




TVQA Newsletter

January 2025

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| PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE | TVQA OFFICERS FOR 2023-25 |
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| <p>Hey Y'all!!</p> <p>By the time you read this, the holiday season will be a memory. As I look back over the memories of my first year as president of TVQA, all I can do is smile. This year I made new friends in every guild during the visits the board made to each one. Experiencing your meetings was fun, informative, and made me want to become a member of every guild. I know that is not possible, but there were many opportunities to spend time with you throughout the year. Two retreats, Spring Seminar, and Assembly Day afforded all of us the time and space to meet with each other and deepen our relationships. I hope you will take advantage of these events in 2025 and help make TVQASTRONGER TOGETHER!!</p> <p>The TVQA board started the new year with several goals in mind. Our main goal was to systematically strengthen the bonds we have with each other. We also wanted to build a stronger financial platform by being more frugal with the association's funds. With your input, we eliminated the library. We cleaned out the storage facility and disposed of hundreds of pieces of outdated paper! We searched and found ALL the newsletters from TVQA's inception. (Those should start appearing on the website soon.) We honored and spotlighted most of the guilds and learned about their history, focus, and activities. Denni shared many interesting historical facts about TVQA's past from delving into the newsletters. Deb Hunt led the committee to update the bylaws and the policies and procedures. Judy Allen and Chris White brought us into the electronic age with online registration. We updated and revamped the teacher list. We participated in our first association charitable effort by making wheelchair quilts for the VA nursing home. We had our first motto, STRONGER TOGETHER!</p> <p>So, what is next? The board has discussed several new ideas for making your membership in TVQA more valuable. Our goal for the new year is to bring innovative, new ideas to expand the benefits of being a member. If you have ideas that would move us toward that goal, please reach out to one of the executive board members. We have listened to you and want your input. Each of us must be a part of moving forward and upward. It is the only way we can be STRONGER TOGETHER!</p> <p>See you in February! Love y'all, Judith</p>  | <p>President: Judith Thompson</p> <p>Vice President: Denni Green</p> <p>Treasurer: Sheila Schmaedig</p> <p>Secretary: Lezleigh Kleibrink</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Event Registration Coordinator Judy Allen</p> <p>Membership Chair Brenda Willis</p> <p>Newsletter Editor Elaine Jackson</p> <p>Webmaster Christine White</p> |

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Calendar of Events

TVQA EVENTS:

February 14, 2025 - TVQA Board Meeting
10 A.M. at Living Faith Ministries, 208 Jefferson Pike,
Smyrna, TN 37167. Directions are on the back cover
of this newsletter.

February 26 - March 2, 2025 - TVQA Winter/Spring
Retreat. Sewanee, TN.

July 12, 2025 – TVQA Assembly Day hosted by the
Quilting Bees. Murfreesboro, TN.

GUILD (and other) EVENTS:

February 1, 2025 – National Quilts of Valor Sew Day.

April 23 - 26, 2025 – AQS Quilt Week, Paducah, KY.

June 9, 2025 – Mountain Quiltfest, Pigeon Forge, TN.

June 20 - 21, 2025 – Smoky Mountain Quilt Show,
Knoxville, TN.

Note: Be sure to check TVQA.org and the info table
at any TVQA or Guild event for information that may
not be listed here!



Severe Weather Policy

The following Severe Weather Policy for attendance at quarterly TVQA Board meetings is found in the TVQA Policies and Procedures revised May 2024.

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 quarterly TVQA board meeting due to weather conditions, or if Rutherford County is under a severe weather warning, there will be no in-person TVQA board meeting. A Zoom meeting will be held and attendance at the zoom meeting will go toward the guilds' incentive. All guild presidents will be contacted, and they should share the information with their guild members.

If Board members' schools outside Rutherford County are closed or their weather is severe, they should use their best judgment in deciding whether to attend in-person or on Zoom. The members should notify one of the Executive Board if this occurs.

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.



