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President's Message

Let's Continue Our Heritage...Pass It On!

How many of you have taught someone to quilt, or a new technique so far this year? I enjoyed learning something new during the MQA Educational Seminar in July with Marilyn Doheny. I wasn't sure what I was getting myself into but once there, I was truly glad I jumped in. She was a fun teacher and I think we all had a good time. Next year's teacher will be Nancy Mahoney and the dates are July 15-20, 2013. Class information will be determined a little later on.

Something that I've been wanting to participate in is the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. If you haven't been personally touched by Alzheimer's (Mother, Father, Grandparents), I'm sure you know someone who has. The money received from the auctioning of these little quilts goes toward Alzheimer's research which will benefit us in our future. I'd like to challenge you to make a donation quilt (maximum size is 9" x 12") and bring it to show during the Fall Gathering in Cleveland. You can choose any theme but a "Delta" theme would fit right in with Cleveland's programs for the weekend. Please check out www.alzquilts.org for the complete list of instructions and rules to follow.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland October 19 and 20. And, don't forget the Pine Belt Quilt Show October 5-7. Also, the Spring Gathering will be in Meridian MS. February 8th and 9th, 2013. Mark your calendars.

Happy Quilting!

Judy Stokes, President

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**MQA Fall Gathering
Grover's Corner, Cleveland, MS
October 19-20, 2012**

As time fast approaches for our Fall Gathering, we are so excited to be headed to the Delta. The Cotton Row Quilters are our host and they are working around a "Blues" Theme for this occasion. Our meeting will be held at Grover's Corner in beautiful downtown Cleveland.

Agenda

Friday—October 19th

- 3:00-5:15 p.m. Registration, School House, Shopping
- 5:15-5:30 p.m. Welcome
- 5:30-6:15 p.m. Barbeque Dinner
provided by Cotton Row Quilters with Blues
Musician Bill Able
- 6:15-6:30 p.m. Blues History by Lee Aylward from Delta State
University
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. "The Boomers" a musical group
- 7:30-8:00 p.m. T Shirt Quilts by Dot Bright
- 8:00-8:30 p.m. Fish Tales by Dottie and Sharon
- 8:30-9:00 p.m. Closing remarks

Saturday—October 20th

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and shopping
- 9:00am-9:30 a.m. Welcome and Announcements
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Martha Skelton Bed Turning by Joan Alliston
- 10:30-11:30 am. Rhonda Blasingame, Blue's Quilts
- 11:30 -1:00 p.m. Lunch and Shopping
- 1:00—2:30 p.m. Mama's Dream World by Carol Ivy, daughter of
Ethel Wright Mohamed
- 2:30- ?? Show and Tell.

Door Prizes will be sprinkled among activities

**Hotel reservations need to be made by October 8, 2012.
Attendance and Meal registration deadline is Friday October
12 2012.**

See you in Cleveland!

Vendors At the Fall Gathering are:

- Main Street Fabrics from Ackerman MS: Owner, Christie O'Kelly
- Stitch N Frame from Vicksburg MS: Owner, Kay Elliott
- Village Cloth Shoppe from Dekalb MS.; Owner, Carolyn Hobgood

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East Central

Decatur MS—[Busy Hand Quilter](#)

Our guild has grown somewhat this year. We now have 30 members with about 18 active participants. In April some of the members made the annual trip to the Village Cloth Shoppe in Dekalb. In May Nancy Federick, one of our members taught a class on Kaleidoscope. Several people are in process of making a quilt by this process. In June one of our members, Sandra Amis taught a ruching class. She exhibited a beautiful quilt she made with this technique with light pink, rose and green flowers on off white background. The members are working on an appliqued Picarday Rose pattern quilt top to be given to French Camp. A program on this pattern of applique was taught by one of our very missed members, Ann Carlton. Also we are working on a tulip quilt top to auction off for the benefit of the Guild.

Louisville—[Red Hills](#)

It has been a busy few months. In June Judy Stokes taught Roll Roll Cotton Boll. Very Fun. This is a nice way to use scraps--but it still seems like I have a lot more scraps to use. At the July meetings some worked on Roll Roll Cotton Boll. Others made a trip to Dekalb to get fabric for the "Instant Flower Garden" the project taught at the National Education Seminar. And 5 of our ladies got together for a day & night to have a good time and work on a Raffle quilt. August found us making plans for the rest of 2012. The Nimble Thimble Ladies will visit in October for fellowship & food & quilt.

Meridian—[Magnolia Quilters](#)

We've had 2 classes. One on Cathedral windows and the other was doing "Snippets". We meet at 9:30 on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Meridian Activity Center.

