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## President's Message

Flowers are fascinating gifts of nature, some are small and pale, blooming in the shadows, others are bold and flamboyant, taking center stage in the sunlight with their brilliant color and showy petals. Some are wild and untamed; other delicate and orderly. Yet each brightens the world around us with a beauty all its own.

We as quilters are like flowers, a fascinating gift to our family and friends. Our quilts are small, pale and blooming with shadows, and take in the sunlight with their brilliant colors and showy machine quilting. As the sun beginning to set early and the dew is forming on the ground, let us continue to take time to quilt, using the flowers as our inspiration from nature.

Row by Row: If you participated in the Row by Row Experience, please bring your rows to the Fall Gathering. We want to see your Rows or just bring in your patterns.

February 12-13, 2016 will be the date for Spring Gathering 2016 hosted by the Piecemakers Guild in Oxford. Friday night we will meet at the University of Mississippi Museum and on Saturday, we will meet at the Powerhouse, the county art center at 413 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St, Oxford. Piecemakers will have their quilts on display at the art center.

*Marietta Johnson*

PS: If you have any quilts that survived Katrina or you have made them for an exhibition, or a Katrina memory quilt, please bring it on Saturday for the afternoon program.

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**MQA Fall Gathering  
Picayune, MS  
October 9 & 10, 2015**

Current Officers and Directors

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Door Prizes will be sprinkled among activities

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**Friday**

4:00pm Registration, Demos, Shopping  
5:30pm Dinner  
6:30pm Judy Niemeyer class show and tell  
Betty Thomas- Underground Railroad  
Blooming 9 Patch  
Holly Fink- First Ladies Blocks  
Diamonds are forever

**Saturday**

8:30 am Registration and Shopping  
9:00— 9:30 am Welcome and Announcements  
9:30 – 10:30 am Row by Row Experience  
10:30 – 11:30 am Julia Graber-President's Challenge  
11:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch, Board Meeting & Shopping  
1:00 – 2:00 pm Katrina Quilts  
2:00 – 3:00 pm Show and Tell

Note from the Membership Director:

Your MQA membership dues may be due. The membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Many of you are already current for this coming year. Thanks so much for showing your support of MQA by paying in advance. If you are not sure when your membership will be expiring, please send me an email or call me and I will be happy to check for you. The latest membership form is included in this newsletter. You may include it with your "Gathering Registration" or you may send it directly to me. I look forward to seeing everyone in February.

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Meeting Location  
Roseland Park Baptist Church  
2130 Hwy 11 N.  
Picayune MS.  
Take Hwy 59 South through  
Hattiesburg until you reach Exit 6. Turn  
right. At the Third (3rd) traffic signal,  
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## Regional News

### Area Representatives and Guilds

#### Northeast - Jenny Reed

Ackerman - Scrappers Quilt Guild  
Columbus - Possum Town Quilters  
Corinth - Cross City Piecemakers  
Iuka - Needle Chasers of Tishomingo County  
Starkville - Golden Triangle Quilters Guild  
Starkville - Happy Hoopers  
Tupelo - Gum Tree Quilters Guild

#### Southeast – Judy Byrd & Carolyn Watts

Columbia - Jessie's Girls of Quilters  
Columbia - Stitches of Loves  
Hattiesburg - Pine Belt Quilters

#### Southwest –

Brookhaven - Piecemakers Quilters  
Carlisle - Bayou Pierre Quilters  
Hazlehurst - Pieciful Heart Quilters  
McComb – The Beehive  
McComb - Pike County Quilters  
Natchez - Natchez Quilters  
Port Gibson – Crossroads Quilters  
Woodville - Thimbles and Threads

#### Central – Georgia Polk

Brandon - Brandon Quilters  
Brandon - Quilter's By Hearts Desire  
Brandon - The Quilt Club of Rankin County  
Canton - Allison Wells Quilters  
Florence - Faux Pas Quilters  
Jackson- Jackson Quilters  
Jackson - Piece and Joy Quilters  
Kosciusko - Kosciusko Quilters  
Morton - Leesburg Friendship

