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ANNUAL MQA SPRING GATHERING

February 26 – 27, 2010

Trinity Baptist Church, Vicksburg, MS

Hosted by Vicksburg Quilters

THEME: The Start of Something New

Vicksburg Quilters have planned a wonderful Fall Gathering! We look forward to your joining us in February in Vicksburg. Pre-registration is required for the Gathering. Friday night activities are open to MQA members and any guests. Saturday activities are open to MQA members. Guests may attend Saturday by paying a \$5.00 guest fee or by becoming an MQA member and paying annual dues. Registration and shopping begins on Friday at 4:30. This year's vendors include Brenda Harrower of Vicksburg, Carolyn Hobgood of Village Cloth Shoppe in Dekalb and Diann Loper of Happy Quilts in Vicksburg. In addition, Kay Elliott is offering 25% off all purchases at Stitch-N-Frame Shop in Vicksburg on Friday and Saturday. Vicksburg Quilters will display quilts. At 6:00, a soup and chili supper will be served by Vicksburg Quilters. Please mark on the registration form if you will be attending the Friday supper.

Our program will begin at 7:00 with a welcome from MQA and Vicksburg Quilters. At 7:30, Brenda Harrower will present a program on spinning fibers. Saturday morning begins at 8:00 with more shopping and an MQA update at 8:30. A Trunk Show of Ruth Mullins' appliqué quilts will begin at 9:00. We will have a break at 10:00. Jackie Watkins will present a program on Twisted Branches and Noriko Endo Snippets Quilts at 10:00.

Lunch will be catered by Heavenly Ham and served at 11:30. Lunch including cookie and drink is \$10.00. Please make your selection on the registration form and include payment made payable to MQA.

At 1:00, we will have our annual business meeting and election of new officers for 2010-2011.

The afternoon will wrap up with Show and Tell beginning at 2:30.

Directions to Trinity Baptist Church

From I-20, take Exit 3 - Indiana Avenue. At the top of the exit, turn left. At the stop light at the intersection of Indiana and South Frontage Road, continue straight on Indiana Avenue. At the 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Porters Chapel Road, turn left. Trinity is the second church on the left. The address is 3365 Porters Chapel Road. Look for the MQA signs to direct you to the parking area and entrance.

Vicksburg Hotels

Rooms have been blocked at three different locations for MQA members who will be traveling to Vicksburg. When making your reservation, please tell the reservation clerk that you are with the Mississippi Quilt Association to receive the special rate.

Fairfield Inn by Marriott

20 Orme Drive

Vicksburg, MS 39180

601-636-1811

\$59 + tax

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

4160 South Frontage Road

Vicksburg, MS 39180

601-802-0525

\$59 + tax

Wingate by Wyndham

115 Cypress Centre Blvd

Vicksburg, MS 39180

601-630-4240

\$59 + tax

Outstanding Quilter Recognition

Do you know outstanding quilters who should be recognized? If so please fill out a nomination form and mail it by March 15, 2010. Guidelines established by the MQA Legacy Committee stipulate that any quilter who has been making quilts over a long period of time and who has produced a substantial body of work is eligible. Priority will be given to quilters who are above the age of 70. The Legacy Committee will chose the individuals to be honored and notify them by April 15, 2010. The staff of the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum will help MQA recognize the individuals chosen by displaying their quilts during the month of June. A reception will be held at the museum in early June. Plans are to honor a new group of quilters each year.

Mississippi Outstanding Quilter Nomination Form

The Mississippi Quilt Association was founded in 1991 to enhance the art of quilting in Mississippi and established the MS Quilt Legacy Committee in 2005. The purpose is to execute the search and documentation process and record the works of outstanding Mississippi quilters. This project would document the quilter's collection of quilts from everyday quilts to Sunday quilts. Please help us locate and recognize our state's quilters for future generations to enjoy.

