



TVQA Newsletter

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WWW.TVQAQUILTING.ORG

President's Message	TVQA OFFICERS FOR 2015-17
<p>Wow! What a strange winter it was – we had little or no snow until March! As I write this article, I sincerely hope that our spring season brings us mild temperatures and lots of beautiful flowers.</p> <p>We have several major events this year. The first event is the 2017 Spring Seminar which will be held June 22-24, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel in Murfreesboro. I am really excited about the great selection of classes, plus dinner and a trunk show on both Thursday and Friday evenings.</p> <p>Please check out the Spring Seminar information on the website. If you were at the February Board meeting, you got to see several examples of quilts that will be taught at the Seminar. Remember, the registration forms must be postmarked no later than June 5th. The classes are filling up, so be sure you mark your first, second and third choices on your registration forms. In addition, I want to remind everyone that the Doubletree hotel will release all unbooked rooms in our block after May 29th.</p> <p>I want to thank Melinda Kunkel, Diana Hodges, Arieanna Glennon, Nancy Rutske and Jean Shaw for all their support and ideas for speakers, etc. for our upcoming Spring Seminar.</p> <p>For the Mary Lou Anderson Scholarship, I received applications for eight different people. As soon as the executive board can meet we will select the three recipients. The winners will be notified immediately and the results will be posted on our facebook page.</p> <p>Another upcoming event is the 2017 Assembly Day which will be held on July 15th. This year, Assembly Day is being sponsored by Country Quilters of Clarksville, TN and the guest speaker is Nancy Mahoney. Your registration form must be received no later than June 1, 2017.</p> <p>Many thanks to the guilds who have sent me the contact information for your new officers. This information should also be sent to Kay Papenfuss, tvqaquilting@gmail.com for the web and, for the newsletter, to Elaine Jackson at ejtvqanews@yahoo.com.</p> <p>See you in May, Sena Frank, President</p>	<p>President: Sena Frank 7562 Country Line Road Fairview TN 37062 615-636-7733 lucvats20@yahoo.com</p> <p>Vice President: Diana Hodges 7706 Bridlewood Drive Christiana, TN 37037 615-719-1952 DianaKay7706@comcast.net</p> <p>Treasurer: Jean Odom 395 Devon Chase Hill #4201 Gallatin, TN 37066 615-476-6803 modoandj@aol.com</p> <p>Membership Chair: Brenda Willis 230 Mainsail Way Madison, AL 35758 256-461-0781 needlerb@knology.net</p> <p>Secretary: Jackie Pearson 609 Forest Pointe Place Antioch, TN 37013 615-390-2019 jackierpearson@comcast.net</p> <p>Newsletter: Elaine Jackson 324 Sussex St. Smyrna, TN 37167 615-355-6345 ejtvqanews@yahoo.com</p>

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Calendar of Events

TVQA Events:

May 12, 2017 – TVQA Board Meeting
10 A.M., LaVergne, TN. (directions are on the back cover of this newsletter)

June 22-24, 2017 – TVQA Spring Seminar,
Murfreesboro, TN. More info on TVQA website
www.tvqaquilting.org

July 15, 2017 – TVQA 2017 Assembly Day,
Clarksville, TN (Registration form is in this newsletter)

Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 2017 - TVQA 2017 Fall Retreat,
(Registration form is in this newsletter)

GUILD (and other) EVENTS:

April 26-29, 2017 – AQS Spring Quilt Week,
Paducah, KY

August 18-19, 2017 - Quilts in the Boro
Lane Agri-Park Community Center
Murfreesboro, TN. More info at
<http://quiltingbees.org>

September 8-17, 2017 – Tennessee State Fair.
More info at www.tnstatefair.org

More events listed on TVQA Website:

www.tvqaquilting.org

NOTE: TVQA website password as of March 1,
2017 is:

tvqa*2020 (all letters lowercase)

If you need help, please contact TVQA
webmaster Kay Papenfuss.

TVQA has a FACEBOOK page!! LIKE US and get
messages of upcoming events.

**Next newsletter deadline is June 20, 2017 for
the July 2017 issue.**

Membership News

Please send membership information of any kind to me. If you have new members, renewals of past members, or changes to the directory...they all should be reported to me. I try very hard to keep the membership data current on the website so that it is available to all our members. Once the directory is published each year, I periodically send updates to the webmaster.

TVQA saves a lot of money by placing the newsletter on our website. Only those individuals without an email address receive a printed newsletter. And we all have more "paper" in our homes than we need. So help TVQA save money and SAVE A TREE by reading the newsletter on-line.

Have a great summer!

Brenda Willis
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Charter Members

TVQA would like to acknowledge the following members who are Charter Members of this organization. Due to their vision and love for quilting TVQA has grown to include approximately 1000 members who share the joy of quilting in Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. It is with gratitude that we extend our appreciation to these individuals for paving the way. Furthermore, the TVQA board members voted to exempt these Charter Members from paying any further dues.

Irene Andrews, Judy Driver, Pat Kyser, Margaret Murray, Ann Thorneberry, Dene Hines, Cindy Hawkins, Barbara Landis, Sue Pons, Dot Arnold, Frieda Holt, Mildred Locke, Gretchen Hosler, Melissa Thomas, Allison Arnold

Tennessee Valley Quilters Association

Treasurer's Report

12-20-16 to 3-10-17

INCOME

	YTD	CURRENT PERIOD
Dues	\$12,225.00	\$12,225.00
Assy. Day	<u>1,490.13</u>	<u>1,490.13</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,715.00	\$13,715.00

EXPENSES

Administrative

Web Site	\$ 186.00	186.00
TN Corp Fee	40.00	40.00
Bank Fees	28.50	28.50
Book Storage Unit	377.10	377.10

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Board Meeting			
Church	250.00		250.00
Refreshments	47.79		47.79
Door Prizes	39.88		39.88
Copies	9.10		9.10
Assy. Day 2017	2,000.00		2,000.00
Assy. Day 2018	2,000.00		2,000.00
Fall Retreat 2017	1,000.00		1,000.00
HOTB	26.00		26.00
Membership	55.59		55.59
Newsletter	<u>505.78</u>		<u>505.78</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,565.74		\$ 6,565.74
Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 3,597.05		
Deposits	13,715.13		
Checks written	<u>6,565.74</u>		
Ending Bank Balance	\$10,746.44		

BOARD MINUTES 2.10.17

TENNESSEE VALLEY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

The meeting was held at the La Vergne United Methodist Church, Waldron Road, La Vergne, Tn.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance by Sena Frank. Followed by roll call of attendees. We had one charter member present, Irene Andrews. Past Presidents were Jo Reid, Diane Lowe and Arieanna Glennon.

