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President's Message

Where has the time gone? This year has flown by. I want to thank everyone who helped in any way to make my year as President successful. I also would like to encourage you to consider taking an active part in MQA. This could have been a heavy load but with all the behind-the-scene helpers, the load was lightened and it has been an enjoyable year.

News from the Alzheimer's Quilts that were brought to Cleveland...4 have sold so far, earning \$240 for the AAQI. If you have one to donate and want to bring it to Meridian, we will send them off as a group as before. For more information go to www.alzquilts.org. Someone suggested making an Alzheimer's Quilt each time we finish a project from the scraps we have left over. I think this is a great idea!!

As of Christmas, 2012, each of my 21 grandchildren has their very own quilt made by their Mawmaw. I am looking forward to finishing the numerous Works-In-Process that I have accumulated over the years. Most of them are from classes I've taken. My new plan (I'm not going to call it a New Year's resolution) is to finish each quilt as I continue to take classes, and to also complete a WIP in between those classes, because I love to take classes!!

Don't forget Nancy Mahoney is our teacher for the MQA Educational Seminar in July. Dates are July 15-16 in Starkville, 17-18 in Jackson, 19-20 in Hattiesburg. More info on classes will be provided later.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President this past year. I'm looking forward to seeing y'all in Meridian, February 8th & 9th, 2013.

Judy Stokes, President

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**MQA Spring Gathering
Meridian, MS
February 8th-9th, 2013**

Meeting Items

Registration begins at 3:30 pm on Friday 2-8-13

Friday: Play fat quarter bingo (**everyone needs to bring a fat quarter**)
Story teller-Annie McKee
Lecture/demo on rust dying and painting-Winkie Allen

Saturday Morning:
Martha DuBard will be doing a trunk show of her beautiful quilts
Wool Felting by Bobbi Hommel
Scrap Therapy by Cindy Pannier
Mary Nell Magee will do a lecture on dyeing fabrics
Crazy Quilting by Linda McInnis

Saturday afternoon: Business Meeting-Election of 2013-2014 Officers
President's Message and Theme
Show and Tell

Door Prizes will be sprinkled among activities

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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Vendors At the Spring Gathering are:

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East Central

Decatur MS—[Busy Hand Quilter](#)

The Busy Hands Quilters of Decatur MS finished up the year 2012 at the home of our President with 24 members attending. The lunch was tasty and was prepared by Grace and Grits of Newton MS. On Monday, Dec. 17th, the 63 lap quilts that members made during the year are to be delivered to Hill Top Nursing Home in Union MS. This should be one for each resident. In addition to these quilts there have been several previously delivered to persons in our area who are home bound. A couple of our members made and delivered bibs to a deserving person who is home bound. Each member of our group who so desires can take the knowledge gained through programs and word of mouth and use it for projects. In October a program was given on making machine covers. In November a program was given on a fast way to cut half-square triangles. The Decatur United Methodist Church provides us with a meeting place once a month, the only expense to the Club being canned food donated twice a year to the food bank. We are very appreciated of this nice place to meet. We have 32 members with approximately 26 being active. Of course, we appreciate all members. Next year we look to a very active participation in the quilting world. Methods vary on ways to accomplish tasks and we need to be receptive to learning new ones. Sarah Miller, Reporter

Meridian—[Magnolia Quilt Guild](#) in Meridian, MS has been on a learning and giving mission. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at the Meridian Activity Center at 9:00 am. The 1st Thursday of every month we go to a local nursing home with a quilt that Norma Cooksey put together, and quilt with the ladies living there. We have also had a gentleman visit our group at the nursing home to share his stories and quilting gifts. This quilt has traveled to many locations where the group sits around the quilting frame and hand quilts it. I love hearing the stories of when they were little and played under their grandmothers quilting frame while the family quilted together. When it is completed, it is to be donated to a local fire department and auctioned as a fund raiser. Pictures of the different people and groups have been taken over the years and these will be displayed when the quilt is auctioned to help tell the story.

We set the first meeting of the month (2nd Thursday) as a time to learn a quilting skill. Using our talent from the inside, the following techniques were presented, learned, and completed by all in 2012. August-Snipetts by Linda McGinnis, Leaf Pounding-Betty Davis, October- Trapunto by Jeane Jones, and November - Sashiko by Marian Remy. We voted in the December meeting to donate these completed

“squares” to the Alzheimer’s Association in 2013, to help raise money and awareness of this devastating disease. In October, we hosted a Kathy Shaw (www.shawkl.com), all day short course on Silk Ribbon Embroidery.

