

The Common Thread

A newsletter of the Mississippi Quilt Association

President's Message

It's time to make your plans to attend the MQA Fall Gathering scheduled for October 19-20 in Corinth, Mississippi. Trust me when I tell you that you don't want to miss this one – it's going to be special!

The hosting guilds for the Fall Gathering are Needle Chasers of Iuka and Cross City Piecemakers of Corinth.

You may recall that I chose as the president's theme for this year the simple word, "Grow!" I elaborated on that theme by challenging our members to take steps this year to grow MQA and their local quilt guilds, to grow individually as a quilter, and to grow future generations of quilters. We have geared our Saturday morning programs towards that theme. Many of you have asked for a color theory class, and MQA member, award winning quilter and quilt teacher, Dorinda Evans, will present "Working with Color." MQA members, Nancy Losure and Marilyn Wilson have been teaching 4-H Club members (and their accompanying parents) in the Starkville area how to sew for the last couple of years. They will speak on how they got started and their ideas for how to grow your guild and future generations of quilters. The last speaker is Patti Sandage from Middleton, TN who is an AQS award winning quilter and teacher who specializes in original designs and expert quilting techniques. She has had an interesting quilt journey. She will share it and tips for "Growing as a Quilter" with us, (and she is a delight to visit with by phone!).

Following lunch on Saturday, we will honor our 2018 Outstanding Quilters who are as follows:

- Connie Anderson, Utica
- Rhonda Blasingame, Jackson
- Mary Cain, Golden
- Tiny Ferguson, Richton
- Charline Hill, Verona
- Jan Huddleson, Morris Chapel, TN
- Oliva Jones, Iuka
- Marilyn Robertson, Corinth
- Lola Robinson, Iuka
- Opal Sanderson, Waynesboro

All the details pertaining to this Gathering are on pages 2-3. Please register as soon as you receive this newsletter as we have some deadlines we must meet with caterers. To ensure that you have meals, Nancy Losure needs to receive your registration in Starkville no later than October 8. See you in October!

Lauren Hutchins

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Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 14-15:** Needle Chasers of Tishomingo County Quilt Show, Iuka
- **Sept. 15:** "Because of the Brave" Quilt Show, Lucedale
- **Sept. 29-30:** Charms of Mississippi Quilt Show, Picayune
- **Oct. 5-6:** Pine Belt Quilters 17th Biennial Fiber Arts and Quilt show, Hattiesburg
- **Oct 19-20:** Fall Gathering, Corinth
- **Nov. 6-10:** Harvest Fest, Mississippi Ag Museum, Jackson
- **Feb. 8-9, 2019:** MQA Spring Gathering, Louisville

MQA

The Mississippi Quilt Association invites everyone who loves quilts and quilting, and is interested in preserving and promoting quilt-making to join us!

MQA Fall Gathering 2018

MS State University Alcorn County Extension Services Building
2200 Levee Rd, Corinth MS
October 19-20, 2018

Registration Deadline: October 8

Walk-ins are welcome, but please register. This helps the host guild to plan seating, goody bags, and refreshments.

GROW your quilting friendships

Find a newcomer or someone you've seen but haven't talked to at a previous gathering and start a conversation. Let everyone know we're happy to have them join us at MQA and invite them back (or to your local guild!)

VENDORS

There will be two shopping opportunities at the Fall Gathering so have your checkbooks ready!

- **ON-SITE:** Cotton Treasures from Senatobia will be bringing fabric and notions to sell.
- **OFF-SITE:** The Treasure Chest will be open to allow for after-hours shopping on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Treasure Chest is located at 202 US 72, Corinth. Just a few miles from our meeting venue and host hotels.

MEAL OPTIONS

Friday Dinner

Catered by the Rib Shack Restaurant

Choice of:

BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner OR

BBQ Smoked Chicken Breast Dinner

Both dinner options include potato salad, beans and slaw with a choice of apple or peach cobbler. (For those with **gluten-friendly needs**, a gluten-free dessert will be available.)