Secretary - Jackie Pearson –Presented minutes from the November, 2016 meeting for approval as printed in the last newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed. There were no corrections.

Treasurer Jean Odom- Jean stated we had approx. \$6,500.00 and that the dues are now due and the balance will increase. There was a correction in the finances in the newsletter in that the Fall Retreat funds were for 2016 not 2017.

Reports from Officers and committees:

Vice President – Diana Hodges Diana is unable to attend due to personal matters and Jackie Pearson will be filling in as needed until new board is elected at Assembly Day. Emily and Jackie looking for a storage cabinet to keep at the church. The budget was approved for \$545.00. If anyone knows of one please let them know.

We have two new books for the library donated by Star Stitchers. Return to Elm Creek in honor of Patty Hudson and Flying Colors in honor of Barbara Dilbeck.

Membership Chair – Brenda Willis Melinda Kunkel was taking up the membership forms in Brenda's absence.

Newsletter – Elaine Jackson Elaine reminded everyone that the deadline for the newsletter is March 20th. Please remember to put the guild name in the subject line. Elaine checks the email for the newsletter infrequently during times that work on the newsletter is not in progress. If there is something that needs immediate response please use her personal email address.

Tennessee State Fair- Emily Johnson Emily stated that there is still a need for pant hangers with a swivel to hang the quilts for the fair. She explained the categories for the quilts for entry. Need help for the set up and take down.

Program Services - Jo Reid Jo stated she added one new teacher, Joy Draughon who teaches the tuffet Jo is working on updating the teacher forms to remove the unnecessary questions on the current forms.

TVQA Website/Facebook –Kay Papenfuss Kay was not available but Sena reported that the password for the website will be changing March 1st for security reasons. The new password will be **tvqa*2020**

Home of the Brave - Jo Reid (AL) Jo stated that she now has a contact at the base to obtain the information she needs. She states she is also trying to get the information for TN.

Home of the Brave - Sena Frank (TN) Susan Mock brought in quilts and will place them in storage until needed.

(February 10, 2017 minutes – continued from previous page)

Winter Retreat – Jo Reid We had 59 at the Winter Retreat and there is space for 72.

Fall Retreat - Jo Reid The forms will be in the next newsletter, The dates for the retreat are 9/27-10/01/17.

Old Business:

Assembly Day 2017: Connie Weller gave update. Applications are being taken and Pam Thompson is sending out confirmation emails. States there are Hotels a couple exits up at Exit 4 and Exit 8 and there is a campground near by. Jackie Pearson agreed to bring the signs to the May meeting.

Sena Frank gave the slate of officers for 2017-2019. Jackie Pearson for President, Emily Johnson for Vice President, Melinda Kunkel for treasurer and Bonnie White for Secretary.

Spring Seminar: Sena stated that the color forms are on line and that it was too expensive to print these in color. Scholarship forms are due 3/15/17. Send to Sena Frank, address is on form. Need a guild to be responsible for irons and ironing boards, need 8-10. Music City agreed to bring 4, Sewcial Quilters to bring 2, Friendship 2-3. Please make sure the ironing boards have a decent cover. These are needed 6/21/17 in the afternoon. These can be brought to Jackie Pearson.

Jo Reid and Diane Lowe agreed to do the door prizes for the dinners. Sena showed a sample of "From my Window", from Daphne Greig's book. Pattern will be given out at the class.

Melinda states that there are a couple of classes nearly at capacity and that if there is a class you want you need to move quickly.

New Business:

Show and Tell for the May meeting will be Sewcial Quilters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Pearson

Secretary

The following **Severe Weather Policy** for attendance at quarterly TVQA Board meetings was adopted at the May 2016 meeting:

The safety of the TVQA guild representatives is of utmost concern. Remember, your safety comes first! The following guidelines apply when the National Weather Service issues a severe weather warning:

If the schools in Rutherford County are closed on the day of the TVQA meeting due to weather conditions, or if Rutherford County is under a severe weather warning, then there will be no TVQA meeting.

If the schools in the county where the guild representatives live are closed on the TVQA meeting date due to weather conditions, or if your county is under a severe weather warning, then your guild will be excused from attendance for that meeting.

If you will not be at the TVQA meeting due to severe weather, contact the TVQA President, Vice President or Secretary either the night before the meeting or before 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting.



September 8-17, 2017 – Tennessee State Fair. More info at www.tnstatefair.org

TVQA encourages members to participate in the state fair, both by entering competitions and by volunteering to demonstrate or promote the art of quilting in various ways.

The TVQA State Fair effort is headed by Emily Johnson. Emily is asking for volunteers to help at the fair in the following ways:

- Scribe for judges on quilt judging day.
- Hang quilts for display.
- “Sit with” the quilts on display to answer the questions of the viewers and to protect the quilts from handling.
- Take down the quilts when the fair is over and distribute them to their owners.
- Other quilt related activities that may arise.

In the July TVQA newsletter, look for a sign-up sheet with specific dates/times for the volunteer activities.

Skirt hangers with swivel hooks are still needed for hanging the quilts. Please give them to the members of your guild who attend the TVQA Board Meeting to turn in there.

There is a challenge for TVQA members who enter quilts in the fair.