As the new year begins, we will continue to “learn” the first meeting and plan to incorporate more stitching together at our last meeting of the month. The quilt we build and complete together this year will be donated to a veteran.

A new set of By-Laws were written and voted on to begin the new year and slate of officers for 2013-2014, in November this year. The officers are President-Tanzie Brown, Vice President-Nancy Gorenflo, Secretary-Marian Remy, and Treasurer-Jackie Stevens. I am excited about the possibilities for learning, growing, sharing, and caring this groups brings to the community and am proud to be a part!

Sincerely,
Tanzie Brown

Philadelphia—[Nimble Thimble](#)

Starting at the beginning of the year a Block of the Month pattern was past out by Ginger Phillipson. Each pattern is of a different patchwork for a 12 inch block. The blocks are on the easy scale to I’ll never be able do this one. The last 2 patterns were passed out in December. This has been a great project for the entire Guild. The Neshoba County Fair was an enjoyable event with the quilters having some of their most beautiful handwork on display to be judged. Everyone came home with blue ribbons while Betty Langston came home with the purple. In October the Scrappy Star Quilt was taught by Ginger Phillipson and Mary Ruth Thomas. We had 16 ladies taking this class and over half of the class finished this quilt. A trip to the Village Cloth Shoppe was enjoyed by 14 members. Carolyn opened up her Shop on her day off just for us. Wasn’t that a wonderful thing to do for a quilt guild? A trip to Louisville for a luncheon, hosted by the Louisville Quilters, was enjoyed by 12 of the Nimble Thimbles. November was a treat with 18 ladies having a workshop on The Folded Star Hot Pad. Lois Ford was selected to have a quilt on display at the Agricultural Museum. Lois chose her red and green quilt of the Baltimore Album. Thousands of stitches are seen on this hand stitched quilt. The plans for December were started at the beginning of the year. A Lunch was held at Lake Tiak O’ Khata with 32 being present. A yard of fabric, of their choice, was brought by each person. It was exciting to see all the beautiful colors of fabric selected and passed out.

Always at the end of the year we seem to reminisce of all the projects shown. Dancing Stars

of all black and white prints by Peggy Fowler was really a winner, and then there was Peggy Jones with a Lone Star, of tans and purples, and a Pioneer Braid of many, many colors. Both of these quilts were from classes taught throughout the year. Aleene Ozborn showed a Fan quilt of tan on black, quite striking. Lois ford displayed her 2011 Block of the month of tans, purple and blue, Carolyn Emerson’s, Scrappy Star of all colors, and Sarah Bates with a wall hanging of a Snow Man. Mary Ruth Thomas had so many, it’s impossible to remember them all. These are just a few listed that everyone seems to really like. There has been a really lot of pieces shown this year and each one of them has it’s very own personality and is very beautiful. Sometimes there will be a special showing of an item or project like the one of Mr. Kenneth Bates, husband of quilting member Sarah Bates, with his bead covered Christmas balls. There were about 100 Christmas balls which and been covered in seed and bugle beads. There has been a lot of sickness in the Nimble Thimbles and Lois Ford, the Sunshine of our guild, has tried to send out a card to each one. The Guild sent 42 Baby Quilts of Love to Blair Batson. This is an event that each member, that can, participates in. There is always a project going on at the Nimble Thimbles, or just a meeting to catch up on some of the UFO’s. Bobby Seals, the president, never seems to run out of ideas.

The Nimble Thimbles want to wish each of you the Merriest of all Christmas’s and The Happiest New Year it’s ever been. God bless each of you!

Barbara Pou, Reporter

Central

Brandon MS—[Brandon Quilters](#)

Our guild has been working on Charity Projects and our UFO’s. Each year we present the membership with a UFO award. Each member submits a list of unfinished projects accompanied by \$1.00. The quilt needs to be quilted, bound and labeled when it is shown. At the time of the showing, the member can draw a free fat quarter. At our December meeting all members who have participated in the challenge have their names put in the drawing and a name is selected. 50% of the \$1.00 donation goes to the guild and the other 50% is given to the member who wins. Our winner this year received over \$39.00 which makes for a great shopping trip.

Brandon Quilters (cont)

In November we have a Make It, Bake It, Sew It and Grow It auction. We voted this year to send 50% of our proceeds from the auction to go to the Salvation Army for the Hurricane Sandy victims.

