



The Common Thread

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President’s Message

Welcome to 2024! I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president. My term has had many challenges, but I am proud of all your 2023 Board has accomplished.

My theme was “This is not your mama’s quilt association,” which has proven true. Your board met monthly and diligently worked to provide more for you, our members. MQA held the Summer Gathering at a location where members could stay and attend classes - all under one roof - making the experience more comfortable.

MQA returned to the southern portion of our state for the first time in many years. The first MQA Quilt Shop Hop was held in the Biloxi area in conjunction with the Fall Gathering. MQA’s first advertising plan was developed under the leadership of President-elect Lynn Blaylock. The Fall Gathering had three event sponsors.

The MQA Documentation Money Market Account was earning little revenue. After diligently researching the account’s history, MQA had an opportunity to purchase a \$20,000 CD that earns 5% for eight months. The Documentation account was less than \$20,000, so funds from the General Account were added to make up the difference. This action will net MQA \$700+. At the end of the eight months, we can purchase another CD and roll the interest into the CD or add the interest to the General Fund. This action puts MQA in a more favorable position for the future.

The Board recognized the need to collect all MQA records in one place with backup. The Records Management position was identified, the record-keeping process was formulated, and the qualifications of the person needed for the job were identified. MQA called for candidates for this position, and I am happy to announce we have a volunteer who will be introduced at the Spring Gathering. As this will be an ongoing position for MQA, a vote will be held at the Gathering to add this voting position to the MQA board.

MQA is adding a membership app to the website. The app will handle membership renewals, event registration, and other functions yet to be determined. The app will streamline the process of renewals and registrations with more accuracy, less effort, and more security. Your membership will always be up-to-date. On the administration side, the app allows for easier management, money transfer, and accounting records. Does this mean those who don’t use a computer and still receive their newsletter by US Mail will be left behind? No! We have a plan to help you. There will be more information forthcoming shortly, so stay tuned!

I have enjoyed being your president. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. The best part has been getting to know more of you throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Cynthia Bates, President

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- **April 18-20, 2024:** Allison’s Wells
Quilters Quilt Show, Canton
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- **April 24-27, 2024:** AQS Week,
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Quilt Expo, New Orleans, LA
- **May 18, 2024:** Sand Stitchers Quilt
Guild Show, Biloxi
- **June 3-6, 2024:** A Mountain
Quiltfest, Pigeon Forge, TN



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mississippiquilt.org

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

SPRING GATHERING

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 8, 2024

Registration deadline if ordering a meal: February 1, 2024

Registration deadline to cancel & receive refund: January 26, 2024

Registering helps to plan seating and refreshments. Walk-ins welcome for shopping and socializing

LOCATION

Thames Center, Copiah-Lincoln Community College
1084 Lake Road, Wesson, MS 39191

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

Doors open and registration begins at 3 p.m.

- 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.: Registration and shopping
- 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. : Welcome to Brookhaven, Mssissippi, School of the Arts, and the Co-Lyn Choral Group
- 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.: Dinner; a presentation from Vivian Davis (co-owner of Gardensong Fabrics); and MQA member Judy Stokes will share her quilting journey

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Doors open at 8 a.m.

- 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.: Registration (for new arrivals only) and shopping
- 9 a.m. until 11: 30 a.m.: Gathering called to order and Polly Thomason will share her quilts
- 11:30 until 12:30 p.m.: Lunch
- 12:30 p.m.: 2024 Annual MQA business meeting and election of new officers
- 2 p.m.: Show and Tell

2024 MQA SPRING GATHERING

February 9-10, 2024

The Thames Center/Copiah-Lincoln Community College
Wesson, MS



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Quilts at The Thames

A mini quilt show!

An Exciting Event Hosted by Brookhaven Piecemakers and Pike County Quilters.

The members of the guilds have been hard at work creating beautiful table toppers for centerpieces and a large matching quilt for the stage.

Members are hanging their favorite quilt at the event for your enjoyment.

