



AUGUST 2026

President's Message

Brandon Quilters,

According to the by-laws for Brandon Quilters if it is August then it is time to form a nominating committee. This committee will search out current members willing to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The guild members serving on the Nominating Committee are Polly Duggan, Pamela Kirby, and Diana Carey-Smith. This committee will present the slate of officers during our October meeting. The vote to accept the presented slate of officers will take place in November. Thank you to these members agreeing to serve on this important committee.

One of our long-standing members, Helene Tann, has been responsible for bringing and setting up the guild's microphone system for many years. Helene needs to hand off this responsibility due to health reasons. The treatment comes with side effects that interrupt her daily schedule and can be unpleasant. Helene's outlook is exceptional and she asked that the news be shared with the guild. We all thank Helene for her years of service to the guild and look forward to her return whenever her health allows.

The **September meeting will be held the evening of Monday, September 14, 2026** due to the library being closed on September 7th for Labor Day. Our own Wanda Newell will share with us her process for developing her one-of-a-kind pictorial quilts. Each quilt tells a story. Be sure to be there.

I appreciate you all,
Susie





August 3, 2026 minutes -

President Susie Guyton called the meeting to order, there were 41 members in attendance, we had one visitor from Texas.

Susie requested a motion for the approval of the July minutes as printed in the July newsletter - Pamela Kirby made the motion, 2nd by Wanda Deaver, all approved.

- Treasurer's report - Ann Callender - available funds \$6,847.55. (Total balance \$13,368.60 less \$135 collected for UFO's and \$6,386.05 for the retreat equals available funds.)
- Sunshine report - Pamela Beard will mail out 2 birthday cards in August
- The August Sit-n-Sew was August 1st and per Sarah Ketchum the September Sit-n-Sew will be Saturday, September 5th..
- Community quilts - Polly Duggan
 - 13 quilts were delivered to the VA home, 11 to the Star Fire Department and 10 to the Children's Safe Center.
 - Year to date, 66 quilts have been donated by our guild members and numerous pillow cases. Note, Susie is still excepting pillow cases.
 - Susie gave flower bouquets to both Marth Ludke and Pamela Kirby for their donations, as they have contributed more than half of our total donations.
- Puckett quilters are to start up their meetings again on September 4th at 11:00 am at the Puckett Library
- Wynndale quilters will have two days to sew on Thursday and Friday, August 13 and 14
- MQA Fall Gathering this weekend, check in on Friday is at 10am, classes start at 1:00. Saturday the doors open at 8:30 am.
- Gulf States Quilting Association, update by Pam Avara, POE was held on Saturday, August 15th. The fall meeting will be October 17th in Foley, AL. Dorinda Evans is to teach a class the day before on October 16th.
- 139 dog beds have been delivered YTD per Pam Kirby. Also she will be sending out the last email concerning the retreat. Those registered be sure to check your emails.

Old business -

- National teacher - Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs update - There are still 6 openings for the Friday, September 11th class.
 - Classes will start at 9:30 am both Friday and Saturday.
 - Truck show starts at 7:00 pm Friday night. (Event for Brandon Quilters and Rankin County Quilters - no charge)
 - Be sure to bring your extension cords to class.
 - Always turn off your iron when not in use.
(not sure how the room will handle all the electrical needs)





New Business -

- Per the Brandon Quilters by-laws a nominating committee is to be organized in August for the selection of the next year's officers. Elected offices include the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The committee is to include one Trustee and two guild members. Polly Duggan has agreed to serve as the Trustee member and Pam Kirby and Diana Carey-Smith to serve as guild members. The committee will be calling, so be sure to answer your phone.

November is our annual fund raiser - Make It, Bake It, Sew It and Grow It auction. So be reviewing your sewing room and gathering sewing, quilting and art related items to be auctioned at the meeting.

Pam Avara presented our Tips & Tricks - the disappearing Hour Glass quilt block.

Pam also presented the night's program - Resizing quilt blocks.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Patricia Welsch
Brandon Quilters Secretary

National Teacher - Annette Ornelas



Waves of Glory
Friday - Sept. 11

Classes will be held at the Brandon Library. If you would like to register for the Wave of Glory class, please Contact Susie or Pam Avara.

The Dance of the Dragonflies class is full.



Dance of the Dragonflies
Saturday - Sept. 12

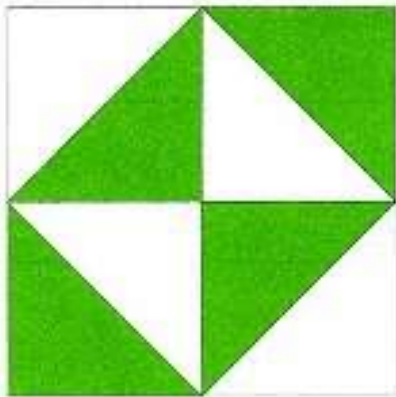


Tips & Tricks

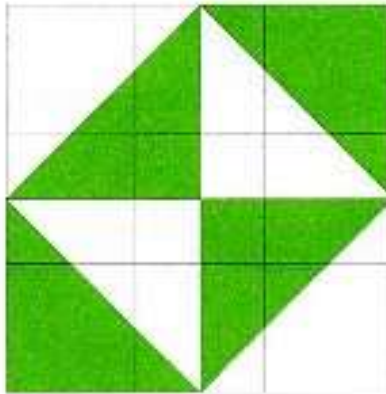
Pam Avara demonstrated how to construct the Disappearing Hourglass quilt block and distributed the sewing and cutting instructions below. Her sample was made from 4 ½ inch blocks.