Our December meeting is always celebrated with a party and we play the Wright Family Christmas game. This year each member brought a fat quarter in a brown sack for an exchange.

Brandon MS—Quilter's By Hearts Desire

Fall descended upon our group with great gusto. Traveling is important to quilters, even if it is in your own neighborhood, so we ventured to Bernina Sewing Etc. who graciously hosted our guild at our October meeting. They demonstrated new tools and equipment. Learning what is new in our quilting journey is important.

Our last meeting of the year is in November. We have an annual pot luck supper and a heart exchange. Members are encouraged to make homemade hearts and use them as tree ornaments if we desire. Hearts are decorated in all types of fibers, beads and fabrics. We also elect our officers for the year 2013. They are Nancy Hosford, President, Shelley Taylor, Vice President, Jackie Watkins, Secretary and Karen Pettrignani, Treasurer. Encouragement comes to each of us in our time and place, member, Linda Jabour was inspired from the 2012 Spring Gathering in Brookhaven MS, to work on a Dear Jane Quilt, and we are so proud of her accomplishments.

Jackson MS—Jackson Quilters

2013 is upon us—how did that happen so quickly? Jackson Quilters continues to strive and thrive. At our September meeting, we discussed out new slate of officers for our upcoming year and then were treated to the Fox Challenge, a program given by our own member, Ann Fox. She presented a challenge to all of us to pair up with a friend, follow her instructions about cutting many small squares of fabrics—light, medium, and dark, swapping half the fabric with a friend, and then wait and see how each of us made a quilt from these fabrics plus a couple of borders. The great reveal for these projects will be at our January meeting which should prove to be quite interesting! Volunteers for the upcoming Greater Jackson Quilt Show of 2013 were solicited, and we planned for our last meeting of the year in October which is our usual wonderful Potluck Luncheon.

At our October meeting, we got to see many of our members' finished border quilts which was our President's challenge for the year.

We also had Show and Tell and were proud to find out that we managed to make and donate 42 charity quilts to Blair E Batson Children's Hospital this year. Our new slate of officers was elected, and our new president, Diantha Stafford announced that the theme for next year is "Isn't Quilting Fun?"

Aren't we grateful for having learned to sew and for all the artistic inspiration we have had in our lives? Being able to make something that is not only useful but also a lasting legacy that may live longer than we do is a wonderful thing to be able to do. Happy quilting to all of you from Jackson Quilters!

Carol Kossman

Gulf Coast

Gautier MS—Scrappy Quilters

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Every Tuesday @ 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. We are a non-denominational group.

We make prayer quilts, patriotic quilts for wounded military personnel, quilts for nursing homes, Linus quilts.

All level of quilters - some are excellent appliquers

Picayune—Picayune Piecemakers Greetings from Picayune: The past few months have flown by. We learned about Tessellations Quilts, had a booth with items for sale at the Fall Annual Street Fair and had our Christmas Party at Ryan's Restaurant. In Jan. we will be hearing about how to use Pre-Printed panels in different ways in quilts. Something different this year we will be do Lotto Blocks each month. We meet the first Saturday of the Month at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Hwy 11 South at 9:30am in Picayune.

Poplarville MS—Jubilee Quilt Guild

We have been working on finishing three quilts where we used focus fabrics and guild members made blocks of their choice for each top. One quilt was given at the Christmas party to a guild member who has been fighting cancer. Meetings are the 4th Saturday, 10 a.m. at the MS State Extension office on Hwy 11

Diamondhead MS—Bay Oaks Quilt Guild

The Bay Oaks Quilt guild meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month, 6:30 PM, at the Diamondhead United Methodist Church, 5305 Noma Drive. Additional information about the guild and its activities can be found at <http://bayoaksquiltguild.blogspot.com>.

Bay Oaks approached the end of the year with its usual flurry of activity. Several challenges drew to an end with satisfying results. The self portrait challenge entries were displayed at the Christmas party where members chose a Viewer's Choice and made their best guesses at matching quilts with creators. Marge Sandy won Viewer's Choice, and Alisa Graham had the most correct guesses. The annual UFO Challenge requires members to list their unfinished projects at the start of the year. For each completed UFO the member's name is entered into the end of year drawing. At the Christmas party Alisa Graham's name was drawn as the lucky winner. All winners received a gift certificate from Coastal Sew and Vac. December also heralded the solution to Marge's Mystery Quilt, and a few members even completed their tops in time to display at the party.