Saturday Lunch

Catered by McAlister's Deli Restaurant

Choice of a Sandwich OR Salad Boxed Lunch

Sandwich boxes include sandwich, pickle spear, chips & cookie. Selections include:

Chicken Salad on Croissant

Turkey Club on Wheat Bread

Ham and Cheese on Baguette

Salad boxes include a choice of dressings and a cookie. (For those with **gluten-friendly needs**, your salad will not contain croutons and a GF salad dressing and GF dessert will be available.) Selections include:

Salad with Grilled Chicken

Chef's Salad

HOTELS

Special group rates have been negotiated at Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express, both located at the junction of Highways 45 and 72, 2 miles from the venue

Hampton Inn

2107 Highway 72 West, Corinth

Rate: \$109/nite for 2 Queen Beds

Full breakfast included

Phone 662-286-5949

October 8 last day to register with special rate

Holiday Inn Express

2106 Highway 72 West, Corinth

Rate: \$102/nite for 2 Queen Beds

Full breakfast included

Phone 662-287-1407

October 8 last day to register with special rate

Fall Gathering Special Request!!
Guild representatives: Please bring ONE (1) door prize to the gathering. **Remember to select items that would appeal to a broad range of quilters.

MQA Fall Gathering

OCTOBER 19-20, 2018

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2200 Levee Road, Corinth, Mississippi

On Friday, October 19, we will open at 3:30 p.m. for registration, shopping, and visiting. The Gathering will be called to order at 5:00 for welcome and announcements, followed by dinner and shopping at 5:30. If your guild has any announcement to be made or a raffle quilt you would like to display at this Gathering, please email Lauren at ljhlaw@cablone.net so she can arrange for the same. The hosting guilds' program will begin at 6:30 (Veteran's Honor Quilt program by Rita Casey and a trunk show by Nelda Soper) and last approximately one hour. Upon conclusion, we will dismiss for on-site shopping with Cotton Treasures or off-site, after-hours shopping with Treasure Chest Quilting.

On Saturday, we will begin late registrations at 8:00 a.m. If you've already checked in, please come and shop and visit with old and new friends. The morning's program (see President's Message) will begin at 9:00, breaking for lunch at noon. Our Outstanding Quilters, both honorees and family members, have been invited to join us for lunch. The Outstanding Quilters Recognition will begin at 1:15 and will be followed by Show & Tell. Following our adjournment, you are again invited to shop on-site with Cotton Treasures or off-site, after-hours with Treasure Chest Quilting.

Website Corner

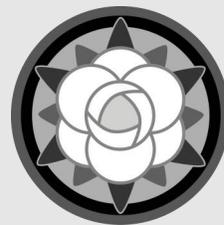
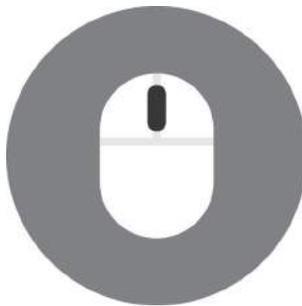
Our Webmaster, Terry Turnage, is working on updating and "sprucing up" the MQA website at www.mississippiquilt.org, and you can assist her by forwarding the following information to her at mississippiquilt@gmail.com (now and in the future):

Guild Information – Please designate a member of your local guild to check your guild's information on the MQA website, and forward updated info concerning meeting date, time and location (or advise information is correct) to Terry Turnage at mississippiquilt@gmail.com. We want to help potential new members find local Mississippi guilds.

Gallery – Please share your talent with other MQA members and website visitors by sending your photos of completed quilts for display on our online Gallery. Please include your name, the name of your quilt and if the quilt was made from a pattern, the name of the pattern and designer.

Events and Information – Please submit events of interest to MQA members to Terry to be added to the MQA calendar

PayPal – You can pay for your membership and/or Fall Gathering on the website via PayPal. Please note that PayPal will charge a small administrative fee for this convenience. Please note that you will still need to complete and mail in your Membership and/or Registration forms.



MQA Officers

President: Lauren Hutchins

Pres. Elect: Linda Levy

Secretary: Linda Jabour

Treasurer: Susan Beard

Immediate Past President:

Nancy Losure

Membership Director:

Nancy Losure

Newsletter Editor:

Cristen Bland

Educational Director:

Gwen Sisson

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Lucy Large

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Billie Thompson

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Terry Turnage

The Common Thread is published three times per year. Please submit news, ads, and changes in guild information to Cristen Bland at mississippiquilt@gmail.com.

To request changes or additions to the website, www.mississippiquilt.org, contact Terry Turnage at mississippiquilt@gmail.com.

Join us on Facebook! Just search for the Mississippi Quilt Association and click "Join."

