

# Quilting Lines



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## Dates to Remember

- May 28 QGA General Meetings 9:30am  
6pm
- May 31 Open Sew Day 10:30am
- June 5 QGA Newsletter Submission Due 5pm
- June 18 QGA Board Meeting/ Mod Squad 5:30pm
- June 21 **Father's Day**
- May 25 QGA General Meeting 9:30am

Location: Northwood Methodist Church  
(On corner of Gloria Switch and Moss Street)

Board Meeting is at 5:30  
General Meetings at 9:30 am & 6:00 pm  
Come early and visit with everyone!

## Newsletter

Newsletter submissions are due by 5th of each month to any member of the Newsletter Committee. Articles, Announcements, Suggestions and Photos are always welcome!

Mary Ann Caruso, Newsletter  
Chairman

[mcarusol@laitram.com](mailto:mcarusol@laitram.com)

## Program Committee Notes

### May Program:

For the May program, three 15-20 minute demonstrations:

- (1) Board Basting – Gloria Raggio
- (2) Binding – Diane Redfearn
- (3) Hand Piecing and Hexagons – Nadine Cain

Members will move through three rooms, watching one mini demonstration at a time.

## Membership Mission

**The object of the Quilters' Guild Acadienne** shall be to preserve the culture and tradition of quilt making in this area; to 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.



For the Month of June:

9	Cindy	Colvin
9	Billy	Martin
12	Tina	Lemaire
13	Dianne	Fields
13	Mona	Redlich
13	Mickey	Touchet
16	Linda	Hair
18	Linda	Fontenot
23	Cindy	Allen
27	Sheri	Martin
28	Gloria	Raggio
28	Donna	Drost
29	Kelly	Broussard
29	Shelly	McCoy
30	Mary	Louviere

New officers for the 2015-16 term were approved as follows:

President--Liz Breaux

President Elect--Beth Glass

1st Vice President (Program Chair)—Diane Redfearn

2nd Vice President--Pat Harper

Treasurer--Janet Gianelloni

Day Secretary--Paula Payne

Night Secretary-- Diane Fields

Day Parliamentarian --Rebecca Rabalais

Night Parliamentarian--Kenneth Broussard

The members also approved Linda Ducotey as the Board Member at Large.

Appointed board members are Torch Archibald as Membership Chairman and Mary Ann Caruso as Newsletter Editor/Webmaster.

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# General Meeting Minutes

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2015 at Northwood Methodist Church

The meeting was called to order at 9:30a.m. by Amy Aderman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and guests and new members were welcomed.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Betty Foti to approve minutes. Seconded by Terry Graham. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Janet Gianelloni reported: March balance was \$13,139.35, deposits of \$40.00 and disbursements of \$1,592.25. Ending balance on April 23, 2015 was \$11,587.10.

Membership: We currently have 152 members.

Silver Thimble Award: Nadine Cain, last year's recipient of the award gave a beautiful testament to this year's winner of the award. The Silver Thimble Award was presented to Rosemary Florstedt. She was presented with a silver thimble.

Installation of Officers: New officers were brought forward and Amy presented a short program using quilt squares to explain the duties of each position. New officers were asked if they accept the duties of their office. They did. The passing of the gavel is postponed to time when new President Liz Breau is present. Pat Harper 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President presided over the rest of the meeting.

Auction: Judy Garber reported that the auction is set for October 6, 2015. It will be at the Petroleum Club. No menu has been set at this time but the cost will be between \$20 and \$25. She asked that members think about donations and to bring fat quarters each month to be used at the auction. Next month's theme for fat quarters is spring but any and all will be accepted.

Committee Sign Up Sheets Sign up sheets were available and members were encouraged to sign up.

Sunshine and Shadow: Dana Guidry was back following her accident. She reported news of those in need of our wishes of sunshine or shadow. Please continue to notify Dana of any news.

Lotto Block: Judy Garber drew tickets for two winners of the last lotto block, Pineapple Blossom. The winners were Carrol Delahoussaye and Wilma Hollier.

Programs: Paula Payne presented the program "What Not to Do in the Sewing Room OR Tips, Tricks, and Tools." There were 25 contributors. Paula presented a humorous talk on the various tips and tricks. The tips will be posted in the newsletter.