In October one of the donation quilts Bay Oaks created for the Pink Heart Funds was raffled at an event and garnered over \$1000 for the local breast cancer survivor support organization.

The guild also made its annual holiday donation to the Hancock County Food Bank in conjunction with the Christmas party.

The Bay Oaks Quilt Guild biennial quilt show, "Pride of the Gulf", will be held April 13 – 14, 2013, at St. Rose de Lima Church, Bay St. Louis.

Gulfport MS—Magnolia Quilters of Orange Grove

Magnolia Quilters of Orange Grove meet the second and fourth Mondays, 6:30 pm, at Coastal Sew and Vac, 12100 Highway 49 North, Gulfport, Mississippi 39503.

In October the guild presented the Gulf Coast Down Syndrome Society with a donation quilt as a charity fundraiser. Later that month the GCDSS raised over \$2000 by selling chances on this quilt. That same month members took a GSQA circuit teacher class from Michael Young, "Wacky Stacky With a Twist," and created some truly gorgeous quilts. Also in October founding member Kim McKeithen taught a class on Christmas ribbon ornaments.

The year-long birthday block exchange drew to a close in December with twenty-five participants. The popular exchange had participants bring 10 inch squares of their focus fabric to distribute the month before their birthday. The next month they received 12 inch finished blocks of the makers' choice featuring their focus fabric. December also brought our annual guild Christmas party complete with delicious snacks and the always hilarious Dirty Santa gift exchange.

Magnolia Quilters of Orange Grove are all working hard toward hosting their inaugural quilt show, "Trail to the Stars," June 21 – 22, 2013, at the Beauvoir United Methodist Church Life

(Gulf Coast Cont.)

Long Beach—Ocean Waves Guild

We are now meeting at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach, at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

We took 15 quilts to the Dialysis Center, which makes 30 quilts donated to them this year.

We donated quilts, blankets, etc. to the Hurricane Sandy victims. Jean Tincher mailed 7 big boxes to a quilt shop on Staten Island to be distributed.

The quilt club also donated over \$300 to the Long Beach Food Pantry.

We had a wonderful Christmas party at the home of Carolyn D'Aquilla. Bettye Buckley made the beautiful center-pieces, which were given as door prizes.

We will be making 9" x 12" quilts for Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative as our charity quilt project this year.

Northeast

Columbus—Possum Town Quilters

As always, Fall is a busy season, with school resuming and of course college football, the pace accelerates. But as usual the Possum Town Quilters were very busy and productive.

We gave a quilt to Habitat for Humanity, one for Sandy relief, and completed a top for Relay for Life. We also had a number of members participate in Judy's challenge to create an AAQI quilt. We love to share our talents.

We also co-hosted Klaudeen Hansen and really enjoyed her workshop.

We also elected new officers for 2013. Terry Turnage will be the president. Patti Moore will be the vice president, Diane Stone will be the secretary and Tonya Stewart is the treasurer.

Upcoming events in the New Year include constructing a double wedding ring opportunity quilt to raise money for our educational fund, participating in the Ultimate Guild Challenge, encouraging participation in shows and competitions.

We meet the third Saturday of each month. Please check the website for additional information. <http://possumtownquilters.blogspot.com>. Please plan to join us at one of our meetings. We love to have visitors!!

Terry Turnage

Iuka—Needle Chasers of Tishomingo CO.

In September our guild held a very successful quilt show. Dorinda Evans of Brandon judged the entries and presented a trunk show on Friday and Saturday, entertaining attendees with her stories and tips. Show attendees were from MS, AL, TN, LA, IL, NC, TX and even Ontario, Canada.

We continue to hold a work day on the third

Monday of the month for members to gather and work on handwork items.

During the year members have worked on "walker" bags for those in our community who use a walker. These were distributed to our local nursing homes. Needle Chasers also worked on child-sized quilts during the year. At the December Christmas luncheon, 34 quilts were presented to Glenn Whitlock, Tishomingo Co. Sheriff, for the deputies to carry in their car and distribute to youngsters as needed. At this luncheon members contributed \$375 in lieu of exchanging personal gifts to the Helpful Samaritan Food Pantry and they approved an additional \$275 to be donated from the guild treasury.

At the end of the meeting the Guild donated \$100 to retiring Library Director Freda McCune to be used for books for the library. The guild meets the first Monday of each month at the Iuka Library at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Barbara Patterson, Publicity Chairman
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Starkville—Happy Hoopers..