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Membership News

It's THAT time again! Time to renew your TVQA membership. I will send Excel listings to each guild, just like last year, that contain all the people reported as a member of your guild. I request someone in your guild to note the members who renew by placing a YES in the TVQA Dues column. You can also add notes in the column to the right of the Dues column. If you have new members, add their name and pertinent info below the listing of last year's members. Please remember to include accurate contact info for each member so that the directory is accurate. Updated listings should be sent to me by February 28, 2025, at TVQAmembership@gmail.com. Use of the listings saves me a lot of time, so thanks in advance for using and updating the listings.

Payment of dues for all members should be sent to Sheila Schmaedig, TVQA Treasurer. For guild members, payment of dues for the entire guild should be sent by the guild's designated person to Sheila Schmaedig. Her address is 1550 Holton Rd, Gallatin, TN 37066. Please remember that dues for 2025 are \$20 per member, and are due February 28, 2025.

If you're a member-at-large, the renewal process is a little different, but Lezleigh has emailed the MAL community already and you can ignore my instructions shown in this message.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Brenda Willis

TVQA Membership Chair
tvqamembership@gmail.com
Home: 256-444-2266

Charter Members

TVQA would like to acknowledge the following Charter Members of this organization. Due to their vision and love for quilting, TVQA has grown to include many others 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.

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



In Remembrance



Joyce Seay

14th TVQA President (2009-2011)

Joyce Ann Seay, age 79 of Dickson, passed away on October 11, 2024, at NHC Healthcare in Dickson. She was born on January 15, 1945, to the late James M. and Ida Gray Carson in Houston County, Tennessee. Mrs. Joyce served as a past president for the Tennessee Valley Quilters Association.

**Tennessee Valley Quilters Association
Treasurer's Report
Current Period September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024**

| INCOME | Current | YTD |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Dues | 90.00 | 10,240.00 |
| Fabric Sale | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Total Income | \$490.00 | \$29,557.13 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Administrative: | | |
| Living Faith Ministries | -0- | 250.00 |
| Storage Unit (Oct – Dec 2024) | 192.00 | 704.00 |
| Storage Unit (Jan – Jun 2025) | 384.00 | 384.00 |
| Other Expenses: | | |
| Assembly Day 2024 | 1000.00 | 2417.00 |
| Fall Retreat 2024 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Assembly Day 2025 | 500.00 | 4000.00 |
| Christine White | 92.55 | 313.64 |
| T-Shirt Refund | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$2,688.55 | \$29,371.93 |
| Bank Account | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 14,038.33 |
| Deposits | | 490.00 |
| Expenses | | <u>(2,688.55)</u> |
| Ending Balance | | 11,839.84 |

TVQA BOARD MEETING

Minutes of TVQA Board Meeting on November 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by President Judith Thompson. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll call was completed.

It was moved by Trish Harnen and seconded by Elizabeth Tetlow that the minutes from the August meeting as stated in the newsletter be approved, as were with no objections.

Judith let membership know that the TVQA t-shirts are on pause due to our supplier dealing with some home issues., and anyone waiting on one could request a refund if necessary.

Nominations for the next executive board are open. Nominations will close at the February 2025 meeting, and be voted on then. The new officers will be inducted this July at Assembly Day.

In Judith's President's report, she let everyone know Fall Retreat was a success with over 50 in attendance, with many being MALs. A huge round of thanks was given to chair Trish Harnen for a wonderful event. Judith reported the board is working on creating a private Pinterest board for the members only section of free patterns and craft ideas for reference, as a benefit of being a member. As this progresses, she will report back. The charity project for 2025 will continue to be wheelchair quilts for the VA nursing home. So far TVQA has awarded over 350 quilts to the VA homes, and our contact with the VA will be awarded a Quilt of Valor through Friendship guild.

Vice President Denni Green gave the history of the White Glove show TVQA hosted for years, as well as honoring Hearth and Home and Lincoln County Piecemakers guilds. She asked that if any guild will have changes in their leadership in 2025 to please let her know. She let us know that Quilting Bees lent out their quilt racks for shows, and has the straps to go with them—whoever has them please contact Quilting Bees for said straps. Lastly, our 2024 Mystery Quilt was a huge success and there is plans to do one in 2025. The pattern for this year's is still available until February.

