

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brandon Stitchers,

When we meet on Monday November 2nd we will join together for our annual Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It auction. I think I mix up the name of this event every time I write or speak about it. Regardless of the label we will have a good time raising some funds for our guild while picking up a treasure, a delicious baked treat, or even a new houseplant.

Upon arrival for the auction we will have a group of folks that will curate the donated items. It will be a big help if those who can, arrive close to 6:00. This will allow the curators to begin their task. We understand that some of our members cannot arrive early, but we want to be ready for you whenever you can arrive.

Please be prepared to pay for your selections with cash or check. This event, along with our dues, is our yearly fundraiser. We thank you in advance for your help and support.

Before the auction begins we will have a short business meeting. We will need to vote on the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. The proposed officers for 2027 are:

- President - Debbie Wilson
- Vice President - Polly Duggan
- Treasurer - Ann Callender
- Secretary - Patricia Welsch

Thank you to the Nominating Committee of Polly Duggan, Pamela Kirby and Diana Carey-Smith.

Reminder, there will be no Show and Tell in November.

Our December meeting on Monday, Decembet 7th will be our annual Christmas meal. When you sign in at the membership table in November look for the sign up sheet for the pot-luck at our final meeting of the year. We will have Show and Tell at our December holiday gathering.

As is tradition we will end our holiday meeting with the left/right "game". Please bring 1 holiday fat quarter in a sealed brown paper bag for this fun moment.

I hope to see you at the auction,
Susie



WHAT: MS Quilters Association Fall Gathering
WHEN: November 6th and 7th
WHERE: Rankin County Safe Center - 651 Marquette Rd, Brandon, MS

Goto MQA's Member Portal for additional information and to register

Legacy Quilters will be honored on Saturday of this event

October 6, 2026 minutes -

President Susie Guyton called the meeting to order, there were 40 members in attendance including new member Lollie Everett.

Motion to approve the September minutes as printed in the the September newsletter was requested and made by Wanda Deaver with second by Cindy Barnett, all approved.

- Treasurer's report, Ann Callender, beginning balance $15,252.60. Deposits totaled $162, expenses of retreat and national teacher class totalled $8,679.56 LESS UFO and final final retreat payment leaving an available balance of $5,750.70
- Sunshine report - Pam Beard - nine birthday cards have been mailed out for October birthdays
- Sit-n-Sew - Sarah Ketchum - next will be Saturday, November 7th
- Dog beds - Pamela Kirby - 149 dog beds have been donated to date
- Community quilts - Polly Duggan - several quilts are ready to be delivered to the Veteran's home prior to Veteran's day. A delivery to the UMMC's Safe Center will be made on the same day.

Susie asked Polly Duggan to announce the slate of 2027 officers -

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Per our guild's by-laws the slate for new officers is announced at our October meeting giving any nominations from the floor an opportunity to be made. No one suggested any additions or changes to the slate. The official voting will take place during our November meeting. Thanks to the nominating committee Polly Duggan, Pamela Kirby and Diana Carey-Smith for their hard work.

Other local quilting updates -

- Puckett Quilters - Karin Brown - meeting Tuesday, October 6th at 11:00 at Puckett library
- Wynndale Quilters - Ann Callender - Thursday, October 8th, be sure to bring your lunch
- GSQA - Pam Avara - meeting October 17th in Fairhope, AL. Class by Dorinda Evans to be taught on Friday, October 16th. See the Gulf States Quilting Association website for details.
- MQA - Pam Avara - Fall Gathering scheduled for November 6 and 7 at the Rankin County Safe Room in Brandon. Legacy Quilters will be honored on that Saturday. See MQA website for additional information and registration.

A Folk Art Quilt Show will be on display at the Brandon Library on October 23rd & 24th, showcasing artful quilt creations from our guild member Wanda Newell. The show will be in our regular meeting room and open to the public during normal library hours. Be sure to share this information and bring a friend to the show.

Tips and tricks was presented by Patricia Welsch on matching patterns when joining fabric together for backing or any other quilting or sewing needs.

Debbie Wilson presented the night's program - Freezer Paper piecing quilt blocks.

Show-n-Tell was shared and afterwards Susie adjourned the meeting. Susie reminded us that there will be NO Show-n-Tell shared at the November meeting (our annual auction). Also be sure to bring your items to sell and most importantly your checkbook or cash to the November 2nd meeting to purchase your new items.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Welsch
Brandon Quilters Secretary



Tips & Tricks

Matching fabric patterns for quilt backing -



Patricia shared how she matched up the backing of a child's quilt when the flannel fabric shrunk after washing it. In the example on the left the tiger faces were matched up by the ear. The seam is barely noticeable.

If large backing (ex. 5 yards) cut fabric in half - buy ½ yard extra to ensure matching design repeat

1. Fold selvage length of one half of fabric in 1' to 1 1/2". Chose a fabric design to fold over at the full length of the fabric. Fold should be consistent width during this process.
2. Place folded fabric on top of the other half of fabric near selvage and match designs.
3. Glue folded edge of fabric to 2nd piece of fabric a small area at a time. (Patricia prefers Roxanne's glue with metal tip for more control, but Elmer's glue or a glue stick can be used.) Iron as you match the design to dry and set the glue. The fabric can be rearranged up until it is heat set with the iron.
4. Once the full length of the selvage edge is secured, take top fabric and carefully pull over bottom fabric so that right sides are facing. Flatten out glued area using your hands to expose the folded crease.
5. Take to sewing machine and stitch "IN" the folded crease.
6. Trim extra fabric, leaving at least a 1/2" seam.
7. Ironing the seam open is recommended.

