



Dates to Remember

Apr 21—QGA Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Apr 28—QGA General Meetings 9:30 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.

Location: **Northwood Methodist Church**
(On corner of Gloria Switch and Moss St.)

Come early and visit with everyone!

MEMBERSHIP MISSION

The object of the Quilters' Guild Acadienne shall be to preserve the culture and encourage the education and understanding of the many aspects of quilt making; to encourage all individuals in realizing their creative abilities. We are dedicated in our mutual effort to enjoy and understand, rather than judge, the accomplishments of others.

President's Notes

This is the last time I'll be addressing you as your president. I'm looking forward to the coming year with Beth Glass as president. She is a fiber artist and can lend her creativity to everything she touches! She has already shown initiative with everything she has done this year as President Elect - getting the Quilt Show together at the Alexander Mouton House and simultaneously put together a show at the Acadiana Center of the Arts. I hope everyone gives her a warm welcome.

This past year has been a whirlwind of activity both in the guild and in my personal life. I have traveled to Alaska for the birth of my newest grandson; traveled to Minnesota to help my daughter move to Amarillo, Texas and will be traveling to Chicago for that same daughter's wedding shower. In the guild - I helped with the Auction and had a front row seat in seeing how much work went into it and how the volunteers for that activity were committed to making it a success. Then we had our 25th anniversary to celebrate. The December meeting was a blast and I had a lot of fun getting that together.

Guild Website: <http://www.quiltersguildacadienne.blogspot.com/>

Guild Email: quiltersguildacadienne@gmail.com

Or check out our Quilters' Guild Acadienne Facebook page!

President's Notes (Addendum):

I just want to say a few words about this past year! I have come to know some of you much better since becoming your president. It seems it was a whirlwind year, but we had meetings, classes, sew days, parties and celebrations, camps, quilt day and quilt shows! What a year!

I really enjoyed my time as your President, but am also looking forward to handing it on to Beth Glass. I know everyone will give her a great welcome as your President. I am excited to see what the upcoming year brings with regards to programs, classes and just plain old friendships - old and new!

Liz Breaux,
President 2015-16.

MOD SQUAD

meets on Thursday, April 21
from 1-5 at Northwood. Any-
one is welcome to attend.

Please email Torch
(archibaldjm@hotmail.com) if
you want to attend so you can

The March lotto block

is due at the
meeting on April 28th.
Finish those "rolling
nine-patch" blocks and
bring with you or if not fin-
ished bring what you
have. Thanks and see you
in a few days.

— Judith Garber



**QGA GUILD MEETING
March 2016
MINUTES**

Date & Location: March 17, 2016, at Northwood United Methodist Church, Lafayette, LA.

Call to Order: President Liz Breau called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Guests: Seven guests/new members were introduced. Betsy Palmer, Chloe Stacks, Sandra B. Darbonne, Wanda Granger, Chantelle Rangel, Janis Delahoussaye, Mary (Peggy) Sue Huval, and Anna Bessmertny.

Minutes: The February 2016 guild minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Liz Breau provided the monthly treasurer's report. Balance forward as of February 18, 2016, began with a balance of \$17,192.52, deposits for the month totaled \$12,731.00, and disbursements were \$8,661.09. Ending balance for the month as of March 14, 2016, was \$21,262.43.

Announcements:

- Ken Broussard and Becky Haaland reported on the Acadiana Center for the Arts (ACA) quilt display. Twelve guild members have their quilts displayed at the ACA facility. Visitors to the quilt show expressed interest. Because of their questions, Becky and Ken served as docents. Guild members are encouraged to visit the quilt show while it is open. The QGA Facebook page has photos of all the quilts displayed at the ACA facility and at the Mouton House.
- Nominations for the Silver Thimble Award can now be submitted. Liz read aloud the criteria for winning this award and the names of the seven previous winners. The winner will be announced at the April meeting.
- QGA will host the October GSQA quarterly meeting.
- April 8-9 are the dates for the GSQA Quilt Show which will be held at the Northshore Harbor Center in Slidell, LA.
- April 30th is the date for the next GSQA quarterly meeting which will be held at the Mes Amis Quilt Shop, 6505 Spanish Fort Blvd, New Orleans, LA.

Program:

- First half of the Program: Rosemary Florstedt prepared a power point presentation on barn quilts she saw in North Carolina and Ponchatoula, LA. Photos of garden quilts in Indiana were also part of the presentation. Members expressed interest in learning how the barn quilts are made. Members asked that a workshop on building a barn quilt be offered. For general information members can find details about barn quilts on the web.
- Second half of the Program: Diane Redfearn explained the different types of block swaps (orphan block swap, Round Robin swap, lotto block swap, group swap, batting grid swap, and quilt sample block swap). The following members displayed the quilts/quilt tops they made from swapping blocks: Diane Redfearn, Liz Breau, Gloria Raggio, Rosemary Florstedt, Doris DeRoche, Billy Morgan, Michelle Kearns, Kathleen Chauvin, Carol Gaubert, and Debbie Theriot.