Secretary Lezleigh Kleibrink let all know the board meeting minutes will be available within a week after each quarterly TVQA meeting. The minutes are located in the member section under "Current Board Meeting Minutes". She reported back that TVQA's booth at Sew Expo was a success and hundreds of individuals were spoken to as well as information sheets handed out. In an effort to work with local quilt shops to keep them in business, as well as build relationships with them, she is looking into offering paid advertising in the newsletter as well as social media in 2025. This will enable them to get their info out, as well as TVQA give our information out to them.

Treasurer Sheila Schmaedig reports the current balance is \$12070.43. From here out, all retreats and events will register online, and MALs can register online, as well. They may pay online or via check, they will choose which option when registering. Our \$20 dues are due by February 28th either through your guild, or MALs register online.

At future board meetings, any of the coordinators or representatives should send information for the agenda to me by the Friday before the board meeting. Members with special announcements should also send that information (i.e., Assembly Day, Spring Seminar, etc.)

Membership Coordinator Brenda Willis reminds all to send a list of officers and members to her upon dues renewals by February 28. MALS are being considered a guild with Lezleigh as the liaison and ALL MAL registration will be online.

Newsletter editor Elaine Jackson reminds all that Guild news articles are to be sent to the newsletter editor by the 20th of the month after a board meeting.

Webmaster Chris White was not at the meeting, but Denni let all know that old newsletters from 1986 through October 2012 have been digitized and will be added to the website soon,

Members at Large Liaison Lezleigh Kleibrink let all MALS know that if you are not receiving her emails through the Google group, please let her know. She reminded all that dues renewals will be done solely online with the option to pay online OR by check. She also let all know she is working on a Summer Stitch retreat in conjunction with Stitches Garden that she will ask MALS to help accomplish.

Assembly Day Chair Carol Tessmer gave details about the 2025 event. It will be hosted by Quilting Bees on July 12th at the Ag Center in Murfreesboro. Anna Maria (Horner)Perry will our guest speaker, but no classes before Assembly Day will be held due to conflicts in schedule. Doors will open at 9am, program will begin at 10am. Registration will begin in March and close June 12th for planning purposes. There will be a limited number as the Ag Center can only hold so many participants. As such, carpooling will be encouraged. Lunch will be box lunches by McAlister's Deli. Guild gift baskets will be done per usual, as well as vendors will be hosted for our shopping pleasure. More information to come as planning continues.

Retreat Coordinator Trish Harnen let all know winter/spring retreat will be held February 26-Mar 2, 2025, at St Mary's. Sign up online will begin November 14th.

The executive board encourages guilds to support our host location's support food box by bringing canned or packaged food to board meetings at Living Faith Ministries. They are very appreciative of any help they can receive. Wheelchair lap quilts will always be welcomed at board meetings.

We encourage all to come visit the Bell Buckle Quilt Walk Dec 5-6 in Bell Buckle, TN. The Quilting Bees, Happy Hands, Material Girls and Friendship Quilters are participating!

Before adjourning at 11:29am, Judith reminded the group we were headed for lunch at Hickory Falls off Sam Ridley Parkway.

Respectfully submitted,
Lezleigh Kleibrink
TVQA Secretary

All TVQA events require online registration.

Tips for Online Registration

by Judy Allen, TVQA Event Registration Coordinator

To facilitate delivery of your registration confirmations, please add the following emails to your address book or safe senders in your email program:

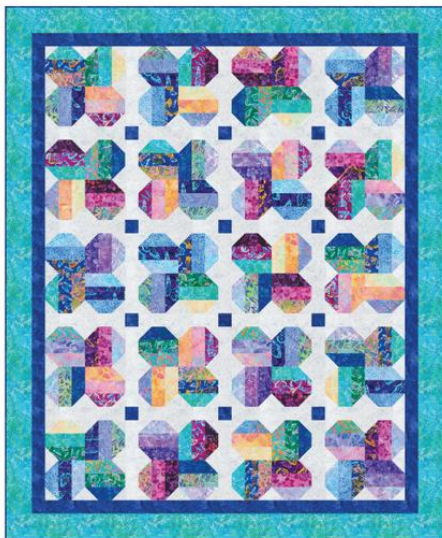
Noreply@jotform.com

Tvqaevents@gmail.com

If there is a fee for your event, you can select to pay by credit card/PayPal or by mailing your check to the TVQA Treasurer (the address is in the registration email).

