



OCTOBER 2025



President's Message:

Quilters,

Marilyn's program inspired me to dig through my vacation photos to find something to turn into a landscape quilt. I haven't found the right photo, but I see a landscape quilt in my future.

Additional quilting inspiration has come from my mad dash to Kansas City for my long-arm dealer's annual fall sale. As I write this note, that quilt is on my design wall. When I get home from the Guild States Quilt Association meeting I'll add another to the wall to work on.

November brings us our annual Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It Auction. Take a look around your sewing room and consider passing along those items which no longer inspire you and are just taking up space.

Pam

October 6, 2025 minutes -

The meeting was called to order by president Pam Avara. There were 38 members in attendance.

Pam asked for approval of the September minutes as noted in the September newsletter. Polly Duggan mentioned one correction as it was Ann Williams that relayed thanks from Chief Squires of the Star Fire Department for the quilts we had donated, not Polly. The minutes were motioned to approve with this correction by Cindy Braatz and second by Judy Stanley, all were in agreement.

Ann Callender gave the Treasurer report, we currently have available funds \$5,391.06. Beginning balance was \$12,504.92. Expenses included payment to Lake Tiak O'Khata for the retreat, our MQA door prize and guest speaker payment.

Polly Duggan has recently delivered quilts to the UMMC Children's Safe Center and VA Home.

Pam Beard mailed out 9 cards for the October birthdays and 2 Get Well cards.

Sarah Ketchum announced that Grace Applegate now has quilts displayed in the Brandon library. They will be displayed through the end of October. This past Saturday's Sit-n-Sew had 10 in attendance, which was great with all the other activities taking place that weekend.

October 6, 2025 minutes *continued* -

MQA update by Beth Sonnier—the next gathering is to be held in Ocean Springs on February 6 and 7. Details will be shared as they develop. The MQA leadership is currently planning the 2026 June Gathering. Mark your calendars for June 5 & 6, if Eagle Ridge is selected or June 12 & 13 should negotiations work out with the Vicksburg Convention Center. Polly Duggan was honored at the recent Fall Gathering as a Legacy Quilter. It was a honor to hear her speak of her quilting journey.

GSQA update by Beth Sonnier—their next quarterly meeting is Saturday, October 25th in Harahan, LA. A workshop is planned on the Friday before, Turning Leaves. GSQA will hold it's first quarterly meeting in 2026 on January 15th, details to be announced.

Ann McDonald announced the Wynndale Quilters will meet this Thursday (the first Thursday of each month) at the Wynndale Baptist Church in Terry. Please bring your machine, projects, beverages and lunch.

Pamela Kirby announced 207 dog beds, 47 small and 12 large bandana's have been delivered this year. Thanks to all your contributions to this continuing project.

Pamela Kirby is the chairperson/organizer of our 2026 retreat and announced the dates as September 17—20, 2026 at Lake Tiak O'Khata. Be sure to mark your calendars now.

Pam Avara reminded all that next month is our Make It, Sew It, Grow It, Bake It auction. We will not have Sew-n-Tell UNLESS you have a quilt that you will be shipping off for a holiday gift and the November meeting would be the only opportunity to show it.

Our slate of officers for 2026 were announced. Voting will take place during our November meeting.

President—Susie Guyton

Treasurer—Ann McDonald

Vice President—Beth Sonnier

Secretary/Newsletter—Patricia Welsch

Karin Brown presented Tips & Tricks—Hexagon quilt as you go. Also, Karin asked that you contact her if you would like to volunteer for the 2026 Tips and Tricks portion of our programs.

Our program for the night was presented by Marilyn Rose—Landscape quilts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch

Brandon Quilters Secretary/Newsletter



Mystery Quilt—Final steps



Borders of above quilt—1 inch inner border, 4 inch (finished) outer border.

Sew the blocks together, alternating chain and star blocks for a stunning quilt top. Three blocks by three blocks for those making the smaller quilt. Larger quilts will be five blocks by six blocks.

Add borders, as many as you like and in the size(s) you would like to enhance your quilt, or make it larger. Please bring your completed quilts or tops to our December meeting to show.



Tips, Tricks and Tools—



Karin Brown demoed the 2 1/2 “quilt as you go” Hexagon template from Missouri Star. The two piece set, has the smaller hexie that can be cut from 5 inch squares (or charm pack) for the center of the hexagons. It is also used for cutting the batting for the finished hexagon. The larger template is used for cutting the backing of each hexagon using a 6 inch strip of fabric cut from the width of fabric or 6 inch squares.

- The components are layered—backing wrong side up, batting and center-right side up, using the large template for placement of these.

