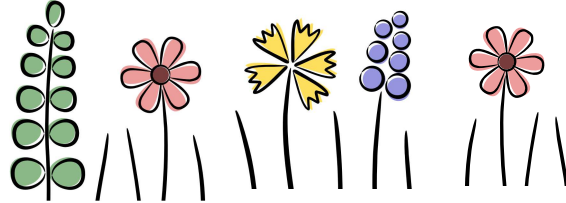




APRIL 2026

President's message:



Dear Stitches,

We have celebrated the guild's 25th birthday. Now we anticipate what this next 12 months will hold for our guild.

There has been a determination on the 2 designs which will be featured in our workshop with Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs. As it now stands, on Friday, Sept. 11th, Waves of Glory will be the featured pattern. On Saturday, Sept. 12th, the focus of the workshop is Dance of the Dragonflies. More information later, as to cost and supplies.

Annette is known for using curves in her designs. Her technique will be taught in each of these workshops. If you are hesitant to commit the time or fabric to a project before trying the technique my recommendation is to choose enough fabrics to do a table topper, bed/table runner, or a smaller size quilt.

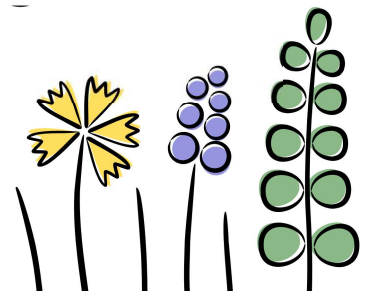
I have sometimes found, going into a workshop without all the answers to my questions, is the fun exploration portion of the lesson. Anticipate learning something new.

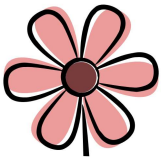
I want to thank the membership for rallying around the birthday challenge of pillowcases for the Children's Safe Center. 80 handcrafted pillowcases will be delivered by Polly Duggan along with quilts individuals have donated. A job well done!

Pamela Kirby is overseeing our annual retreat in September. We are looking for a different facilitator for the 2027 retreat. If you are interested or willing to assume this roll please contact Pamela (601) 720-6619 so she can answer any questions you might have.

Our May program will be presented by Beth Sonnier on a Folded Fabric Flower. There are a few hand sewing supplies Beth would like us to have so we can try our hand at this design. Please see the list elsewhere in the newsletter.

Spring is perfect for stitching,
Susie





April 6, 2026 - Minutes -

President Susie Guyton called the meeting to order. There were 40 members in attendance and one new member, Jennifer MacNeill. April is our guild's birthday month and we celebrated 25 years tonight. There were three charter members present tonight - Marcella Comans, Cindy Pannier and Ann Williams.

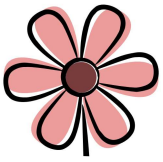
Business updates -

- Minutes - Susie asked for a motion to accept the March minutes as noted in the March newsletter. Pam Avara made the motion and Beth Sonnier second the motion and all agreed.
- Treasurer's report - Ann Callender, we currently have available funds of \$7,247.80. March had \$924 in deposits, \$477.76 in expenses, less UFO and retreat monies collected in reserve.
- Sunshine - Pam Beard, six April birthday cards are ready to be mailed out for April.
- Sit-n-Sew - Sarah Ketchum, held the weekend before our meeting and was well attended. Patriotic quilts are needed for display at the library during June, July and August. Please sign up at the May meeting and bring to the June meeting.
- Community Quilts - Polly Duggan, Ann Williams delivered 16 quilts to Star Fire Department. Fire Chief, Jackie Squires sent a huge thank you. Polly has 16 quilts ready to deliver to the Children's Safe Center plus the 80 pillow cases that were brought in tonight as the President's Challenge.
- Other - Pamela Kirby as delivered 108 dog beds so far this year. She also donated 2 sewing machines to the Brandon Middle school. The art teacher was very appreciative. The teacher would gladly accept donations of odd fabrics of any type for their art projects.

