

2016 Highlights

- **Workshops**

- January - Trunk show By Sherry Burns
- February –“Around the Block” taught by Chris Schulte
- March - Rebecca’s Go-To Block
- April – Pineapple Ruler, Locker Hooking by Nancy V.
- May - Applique by Janice R.
- June –Tulip Quilt by Iaci F.
- July – Candace St. Laurence lectured on Quilt Appraisals
- August – Lauren R. taught a Poinsettia Runner
- September - 10th Anniversary Celebration
- October – Kim L. and Evelyn T. taught Fold and Stitch Wreath
- November –Charity Quilt Trunk Show/ Featherweight Maintenance Class by Sara P., Lynda P. and Iaci. F.
- December - Christmas Party

- **Sit and Sew Workshops**

- January – Led by Rebecca T., I Spy Quilt. Completed one boy top and 1 girl quilt
- February – Led by Sara Parnell completed 240 Easy Breezy blocks
- March – Led by Kitty M. “Falling Charms”
- April – Led by Sara Parnell string Blocks – 180 blocks completed
- May – More string blocks, ideas for panels by Rebecca T.
- June – Bees’ Store items - Led by Natalie P.
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- August- Joan H. led Churn Dash Class
- September- Charm Square quilt for Lady at TN Veterans Home led By Sara P. 3 quilts tops made- Lori S. completed 2, Rebecca T. completed 1
- October - Retreat

- Bees’ quilts were seen in **shows** all over the United States: Rebecca T. had an entry in Road to California Quilt Show, Nannette F. had a quilt accepted in AQS Daytona as well as the Asheville Show, Evelyn T. and Kim L. had entries in Grand River Quilt Show and Kitty M. and Rebecca T. had quilts in the Threads of Time Quilt Show. Lauren R displayed quilts at Oakland’s

Domestic Arts Pop up Show called Quilts, Corsets and Silk Flowers.
(October).

- The following Bees were **State Fair Winners** in Quilts or Needlework: Emily J., Evelyn T., Natalie P. and Rebecca T.
- UFO Challenge – 155 completed
- UFO Challenge Phase II
- **Christmas Block** exchanged monthly
- **Tips of the Month** each month
- **Door Prizes** every month, at retreat and at our 10th Anniversary
- Terri K.'s quilt was selected as **2016 logo quilt**
- **2016 Retreat** Henry Horton State Park – 29 Bees attended
- **Crayon Challenge** - 23 participated
- Pam R. submitted an article about the Bees to the **Michigan State University Project**
- Lynda P. quilted 17 **charity quilts** in Feb., she averaged quilting 8-10 quilts every month
- **Charity Quilt Donations for 2016: Total 114**
 - 37 - Tennessee State Veterans' Home
 - 32 - Red Bird
 - 45 - Camelot Foster Care
- Toni B. sent many cards and distributed heart blocks as our **Sunshine Committee Chairperson**
- Several of our members participated in **Quilt of Valor Sewing Day** on Feb 6 at MTSU. 20 quilt tops were completed
- Bees donated approximately \$200 in quilting supplies to **flood victims in SC**. Bee member Jackie P. drove the truck to deliver all the supplies collected by TVQA.
- Bees provided **Show and Tell** for Feb. TVQA meeting
- **VSA Quilt**-Lauren R. announced that the quilt that she worked on for VSA is currently in Costa Rica and may be headed to France. Pam R. and Toni B. also assisted with the quilt. VSA is an organization that provides art opportunities for young people with disabilities. Thirty eight states and 40 countries provided blocks for the quilt. The quilt was originally presented to

Jean Kennedy Smith, the founder of VSA. The quilt was displayed at the State Department.

- **10th Anniversary Celebration**- Pat Sloan and Tim Latimer helped us celebrate with lectures. We enjoyed a catered lunch at the Ag Center. Classes by Pat Sloan at St. Marks the following day.
- **Quilts in the Boro 2016**- 97 Quilts displayed, 35 Quilts in the Bed Turning, \$1,050 prize money awarded.
- We had Bees at every **TVQA** meeting and articles in the quarterly newsletters.
- **By-laws** were adopted.
- Elected 4 wonderful Bees to serve as **President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer** in 2017-18.
- Quilting Bees' **Membership** grew to 63 members (53 members in 2015, 48 members in 2014)
- Bees donated toys to **Toys for Tots** as part of our Christmas celebration.

Submitted by S. Parnell (Secretary)

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