SPRING GATHERING

MEAL SELECTIONS

Tea and water will be provided with each meal.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

The executive chef at The Thames Center is Chris McSweyn. The McSweyn family owned and operated Porches Restaurant (at right) in Wesson, MS, for many years. They were known for their good food, excellent service, many dining areas, and gardens.

Four Porches recipes are featured in the Friday night buffet - Poppy-seed Chicken, Lemonade Green Beans, Hot Pineapple, and Bread Pudding.

A server will lead attendees who need gluten-free through the line first to ensure they know what items are gluten-free.

Friday Night: Hot Buffet with an entree choice of Poppyseed Chicken or Pork Tenderloin, salad, lemonade green beans, baked potato casserole, corn casserole, hot pineapple, bread pudding, or fruit parfait with yogurt - \$18

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

1. Club sandwich, bagged chips, pickle, and a cookie - \$13
2. Ham & turkey hoagie, pickle, fruit cup, and a brownie - \$12
3. Chicken salad croissant, pickle,



- potato salad, and a lemon bar - \$13
4. BLT grilled chicken wrap, pickle, fruit cup, and a cookie - \$13
5. Gluten-free turkey and cheese sandwich, pickle, and a fruit cup - \$11
6. Chef salad (garden salad, egg, diced ham and turkey, bacon, cheese, and tomatoes), crackers, dressing, and a brownie - \$12
7. Trio salad plate (chicken salad, fruit cup, potato salad) - \$12
8. Large California salad with chicken (spring mix, tomatoes, cucumbers, Parmesan cheese, red onions, eggs), crackers, dressing, and a lemon square - \$13
9. Vegetarian trio salad plate (pasta salad, pimento cheese, fruit cup) - \$12
10. Gluten-free/vegetarian California salad with pimento cheese - \$13

FREEBIE TABLE AND DOOR PRIZES

DOOR PRIZES:

Guild representatives are asked to bring at least one (1) door prize to the gathering. Remember to select items that would appeal to a broad range of quilters.

FREEBIE TABLE:

There will be a freebie table, and MQA would like to invite each of you to contribute an item or two to the freebie table.

These items would need to be in good, working order and quilt and/or sewing related. We all have things that we used to love but not so much now. Please give these items to someone else who will newly love them. Any donated items not taken from the freebie table can be picked up Saturday afternoon before the gathering is over. If all items are not picked up, they will be donated.

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February 1, 2024

DEADLINE TO CANCEL &

RECEIVE A REFUND:

January 26, 2024

SOCIAL MEDIA HASHTAG:

#MQASpringGathering2024

LOCATION:

Thames Center at Copiah-Lincoln Community College
1084 Lake Road
Wesson, MS 39191

HOTEL:

NOTE: Hotel offers are only available by calling and are NOT available online. Use MQA or MS Quilt Association when making reservations.

• Holiday Inn Express

1212 Brookway Blvd
Brookhaven, MS 39601
Phone (601) 990-2360
\$125+tax
Reserve before Jan. 9, 2024

• Hampton Inn

1213 Hampton Dr.
Brookhaven, MS
Phone: (601) 823-3800
\$139+tax
Reserve before Jan. 9, 2024

REGISTRATION:

Please pay for registration in advance. Vendors and guests please register so meals and name tags can be created. Meal options can be found on page 7.

ON-SITE VENDORS:

• Gardensong Fabrics, Pear Blossom Cottage, & The Stitching Post
Gardensong Fabrics and Pear Blossom Cottage will be open at their physical locations for shopping on Friday.

Mail registration form found on page 7 and payment to:
Nancy Losure 751 Butler Road
Starkville, MS 39759

REGIONAL NEWS

Please send guild news to your regional representative and Marilyn Wilson at mississippiquilt@gmail.com by **April 15, 2024**.

Allisons' Wells Quilters, Canton

Allisons' Wells Quilters have been busy with the final preparations for our April 18-20, 2024, Quilt Show. Our 2024 raffle/opportunity quilt is completed and is on display at Twin Oaks Crafts in Richland.