Regional quilting updates -

- GSQA - Pam Avara, the mini quilt registration is due May 1st. Their quarterly meeting is April 17th and POE (Pursuit of Excellence) is scheduled for May 16th in Kiln, MS. See the Education tab on their website. You must be a member to attend a POE event.
- MQA - Susie Guyton as provided by Diana Carey Smith, MQA is still in need of teachers for the Summer Gathering at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl. Also MQA is still looking for guilds to host the fall gathering and a venue for the event.
- Wynndale Quilters - Ann Callender, will meet April 9th (second Thursday of each month)
- Puckett Quilters - Karin Brown met April 7th, the program was quilt jackets





April 6, 2026 - Minutes continued -

National Teacher Annette Ornelas update - prior votes did not have a majority, so Pam Avara distributed a form with pictures of the 6 most popular classes previously selected by our membership for review. Each member numbered their selections and the docs were returned to Pam, who quickly tallied the votes - Waves of Glory and Dance of the Dragonflies were the two patterns with the most votes. Members voiced their choice of which class would be taught on what date and as Susie mentioned the Waves of Glory will be taught on Friday, September 11th and the Dance of the Dragonflies on Saturday, September 12th. Pam will contact Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs with our selections.

Pamela Kirby stated the retreat plans are finalized and all are waiting for this fun event. Pamela has stated a replacement organizer will be needed for the 2027 retreat. Please contact her with questions, if interested.

Tips & Tricks - presented by Karin Brown, a converted train case to a quilting retreat tote / organizer. Idea from Connecting Threads catalog ad.

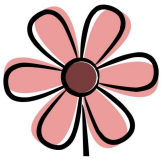
Our program for the evening was celebrating our 25th anniversary with cake and fellowship. Thank you to Karen Petrignani for purchasing the cake, plates, water, etc.

Show-n-Tell was shared and afterwards Susie adjourned the meeting with comments on the May program that Beth Sonnier will present on folded fabric flowers.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch
Brandon Quilters Secretary





Tips & Tricks -

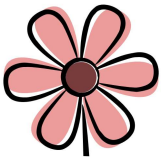


Karin Brown presented a quilting travel case she developed from her mother's make-up case that she used during her honeymoon travels. Karin's husband installed "tin" on the top's inside for easy magnetic storage and retrieval of quilting tools and supplies. Karin make a new lining for the sides and bottom of the case. She has a friend that is looking for a replacement lock for the case. She got the idea from the Connecting Threads catalog she receives. Below is the online ad from the Connecting Thread website. You might want to check your closets, storage, etc. for old luggage and make your own case.



The Della Q Maker's Train Case is such a stylish and fun way to carry quilting WIPs. Get compliments on it everywhere you go! The magnetic lid and included magnets make it easy to keep items visible while you work. It's practical, well-designed, and absolutely adorable.





*Thanks to Karen Petrigani
for the beautiful and
delicious birthday cake.*

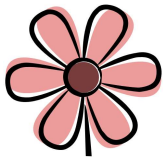


80 pillowcases turned in for the UMMC

Safe Center

Thank you quilters!





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Sew-n-Tell -



Karin Brown -
Boxes, Quilt as You Go
(Front and back)

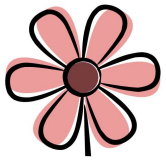
Ruby Lowe -
Notebook covers
(gifts for Family)



Dorothy Reyna -
Blue blocks

Judy McPhail -
Diane Knott quilt





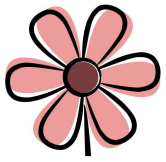
Sew-n-Tell -



Debbie Wilson -

Baby Hearts, Stained Glass, Delight
and Falling Stars





Sew-n-Tell -

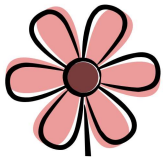


Debbie Wilson - Appliqued block of the month & Sunflowers

Sarah Ketchum -
Rising Star

Marilyn Rose - a large crocheted doily
that she uses as a shawl





Sew-n-Tell -

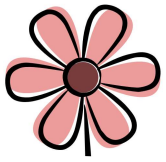


Ouida Davis - Marilyn's Crosses
and charm pack bag



Martha Ludke - Green crosses and Scrappy cross



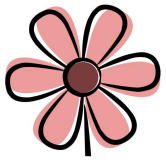


Sew-n-Tell -



Pamela Kirby - burp clothes, quilted shawls (committee projects)
Home Is Where My Hunny Is panel , Happy Day, Military Mama and
Ticonderoga





Sew-n-Tell -



Pamela Kirby - Wedding Day Sunrise and Hunter's Star

Wanda Deaver - Texas quilt



Please bring to May
meeting -

Beth Sonnier will be presenting the hands on program in May - "folded fabric flowers" and asks that each bring the following supplies to participate -

1. **Hand sewing needle**
2. **Neutral thread**
3. **Thimble**
4. **Scissors/snips**





Brandon Quilters April 2026

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, May 2nd at the MSU Extension-Rankin
 County Bldg**

Guild meeting-
**Monday, May 4th at the Brandon Library -
 Social Time at 6:00 pm; Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**