Outstanding Quilter

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

How long has the quilter been making quilts? _____

How many quilts has the quilter completed? _____

Where are the quilts today? _____

Describe the type of quilts made.....pieced, hand quilted, appliqué, machine quilted, tied, etc _____

Does the quilter have a special technique or method, a unique style, use predominate fabrics or theme in the quilts? _____

Why do you think this quilter is exceptional and should be documented and recorded for future reference? _____

Attach a story, picture, and other information about the quilter and their collection.

Nominator

Name _____ phone _____

Address _____

Relationship to quilter _____

Complete this nomination form, postmark by March 15,2010 and mail to the address below.

Joan Alliston,
444 Busick Well Road,
Brandon, MS 39042

Quilt Exhibit

Julia Graber will have a solo exhibit of quilts at the Macon Welcome Center, Macon, MS from May 21 to June 25, 2010. Her quilt "The Desert Shall Rejoice" is a finalist for the contest 'New Quilts from an Old Favorite' that The National Quilt Museum puts on in Paducah, KY. It will be exhibited there from March 19 through June 15, 2010 and travel to other venues around the country until December 31, 2010.

President's Letter

The theme for this year is "the start of something new" and I hope you will join us in our quest for new quilts to make, new techniques to learn, new friends to meet and new roles to fill in MQA. The 2010 Spring Gathering will be held February 26-27 at Trinity Baptist Church in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Vicksburg Quilters have planned an outstanding event with great programs, food, displays and vendors. Additional information and the registration form are included in this issue of the *Common Thread*. The information is also available on the MQA website and by email/mail to all MQA members.

Elections will occur in February. Carolyn Emerson, President-Elect, will become President and Susan Beard will continue her term as Treasurer. Linda Jabour and the MQA Nominating Committee have identified candidates for President-Elect and Secretary. An absentee ballot is included in the *Common Thread* for those MQA members who will not be attending the Spring Gathering.

Joan Alliston has developed a new program to recognize outstanding quilters in Mississippi by displaying their quilts at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in June 2010. A description of this program and a nomination form are included in the *Common Thread*. Please assist the MQA Legacy Committee in identifying outstanding quilters. Nominations must be postmarked by March 15, 2010.

The 2010 June Gathering is scheduled for June 4-5 and will be held at Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi. Please contact Carolyn Emerson or any member of the MQA Board if you are interested in teaching a class or would like to recommend a teacher. Additional information and registration materials will be available in April.

The 15th Annual Educational Seminar will be held July 19-24, 2010. Beth Ferrier will teach two-day classes in Starkville, Jackson and Hattiesburg. Additional information and registration materials for these classes will be mailed in May.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us at these events. I look forward to seeing you!

Gloria Reeves

The Sandstitchers Quilt Guild is planning a quilt show May 15, 2010. The show theme is "Starry Nights" and it will be held at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center, 1600 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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Annual MQA Spring Gathering – Registration Form

Friday night activities are open to MQA members and any guests. Saturday activities are open to MQA members. Guests may attend Saturday by payment of a \$5.00 guest fee or by becoming a member and paying annual dues.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Meal Reservations:

- I will attend the Friday supper
- I will attend the Saturday lunch –
please select one of the following boxed lunches:
 - Smoked Turkey Sandwich, chips, cookie, drink
 - Ham Sandwich, chips, cookie, drink
 - Roast Beef Sandwich, chips, cookie, drink
 - Chicken Salad Croissant, chips, cookie, drink
 - Chef Salad, cookie, drink

Amount Enclosed:

- I have enclosed \$10 for Saturday lunch (as selected above)
- I am a guest and will be attending Saturday – select one:
- I have enclosed \$5 guest fee
- I would like to join MQA and have enclosed \$15 annual dues

Registration deadline is Friday, February 16, 2010.

Mail registration form and check payable to MQA to:

Gloria Reeves

PO Box 3814

Mississippi State MS 39762-3814

Your registration is complete when your registration and payment are received.