Fun & fellowship is always had by the Hoopers in attendance each week. We are a small group with no officers and no dues! Each quilter works on her own individual project so in on meeting we may have a different quilter working on each phase of a quilt—one selecting a new project, one cutting, one piecing (several that enjoy hand piecing), one basting (lots of table space for this dreaded chore!), and one sewing on binding. Or members in attendance vary from week to week, so if you have tried to join us during this holiday season, give us another try. Attendance will pick back up after the first of the year as we make our resolutions. Some will be to finish a UFO or two! We meet weekly on Thursday mornings in the small Starkville Sportsplex building (next to the new building) from 10 am until noon. If you are in the area we hope you will join us!

Angela Pannell

Southeast

Hattiesburg—Pine Belt Quilters'

In September, 15 string pieced quilts made by members were donated to Janice Page, assistant administrator for the Veterans Home in Collins.

October 5th, 6th and 7th was our big show, showcasing almost 400 quilts. **Best of Show-Large** winner was Anne Hindmarch. **Best of Show-Small** was Leslie Kiger and the **Judge's Choice** winner was Frances Good. **Viewers' Choice** winner was Ella Lucas. Mary Ann Scruggs of Hattiesburg was the lucky winner of our donation quilt. We had 19 vendors, lectures and demonstrations, a trunk show and the 2012 Hoffman Challenge. Lake Forrest Convention Center provided delicious lunches. Please look up our Pine Belt Quilters

web site and blog for more information.

Linda Dkyken of Mobile, presented a trunk show at our November meeting. She has been quilting for 28 years and primarily enjoys traditional work and does her quilting by hand. She has had quilts exhibited at the AQS Show in Paducah. Linda gave us some neat tricks on how to cover up mistakes. Our quilters turned in 87 pillows to Betty Bingham for distribution to local hospitals and Geraldine Simmons and Betty Herring showed us 13 walker totes and 7 catheter bag covers that were made.

We have a pot luck lunch at our December meeting. Members make Christmas stockings and others bring stuffings for children and women at the Domestic Abuse Shelter. More quilts will be donated to various agencies. If you received the January AQS magazine please notice that our own Martha Ginn has the top line on the front cover: **Ghost Quilting -A Scare Free Technique**. There is a nice story on her ghost quilting technique on page 26.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you would like to attend one of our meetings in Hattiesburg, please call our president Betty Allen, 601-268-7233 or me, Rosalie Schoell, 601-268-1242 or rosalie-schoell@comcast.net.

New Hebron—Threads of Memories Pat Myers reports that they have been busy making quilts for cancer patients. "We are a bunch of white-haired ladies that just enjoy being together." (That is a good motto for any guild.)

West Central

Cleveland Area—New Group!!

There is a new quilt guild in the Cleveland area and they are known as the Cotton Cut-Ups. This group is making quilts for veterans and local hospitals and spent some time in October going to Pine Bluff in search of fabric, instruction and fun together sewing. They are anxious to have anyone with an interest in quilting to contact them and join the group. The contact person is Martha Beavers - email: makebeev@cableone.net or phone 662-843-8708

Greenville—Delta Quilters

The Delta Quilters, here in Greenville, MS have been meeting at members' homes since we lost our local quilt shop. A brief display of one of our members' long arm and her "handy" Accu-cut made us all want to go out and make purchases of the same. We've been planning what our charity project will be for the coming year in hopes of making something useful and wanted. In the meantime, we've been getting together for group sewing and anyone interested in joining us, please contact Ann Simcox 662-686-7905.

Vicksburg—Pieciful Quilters

We are The Pieciful Quilters from Vicksburg, Ms. We consist of 8 mostly retired ladies with a compassion for piecing and charity. Our latest project was giving to the local foster children in Vicksburg who are not allowed to be on any gift giving list at christmas. The group of busy ladies made and donated 50 lap quilts, 50 pillowcases each one different, many tote bags , along with using their "dirty santa" money to purchase over 300.00 worth of gifts for these less fortunate children ranging from 3 months to 17 years of age. All quilts were made from scrap fabric each person had and quilted on a longarm by the founder of this group Diane M Jordan. They make 8 quilts a piece each year to give to charity. What a better way to express joy.