MQA News



For the past two years, MQA has “adopted” quilts by Martha Skelton and Barbara Newman at the National Quilt Museum. The adoption took care of those specific quilts’ up-keep and care. As of early 2018, The National Quilt Museum no longer allows for the adoption of specific quilts. The MQA board voted in June to continue to donate to the Museum’s fund to care and store the quilts in its collection so future generations will be able to view the magnificent quilts in the Museum’s collection.

Call for entries!

The Pascagoula River Audubon Center is seeking entries for their second annual River in Stitches Quilt Exhibit. The Theme is “Birds, Butterflies, and Blooms.” Entry fee is \$15 for up to two quilts per person. Maximum quilt size is 48” by 72”. Digital submissions



should be received by 3 p.m. on May 4, 2019. The Exhibit will open May 23, 2019 and run through July 6, 2019 at the Pascagoula River Audubon Center in Moss Point. More information can be found at <http://pascagoula.audubon.org/news> or by calling the PRAC at (228) 475-0825.

Do you quilt for the public?

Recent requests from several non-MQA members have us asking this question. We know several of our members quilt for the public, but we don’t have an ongoing list we can offer to those who request it. We’re asking you to send us your contact information so we can start creating a list for distribution. Please email mississippiquilt@gmail.com with your name, phone number, email, general pricing, and website (if applicable). We want to support all who quilt for the public, so long-arm, domestic, or by hand, send us your information!

Membership Report

We currently have **365** paid members. Some of the benefits of maintaining a current MQA membership include: attending 3 gatherings each year, receiving 3 newsletters and an MQA membership roster. MQA also hosts an educational event each summer.



2018 Fall Gathering Registration Form

Registration Deadline: October 8

Walk-ins are welcome, but please register.
This helps the host guild to plan seating, goody bags, and refreshments.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone/Cell: _____

Make checks payable to MQA.

Friday Night: _____

Saturday Guest Fee: \$5

Saturday Lunch: _____

Subtotal: _____

**If you have not paid your membership dues, complete the form on pg. 6 & return with \$20 added to your registration.

Membership: \$20 _____

Total amount due: _____

Mail event registration form, payment, and membership form (if applicable) to:

Nancy Losure
MQA Membership Director
751 Butler Road
Starkville, MS 39759-8784

Email: nancy.losure@gmail.com Phone: (662) 617-0780

MENU SELECTIONS (SEE PAGE 2)

**Write in your meal cost in box at left.

If you need your meal to be gluten-friendly, please make sure you mark the box next to your selection.

Friday Dinner:

Catered by the Rib Shack Restaurant

Choice of BBQ pulled pork or BBQ smoked chicken breast dinner. Both include potato salad, beans, coleslaw, and apple or peach cobbler.

- 1. BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner = \$7.25 GF
- 2. BBQ Chicken Breast Dinner = \$9.00 GF

Saturday Lunch:

Catered by McAlister's Deli Restaurant

Boxed lunches include sandwich, pickle spear, chips, and a cookie.

- 4. Chicken Salad on croissant = \$9.75
- 5. Turkey Club on wheat bread = \$9.75
- 6. Ham and Cheese on baguette = \$9.75

Salads include choice of dressing and a cookie.

- 7. Salad with grilled chicken = \$10.75 GF
- 9. Chef's salad = \$10.75 GF

Water, tea & coffee provided.

GF = Gluten Friendly

Need to renew your membership?
Send the form and payment on page 6 to

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Phone: (662) 617-0780



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Membership Form

Dues are \$20 a year (April 1 to March 31)

To register online using PayPal*, please visit
www.mississippiquilt.org

*A nominal administration fee is required for online membership processing.

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

The Common Thread Newsletter is sent three times per year. Please check one box.

Please email my newsletter and Membership Directory. (Must provide email address.)

OR

Please send a printed newsletter and directory to the address provided above.

The Membership Directory is sent in May. Please check one box.

Yes, you have my permission to include my contact information in the Membership Directory.

OR

No, please do not share my contact information in the Membership Directory.

Send completed form with \$20 check made payable to Mississippi Quilt Association to:

Nancy Losure
MQA Membership Director
751 Butler Road
Starkville, MS 39759-8784
Phone: (662) 617-0780

Questions about membership? Email Nancy at nancy.losure@gmail.com.