Philadelphia—[Nimble Thimble](#)

This summer we've been busy with traveling, weddings, doctor visits & the Neshoba County Fair. So not as much time for quilting as we would like. We did have a class on log cabins & another on Bow Tie. Several attended the June Gathering--always a great time. A group of ladies found time to make the drive (on a very rainy day) to Lake Tia-O'Khata for a delicious meal and to Sit & Sew. We hope to be back in the swing of quilting in September.

Meridian—[Carousel Quilters](#)

We made a "Block Holder" at one of our first

meetings. We had a class on "Thread Play". Now we are doing a series on Crazy Quilts. First we made a block. Then we learned some embroidery stitches to do on the block. Next we will do embellishments with beads and things on it. We're enjoying our classes and learning how to quilt.

Central

Brandon MS—[Brandon Quilters](#)

The Brandon Quilters have had a busy year and here it is soon to be 2013. My how time has flown by.

We have been very involved with the community. We have been providing quilts to the Rankin County Women's Abuse Shelter as well as a Children's Home for a number of years now. This year we added Star MS. Fire Dept. to our list of community projects. They contacted us about providing quilts to them for children involved in auto accidents and fires there in Star MS. The children so many times are cold and scared and they would have nothing to wrap them up in to keep them warm or to keep them feeling secure. We are happy to be able to do this and believe me they have kept us busy as well as our commitment to the children's home and the shelter.

In June we had Richard Vasek from Starkville. Mr. Vasek is a master with Singer Featherweight sewing machines. He does everything from servicing the machines to refinishing them to look like a new one. Believe me they do! We learned a great deal from him.

We had a Hunter Star class taught by our own Diantha Stafford. Diantha is so talented & is such a wonderful teacher. We all enjoyed the class and learned so much. We've seen quite a few of the almost completed quilts pop up at our sit n' sews and I can assure you that they are beautiful. Thanks Diantha for sharing your knowledge with us.

Cindy Pannier shared with us at our August meeting all about scrappy quilts. She gave us so much info on this. I've been hearing a lot of buzzing around at our sit n' sew on what the members have learned from this presentation. We have so many talented people in our guild and so many wanting to learn more and more. I'm very thankful for each and every one who are willing to participate with sharing as well as the ones who are anxious to learn. Also for those of our guild who give from their hearts their gift of these quilts to the "community" who are less fortunate and have lost so much, you make me proud!!

Our guild will be having a retreat Sept. 27-30 at Lake Tia O'Khata. We are all excited and ready to rejuvenate. I started to say relax, but that is kind of a joke, because we are usually up VERY EARLY to LATE, LATE at night stitching away. We get to truly fellowship with each other as well as sharing because every one will be doing all kinds of different things.

Brandon Quilters meets the first Monday of the month at the Brandon Public Library at 6:30 PM. If you're in the area at this time feel free to drop by. Visitors are always welcome. Until next time, "Happy Quilting".

Gaile Matlage
President

Brandon MS—[Quilter's By Hearts Desire](#)

In May, our Guild had our yearly auction. This is a great way to get rid of your unused quilting items and to raise funds for your Guild treasury. Like the saying goes "One man's trash or stash is another's treasure." By the way we raised almost enough money to pay for our Cotton Theory Class in August.

The June Program was a review of the 1600 in quilt with several members showing their tops and finished quilts.

Polly Duggan and Shelley Taylor led the July program covering the 3-D bowtie block. This activity had many members completing their block using their hand-stitching skills. When Polly gets all of the blocks back she will put them together to make a quilt for the Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital. Not only were we busy, but we were accomplishing a community quilt. In July, we had Diantha Stafford teaching us the Hunter Star quilt block that was so popular at MQA. To add icing to our cake, there was Marilyn Doheny's Instant Garden class at the end of July. We are always busy making quilts and memories.

August was a busy month. We had Diantha Stafford give the program for resizing our quilt blocks up or down. She showed several sizes of quilts she had made in both lap and queen size. It is amazing at all the ways to resize a quilt block.

We also hosted a workshop with Paula Toups, a GSQA Educator, taught us Cotton Theory. This is similar to a quilt as you go method, but is not like any of the other quilt as you go method. What a wonderful new technique we learned. I would like to thank those for taking the lead and to all those who participated as well.

