



May 2026

President's Message

Brandon Quilters,

As we head into the remaining six months of 2026 be sure to add to your calendars the events involving Brandon Quilters. Our monthly meetings are routinely scheduled on the first Monday evening of each month. September is the exception due to Labor Day. Our Sept. meeting will take place on Monday Sept. 14.

On the first Saturday of the month we have the opportunity to participate in a Sit-n-Sew along with the members of Rankin County Quilters. You may choose between hand sewing or bringing your sewing machine along with a project of your own choosing. We meet at the county extension office at 601 Marquette Rd in Brandon. The doors open at 8:30 am until around 4:00pm.

We have the opportunity to host, along with Rankin Co. Quilters, Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs as our guest teacher Sept 11th and 12th. Sign-up for these workshops beginning in June. Payment will be collected when you sign up.

Brandon Quilters hosts a yearly retreat at Lake Tiak-O'Khata in Louisville, MS. This year's retreat is 9/17-9/20 and is currently fully booked. In January 2027 you can reserve a spot for next year's gathering with a \$50 deposit.

Brandon Quilters is pleased to welcome our newest members and hopes these opportunities will give us all inspiration to expand our creative interests and meet others who who share the same.

Stay Creative,
Susie





May 4, 2026 minutes -

President Susie Guyton called the meeting to order, there were 41 members in attendance.

- Susie requested a motion for the approval of the April minutes as printed in the April newsletter - Debbie Wilson made the motion, 2nd by Pam Avara, all approved
- Treasurer's report - Ann Callender - available funds \$6,963.55. (Total balance \$11,670.60 less \$135 collected for UFO's and \$4,572.05 for the retreat equals available funds.)
- June 6th is our next Sit-n-Sew per Sarah Ketchum. As library liaison, Sarah also reminds those that have Red/White/Blue (patriotic) quilts volunteered to be displayed in the library this summer (June thru August) to please bring them to our June 1st meeting. Reminder, your quilt **must have a label**. Please bring a quilt stand if you have one.
- Community quilts - Polly Duggan - 16 quilts and 80 pillowcases have been delivered to UMMC Children's Safe Center. They were thrilled with both
- No retreat updates at this time per Pamela Kirby.
- GSQA update - Pam Avara - POE (Pursuit of Excellence) to be held May 16th in Kiln, MS. See their website for additional information. Must be a member to attend. The 2026 quilt show t-shirts are available to purchase on their website. The Show is June 26-27 in Slidell Louisiana - "Jewels of the South" at The Harbor Center.
- Wynndale Quilters - Ann Callender - two day sit-n-sew, Thursday and Friday, My 14 & 15 at Wynndale Baptist Church. Bring your lunch and beverages for each day.

Debbie Wilson shared a binding spool and a use for plastic tubing as a sewing tool/notion during Tips & Tricks.

Show-n-Tell was shared and then Beth Sonnier presented the night's hands-on program, making folded fabric flowers.

Susie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia Welsch

Brandon Quilters Secretary





National Teacher - Annette Ornelas



Waves of Glory
Friday - Sept. 11



Trunk Show
Friday PM - Sept. 11



Dance of the Dragonflies
Saturday - Sept. 12

Registration for classes begin at our June 1st meeting.
Classes will be held at the Brandon Library.
Fabric & supply list will be provided in the near future.

Tips & Tricks



Debbie Wilson shared the benefits of a Quilt Binding Spool she'd purchased at Garden Song Fabrics in Brookhaven. She also demoed how she cuts plastic tubing (from Amazon) to use as bobbin clips to keep thread secure & neat.



(Clear vinyl tubing - Inner diameter 1/2" - outer diameter 5/8" - 10 feet-\$7.00)



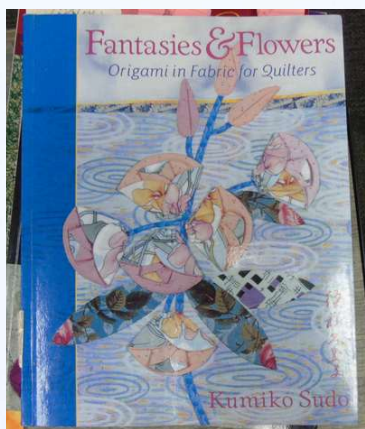


Program – Folded Fabric Flowers



Beth Sonnier shared several sources on the making of Folded Fabric Flowers and samples of various projects she had made using them. With help from her Accuquilt she had cut fabric hexagons and distributed to those that wanted to participate in making a folded fabric flower. She then explained how to mark the center of the hexagon and the center of each side of the hexagon. Next we were instructed on how to fold the fabric and secure the center with a couple of stitches. Beth walked around the room to assist us and gave additional instructions. There are numerous videos on YouTube if additional instructions are needed.

The finalized project can be a Christmas ornament, a flower for a 3-D fabric project and numerous other uses. Beth has used them for displaying various show pins. (see photo on minutes page).





Pamela Kirby - Enchanted Horses



Dorothy Reyna - Red & White stripes



Ann McDonald -

- Graphic Jam
- Song birds
- Welcome Spring





Polly Duggan -
Batik Plates
table runner



Susie Guyton -
Log cabin
circles and
Love Notes



Billie Cotten -
Canning jars
and Gypsy





Quida Davis - Orange Stars & Stack-n-Whack



Martha Ludke -
Community
quilts



Upcoming Quilting Events

- GSQA 2026 Quilt Show - "Jewels of the South" Slidell, LA - June 26-27
- MQA Summer Gathering-August 7-8, 2026 - Clyde Muse Center, Pearl, MS
- National teacher - Annette Ornelas - September 11 & 12
- Brandon Quilters retreat - September 17-20





Diana Corey-Smith - Log Cabin + applique and Guitar



Patricia Welsch -
Scrappy Bowtie
Circles



Pam Avara shared a dragonfly block she made from a Annette Ornelas class during a GSQA event. Note one side appears to have straight lines for the wings and the other side is curved. This is the technique learned during the classes.



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

Other:

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

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Guild meeting-

**Monday, June 1st at the Brandon Library -
Social Time at 6:00 pm; Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**

Sit n' Sew -

**Saturday, June 6th at the MSU Extension-Rankin
County Bldg**