(Note: I need someone to provide me the guidelines of this challenge so I can communicate them -Elaine)

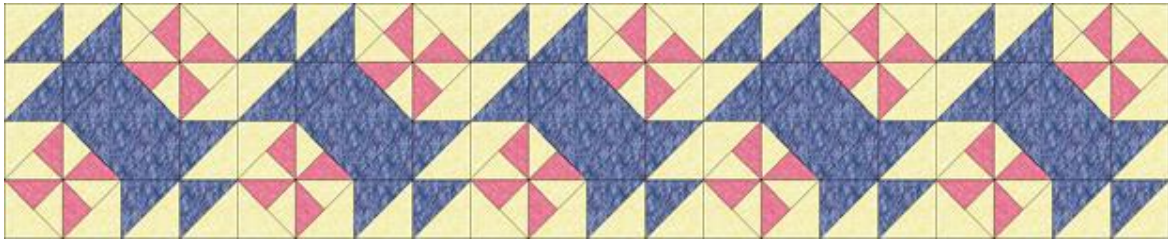


Image courtesy of <http://dlstewart.com>

Spring Seminar Update

TVQA Spring Seminar - June 22, 23, 24, 2017 at the Doubletree in Murfreesboro TN. We currently have 62 registrations received as of April 6, 2017. The Paula Barnes Red Crinoline class 'Old City Gates' on Friday is full. The Kaye England 'Double Dozen' class on Thursday is close to full. So send in those registrations NOW! Please remember to mark a 1st and 2nd choice, in case the class you want is full. You will be notified by email (snail mail - if you don't have email) that the registration was received.

Deadline for registration is June 5, 2017.

Dinners with lecture and trunk show still have room. This is an opportunity to learn tips and tricks from National Teachers at a very reasonable price. Register to take a class and have a fun day with fellow quilters.

Thanks

Melinda Kunkel - Treasurer 2017 Spring Seminar

(Note: Registration forms and brochures about classes, teachers, and lectures are available at tvqaquilting.org)

TVQA 2017 ASSEMBLY DAY

"THIRTY YEARS IN THE MAKING"

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Hosted by Country Quilters, Clarksville, TN

Featured speaker Nancy Mahoney is an author, teacher and fabric designer and has been quilting for over twenty-five years. She has been published in over 175 quilt magazines. She has designed 15 fabric collections for P&B Textiles and Clothworks and has published 14 books to include her best seller "Simple circles and gentle curves." For more information check out her website - <http://www.nancymahoney.com>

You must register to attend. See registration form in this newsletter.

"THIRTY YEARS IN THE MAKING"

TVQA Assembly Day --Saturday, July 15, 2017
Hosted by Country Quilters, Clarksville, TN

Rossvie High School, 1237 Rossvie Road, Clarksville, TN 37040

Guest Speaker: Nancy Mahoney

Schedule - Central Daylight Time

8:00-9:00	Registration, Hospitality and Shopping
9:00-9:30	Welcome, Announcements, Introduction of Officers, Charter Members, Roll Call
9:30-10:30	Donna Hogan
10:30-11:00	Charter Members
11:00-11:30	Door Prizes
11:30-12:30	Lunch & Vendor Shopping
12:30-1:00	Introduction of New Officers
1:00-2:00	Guest Speaker -- Nancy Mahoney
2:00	TVQA Announcements, Door Prizes, Closing

Registration is required and must be received no later than June 1, 2017. You must be a TVQA member to attend and this form must be mailed in whether you order lunch or not. No late registrations will be accepted.

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Guild: _____

Email (Confirmation by email ONLY) _____

Lunch is a sub sandwich , chips and cookies, fruit cup COST \$10.00

SUB: CHOOSE ONE: _____ Turkey _____ Ham

Drink: CHOOSE ONE.: _____ Sweet Tea _____ Unsweet Tea _____ Lemonade _____ Water

OR: _____ I am not ordering lunch (Registration form must still be mailed in for you to attend)

Please make checks payable to: TVQA Assembly Day 2017. Mail check and registration form to: Assembly Day 2017, Pam Thompson, 212 Short Street, Clarksville, TN 37042

******ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1, 2017 ******

TVQA FALL RETREAT 2017

The time has finally come for registration for Fall Retreat! I know you all look forward to this as much as I do.

****Please note that the St. Joseph building is no longer available, so you will not find a registration form for that building.; however, we can have some rooms in the new building. The cost for those is \$95.00 /night for a private room and \$67.50 per person/ night if sharing. I did not make out a separate form for these rooms, just let me know if you would like one and I can figure out your cost.**

(The cost of the rooms at St. Mary's is \$50/night single \$36/night double.)

Everyone will be sewing in the rooms at St. Mary's, so we can accommodate approximately 72 spaces (and this will have to include day quilters too).

All Meals will be in the St. Mary's dining room. Please let me know if you have any special meal needs such as vegetarian, sugar free etc. so we can alert the kitchen.

As before coffee, tea, ice will be available in the lobby 24/7

Please bring a snack to share with everyone for our snack table.

Again, we will have our Quilt Walk on Saturday evening right before dinner. We are trying to do it in the daylight. (makes it safer walking to the new building if it is being used) The exact time will be announced later. So please bring your quilts you have been working on during 2017 so we can see what you have been up to! There will be judging and prizes.

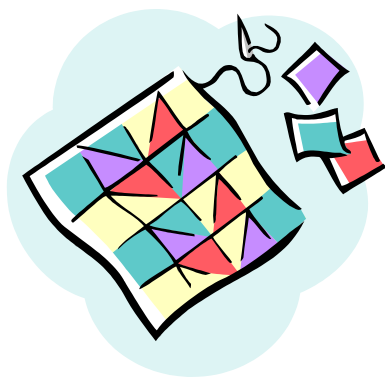
This year I am finally doing something different for door prizes! No more Rebecca Barker prints. I hope you will love this idea as much as you have loved the prints!

I will be on vacation from 2 August – 10 August so please remember your registration is due by August 15th.

If you are coming as a Day Quilter please still send in your form to me with Day Quilter written across it. You will need to contact St. Mary's to pay them directly for your day fee and any meals you want to attend. I need your info so I save you a sewing space and door prize!

Have a great summer and I hope to see you in the fall.

Jo Reid



TVQA FALL RETREAT

September 27 thru October 1st 2017

St. Mary's Retreat Center

Please do not come before noon on Wednesday as that is check in time.

Please return this registration **WITH FULL PAYMENT NLT 15 August 2017**

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO **Material Girls** and MAIL TO:

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quilter67@centurylink.net you can contact me for any questions you might have.