Sarah McCormick President

Canton MS—Allison Wells

The members of the Allison's Wells Quilt Guild have been busy not only with their own personal projects, classes and everyday life, but are working on quilts for the veterans at the Veteran's Home in Jackson, Mississippi. These quilts are being made with a labor of love for the men and women who have served our wonderful country. The members of the Guild wanted to say thank you for the sacrifice of time spent away from family and love ones, for the men and women who were injured and of course to the families of those men and women who gave their lives so we can all live in a free and safe America.

Several of our members spent an afternoon at the Home Place in Madison. We held a quilt show for the ladies and gentlemen. Several of the residents of the Home Place bought their own quilts to show our members the beautiful work they had done and a short history of the quilts. While there, one of the ladies was celebrating her 104th birthday. It was as much a treat to our members as it was to the ladies and gentlemen of the Home Place.

The Guild meets every Tuesday at the Canton Convention and Visitor's Center to fellowship, sew and enjoy each other's company and expertise. The monthly business meeting is held the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 A.M.

The members of the Guild are also busy stitching on their raffle quilt for the Quilt Show which will be held in the spring of 2013. The exact date will be announced at a later date and as well as the theme of the show. It will be exciting and have many beautiful and unique quilts on display.

Jackson MS—Jackson Quilters

It is difficult to believe that we only have two more meetings in 2012 for Jackson Quilters—where does time go? Programs that we have enjoyed include Quilts at the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum in Washington, DC in May, Bargello quilting given by Dorinda Evans in June, "Identity Crisis" by fiber artist Diane Williams in July, and Scrap Therapy and Organizing your Stash by Cindy Pannier in August. In addition to our programs, many of us have been lucky enough to get to participate in the offerings at the June Gathering of MQA as well as in learning from the MQA national educator, Marilyn Doheny, this year.

We continue to strive to help others in many ways. We offer support, care, and prayer for any of our members who are ill or have suffered a family loss and also by celebrate family joys with each other. We have already donated 32 quilts to the Blair E Batson Children's Hospital Oncology Unit and hope to deliver ten more by the end of the year. In addition, we continue to promote making quilts for the Quilt

of Valor program. At our August meeting, we received instructions for our last border for our Border of the Month challenge from our Border of the month instructor, Joan Alliston.

The finished quilt shown by Joan is beautiful as are the examples that have been shared by our members at each of our meetings.

And, last but certainly not least, is a very important feature of our meetings—inspiration. Each month we not only get to see the above-mentioned versions of our Border of the Month President's challenge quilt but also see examples relating to our program that month as well as getting to see what different members have been making during our Show and Tell session at the end of each meeting.

This article is being written just as we await landfall from Hurricane Isaac. Prayers for our state and the entire Gulf Coast area as well as New Orleans are in our hearts. Looking forward to calmer skies and cooler weather—and for the weather being cool enough to want to curl up underneath a quilt!

Kosciusko

The [Kosciusko Quilters](#) meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month at the R.S.V.P. center on Adams St. in Kosciusko, MS at 9:30 a.m. Contact: Jean Carpenter at 601-267-9095 or Vicki Williams at VLW@NETDOOR.COM. Alene Cullen presented a program in June about the history of quilting. Her information about the women and their quilt making from long ago was an inspiration to us all.

Beverly Dorsey's July program was about the Easy Peasy Strip Quilt and how it is made. Here is a link to the directions for this quilt: <http://www.quiltingboard.com/tutorials-f10/easy-peasy-strip-quilt-t45145.html>. This is another great idea for using Jelly Rolls and your own fabric strips. And as Beverly said it is so quick and easy to make.

We made time for a 3 - "Day" quilting retreat in early August at a local church fellowship hall. There is always plenty of food and great projects to work on during this time.

Our August program was presented by Gloria Reeves from Starkville. She brought her quilt that she made from the MAQ Doheny class -- a stunning quilt. She shared some of the hints that she learned. Before ending her program she showed the group how to make a tote bag from a T-shirt -- no sewing involved.

For the September meeting, Carol Patton presented a program on Scrappy blocks. She demonstrated the making of the scrappy star block, disappearing 9-patch and boxed square block. Carol showed many variations that could be achieved and brought several beautiful quilts to show that were made using these techniques. Beverly Dorsey also demonstrated her version of the disappearing 9-patch and the quilt she made using that method. Simple techniques can produce amazing results.