MQA Membership Form

Membership year is April 1 – March 31 ~ Dues are \$15 payable to MQA

Please print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Home Phone (including area code) _____

Cell Phone (including area code) _____

Email Address: _____

Common Thread, MQA newsletter

Please check one:

- I would like to receive the *Common Thread* by email.
- I would prefer to receive a copy of the newsletter by US mail.

MQA Membership Directory

I give permission to MQA to publish my information (as completed above) in the annual Membership Directory.

- Yes
- No

Please check one:

- I would like to receive the Membership Directory by email.
- I would prefer to receive a copy of the Membership Directory by US mail.

Please send completed form with payment by March 31 to:
Gloria Kiser, MQA Membership Director
2166 Wildwood Lane
Starkville MS 39759-9461

Regional News

Jackson Quilters:

In September the Greater Jackson Quilt Celebration was held. The show was held at the Mississippi Craftsman's Center on Rice Road in Ridgeland MS. The show dates were Sept 19th & 20th. We had over 700 visitors attend the show and 152 quilt entries. The show chairperson was Rhonda Blasingame who put a tremendous amount of effort in leading this show. Other guilds that participated by entering quilts, helping with vendors and general duties were Allison Wells, Brandon Quilters, and Quilter's By Heart's Desire.

The October meeting was when members were to display their workmanship in the President's Challenge. President Lucy Large provided a box of crayons at the beginning of the year and each member picked a color. Members came with a variety of items completed with their color choice. The following have been elected to serve in the year 2010. President, Rhonda Blasingame, Vice President, Dorinda Evans, Secretary, Marcella Comans, Treasurer, Mary Trest, Programs Polly Duggan, Newsletter, Lucy Large, Webmaster, Sarah McCormick, Historian Suzanne Schutt, Greeters, Sarah McCormick and Lynn Flanders, Hostesses, Diane Jordan and Diane Cameron and Ronald McDonald House, Gwen Harris. Following the meeting the guild held its annual potluck luncheon and the meeting was adjourned until Jan. 25, 2010.

Please visit our website (www.jacksonquilters.com) if cannot make it to our meetings, but we invite you to come and visit our guild any time. We meet the 4th Monday of each month, January to October. Gathering starts at 9 with the meeting to begin at 9:30 am. We meet at the Briarwood Presbyterian Church just off of I-55.

Quilter's By Heart's Desire

Late this summer one of the ideas was that several members who chose to participate in a Brown Bag Lunch exchange. Each participant was to bring fabric to make a 12 x 12 square. You could use any fabric larger than 2", embellishments. One fabric had to be the bread, one the meat, one fruit, and other fabrics were to be the condiments. Fabrics were put in a brown lunch bag and exchanged at a meeting. Members were to return at the September meeting with some sort of sandwich, lunch, etc. It was great to see what the membership created. Creativity was clearly at work.

In October, Polly Duggan and Debra Sikes put on a program using Halloween fabrics as a theme. Two quilts, a jacket and a vest were shown. The membership enjoyed seeing how many varieties of Halloween prints there are.

Our guild continues to work on Charity quilts and Quilts of Valor.

November was our final meeting which is always our Pot Luck Dinner. The membership elected the following officers: President, Cindy Pannier, Vice President, Debra Sikes, Programs, Polly Duggan, Secretary and Newsletter, Lucy Large, Treasurer, Karen Petrigiani. President Jerry Klomparens adjourned our meeting until January 2010.

If you are in our area, we meet at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Grants Ferry Rd in Brandon on the 3rd Monday of each month. The meeting begins at 7:00pm. We invite anyone to stop by and visit with us.

Brandon Quilter's

Our guild is very fortunate in that we continue to grow. Each meeting seems to bring a new member for which we are grateful. During the fall we participated in the Greater Jackson Quilt show, and sold many tickets for the Opportunity Quilt. The quilt was won by member Gwen Harris. She was thrilled.

Vice president, Joan Alliston continued to present patchwork blocks to our guild and at our December meeting Billie Thompson showed a top she had completed using those blocks.