#### East Central - Carolyn Emerson

Decatur - Busy Hands Quilt Guild  
Louisville - Red Hills Quilters  
Meridian – Carousel Quilters  
Meridian - Magnolia Quilters  
Philadelphia - Nimble Thimble Quilters

#### Gulf Coast - Elizabeth (Liz) Linebrink

Big Point - Magnolia Quilters  
Biloxi - Lighthouse Quilters  
Biloxi - Sand Stitchers Quilt Guild  
Diamondhead - Bay Oaks Quilt Guild  
Gautier - Scrappy Quilters  
Long Beach - Ocean Waves  
Lucedale - Melon Patch Quilters  
Moss Point - River City Quilters  
Gulfport - Magnolia Quilters  
Ocean Springs - The Red Hot Friday Night  
Strippers a/k/a Strippers  
Picayune - Picayune Piecemakers  
Poplarville - Jubilee Quilt Guild

#### Northwest - Linda Levy

Oxford - Piecemakers of Oxford  
Southaven - Quilting in the Grove  
Vaiden - Quilters Knot

#### West Central - Ann Simcox

Cleveland – Cotton Cut-Ups Quilt Guild  
Cleveland - Cotton Row Quilters  
Greenville - Delta Quilters  
Vicksburg - Cotton Patchers  
Vicksburg - Vicksburg Quilters

### Vendors At the Fall Gathering are:

Stitching Post, Hattiesburg MS.



All Stitched Up, Slidell LA.



## East Central

### Decater MS—**Busy Hand Quilters**

At our April 14 meeting Nancy Frederick presented a program on making a sweatshirt jacket. Several have completed and all are different. We have three new members. These were a welcome addition to our Club.

In May, Mary Ezelle presented the program on Disappearing Hour Glass. We used the squares to make a quilt top for Women's Shelter. Several made more than one block. Of course some turned out shy of the right size but were altered.

In June Sandra Amis presented a program on Sweet Sixteen block. This we are also using to make a quilt top for one of our charities. The husband of our members has been very ill, and has been hospitalized for about three months. He is some better but has a long way to complete recovery. Please join us in praying for Ricky Frederick.

In July most members take a vacation from quilting but some of the members will meet on our regular day, time and place. We will offer each other advice on our projects and we bring food, eat and visit,

### Philadelphia—**Nimble Thimble**

During the summer months the Nimble Thimble had several different quilt workshops or Sit-&-Sew days. One was the Disappearing Hour Glass, a technique from Missouri Star Quilt Company. It's always fun to see what you end up with when 2 ten inch squares are sewn together on all four sides! We had some ladies that entered their quilts in the Neshoba County Fair. One purple ribbon, many blue ribbons and a few red and white ribbons were won. It's nice to see these ladies recognized for their creative endeavors!

In September we will have a paper piecing class. We have plans for several road trips--to Carolyn's in Dekalb and to Louisville for a luncheon with the Red Hills guild. Looking forward to that Show & Tell! We meet the First and Third Thursday at 9:30 at New Pleasantdale Baptist Church in Williamsville.

### Louisville—**Red Hill Quilters**

Red Hills quilters have been working on 9 patch blocks. We had to make 20 blocks to share with participating members. Just received our beautiful blocks in August! Earlier in the year we bought several bolts of good quality muslin so everybody had the same fabric for the light squares. Now we need to get busy making more 9 patch blocks so we have enough for a quilt. Everybody was also given enough fabric to cut solid muslin blocks to alternate with the 9 patch block! In June we had some ladies travel to

Jackson for the Gathering. It's fun to take a class or in Betty's case teach hand quilting. Can always get some ideas for our "Quilts To Make" list! We had a demo/workshop making a stain glass table runner. Great workshop! In July we went on a road trip to the Cotton Blossom, Jo-Ann and to Stitch-n-Frame! We meet on the Third Monday at 10:00 at the Extension office.