Lotto Blocks: Judy Garber and Mary Meche presented a new lotto block. The design is called the "Rolling Nine Patch" which incorporates a flying geese component surrounded by white or light colored pieces. Judy explained that any light, light color is required for the background fabric. Members should call Judy if they have questions.

Membership: Betty Foti reported on the St. Martinville Library demonstration. Four new members were recruited (previously listed). The quilt demonstration was a success.

Program Announcements: Marty Mason will be the program presenter for the April guild meeting, and she will offer workshops on Friday and Saturday following the guild meeting. Diane Redfearn invited members to consider displaying a mini-quilt show at a guild meeting. Mona Redlich will display her quilts at the April meeting. Important program dates include:

- The Gee's Bend Trip is scheduled for March 31- April 2.
- Sew & Sew weekend is scheduled for April 2-3.
- Mod Squad meeting will take place April 2nd.
- Quilt Camp II is scheduled for April 8, 9, and 10. There are spaces for 25 participants, and the cost is \$50. Quilt Camp II is open to members who did not go to the first Quilt Camp because space was limited.
- April 21st is the date for the next board meeting.
- April 28th is the date for the next guild meeting.

Quilt Challenge: Mona Redlich announced the winners of the 2016 Quilt Challenge. Seven guild members participated in the challenge (Ken Broussard, Torch Archibald, Georgia Courville, Gloria Aguillard, Diane Redfearn, Rosemary Florstedt, and Pat Mayfield). Each participant was given a white ribbon. The winner for the Viewer's Choice was Georgia Courville. Lynda Rebert, a member of the Golden Triangle Quilt Guild in Beaumont, Texas, served as judge. Lynda Rebert identified the following winners:

- 1st Place: Gloria Aguillard;
- 2nd Place: Diane Redfearn;
- 3rd Place: Pat Mayfield.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Nomination Committee: Linda Ducotey passed out the ballots so members could accept/vote on 2016-17 slate of officers. New officers will be inducted at the April meeting.

Sunshine and Shadows: Dana Guidry told the members that Bertha Bourque and Val Hellickson had surgery. Laura Parton and Torch Archibald also had medical procedures. New member Mimi Savio volunteered to help Dana send birthday cards to members not receiving email.

Door Prize Winners: New member Betsy Palmer won the gift card purchased by the guild from Allbrands. Linda Waters won the prize donated by Becky Haaland, a pair of quilter's socks.

Birthday Recognition: Gen Bourgeois received a fat quarter because she has a March birthday.

Membership Name Tag Prize Winner: New member Wanda Granger won the fat quarter for wearing her name tag.

Show & Tell: Eight members brought their quilts to display: Linda Waters, Liz Breau, Becky Haaland, Claire Champagne, Betty Foti, Cleo Breau, Joan Schroeder, and new member Chantelle Rangel.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

Membership

You are to be congratulated on the many accomplishments made this year in our efforts to increase membership. If you spoke to someone about our guild, handed out contact cards, participated in our events, helped to spread the word at our local fabric shops, volunteered to be a sew mate, organized an event or served on our very busy membership committee, you have helped QGA to grow during this past year. Because of you, we have added many talented, diverse, enthusiastic new members who are already contributing to the mission of our guild.

If you joined QGA during this past membership year we encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities to grow in your knowledge of quilting, make new friends and in general have a really good time. The greatest benefit from your membership in QGA comes from involvement in committees, projects, workshops, sew days, retreats and quilt camps.

Whether you are an experienced, knowledgeable quilter or new and eager to learn, you have something to share. I hope you will all renew your membership in May or June and will bring others to enjoy what we have to offer in Quilters' Guild Acadienne.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter submissions are due by 5th of each month. Please submit your articles, announcements, suggestions, and photos to kimzimek@gmail.com. Your submissions are always welcome!

April Program Annual Guild Meeting

Clean Out Your Sewing Room Sale before meetings.
Installation of Officers for 2016-2017

Technology – Quilters' Guild Acadienne Blog and Facebook Page

We will learn how to use these and what information you can find there!

May Program Marty Mason – Modern Quilting

Our own Guild Member – Marty Mason will present a program on Modern Quilting. She will also have a workshop on Modern Quilting. So, this is your opportunity to try something new and for some of us – step out of our comfort zone! Sign-up now!

June Program Dorinda Evans Organizing and Using Your Scraps

Dorinda will return and present a program to help us organize and use our scraps as well as a workshop designed to use those scraps – the God's Eye Scrappy Quilt! Sign-up for workshop start this month!

Bees

KOA

Meets every Wednesday at 9:00

At the KOA Camp

Call or email Noemie Charleville

(337-232-8085 or Noemiec@cox.net)

Mod Squad

Meets the Thursday of the QGA Board Meeting, and the Sunday of

Guild Sew & Sew weekend. 1—5 pm both times.

At Northwood Methodist Church

Call or email Torch Archibald

(337-288-9890 or archibaldjm@hotmail.com).

Woolies

Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday at

1:30p.m.

Call Gen Bourgeois (337-984-2319).

Guild Sew & Sew

Meets the 1st weekend of each month.

At Northwood Methodist Church.

Saturday 9 - until. Sunday - 9 am to 5

pm.

Call Doris Derouche (337-501-8872)























