



TVQA Newsletter

April 2025

Newsletter 180

www.tvqa.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	TVQA OFFICERS FOR 2023-25								
<p>Hey y'all!</p> <p>It is back!! The snow and cold weather have returned with a fury! Being a former teacher, it makes me happy to hear the Snow Bird report. Once a teacher, always a teacher. In a few short weeks, we will see our flowers poke their heads out of the earth and announce that spring is on the way. There is a beautiful design and purpose for each season to celebrate and for which to be thankful. That is part of living in Tennessee.</p> <p>We had a large crowd at our last meeting despite the cold temperatures. It hardly seems possible that my term as president is almost over, but according to the calendar, I have one more meeting to be TVQA president. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to lead our association. We presented a new slate of officers to be voted for at our next meeting. The nominees are as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="224 1037 628 1178"> <tr> <td>President</td><td>Lezleigh Kleibrink</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td><td>Diane Uhler</td></tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td><td>Deb Hunt</td></tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td><td>Sheila Schmaedig</td></tr> </table> <p>Exciting news! The TVQA Mystery Quilt 2 has been posted. Patty Davis and I have already picked out our fabric and we are going to work on it at the Spring Retreat. I hope you will join us and bring your finished top to show at Assembly Day in July.</p> <p>Being a member of TVQA is a wonderful addition to my quilting life. I try to participate in all our activities to maximize the benefits of my membership. Just knowing that I am helping preserve our beautiful art would be enough. Taking advantage of the multiple activities and building new friendships make my membership even sweeter.</p> <p>Love y'all! Judith</p> <div data-bbox="428 1608 867 1845" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Judith and one of her projects at Winter/Spring Retreat 2025</p>	President	Lezleigh Kleibrink	Vice President	Diane Uhler	Secretary	Deb Hunt	Treasurer	Sheila Schmaedig	<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>
President	Lezleigh Kleibrink								
Vice President	Diane Uhler								
Secretary	Deb Hunt								
Treasurer	Sheila Schmaedig								

GUILD PRESIDENTS 2025

TVQA PRESIDENT

Judith Thompson

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS

Judith Thompson

IRIS QUILTERS GUILD

Elizabeth Tetlow

PEACE BY PIECE QUILTERS

Wendy Neff

HAPPY HANDS QUILT CLUB

Nancy Brothers

MATERIAL GIRLS QUILTERS

Katherine Holder

QUILTING BEES

Karen Dye

HEARTH AND HOME

Vicky Woodlee

MUSIC CITY QUILTERS

Lezleigh Kleibrink

STAR STITCHERS

Trish Harnen

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Liaison – Lezleigh Kleibrink

TVQA Officers and Chairpersons -

Email Addresses:

tvqapresident@gmail.com

tvqavicepresident@gmail.com

tvqasecretary1@gmail.com

tvqatreasurer@gmail.com

tvqamembership@gmail.com

tvqanewsletter@gmail.com

tvqaservices@gmail.com *

tvqamal@gmail.com **

tvqawebmaster@gmail.com

tvqaevents@gmail.com ***

*Coordinator of teachers, judges

**Members-at Large Liaison

*** Event Registration Coordinator

(Assembly Day, Seminar, etc.)

PLEASE SEND NEWSLETTER UPDATES TO:

Elaine Jackson

tvqanewsletter@gmail.com

TVQA ONLINE

Website: www.tvqa.org

For any website concerns, contact tvqawebmaster@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tvqa1>

Instagram: tnvalleyquiltersassoc

Calendar of Events

TVQA EVENTS:

May 9, 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.

July 12, 2025 – TVQA Assembly Day hosted by the
Quilting Bees. Murfreesboro, TN. Online registration
is now in progress and ends June 12, 2025.

October 1-5, 2025 - TVQA Fall Retreat, Sewanee, TN

GUILD (and other) EVENTS:

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

June 10-12, 2025 – Mountain Quiltfest, Pigeon
Forge, TN

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

Aug. 14 – 23, 2025 - Wilson County - Tennessee
State Fair, Lebanon, TN

Sept. 5 – 14, 2025 – Nashville Regional Fair,
Nashville, TN

Sept. 8 – 12, 2025 – Music City Guild bus trip to
Shipshewana, IN

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.



