



# JANUARY

# 2026

## President's Message:

Quilters,

What a wonderful turnout we had for the first meeting of this new year.

Thank you to all who shared their vintage quilts with the group. We had such a vast range of quilts from the utilitarian to the heirloom. Each told a story. What stories will our quilts tell?

By our February meeting we will be ready to place an order for an updated guild tee shirt. The color of the shirt will be different than the current turquoise while the screen printing will have a minor change. The information will be sent by email to the membership as soon as it is finalized.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is the information about our annual guild UFO Challenge. You may pick up the participation sheet at the membership table at our February and March meetings. The March 2, 2026 meeting is the last opportunity to submit your form. You may submit up to 6 projects and present the completed project at any of our 2026 meetings show and tell.

Our dues for 2026 are due and can be paid at the membership table. Dues are \$12.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 2nd. Our program will be Simple Gifts From Our Sewing Rooms.

Stitch On,  
Susie



### 2026 Elected Officers

President—Susie Guyton

Vice President—Beth Sonnier

Past President—Pam Avara

Treasurer—Ann Callender

Secretary—Patricia Welsch

## January 5, 2026 minutes -

The meeting was called to order by president Susie Guyton. There were 40 members in attendance and three visitors, Sherry Brown, Victoria Harrison and Charlotte McGee.

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

Ann Callender gave the Treasurer report, we currently have available funds of \$6,503.56.

Polly Duggan of Community quilts, stated it's the beginning of the new year, so no community quilts have been turned in or delivered yet.

Pam Beard has mailed out four January birthday cards.

Marilyn Rose announced that Jerry Frances (Harding) Klomprens passed away December 27th. Jerry was a wonderful quilter and known by quiet a few of us. A celebration of Jerry's life was held Saturday, January 10, 2026, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Jerry assisted Quilters by Heart's Desire quilt guild in securing their meeting place at St. Mark's UMC.

Library liaison, Sarah Ketchum, announce our guild will only display quilts during June, July and August in 2026. Patriotic quilts will be displayed to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

Pam Avara gave the GSQA updates. Their first 2026 meeting is Saturday, January 17th. There will be a cathedral window class the day before. Please visit their website for more details ([gulfstatesquilting.org](http://gulfstatesquilting.org)) Gulf States Quilting Association will have a quilt show this year in Slidell on July 26 and 27.

Diana Carey-Smith gave the MQA update—the first 2026 gathering is February 6th & 7th. Their website has hotel details and MQA rates are available through January 15th. See website for additional details for the meeting as well. Beth Sonnier is the MQA Education Coordinator and asked that if anyone is interested in teaching at the Summer Gathering to be held on August 7th & 8th at the Muse Center in Pearl, to please get in touch with her.

Wynndale Quilters are to meet Thursday, January 8th. The second Thursday of each month at the Wynndale Baptist Church in Terry, MS.

Karin Brown is organizing on a guild in Puckett, MS. Please see her for details if you live in that area. They meet at the Pucket Library and have had a few meetings.

Retreat update by Pamela Kirby, registration sheets are on our website and at the welcome table, along with a diagram of the table layout. You may sign for a table location once your deposit is paid. She is working on fun activities for the retreat, such as a 15 minute sewing challenge and several games. These will be optional, participation will not be required, but the more the better.

Pam Avara is working on securing a national teacher, Annette Lore of [southwindquilts.com](http://southwindquilts.com). Pam had attending Annette's "Twirling Leaves" at GSQA and found her to be an excellent teacher. Pam is working on scheduling two classes, one on Friday and the second on Saturday at the Brandon Library in the room we normally meet in. The classes will require registration and the costs will be forthcoming. The Friday night that Annette is present, she will present a "Trunk Show" (this will be a free event and will be open to all Brandon Quilters and Rankin County guild members).

January 5, 2026 minutes continued -

Susie asked for a show of hands of those that would be interested in purchasing a new Brandon Quilters t-shirt. There was a good show of hands. She and others are on checking pricing and will update members once a vendor is selected. Guild leadership has decided that payment of a t-shirt will be required upfront for t-shirts. There will be NO extras of the t-shirts ordered with the initial order.

Martha Ludke shared her preferred community quilt binding (a facing) as the Tips & Tricks for January.

Our program of Vintage Quilts was then shared, as most members brought one or two. A very interesting program with every type of quilt imaginable. Some in perfect condition and other well worn.

Regular Show-n-Tell was then shared and once complete, Susie adjourned the meeting, noting that our February program will be Simple Gifts from Our Sewing Rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Welsch*

Brandon Quilters Secretary/Newsletter

## Tips & Tricks—Quilt Facing as Binding



Martha Ludke spoke on her favorite technique to use as binding for the community quilts she sews—she's actually facing her quilts.

Cut binding strips the width that you would normally use for binding. Cut individual strips the length of each side of the quilt, fold in half wrong sides together and press. Cut 4 four or five inch squares of fabric, fold in half (wrong sides together), to form triangles.



Place a triangle in each corner on the right side of the quilt, raw edges facing out. Place strips on edge of quilt, raw edges facing out and on top of triangles, trimming so that strip will cover at least half of the triangle. Sew around all edges of the quilt with a 1/4 inch seam. Trim at the corner points through all thicknesses. Press strips away from quilt and turn the strips and triangle to the back of the quilt and the press again. The ends of the binding strips are covered by the triangles. Stitch binding strips and triangles down—by hand or machine.