After you register, it may take a few minutes for your auto-generated confirmation email to come through. If it does not appear in your in box, please check your junk and spam folders. Please do NOT register a second time. If you don't find your confirmation, please email tvqaevents@gmail.com to ask Judy to check if your registration came through. Judy will provide additional instructions if needed.

If you are unsure if you have already registered for an event, please email tvqaevents@gmail.com. Judy will be happy to check for you and let you know.



LADY LUCK

Lady Luck

Free pattern available from Jordan Fabrics

<https://jordanfabrics.com/pages/lady-luck-1>



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

TVQA

Winter/Spring Retreat

2025

February 26 - March 2, 2025
St. Mary's Retreat Center
Sewanee, TN
(931) 598-5342

Winter/Spring Retreat Registration:

Online registration is now open. To register, go to TVQA.org. or click [HERE](#). On the registration form, you will be able to select lodging for each date you wish to attend and the meals you wish to purchase. Prices (before PayPal fees, if applicable) are as follows:

Sleeping rooms:

St. Mary's Dorm Hall

Double occupancy is \$47.50/night. Single is \$95.00/night.

Anna's House (traditional hotel accommodations)

Double occupancy is \$85.00/night. Single is \$170.00/night.

Meals:

Breakfast is \$16, lunch \$18, dinner \$21. You may order any or all meals.

Class:

A Featherweight Maintenance class will be offered at this retreat. The cost is \$30.

TVQA Assembly Day 2025

The Quilting Bees will host TVQA Assembly Day 2025 in Murfreesboro, TN, on July 12, 2025. Planning is still in progress. More information will be available in the April TVQA Newsletter. Here are the facts so far:

- **Assembly Day 2025** will be held on July 12, 2025, at the Lane Agri Community Center in Murfreesboro, which is the same location where Quilts in the Boro was held. There will be signage (and possibly balloons) to guide the way to the Center.
- Our speaker will be Anna Maria Parry (Horner). Doors will open at 9 AM, and the program will begin at 10.
- Guilds will be asked to provide gift baskets for the raffle, which will be conducted throughout the day.
- We will not be holding classes in the days prior to this event.
- Online registration will be opened in March with a deadline of June 12.
- There will be a limited number of attendees due to the capacity of the venue. We estimate this to be between 350-400, pending an analysis of capacity. We will have more information in the future, as this may change.
- Lunches will be provided by McAllister's. The current estimate is \$13, which can be ordered during registration.
- We are working on recruiting vendors, and a few have committed to participating.
- Carpooling is encouraged. There are spaces where buses could park, but please let us know if you plan to do this so we can work out the logistics.
- We are still working on our theme and hope to have that finalized soon.

Anna Maria earned an honors BFA in Drawing from the University of Tennessee in 1995 before opening a small handmade clothing shop with her mom the same year. Designing and sewing a clothing label while managing a shop for five years primed her for a career in textiles and small business.

Read more at <https://annamariaparry.com/>


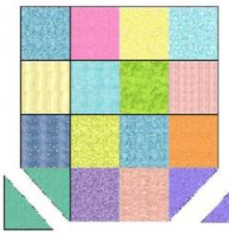


Wheelchair quilts for veterans in VA Nursing Homes

TVQA Board Challenge. Each guild is asked to donate at least one wheelchair quilt at each board meeting.

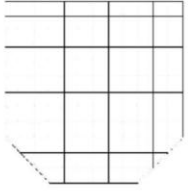
Basic Wheelchair Quilt

- ≈ Cut 16 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric squares
- ≈ Sew into four rows of four.
- ≈ Using a quilting ruler and rotary cutter, cut the two outside bottom squares diagonally.
- ≈ Quilt & Bind as desired.

