



September: 2026

President's Message

Hello Brandon Quilters,

After an active month for the guild we still have much to look forward to in the remainder of the year.

Thank you again to Pam Avara for arranging for Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs to come for 2 days of classes and her trunk show. Much sewing with new techniques was accomplished.

The "Tips and Tricks" moment in September was about having quilt kits laser cut when physical difficulties hinder the quilter from accurately cutting the fabric themselves. The shop mentioned was Fabric Essentials in Concordia, Kansas which offers this service.

Dr. Joyce Shipley spoke to our members to introduce a non-profit after school program she has developed. "Sew You Can" will be hosted at Brandon Middle School as an after school program. There is no charge to the students for this twice weekly opportunity. The program is in need of volunteers, sewers and non sewers. For more information please contact Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Stefanek @ [404-242-2756](tel:404-242-2756) or Joyce Shipley @ [701-361-5664](tel:701-361-5664) to hear more about this effort. The goal of this non-profit is to "empower individuals through sewing".

With only one month until the annual auction I encourage you to think now what you will contribute to the Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It Auction. Please make sure your contributions are in good condition and that all parts are included. We will put out some suggestions and information out closer to the day. We are working to be efficient with your time while making it a fun experience.

Please remember that our member Wanda Newell will have her display of 28 of her story quilts at the Brandon Public Library October 23 and 24. Bring someone with you to experience these creations.

We hope to see you on Monday, October 5th,
Susie





September 14, 2026-

President Susie Guyton called the meeting to order, there were 43 members in attendance and 7 visitors.

Susie stated there was one correction to the August newsletter; it was Polly Duggan that brought and gave flowers to Pamela Kirby and Martha Ludke for their numerous contributions to our guild's community quilts. She then requested a motion for approval of the August minutes as amended. - Ouida Davis made the motion, 2nd by Pam Avara, all approved.

- Treasurer's report - Ann Callender - available funds \$7,347.55. (Total balance \$15,252.60 less \$135 collected for UFO's and \$7,770.05 for the retreat equals available funds.)
- Sunshine report - Pamela Beard will mail out 3 birthday cards for September. Pamela asked if anyone does not receive a birthday from the guild during their birthday month to please let her know. She suspects issues at the Jackson post office.
- The September Sit-n-Sew was Saturday, September 5th. The October Sit-n-Sew is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd, prior to our meeting.
- Retreat update, Pamela Kirby - due to medical emergencies, there are two openings to the retreat (those spots may be filled, but please check with Pamela).

Our nominating committee has been busy and will announce officer candidates at our October meeting. Thanks for the committee's hard work and to those who have volunteered to serve.

Guest speaker Dr. Joyce Shipley spoke to our members to introduce a non-profit after school program she has developed - "Sew You Can". Susie included details and contact information in her president's message.

Our program was presented by Wanda Newell on her beautiful pictorial quilts.

Sew-n-Tell was shared and then our meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Welsch
Brandon Quilters secretary





State and Local Guild updates and reminders

- **MQA** - Pam Avara announced she is our new “Central” MS representative. The Fall Gathering will be on November 6th & 7th at the Rankin County Safe building. The theme of the gathering is “Birds of a Feather stick together”. MQA is also working on a state of MS quilt show to take place in 2029 and seeking volunteers to help with various tasks.
- **Puckett Quilters** - Tuesday, October 6th - Karin Brown
- **Wynndale** - Thursday, October 8th, be sure to bring your lunch - Ann Callender
- **GSQA** - October 17th in Fairhope, AL - Pam Avara. A workshop is planned for the day prior to the meeting - Dizzy Diamonds - October 16th

Tip & Tricks

Susie mentioned her “tip” in the president’s message – Fabric Essentials in Concordia, KS offer laser cut quilt kits for quilters that have physical limitations that can keep them from accurately cutting fabric themselves. Visit <https://www.fabricessentials.com/> for their contact information.



Thank you to Pamela Kirby for organizing our 2026 Annual Retreat at Lake Tiak-O'Khata. It was great fun, everyone had a great time, food was fantastic as always - Already looking forward to next year.





Program – Pictorial quilts –

Wanda Newell shared four of her beautiful pictorial quilts, speaking on how she builds the pictures as she goes.

- Inspired by Norman Rockwell art
- Builds and add details as she can
- Does not include faces; as she wants the viewer to insert their own face or someone they they know
- Thanks to the quilters that meet at the Brandon library monthly on Thursdays for inviting her to attend their meetings. These ladies encouraged her and gave guidance that Wanda now uses in producing her art.



Easter quilt

Wanda completed each block and then joined them together to tell the Easter story.



Fisherman quilt

Wanda loves to show movement in her quilts, as she did her with her fisherman.

**Wanda's art quilts
celebrate art
celebrate stories
& celebrate life**





Program – Pictorial quilts –



America's 250th celebration



Prom dress fitting

Attached with the newsletter is a flyer for the Quilt Art Folk Show that will feature 28 of Wanda Newell's art quilts. The show will be at the Brandon Library Friday, October 23rd - 9am - 5pm and Saturday, October 24th - 9am - 4pm in the same room we have our monthly meetings. Let's support our fellow artist and invite other quilters and friends.



**Annual Make It, Bake It
Sew It, Grow It Auction
at our November 2nd meeting**





Sew & Tell -



Pam Beard - Palette of Patience



Sarah Ketchem - Comfort & Blessing (UFO)



Pam Avara - Shop Hop quilt and Scrappy Bargello





Sew & Tell -



Pam Avara - Shenendoha, Quarter Square, Disappearing Hour Glass and Ohio Star quilts





Sew & Tell -



QOV made by Dianna Carey-Smith



Pamela Kirby - Good Ole Country Boy (UFO),
reversible Fall & Christmas wall hanging and QOV





Sew & Tell -



Pamela Kirby - baby "Moore" gifts, t-shirt pillow, Snowflake and colorful quilts





Sew & Tell -



Ouida Davis - Luminary (UFO)
Adam Trest fabric quilt,
and Hunter Star



Grace Applewhite -
Adam Trest fabric quilt





Sew & Tell -



Karen Petrignani - Fat Qtr-pinwheel,
Large flowers & Jelly Roll quilts



Hilda White - Anakin quilt





Sew & Tell -



Martha Ludke - various community quilts





Sew & Tell -



Susie Guyton - ready for Halloween
Wonky 4-patch and house quilts (UFOs)





Member projects from the Annette Ornelas classes



To Pam Avara for arranging our national teacher Annette Ornelas. Thanks also to Susie Guyton in assisting Pam with transporting Annette while she was here and both for sharing meals and time with our guest. We all learned a new and interesting technique. Annette was a sweet heart and definitely shares our love of quilting and creating.



Mississippi Artist fabric now available-

Adam Trest is a well-known fine artist, illustrator, and resident artist from Laurel, Mississippi, who gained national attention through his work on HGTV's Home Town and as the illustrator of Erin Napier's New York Times bestselling children's book The Lantern House.



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, October 3rd

MSU Extension-Rankin Co. Bldg, Brandon, MS

Guild meeting-

Monday, October 5th at the Brandon Library -

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