November is our Auction month. The membership looks forward to this opportunity to purchase other member items. Several members have donated UFO's complete with instructions and buyers of the projects have then showed them at a meeting. What a great way to recycle.

Each December our guild donates ornaments to the Brandon Library for their tree. Joan Alliston and others have shared ornament patterns with our group. We also play the Wright family Christmas story. Some members have a hard time knowing their left hand from their right hand.

The following officers were elected for 2010: President Joan Alliston, Vice President, Kathleen Greer, Secretary, Cindy Barnett and Treasurer, Lucy Large.

If you are in the Brandon area on the 1st Monday evening of each month, we meet at the Brandon Public Library. Our meetings start promptly at 6:30 and we try to be finished by 8 p.m.

Submitted by Lucy Large

Brookhaven, MS Piecemakers Quilters Guild

Fellow quilters-lend us your ears! We haven't up-dated you from our little corner of Southwest Mississippi recently. Exciting things have happened to some of our members AND we have had a glorious year!

Caroline Kluge, so talented, is a recent winner in the annual Hoffman Challenge. Her entry won and is in the traveling exhibition this year. Connecting Threads published an article on her and the other winners in their recent catalog. Our local paper also had a picture and write-up. Celebrity for sure and gorgeous work!

Jackson Quilt Show also gave us some winners that included "our own" Brenda Boykin, Viewers Choice Award; Joanne Miller and Caroline Kluge won ribbons. WOW! What talent in our midst!

We have many on-going events which include: monthly fat quarter drawings; friendship squares which are returned and drawing held for all squares; and our popular charity projects. Some of our charity projects included pillow cases for Blair Batson Children's Hospital; lap quilts for the local nursing homes; Battered Women's Center; Pregnancy Crisis Center; and this month we made and delivered twelve bed quilts to the boys and girls at Dickerson Place, Brookhaven, an outreach of Mississippi Baptist Children's Village. This was a most rewarding experience for those of us that witnessed the facial expressions of these children!! We received the blessings!

Some of the classes we completed this past year were: Double Irish Chain-taught by Kathy Etheridge; Back to Basics-Polly Thomasson and "staff"; Twisted Log Cabin-Betty Zehnder, Connie Anderson, and Caroline Kluge; Winners Boquet-Becky Sartin, Jan Toler and Juanita Ashley; Flip'N'Sew Sunflower or Angel Strip Piecing-Betty Jo Myers and Betty Zehnder; Star Table Runner-Katherine Taylor; Bargello Table Runner- Caroline Kluge; Christmas Santa Pillow with pre-made kits- Kathy Etheridge. These classes produced some very beautiful items and maybe some not so beautiful!!

In November, we always decorate a Christmas tree with our handmade ornaments for the Lincoln County Library, Brookhaven for their "Parade of Trees," This is also where we meet each month. At this meeting, we elect new officers for the new year and plan our program for the next twelve months. Always for our December meeting, we party, dee-licious food, dirty Santa game with fabric exchange and wishing our dear friends a Merry Christmas!

We are planning a road trip to Stitch'N'Frame, Vicksburg on Jan. 7th, 2010. We M-U-S-T buy fabric for all these gorgeous quilts!!

Officers for 2010 are as follows:

Pres.: Kathy Etheridge, V-Pres.: Cindy Hebert; Sec.: Caroline Kluge; Treas.: Jan Luter; Reporters: Juanita Ashley - Common Thread; Betty Zehnder - Newspaper; Charity Events: Kay Mattos; Program Chmn.: Betty Zehnder; Assts.: Judy Payne, Nora Berch, Brenda Boykin, Connie Anderson; Scrapbook: Katherine Taylor; Hostess Chmn.: Jackie Coons.

Please come visit with us anytime at 9 a.m, second Monday of every month, Lincoln County Library, Brookhaven.