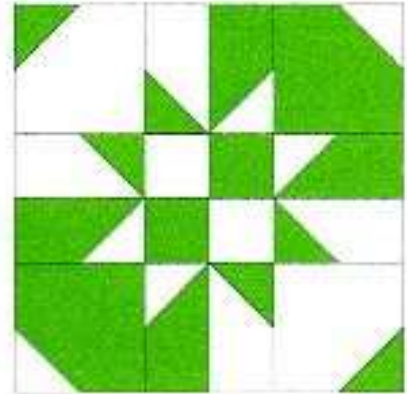
Disappearing Hourglass



Use your preferred method to make 4 half square triangle blocks and sew into an hourglass block. I used 6" squares to make my HST resulting in a 10 1/2" hourglass block.

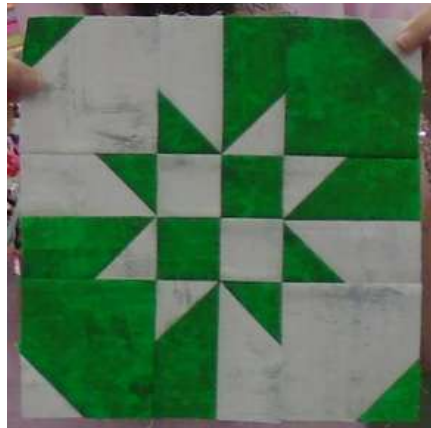


Cut the block vertically and horizontally into 3 even sections. As my block measured 10 1/2" I cut the sections 3 1/2" wide.



Rotate each piece so they form a star, then sew together. The resulting block measures 9 1/2" before sewing into a quilt.

Pam's completed sample block.





Program – How to resize quilt blocks –



Pam Avara presented a presentation on how to resize quilt blocks. Covering information on 4, 5 and 9 patch blocks and the pinwheel block in various sizes. (A copy of the presentation will be attached to the email with this newsletter.)

Tools for resizing quilt blocks include:

- Maggie Malone's 5500 Quilt Block Designs
Each block is drawn on a grid, showing the number of squares to each block.
- Math (keep your calculator handy)
- On-line/YouTube vidoes and fancy charts
- EQ8 (Electric Quilt 8)

Sew-n-Tell

Medina Richards -
Table runner - front and back





Sarah Ketchum - UFO - Quilter's By Heart's Desire - 2025 Pizza Box Challenge



Cindy Pannier - UFO - Star block quilt (six blocks were enough)



Pamela Kirby - 2025 Brandon Mystery and Rankin County Medallion quilts



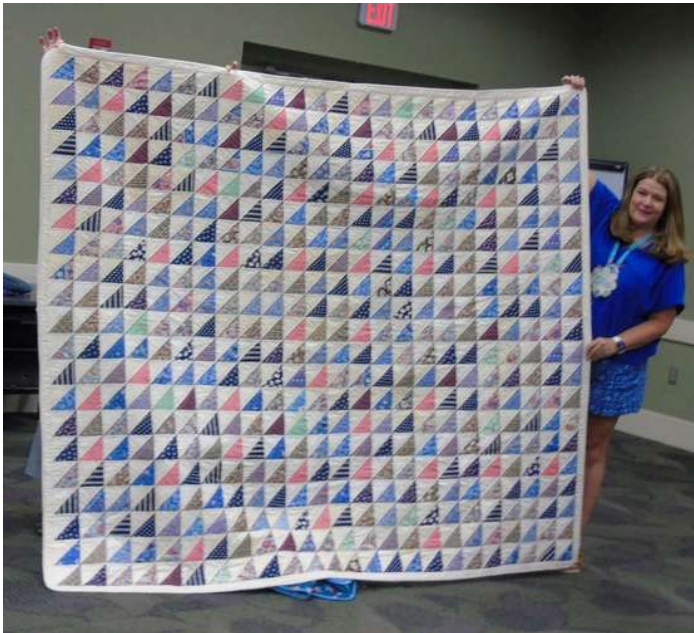


Pam Beard - two table runners and two precious baby quilts





Ellen Meeler - Retreat bag, Stars of the Sea and completed Vintage quilt started by her Great Grand mother.



Karin Brown - Lollipops





Sew-n-Tell



Linda Wolfe - reversible quilt jacket for her sister



Sarah Ketchum-
reversible apron



Cynthia Simpson -
sewing machine / cell
phone holder - her
husband makes with
a 3D printer
Cynthia is selling
these along with
binding holders



Goods and services provided by our members -

Quilting related:

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

Paulette Walley, owner Twin Oaks Crafts, Richland, MS; 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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Sit n' Sew -

Saturday, September 5th

MSU Extension-Rankin Co. Bldg, Brandon, MS

Guild meeting-

**Monday, September 14th at the Brandon Library
(due to Labor Day holiday) -**

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