Newsletter Deadlines:

December 20, for the January issue

March 20, for the April issue

June 20, for the July issue

September 20, for the October issue

Membership News

It's always a good time to invite your friend, or your aunt, newly retired neighbor, or anyone else who might be interested in attending a guild meeting. They will learn so much from your guild meeting, especially the show and tell quilts. I always get so inspired when I see what other quilters have made! So invite someone to a guild meeting or two, they might become your new best friend!

And this is also a good time to check the roster on the TVQA website to make sure the listing is correct. Let me know if you find an error.

Keep stitching!
Brenda

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

**Tennessee Valley Quilters Association
Treasurer's Report
Current Period January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025**

INCOME		Current	YTD
	Dues	8640.00	8640.00
	Total Income	\$8640.00	\$8640.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative:			
	Living Faith Ministries	250.00	250.00
	Guild Incentive Awards	1200.00	1200.00
	IRS Form 990	50.00	50.00
	TN Secretary of State	20.46	20.46
Other Expenses:			
	Christine White	580.91	580.91
	T-Shirt Refund	20.00	20.00
	Teacher Mileage	57.64	57.64
	 Total Expenses	 \$2179.01	 \$2179.01
Bank Account	Beginning Balance		11,839.84
	Deposits		8,640.00
	Expenses		<u>(2,179.01)</u>
	Ending Balance		\$18,300.33

TVQA BOARD MEETING

The first board meeting of TVQA for 2025 was held on February 14, 2025 at 10am. President Judith Thompson welcomed all present, and the Pledge was said. A guild roll call was held, with 29 members present in person, one visitor, and eight members online via Zoom.

The previous minutes were presented, with a motion made by Trish Harnen to approve them, and a second given by Jan Ritter. The motion pass unopposed.

STRONGER TOGETHER

VP Denni Green reported on the history of the Material Girls guild, established in 1996, and Happy Hands guild, which began in 2003. She reminded everyone that all TVQA event registrations are now done online thanks to our event coordinator, Judy Allen. Our next mystery quilt was announced to begin today with the first clues posted in our members only section on our website after 5pm. Clues will be released after 5pm the 2nd Friday of March, April and May, with tops being shown at Assembly Day in July. The pattern is jelly roll friendly and scrap friendly! Lastly, Denni encouraged our members to support the church we meet at by supplying them with canned good for their blessing box for the local residents of Smyrna.

STRONG LEADERSHIP

President's Report:

- Judith put out a call for the need of a guild to host the 2026 Assembly Day, as well as either a guild or committee to host Spring Seminar.
- She reported the executive board increased the retreat committee's allowance by \$250 due to the increased cost of the facility. This increase was done through Policies and Procedures.
- Judith reported the following members have volunteered for the 2025-27 executive board positions:
 - President: Lezleigh Kleibrink (Music City Guild)
 - Vice President: Diane Uhler (Iris Guild)
 - Secretary: Deb Hunt (Friendship Guild)
 - Treasurer: Sheila Schmaedig (Music City Guild)
 The positions will be voted on at the May board meeting, and inducted at the July Assembly Day.
- The board is also researching the idea of starting a TVQA member only Pinterest board, more information to come.

Vice President's Report:

A list of guild officers was sent to each guild president to increase communication with one another. If you are in need of this list again, please contact Denni.

Denni reported that our first TVQA retreat was held in the fall of 1983 to increase the opportunity for fellowship and sharing knowledge; first Sewanee retreat was in October 2000, and first winter/spring retreat was in 2005. We owe a huge thanks to Jo Reed and Trish Harnen for the work they have put into making retreats a success.