Gulf Coast Region

Picayune Piecemakers ~ Anne Taylor reporting

We are all saddened by the passing of Barbara Raymond on November 15, 2009. She will always be remembered as our friend, fellow quilter, and Piecemakers president who brought us so much fun in our quilting lives and direction in our guild.

"Gumbo Quilt," designed by Ruth Grimes of Camelia Quilters, was taught in September by three of our members - Casey Berndsen, Betty Thomas, and Nancie Melchionne. "Warm Wishes" from Quiltmaker magazine was taught by Anne Taylor and Edith Musselman (another two Piecemakers) in October. November was 'Sit and Sew' to give members a time to catch up or finish any UFOs. December, of course, was our annual Christmas party featuring Christmas 'swap' stockings we'd made and stuffed with all sort of sewing goodies. Our new officers for 2010 through 2012 were announced. As usual, the potluck lunch was delicious!!

During this last quarter of 2009, two Saturdays were set aside for special classes - one for Michael Young teaching "Y-Seams" and the other our own Angie Crowley teaching "Chubby Charmer Tote Bag." These extra Saturday classes give our members more time to work on special projects while enjoying the Piecemakers camaraderie.

Our Block of the Month ended in December with Angie Crowley, our coordinator on this project, handing out instructions for the final block and instructions for completing the quilt top. The monthly fabric swap in black, white, and red fabric strips and squares for the year also ended in December with instructions/suggestions handed out to turn these into a quilt top. One hundred fifty-four baby and lap size quilts were made by the Piecemakers and donated to the Pearl River County Health Department for high-risk babies and children.

New officers for 2010 and 2011 are: President, Glenda Copeland; Vice President, Lynda Henery; Program Chairman, Susan Luc; Secretary, Jan Watkins; Treasurer, Jill Whipple; Newsletter Editor, Mae Foster; Publicity Chairman, Cathy Tripp; and Historian, Beryl Eckerle.

We meet the first Saturday of each month at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1309 Hwy. 11 South at 9:30 a.m.

Poosum Town Quilters -

Well, we survived hosting the Fall Gathering, We appreciate all the great comments and are happy everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Gwen Harris was the winner of our raffle quilt, Hearts & Gizzards. The winners of our Challenge Blocks were: 1st Place and Viewer's Choice - Brenda Crownover. Her block featured the First United Methodist Church; 2nd place was Judy Stokes and her block on The Masonic Home; Third place was the First Baptist Church block by Annette Pennington. The Habitat Open House was November 22. PTQ gave 14 quilts to the Wilson Family. It would be worth it to go to our blogspot to see the expressions on the faces of some of the children as they received their quilt. Our Christmas Party this year was in Vernon, AL, at the home of Watana Cantrell. Good food and a fun game of Dirty Santa was enjoyed by all. We even had a visit from the "real" Santa who distributed gifts to all who were there. The new officers for 2010 are President - Jo Anne Slancauskas, Vice President - Julia Graber, Secretary - Terry Turnage and Treasurer - Lauren Hutchins. Visit us at www.possumtownquilters.blogspot.com.

Sincerely, Judy Stokes

Vicksburg Quilt Guild

The Vicksburg Quilt Guild participated in the Holly Days Market again this year. Over the last couple of months, the members worked on all sorts of items for this event. We had knitted caps, scarves, crocheted items, Christmas tree ornaments, aprons, homemade jellies, homemade breads, and of course, quilts. The proceeds from this event go to the local Children's Shelter. We are also working on the February Gathering for MQA.

We had our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 12. There were all sorts of delicious foods and good fellowship.

As this newsletter will be published after the holidays, the Vicksburg Quilt Guild would like to wish a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. We're looking forward to more quilting and projects in 2010.