Tips, Tricks and Tools *continued*—

- The backing is double folded over each edge of the hexagon shape, making nice mitered corners with each side's final fold. Backing fabric is pinned or clipped on all sides as you fold. Sew backing fabric all around the hexagon being careful at the corners.
- Join the hexagons together by placing two completed hexagons together and zigzag them together on one side of the touching hexagons. Sew your hexagons together in this manner until the quilt project is the size you desire.

Different colored backing squares can be used for a creative back of the project or quilt. Karin is displaying a table runner she made, front and back.



Program—Landscape quilts

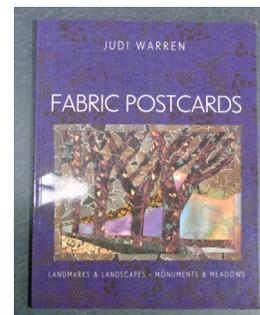
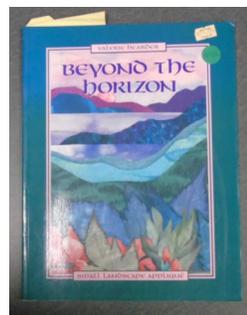
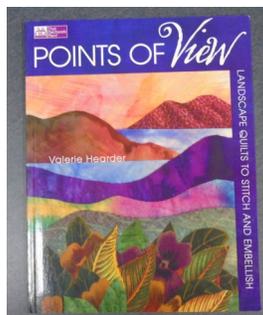
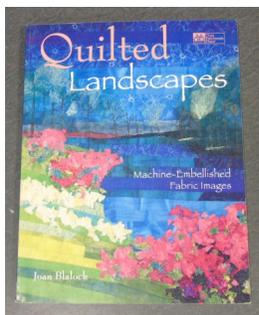
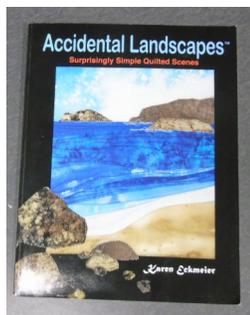


Marilyn Rose shared her journey on landscape quilts. She taught a class in 2009 at a MQA Gathering. (The handouts from that class were distributed). In 2003 at the Houston International quilt show, she was fortunate to have her travel journal mini quilts (nine 8 x 11 quilts) displayed. The mini quilts were created from pictures that were taken from the interstates as she was traveling. She called the exhibit "Drive by Shootings".

Once you have selected a photo or picture you would like to make a quilt of, enlarge it to the size you plan to create. Do a line drawing from the enlargement to assist in developing your quilt. Start your creation with the sky in the background, the mountains, trees, lakes and end with the nature closest to you in the photo.

Marilyn recommended the following books to learn more on landscape quilts: *Accidental Landscapes*—Karen Eckmeir; *Quilted Landscapes*—Joan Blalock; *Points of View and Beyond the Horizon*—Valerie Heardy and *Fabric Postcards* by Judi Warren.

Program—Landscape quilts *continued*



Marilyn and Polly Duggan shared numerous samples of landscape art quilts they have made over the years.



Sew-n-Tell



Ruby Lowe—The Raven

Pam Avara—Cascades,
Monterrey Medallions,
Stack n'Whack, Sheryl
and a Vintage Christmas
Sampler



Sew-n-Tell

Sally Gaddis—
Halloween
pennants



Diana Carey-Smith—
Blue turtle, Pink and
brown deer, Chameleon
and Gold turtle (front
and back) baby quilts



Sew-n-Tell



Christy Calhoun—pillow sham and Jigsaw throw



Polly Duggan—Randolph



Patricia Welsch—Community quilt, a 3 yard quilt



Dawn Taylor—paper doll quilt with changes of outfits

Danielle Butler—Amish quilt find for her daughter





Marilyn Rose—Roam quilt top

Karen Petrigani -

Birthday mat, batik quilt, sewing machine wall hanging and jelly row quilt



Sew-n-Tell



Martha Ludke -
Nine patch and
Squares



Pamela Kirby -
A Mother's
Memory quilts
1990 and 1993



Pam Walker—
Square in a square





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November 3rd meeting

Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It Auction

Monthly -

The Wynndale Quilters meet the first Thursday of each month at the Wynndale Baptist Church in Terry, 9am-4pm

Projects, sewing machine, supplies and lunch/drinks will need to be brought to each meeting.



GSQA will hold it's first 2026 quarterly meeting on January 15th, location and details will be shared when plans are complete.



First 2026 meeting will be held in Ocean Springs on February 6 and 7. Details will be shared as they develop.

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, November 1st at the MSU Extension-
Rankin County Bldg**

**Guild meeting—Monday, November 3rd
at the Brandon Library -**

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