## Central

### Brandon MS—**Brandon Quilters**

Spring and summer found Brandon Quilters continuing on our quest for knowledge and inspiration with a wide range of topics, some brand new and some familiar but good to revisit.

In May, Rachel Courtney shared a treasure trove of family utility quilts- always sweet reminders of the importance of our craft in earlier times. It is like looking at two sides of the same coin: on one side, the need to use what is available to us at the time and being careful with our resources, but on the flip side, reminding us of the amazing choices of fabric, supplies and ideas that are now at our fingertips to enjoy!

June brought us a program on the wide range of fusible products that are available in the stores now, along with some techniques on how they can be used for machine applique or for stability in certain projects, with hints on how to work with them.

We got a head start on the upcoming Greater Jackson Quilt Celebration with our own quilt show of miniatures in July, with entries being judges and voted on by members, with actual cash prizes! Many of the quilts went on to be donated as fund raisers for our local guilds in the silent auction to be held at the upcoming show in September. We also learned about a new type of quilt as Janet Lindsey introduced us to "Fidget Quilts", a multi-textured and embellished small lap quilt made to help dementia patients who need tactile stimulation and something to keep their hands occupied.

In August, Lucy Large provided us with an up-to-date program on many of the numerous types of battings available to us now. She explained a multitude of products and suggested many of the best uses of each, and provided members with a great handout that contained samples for us to refer to a we make our batting choices.

We continue each month to be introduced to one of our members' favorite rulers- seems there is a ruler out there to help us with whatever we are working on! Many members also enjoyed participating in the MQA National Teacher classes this year, taught by Pat Sloan. As you know, her topics were machine applique and pieced backgrounds. Her knowledgeable and friendly,

helpful approach made the classes very worthwhile and a lot of fun.

We look forward to more informative programs as our year continues. Join us if you can, first Monday, Brandon Library, 6:30 pm!

### Brandon MS—**Quilters By Hearts Desire**

Our group began after the June Gathering by having each member bring three (3) of their favorite notion or gadget. Some of the items that were named were a husband, several rulers and a number of other items.

The July meeting was usually a Christmas in July program, but this year since we never meet in December, the program people came up with the idea of a Dirty Santa project. Each member had a budget of \$10. It was interesting to see what someone can do with a \$10 budget.

Our August meeting hosted Mary Holman from Vicksburg MS. She talked about her quilt journey in the idea formation and the actual creation of the quilt, The Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt, the process the group went through to achieve their goal. The primary focus was to continue to work toward a purpose even when you don't think you have an abundance of confidence. Keep practicing that helps to improve our skills. They were inspired and helped by quilter Rickey Tims. Mary does a great program, so you might want to invite her to come and speak to your group about this quilt.

We also had a two day retreat at our meeting place. Many members worked on their Pat Sloan class projects. We all had a great time sewing, talking and eating. What more could a quilter ask for?

We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening at 7:00 pm at St. Mark's UMC at the Reservoir in Brandon MS. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### Brandon MS—**Rankin County Quilters**

Our group is most fortunate and generous in their time and talents. We also like to eat and shop. In May our group made a donation to a charitable organization which helps women in foreign countries learn to sew so they may support themselves and their families. We continue to make items for the Center for Pregnancy Crisis. Our group is a daytime group which affords us the luxury of traveling to various locations.

In May our group traveled to Vicksburg MS and shopped at Stitch N Frame. Kay Elliott owner of the store is always generous in giving our group a discount. Our June meeting was led by member,

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## Brandon MS—Rankin County Quilters (cont.)

Jo Patterson who gave a lecture on The Use of Color. Color plays such a huge role in our quilt making process and whatever a speaker shares with us is always valuable information.