The raffle tickets are only \$1.00 and can be purchased at Twin Oaks Crafts. There also will be raffle tickets available at the quilt show. At the Quilt Show will be a special section of Quilts made by Belva Cauthen. Belva was one of our founding members who sadly passed away in July 2023.

We will also have a display of Vintage Sewing machines and some handmade items made by talented members for sale.

We look forward to seeing many of our MQA family at the Quilt Show.

Our group meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon, February through October at the Canton Visitor Center, and November through January at Canton 1st Presbyterian Church.

For more information, we can be contacted at AllisonsWellsQuilters@gmail.com

Red Hills Quilt Guild, Louisville

Red Hills Quilt Guild members have had a busy fall. October was filled with an informative Appliquick Tools demonstration by Nell Oliver. In November, Red Hills met with Scrappers in Ackerman for a Thanksgiving potluck lunch. Before lunch we were treated to a very scrappy panel making presentation by Patricia Nettles, followed by show & tell.

We concluded our busy year with our annual Christmas lunch at Lake Tiak O'Khata, joined by the Scrappers with great food and fellowship with our quilty friends. We ended with our favorite activity - show-and-tell.

RHQG was well represented at MQA this year with 10 or more members in attendance. While there we celebrated one of our own, Barbara Burrell, as she was recognized as a Legacy Quilter for 2023.

We will begin the new year with a tutorial on "Susie's Magic Binding" - a 2-color binding - by member Marcella Philan.

We look forward to a fun & productive 2024. May all your Christmas wishes come true and Happy New Year to all our quilty friends.

Pine Belt Quilters, Hattiesburg

Jo-Ann Evans showed many styles of sweatshirt jackets and spoke about the process she uses in taking a sweatshirt and turning it into a beautiful jacket during our September meeting. She also conducted a workshop on October 5 on how to make a sweatshirt jacket. Check out our Pine Belt Quilters Facebook page for pictures.

In October, we had four stations set up and Lois Womack, Linda Hull, Tammy Natrass, and Linda Lowe demonstrated specialty rulers and had examples of what you could do with each. We also had a silent auction of quilty things

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Central: Myra Cook, Madison

East Central: Betsy Nelson, Lawrence

West Central: Betty Jeffers, Vicksburg

Northeast: Rita Williams, Caledonia

Northwest: Cheryl Owens, Hernando

Southeast: Shirley Wiltshire, Poplarville

Southwest: Claire May, Hermanville

Gulf Coast: Jere' Funk, Ocean Springs



Photo courtesy of Rankin Mississippi Homemaker Volunteer Quilters

Polly Duggan with Rankin Mississippi Homemaker Volunteer Quilters dropped off nine quilts and three boxes of personal care items to the Jackson Veterans home on November 9, 2023.

Martha Ginn shared her knowledge of cheese-cloth textile art with us during our November meeting. It was very interesting to see how she took everyday cheesecloth and created portraits with it!

At our December meeting, more than 120 quilts will be donated to seven groups in the Pine Belt area along with 50 Christmas stockings.

The Pine Belt Quilt Guild meets every 2nd Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at University Baptist Church (3200 Arlington Loop) in Hattiesburg.

Quilt Club of Rankin County, Brandon

Rankin Mississippi Homemaker Volunteer Quilters is starting to wind down their year. We will celebrate with a potluck luncheon and a sit-and-sew.

In November, Rankin County Extension Agent Natasha Haynes presented a program on holiday meals and hosted a game of Thanksgiving Jeopardy. Everyone enjoyed trying to get the most points. Natasha passed out 5 award-winning gift bags. The membership also was asked to bring personal care items to donate to the Jackson Veterans Home. On Nov. 9th, Polly Duggan delivered 9 quilts and 3 boxes of personal care items, pictured above.