How to Add Facing to Your Quilt

Check out ———  YouTube · American Patchwork & Quilting · Jul 30, 2019

## Program—Vintage Quilts Shared

Ruby Lowe (top)

Marilyn Rose  
(middle)

Beth Sonnier  
(bottom)



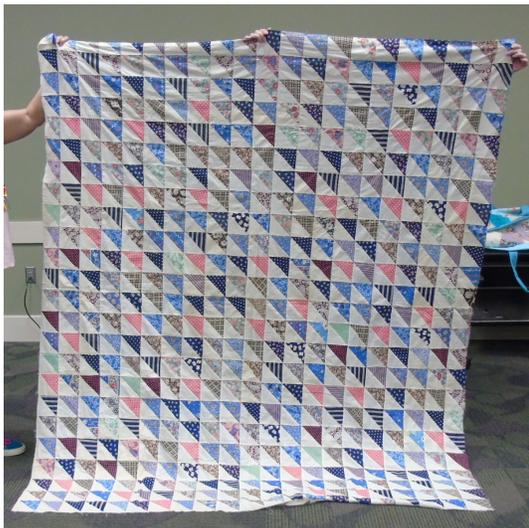
## Vintage Quilts



Pam Avara (top)  
  
Pam Beard  
(middle)  
  
Diana Carey-Smith  
(bottom)



## Vintage Quilts



Ellen Meeler (top)

Dorothy Reyna (middle)

Cindy Pannier (bottom)



## Vintage Quilts



Christy Calhoun (top)

Cindy Braatz (middle)

Polly Duggan (bottom)



## Vintage Quilts



Grace Applegate (top)

Lucy Large (middle)

Susan Farley (bottom)  
postage stamp



## Vintage Quilts

Karen Brown  
Sue Bonnet Sue



Victoria Harrison  
Dutch boy and  
Parasol Lady

Insert—Dutch boy as most  
have not seen this pattern  
before. Boy appears to be  
wearing wooden shoes.



## Vintage Quilts



Susie Guyton (top)

Patricia Welsch (bottom) utilitarian quilts



See [www.mississippiquilt.org](http://www.mississippiquilt.org) for  
more details & to register

**WHAT:** Spring Gathering event

**WHEN:** Friday, February 6th at 3:00 pm  
thru February 7th at 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** West Jackson County Safe Room  
13000 Walker Road  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

## Sew-n-Tell



Ruby Lowe—Lattice

Ann McDonald—Christmas and Christmas cactus wall hangings, free-motion practice panel and National State Park quilt for her daughter



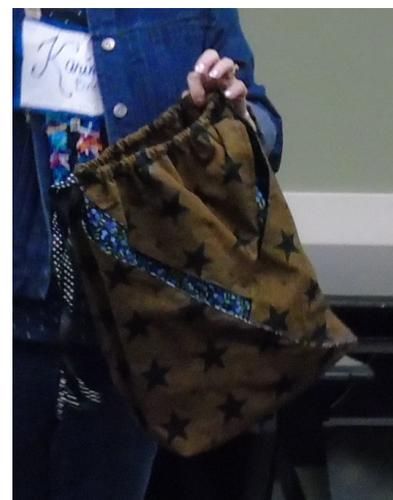


Pam Walker—I Spy quilt and embroidered Christmas wreath



Pamela Kirby -  
Reversible quilted shawl  
Weaved scarf, class while in Guatemala  
Stuff dog (Prototype for memory project)

## Sew-n-Tell



Karin Brown—Wedding Ring quilt block sewn to back of denim jacket

Origami bags—medium and large (she recommends the smaller sizes, they are cuter and easier)



Martha Ludke—also attended weaving a shawl class while in Guatamala, quilted shawl and BQ 2025 Mystery Quilt completed

## Sew-n-Tell



Martha Ludke—Community quilts



Dawn Taylor—  
Forest  
BQ 2025 Mystery quilt  
And Burgundy



# Info for New Members

## BRANDON QUILT GUILD UFO CHALLENGE

Need help finishing up those UFO's (aka unfinished quilt projects)?

The Brandon Quilt Guild has the ultimate challenge for you! **List** and turn in no later than **Monday, March 2, 2026**, UFO projects that have been started prior to 2026 that you are challenging yourself to finish. *Once your UFO list has been submitted you cannot change the Challenge list.* Payment to the Guild is \$1.00 for each project and funds must be turned in with the Challenge Form. Be sure to make a copy for yourself for tracking your project process; or a photo on your phone for safer keeping.

When completed, present quilted project(s) (*quilts must be quilted, bound and labeled*), at any of our monthly "Show & Tell" segments. Your name will go into the basket to win one-half of the Challenge money collected with the other half going to the Guild. The more Quilters who participate, the bigger the pot! The Challenge ends with the drawing at our December meeting—**Monday, December 7, 2026**

For questions contact Ann Callender at 601-988-3410 or [anncallender@comcast.net](mailto:anncallender@comcast.net)

A copy of the form is attached with newsletter or visit our website at [www.brandonquilters.com](http://www.brandonquilters.com), click on the Activities tab.

Meeting Date	Program	Meeting Date	Program
January 5	Vintage Quilts	July 6	A Lesson on Color
February 2	Simple Gifts	August 3	Resizing blocks
March 2	Trapunto	September 14	Pictorial quilts
April 6	Birthday & President's Challenge	October 5	Freezer Paper Piecing
May 4	Folded Fabric flower	November 2	Auction
June 1	Round Table—Hexagons	December 7	Christmas Party

\*\*Round Table—several members demonstrating different techniques for the same quilt block.

## 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*

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

### Sit n' Sew

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