes -

The meeting was called to order by president Pam Avara. There were 48 members in attendance, plus returning visitor—Melissa Martz and Pam Beard's friend, Maurice Evans.

Pam asked for approval of the July minutes as noted in the July newsletter— Diane Carey-Smith made a motion to approve, a second was made and all approved.

Ann Callender gave the Treasurer report, we currently have a balance of \$10,971.69 (this includes our retreat and UFO funds), \$5,537.83 are the current available funds.

Polly Duggan brought two bags of community quilts tonight that are to be delivered to the Star Fire Department.

Pam Beard mailed out 3 cards for August birthdays.

Sarah Ketchum stated there are 25 patriotic quilts currently displayed in the library, be sure to check them out.

MQA update by Kathleen Greer—the Fall Gathering is to be held in Winona on October 3rd & 4th. Reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn Express or Comfort Inn Suites. Beth Sonnier stated there are to be 10 to 12 learning tables and reminded everyone of the MQA President's challenge due at the meeting. MQA is celebrating 35 years. Requirements—35 inch square quilt (finished) utilizing coral and jade—the 35th anniversary colors.



August 4, 2025 minutes *continued* -

Wynndale Quilters will have a two day sewing gathering on August 14 & 15, 9:00am– 4:00pm at the Wynndale Baptist Church. Please bring your machine, projects, beverages and lunch.

The Clinton Quilters meet the second Saturday of each month at 10am for demonstrations and then sit-n-sew at the Clinton library—The Quisenberry Library.

Puckett has a new quilting group gathering for the first time on Saturday, August 9th at the Puckett library.

The MS State Fair is looking featuring Americana items at the fair this year and would love to have quilts included. Please contact Joyce Scarborough at 601-750-5351. We will share additional information as it comes available as well.

Pam Kirby announced 127 dog beds and several bandana's have been delivered to date this year.

Debbie Wilson informed us there are 23 quilters registered to attend our retreat in September.

Suzie Guyton presented Tips and Tricks—Sewing with Scraps

Pam Avara shared the 8th clue to our 2025 Mystery Quilt. She also requested volunteers for the Nominating committee. Debbie Wilson (board member), Diana Carey-Smith and Celia Taylor (guild members) agreed to serve. Officer nominees are to be submitted at our October meeting and voted on at the November meeting.

Our program for the night was presented by Pam Beard—Crayon quilts with hands on fun to color quilt blocks for a community quilt.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch

Brandon Quilters Secretary/Newsletter

Mystery Quilt—Clue 8

Pam shared clue 8 for our mystery quilt. Four and 1/2 inch blocks are cut from our background fabric (10-small quilt / 30 for large quilt).

These will be sewn on both sides of the remaining Color A squares from Clue 7. Press seams towards the background fabric.

Resulting in 5 rows for the small quilt and 15 for the large quilt.

Each unit should measure 12 1/2 inches x 4 1/2 inches.





Tips, Tricks and Tools—

Susie Guyton presented—Sewing with Scraps

- Always be on the lookout for quilt patterns that will work with scraps.
- Cut your scraps into the sizes you can use for the patterns chosen. Cut strips out of larger scraps. You can then cut in squares/rectangles, or in sizes needed.
- You can use a scrap project as a “Leader and Ender”.
- If you are sewing a scrap/scrappy project exclusively, use this opportunity to empty bobbins and spools of thread of their remaining thread.
- To bring a scrappy quilt together, choose 1 color (not necessarily 1 fabric) to use for borders, sashing, cornerstones, etc.
- Consider cutting your scraps into your desire sizes right after completing your last project



Program—Crayon quilts



Pam Beard presented Crayon quilts, first showing the “Princess” quilt she had made her daughter when she was a child. Pam removed the quilt from her daughter’s bed today in order to show it. The quilt has been well loved over the years and recolored on various blocks from time to time.



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Patterns for quilt blocks can be found in:

- Children’s coloring books
- Adult coloring books
- Coloring note cards
- Zentangle books

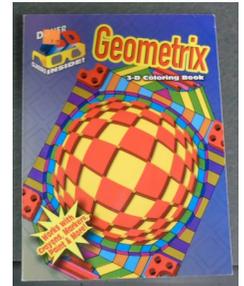
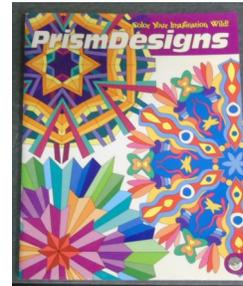
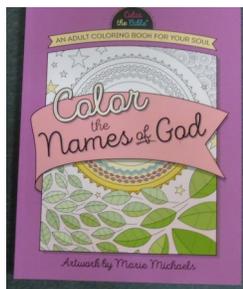
Online, search the topic “black & white outline”

Enlarge patterns via a copier

Trace designs to simply lines, if complex

Supplies needed:

- Light box or 9x13 glass dish with a light underneath
- Iron
- Doodle tablet or newspaper (for blotting)
- Patterns
- Muslin squares (10 1/2” or preferred size)
- Crayola brand crayons (essential for best results)



Instructions:

1. Prepare your fabric -

- Cut muslin to desired unfinished size
- Fold muslin in quarters to mark center

2. Align your pattern -

- Mark the center of your pattern
- Align and center pattern and muslin on light box

3. Trace the design

- Use pigment ink pens to trace design
- Black pens work well for outlines
- Optional: match pen color to planned crayon color

4. Color with Crayons

- Use only Crayola-brand crayons (other brands may leave oily rings or lack pigment)
- Saturate the area with rich color
- Begin with light shading, then layer more color

5. Set the color with heat

- Plug in iron and set to “cotton”
- Place blotting paper above and below the muslin
- Press gently to melt wax and set the color
- Blotting paper will absorb excess wax and protect your iron



Program—Crayon quilts

Everyone enjoyed the hands on “coloring” of the muslin blocks.





Sew-n-Tell



Sarah Ketchum—Stain Glass Magic
(class taught by Kathleen Greer)



Cyndi Bailey—Southern Girl



Debbie Wilson— Peacock panel and Wacky Squares





Sew-n-Tell



Pam Avara -
Panel quilt and
3 yard quilt
(fabrics generat-
ed from Daniel
Butler's original
artwork.



Danielle Butler's original artwork and fabric generated by Spoonflower from each.





Sew-n-Tell



Danielle Butler—Panel quilt



Polly Duggan—Sweet 16, scrappy



Cindy Pannier -
Pizza Box challenge
quilt (2022—Quilters by
Heart's Desire guild)
And Courtside bag





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Sew-n-Tell



Pamela Kirby -
Sassy, Animals
are the Stars,
Accidents Hap-
pen and Tones of
Love



Martha Ludke -
Polly's example
and Chains





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Sew-n-Tell



Sherlene Abringo—Origami bags
(taught by Beth Sonnier)



Dawn Taylor—Moon Dance Revival



Cyndi Bailey and
Janeane Babb -
Cork Purses



Grace Applewhite—Christmas panel




MQA
Mississippi Quilt Association

Fall Gathering -October 3rd & 4th
Winona, MS—see mississippiquilt.org
for additional details

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

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, September 6th at the MSU Extension-Rankin County Bldg

Guild meeting—Monday, September 8th (due to Labor Day) at the Brandon Library - Social Time at 6:00 pm; Meeting begins at 6:30 pm