Regional News

Submit guild news to Cristen Bland at mississippiquilt@gmail.com. **Next Deadline:** December 15, 2018

CENTRAL

Brandon, Brandon Quilters

Our group continues to make many quilts for various organizations in Rankin County. We have a sit-and-sew day once a month where we work on charity and personal projects.

We are blessed to have all levels of quilting expertise in our group and everyone is willing to share their knowledge. In June, Polly Duggan gave a great program on machine applique and shared her twelve top tips. She also had a wonderful trunk show of some of her work.

In July, Billie Thompson had a trunk show of many of her basket quilts and gave a demonstration on back basting applique.

We are busy planning our four-day retreat at Lake Tiak O'Khata in late September.

We meet the first Monday of each month, unless there is a holiday, at 6:30 p.m. in the Brandon Library. Come join us, we would love to see you.

Jackson, Jackson Quilters

Jackson Quilters is growing! We've been blessed with 14 new members this year.

We've had many exciting programs this year. A Medallion Challenge and UFO Challenge has been ongoing through this year. All clues for the Medallion Challenge have been given and all finished quilts, quilted and bound, will be eligible for an anonymous display at the October meeting. A Viewer's Choice vote will be taken and the quilt maker with the most votes will be awarded a gift certificate to a local quilt store. Everyone is a winner with the UFO Challenge as many quilts are finally finished. There will be a drawing for participants in October and some lucky quilter will a gift certificate to a local quilt store.

April - Cathy Reininger, a member of SAQA as well as Jackson Quilters, talked about and shared her Art Quilts. She brought SAQA quilts and talked about the process of developing and making the Mississippi Ag Museum quilt. Nancy Watkins brought six Martha Skelton quilts to share. Martha Skelton is a Mississippi Quilt Legend. We were honored to be able to look at her quilts up close and personal! Also, JQ hosted Gail Garber for her "Little Goose" class.

May - Marilyn Rose talked about Borders - how some quilts need a border and some don't. Marilyn says, "A good border can make the difference between an average quilt and a fabulous quilt." She brought wonderful examples of quilts

with borders. Billie Thompson presented a second program on borders. Billie's mantra is "If one border looks good, then two will be even better." Billie shared quilts with plain, pieced, appliquéd, and broderie perse borders. Each of her quilts featured many borders.

June - Dorinda Evans taught scrap quilting and scrap organization. Some tidbits of wisdom from Dorinda: value matters; scraps should be organized; value does all the work, color gets all the credit; novelty prints are ADD - hard to use. She shared stunning quilts she made from her scraps.

July - Our own Gloria Green and Libby Hartfield presented an inspiring program about quilting for a cause — the Pascagoula River Alliance Quilt Project. Gloria and Libby were both involved in the program as it was happening. In fact, Libby's first ever quilt block was used on one of the three quilts that were made to bring attention to the Pascagoula River Alliance. Gloria's husband was actively involved in the Alliance. He came home and said to Gloria "You've got to make a quilt!" We were able to see the three quilts up close. We learned that several of Jackson Quilters' present and past members were involved in the project.

August - Rita Williams of the Possum Trail Quilters and head of the Buttahatchee Barn Quilt Trail came to talk about Barn Quilts. She was so inspiring that we all want to paint a Barn Quilt and have plans to go up to Caledonia to the Community Center to do just that in October.

NORTHWEST

DeSoto County, Quilting in the Grove

Quilting in the Grove Guild's generous members continue to support several charities, making quilts for different groups and donating canned goods to a local food bank. We are working on a "Color Me What?" crayon challenge due at the December meeting. Prizes will be awarded and the judges are staff members of the Olive Branch Senior Center where we meet.

Kelly Dunaway Young, quilter/teacher/author, was our guest speaker at our August meeting. It was a very entertaining and educational program.

Teresa Pino, award winning quilter, has added another honor to her list. "Graffiti Doodle Diamonds a.k.a My A\$\$" recently won a Judge's Choice at Festival of Quilts in the United Kingdom.

NORTHEAST

Columbus, Possum Town Quilters

Our guild challenge was introduced in May. Using the magic 8 method for making half-square

triangle blocks, we will complete a quilt by sewing the blocks into different configurations. Matching those points and seams will truly be a challenge!