Gulf Coast

Biloxi-Sand Stitchers Quilt Guild

The Sandstitcher's Quilt Guild elected new officers in August and celebrated with a potluck dinner on Aug 2. New officers are Teresa Ess, President; Sandra Sharp, Vice President; Linda Cooper returning as Treasurer; Susie Fox, Secretary; and Cynthia Reeves, MMQAmbership. July's project night was a quilt basting demonstration by Lois Reeves, during which we basted charity quilts assembled from blocks made over the past several months. For August, Anne Hindmarch taught us how to make quilted postcards. Sandstitcher's meets on Thursday evenings at Northside Assembly of God church in St Martin/D'Iberville. For more information contact Teresa Ess at teresaess@aol.com or 228-365-5267.

Gautier MS—Scrappy Quilters

Scrappy Quilters
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We meet 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.

We recently finished a patriotic quilt for our church to be displayed on patriotic holidays. There are all levels of quilters in our group.

[Picayune—Picayune Piecemakers](#) meets the 1st Saturday of the month at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Picayune MS. We will be busy over the next few months with projects including Tessellations, making quilts using pre-printed panels and optical illusions. They will have a booth at the Annual Fall Street Fair the first weekend in November. For more information on our guild, please contact our President, Linda Henery at heneryla@gmail.com. Happy Quilting.

[Poplarville—Jubilee Quilt Guild](#) usually meets on the 4th Saturday at 10 a.m. at MSU Pearl River County Extension Service Office, 417 Hwy 11 North, Poplarville MS. The guild is currently making a charity quilt with each member making two blocks using the same focus fabric. These blocks are due in June and this quilt will be finished as a group effort. There is also a pink and green quilt with blocks due in July to go into a quilt for breast cancer research.

(Gulf Coast Cont.)

Long Beach—Ocean Waves Guild meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Long Beach Activity Center on Daugherty Road at :30 p.m. For more information, please contact lantha Hines at 228-343-6846. Betty Buckley and Lois Hawthorne gave a wonderful presentation with handouts and mesh screen on and restoration of antique quilts. The Guild donated a hand-quilted quilt, that we quilted in our quilt room at the Activity Center, to one of our members who is sick. We donated 15 quilts to the local Dialysis Center. Since then we have had a workshop on string piecing as part of our on-going charity project. We will donate them in October. We have a Block of the Month project. This year we are doing birthstone colors. We are very please that one of our members, Jean Tincher is President-Elect of MQA.

Northeast

Columbus—Possum Town Quilters are continuing their tradition of keeping very busy. This July we were the featured exhibit at the Rosenzweig Arts Center in Columbus. It was our best, in this humble reporter's eyes, show that we have put forth so far. We have also turned in our Kaleidoscope challenge blocks and are in the process of turning that into a quilt for the arts center to auction or raffle off.

We also decided to participate in the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge and sold 25 packets to quilters ready to take the challenge. We are excited. Our next charity quilt will be produced on September 29th. It is planned to be given to relay for life or quilts of valor.

We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. In the morning at the Arts Center in Columbus MS. Please plan to join us if you are in the Columbus area. We also regularly meet on the 1st Saturday of the month for a sit-n-sew or to work on charity quilts. Visit our blog at <http://possumtownquilters.blogspot.com> to find up to the minute information on what we have been up and to an what is upcoming on our calendar.

Happy Sewing All!!

Terry Turnage

Ackerman—Scrappers Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of each month at either: Main Street Fabrics in Ackerman, Enon Church Family Life Center in Ackerman, or at members' homes in Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Webster or Winston Counties!! Anyone is welcome to meet with us at 9:30 a.m. until?? We always have fun and interesting programs. Just be sure to call Diane Rhyne at 251-680-1409 or Nancy Henson at 662-285-8373 to find our meeting place for that day! We look forward to having guests.

Starkville—Golden Triangle Quilt Guild

Dear Q-friends. I hope this finds all y'all happy, healthy and stitchy. We are pretty good up her in Starkville. As I am writing this, I am engaged in a 3-way email volley with my Paducah-bound pals. We can't wait to get there and start ogling the quilts, the vendors (just the merchandize!) and the fabulous festival that is Q-week in Paducah. Hope you get your share.

This quarter, I want to tell you about the Golden Triangle Service project which was started by Dot Livingston about 3 yrs. ago. Under Dot's leadership, we have supplied our Sheriff's patrol cars with quilts to be given to children in distress. When a child has been in a wreck or is in pain physically or emotionally, the deputies can give him or her something soft to hold onto, something warm to shelter under. It makes a vast difference to the child's well being.

The quilts we make are typically small, 45 to 60 in. We like bright fabrics, in designs that are simple and graphic. Fleece and flannel are welcome. Quilts are typically packed in a large Ziploc bag, with a stuffed toy and a printed message to give some details about the project. So far, we have placed about 35 in cruisers with 15 more packaged and ready at any time. Fortunately only about 15 of the quilts have been used to date.