July had members bring their favorite notions. This is always interesting because each of us comes with an item that no one had thought about. In August our group was on the road again despite the heat of summer. We traveled this time to Cotton Blossom quilt shop in Madison MS.

Our group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at the MS. State Extension Bldg. in Brandon MS. If you are interested, please stop by and visit with us.

## Jackson MS—Jackson Quilters

Most of our members have spent a great deal of time getting their quilts ready for the bi-annual Greater Jackson Quilt Celebration which will be held September 11 – 13, 2015, at the Craft Center in Ridgeland, MS.

Members are also currently selling raffle tickets for the beautiful “Jewel Box” Opportunity Quilt which was made by many of our members.

In April of this year, our member Dorinda Evans gave us a very interesting presentation on “RULERS – How and When to Use Them”. There were many special rulers, large and small, and Dorinda showed examples of their particular uses. (Isn't it amazing how many rulers we collect over time?)

Not to be outdone, in May, member Joan Alliston gave a program for the club on “Name that Block.” She presented a beautiful sampler quilt consisting of six rows of five blocks, a total of 30 different blocks, and asked us to identify them. Not as easy as you might think, but the exercise provided a very educational program for all of us.

Our June meeting was a sharing of our favorite quilting books. Some members also showed quilts using a certain pattern out of their book. Rumor has it that Amazon did a lot of business in quilt books after this meeting.

And, in July, member Julie Hendrick gave a very interesting program on “Quilts with Dimension.” She demonstrated how to fold fabric to form a dimensional flower. Members who brought fabric and followed her instructions left the meeting with a cleverly folded flower.

The Jackson Quilters program committee has done, and continues to do, a very good job of enlightening our members with new ideas and concepts to enhance our love affair with our quilting hobby. We currently have 48 members, and we welcome visitors (and potential new members) to all our meetings. Our meetings begin at 9:00 am on the fourth Monday of each month (January – October) at the Briarwood Presbyterian Church, 620 Briarwood Drive in Jackson, MS.

## Canton MS—Allison Wells

We have been spending much of

our time finishing the quilt that will be raffled at the Greater Jackson Quilt Celebration. Also, member Diana Paz has been proving us with a Block of the Month pattern for a sampler quilt. Member Julie Hendrick gave an interesting program in July on adding dimension to your quilt.

Allison's Wells Quilters meets every Tuesday at the Canton Convention and Visitors Center in downtown Canton, MS from 9:30 a.m. till noon-ish. The business meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We gladly welcome visitors and new members.

## Gulf Coast

### Biloxi MS—Sand Quilters

The Sand Stitchers meet on most Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall at Northside ASOG Church, 14901 Lemoyne Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39532. The first Thursday of the month is our business meeting. The third Thursday is project night. We may have a lesson, work on a charity project or a have a lecture. The second and fourth Thursdays we have Quilting and Crafts. Everyone works on whatever project they want to. Some bring their sewing machines, some bring hand piecing, some bring knitting or crocheting. We even occasionally push some tables together to baste a quilt or two. And of course everyone is willing to lend a helping hand to those who need a lesson or want an opinion. We welcome visitors at any time. For more information: Jere' Funk (228) 617-2943 [the9patch@bellsouth.net](mailto:the9patch@bellsouth.net)

### Poplarville MS—Jubilee Quilt Guild

The Jubilee Quilt Guild had a refresher class in making Pillowcases. We found that if you don't make one for each quilt, you tend to forget how these are assembled. We started a Mystery quilt and are preparing to bring our completed Autumn challenge project to the August meeting to be rated on 10 elements by the attendees. We are planning to have a booth at the Pearl River County Fair to display these items. We meet 10:00 a.m. on the fourth Saturday at the MSU Pearl River County Extension Service Office, 417 Hwy 11 North, Poplarville, MS.