Susan W Beard

GumTree Quilters Guild, Tupelo

As the GumTree Quilters Guild first big event, in October we had our Old Fashioned Bed Turning, Mini-Quilt Show, Silent Auction, our Quilter's Lunch Sampler, and selling tickets for our 2 quilts donated by Karen Asbury and Marcelle Bethany. We considered the Bed Turning a great success because we enjoyed a lot of publicity, made money, had a lot of visitors, and, most important of all, got several new members signed up. In addition, we have sold over 300 cookbooks with one of our members (Charline Hill) selling about 125!

Our Raffle quilts will be given away at our January 5th meeting. They were scheduled to be given away on December 1st, but we had to reschedule our meeting to the 8th because of scheduling conflicts at All Saints. Then on the 8th, the night was horrible with wind and stormy weather and a lot of our members couldn't get there with their money and tickets, so if you are holding a ticket, don't give up. You may still win one of the quilts of the quilts on January 5th!

As president (and I guess it applies to all presidents) is that we have members that are always volunteering without being asked. I think to our ears, "I'll volunteer or I'll do that," are some of the sweetest words that we hear and I am grateful.

Cheri Weber volunteered to be our Activities Director. She has already implemented several activities that we are now enjoying and has several more in mind in the coming weeks and months.

In addition, Lynn Blaylock volunteered to be our Educational Director. She is very talented, not only as a quilter, but as a leader. She already has classes for beginners planned for February 20th and follow up classes in March. Our members that have been quilting for a while will be assigned as a "buddy" to each beginner. We have a lot of talent in our group and they are willing to share their expertise with the beginning quilters.

Linda Levy, our vice president and also our program chair is doing a wonderful job getting us informative and talented quilters to do educational programs each month. Recently we enjoyed a program with Tina Lutz, Director of the GUMTREE Museum. Her program was about the Theory of Color with principles that apply, not only to all forms of art, but to the art of quilting as well.

Other activities we enjoy are: our Strippers' Club, Mystery Quilt Series, Block of the Month, Birthday Girl of the Month, and several more in the planning stage.

Our goal is for our members to learn something new each meeting, whether they are a beginner or a seasoned quilter.

Beginning January 8th, on each Friday, from 11:00 to 2:30, our GUMTREE Quilters Bee members can come and go during these hours at the Oren Dunn Museum at Ballard Park. We will work on our own projects, help others who ask, and enjoy some great fellowship and a brown bag lunch with each other. Thanks to Cheri and to the Oren Dunn Museum for allowing us to have a comfortable place for this activity.

When you are in the Tupelo area, feel free to join us the first Tuesday night of each month at 7:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church, 608 W. Jefferson Street.

Marcelle Bethany, President, Gum Tree Quilters

Needle Chasers Guild

On September 30th Mary Sorensen at the request of Needle Chasers presented a workshop on hand-appliqué techniques. Nineteen people who attended learned a lot and had a marvelous time. New officers were elected in November, 2009 and include myself, Marilyn Marks, Secretary, Vickie Shackelford, Program Director, and Chris Mallette, Quilt Show Co-Director. These officers join with Nelda Soper, Vice-President, Marcelle Bethany, Treasurer, and Anne Rushing, Quilt Show Director to form the Executive Board. On December 7th Needle Chasers hosted its annual Christmas party at the library. Upcoming events include the Needle Chasers annual retreat at J.P. Coleman State Park on January 22nd-24th. On March 31st, in collaboration with the Florence, AL guild, Deb Karasik of Quilt Mavens will present a paper-piecing workshop. This past year Norma Grissom's "Hearts and Flowers" quilt was accepted for competition at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, TX, although her entry was inadvertently left out of the printed program. More recently, Barbara Patterson's quilt "Southern Memories" was accepted for the "Quilts of the Coastal South" exhibit and will hang in Paducah at the National Quilt Museum from February 5th to April 6th, 2010. Our bi-annual quilt show will be in September 24th-25th, 2010 in the luka Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Adrienne Phillips, president, Needle Chasers Guild

Ocean Waves Quilters, Long Beach, MS

To keep us busy during the fall, the guild invited Marilyn Rose to demonstrate a Wedge class using dramatic plaids. The class was very interesting and we enjoyed how Marilyn showed her many quilts made using the Wedge ruler. She even had the radar information for every hour during Hurricane Katrina made into a wall hanging! How unique!