The video spotlight was an Eleanor Burns presentation.

The church has asked members to join them for a sew day on Sunday. Children's dresses and shorts will be made for children of Cambodia. Donations of cotton fabric, elastic and bias tape were solicited. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Carolyn Sirmon reported on the Gueydan Museum Quilt Show. The show will run until May 30, 2015.

Birthday Fat Quarter: Fat quarters were distributed.

Show and Tell: Members shared their beautiful projects.

Door Prize: Judy Garber won a gift donated by Lynette Venable, Danielle Colvin won a gift donated by Donna Lanclos with Lazy Lucy and Diane Redfearn won the Lola Pink gift certificate donated by the guild.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned.



## It's been a wonderful year...

Thanks to all those guild members for their support, encouragement, and superb program ideas! I could not have developed the 2014-15 program schedule without your wise advice. I also want to thank all the members of the program committee and friends for teaching me so much about quilting. Like any form of education, I am constantly reminded that the more I learn about quilting; the more I don't know! I am confident that Diane and her team will do an outstanding job and we all will benefit from their leadership and the innovative programs and workshops they will offer. Paula Payne

## Special Thanks!

I want to thank all of the ladies that gave me quilts to show at the Gueydan Museum. We had a great time at the reception. Those of you who missed it, I hope that you will find time to make a "road" trip and come visit the Museum and me. Please call or email me so I can plan to be home to meet you at the Museum. I will be returning all of the quilts at the meeting on May 28th so please make arrangements to pick them up. Thanks ladies: Torch Archibald, Kathleen Chauvin, Sheri Martin, Nadine Cain, Dottie Meaux, Phyllis Tabert, Marci Canulette and Beth Glass. Carolyn Sirmon

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Thank you Guild members for giving me the Silver Thimble award. What a lovely surprise! I love our Guild and will continue to work to keep it fun, informative and to help it grow and to encourage the love of Quilting. Thank you again, I appreciate it very much.

Rosemary FLorstedt

## QGA Committees

### [Birthday Committee](#)

Chairman: Gerry Leblanc

Members: Hope Perry

### [Boutique Committee](#)

Chairman: Dee deLassus

Day Members: Marie Abbott

### [Budget Committee](#)

Chairman: Janet Gianelloni

Members: Torch Archibald, Diane Redfearn, Mary Ann Caruso

### [Children in Need Committee](#)

Chairman: Barbara Wells

Members: Mary Meche, Danielle Colvin, Judy Derbes, Gloria Aguillard, Phyllis, Tabbert, Cindi Whittington, Pat Mayfield, Alice Bott

### [Door Prize Committee-Day and Night](#)

Chairman:

Day Members:

Night Members: Shelly McCoy

### [GSOA](#)

Chairman: Gloria Raggio

Members: Joan Schroeder, Mary Ann Caruso

### [Guild Auction Committee](#)

Chairman: Danielle Colvin

Co-Chairs: ,

Members: Nadine Cain, Alice Bott, Barbara Wells, Cindi Whittington, Judy Garber, Susie Massicot

### [Home of the Brave Committee](#)

Chairman:

Co-Chair: Pat Harper

Members: Polly Stacks, Alice Bott, Alice Eastin, Tina Lemaire

### [Quilt Camp Committee](#)

Chairman: Mary Ann Caruso

Members: Torch Archibald, Rosemary Florstedt, Gloria Raggio

### [Retreat Committee](#)

Chairman: Mary Ann Caruso

Co-Chairs: Gerry Leblanc

Members: Cindy Allen, Peggy Hardy, Gloria Raggio, Torch Archibald, Janet Gianelloni, Susie Massicot, Pat Mayfield, Mandy Caruso, Kim LeBlanc

### [Hospitality/Refreshment Committee](#)

Chairman (Day): Open

Day Members: Mary Meche, Nadine Cain

Chairman (Night):

Night Members:

### [Lotto Block Committee](#)

Chairman: Judy Garber

Day Members: Mary Meche

### [Membership/Registration](#)

Membership Chairman: Torch Archibald / Amy Aderman

Registrar: Alice Bott

Members: Ken Broussard, Alice Eastin, Marcie Collins, Mary Ann Caruso

### [National Quilt Day](#)

Chairman:

Member:

### [Newsletter/Website](#)

Newsletter Chairman: Mary Ann Caruso

Distribution Assistant: Nadine Cain

Members/Photographers: Mary Landry

Night Photographers: Kim LeBlanc

Webmaster: Mary Ann Caruso

### [Program Committee](#)

Chairman: Diane Redfearn

Co-Chairpersons: Paula Payne, Torch Archibald, Gloria Raggio, Mona Redlich, Val Hellickson

Members: Joan Schroeder, Rosemary Florstedt, Nadine Cain, Donna Drost

### [Sunshine & Shadow Committee](#)

Chairman: Dana Guidry

Members: Linda Ducotey

### [Ways and Means Committee](#)

Chairman: Open

Members: Mary Meche

## Guild Auction News

The 2015 Guild Auction will be Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 5 pm at the Petroleum Club.  
The fat quarter to bring to the May meeting is a Spring color.

## Membership Committee Update

To further the mission of our guild, the membership committee has set a goal to reach 200 members by April 2016. We're also working to foster communications between members, welcome in new members and encourage camaraderie. We're working on many new ideas to reach these goals.

We are initiating a New Member mentoring program. New members will be paired with current members who will help introduce them to all the guild has to offer. If you are interested in mentoring a new member, please contact Val Hellickson.

To help members get to know each other better, we want to encourage handmade name tags. Starting in May, if you are wearing a handmade nametag, you will be entered in drawing for a fat quarter at that meeting. Also, new members and guests will be given special nametags. So be on the lookout for new guests and new members and make them feel welcome.

When you receive your 2015-16 Membership Card, you'll also get several QGA Contact Cards. Keep these in your wallet to hand out when you meet potential new members.

**Don't forget to renew your membership at the May & June meetings. This year, we're offering a prize for early birds. If you renew or join by the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, you'll be entered in a drawing for an exciting prize. Also stop off to have your photo taken at the May & June meetings which will go in a Membership Directory that will be available in July.**

If you would like to help the guild meet the goal of 200 members, sign up for Membership Committee. Many fun activities are in store!