We learned about the Primitive Stitchery of Ethel Wright Mohamed of Belzoni, MS. Ms. Mohamed drafted her own pieces and embroidered about 175 works over 26 years. Some of her works are now curated and displayed in the Smithsonian. Her former home is now a museum in Belzoni. For more information see <http://www.mamasdreamworld.com/>

In June our nominating committee brought for consideration our 2019 slate of officers. The Mountain Quilt fest Challenge was presented. Participants will be challenging themselves with making Christmas quilts. Charity baby quilts, blankets, knitted and crocheted baby hats for Baptist Hospital were delivered. A fabric donation was received.

In July our 2019 officers were confirmed. The 2019 Guild Challenge MS Bicentennial quilt is being bound. We believe it is beautiful! See pictures of this quilt here <http://possumtownquilters.blogspot.com/2018/07/>

QuiltCon will be Feb 21-24 in Nashville promoted by The Modern Quilt Guild. <https://themodernquiltguild.com/>

In August we were reminded to work on the handmade gift items for the Christmas Social. We were also reminded to attend the MQA Fall Gathering in Corinth on Oct. 19-20. The programs are great and we will enjoy seeing our friends from all across the state.

Each month our guild members bring their beautiful quilts to share during show and tell. See their lovely creations and be inspired at <http://possumtownquilters.blogspot.com/>.

Corinth, Cross City Piecemakers

This year is flying by! We have been busy with many charity projects. Our July Trunk Show and Silent Auction was a big hit. Everyone enjoyed the trunk show by Nelda Soper. She was great! Mrs. Nelda brought a selection of her beautiful quilts to share with us. If you are planning on coming to the Fall Gathering in Corinth (Oct. 19-20), on Friday night Mrs. Nelda will be showing us some more of her beautiful quilts.

The Needle Chasers Quilt Guild and the Cross City Piece Makers are hosting the Fall Gathering

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at the MSU Extension Building in Corinth. Please try to come. We will have some vendors, a silent auction, beautiful quilts on display, good food, enjoyable fellowship, and speakers that will motivate us to continue our love of quilting.

Also, on Friday night, after a delicious meal and a good program, Teresa Lowery, owner of the Treasure Chest Quilt Shop, has asked us to visit her shop after our meeting. (Hint: Bring extra money for more material to add to your stash.) Both guilds have been busy working on the adorable surprises in the goody bags.

If your family is planning to come with you, Corinth, luka, Pickwick, Savannah, and Selmer have many attractions that they will love to visit. We have been gathering tourist information to give to everyone. Tishomingo State Park, JP Coleman State Park, and Pickwick State Park are all wonderful places to get outdoors and meet nature face to face.

If you come on Thursday, bring a lawn chair and come to the "Pickin' on the Square" around 7 p.m. on the Courthouse steps. Our local bluegrass musicians and singers entertain us with their music. It's a fun, family-friendly time.

Corinth has several places to buy material - Treasure Chest Quilt Shop, Sharon Beene's Quilt Shop, and Hobby Lobby. Cross City Piece Makers and the Needle Chasers Quilt Guilds hope to see you in the fall. Happy Quilting!

luka, Needle Chasers of Tishomingo County

The Needle Chasers have been busy, busy this summer! Our annual Live Auction in May was a great success. Auctioneer Diane Uher kept things lively, helping us raise almost \$1,000! Our Kids Can Quilt program expanded to two classes with 11 young participants. This year their projects were fleece rag quilts and all came away with big smiles and a completed quilt.

Guild members have been planning and preparing all year for our 2018 Quilt Show. Our 2-day show will feature nearly a hundred beautiful quilts and wall hangings. It will be held at the luka Baptist Church in beautiful downtown luka on Friday, September 14, 9:30-5:30 and on Saturday 9:00-2:00. Nationally recognized quilter Patti Sandage of Middleton TN has agreed to be our quilt show judge this year and will present a trunk show of her award-winning quilts. The quilt show will also feature theme rooms with interactive demonstrations, our 3-Crayon Guild Challenge gallery, and a display of last year's Mystery Quilt projects. Enter to win our beautiful king-size traditional string raffle quilt. The Needle Chasers guild extends a warm invitation to all to come join us! Mark

your calendars!

Together with the Cross City Piece Makers Guild of Corinth, the Needle Chasers are very excited to be co-hosting the MQA Fall Gathering this year, and we'd all love you to come back and see us then, too! Dates for the Gathering are Friday and Saturday, October 19-20, and will be held at the Alcorn County Extension Building near the junction of Highways 45 and 72 in Corinth. You can expect some great programs and vendors along with a silent auction, a trunk show, and of course good food. We encourage you all to register and come see us!

