



# MARCH 2026

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to Diana Carey-Smith for her program on trapunto quilts.

Having never done this type of design I knew little about this technique. Diana introduced us to several different techniques to achieve a puffy appearance to areas of our quilt.

The decision on the quilt designs that will be taught during Annette Ornelas' time with us on September 11 and 12 needs to soon be made. Please take a look at the designs at [Southwindquilts.com](http://Southwindquilts.com). Then email or text your 2 favorites to me so your preferences may be counted. My email is [susieguyton@hotmail.com](mailto:susieguyton@hotmail.com). My phone number is (770) 598-3606. We need your input.

During our April meeting we will celebrate the birthday of Brandon Quilters. If you are able to help we are asking, as this year's President's Challenge, for childrens pillowcases. These items will then go to the Children's Safe Center. The recipients of these pillowcases will be children of all ages.

If you ordered a guild tee shirt the final delivery will be at the April meeting. Thank you to our own Celia Taylor of Taylor's Customized T-Shirts for helping us with this request.

I look forward to seeing you in April.

Save room for cake,  
Susie



## March 2, 2026 minutes -

President Susie Guyton called the meeting to order. She asked for approval of the February minutes as noted in the February newsletter. Debbie Wilson made the motion to accept the minutes as published, Beth Sonnier made the second and all agreed.

Ann Callender gave the Treasurer's report. Our guild currently has a balance of \$9,415.51, less UFO and retreat funds gives us \$7,473.56 in available funds.

Pam Beard has mailed out eight March birthday cards.

Pamela Kirby reported that 94 dog beds have been delivered so far in 2026. She also mentioned that she had sent out retreat updates to those attending. If you are registered for the retreat and not receiving her emails, please let Pamela know.

Sarah Ketchum reminded us that the March Sit-n-Sew is Saturday, March 7th.

Gulf States Quilters Association update - Pam Avara, the deadline for quilt entries are due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The GSQA 2026 Biennial Quilt Show "Jewels of the South" will be held June 26-27 in Slidell, LA.

MQA update, Diana Carey-Smith - the March quilt block for Block of the Month quilt has been posted on the MQA website. The Mississippi Cultural Crossroads quilt show will be held in Port Gibson, MS (507 Market Street). Quilt entries are due March 20<sup>th</sup>, the awards ceremony is Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

**March 2, 2026 minutes continued -**

The March meeting was the last meeting to turn in your 2026 UFO Challenge list and last month to order our new guild t-shirt.

Lucy Large announced the Rankin County quilters Garage Sale that was held on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The business meeting was at 1:00 and the sale began at 1:30 (Note it was a great success. Thanks to all the contributed items to sell and all of those that made purchases)

Paulette Walley reminded everyone of the "Shoppin' in the Sip" event taking place in the state during the month of March. Seventeen fabric/quilting stores are participating throughout the state. See Facebook page - Mississippi Shop Hop - Shoppin' in the Sip. Paulette displayed several of the quilt blocks that various stores are offering.

Susie is still requesting our input for the classes national teacher, Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs will teach on September 11-12. As noted in Susie's President's message, please email or text her with her selections. The top two classes with the most requests will be selected. Your opinion counts!

April is our guild's birthday month and we will be celebrating 25 years. We will celebrate with birthday cake. Susie's president's challenge of fun colorful pillowcases are due in April. Please turn in your pillowcases, Susie will wash all pillowcases in a scent free/gentle detergent and bag individually for delivery to the UMMC Children's Safe Center.

Wynndale Quilters had a two day Sit-n-Sew on March 12-13, announced by Ann Callender.

March Tips & Tricks were presented by Pamela Kirby - an interesting seam ripper and a tip on testing your 1/4" seam.

Diana Carey-Smith presented our March program - Trapunto quilting.

Show-n-Tell was shared and afterwards Susie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch  
Brandon Quilters Secretary

**TIPS & TRICKS**

Pamela Kirby shared a new tool she recently purchased and a Tip on testing for accurate 1/4" seams with an index card.



A new find for Pamela, the KAI sew ripper. Razor sharp but very safe, efficient, easy and precise in seam removal.

**Step-by-Step Testing the 1/4" seam with an index card:**

- **Prepare the Card:** Use a narrow-ruled index card where the lines are exactly 1/4 inch apart.
- **Set the Needle:** Place the card under the presser foot and lower the needle down onto the first line.
- **Lower the Foot:** Lower your presser foot to hold the card in place. The needle should be on the first line, and the second line should align with the edge of your foot (or where you want your fabric edge to be).
- **Test Sew:** Sew down the line of the card. This tests if your needle position aligns with a true seam.
- **Create a Guide:** Alternatively, use the card to mark a line on your machine bed, or tape the card down as a physical, raised guide ("fence") to run your fabric edge against.
- **Verify:** For a "scant" (commonly used in quilting to account for fabric fold), the seam should fall just a few threads inside the line.