Vicksburg—Vicksburg Quilters

Not much out of the ordinary going on in our guild this quarter. In November, we did have an outside instructor demonstrate some "embroider in the hoop" projects. Those members that have embroidery machines or embroidery capabilities on their sewing machine went home with some new ideas for working on their embroidery projects. And, in December, most of us were busy getting ready for the holidays—and we always have our guild Christmas Party during our December meeting, which is always lots of fun. Our guild meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at our local Senior Center from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If you're in our area the 2nd Saturday of the month, you are welcome to join us. Happy Quilting from The Vicksburg Quilters!



Spring Gathering Meeting Location

The meetings (Friday and Saturday) will be held at the Northeast Convention Center in Meridian. The physical address is 109 US Hwy. 11 & 80. It is next door to the Hilton Hotel just off of Interstate 20 and Hwy. 59.

Hotel Information

Reservation must be place by January 25, 2013 to get the MQA special rate!!!!

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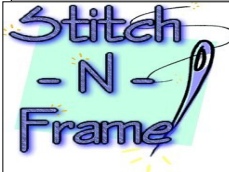
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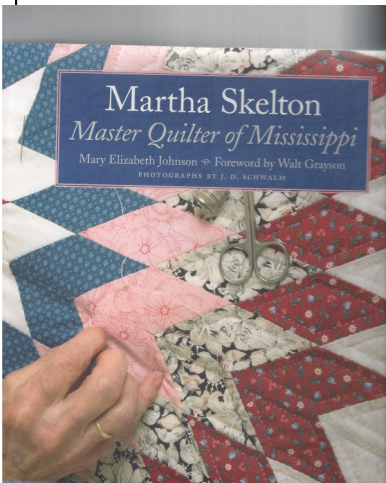
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We started off with 83 cases of books (12 books are in each case) and now we are down to 25 cases of books left, so please help us find homes for these books. After all the price is cheaper than most magazines that you buy and it is a hard bound book.



Ollie Jean Lane

If anyone is interested in owning one of Ollie Jean's quilts, she has contacted MQA and is paying a booth rental fee of \$25.00 to sell some of her beautiful quilts. These are some of Ollie Jean's family quilts dating back to the 1930's with a few that are older than that.

**Mississippi Quilt Association
Registration Form
February 8-9, 2013
Meridian, MS**

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

Meal Reservations:

Friday Evening: (Each choice comes with a Chocolate Chip Cookie and drink (water or tea) for \$8.50

- _____ Chicken Salad on Croissant
- _____ Chicken Salad Plate with Fruit Side
- _____ Ham Sandwich with Chips
- _____ Roast Beef Sandwich with Chips

Saturday lunch: (Each choice comes with a Lemon Square and drink (water or tea) for \$8.50

- _____ Cheeseburger Pasta (Cheese, lettuce, penne pasta, seasoned hamburger, tomatoes and special sauce topped with Potato sticks)
- _____ Grilled Chicken Wrap (Large wrap with grilled chicken, cheese, lettuce and tomato with a broccoli salad side)
- _____ Club Sandwich with Chips

Amount Enclosed:

- _____ I have enclosed \$8.50 for Friday meal
- _____ I have enclosed \$8.50 for Saturday Lunch
- _____ I have enclosed \$5.00 Guest Fee*
- _____ I would like to join **MQA** and have enclosed the Membership Form and \$15 annual dues

- _____ Total amount of Check (Payable to **MQA**)

Registration deadline is February 1. Mail your check and registration form to:

Judy Stokes
5794 Hwy 69 South
Columbus, MS 39702

*Guests are encouraged to attend the Gathering in hopes they will want to become a member of MQA. There is no charge for guests on Friday, but you will need to choose and purchase your meal. A \$5.00 charge is for attendance to the Saturday meeting plus the purchase of your meal.

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)

(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

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 2013

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 _____

**If you have questions call. Joan Alliston 601-825-4074 or Georgia Polk 601-825-8105
Mail & postmark by April 15, 2013 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 2013 at the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum.

BALLOT FOR ELECTED OFFICERS...

NOMINEE for President Elect 2013 / President 2014:

Shirley Wiltshire: APPROVE_____ Other Nominee_____

NOMINEE for Treasurer 2013/2014:

Susan Beard: APPROVE_____ Other Nominee_____

We will collect ballots/votes at the February Gathering business meeting. If you are not attending, you may return your ballot to Secretary, Linda Jabour, PO Box 5489, Brandon MS. 39047.

Or you may email her at pjabour@bellsouth.net with your vote. Thank you!!

Mississippi Quilt Association
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210 Woodlake Dr
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