Each October we have a charity workday which usually begins the Saturday before our meeting on Monday. Our group along with Brandon Quilters was asked to make bibs for the Hudspeth patients. Between the two groups, we made 121 bibs. Amazing job ladies! Because we are affiliated with

MS Homemaker Volunteers our quilting life means we share with others.

If you are in our area, we meet on the 2nd Monday at the MS State Extension office (601 Marquette Rd) in Brandon. Meeting time is usually at 1:00 p.m.

Quilters By Heart's Desire, Brandon

Brandon Quilters continued to learn about various border options including ribbon borders, flying geese, and constructed fabric blocks. Our programs included a presentation on quilted sweatshirt jackets, a presentation of the president's challenge, and our annual potluck and heart exchange.

In January, Marilyn Rose will present a program on "Preparing Your Quilt for a Quilt Show." In February, we will discuss basting quilts and in March the topic will be jelly roll quilts.

Please join us on the 3rd Monday of the month, January through November, at 7:00 p.m.. We meet at St. Mark's United Methodist Church (400 Grant's Ferry Road) Brandon, MS. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for visiting before the meeting. After our business meeting and presentation, we have show-n-tell.

For more information visit www.qbhd.org.

Brandon Quilt Guild, Brandon

The Brandon Quilt Guild meets the first Monday

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of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Brandon Library.

In September, guild member Diane McLendon presented a hands-on quilt design exercise. Members divided up into teams and were given a bag of precut squares, rectangles, and half-square triangles. Each team designed a 12¹/₂-inch square block, and a member of the team took it home and sewed the block together. All the blocks were returned to Diane and she completed the quilt for donation.

Our annual retreat to Lake Tiak-O'Khata was also in September.

In October, guild member Cynthia Simpson presented a program on Christmas ornaments that she makes and sells at local craft fairs.

In November, we had our annual auction which serves as the guild's fundraiser for the year. We had lots of donations from the members and a very successful auction.

In December, we had our Christmas potluck dinner followed by playing the Wright Family Christmas game.

Our guild continues to work on community quilts. We donate quilts to the Star Fire Department, MS Children's Safe Center, and the VA Nursing Home. We also made and donated adult bibs to the Hudspeth Center and dog beds to the Rankin County Animal Shelter. Our members are very dedicated to their volunteer work.

If you are in our area on the first Monday of the month, please join us.

Scrappers Quilt Guild, Ackerman

Scrappers Quilt Guild membership continues to grow. Our Sewcial Club is located at 9089 MS Hwy 15, Ackerman, and meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Sew & Tell is always a fun part of our monthly meetings.

In November, the Red Hills guild members were invited to our program and a "quilting friends Thanksgiving potluck." After Sew & Tell, member Patricia Nettles presented a program on fabric panels. Our meeting area was decorated with numerous panels. Patricia demonstrated how she chose to build a quilt using a panel as the focus fabric. Patricia loves to use "Maxine" and Lorelei panels as quilts, table runners, mug rugs, etc.

After Sew & Tell and the panel program, we all enjoyed a Thanksgiving potluck meal. Recipes were exchanged before our day ended.

In December, Scrappers and Red Hills guilds joined for a Christmas luncheon at Lake Tiak-O'Khata. This is always a special celebration filled with laughter.

Golden Triangle Quilt Guild, Starkville

GTQG has been busy this year! Our group completed two Quilts of Valor Quilts as a group project using the 2023 pattern and presented them to local vets in the Starkville community. The project was enjoyed by all who participated, and the guild plans to do it again next year.

One long-term community project for the Guild is the Sheriff's Quilts, where each member annually donates a lap-size quilt to the Oktibbeha



The Scrappers Quilt Guild in Ackerman have a great time showing off their creations.



Photo courtesy of Scrappers Quilt Guild

County Sheriff's Department. These quilts are included as a comfort item in each patrol car, to be used as needed at the deputy's discretion during callouts. In addition to this, the Guild donates items to Starkville Strong, a local service and support organization. GTQG donated 90 quilted potholders in July for Starkville Strong's "Christmas in July" project, and 60 lap quilts to be included in Christmas Boxes to be distributed in the community in December. These projects are ongoing and will be continued next year.