### Ocean Springs MS—Red Hot Friday Night Strippers

The Strippers meet from 2 to 7 pm on the first and third Fridays of the month at St John's church in Ocean Springs. Our current project is to work through Debbie Caffrey's book, “Open A Can of Worms”. We started with Stacked Coin and several of them are ready to be quilted. In between working on the Worms book's projects, we also create and donate quilts to the CASA volunteers for distribution to the children in the court system of Jackson and Harrison County. For more information contact Janet Bryant (228) 872-2499.

### Long Beach MS—Ocean Wave Quilt-

ers

The Ocean Waves Quilt Guild meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at the Long Beach Senior Citizens Center in Long Beach, MS. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday is our regular business meeting at 12:30 p.m. and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday is our project day.

This year we displayed our mystery quilts and other fine quilts at the Town Green in Long Beach during the Annual Spring Garden and Pilgrimage that is coast wide; guild members provided instructions and examples on ruching flowers and a class on fractured panels, A class on paper piecing is being taught in August. We lost a long standing guild member and her family was kind enough to donate all of her fabric and notions to the guild. Completed quilts using her fabric are photographed and put in a memory book for her children. The guild members put together a listing of projects and techniques they would like to try or find out about....it is a working document that we discuss at meetings. In October, we'll be hosting Julia Graber's trunk show from the SAQA.

New officers have been elected and we're looking forward to a new year full of new challenges.

As our mission states, we strive to advance the appreciation, knowledge and enjoyment of quilting and invite anyone desiring to learn about quilts and quilting to join us. We encourage mentorship to anyone needing assistance. In keeping with our mission statement, we now have a Facebook Page: Ocean Waves Quilters of Long Beach, MS.



## Gulf Coast (Cont.)

### Picayune MS- Picayune Piecemakers Quilt Guild

The Piecemakers are excited to have the Fall Gathering of MQA in Picayune on October 9 and 10, 2015 and look forward to meeting and greeting our fellow quilters from around the state. This is the first time that Picayune hosts an MQA gathering and plans are in full swing for your visit. Outstanding demos will take place and our own Quilt Historian will keep you informed and entertained with her stories about quilt history.

Our "Christmas in July "Sit and Sew" gave us full warning that there were only 160 days to get those Christmas project completed. And now, as you read this, it has dwindled to 140.

The past three months have brought us classes in "Migrating Geese", "Blooming Nine Patch" and "Hand Applique". Coming up for the next three months are "Scrap Happy Stars", "Post Cards", "Pursuit of Excellence" and "Paper Piecing and Perfect Points". Never a dull month at Picayune Piecemakers, so come join us if you can. All are welcomed.

We meet on the first Saturday of the month at St. Paul Lutheran Church Hall on Highway 11 South, Picayune, MS.

### Gautier MS-Scrappy Quilters

We meet in Gautier every Tuesday, 4-6 p.m. at Gautier First United Methodist Church

### Van Cleave MS-Van Cleave Quilt Bees

The Vanleave Quilt Bees meet every Monday from 4-6 pm at the Vanleave Library. Last year we donated a raffle quilt to the Masonic lodge in Gautier. The raffle earned between 6 and 7 hundred dollars for the lodge. Monday, August 17, we had our Summer Celebration. Assorted salads and desserts were enjoyed by all.

We have monthly demonstrations and welcome all levels of expertise. This year's quilt show is scheduled for November 13th and 14th at the Vanleave library.

## Northeast

### Columbus—Possum Town Quilters

Several of the PTQs attended the June Gathering. We enjoyed our classes and look forward to next year. We had some representation at the National Quilt Association Annual Quilt show held this year in Little Rock, Arkansas. They are scheduled to be in Little Rock the next 4 years. It's a good show and close enough for you to check it out.

Challenge packets were available at our July meeting for our annual block challenge. This year we are to make a House Block, 8 ½" square or 8 ½" x 12 ½". Deadline is September 12.

