



SEPTEMBER 2025



President's Message:

Quilters,

I'd like to thank Beth Sonnier for filling in for me at the September meeting. I've been told she did a great job, which I knew she would. I understand that I missed a great presentation by Jonce' Smith as well.

The quilt retreat is now over for the year. It was a great time to visit with friends and focus on quilting without having to worry about meals or distractions. It seems like every hour someone was having a "Tada!" moment with a finish. If you have never been to a retreat before consider attending next year's retreat. Pamela Kirby will have more information after the first of the new year.

In October I'll present the layout and border options for Chain of Blossoms, this year's mystery quilt. We will also have a program on landscape quilts. If you have made one, please consider bringing it to share with the group.

Pam A

September 8, 2025 minutes -

The meeting was called to order by vice president Beth Sonnier. There were 48 members in attendance, plus returning visitor—Melissa Martz.

Ann Callender gave the Treasurer report, we currently have available funds \$5,441.06. Payment to Lake Tiak O'Khata for the retreat has been made.

Polly Duggan stated that the Star Fire Department was very thankful for the quilts donated last month. They share with small fire departments in their area as well.

Pam Beard mailed out 3 cards for the September birthdays.

Sarah Ketchum shared that Grace Applegate will have quilts displayed in the Brandon library during the months of September and October. Sarah thanked those who provided red, white and blue quilts and reminded them the quilts are ready for pick up.

MQA update by Kathleen Greer—the Fall Gathering is to be held in Winona on October 3rd & 4th. Our own Polly Duggan will be honored as a Legacy Quilter during the Saturday program.

GSQA will have their next quarterly meeting on October 25th in Harahan, LA. They are having a workshop on the Friday prior to the meeting. The maximum has been met on the workshop. Their next meeting will be January 17, 2026. Location and program to be determined.

September 8, 2025 minutes *continued* -

Pam Kirby announced 127 dog beds and several bandana's have been delivered to date this year. Bandanas for large dogs have been requested. Thanks for yarn donations, the inmates of the Rankin County Jail greatly appreciate them.

Our September Sit-n-Sew had been this past Saturday—September 6th (1st Saturday of the month).

Wynndale Quilters meet the first Thursday of each month at the Wynndale Baptist Church in Terry. Please bring your machine, projects, beverages and lunch.

The Clinton Quilters meet the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am for demonstrations and then sit-n-sew at the Clinton library—The Quisenberry Library.

Puckett Quilters meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Puckett library at 11:00 am.

Debbie Wilson reminded those registered to attend our retreat to bring table cloths, as the tables at Lake Tiak O' Khata have been well used.

Beth announced that the nominating committee have candidates for all open 2026 positions and the slate will be presented during the October meeting and voting will take place at our November meeting.

Marilyn Rose will be presenting Landscape quilts at our October meeting.

Paulette Walley announced a Mississippi Shop Hop in March 2026—Quilting in the Sip. More details will be announced as they come available.

Beth announced there is a new quilt shop in town—Delta Threads, a branch of their Cleveland store. They are a Bernina dealer and carry some fabric. Currently Moda and Grunge fabrics are the prominent choices.

The State Fair will be displaying Americana quilts and crafts this year—quilts will be accepted at the Fair Grounds on September 25th 9am—5 pm.

Beth shared the 9th clue to our 2025 Mystery Quilt.

Patricia Welsch presented Tips and Tricks—what was learned at the August 9th, GSQA POE (Gulf States Quilting Association—Pursuit of Excellence). Patricia and Pam Avara both attended.

Our program for the night was presented by Jonce' Smith—Hunter Star quilts made easily with the Deb Tucker Studio 180 tools.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch

Brandon Quilters Secretary/Newsletter



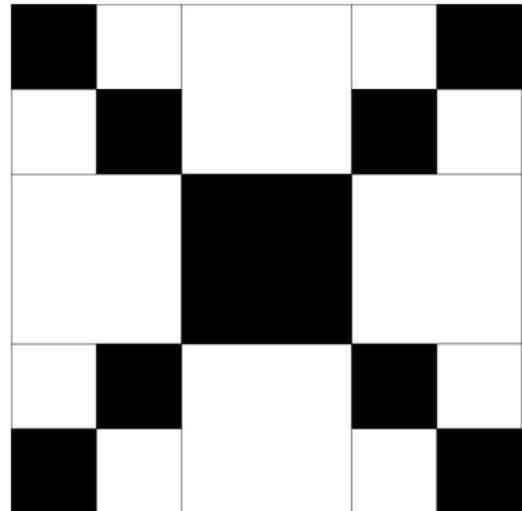
Mystery Quilt—Clue 9

Beth Sonnier presented Clue 9.