Secretary's Report:

Lezleigh let membership know that Music City guild has recently completed a fundraiser to use the income for national teachers, and shared the information about instructor Kaye England coming to teach April 1-4. The guild is also offering to all the chance to attend a bus trip to Shipshewana September 8-12, and shared the information about it. She is also working with the hotel next to Stitchers Garden in Brentwood for a possible summer sewalong weekend in June with members at large as hosts, details TBA.

Treasurer's Report:

Sheila reported our current balance is \$13,056.87. She reminded guilds to send in the dues. Guild incentive checks will be mailed this weekend to those who qualified (2 members from your guild attend every board meeting and turn in a report for the newsletter, with the exception of our AL guilds who can attend two of the four meetings via Zoom.)

Newsletter Report:

Editor Elaine Jackson reminded all that guild news articles are to be sent to the newsletter editor by the 20th of the month after a board meeting. The next due date is March 20 for content for the April newsletter. Guild presidents, please inform your guild reporter of the following submission guidelines (also available on the first page of the Guild News section of every newsletter).

- Send your news via email to tvqanewsletter@gmail.com. (Please do not send your article as a reply to a reminder email you may receive; instead start a new email to submit your article.
- 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. DO NOT send your article as a .pdf file or a .jpg file.
- If you send pictures, please send them as attachments to your email (.jpg files are preferred) and identify the activity and the people in each picture. Be sure to verify the spelling of all names.

Nashville Regional Fair:

Chair Lezleigh Kleibrink reminded all guilds that as they complete projects this year to consider entering them into the fair's quilt show, which happens Sept 5-14. More details on when to enter to come.

Members at Large:

Liaison Lezleigh Kleibrink reminded the MAL's that she uses Google groups to communicate via email to increase communication, and if you do not receive her emails to let her know.

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

BUILDING STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS

Retreats:

Trish Harnen reported 23 members are attending the winter/spring retreat in Sewanee. She reminded all that this is THE PLACE to meet others members to create lasting friendships.

Assembly Day:

Chair Carol Tessler reported the Quilting Bees are working hard to draft the program, finishing goody bags, etc. Registration will open March 1, closing June 12th and reminded all there is a cap at 360 attendees due to space.

Vendors can begin to register March 1-June 1, limited to space requirements.

Assembly Day is July 12th at the AgriCenter off I-24, Anna Maria Parry is our guest speaker. The board reminded all to share the love with their baskets, and asked to keep the value at \$50-60 each—smaller baskets are appreciated so more can be given.

A STRONGER COMMUNITY

The board officers challenge all guilds to bring canned or packaged food to board meetings to support the blessing box at Living Faith Ministries. The VA Wheelchair Quilts is an ongoing challenge for our tenure to have each guild make at least one wheelchair quilt per board meeting. A sample pattern will be provided on our website.

All were invited to come out to Lunch at Hickory Falls (999 Industrial Blvd) for a good time post meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Lezleigh Kleibrink, Secretary

2025 Calendar of events

- *Feb 20 - March 2 TVQA Retreat
- *April 1-4 - Kaye England classes/ Music City Quilt Guild
- *April 11-12 - Shady Valley Festival of Quilts /Shady Rock School
- *April 12 – Deadline for entry in Smoky Mtn Quilt Show
- * April 23-26 – AQS Paducah Quilt Show
- * May 9 – TVQA Board meeting
- *June 10-12 – A Mountain Quiltfest, Pigeon Forge
- *June 20-21 – Smoky Mtn Quilt Show/Knoxville
- *July 12 – TVQA Assembly Day/Murfreesboro
- * Sept 8-12 – Shipshewana Bus Trip/Music City Quilt Guild



ONLINE REGISTRATION

By Judy Allen, TVQA Events Coordinator

All TVQA events require online registration. Access registration forms on tvqa.org.

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.



TVQA's 2025 Mystery Quilt

This year's Mystery Quilt is called Sunburst. Clue one was posted to TVQA.org in February. Additional clues were or will be posted on the second Friday of each month. May 9 is the date of the final clue and the reveal day at the May Board meeting. Anita Elliott is our mystery maker again this year. (She says this one is simpler than last year's mystery!)

Find the clues posted on tvqa.org in the Members Section under Mystery Quilt or click [HERE](#).