In October, we began to think of Christmas, (as if we had already thought of it), with a demonstration by Barbara to make an easy Christmas table runner. Many of the group made this easy runner to show in our spring show. In November, the guild had show and tell of a project started in the spring. The guild chose different holidays and made placemats representing that holiday. They all were so different.

For Christmas in the Park we had many items to sell but the north winds blew in and we went for the warm room and hot chocolate. In December our Christmas party was held at the Senior Citizens and Activity Center where we ate all the goodies brought to sample. The guild donated over \$300.00 to the Long Beach Food Pantry. We have been hand quilting a quilt to be auctioned for more donations to the food pantry.

Future plans include getting ready for our spring show, April 17. It will be held in the Senior Citizens and Activity Center. The Spring Show will be a welcome after the rain and cold. It will be called "Flashes of Color" and includes a raffee quilt in bright colors! Hope to see you there. Contact Shannon for more information about our guild -- 860-4945

Kosciusko Quilters Guild -- Attala Co., Central area news

We hosted our neighbor guild, Scrappy Quilters from Sherwood, at our October meeting. We shared great food, fellowship and our latest quilt successes with each other.

Our November meeting included the following topics: Thread Types by Frances Henne, Machine care by Vicki Williams and Quilt Label Making using the computer by Beverly Dorsey. Good information for all members.

Our fabric self-portrait challenges were due at the December meeting. The only requirement was that the self-portrait have at least one "real" characteristic of the person; embellishments were encouraged, but not required. Nine members participated in the challenge: Ginger Alexander, Mary Berry, Jean Carpenter, Glenda Cockroft, Frances Henne, Carol Patton, Sally Rick, Shirley Rogers and Vicki Williams.

Portraits were numbered and displayed for members to guess who made each portrait. Thread prizes were given to each challenge participant. A prize was also given to the person of the portrait most correctly identified (the one that most looked like the

person it represented) and to the member who correctly identified the most portrait makers. This challenge really put most of us out of our comfort zones, but it was great fun to see all of the efforts.

Our meeting ending with a potluck luncheon and the exchange of Christmas presents. Happy Quilting to all in 2010. Kosciusko Quilters meet every third Tuesday at the R.S.V.P. Center in Kosciusko at 9:30 a.m.

Bay Oaks Quilt Guild, Diamondhead, MS

Quilt Guild meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Diamondhead Baptist Church. Each month we have a program or class, usually taught by a guild member. In October, member Solveig Wells taught us an Easy Stained Glass technique using straight grain leading strips and machine appliqué. In November, GSQA circuit teacher Judy Holley presented her New York Beauties class to the guild. In this full-day class we learned to make a variety of New York Beauty blocks with various sized points and arcs. December brought our annual Christmas bash with delicious food provided by members and a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange.

In January our Four Seasons challenge quilt top is due. Over the past year members exchanged ten-inch fabric squares representing the seasons and we are now required to use some of each fabric in the quilt. Up to two additional fabrics may be added to the exchange squares. There is no size or subject restriction for the quilt. Our January program will be a discussion of how to quilt the various tops.

All members of Bay Oaks are gearing up for our 2010 quilt show, Hot Quilts, Cool Needles, to be held April 10-11, 2010, at the Diamondhead Community Center. We plan to have over 100 quilted items on display at the show. Special exhibits include antique quilts and guild challenge quilts from the past two years. Our merchandise mall will have vendors from local quilt shops and handmade boutique items. The opportunity quilt is a vibrant and colorful Storm at Sea variation, entitled Starburst Serenade. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased from any guild member. Program ad space is available at very reasonable rates (1/3 page \$10; 1/2 page \$20; full page \$30) and can also be submitted to any guild member. For additional information about the show please contact co-chairs Therese Springer (springerstc@bellsouth.net) or Melba LaCaze (jboatman21@aol.com).