In order to assure a continuing supply, each of us has committed to providing one quilt to the project each year during our birthday month. This keeps Dot in inventory, and she can replace quilts in the cruisers as the deputies give them out.

On behalf of the Golden Triangle Guild, I want to thank Dot for spearheading the Cruising with Kids Quilts Project. It has been a very rewarding way to give back to our communities of Starkville and Okibbeha county and was are proud to be a part of it.

Stitches

Nancy S. Losure

Starkville—Happy Hoopers attendance was low over the summer as members vacationed, cared for grandchildren, etc.; but as the popular saying goes "we're back". We hope to continue to add seats around the table as new members give us a try. Members of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Since we do not have organized programs, we get to enjoy the atmosphere of a true quilting bee—all sitting around a table visitin, while working on our individual projects. We enjoy the true benefit of quilting, the friendship! We hope you can join us if you are in the area on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Starkville Sportsplex (in the old building's activity room) located at 405 Lynn Lane, Starkville MS.

Angela Pannell

Northwest

Oxford

The Piecemakers by Ann G. O'Dell

2012 marks the 20th anniversary of The Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Oxford Mississippi Area The community was invited to a celebration reception at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church in Oxford. Twenty years ago area women gather to show and see their quilts and formed an organization whose mission is to provide individuals and opportunity to grow and develop artistically and technically in the area of quilt making, preserving and promoting quilts.

This invitation was extended to women in the larger community to gather again to celebrate the textile art of their foremothers and also the skills that have been developed locally over these 20 years. Women are invited to bring a quilt or two of their own making or that they have collected from family members or beyond.

During the last 20 years The Piecemakers has mounted three quilt shows, has hosted Mississippi Quilt Association twice, has exhibited quilts at The Powerhouse spring 2011 in conjunction with the Gees Bend Quilt Exhibit at the UM Museum, and most recently participated in the celebration of local African American quilts in April 2011.

Besides the monthly second Saturday meeting, a Wednesday morning sit and sew group has developed, from which 80-100 charity quilts have been made and donated to a variety of causes, including Interfaith Compassion Ministry, Save-a-Life, St. Jude's Hospital, Veterans' Home in Oxford, Children's Hospital in Jackson, Oxford Medical Ministries Center, Oxford Cancer Diagnostic Center, Graceland Care Center, Historical Museum in Water Valley, Run for Hope, Habitat for Humanity, to Japan after the tsunami, and one to accompany each of the Living Waters of the World water purification teams to various countries.

From the beginning "Show and Tell" has been a favorite part of each meeting, and we hope quilters, collectors, and quilt enthusiasts will gather on April 14 for refreshments and a giant "Show and Tell." For more information call 662.234.2907.

Southeast

Hattiesburg—Pine Belt Quilters' main focus has been the upcoming quilt show, October 5th, 6th, and 7th. Over 400 quilts have been entered. This is our third quilt show to be held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. We are pleased with the response of quilters all over Mississippi who have entered their quilts. Events are planned during the three days plus a chance to buy tickets to our donation quilt. We also have a silent auction and door prizes every hour. Ellen Hall, show chair, anticipates this to be our best show ever, and we are looking forward to it.

Pine Belt Quilters have been busy doing other things also. Some members brought patriotic fabrics and made star blocks with the fabric. Bonnie Bolt designed the quilt stitched the star blocks around a large patriotic center panel. Wanda and David Wallace quilted it and Lois Dedeaux added the binding. It was given to Donna Anderson and Naomi Mathis who came to our meeting from Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi MS. And accepted it for the **Combat Wounded Veterans of South MS**. They will use the quilt for a fund raiser, with the proceeds going to the **CMVSM**.

Members made and donated 19 isolette covers for the preemies at Forrest General Hospital. At the July meeting 100 children's quilts were divided between the Hattiesburg Fire Department, Forrest General Hospital, Wesley Medical Center, Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention, and South Mississippi Children's Services. Members made 60 pillows and they were divided between our two hospitals.

The craft group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month and makes items for our boutique at our quilt show. Just like the children's group, they have great fun doing this. We have a fat quarter lottery every meeting. Whoever brings fat quarters receives a ticket and then there is a drawing and lucky winners go home with an addition to their stash. Members can participate in 4 friendship blocks each year. The blocks are presented at the general meeting with patterns and one of the fabrics that will be used in the blocks. A \$1.00 fee is charged to cover the cost of copies and fabric. Members have two months to complete the block. Blocks are turned in at the meeting and a drawing is held

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our focus for each month can be a technique, skill, a pattern or even a trunk show. The 4th Wednesday is related to the meeting. Such as, our March meeting was on Color. Ann Fox gave a presentation on color and then on the following Wednesday she gave a workshop on color. May will be on settings and then we will have a workshop on embellishing.