Please fill out this form completely!*****

Name _____

Address _____

Phone and e-mail address _____

Roommate request _____

Wednesday –Sunday 4 nights, 11 meals beginning with Wednesday dinner

Double \$280.00 Single \$336.00

Wednesday-Sunday 4 nights, 10 meals beginning with Thursday breakfast

Double \$265.00. Single \$321.00

Thursday-Sunday 3 nights, 9 meals beginning with Thursday lunch

Double \$219.00Single \$261.00

Thursday-Sunday 3 nights, 8 meals beginning with Thursday dinner

Double \$207.00Single \$249.00

Thursday – Sunday 3 nights, 7 meals beginning with Friday Breakfast

Double \$192.00Single \$234.00

Friday-Sunday 2 nights, 6 meals beginning with Friday lunch

Double \$146.00 Single \$174.00

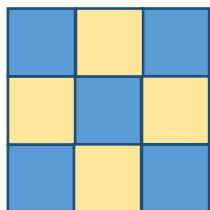
Friday-Sunday 2 nights, 5 meals beginning with Friday dinner

Double \$134.00 Single \$162.00

Friday-Sunday 2 nights, 4 meals beginning with Saturday breakfast

Double \$119.00Single \$147.00

******I cannot send your info letter prior to retreat if I do not have your full information.**



GUILD NEWS

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
June 20, 2017 for July 2017 issue

SUBMITTING GUILD NEWS:

Send your news via email to ejtvqanews@yahoo.com

- Include your guild's name in the subject line of your email.
- Prepare your news in MS Word and attach the document to your email, OR, if your article is short, you may send it within the text of the email instead of as an attachment.
- If you send pictures, please send them as attachments to your email (.jpg files preferred) and identify the activity and the people in each picture. Be sure to verify spelling of all names

CLARKSVILLE COUNTRY QUILTERS

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Clarksville, TN
1st Monday, 6:30 p.m.

The Country Quilters are off and running this year with plans for TVQA Assembly Day along with our new calendar for activities, challenges, and programs for the year.

All members are excited and looking forward to Assembly Day 2017. Plans are moving forward with speakers, vendors, lunch, and participation gifts. The registration forms and vendor applications have been sent out or they can be found in the TVQA newsletter. The main speaker will be Nancy Mahoney. Anyone needing vendor information can contact Jerry Church, for any other inquiries contact Connie Weller.

The first challenge for the year if you plan to participate is UFQ's (Unfinished Quilts). If a member plans on participating they must submit a list of three unfinished quilts or wall hangings that you can finish this year. They must be from before 2016. Each project must have a label. There are dates for each project to be completed. The first UFQ is due at the May meeting. The second UFQ is due at the August meeting. The last UFQ will be due in November.

Many members turned in small Trunk Quilts to VP Jerry Church for the Police and Sherriff Quilt Project at our March meeting. These will be carried in law enforcement trunks throughout Montgomery County to give to children in times of need.

COOKEVILLE CRAZY QUILTERS

Cookeville Public Library
1st and 3rd Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m.

Happy Spring, everyone! The Cookeville Crazy Quilters have started the new year with our new officers: President, Ann Holland; Vice President, Kathy Kuss; Treasurer, Becky Carlson, and Secretary, Susan Thompson. We also have new committee chairpersons: Community Outreach, Linda Wolanin; Education: Connie McCauley; Hospitality, Judy Taylor; Mentoring, Valarie Leasure; and Publicity, Alice Smith. These ladies have been busy, and are keeping us busy!

In February we had three demonstrations: Big Stitch Quilting with Linda Wolanin; No More Wavy Borders with Connie McCauley; and a Quick Casserole Carrier with Kathy Kuss. Learning new things and better techniques is always fun. We're also working on our mystery quilts - three clues have been revealed.

We have been piecing quilt tops, pillowcases and duffel bags for "Bags of Love". We have more than 23 quilt tops already this year. March saw us sewing placemats for "Meals on Wheels" - more than 130 were finished and presented. We also gathered sundries for Easter Baskets for Genesis House residents.

We are an equal opportunity guild: we welcome quilters of all types and all levels of expertise. We invite you to come and enjoy the camaraderie.

Submitted by
Susan Thompson, Secretary

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS GUILD

White Bluff Church of Christ
4416 Hwy 70E, White Bluff, TN
2nd Monday, 5:30 p.m., 4th Saturday

In January, Courthouse quilters were busy working indoors on their quilting projects. A blanket of snow covered Dickson County for several days. The guild meeting was cancelled along with school.

In February, we were happy to meet after a 2 month lapse of time. The program for the guild meeting was a demonstration of silk ribbon embroidery by Pat Conroy. We enjoyed new ways to embellish our sewing. It was announced that the theme of this year's quilt show will be, "The Shirt Off My Back". The show will be the second weekend in October.

March brought a roller coaster of warm days, snow, and freezing temperatures. For this month's program, we worked on developing a list of computer resources for quilters and sewers. We are looking for ideas for speakers and classes for later this year. The guild will have a Spring Retreat at Garner's Creek Retreat Center on May 1-4, 2017. Any interested guild members should contact Nancy Rutske.

We are looking forward to the bright warm days of spring and new projects.

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS

Smyrna Middle School Library
304 Walnut Street, Smyrna, TN
2nd Saturday, 10 a.m.

Submitted by Judith Thompson
Friendship Quilters Guild has made plans for an exciting, event-filled year. In January, the tentative schedule is shared and causes quite a stir as members get excited, anxious, and curious about the variety of activities available. This year members are engaging in several charitable projects including providing food for Feed the People and quilts for the children who are residents of the Good Shepherd Orphanage.

In our January meeting, many members worked on the charity quilts during a scheduled sit and sew. We enjoyed working together to make the world a better place.

February found the guild making Stained Glass Windows quilts taught by Diane Lowe. Diane presented gifts to the eleven members of the guild who attended every meeting in 2016. Members participating in the guild challenge brought their first completed squares to the February meeting. Love for our craft and each other was a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day this month.