Torch Archibald and Amy Aderman, Co-Chairs



## “What Not to Do in the Sewing Room”

or Krazy Kwilt Lady’s

### “Tips, Tricks, and Tools”

1. After ripping a seam, use a lint roller to pick up thread pieces (Gerry LeBlanc).
2. Use a Shape Flex ruler to cut fabric (Shelly McCoy).
3. Stack small pieced fabric blocks and then iron all at the same time (Sherry Herringshaw).
4. The Strip Stick makes ironing fine work, small seams, and pieces lay flat (Kim LeBlanc).
5. Do not use rotary cutter in the nude (Pam Winkler). **What Not to Do**
6. A 4 ft by 8 ft sheet of construction foam insulation board covered with felt and mounted on the wall makes a great design wall (Paula McRae).
7. Use vintage items for more than just décor. Old suitcases make fun containers for large quilting projects. I use an embroidered straw purse to carry small hand-sewn projects. I also have a 1950s poodle skirt sewing box to carry small projects. It is fun to think of the sewer who used these items before me (Tina LeMaire).
8. Be extremely cautious using “stich picker”! I have caused a small slit in outside border of a finished quilt just before binding it. **What Not to Do.** I use Wash 007 bonding agent (a powdered fusible) to successfully repair it. Have also used Misty Fuse (comes in white and black) successfully (Phyllis Tabbert).
9. Use Command hooks on wall to store and hang rulers. Command hooks can also be used to hang a tablecloth to use as a design wall. (Gloria Raggio).
10. Remember to measure three times before you cut fabric! The Shape Cut ruler makes cutting strips or block easier (Kelly Broussard).
11. Practice belly dancing to strengthen back muscles which will extend the hours spent sitting comfortably at a sewing machine (Pam Winkler).
12. Recycle old furniture for new sewing use. A TV or clothing armoire makes a great storage cabinet for books and supplies (Tina LeMaire).
13. No need to go to the doctor or hospital unless you sew the machine needle through the bone in your finger. **What Not to Do** Stitching through the fleshy part of your finger is a rite of passage for all quilters (Gloria Raggio).
14. Use a 6 inch cooking skewer to push seams under the needle. Store the stick behind your ear but remember to keep the point out (Sherry Herringshaw).
15. When you receive a compliment on something you’ve sewn, quilted, or embroidered, graciously say, “Thank you.” Please don’t point out the flaw that only you can find. **What Not to Do**
16. Put wheels on everything so you can change your sewing room set up easily. I put wheels on a triple dresser to maximize its use in my sewing room. It can stay under the window and I can use it for an ironing or cutting station. I can move it behind my sewing cabinet to keep a quilt from hitting the floor. I can wheel my sewing cabinet to face into the room or move it to look out the window – whatever keeps the inspiration going (Tina LeMaire).
17. Press but don’t iron when piecing blocks (Sherry Herringshaw). **What Not to Do**
18. Place a piece of flannel beside your machine so you can “audition” fabric when piecing quilt blocks (Sherry Herringshaw).
19. For members taking workshops and completing only one or two blocks while attending the workshop, use coordinated fabric at all the workshops so at the end of the year, you can piece a sampler with all workshop blocks.
20. Prepare extra bobbins and store them on the extra thread holder on back of sewing machine (Sherry Herringshaw).
21. For easy access, use large, clear plastic containers to store supplies and brighten up your sewing room (Pat Mayfield).
22. When my ruler slipped while using my rotary to cut out a border, I tried Rug Tape to keep the ruler stationary!!! Take extra care when aligning the ruler on the fabric, making sure that you haven’t dragged the fabric along with any ruler adjustment. That’s how well it grips! (Susie Massicot).
23. Use Bonnie Hunter’s scrap organizational system (Carolyn Sirmon).
24. Place a piece of rubberized shelf liner under your sewing machine and under your foot pedal to keep them in place (Sherry Herringshaw).
25. I bought kitchen cabinets at Home Depot, butted them together, and had a Formica table top made for them. I now have a 50” x 88” work table. Most of the table top is taken up with one of those huge cutting mats and an ironing board fits across the 50” space on one end of the table. I used Rug Tape to attach the ironing board to the table top. It worked perfectly! (Susie Massicot).
26. The tip of an empty mechanical pencil makes a great tool for forming points and/or forming corners. The pencil tip has to be used! (Doris DeRoche).  
Extend the height of the thread holder (on a Featherweight for example) by cutting a piece of straw and placing it over the shorter thread holder (Pat Mayfield).
27. Use a calendar to quickly keep track of what you’ve sewn or quilted in a year. Pin a swatch of fabric at the date completed along with a few notes.
28. For easy access, use double sided tape to secure sewing machine needles to the front of the machine (Amy Aderman).
29. Review the three techniques for making flying geese blocks (Carolyn Sirmon).
30. When sewing a straight stitch around the perimeter of a completed quilt top, use a walking foot so fabric doesn’t pucker (Sherry Herringshaw).

# Video Spotlights:

## Video Spotlight: Eleanor Burns' video "Strips Twice as Nice"

Web Address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVd9CfUK5gU>

### Bees

#### KOA

Meets every Wednesday at  
9:00

At the KOA Camp

Call or email Noemie  
Charleville

(337-232-8085 or [Noemiec@cox.net](mailto:Noemiec@cox.net))

#### Mod Squad

Meet the Thursday of the QGA Board  
Meeting, 2:30pm

At Northwood Methodist Church

Call or email Torch Archibald

(337-288-9890 or  
[archibaldjm@hotmail.com](mailto:archibaldjm@hotmail.com)).

#### Sew Bee It

Meets the 1st Saturday, 8:30 to 3:00

At Grace Presbyterian Church

Call or email Ginger Swan

(337-235-3578 or  
[gingerswan@bellsouth.net](mailto:gingerswan@bellsouth.net))

#### Woolies

Meet the 1st and 3rd Monday at 1:30p.m.

Call Gen Bourgeois (337-984-2319).



### Mod Squad Chitchat

Mod Squad is now meeting to Thursday after-  
noons prior to the monthly board meeting at  
2:30 pm, that's one week prior to General  
Meetings. We are surveying the group to ac-  
commodate the working and non-working  
members to see what time is best for the  
group. If you have any questions, please contact  
- Amy Aderman - [boze25@gmail.com](mailto:boze25@gmail.com), or 337-  
232-0543.



# 2015 QGA Quilt Retreat





























# Guild Meeting Highlights









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