March Update

The Quilting Bees will host TVQA Assembly Day 2025 in Murfreesboro, TN. Planning is coming together nicely, and we look forward to a fun day for everyone. As promised, here is updated information:

- ❖ Assembly Day 2025 will be held on July 12, 2025, at the Lane Agri Community Center in Murfreesboro, where Quilts in the Boro was held in 2024. There will be signage (and possibly balloons) to guide the way to the Center.
- ❖ Our speaker will be Anna Maria (Horner) Parry. 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 before this event.
- ❖ Online registration is **NOW OPEN!!** You MUST register to attend. Please visit the TVQA website to access the registration link. There is a limit of 360 attendees, due to the capacity of the venue, so be sure to register early.
- ❖ Lunches will be provided by McAllister's for \$13.
- ❖ Vendors are signing up, and as of this date, there are 16. We are working to recruit a few more.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Our theme is "Bee Happy"

There is no charge for attending TVQA Assembly Day. You may purchase a lunch when you pre-register online, or you may make your own lunch arrangements. If you purchase a lunch, follow the directions on your pre-registration form for payment. Pre-registration is open now at tvqa.org/Assembly Day or [HERE](#). Registration will close June 12.

You must be a TVQA member to attend! You must pre-register online whether or not you order a lunch!



TVQA ASSEMBLY DAY 2025

AGENDA

9:00 – 10:00	CHECK-IN AND VENDOR SHOPPING
10:00 – 10:30	WELCOME PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL
10:45 – 11:45	ANNA MARIA PARRY
11:45 – 12:45	LUNCH AND SHOPPING
12:45 – 1:30	QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION
1:30 – 1:45	2025-2027 TVQA OFFICERS
1:45-2:00	MYSTERY QUILT PARADE
2:00- 3:00	ANNA MARIA PARRY
3:00-3:30	GIFT BASKETS & DOOR PRIZES (ALSO TO BE AWARDED THROUGHOUT THE DAY)

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/>





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

TVQA

Fall Retreat

October 1-5, 2025

St. Mary's Retreat Center
Sewanee, TN
(931) 598-5342

Fall Retreat Registration will be online beginning in mid-May.

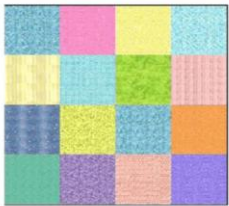
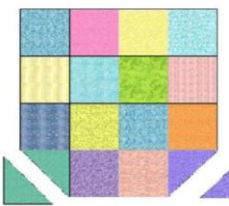


Wheelchair quilts for veterans in VA Nursing Homes

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.

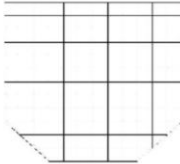




Image courtesy of <http://dlstewart.com>

GUILD NEWS

Newsletter Deadlines:

December 20, for the January issue

March 20, for the April issue

June 20, for the July issue

September 20, for the October issue

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.

January

We did not meet in January due to inclement weather.

February

Jane Ewald presented a program on using selvages in your sewing. She had a wide variety of items that she has made from selvages including a hot pad and a full size quilt. She encouraged everyone to save their "pretty" selvages to use or to give to a friend. Jane presented a pattern for a hot pad and we had time to make it with Jane's help.

March

Brenda Curtis the owner of Granny Bee's Quilt Shop in Granville Tennessee presented a program on antique quilts. She loves antique quilts and has had a quilt museum in her shop. She loves to collect quilts and loves to hear the "story" behind the quilt. She presented an excellent program and even provided a pop up quilt shop with lots of goodies to buy.

HAPPY HANDS QUILT CLUB

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

Happy Hands quilters spent our January meeting planning 2025. We have so many things planned. We want to learn so much: Floating Star Quilt, 2 Cut Quilt, Square in a Square ruler, and Stripology ruler. We are always making charity quilts and Quilts of Valor. We also plan special events: UFO challenge, Sewing Sisters, shop hop, Christmas in July, Quilt Walk in Bellbuckle and our Christmas Party. We have planned a very busy 2025.