Due to the weather, the number of members present at the March meeting was small, but the fun and comradery were huge. Our class was taught by a new member, Carolyn Carlson, and we learned how to weave fabric baskets. At the end of the day, some members had beautiful complete baskets. The class gave quilters a new way to use fabric and was enjoyed by all who participated.

If you are looking for a place to feel at home, find some new friends, have fun, and hone your quilting skills, come visit the Friendship Quilters guild. The next three months include a potluck, a class presented by Quilting Squares, and our own Quilt College. Come and join the fun! Then, join the guild!

GIRLS NIGHT OUT QUILTING SOCIETY

First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma, TN
4th Tuesday, 6 p.m.

The GNO group has been busy this term. We began the year with an inspiring program from Beth Johnson on photo quilts. Beth showed the steps from photo to graph to production of the quilt. Her beautiful work and teaching background combined made for an excellent presentation!

This was followed in February with a program on Hexagon techniques. Mary Miller demoed English Paper piecing and Sharon Bell demonstrated the Hexies from circles. Both ladies gave "hands on" demos so everyone was able to practice the technique. Vice President and program coordinator Natalie Austin has an exciting year of programs scheduled for us, including a guild retreat to be held in May at Hinkle Hill Retreat Center in Bell Buckle.

Looking forward to sharing more of our programs and gatherings with you in the next newsletter!

Submitted by Carol McGuire, Secretary

HAPPY HANDS QUILT CLUB

Ag Center, Shelbyville, TN
2nd Tuesday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

At the January meeting we discussed our plan for the year. We will be doing a pizza box challenge. This will teach us a new technique each month. This will complete a calendar quilt. Each member will be responsible for three months of squares on their own. The reveal will be at the Christmas party in December with the top to be completed.

February found us extremely busy. We did our block of the month which was woven hearts. We also had a guest teach us how to do a paper folded Moravian star. A presentation was done that shared some tips to perfecting our completed quilt projects.

Our March meeting was highlighted by a potluck with some yummy food. We did do a quilted square which showed us how to do a half-square triangle more easily. Our Quilts of Valor top which was completed at the Saturday "quilt-out" was shown.

The theme for the Christmas festival of trees is "Christmas Around the World. We were asked to put our thinking caps on for ideas.

HEARTH AND HOME

Westwood Church of Christ, McMinnville, TN
2nd Monday 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Socialize
9:30 to 12:00 Meeting & Lunch

Greetings from the Hearth and Home Quilters Guild. Our January meeting was cancelled due to snow. Our rule is if there is no school the Guild will not meet. During February we met at Westwood Church of Christ. Unfortunately our presenter was ill and unable to demonstrate her "Curved Log Cabin" quilt. We look forward to seeing that at our March meeting. Our President Brenda Clark presented Row One of a "Row Quilt" we will be doing this year. Each month we will get a new row to work on.

Dianne Page explained to us what we need to bring for our March meeting. We will meet at the Centertown Methodist Church. This is an all-day meeting with vegetable soup, tea, and coffee being provided by

Dianne. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert. We will be making a "Mystery 9-Patch".

During Show and Tell Brenda showed us a beautiful Block of the Month she made in 2016. Two members showed Wreaths made from 2 ½ in squares. Our sweet Wynona brought several quilts she made to give to Caris Home Health. We are always amazed at the amount of work she accomplishes.

March is an exciting time for us because our guild always goes on a retreat in Crossville. The time is fast approaching. It is always a good time with friends, sewing, laughing, and excellent meals. In closing we wish each of you a Happy Easter.

HEIRLOOM QUILTERS

First Christian Church, Tullahoma, TN
3rd Thursday, 1 p.m.

We ended the year with our annual Christmas luncheon at First Presbyterian Church in Tullahoma. The meal was catered by the Patch House and was enjoyed by all. We installed the new officers for 2017: Mea Anderson President, Carol Hooper and Linda Harker co-vice Presidents, Judy Driver secretary and treasurer Faye Kulp. We played some games and had show and tell. We all received a cookbook compiled from our recipes. Delores Medford and Vicki Young were the collectors and Vicki typed and organized them. Judy Driver put the books together.

Our January meeting was our Quilts of Valor/Love sewing projects. Ellen Anderson had cut kits for us and we started the new year with a good work session. One of the quilts given was to Mr Joe Henry and he passed away recently. His family displayed the quilt at his funeral and sent us a very nice note.

We had our annual quilt show at the Church of the Latter Day Saints; we had a good display of quilts and other quilted items. The weather was good and the day was enjoyed by many.

Judy Driver for Heirloom

IRIS QUILTERS GUILD

Genesco Bldg., Nashville, TN
3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Iris Guild started 2017 with the new incoming officers. Elizabeth Tetlow is our President. We have welcomed four new members and one former member has rejoined.

Ginger Fondren taught an Eleanor Burns pattern "Radiant Star" in February. An educational mini class was taught at the Feb meeting by our own Sharilyn Surface on how to make a "Hanky Pin".

Planning for our fall retreat is going well. We have secured a place and finalized the dates for it. We are looking forward to attending upcoming TVQA events and a number of our members have sent in their registration for Assembly Day.

LAKESHORE QUILTERS

First United Methodist Church, Hendersonville, TN
2nd Monday, 9 a.m. Social, 10 a.m. Business Mtg.

January was exciting with a new President and board. We had a total of 125 members in the guild. Graef Waggoner announced the President's Challenge that will be judged in November. Karen Gibson introduced the "Spool Exchange" and gave out instructions for those who wanted to participate. Melinda Kunkel reminded us of the sit and sew on Feb. 4th. Dottie Metcalf reported on a quilt auction to be held March 21-25 in Pigeon Forge during the Quilt Show, proceeds to be given to families of the devastating fires in December. Anyone willing to donate a quilt should give them to Dottie to take there.

February meeting found us with 90 members in attendance. Claudia Moore reported 22 ladies made 9 quilt tops for Veterans on Feb. 4th. Our pro bono donation to the Hendersonville Fire Dept. was in turn donated to the victims of the fires in Gatlinburg. Irene Andrews, one of our charter members gave us a trunk show and shared many stories of her quilts and her family. She was very entertaining.

March meeting reminded us of our Retreat April 11th and 12th. There was a sign up sheet for those wishing to ride the bus with the Music City Guild to Paducah.