Kay Guillot

Thimbles & Threads Guild, Woodville, MS

The guild meets at the J.R. Hamilton Building on the 4th Thursday of each month. This past August, Phyllis Dawson showed her quilted challenge blocks. What a beautiful job she did! Since she loved the fabric, we were all glad that she won the blocks. Mary Liberty showed us her new quilt, featuring appliquéd cows. It is SO cute. We all loved it.

Since we needed to make our plans early, we discussed the Christmas challenge blocks in September. Moselle Felter won the challenge blocks that the guild had made earlier.

In October, guild members decided to make Friendship Stars, using red and green Christmas fabric with white for the star in the center. Squares are due in December. Daughter Linda Gene Carter and granddaughter Ellen Johnson put together and hand quilted the quilt squares that mother/grandmother Moselle Felter won in September. Was she surprised! The quilt is beautiful and we all loved it! Of course, it was a huge secret.

Members gathered earlier in the day and earlier in the month than usual for our Christmas party. Members drew numbers to match gifts that contained quilt gifts – fat quarters, books, notions, etc. What fun! We all sampled the delicious finger foods from a beautifully decorated Christmas table. At long last a name was drawn and Johnnie Carter won the 47 Friendship Star blocks. They will make a beautiful quilt and we look forward to seeing it in 2010.

All our members join me in wishing each of you a wonderful Christmas and a New Year that allows lots of quilting projects to be completed!

Dorothea Hoffman

Threads of Memories

Our club meets every Thursday at Newhebron Baptist Church for quilting and a time of great fellowship with lots of delicious food. We've had two new members join this year.

One of our meaningful projects is to make quilts for children at Blair Batson Hospital. We also make quilts for cancer patients in our area. We've made several quilts to be raffled for school fundraisers, the community activity club and a gospel sing. We had a quilt show during the Pulpwood Festival in Newhebron. One of our members won a quilt made by other members. This makes eight we have drawn for in our group. In December, we drew for 12-inch Christmas blocks.

This has been an active year for us and we look forward to next year.

Janice Flynt, Newhebron, MS

For Sale: 2008 Gammill Classic Statler Stitcher with light bar, hydraulics, casters, 12 foot table, computer mounting kit, approximately 800 patterns. Selling for \$27,000. Contact Diane M. Jordan, Vicksburg, at 601-636-5197, 601-831-5197

~ You know you've had too much coffee when you can thread the needle and your machine is running! ~

~ A fat quarter is NOT a body part! ~

~ Behind every quilter is a HUGE pile of fabric! ~

MQA ELECTION - 2010

The Nominating Committee, composed of Linda Jabour, Chairman; Betty Lewis; Jean Crane; Judy Hines; Judy Stokes and Teresa Ess, submits the following slate of officers for election by the membership of MQA at the February General Meeting for terms as indicated below:

President Elect, Billie Thompson (2010-2011) and
Secretary, Nan Harber---two year term (2010- 2012).

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Jabour

**MQA ABSENTEE BALLOT – 2010
FOR MQA MEMBERS WHO WILL NOT BE ATTENDING
THE FEBRUARY GATHERING.**

President-Elect: Billie Thompson For _____ Against _____

Secretary: Nan Harber For _____ Against _____

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| <p align="center">Calendar of Quilting Events</p> <p>MQA Spring Gathering February 26 & 27, 2010 Hosted by Vicksburg Quilters Trinity Baptist Church Vicksburg, Mississippi</p> <p>MQA June Gathering June 4 & 5, 2010 Christ United Methodist Church Jackson, Mississippi</p> <p>15th Annual MQA Educational Seminar - Beth Ferrier July 19 & 20, 2010 Starkville, Mississippi</p> <p>July 21 & 22, 2010 Jackson, Mississippi</p> <p>July 23 & 24, 2010 Hattiesburg, Mississippi</p> |
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