Needle Chasers Quilt Guild regularly meets the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the luka Public Library. New members and visitors, with or without quilting experience, are always welcomed. Our monthly programs offer demonstrations of techniques, quilt block ideas and back-to-basic fundamentals plus book reviews, gadgets, show and tell, and handy tips & tricks.

Starkville, Golden Triangle Quilters

Golden Triangle Quilters Guild members continue to enjoy programs presented by members of the Guild. Marquel Wheeler recently shared ideas in "Organizing Your Stash," Gloria Reeves demonstrated the use of "Deb Tucker Rulers," and Carol Punday presented ideas on "Viewing UFOs Positively."

At a recent Sit and Sew Saturday, Luanne Blankenship led participants in making "There Are No Points On My Stars" quilt tops. Another Saturday, Nancy Losure led a class on sewing hexagons by machine.

Members of the guild are now wearing new blue t-shirts featuring the guild logo thanks to organizer Gloria Reeves.

Congratulations are in order to Carol Punday whose quilt block "Road to Mississippi" represents the state in Country Living magazine's 40th anniversary quilt pictured in the September 2018 issue. Chosen from her Instagram posts, Carol's block is one of the 50 blocks representing each of the states.

Golden Triangle Quilters meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Starkville Sportsplex Activities building. Sit and Sew Gatherings are held the second Saturday at the Sportsplex beginning at 9 a.m.

Starkville, Happy Hoopers

The Happy Hoopers are thrilled to have recently acquired two new members! We continue with our show-and-tell time at each meeting, and we are seeing some exquisite work by our members. If we could only get all 31 (yes, 31!) members there at the same time, the excitement would be more than we could take!

Since we are a sit-and-sew group, we have a lot of time to talk and share patterns, ideas, fabric (primarily how much we've bought recently!), news about other guilds, etc. We even have some who drive over from Columbus, one from West Point, and one from Tibbee. Some belong to more than one group, some are more interested in traditional quilting, some are quilting, and some are interested in all aspects of the quilting world - that's what makes the Happy Hoopers unique. Oh, and some design their own patterns!

Several of us took one or all of Bonnie Hunter's classes at the June Gathering, and Bonnie was a delight as a teacher. I, personally, am hoping to have that opportunity again.

At least three members of the Happy Hoopers are going on Cindy Allgood's quilt bus trip to Colorado. If you've never been on one of Cindy's bus trips, I highly recommend that you go.

Many of us hope to see many of you at the October Gathering in Corinth.

And, thanks to Naomi Perry, we now have our own Facebook page. It is public, so take a gander and see some prime examples of our show-and-tell. Just search for Starkville Happy Hoopers Quilt Guild on Facebook.

Come and join us each Thursday from 10 a.m. until noon at the Starkville Sportsplex Activities Building (405 Lynn Lane).

Tupelo, Gumtree Quilters

The Gumtree Quilters Guild has been keeping busy after hosting the MQA Spring Gathering in March. We were so happy everyone got to join us for the event and got to dance a little with "The King" during his performance Friday night. We learned lots from the experience and were glad to know everyone had a great time.

We've been finalizing our plans to co-host Karen Kay Buckley in October with the Piece-makers of Oxford. Karen Kay will be teaching a hand applique class on Friday and a machine applique class on Saturday. She will also be presenting a trunk show that Friday night. There are a few spaces still available if you'd like to join us. If not for class, we'd love to see you at the trunk show.

Our new year starts in September and new officers were elected in August. Newly elected include: President, Carolyn Terry; Treasurer, Mary Vlach; Secretary, Martha Ann Casmus; Newsletter Editor, Cheri Weber; Program Directory, Linda McCullough; and Special Project Coordinator, Lynn Blaylock. We are so grateful for these ladies and what they are willing to do for our Guild.

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If you're ever in the Tupelo area, we would love to have you join us. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at All Saints Episcopal Church (608 W. Jefferson St) at 6:30 p.m.

WEST CENTRAL

Greenville, Delta Quilters

The Delta Quilters are made up of women who love quilting and sewing from the areas of Greenville, Leland, Inverness, Hollandale, Lake Village, Arkansas, and the surrounding areas. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at various churches in different local towns. If anyone would like to join us, please contact Ann Simcox (662-347-9009) and she'll tell you where we're meeting that month.