We will have a bus in September to Paducah. Shop owners Kay Roberts and Kathy Kuryla from The Quilting Squares Quilt Shop in Franklin, TN gave us a trunk show of their quilts and patterns and demonstrated their Shortcut Binding Tool.

LINCOLN COUNTY PIECEMAKERS

Senior Citizen's Center, 908 Washington St.
Fayetteville, TN
2nd Thursday, 6:00 Social, 6:30 Business

As we began our new year we installed our 2017 Officers at our January 12, 2017 meeting.

Amy Gentle Grubb – President
Cindy Tinney – Vice President
Melissa Beddingfield – Secretary
Carolyn Slayton – Treasurer

Our February program was presented by Evelyn Smith on the Pin Wheel and Twin Sister blocks. Those that want to participate are going to have a Pin Wheel Block Exchange each month starting in March. Also, at our February meeting Cindy Tinney gave a presentation on the American Quilt. We had on display a civil war quilt that belonged to one of our member's great grandfathers and an Underground Railroad quilt that Cindy had made.

The Lincoln County Fair Association entered two of Frances Morris prize winning quilts in the Tennessee Fair Association Convention in Nashville, TN. She received the Golden Needle Award.

Our March program was a presentation by Kay Robinson and Gail Wagner on the Stitch and Flip Method to make place mats.

Our guild is planning on having quarterly sewing days and a guild shop hop.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Beddingfield, Secretary

MANCHESTER QUILTING LADIES

Main Street Church of Christ, Manchester, TN
3rd Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

The Manchester Quilting Ladies began the year with new officers and a new theme for the year, "The Sweetest Quilting Year Ever". Vice-presidents Shirley Saunders and Peggy Sherrill explained that the year will be full of treats with special projects featuring precuts from the Moda Bake Shop. President Donna Costilow directed a workshop at the January meeting where members made square bags featuring outside pockets and a drawstring closure. The bags will be filled with personal items and toiletries for women staying at the local Haven of Hope.

At the February meeting, former member Toni Wood was welcomed back to the guild and last year's president Amanda Ham passed out copies of a flyer she had made advertising our guild. Members promised to put the flyers up at locations around town and in surrounding areas. Even without the flyer, the members were thrilled to welcome two visitors at each of the first two meetings of the year. The program at the February meeting was a demonstration of the Accuquilt cutting system by Peggy Sherrill.

On March 2, our guild participated in the annual quilt show held in Tullahoma. The show is a joint project among the three Coffee County guilds and it was a great success. The March project featured one of the "treats" for the year, 5 inch charm packs, as Judy Driver taught the disappearing 4-patch quilt design. All in all, the Manchester Quilting Ladies are off to a great start for 2017!

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Young, Secretary

MATERIAL GIRLS

Winchester Church of Christ
1230 S. College Street, Winchester, TN
2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

In January, Alice Ley, president, welcomed new club member Martina Caudill who has recently moved to our area. Annette Perkins handed out the instructions for the block of the month, "Christmas Throughout the Year." Barbara Tenpenny explained that the money collected in the benevolence fund will be used to

purchase paper products for Blue Monarch. The Red Rooster retreat for guild members is scheduled for March 9-12. A thank you note from James Boyd, recipient of the Quilt of Valor, was read to the group. Katherine Weaver will be chairman of the 2017 Quilt of Valor. Jo Reid presented a program on sewing binding with a narrow flange by totally using the machine.

In February, Alice Ley handed out the fourth instructions for the mystery quilt. She also read a thank you note from Joan Blocher, former secretary of the guild who moved to California. Katherine Weaver reported that there were enough blocks for the 2017 Quilt of Valor. Etha Underwood gave a report for the plans of the 2018 cancer quilt for the Multi County Cancer Organization. Alice Ley gave a report of the TVQA meeting. She also announced the dates of the 2017 Spring Seminar in Murfreesboro. Katherine Weaver presented a program on the Lone Star quilt pattern.

In March Alice Ley called the meeting to order. She reported that she took the cancer quilt to the Coffee County quilt show and explained that tickets would be available this summer. She also reported on the TVQA meeting. Annette Perkins gave out the instructions for the block of the month. Mia Anderson presented a program on appliqué using the freezer paper method.

Submitted by
Patty Priest

MAURY QUILTERS

Day Group - Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2800 Trotwood Ave., Columbia, TN 38401, 1st Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Night Group – St. Peter's Episcopal Church, W. 7th St. next to Polk home, Columbia, TN, 2nd Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

The new year has brought us a new set of officers with lots of great ideas for 2017. It's also brought us several new members and we love their fresh input and enthusiasm.

We have three challenges for the year "should we choose to accept". The first is a preprinted panel challenge due in December. We all have a panel (or two?) in our stashes and the idea is to finally make a

quilt! We have a future program on panels planned and lots of ideas from members at our last two meetings. Next is our Schoolhouse block challenge. Since our members just can't have their creativity confined our "houses" have branched out to include barns, pagodas, and appliqué homes. The show and tell later this year will be magnificent I'm sure.

Finally, our yearly UFO challenge is a bit different. At the end of 2016 we were to list 12 small projects that you could accomplish within a month. Anything from cleaning out a drawer, starting a new project or finally labeling a quilt. At each meeting a number from 1 – 12 is drawn and that's what we have to finish for the next month.

Our February program led by Marilyn Yzaguirre was a presentation on redrawing a quilt block in perspective. It sounded complicated but she made it look easy. She also taught our first workshop of the year. This was a very easy scrappy block that then could be arranged in a multitude of ways.

In March member Carol Swanson led the program that demonstrated how to make an oversized pincushion with pockets that could be used to hold all the items needed at your machine. Very clever!

A shop hop is planned for April and our program committee is working hard on the rest of the year. Can't wait to see what's in store.

MUSIC CITY QUILTERS

St. John's Lutheran Church, McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN, 1st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Barbara Ide, Secretary
March 7, 2017**

The Music City Quilt Guild is a large group with outstanding participation in challenges, classes, bees, and charity projects. New officers for 2017 are: President – Donna Minter, Vice President – Sheila Schmaedig, Secretary – Barbara Ide, Treasurer – Judy Beckwith, and Parliamentarian – Kay Wallace.