An alternative pattern would be :

- ≈ Cut 144 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares sewn into 12 rows of 12 squares.
- ≈ Cut diagonally through the bottom three squares on the two outside bottom squares.
- ≈ Quilt & Bind as desired.





GUILD NEWS

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SUBMITTING GUILD NEWS:

Please follow these guidelines:

- Start a new email.
- Put your guild's name in the subject line of your email and address it to <mailto:tvqanewsletter@gmail.com>
- Compose your article in Word and attach the .docx file to the email or compose your article in the body of your email.
- If you have pictures, attach the .jpg files to your email. For each picture, include a caption (names, description of what they are doing, etc.).
- Send the email.

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS

Smyrna Middle School Library
712 Hazelwood Dr., Smyrna, TN
2nd Saturday, 10 a.m.

October

Wanda Coley, the owner of Old South Fabrics, presented a program on quilting and having fun. Wanda encouraged us to think about ways that we have shown friendship to others when they least expected it. Wanda encouraged us to share our talents with others. Wanda had a trunk show of many beautiful quilts that she and others have made for her quilt shop.

November

This month we had our annual Silent Auction. Members brought in items from their stash that they no longer needed. We had tables full of items that members could try to win. We had a great time looking at all the items and deciding what we wanted.

December

We had our annual Christmas party. We had lots of fun games and of course sang, The Twelve Days of Christmas quilting edition. We also had a catered lunch and had lots of time for fun and fellowship.

HAPPY HANDS QUILT CLUB

Ag Center
2105 Midland Road
Shelbyville, TN
2nd Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Happy Hands October meeting was all about bindings. Amy Martin demonstrated how to use the Binding Tool. The Binding Tool is used to connect the ends of the binding when you put it on the quilt. Amy also demonstrated the Binding Eaze tool which is used for pressing your binding in half. Norma Barnett demonstrated how to make a flange binding and how to put it on your quilt. This method was done totally by machine. She put the binding on and finished while we watched. Debbie Crosslin demonstrated how to do mitered corners. She made it look so easy!

November was a working meeting. We started by filling our zipper bags with combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, notepads and much more. These bags were delivered to Waters Nursing Home in Shelbyville.

After filling the bags, the FCE ladies group joined us to help make pillowcases for the hurricane Helene victims. Everyone went right to work making more than 100 pillowcases. Also, in November we participated in the 28th Annual Festival of Trees at The Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville. The theme for our tree was Little House on the Prairie.

In December we had our Annual Christmas Party. It was held at Rhonda Styer's home. We played games and had a wonderful lunch. We also participated in Bell Buckle Quilt Walk.

HEARTH AND HOME

First United Methodist Church
200 W. Main St., McMinnville, TN 37110
2nd Monday, Social 9:30 a.m., Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Hearth and Home met on Veteran's Day to present several Quilts of Valor. After the presentations the veterans were treated to a light lunch.

At our December meeting, we had show and tell in which many beautiful quilts were displayed. During the show and tell one of our members showed us ten ways to use a nifty tool called The Tootie Tool. It is amazing how much help a Tootsie Roll Pop can help your sewing. Then we had a small business meeting. The guild voted to change our meeting place to the fellowship room of the Central Church of Christ. As part of our Christmas Party we played the Right and Left Game that everyone enjoys. At the end of the game you get to open the gift you were left with. We then enjoyed a finger food lunch.

IRIS QUILTERS GUILD

Nashville Public Library Hermitage Branch
3700 James Kay Ln.
Hermitage, TN 37076
3rd Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Iris is growing! We have had several new members join us this year. In October we got together for a Fall retreat at Henry Horton State Park. We laughed, we sewed, we ate, we sewed, we ate, and we sewed. Su Lu Rene Smith taught us how to make a cute snowman gift card ornament and how to tie a quilt. The group worked together to tie two quilts that will go to Bridge

House (a home for boys who have aged out of foster care).

In November we enjoyed two workshops. Su taught us how to make quilted postcards and Chris Jehle taught us how to make Christmas baskets.