We generally have a sit-and-sew from 9:30 until 2:30, where everyone brings their lunch and generally shares ideas, finished projects, and local tidbits of information. Our group is small but very relaxed with no set programs. We'd love to have anyone come who'd like to sew with us!

Vicksburg, Vicksburg Quilters

Vicksburg Quilters meet on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Vicksburg Senior Citizens Center located at 820 South Street, Vicksburg.

President - Marilyn Daggett

Vice President - Carolyn Fisackerly-Justice

Secretary - Betty B. Jeffers

Treasurer - Mary Holman

Programming - Brigid Jenkins

This guild's primary project is the Canopy Children's Solutions.

Every quarter we have a work day following the regular meeting. Members can work on guild projects, personal projects or have a problem solving session. Presently, our focus is on making quilts for the Warrior Bonfire project. To date we have given 25 quilts.

EAST CENTRAL

Louisville, Red Hills Quilters

We met in June to paint barn blocks. This was so much fun! In July, we had a combined meeting with the Scrappers from Ackerman. Billie Thompson did an amazing trunk show. She brought a sewing basket that had belonged to her grandmother. So, the theme for our meeting was baskets. All the wonderful quilts she showed had baskets.

Some ladies also started working on quilts from the book "Wonderful 1 Fabric Quilts." The fabric used is wide print stripes often called wall-

paper prints. They are learning about so many different ways to put the blocks together.

In August, we again met with the Scrappers. Lots of different things were going on. Some continued working on the blocks started in July. Others had several service projects going on such as making little stuffed bears and pillowcase dresses to donate. Some were doing their own thing - sewing on binding, hand work, etc. We meet the third Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in Louisville at the Extension office.

Philadelphia, Nimble Thimble Quilters

It's summertime so our ladies have been in and out a lot and busy with gardens. We did have a workshop on Self-binding Baby Blankets. So, the ladies have been busy making those our baby quilts to donate later this fall. Hopefully with cooler weather we'll get started with a new class and project.

We meet the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at New Pleasantdale Baptist Church in Williamsville.

GULF COAST

Lucedale, Melon Patch Quilters

As the summer begins to wind down our thoughts are quickly turning toward our upcoming quilt show September 15. We have put in many hours of planning and preparation in hopes to pull off a great show with a veterans tribute in which each member will be awarding a Quilt of Valor they have made to a special veteran. We will feature many wonderful things this year including a stunning quilt that will be raffled off, a guild boutique offering handmade items that any quilter would love, door prizes, and a quilt shop vendor (Fabric Dock & Stitchin' Post). We have made red, white, and blue ribbons and streamers for the quilts Best in Show. Our raffle quilt was hung at 2nd Saturday in Downtown Lucedale and drew many onlookers. We were able to sell more tickets than we thought we could!

Even with all the hoopla with the quilt show doings we still managed to squeeze in a few classes this past quarter. We had demonstrations on how to make a quilted hug (shawl), a very informative lesson on embroidery/sewing needles, and useful binding techniques. Our block of the month is still a big hit. Everyone seems so excited to get the next block as well as looking at others blocks when they bring them to show & tell.

We would like to invite all our quilting friends to our show!! September 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We'll be in the senior citizen building 7102 Hwy 198 E, Lucedale MS 39452.

Happy Stitches!!

SOUTHEAST

Hattiesburg, Pine Belt Quilters

Members of Pine Belt Quilters have been busy the last few months, despite all of the fun that hot summer days bring. We hope everyone has had a great summer!

In April, we enjoyed three of our PBQ members speak on different methods of hand applique. Sharon Barnes spoke on using freezer paper to applique. Frances Good spoke on using the Appliquick technique. Jo Ann Kenney spoke on back basting applique. Victoria Hermansen-Ivey provided information about her business, Langiappe Featherweights - A Little Something More. She does maintenance services, featherweight clinics, parts resourcing, restorative services, and buys/sells/trades. Eliska Schilling displayed approximately 12 albums of the Houston Quilt Show, put together by a professional photographer. They are from the early 90's through 2015.