Another project picked up by guild members this past year was making quilted hugs. This is a quilted shawl with a polar fleece lining and interior pockets for keeping hands warm. They are being donated to the local infusion center in Starkville to be distributed to patients who are receiving chemotherapy.

In September, the guild had Watana Cantrell come to our Saturday sit-n-sew and teach a class on collage quilting. The class was attended by 20 members and 1 visitor from a nearby guild.

At the Fall MQA Gathering, Guild Members Barbara Burrell and Nancy Losure were honored by MQA as Legacy Quilters.

The Golden Triangle Quilt Guild meets every third Thursday at 5:30 pm, with a Sit-n-Sew every second Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Both activities take place at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Starkville. We also are continuing to simul-cast the Thursday meetings on Zoom, something that we began during the height of the pandemic and decided to continue for members who are unable to attend in person. If you'd like an invitation to the Zoom meeting, please contact Nancy Losure at nancy.losure@gmail.com.

Piecemakers, Oxford

The Piecemakers of Oxford has been busy with charity work, recently completing the last of 8 twin-size quilts for the Bed for Kids project. This project provides a new wood twin-size bed frame with mattress and bedding for children who currently do not have a bed of their own.

In November, fifteen of us attended the Needlechasers of Tishomingo County Quilt Show and stopped in at Treasure Chest Quilt Shop in Corinth.

In December, we hosted our annual Christmas lunch with a Santa gift swap and membership drive. Nineteen members renewed their membership at our meeting and we added one new member.

Piecemakers meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church.

Vanceleave Bees, Vanceleave

Vanceleave Bees co-hosted the MQA Fall Gathering. The Bees meet every Monday 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Vanceleave Branch-Jackson/George Regional Library. Visitors are welcome anytime. For more information contact Lana Self at 12beernot-tobe@outlook.com.

Jackson Quilters, Jackson

Jonce' Smith, Mississippi's National Certified Instructor for Studio 180, presented Deb Tucker Hunter's Star ruler at the August meeting. Our members are looking forward to the opportunity to take Jonce's class at the 2024 MQA Summer Gathering.

In September, Jackson Quilters members who had traveled out of the country on quilt-related tours reported on their trips. Beth Neihof reported on the 2022 Christmas Market tour to Bavaria and Austria. National Quilters Circle Teacher Kelly Ashton led Beth's Craftour. Lisa Helmick and Beth Neihof went on the Crafters' Quilting Extravaganza 2023 in England. National Circle Teacher Kelly Ashton led this tour. They attended the Festival of Quilts, Europe's biggest patchwork and quilting event in Birmingham, England. Connie Moore joined a Craftour led by international quilt teacher Bonnie Hunter to see the sights of Italy.

October found Jackson Quilters celebrating the end of our 2023 guild year. We meet from January through October each year. The 2024 officers were elected and installed. Quilters who participated in the mystery quilt shared their finished quilts. All enjoyed an end-of-the-year potluck luncheon.

Jackson Quilters donated 102 quilts to UMMC Transplant Unit and Blair Batson Children's Hospital in 2023.

The Guild has a flourishing Quilt of Valor program led by Quilt of Valor Central Mississippi Coordinator Margrit Wallace. Members have participated in several Quilt of Valor presentations in 2023.

Jackson Quilters meets on the 4th Monday of each month from January to October at Briarwood Presbyterian Church (620 Briarwood Drive) in Jackson at 9:30 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

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Sand Stitchers, Biloxi

Sand Stitchers of Biloxi were honored to host the MQA Fall Gathering. We put a lot of effort into it and feel it was very successful. Now with that project in the bag, our next big project will be our bi-annual quilt show. Please save the date, May 18, 2024. More information will be forthcoming.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Northside Assembly of God Fellowship hall. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information, contact Susan Radamacher at skrad62@gmail.com.