In December we'll meet together for our annual Christmas party. We each contributed blocks using a designated fabric. The blocks will be used for a drawing. Several people will win 12 blocks each - enough for a Christmas quilt. We will also participate in a Christmas exchange with a mug and a mug rug. And of course, we'll eat! The Iris Guild wishes all our quilting friends a very merry Christmas!

Our guild's block-of-the-month project entered its 10th month and will come to an exciting conclusion just after the start of the calendar year. It's been wonderful to see how the same pattern comes to life through the use of different color combinations.

The guild was honored to have the Hermitage Library, where we meet, ask to have us decorate two of their large display cases with samples of member quilts. One case was dedicated to Quilts of Valor quilts that guild members received themselves or that were to be donated, while the other case featured fall/Thanksgiving themed quilts.

LINCOLN COUNTY PIECEMAKERS

Senior Citizen's Center
908 Washington St.
Fayetteville, TN 37334
2nd Thursday, Social 5 p.m., Business 5:30 p.m.

We had good participation during the last three months, with several visitors attending each month.

This quarter comfort quilts were taken to the nine women veterans living at the Floyd E. Tut Fann Veteran's Nursing Home in Huntsville, AL.

Evelyn Smith shared a pattern for 2-pocket aprons designed for women fighting breast cancer. Arlinda Vess shared useful tips for sewing/quilting.

We ended the quarter with a potluck dinner. We have enjoyed sharing our personal quilt projects with each

other in our guild meetings and are looking forward to a 3 day sewing retreat in January 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,
Grace Miller, Secretary

MATERIAL GIRLS

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

The Material Girls are finishing the year strong as we move into the holiday season. The guild enjoyed a three-day daytime retreat in October, participated in the Bell Buckle Quilt Walk in November and rounded out the quarter with a lively fun filled Christmas party in December.

The annual cancer quilt raffle was a considerable success that benefited the Multi-County Cancer Support Network.

The Veterans quilt, made by the guild, was presented to an Air Force veteran.

We concluded our quarterly challenges with a slow stitch challenge highlighting the techniques taught during our meetings.

Our annual seasonal sew along yielded many beautiful Christmas quilts. We are looking forward to next year and the opportunities ahead.

Respectfully submitted
Corinne Arnold

MUSIC CITY QUILTERS

Donelson Heights United Methodist Church
84 Fairway Drive, Nashville, TN
1st Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

Our guild had another successful fall retreat at the Lebanon Expo Center in October. This venue is perfect for retreats. We had 49 members attend and we were fortunate to have three informative classes taught by several of our experienced members.

Thanks to our fundraising committee, we now have a Music City Quilt Guild Cookbook. Members submitted their favorite recipes to produce a lovely product that will be an excellent addition to any kitchen. The cost is \$15 and if you are interested in a copy, please reach out to Lezleigh or Sheila (two TVQA officers) and they will take your order.

Our Guild was contacted two years ago by a commercial developer in Nashville to create wall hangings for their new apartment complex. Our very talented members Carol Ann McCanless, Belinda Hardin and Barb Ide created the commissioned projects. Finally, the projects are completed and mounted on two floors in the building. Please see photos of the stunning free motion quilted projects (Ed. Note: in the Gallery section). We cannot be prouder of our accomplished members who worked for months on the projects. Alex Anderson of the Quilt Show.com mentioned the free motion project on her podcast in November and wants to interview Carol Ann on a future episode.

Our philanthropic efforts for 2024 yielded 66 quilts donated to the Downs Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee, 210 quilts and 135 knitted hats donated to various Neonatal Intensive Care Units in the vicinity, and 7 quilts donated to Brooks House which is a women's only shelter in Lebanon for abused and homeless women and their children.

Our Quilts of Valor chapter produced 35 quilts for the year. Our members are proud of all the Guild has accomplished in 2024 and look forward to an even more productive 2025.

Respectfully submitted
Becky Richardson, Secretary

PEACE BY PIECE GUILD

First United Methodist Church
1105 South Broad Street
Scottsboro, AL 35768
2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

QUILTING BEES OF MURFREESBORO

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
1267 N. Rutherford Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Our Guild received an award from Smart Art + Craft Supplies on October 26 at the Nashville Zoo. We were the largest contributor to their organization for the year. We achieved this by hosting them in March at our Quilts in the Boro Quilt Show. They transported our donations back to their facility in seven trailers. This was quite an honor, and we were excited to participate in this ceremony.