Members of PBQ make various items for donation to hospitals. At the April meeting, we received 10 receiving blankets, 12 mother pads, 19 pillows, 6 catheter cover bags, 19 walker totes. Members have been making lots of quilts to be donated to local agencies and organizations for them to give away to children in crisis. At the April meeting, 27 children's quilts were turned in. The Children's Quilts group meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

During the May meeting, artist quilter Susan Mogan of Mobile, Alabama presented our program. She designs her own quilts, usually working with bright colors and contemporary styles. She teaches classes in art quilting, color theory, and quilt design. She had many beautiful quilts showing her journey in making art quilts. Susan also held a workshop on "Quilting Outside the Box"

In June we continued to discuss many aspects and details related to the upcoming quilt show. UFO Challenge quilts, children's quilts, and items for hospitals continue to be parts of member days!

At the July meeting, we had our Parade of Children's Quilts, which is when members show some of the quilts they have made for donation to children's quilts projects. There were 21 quilts in the parade this year. Members present voted on their favorite quilt. Jo Ann Kennedy won 1st place; Betty Allen won 2nd, and 3rd place was won by Dianne McLendon and Ellen Cox. 160 quilts were given to several agencies. Representatives from every agency spoke of the love that was shown in making and giving the quilts, to people in need feeling that love from the quilts. Agencies rep-

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resented were Canopy Children's Services, Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention, Domestic Abuse Family Shelter, Hattiesburg Fire Department, Advocates for Freedom, Forrest General Hospital NICU Nursery and Pediatrics, and the Transitional Care Unit at Merit Health Wesley.

At the August PBQ meeting, Becky Goldsmith, founder of Piece O Cake, visited with us about Color – A Practical Guide. Becky gave us many helpful tips such as how to use the color wheel to put colors together using types of color such as primary, secondary, etc, and color relationships such as monochromatic, quadratic, analogous, triad, etc. She also explained value and contrast and had several of her beautiful quilts for us to ooh and aah over - beautiful color combinations and exquisite applique. There was a workshop on Thursday after the Wednesday meeting.

A pattern for mastectomy scarves was handed out so that we can make them for mastectomy patients. Forrest General Hospital needs about 40 scarves each month.

Most of the meeting discussion related to the upcoming quilt show. We would like to invite you and all of your families and friends to come to Hattiesburg for the:

Pine Belt Quilters 17th Biennial Fiber Art and Quilt Show

October 5-6, 2018 | Friday 10:00-6:00 | Saturday 10:00-4:00
to be held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg, MS.

Theme - "*Celebrate Mississippi*"

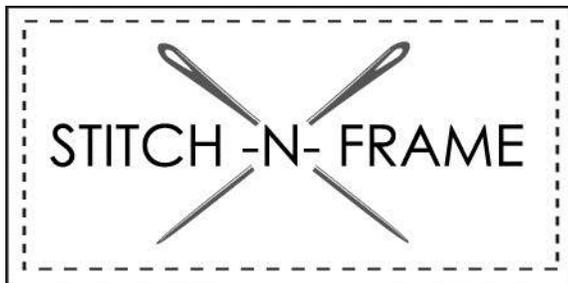
Many gorgeous quilts will be on display. As usual, there will be vendors, a boutique of hand-made items, a silent auction of small quilts, and lectures. and you will have an opportunity to vote on your favorite quilt. You also will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the beautiful 2018 "*Mississippi Kaleidoscope*" raffle quilt. Tickets can be purchased at the show. See you there!



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Quilted by Susie Jackson

October 5-6, 2018

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Saturday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Judged Quilted Show	Southern Fiber Artists Exhibit
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For the first time, the summer seminar was held in conjunction with the June Gathering. Author, teacher, scrappy quilt addict Bonnie Hunter taught three classes and gave a trunk show this year. During her lecture and trunk show on Friday night, Hunter gave tips on how to prepare your stash to make scrap quilting easy. At the conclusion of Bonnie’s trunk show and lecture, she was presented with a Mississippi magnolia barn quilt on behalf of all Mississippi quilters as a token of our appreciation for all Bonnie does to promote quilting and to teach quilters. The barn quilt was painted by Rita Williams who is the founder of the Buttahatchie Barn Quilt Trail. Due to the strong focus on techniques during classes, quilters practiced block making techniques and were able to complete one or two blocks using their new skills. Everyone said they learned things they never would have considered if they had not taken the class. We look forward to seeing everyone’s finished quilts at future gatherings.



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Mark your calendars and plan to attend the MQA Spring Gathering , February 8-9, 2019, at Lake Tiak-O’Khata in Louisville.