



DECEMBER 2025



President's Message:

Quilters,

As we approach the New Year your guild officers have been at work to develop the program topics for 2026. Thank you to all who have helped with this process. It is our goal to help our members learn from our programs and to perhaps find a spark of interest in something new. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find the schedule of programs.

Our first meeting of 2026 will be Monday, Jan 5th. Our program will be "Vintage Quilts and Their Stories. We are asking for you to look in your closets, cedar chests, or wherever a vintage quilt may be resting. We would like to see them and hear their story, if you know it. Even if you don't know much about the quilt's provenance, that is part of the quilt's current story. We ask that the quilt(s) be at least 45 years of age. Two quilts per person to share. Let's dust our vintage pieces off and give them some love at the beginning of this new year.

I would like to thank our past president Pam Avara for her help and encouragement she has generously shared so the guild would have a smooth start to a new year.

Keep Stitching,
Susie



December, 2025 minutes -

The meeting was called to order by president Pam Avara. There were 34 members in attendance and two visitors, Sarah Gayden and Amy Garland (Lucy's daughter).

Pam asked for approval of the November minutes as noted in the November newsletter. A motion was made by Pam Beard and second by Susie Guyton, all were in agreement.

Ann Callender gave the Treasurer report, we currently have available funds of \$6,851.06.

Pam Beard, our Sunshine volunteer stated the December birthday cards are on their way.

Polly Duggan of Community quilts, thanked everyone who donated in 2025. She challenged everyone to donate one quilt during your birthday month to greatly enhance this program.

Pam Kirby stated there have been 222 dog beds donated year-to-date. Thanks to all of you and your scrap donations.

December Sit-n-Sew is Saturday, December 6th at the MS Extension building. Brandon Quilters, Rankin Quilters and Quilters by Heart's Desire leadership are to meet to discuss 2026 programs at 10:00 am. Committee leaders for Brandon Quilters will meet after that meeting, hopefully at 11:00 am for brief discussions.

Wynndale Quilters to meet December 11th at Wynndale Baptist Church in Terry. Be sure to bring your lunch and everything you need for the project you are working on.

MQA update—the first meeting will be held on February 6 and 7 in Ocean Springs. More details to come.

Gulf States Quilting Association—1st 2026 Quarterly Membership Meeting will be January 17, 2026, at 10 a.m. in Duson, LA. See their website for more details.

Clinton Quilters are not meeting in the month of December.

Pam Avara thanked all of her leadership team for their work during 2025. Pam also passed the gable on to our 2026 president, Susie Guyton. Our food was blessed and we lined up for a pot-luck feast. After eating, show-n-tell was shared and then everyone formed a circle for the Wright Family Christmas Game.

Susie closed the meeting by announcing the January 5th meeting will be Vintage quilts and their stories. Please bring up to 2 quilts that are 40 years or older and share a short story about them.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch

Brandon Quilters Secretary/Newsletter



2025 Mystery Quilt



Completed 2025 Mystery quilts— Pamela Kirby, Susie Guyton and Linda Gray

Sew-n-Tell—UFO's



Ann Callender—
Hopscotch
Butterscotch



Cindy Pannier—
Stain glass



Pamela Kirby -
Daddy, I Want a Bay
Window
And
Clara's Pride



Sew-n-Tell—UFO's



Susie Guyton



Diana Carey-Smith -
Candy Crossing



Sew-n-Tell—



Ruby Lowe -
Christmas sweatshirt
and
Table topper





Pamela Kirby -
John Deer Green, United
States, Feng Shui, Fairy
Dreams, Keep Monkeying
Around and Dinosaurs Rule



Sew-n-Tell—



Pamela Kirby -
Go Dawgs quilt and Cowbell
pillow
Gnome for the Holidays and
Polyester memories



Karen Petrigani -
Quilted coat and
Mini Christmas tree
shirt



Sew-n-Tell—



Martha Ludke -
Community Quilts



Sarah Ketchum -
Memory quilt



Linda Wolfe—Coat of Many Colors & Frank Lloyd Wright



Sew-n-Tell—



Diana Carey-Smith -
Pink Baby quilt, Log Cabin and
Red & White quilt



Marilyn Rose -
Cat Sampler



Guild members forming a circle for our annual

Wright Family Christmas game



Pam Avara passing the gavel on to new guild president Susie Guyton.

Thanks to Pam for the past 3 years of serving as our president.



2026 Programs

Date of meeting	Program	Presenter
January 5	Vintage Quilts & their stories	All guild members
February 2	Simple Gifts	Susie Guyton
March 2	Trapunto	Diana Carey-Smith
April 6	Birthday & President's Challenge	All guild members
May 4	Folded Fabric flower	Beth Sonnier
June 1	Round Table—Hexagons	Karin Brown & Polly Duggan,
July 6	A Lesson on Color	Jo Patterson
August 3	Resizing blocks	Pam Avara
September 14	Pictorial Quilts	Wanda Newell
October 5	Freezer Paper Piecing	Debbie Wilson
November 2	Auction	All guild members
December 7	Christmas Party	All guild members



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, January 3rd at the MSU Extension-Rankin County Bldg

**Guild meeting—Monday, January 5th
at the Brandon Library -**

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