Naomi, Carol, Brenda and Judy demo'd different appliqué techniques at our August

meeting. An update on our Ultimate Guild Challenge – "Southern Magnolia"; our quilts were accepted to hang in the AQS show in Grand Rapids, MI, August 12-15. No ribbons but an honor to be juried into the show. Possum Town Quilters meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. Due to a plumbing problem at the RAC, we've been a little displaced this summer. Be sure to check with one of us before dropping in to visit. Our contact information is on our blog at [www.possumtownquilters.blogspot.com](http://www.possumtownquilters.blogspot.com).

### Iuka—Needle Chasers of Tishomingo CO.

The May auction was a big success topping the income from all previous years; Yes, one woman's trash is another woman's treasure. Julia Graber taught a class in early May on the Carolina Lily and members raved about the class.

The guild was pleased to nominate two long-time quilters, Nelda Soper and Marcelle Bethany, to the Legacy Quilters of Mississippi. Both ladies are quite deserving.

Currently our guild members are gathering supplies and patterns for a fun quilting weekend at J.P. Coleman State Park. Nelda Soper will teach a class on Friday and the retreat actually starts that afternoon and continues to Sunday afternoon.

A shop hop bus trip has been scheduled for October beginning in Corinth at 6:00 a.m. and proceeding to Hancock's Paducah, then to two other quilt shops in and near Murray, KY. A committee continues to work on implementing a barn quilt trail in northeast MS.

### Starkville MS—Happy Hoopers..

This summer has seen larger attendance than in summers past. We have celebrated births, marriages, and unfortunately the death of one of our former members. In joy and in grief this guild's strength is friendship!

The Hoopers is a small guild (no officers, no dues!) which gathers for fun & fellowship every Thursday morning. The "old" Starkville Sportsplex Building is our home. Our official meeting time is 10:00-noon, but quite often we are having such a good time that some go past noon.

Each quilter works on her individual project with skills at every level represented. This guild is a great source of inspiration for those just starting to quilt. It originally began as a hand-quilting guild but has opened its arms to all quilters, very similar to the quilting bees of old. Due to the varied quilting interests and skill levels, it is a good place to bounce project ideas.

If you are in the area on a Thursday morning, please visit!  
Angela Pannell

### Tupelo MS—Gum Tree

I am having trouble with my computer just now so hope this will go through. I am not a member of MQA but one of our members Linda Levy gives us any info we need. We are just finishing up with a raffle quilt. Just need binding and a label.

We were thinking of having it available to show this fall. I don't know those dates. Also some of our members are going to show some of their quilts at the Nov. meeting of the guild in Oxford. Sorry we are not overflowing with activities just now. Hope this helps. Karen Asbury, President.

## Southeast

### Hattiesburg MS—Pine Belt Quilters

We have been a busy group this summer. In April Mary Holman of Vicksburg greatly inspired all of us with her "Amazing Aztec-nicolor Dream Quilt." While it looked too challenging for many of us, we loved her presentation and enthusiasm.

In May our own Martha Ginn challenged us with her "appliecing" which joins sections which would be difficult to piece in the traditional way. Her ideas certainly got us ready to cut and sew.

In June Leslie Kiger, a member of Pinebelt Quilters who has moved to Georgia, presented a program on "Quilts that Win." She discussed visual impact, general appearance, design, backing, setting, quilting, and finishing. She proved that it's the little details that make the difference.

In July we held our semi-annual luncheon and parade of children's quilts. This is the time we give quilts to the Hattiesburg and Columbia fire departments, South Mississippi Children's Home, the Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention, Forrest General Hospital, and Merit Health Wesley hospital. We donated 123 quilts. Our guild is also busy making comfort pillows for children in the hospital or other emergencies, walker totes, NICU incubator covers, etc. Much of the joy of quilting is in what we can give away.

Preparations are also beginning for our quilt show to be held the first weekend in October of 2016. We hope to have the best of Mississippi's quilts presented there.

MQA Fall Gathering Menu

This is your meal choices . (you have different bread and desert choices) Please indicate your meal choice by selecting the appropriate number and if you choose a salad, don't forget to add your choice of salad dressing.