At this time, there are two primary charity efforts. Members have made many preemie quilts and hats, which are donated to local hospitals' NIC Units. Several

quilts have also been made in support of Phyl's Angels, which is a charity for the Down's Syndrome Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Sit & Stitch day is the third Thursday of each month. This quarter members had the opportunity to make a file folder bag, a quilted billfold, and Judy Neimeyer's Cactus Flower Pattern.

Since this is a large guild, several members participate in Quilting Bees that meet immediately after the monthly meeting. A successful half-square triangle swap wrapped up in January. Current bees include a continuation of the popular "Scrap Bee," a new "Art Quilt Bee," and a new "Fidget Quilt Bee," which will produce quilts with lots of interactive embellishments. The fidget quilts will then be donated to memory care facilities in Nashville.

Several members participate in the annual UFO Challenge, a monthly effort to complete a project based on a "resolution" made by the quilter in January. Each participant turns in a list of 12 projects and completes the item as drawn by number. The UFO and our regular Show 'N Tell are very popular agenda items at each meeting.

A new challenge this year is the Block of the Month featuring the pattern, "Cool Diehl" by Kim Diehl offered in two sizes, 28 inches or 42 inches.

Members are looking forward to our Spring Retreat held in late March at the YMCA Camp on Percy Priest Lake, a bus trip to Paducah for the spring AQS show, and our National Teacher, Karen Combs, who is coming in August.

Music City Quilt Guild 2017 Officers

President- Donna Minter
Vice President- Sheila Schmaedig
Secretary- Barbara Ide
Treasurer- Judy Beckwith
Parliamentarian- Kay Wallace

Committees

- Bus trips- Jane Callahan
- Calling- Susan Hughes, Donna Rohling
- Communications- Sissy Thomas

- Door prizes- Norma McGrath & Krisanne Orsborn
- “Getting to Know You” column-Norma Pacl
- Historian-Jane Lyon
- Hospitality/Membership-Marina Rawls, Sandra Usher
- Hostess/Kitchen- Roz Bordain, Brenda Alexander, Tammy Campbell, Pam Thorne
- Librarian- Linda Bernhardt
- National Teacher- Joanne Schlichting, Susie Cole, Teresa Couch, Maggie Klenke
- Newsletter- Virginia Bean Hard Copies-Charlie Rhea
- Phyl’s Angels-Ruth Donnell & Betty Brooks
- Preemie quilts/hats- Sue Stein, Julie Williams
- Publicity-Julie Reynolds
- Retreat/Fall-Sylvia Ballard, Betty Brockman
- Retreat/Spring- Judy Beckwith (chair), Julie Williams, Janice Redfern, Sylvia Ballard, Emily Johnson
- Room set up-
- Sewing Bees-Teresa Couch
- Sit and Stitch-Carol Ann McCandless, Belinda Hardin, Susie Cole
- State Fair-Emily Johnson, Judy Greer
- Sunshine-(send out cards)-Michelle Churchman
- Website – Sissy Thomas

PEACE BY PIECE GUILD

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 402 S. Scott St., Scottsboro, AL 35768, 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Well this year is moving fast, it is already the 3rd month. The ladies at Peace by Piece have been busy with numerous projects.

Our raffle quilt is ready, it is red and white queen size, everyone is busy selling tickets, the money from the tickets will be used for our bus trip to assembly day in July. and will include Peace by Piece and Star Stitchers Quilt Guilds, a lot of us belong to both quilts.

Our veterans program is in November and some have already started making their quilts for this program.

We will Christmas in June this year, so we are busy making a gift to play dirty santa.

Several are making plans for the Spring Seminar in June.

Our new guild president, vice president, secretary, program chairman and quilt newsletter editor along with others were able to attend the board meeting in February.

We were saddened by the passing of one our members, Jackie Moore, she passed away in her sleep.

We have several projects that we are working on and you will hear about them in more detail in the coming months.

We are blessed to have several former members returning after taking some time off for other things and we welcome them all back with us.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Westmoreland

QUILTING BEES OF MURFREESBORO

St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, 1267 N. Rutherford Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Bees year is going strong. We have welcomed new members, started a UFO Challenge, the One Yard Challenge and had three charity sit n sews. This month our charity project is sewing I Spy Jar Quilts for boys. We also have a pinwheel block of the month started.

In the coming months we plan to have an Art Quilt Lecture, Spring Fling and more charity sit n sews.

Once again we are getting ready for Quilts In The

Boro, our annual Quilt Show. Mark your calendars ladies Aug 18 & 19, 2017.

If you want your quilt in the show you can find the forms and information on quiltingbees.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Show.

The Bees are looking forward to Quilt Fest in Pigeon Forge, AQS Show in Paducah, TVQA Spring Seminar at Doubletree and Assembly Day hosted by Country Quilters of Clarksville.

Respectfully submitted by
Mare Byrd

SEWCIAL QUILTERS GUILD

LaVergne Public Library, 5063 Murfreesboro Rd.,
LaVergne, TN, 2nd Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sewcial Quilters is currently meeting elsewhere as the Library experienced a flood and is closed for the next couple of months. We hope to return for the May meeting.

Our January meeting was the celebration of our first birthday! We are still a new guild growing every meeting.

February meeting was a class taught by Jo Reid and was a needle/scissor case. It is nice to have make and take classes and we have a couple of great teachers and instructors within our guild.

March meeting was the barn quilts taught by Suzi Parron Smith. Everyone chose their block and painted their individual barn quilts.

We are in the process of making the charity quilts which are donated to the Police Department in La Vergne for Christmas. We have a challenge within our guild to see how many charity quilts we can donate this year. One challenge as a group and one for individual donation.

Respectfully sent by: Jackie Pearson

STAR STITCHERS

Scottsboro Public Library, 1002 South Broad Street,
Scottsboro, AL, 2nd Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Our guild members are going to be busy this year with quilting challenges galore! In January, we decided to have a Polka Dot challenge, a UFO challenge, and a Christmas in July "gift challenge". We'll be making quilted projects showcasing polka dots to display in the Jackson County Fair booth in September. 21 of our members have chosen 4 UFOs to finish this year and we'll show a completed one every two months. We had our first showing at the March meeting and 14 of the participants completed theirs! We had such fun with the Christmas in July project last year so wanted to do it again. We have one yard of someone's fabric to make them something to give at our July meeting. So, we've got a lot going on!