If you are in the neighborhood we would love for you to visit us. We have our meetings at University Baptist Church, 3200 Arlington Loop, Hattiesburg, MS. The time is 9:30 a.m. Our President is Betty Allen and you can reach her at 601-736-7233 or email taller@heghes.net. Or you may contact myself Rosalie Schoell at 601-268-1242 or email rosalieschoell@comcast.net

New Hebron—Threads of Memories

Pat Myers reports that for their fundraiser for New Hebron Baptist Church (most guild members are members of the church) was a Flying Geese Quilt. They sold 3"x 6" swatches on the quilt and the buyer could put his/her name, or *in memory of*, on it. The guild has stayed busy making quilts for cancer patients.

Southwest

Brookhaven—Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Our guild has grown. Several members of the McComb guild have joined our guild as well. They are some really quilt savvy and we love their input.

We are still working on several projects. We are finishing up this year's charity project. Making quilts for the children at Blair-Batson Children's Hospital in Jackson. Some of our members are working on "Mary Jane" quilts.

Our last meeting was a real treat. After the business portion of our meeting Dorinda Evans gave a trunk show of her quilts. What a delightful and talented lady. The members brought finger food for lunch and we have some very good cooks. We are hoping to have her back to teach a class.

At our next meeting we will be making Christmas ornaments for the tree we put up in the library every year. The ones we have been using are starting to show their age.

I know it is a bit early, but we wish all our fellow quilters a Happy and Healthy Holiday,

Caroline Kluge

Woodville—Thimbles and Threads

Thimbles and Threads from Wilkinson County in SW Miss. continue to meet in Woodville once a month. Challenge fabric is passed out to members and beautiful squares are made and awarded to a winner every three months. In July we made Christmas squares for our "Christmas in July" celebration. Claudia Reed won those squares. We have added five new members in the last few months and we are so glad to have them in our guild.

McComb—Pike County Quilters

This has been a busy year for us. We have had several demonstrations: Polly Thomasson

taught fabric baskets, Sheila Pierre taught pieced table runners and Ethel Talley taught coin purses. We donated a red work quilt to Pal's Animal Shelter. They will be raffling it in November. We've been working on a project. It is a road trip and fundraiser in one to Paducah Kentucky. It is the place to be, if you are a quilter in April 2013.

We meet at 9:00 am on the 1st of each month at the McComb Library, 1022 Virginia Ave. Contact: Ethel Talley @ 601.276.6596.

West Central

Vicksburg—Vicksburg Quilters

In keeping with MQA President Judy Stokes' challenge to teach one person "something" new this year, our guild started a class in June—**SIX WEEKS OF LEARNING & FUN**—for those interested in learning to use a sewing machine and/or quilt. We had a good response to the class, with those new to sewing overcoming their fear of using a sewing machine, how to use a rotary cutter, and how to quilt their finished project on the sewing machine. At the end of the six week, they had completed a pillowcase, and a small table or bed runner. Our local quilt Shop, Stitch-N-Frame, graciously offered to let us have the classes there, so no one was charged a class fee. Their only cost was for their fabrics and supplies. Our guild even furnished sewing machines for those without one: and several of our members helped teach the classes. The class was so successful, we are thinking about offering it again, or maybe advancing those who took the first class to another level. And, of course, we are encouraging these new machine sewers to become members of Vicksburg Quilters.

Two of our members, Jan Farmer and Susan Beard went to the International Machine Quilters Association convention in Overland Park Kansas. It was a fun, but busy time for both of them, as they learned new techniques for long-arm quilting and also designing their own patterns. They were also encouraged in new ways and techniques to quilt on their long-arm machines. Jan took a class on different threads to use and also a class in drafting. Susan Beard took a class on "How to Teach" and a Bernina Embroidery Machine Class. Needless to say, they both left with "brain overload".

Mary Holman, a long time member of Vicksburg Quilters, is part of a group of nine ladies (from seven states & Norway), who met on the internet (thequiltshow.com) and have become very good friends. The name of their group is "The Amazing Nine." They meet every year at the International Quilt Show in Houston and keep in contact with one another through Facebook and Skype.

Vicksburg Quilters, Cont.