Busy Hands Quilt Guild, Decatur

Time was spent finishing up tote bags, dresses, shorts, and jump ropes for Operation Christmas Child of Samaritan Purse. From these items, one of our members assembled 203 shoe boxes.

Fourteen quilts were donated and mailed to the Maui Quilt Shop for distribution to fire victims. Quilts also are being collected for distribution to the tornado victims in Louin, Miss., and Jasper County, Miss. If you have a quilt - 50"x60" or larger - that needs a home please consider donating it. You can send them to Dolores Townsend, Guild Secretary, PO Box 73, Union MS 39365. Please include your contact information for acknowledgment.

Meanwhile, as the end of the year approaches, members are completing their 2023 challenge "Country Fait", a scrappy version of a Carpenter's Wheel bordered by flying geese along with their own personal projects.

We also mourn the passing of two long-standing members (25+ years) Ola Mae Amis who still made all her quilts by hand and Sarah Miller who was the Guild Secretary for more than 20 years.

We have a good group of talented quilters and draw from our members for monthly programs that keep us up-to-date.

Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Decatur United Methodist Church in Decatur. Sit and Sew begins at 9:30 a.m.; business meeting at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon; a member presentation at 1:00 p.m. followed by show and tell.

For more information, contact Debbie Chaney at (601) 635-3565.

Vicksburg Quilters, Vicksburg

Vicksburg Quilters are now meeting at the Vicksburg Senior Citizens Center on the second Saturday of each month.

The projects for this year have been Christmas stocking for the foster children's program. Items have been collected to stuff the stocking. Donations have been given to Paws Rescue to be sold at their annual garage sale.

In the coming year members will concentrate on our own projects including UFOs.

All are invited to attend the meetings.

Brookhaven Piecemakers Quilt Guild

The Brookhaven Piecemakers meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Jimmy Furlow Senior Center from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Members have been busy this year working on the President's monthly challenge block. Each month those participating would bring the finished block and all the blocks would be given to a lucky member whose name was drawn. A participation ticket was awarded for a year-end drawing each time members participated in any of this year's activities. At our December meeting, a ticket was drawn and the winner was presented with a collection of items, quilt kits, fabrics, and gift certificate for a total value of more than \$300.00.

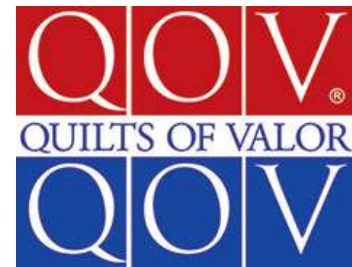
In October, we once again went to a nearby retreat, R House in Liberty, Mississippi.

Ten of our members were able to go for the four days. Those attending had a wonderful time sewing, playing games, eating, and enjoying each other's company. Our guild finished the year delivering the last birthday bags to the Aspen Assisted Living Facility. Each month we presented the residents with birthday bags. Each resident received a Christmas pillowcase for their Christmas gift from our guild.

At our November meeting, Shirley Wiltshire and Deborah Warren presented the program about exhibiting and preparing quilted jackets. The jackets were made using old quilts found at thrift stores. Debbie Brack also exhibited tunics and dresses made from thrift store men's shirts.

Our guild has been busy working with the Pike County Quilters to finalize the plans and arrangements for the Spring Gathering we are hosting February 9 and 10. Tickets will be sold at the Spring Gathering for our raffle/opportunity quilt. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, February 10. We are excited about the programs planned for the Spring Gathering and look forward to seeing our quilting friends at the Thames Center on the campus of Co-Lin Community College.

Happy Quilting!!



MS QOV

During the block drive for the Mississippi Quilts of Valor during the Fall Gathering 100 split-back star blocks were collected. The group is expected to make at least three quilt tops using the gathered blocks. Volunteers within the Gulf Coast region plan to use the blocks to frame panels for quilts. MSQOV wants to thank everyone who took the time to create blocks for the drive!