**PROGRAM - TRAPUNTO**

Diana Carey-Smith presented our program on Trapunto quilting. It is a 14th-century Italian embroidery technique that creates a 3D, high-loft, raised effect on fabric by stuffing specific design motifs with extra batting. It involves stitching a design through a quilt top and a base layer, then stuffing the shapes from behind—historically through slits, now often via removed backing—before completing the final quilting.

Diana's examples included a seagull panel, that she incorporated Trapunto in the seagulls and other beach life. A flower and a whole cloth quilt that she is quilting by hand and adding Trapunto as she goes.



Diana passed around a handout that includes basic trapunto instructions. These instructions will be a separate attachment along with the newsletter.

**SEW-N-TELL**



Debbie Wilson -  
Lori Holt, Sew by Row, (left top)  
Invasion - UFO (center top)  
Sewing panel quilt - UFO (center bottom)  
Rag quilt with scalloped edges



**SEW-N-TELL**

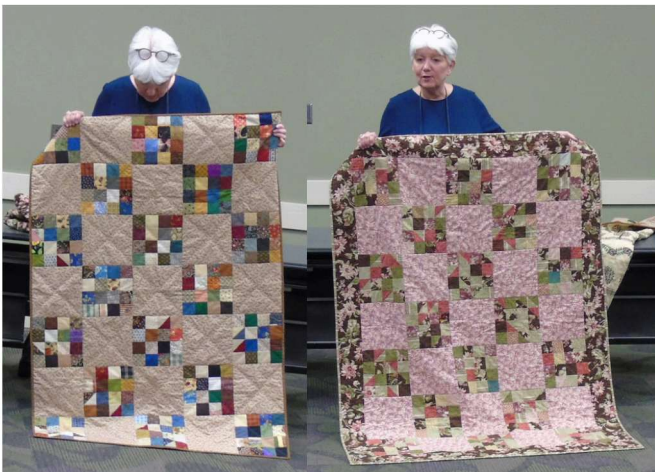


Marilyn Rose - Churn Dash art piece for GSQA "Jewels of the South" quilt show (left). New bag with long handle (right)



Sarah Gayden Hammond - beaded collar - close up of front and and back

Susie Guyton and Polly Duggan - community quilts





**SEW-N-TELL**



Beth Sonnier -  
Clam up bag



Ann Callender -  
Mixer mat (idea from  
last month's program  
Susie's gift, etc. ideas)



Diana Carey-Smith -  
Beige 9-patch

Shelia Kolle -  
Cute bags  
Stars & Stripes quilt



Martha Ludke -  
Community  
quilts





**SEW-N-TELL**



Pamela Kirby - Fancy Daisy



Wanda Deaver - Hearts and Crosses



Medina Richards - Orange Poppies



Sarah Ketchum - Pleats to meet you  
Project bag  
Project folder

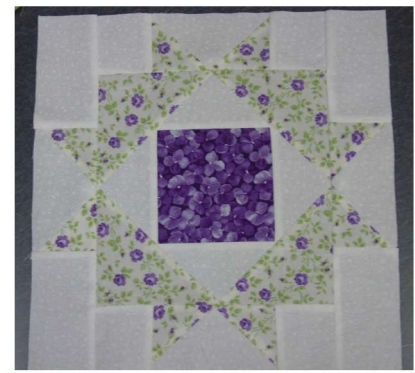


Kathleen Greer - Hearts





Paulette Walley showed various quilt blocks from several of the quilt/fabric shops across MS that are participating in the Shop Hop that ends on March 31st. The participating shops have been please with the overall response to this event.



### Upcoming Quilting Events

- GSQA Qtrly meeting - April 18 - Mandeville, LA
- Pine Belt Quilters Showcase - April 18 - Hattiesburg
- AQS Quilt week - Paducah, KY - Apr 22-26
- GSQA 2026 Quilt Show - "Jewels of the South" Slidell, LA - June 26-27
- National teacher - Annette Ornelas - September 11 & 12
- Brandon Quilters retreat - September 17-20



**Goods and services provided by our members -**

**Quilting related:**

**Danielle Butler**, owner of Ritzy Quilting Company, quilting fabric, sewing machines, accessories and longarm services - 601-850-7913; Ritzyquilting@yahoo.com

**Paulette Walley**, owner Twin Oaks Crafts, sewing and quilting machines, fabric, accessories and longarm services - 601-506-7514; twinoakscrafts20@gmail.com

**Judy Stanley**, computerized E2E longarm quilting, she also makes t-shirt quilts, 601-942-9882. ETSY page: <https://handmadesbyjudith.etsy.com>

**Other:**

**Jo Patterson**, artisan jewelry, metalsmithing and lapidary artist, (text) 601-842-3193; Facebook - Jo Patterson Artist

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**Dates to remember –**

**Sit n’ Sew -**

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

**Guild meeting-**

**Monday, April 6th at the Brandon Library -  
Social Time at 6:00 pm; Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**