Together, they made a fractured quilt, which has been juried into the Houston show. A picture was blown up & cut into pieces; then each person made that part of the quilt using fused edge appliqué. The pieces were then sent to one member to be sewn together; and then the quilt was sent to Norway for quilting. Their quilt is entitled "Koshare Indian Dancer," and is a picture of a young Native American in full dress doing a sneak-up dance. For those of you going to Houston, be sure to look for their quilt.

Several of our members we were able to attend the MQA June Gathering in Jackson and took advantage of several of the classes which were taught, Hand Appliques Class, Hunter Star, Improvisational Patchwork-The Modern Quilt, and the Sit N Sew session. We had a great time and are looking forwards to the Fall Gathering. Susan Beard was able to take Marilyn Doheny's Educational Seminar-Instant Garden Fun Just Add Fabric, in her busy schedule held in Jackson in July. We are all anxiously awaiting for Susan to tell us about it.

We always have a time of "show & tell" and pick up many tips on improving our quilting, and also common mistakes quilters make, and how to avoid them. Several completed quilts have been shown by various members, and Ruth Mullins brought her Reverse Applique' quilt on month to show us. Those interested can see her beautiful quilt on the website www.endoftheroadquilting.com. We were also fortunate to have at one of our meetings, Edith Sims who cam and gave us pointers on how to use a serger. And, as always, the group continues to keep busy making charity quilts for our local Children's Shelter, as well as for our local military heroes. We also make a donation to "Cross-Healed Hearts", a Christ centered ministry created to provide encouragement, pray and support for those affected by Congenital Heart Defects, Turner Syndrome, Fetal Cystic Hy-groma and the like. Donations are used for making heart pillows out of minkie fabric with the purpose of revealing to the recipients f these pillows the amazing, healing power of the cross, one heart at a time and to never lose HOPE.

Vicksburg Quilters meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at our local Senior Center from 9:30-11:30 am. Yearly dues are \$1000 (and \$5.00 for those willing to admit they're over 55). If you are visiting in our area the 2nd Saturday of the month, you are welcome to join us. If you want to become one of our members, call Susan Beard at 601-638-2426 or just show up at (:30 a.m. at the Senior Center at 801 South Street, Vicksburg MS.

Greenville—The Delta Quilters

The Delta Quilters have begun a challenge presented by one of the members. They are making a Christmas tree skirt by a pattern handed out at the last meeting.

The Delta Quilters (cont.)

Challenges are a new experience to some of the group and hopefully all will finish by he Nov. date, and will be ready for use this Christmas. The Delta Quilters also enjoyed a retreat at Lake Tiak O'Khata earlier in the spring. Sewing together and discussing new projects that will be donated to the local hospitals was fun for all. Along with this was a "show and tell" of quilts done by members of the group.

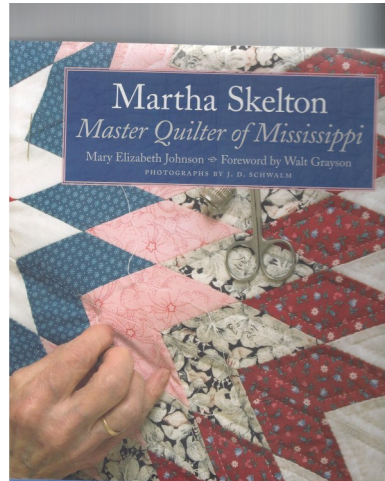
Cleveland—Cotton Row Quilters have been busy getting ready to host, for the first time, the MQA meeting in October. Plans for all of the activities are being finalized and all of the members hope that working hard so that members of MQA will be shown a great time will be successful. In addition to preparing for the October meeting, Cotton Row Quilters meet monthly for a sit and sew where they are currently working on some blocks for the Quilt of Valor. Anyone interested in joining the group, can find out more information from Jan McCain at the Ella Rose Quilt shop in Cleveland MS.

Community Request

Love, Piece and Joy Quilters

A new ministry of Women's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention may be one in which your guild or some of your members may want to participate with your donation quilts. The initial purpose is to make quilts to have on hand for the Mississippi Baptist Disaster Van teams to take when they are called out after natural disasters. The Van is equipped to feed hundreds of meals each day. Quilts will be distributed to people of all faiths. Other projects and events will be offered over time, including retreats, quick and easy patterns, help in starting Love, Piece and Joy Quilters groups, and classes in quilting as-as-you-go by machine. For more information on this ministry contact Ewilda Fancher by email