SUMMER GATHERING TEACHERS

MQA is looking for new classes, new teachers, and lecture and demonstration ideas. If you'd like to be considered put together a proposal with the following details:

- Name of class/lecture/demonstration
- Class level (beginner/intermediate/experienced)
- Class size limit
- Techniques taught
- Tentative supply list
- Whether a book or pattern is required
- Fabrics (layer cake, fat quarter, scraps, etc.)
- Photo of quilt or project
- Additional fees (teacher provided supplies, patterns, etc.)

Please send all proposals to Patti Moore at mississippiquilt@gmail.com.

The 2024 Summer Gathering is scheduled for June 7 and 8 and will be once again held at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond.

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 8, 2024

CANCEL/REFUND DEADLINE*: January 26, 2024

*Walk-ins are welcome, but please register. This helps to plan seating, goody bags, and refreshments.
Please fill out a form for each participant, to help us with nametags and other bookkeeping.*

Name: _____

Choose one:

- Current Member Legacy Quilter
 Host Guild Member Guest

*CANCELLATION/RETURN: In 2013, the MQA Board passed this motion: "In order to receive a refund, you must cancel by the stated deadline. Your last-minute decision impacts meals, class slots, and creates confusion at the registration table. Registrations are not transferable."

**NOTE: If you have not paid your dues, complete the online registration at www.mississippiquilt.org/join-mqa.

Complete ONLY if information has changed.

Address/City/State/Zip

Email: _____

Phone/Cell: _____

EVENT REGISTRATION

I will attend Friday Night. Yes No \$ 0.00
Friday night is free to all.

Friday Meal Yes No \$ _____

I will attend Saturday. Yes No \$ _____
Event fee: Member - FREE; Guest - \$5

Saturday Meal _____ \$ _____
Meal Choice #

SUBTOTAL \$ _____

Membership Fee ** \$ _____
If applicable - \$20

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MQA.

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

Nancy Losure
751 Butler Road
Starkville, MS 39759-8784
Email: nancy.losure@gmail.com

OFFICE USE ONLY

Logged in: _____

Payment received: _____

Attended: _____

MENU SELECTIONS

Write your meal choice(s) and cost(s) on the blank at left.
Water, tea, and coffee provided.

NOTE: The last day to register and order a meal for the Spring Gathering is February 1, 2024.

FRIDAY DINNER

Hot Buffet with an entree choice of Poppysseed Chicken or Pork Tenderloin, salad, lemonade green beans, baked potato casserole, corn casserole, hot pineapple, bread pudding, or fruit parfait with yogurt - \$18

SATURDAY LUNCH

1. Club sandwich, bagged chips, pickle, and a cookie - \$13
2. Ham & turkey hoagie, pickle, fruit cup, and a brownie - \$12
3. Chicken salad croissant, pickle, potato salad, and a lemon bar - \$13
4. BLT grilled chicken wrap, pickle, fruit cup, and a cookie - \$13
5. Gluten-free turkey and cheese sandwich, pickle, and a fruit cup - \$11
6. Chef salad (garden salad, egg, diced ham and turkey, bacon, cheese, and tomatoes), crackers, dressing, and a brownie - \$12
7. Trio salad plate (chicken salad, fruit cup, potato salad) - \$12
8. Large California salad with chicken (spring mix, tomatoes, cucumbers, parmesan cheese, red onions, eggs), crackers, dressing, and a lemon square - \$13
9. Vegetarian trio salad plate (pasta salad, pimento cheese, fruit cup) - \$12
10. Gluten-free/vegetarian California salad with pimento cheese - \$13

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 2024 ABSENTEE BALLOT

Please complete this ballot **ONLY** if you will not be present at the Spring Gathering in Wesson on Feb. 10, 2024.

President: Lynn Blaylock

For Against

President Elect: Susan Rademacher

For Against

Secretary: Susan Beard

For Against

Voting will occur during the business meeting at the Spring Gathering on Saturday, February 10.

If you are not attending, you may mail your ballot to:

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