Cut 4 1/2" squares from your background fabric. Ten for the small quilt and 30 for the large one. Sew a 4-patch (from Clue #1) to each side of the background square. **Pay attention to the orientation** of the 4-patch. Make 10 rows for the small quilt and 30 for the large quilt. Finished row should measure 12 1/2" x 4 1/2".



Combine these new rows to the rows assembled in Clue #7, making 5 blocks for the small quilt or 15 blocks for the large quilt. The block should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".

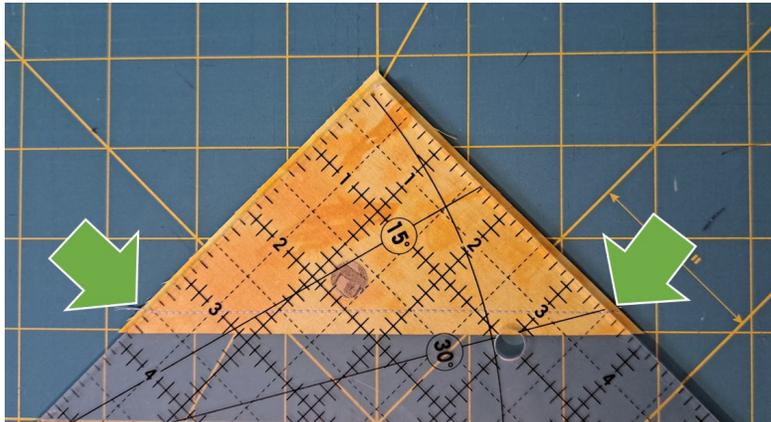


Tips, Tricks and Tools—

Patricia Welsch presented a presentation based on the August 9th GSQA POE (Gulf State Quilting Association's quarterly Pursuit of Excellence) that she and Pam Avara attended. The purpose of the POE is to share what is learned at the event with our home guilds.

The focus of this POE was the accurate 1/4" seam. Our instructor, displayed and discussed several ways to check your 1/4" seam. One being sewing 3 short fabric strips that are 1 1/2 " wide and measuring across the sewn piece, it should be 3 1/2" wide. The middle piece would be 1" wide and the two sides 1 1/4" wide. The instructor preferred to measure from one seam of the middle piece to the outside edge and that measurement would be 2 1/4". If your machine has the capability, moving the needle to the left or right to adjust your seam is useful. Sew another test piece and measure again, until it is accurate.