- 1. Chicken Salad on 6" French bread, chips and brownie \$8.75
2. Chicken Salad on Croissant, chips and fruit cup \$8.75
3. Turkey/Cheese on 6" French bread, chips and brownie \$8.75
4. Turkey/Cheese on Croissant, chips and a fruit cup \$8.75
5. Ham/Cheese on 6" French bread, chips and brownie \$ 8.75
6. Ham/Cheese on Croissant, chips and a fruit cup \$8.75
7. Chef Salad with brownie \$8.75
a. Ranch Dressing b. Italian Dressing
c. Blue Cheese d. French Dressing
e. 1000 Island dressing f. Honey Mustard,
g. Raspberry Vinaigrette h. Balsamic Vinai grette
i. Caesar Dressing j. Oil and Vinegar
8. Chef Salad with fruit cup: \$8.75
a. Ranch Dressing b. Italian Dressing
c. Blue Cheese d. French Dressing
e. 1000 Island dressing f. Honey Mustard
g. Raspberry Vinaigrette h. Balsamic Vinai grette
i. Caesar Dressing j. Oil and Vinegar

Please indicate your dressing choice

All sandwiches will have lettuce and tomato on the side.

Friday dinner is at 5:30
Saturday lunch is at 11:30

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Meal Order

Friday Night Number \_\_\_\_\_ Salad Dressing \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.75
Saturday Lunch Number \_\_\_\_\_ Salad Dressing \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.75
Total \_\_\_\_\_

Meal deadline
September 28,
2015

There will be an additional \$1.25 convenience fee if you use PayPal. You will need to phone your meal selection to:

Mail Meal Selections to:

Liz Linebrink
3044 Jackson Landing
Picayune MS 39466-4989
Phone 601-799-1754
Email: bearsforme49@hotmail.com

Please fill out your personal information!!

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_
Member Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
Member email: \_\_\_\_\_





Joan Alliston needs your help!!!

### Christmas Quilts

If you happen to own a Christmas Quilt (even a red or green quilt that reads as Christmas) please bring it to the meeting. It will hang in the Ag Museum from Oct

til Jan. Joan Alliston will prick them up at the meeting or you may call her at 601– 825-4074 or 601-826-1245

### Door Prizes

If a representative from each guild who is attending would bring three (3) door prizes, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

### Hotel Information

Econo Lodge Picayune MS  
550 South Lofton Drive  
Picayune MS 39466  
Phone: 1-601-799-2833  
\$59.95 per night. Rooms contain double beds  
Breakfast included  
No reservation deadline



Heritage Inn  
1122 Memorial Blvd.  
Picayune MS 39466  
Phone: -844-547-2370  
\$69.99 per night with 2 double beds



**For more information regarding this show, please contact Mary Kate Platts at 228-863-6754**

To All Our Fellow Quilter Sisters and Brothers,

The Magnolia Quilters of Orange Grove in Gulfport MS is proud to announce that we will be holding our Second Biannual Quilt Show October 23-24, 2015. We were very pleased with the success of our first show and hope for the same success of our second show. This year's theme is based on our beautifully crafted opportunity quilt which we have named both the quilt and the show "Mariner's Delight".

Our last show featured only the quilters in our guild, we have some very talented quilters indeed. But we are a community of quilters and we have enjoyed our time quilting in classes and workshops with those of you in other guilds from along our Gulf Coast states. We have enjoyed visiting your quilt shows and seeing your masterpieces as well. Therefore, in a spirit of community and fellow craftsmanship, we wanted to open up our quilt show to those of you that would like to show your work in our show as well.

We believe that everyone's work is worth showing, but know not everyone believes there work is worthy of judging. Our quilt show is a non-judged show with the exception of the "Viewer's choice award." So NOW is a great time to get those beautiful quilts out and show and share them with us all!

