

# BAY OAKS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2017

## SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING & PROGRAM NIGHT



## SEPTEMBER 14 BUSINESS MTG POSITION NOMINATIONS; CHARITY FORMS DUE

Our nominating committee is working to find willing nominees to fill open board member positions for 2018. Please consider filling a position. New members are welcome as nominees. Members are welcome to self-nominate for positions. The nominating committee will give an update and send out information on open positions and duty descriptions.

Also, charity forms are due September business meeting. If you wish to nominate a charity to receive a portion of the profits we made from the quilt show, then fill it out and submit to the board. Membership will vote on nominated charities.

Also, don't forget that we collect monetary donations for the food pantry and charity children's quilt donations for Brenda's House at our annual Christmas Party. It will be here before you know it! 😊

## SEPT 28TH PROGRAM NIGHT: TERRIFIC TUCKS

Gloria Burlette will teach "Terrific Tucks" for our September program night. She is holding two of these quilts in the photo at the left. **In the picture to the left, the Black and the white are the "Contrast" fabrics. The "Focus" Fabric is the blue/white and the multicolor, respectively.**

### Supplies for this program:

1. Sewing machine in good working order. Walking/even-feed foot; thread to match your project; extra-fine point permanent marker and a regular permanent marker; pins and the usual tools for sewing. Spray on starch. Cutting mat with rotary cutter and a 24" ruler.

2. **Focus Fabric:** For every 1" in **width** of your final project, you'll need 2-1/2" of focus fabric. If you want your pleated project to be 20" wide, then you will need to buy at least 50" of fabric. If you wish to use this fabric for borders, you'll need to factor that in and buy more. **Length** of focus fabric for pleats should be between 10 and 15 inches. **For maximum visual effect, this fabric should have lots of movement in the print.**

3. **Contrast Fabric:** You will need one 1" strip for each 2-1/2" of focus fabric. Length of contrasting strips should be same as focus fabric. If you wish to use this fabric for your border (as shown in pic above left), then you'll need to factor that in and have extra fabric based on your desired final dimensions.

4. Backing and binding should be enough for finished pleated tucks plus any borders that you plan to add. This is quilt as you go, so you need backing and binding at the class.

August Program – 3D Hexagon Block



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 16: Sit-n-sew, Kiln Library
- Sept 22-23: Sands of Time Quilt Show, Biloxi, MS
- Sept 29 – Oct 1: Red River Quilt Show, Shreveport, LA
- Oct 13-14: MQA Fall Gathering, Hernando, MS
- Oct 21: African American Quilt Show, Yazoo City, MS  
Sit-n-Sew, Kiln Library
- Nov 18: Sit-n-Sew, Kiln Library
- Dec 14: Christmas Program, DHD Community Ctr

## GALE GARBER CLASS: “THE GOOSE IS LOOSE”

We recently voted to host a Gale Garber class in April 2018. The quilt to be taught is “The Goose Is Loose”. It will be a 2-day event open to 20 people with an approximate cost of \$103. **A deposit of \$25 will be collected at September’s business meeting.** Additional payments will be due as follows: Nov - \$25, Jan - \$25, and Mar - \$28. If we do not have all 20 slots filled by November, we will open the class up to others.



## UPCOMING SIT-N-SEWS

SEPT 16; OCT 21; AND NOV 18  
LIBRARY IN KILN

Sit-N-Sews are Saturdays set aside to join other guild members at the library with whatever project you are working on for a day of sewing & fellowship. They typically kick off about 9am and end by 3pm. Some make a day of it, some may only make a few hours. You can bring a lunch or take a break & run up to Subway, etc. It’s a very laid-back atmosphere.

## SANDS OF TIME QUILT SHOW

Magnolia Quilters of Orange Grove presents “Sands of Time” 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Quilt Show.

**When:** September 22-23, 9am-4pm

**Where:** Beauvoir United Methodist Church, 2113 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS

**Admission:** \$2

Quilts, door prizes, Special Exhibits & Vendors. Opportunity Quilt shown below

“Sands of Time”



100" x 100"

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October is a tote bag to donate to Brenda’s House by Barbara.

## TIP OF THE MONTH: CARING FOR YOUR CUTTING MAT

It is recommended that you soak your mat from time to time. Your self-healing mats love moisture.

To soak it, put your mat in a bathtub or large container (would have to be large enough to lay flat) and soak it for 15-20 mins in a solution of ¼ cup of white vinegar to every gallon of COOL water. Let me repeat, COOL WATER. If your mat is larger than your bathtub, soak ½ at a time. Do this every so often to help extend its useful life.

Then use a squirt of mild dishwashing soap (Ivory) and clean the mat with a mushroom brush (soft is the key word here). The purpose of this gentle scouring is to remove the fibers that get trapped in the cut marks preventing the cuts from “healing”.

Keep them clean, keep them moist, keep them flat and NO heat. Your cutting mat is not a coffee cup coaster (yes, even the heat from your coffee mug will warp your mat).

### Other useful tidbits:

If you’ve been cutting a lot of fabric or batting, you know how much lint can build up. Use an eraser. Lay the eraser flat on the cutting mat, applying a small amount of pressure, move the eraser over the mat. Voila! Clean mat.

If your blade is dull on your rotary cutter, tear a large piece of heavy duty tin foil and fold it many times. I folded mine until I was cutting through 6 layers. Next, start cutting the tin foil many times. To test it out, I keep some scrap fabric on hand to see if I sharpened it well enough. Repeat process until blade is sharp. So simple and really comes in handy when you are in a pinch and don’t have a new blade on hand! This trick isn’t long term, but if you’re going to throw your blade in the trash anyway, it doesn’t hurt to try.

## PINE RIVER QUILTERS ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

**When:** Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1 (Part of Red River Revel Arts Festival)

**Show Hours:** Friday & Saturday: 10am-6pm, Sunday: 11am-4pm

**Where:** Riverview Hall, 600 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, LA 71101

**Admission:** Friday: \$5; Sat/Sun: included in Red River Revel ticket

**Features:** 200+ quilts and quilted items on display; Featured Quilter: Jerrie Thornton of Haughton, LA; Special Exhibits; Silent Auction of quilts and quilted items; Merchant Mall; Tickets for “Covered in Stars” the queen-sized donation quilt made by Red River Quilters guild members (tickets \$1 each) – proceeds fund community service projects.

More information: [www.redriverquilters.com](http://www.redriverquilters.com)

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