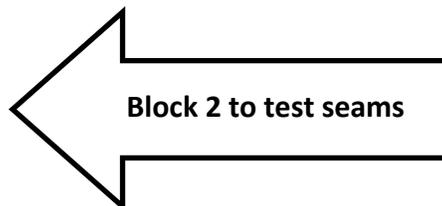
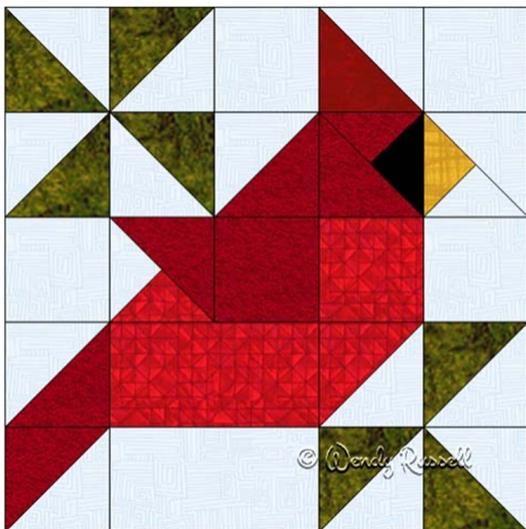
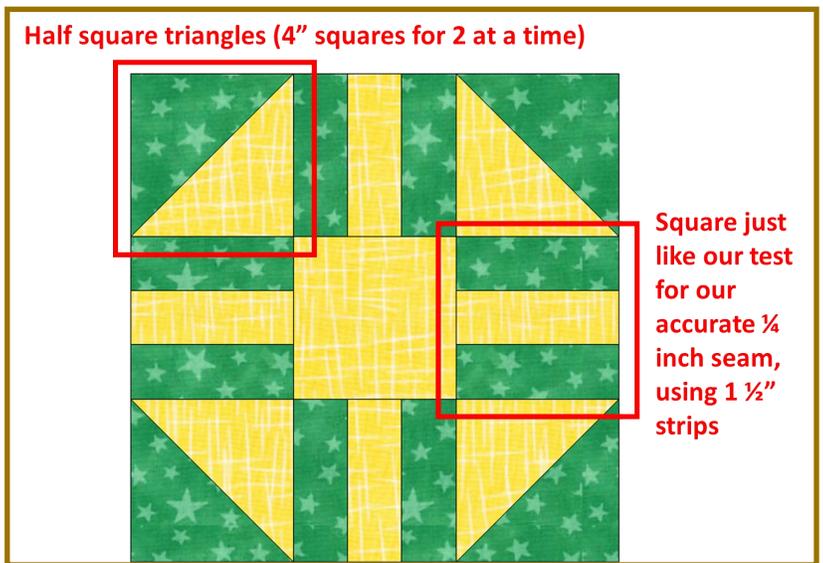
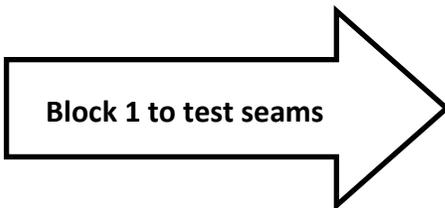
We then tested what we learned by sewing a couple of quilt blocks, that were to measure 12 1/2" square unfinished. Both blocks included half-square triangles. Our instructor is against constantly buying special rulers and demoed how to square up a half-square triangle with the corner of most any quilting ruler. See photos on the next page.



Trimming a half-square triangle by leaving piece as sewn, right sides facing, place corner of ruler diagonally on corner with ruler lined up on the seam line (ex. 3 1/2"). Trim on both sides, open and when pressed you have an accurate 3 1/2" half-square triangle.



Spin your seams with your final pressing of the half-square triangles to lessen bulk. The center will be a mini pinwheel.



The Cardinal block that we pieced is available FREE from

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/>

Search for cardinal or red bird.

Tips, Tricks and Tools *continued*—

Patricia also demoed and distributed small pieces of an inexpensive shelf liner that can be found at Dollar stores. The GSQA instructor shared this product, as it can be placed on cutting mats or fabric under rulers to keep them from moving when cutting.

A personal tip from Patricia as shared by quilting friend, Polly Duggan. When making sample blocks or attending classes, use fabric colors or a theme that you would like make a quilt from. Blocks from holiday themed fabric can become a Christmas quilt some day. Patricia likes to use blue and yellow fabrics hoping to make a blue and yellow quilt in the future.

Program—Hunter Star quilts

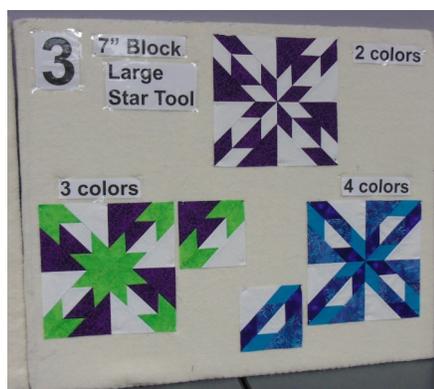
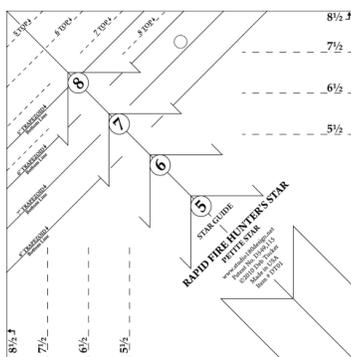
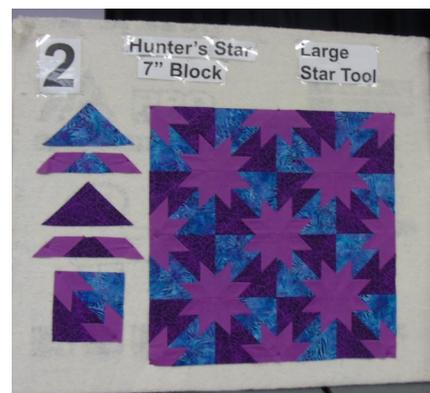