As we entered Fall, we enjoyed some fun and exciting classes taught by some members. We had a large turnout for a session where we learned how to make handbags, which has inspired several of us to make more for Christmas gifts. We also had a fascinating lesson on hand quilting, including working around an old-fashioned quilt frame. It offered great insight into the effort it took to create quilts before machines were widely used. In those days, it was an excellent opportunity for ladies in a community to gather together to work on a quilt while socializing.

We are quickly approaching the end of the year, which means we are planning our Christmas Party in December. We will participate in a cookie and hand-made ornament swap at the party.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Tessmer, Acting Secretary

(Ed. Note: The Quilting Bees also sent information on TVQA Assembly Day 2025, which they are hosting. See the Assembly Day page in this newsletter.)

STAR STITCHERS

Scottsboro Rec Com
701 South Houston Street
Scottsboro, AL
2nd Thursday 6 p.m.

In October, we played Quilto with charm packs.

In November, we learned of the death of our dear member, Mrs. Joyce Seay. Joyce served as a past president of TVQA and was a member at large. Trish Harnen demonstrated how to make a beautiful "Cathedral Window" Christmas ornament.

In December, we had a "charmed" time together for our Christmas party at our local eatery "50 Taters". We swapped charm packs and just enjoyed good conversation together.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kellie U. DuPree

MEMBERS AT LARGE

The Gallery

Music City - Our Guild was contacted two years ago by a commercial developer in Nashville to create wall hangings for their new apartment complex. Our very talented members Carol Ann McCanless, Belinda Hardin and Barb Ide created the commissioned projects. Finally, the projects are completed and mounted on two floors in the building.

Carol Ann McCanless is our artist member who quilted the wall hanging.



The second commissioned quilt



The following pages show the displays of various guilds at the Bell Buckle Quilt Walk. Each participating guild decorated a house with quilts for the event.

Quilting Bees banner at the house the guild decorated for Bell Buckle Quilt Walk



Quilting Bees - Guild members Natalie Patton, Carla Clements, and Carol Burnett at the house their guild decorated for Bell Buckle Quilt Walk



Quilting Bees house at Bell Buckle Quilt Walk



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Friendship Guild banner at the house the guild decorated for Bell Buckle Quilt Walk



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Material Girls – Members Laura Anne Simmons and Barbara Tenpenny with the Material Girls banner at the house their guild decorated for Bell Buckle Quilt Walk



Material Girls – Member Faye Ralston at the house the guild decorated for Bell Buckle Quilt Walk



Material Girls house at Bell Buckle Quilt Walk



Material Girls house at Bell Buckle Quilt Walk



Happy Hands house at Bell Buckle Quilt Walk



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Happy Hands – In November we participated in the 28th Annual Festival of Trees at The Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville. The theme for our tree was Little House on the Prairie.



Quilting Bees - Our Guild received an award from Smart Art + Craft Supplies on October 26 at the Nashville Zoo. We were the largest contributor to their organization for the year. Bee Members present were Suzie Gortmaker, Karen Dye, Carol Tessmer and Carol Burnett



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Meeting Location:

Living Faith Ministries, 208 Jefferson Pike,
 Smyrna, TN 37167

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Members coming toward Nashville on I-24 will exit right at Exit 70, drive straight for 5.5 miles, then right on Jefferson Pike. Turn into the shopping center immediately on the right. The church is at the left end of the shopping center, at the opposite end from Ace Hardware.

Members coming from I840 on the north side (Mt Juliet area) will take exit 61 (Jefferson Pike) and turn right. If coming from Murfreesboro or the south side, take exit 61 and turn left. Drive straight approximately 3.5 miles, then turn left into the shopping center at the corner of Jefferson Pike and Sam Ridley. The church is at the left end of the shopping center, at the opposite end from Ace Hardware.