There is a limit to how many quilts a non-member will be allowed to display, therefore, registrations will be taken on a first come first accepted basis for those that are non members of the Magnolia Quilters of Orange Grove guild. We will be accepting Quilts of all sizes. In addition, if you have wearable or fiber art you would like to enter to show those will also be acceptable to register. All registrations must be received by Michele Martin at the address above or Mary Kate Platts on the enclosed registration form by no later than September 23, 2015—No Exceptions. Please feel free to copy this letter and registration forms as many times as necessary and give to all the members of your guild also any other quilters or friends or family you know that may be interested in entering. I look forward to seeing you at our Mariner's Delight Quilt show in October along with the beautiful quilts and other art that will be on display.

God Bless & Happy Quilting,  
Michele Martin,  
President of Magnolia Quilters of Orange Grove,  
Gulfport, Mississippi

Editor's note: Due to space limitations, I was unable to include a registration form. Please contact the phone number above, and they will be in contact with you.





**MQA**



**25**

**FOUNDED IN 1991**

# Celebrating 25 Years

Join in commemorating  
Mississippi Quilt Association's  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
by entering the MQA Challenge.

### **Ideas for your Inspiration**

How has MQA enhanced your ...

- quilting
- friendships
- piecing
- other

### **The rules are simple.**

Make a quilt  
that measures 25"X25" finished.  
Send us a photo and include  
an artist statement that explains  
how the quilt celebrates  
MQA's 25 years.

All quilts will be on exhibit  
at each MQA event through  
the Spring of 2017.



**Silver  
Challenge**

Please send the following information to Julia  
Graber

[pjgraber@juno.com](mailto:pjgraber@juno.com)

- ~Name of Quilt
- ~Artist Statement (100 words or less)
- ~Your name, address, phone, and email
- ~Photo of finished quilt

# 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. Honoring quilters age sixty-five and older.

## Outstanding Quilter 2016

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you have questions call. Joan Alliston 601-825-4074 or Georgia Polk 601-825-8105  
Mail & postmark by April 15, 2016 to Joan Alliston, 444 Busick Well Road, Brandon MS 39042**

**Include application, pictures of at least two quilts, and quilt measurements**

You will be notified in late April and you will deliver your quilt in late May. Quilts will hang from June through October 2016 at the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum.

Anyone who has a love of quilts and quilting and who is interested in preserving and promoting quilt making is invited to join MQA. Our members come from all walks of life. Our backgrounds may be different, but we share one thing in common our love of quilts and the art of quilt making.



# Mississippi Quilt Association



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues are \$15.00 a year (1 April to 31 Mar)  
There will be a \$2.00 additional fee if you use PayPal  
through our website.

(Please print clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

You can help cut our mailing expenses.

Send *Common Thread* newsletter and Membership Directory (Sent in May) by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Email (Must include an email address)

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Mail

Will you give us permission to publish your information in our Membership Directory

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Send completed form with \$15.00 check made payable to:

Mississippi Quilt Association

Attn: Jere' Funk

MQA Membership Director

7024 Pinehurst Drive

Ocean Springs, MS 39564-9151



## Up Coming Calendar

September 11, 12 & 13-Greater Jackson Quilt Celebration to be held at the MS. Craftsmen's Center in Ridgeland MS.

MQA Fall Meeting-Oct 9th—10th Picayune MS.

October 23rd –24th Mariners Delight Quilt Festival, Biloxi MS

International Quilt Festival-Houston Tx,  
October 29th to Nov. 1,  
2015

Feb. 12,13, 2016-Spring Gathering-Oxford MS.

June 17, 18 2016 June Gathering-Jackson MS.,

National Teacher coming next year is Mickey Depre. Here is a link to her website, if you are interested in her bio.

<http://mdquilts.com>

She will be in Mississippi from July 18th to July 23, 2016

Mississippi Quilt Association  
Lucy Large  
210 Woodlake Dr  
Brandon MS 39047