If to be quilted by a longarm quilter, inform them that the backing is pieced, as they may need to load differently on the longarm machine than a wide one piece backing.

Suggested YouTube videos:

How to matchup quilt backing fabric - print matching - Maggie Lamphear - Joy in the Seam - 4:32 mins from 02.27.25
How to pattern match fabric for quilt backing - Wyldwood Creative - 7:44 mins from 06.17.25

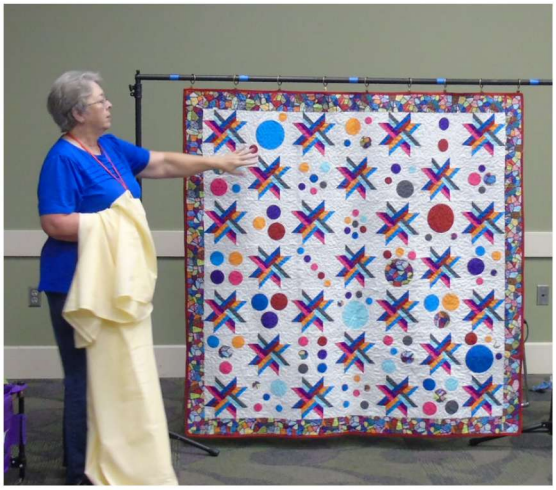
Program - Freezer Paper piecing



Debbie Wilson presented a presentation on Freezer Paper Magic and spoke on how to construct the The Modern Triangle (pictured in the middle), a free pattern is available at www.bryanhousequilts.com

Freezer paper piecing allows the pattern to be used several times and does not require removal of the freezer paper once the block is complete. The freezer paper is folded during the construction of the block and pieces are stitched very near that fold.



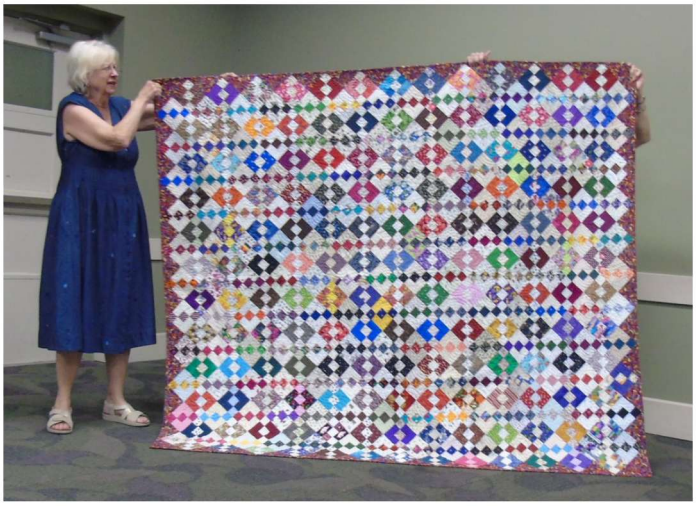


Debbie's quilt contains the Woven Star quilt block from Ten Cows, alternated with solid white blocks that she appliqued various circle patterns to. The Woven Star block is constructed with the freezer paper method.

Debbie's presentation will be attached to the newsletter email

Sew-n-Tell







Ruby Lowe -
Dancing Dragons
Turtle wall hangings (both Annette Ornelas patterns)

Carolina Chain (Bonnie Hunter quilt)





Ann McDonald -
Trees for sale
Stained Glass windows
Spooky season





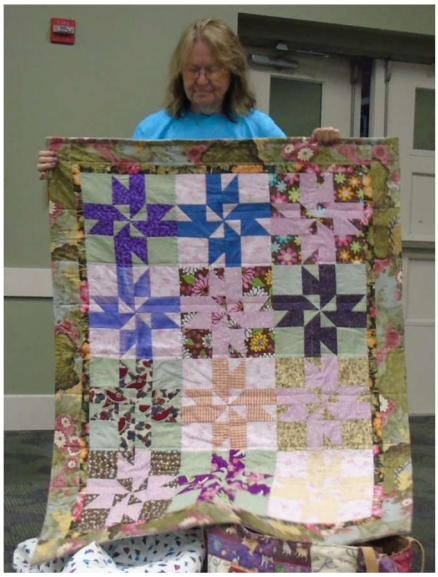
Sew-n-Tell



Sarah Gayden Hammond - Victorian Crazy quilt handbag



Pamela Kirby - T-shirt quilt



Martha Ludke - Surprise pinwheel (community quilts)





Dorothy Reyna - Square Dance and Black-Green Chevron





Sew-n-Tell

Cyndi Bailey -
Don't Ghost Me





Karin Brown -
Facebook quilt



Lollie Everett - Snails Trails quilt
with Star on the back



Marilyn Rose - UFO quilt



Kathleen Greer - Dancing Ladies (fabric from Alaska)



Sew-n-Tell





Delene Browning - Butterfly wall hanging and Crumb blocks quilt



Susie Guyton - Fall table runner



Hilda White -
The Cylist (t-shirts)
and
Angler's Choice





Roxann Lantrip - Gathering Wildflowers



Patricia Welsch -
a 3 yard quilt
doubled for the
VA Home
(UFO)



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; Ritzyquiliting @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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Guild meeting-
Monday, November 2nd at the Brandon Library -
Auction setup begins at 6:00 pm;
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

Sit n' Sew -
Saturday, November 7th at the MSU Extension-Rankin County Bldg