Beth introduced Jonce' Smith as our presenter for our program on Hunter Star quilts. Jonce' is a member of both MQA and GSQA, as well as a circuit teacher for GSQA. She is a representative for Studio 180 Design a company that Deb Tucker started. Deb Tucker currently has 28 tools that she patented herself. Deb Tucker's tools are designed for accuracy as "forgiveness" is built into the tools. Quilt blocks are made slightly larger and then trimmed to size required.

Jonce 'presented the tool for the Rapid Fire Hunter's Star and explained how to use it to produce numerous types of Hunter Star quilts. Blocks ranging from 5" to 8" finished blocks with the petite star tool and 7" to 10" finished blocks with the large star tool. The tools allow for cutting pieces via strips, avoiding bias edges on the seam lines as they are on the straight of grain of the fabric. The use of light and dark fabrics make striking quilts.

Program—Hunter Star quilts *continued*

Boards that Jonce' had displayed to show some of the various Hunter Point quilt blocks and their components made with Deb Tucker's Hunter Star tools.



A couple of the beautiful Hunter's Star quilts Jonce' had made with the Deb Tucker tool.



Sew-n-Tell



Karin Brown—has been busy with crafts, the cute flower on her jacket and several Christmas ornaments



Susie Guyton—Autumn flowers



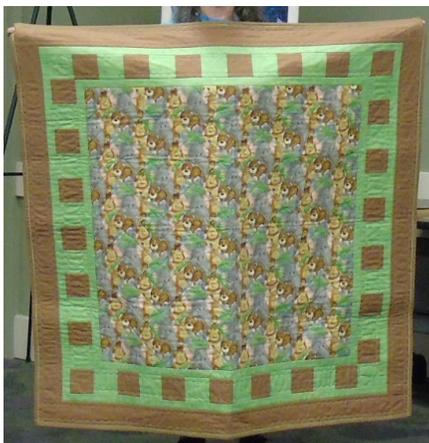
Diana Carey-Smith -
Sudoku quilt,
Good Heavens
Wedding Ring



Sew-n-Tell



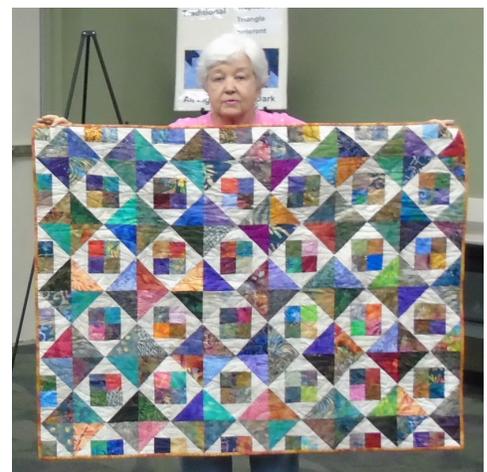
Martha Ludke—
Community
quilts



Patricia Welsch—One Big Picture, 3 yard quilt and Happy Go Lucky, QAYG—front and back



Delene Browning—Autumn wall hang-
ing, baby quilt & Mary's Triangles



Sew-n-Tell



Pamela Kirby -
God's Promise, Sweet Autumn Sky,
Pumpkin and Holiday Love



Sheila Kolle -
Shifting Pinwheels

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2025 FALL GATHERING

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—WINONA, MS

October 3-4, 2025

Doors Open Friday—3 pm / Saturday—8 am

Vendors—Oxford Quilts, Ritzy Quilting & Twin Oaks Crafts

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;

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Dates to Remember

Sit n' Sew

**Saturday, October 4th at the MSU Extension-Rankin
County Bldg**

**Guild meeting—Monday, October 6th
at the Brandon Library -**

Social Time at 6:00 pm; Meeting begins at 6:30 pm