We've had great programs this year. In January, Lora Hurlburt demonstrated "Let's Make a Pillow" aka the "doggy bone pillow". Some of us went home and made one right away. We played Quilto in February which is always a lot of fun. Jo Reid was the "caller" and there were nice gifts for winners to choose from. For March, Carla Rowley presented a "trunk show" of vintage textiles and other needlework items that she has found at yard and estate sales, thrift stores, and antique shops.

Our appreciation to Blonnie Ellsworth for being president for the past 2 years was shown by presenting her with blocks we made using her favorite fabrics- 1930's reproductions. They were all beautiful! We are selling raffle tickets for a gorgeous red and white Irish Chain quilt pieced by Diane Lowe, quilted by Andrea Hill, and bound by Jo Reid. Proceeds will go toward a bus for Assembly Day.

As March is National Quilting Month, we have given tribute to our long time member, Patty Hudson, who died last fall. Jo Reid filled a display case with some of Patty's quilted items, her featherweight machine, and name badges at the Scottsboro library where we have our meetings. Patty was also a "Friend of the Library" so it is fitting that she is remembered there.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Rowley

STITCHIN' SISTERS

Kimball LDS Church, Jasper, TN,
1st Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

We have had a fun first few months. We had a teacher from Patches and Stitches Quilt Shop in Huntsville, AL. to teach us the twister tool. It was a fun and fast project. There are two pictures to go along with that. We have also started our monthly quilt project with a paper pieced Snow Drop flower, there is a picture for that as well.

-Kim

The Gallery



Star Stitchers honored our member Patty Hudson in our Scottsboro Library showcase for National Quilting Month. Patty was an active guild member and passed away in November 2016.

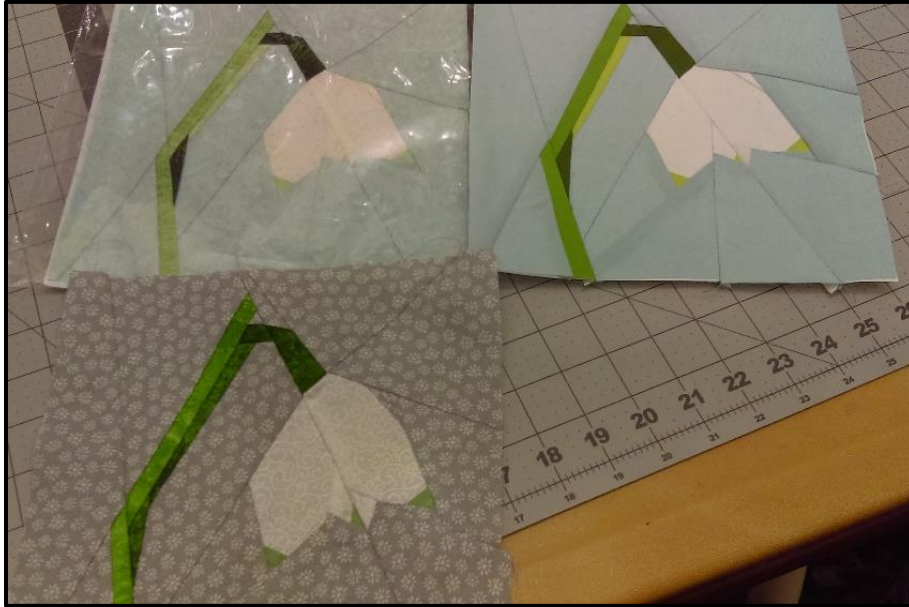
The Gallery



Above – Stitchin’ Sisters used the twister tool to produce the quilts shown below:



The Gallery



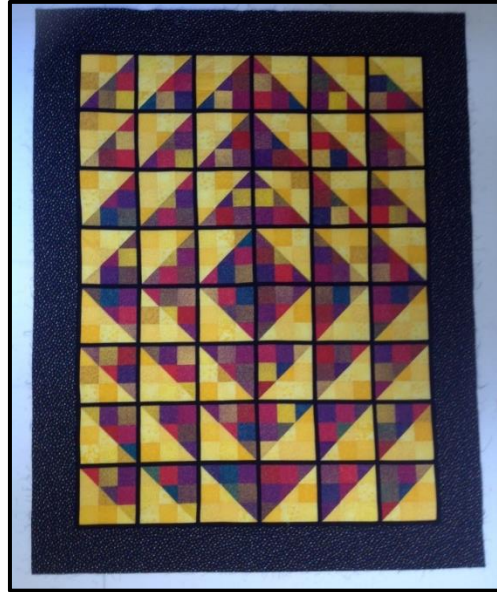
Stitchin' Sisters
monthly quilt project -
a paper pieced Snow
Drop flower

Maury Quilters - the
pincushion by Carol
Swanson



The Gallery

Maury Quilters - Marilyn Yzaguirre taught our first workshop of the year. This was a very easy scrappy block that then could be arranged in a multitude of ways. (All three photos on this page)



The Gallery



Happy Hands - Quilt of Valor top finished in a day

The Gallery



Friendship Guild –

Left - Diane Lowe was the February class instructor of “Stained glass hidden 9-patch.”

Below - Gwen Booth, Hobart Payne, and Denni Green showing their quilt tops from Diane’s class.



The Gallery



Friendship Guild –

Above -March class on “Woven fabric basket.” Left to right, Nancie Dockery, JoAnn Bardet, and instructor Carolyn Carlson.

Right - Sally Srodka works on her woven fabric basket.



Tennessee Valley Quilter's Association
PO Box 1262
LaVergne TN 37086



Meeting Location:

LaVergne First United Methodist Church
248 Waldron Road
LaVergne, TN 37086

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Members coming toward Nashville on I-24 exit right at Exit 64, turn right at the 4th traffic light onto International Blvd. Turn left on Waldron Road. Church is on the left. Use back entrance.