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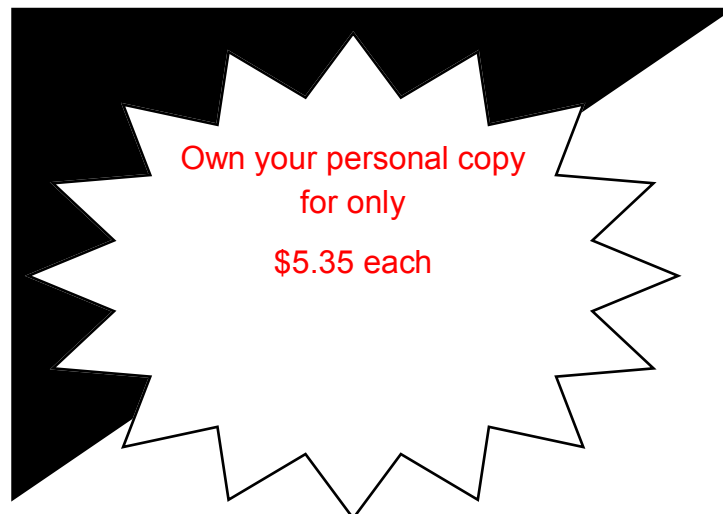
New book for only \$5.35

Earlier this year, MQA was offered the opportunity to purchase 83 cases of books from University Press of Mississippi. One of the goals the board had in mind was that each library in our state would have a copy of this book on their shelves. Would your guild consider purchasing these books and putting them in your local library? They will be for sale at the fall gathering.

These books make great gifts for friends, family, door prize gifts, thank you gifts, or maybe your best quilting friend would love to have one of these books.

MQA is selling these books for the low price of \$5.35 each. This is cheaper than most magazines at your local store or shop.

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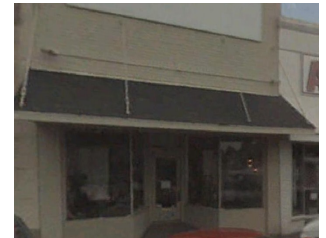


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October 19-20, 2012
Cleveland, MS

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_____ I will attend the Saturday lunch – please make your selection below.

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Amount Enclosed:

_____ I have enclosed \$9.50 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 October 12. Mail your check and registration form to:

Jo Anne Slancauskas
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Columbus, MS 39705

*Guests are encouraged to attend the Gathering in hopes they will want to become a member of MQA. We do need a head count for Friday's meal but there is no charge for guests. A \$5.00 charge is for attendance to the Saturday meeting plus the purchase of your meal.



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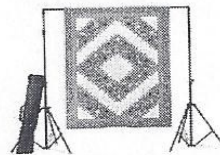
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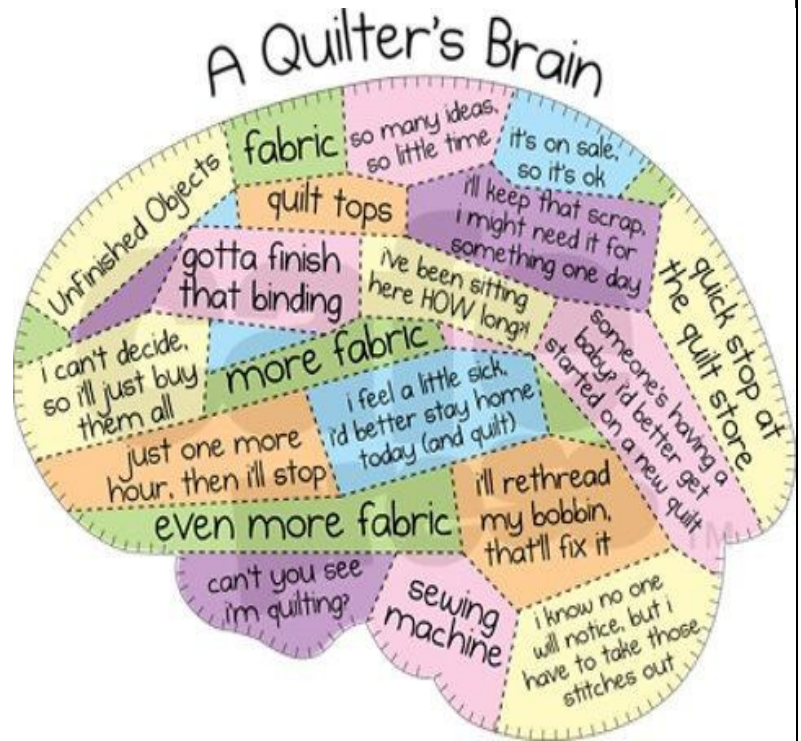
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