In February Nancy Brothers opened the meeting with a new UFO challenge. In April we will see their first UFO finished for 2025. Norma Barnett taught the members how to do the floating star block. She had cut kits for all the members to make the block. She used patriotic colors so we could use the blocks in our Quilts of Valor. The blocks went together fast so it was a lot of fun.

Several of our members attended the TVQA meeting on the 14th. We were one of the guilds they were recognizing in February. It was so nice, and we had a good time.

At the March meeting we had a class taught by Judith Thompson and her helper Patty Davis. The pattern was called 2 Cut Quilt. This quilt was made from a layer cake. It was easy to cut out and put together. All the different fabrics looked so good in this quilt. Judith and Patty pitched in and helped with the pressing and supervising our progress. It was so much fun and lots of laughs.

HEARTH AND HOME

Central Church of Christ
McMinnville, TN

2nd Monday, Social 9:30 a.m., Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Due to snow our guild did not meet in January.

In February we met for the first time at the Central Church of Christ. Our new President led the business part of our meeting. Then several members shared various quilts including Quilts of Valor, hospice quilts, and quilts for The Children's Advocacy Center and personal quilts. Patsy led us in a game of right and left in which we each went home with 2 yards of fabric. Lori introduced us to our new challenge. She brought several postcards and each of us was instructed to take a postcard. Our challenge is to construct a quilt based on the picture and colors on the card. She also has given us a new block of the month challenge for 2025. Linda demonstrated how to make cathedral window blocks.

Our March meeting was led by our Vice President Carlene. During the new business part of our meeting several new ideas for community service were discussed. We will report on these ideas at a later time. Several ideas were suggested to have more communication with the community concerning our existence. We have grown in the last few years and we now have 33 members. We had several quilts shown during show and tell. Michelle demonstrated how to make a Beginners Quilt Block. We must give many thanks to Brenda for completing a scrapbook of our guild.

IRIS QUILTERS GUILD

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

Iris Guild

We started 2025 with 45 members. We've welcomed several new members and we're excited to be growing!

Many members participated in a block of the month challenge in 2024. The final block was previewed in our February 2025 meeting. Finished quilt tops will be shown in April.

We also started a UFO challenge. Each member made a list of at least 12 UFO's. (Some members had many, many more!) A number will be randomly chosen at each month's meeting to correspond with the number on the list. Then the finished UFO is to be presented at the next meeting. "Finished" is open to interpretation—could be just the block, just the top, or the complete quilt.

We've all so made plans for several educational events. Our members were invited to join the Kaye England classes through Music City Quilters' Guild. We've also scheduled a Charm Pack Zipper Bag class with Chris Jehle, and a Memory Bear class with Lezleigh Kleibrink. Iris Guild is looking forward to a great 2025.

MATERIAL GIRLS

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

The 2025 New Year was off to an exciting start with a well-attended, very creative, workshop lead by Guild member Lisa Brown in making a quilted coat! The coats that have been completed/modeled so far have been unique and fabulous!

The January meeting had 26 members attending. Our meeting was short in order for us to really enjoy our guest speaker Judy Ballance. What a wonderful trunk show! She gave us so much inspiration by showing us her beautiful quilt collection ranging from her pieced work, her wool work and her award winners.

February brought us a 3-day daytime retreat, where many members worked on completing blocks for a quilt that will be donated to the Cancer Association for a raffle that will be held in conjunction with the Walk-Against-Cancer. At our February meeting, the program was led by Kristen Slagle on making fabric postcards for Valentines Day. The fun was electric and beautiful cards were made! Our "Team Reach" messaging app is continuing to increase communication and connection within the Guild members. Our wonderful guild secretary, Dorothy Buck deserves much credit for organizing this for us!

Our March program showcased the 2024 Block of the Month Christmas Quilt project lead by Kathryn Holder. Approximately eight very different quilts were made by members using the pattern and their own fabrics. Updated Guild By-Laws were approved and ratified. Our program included a show-and-tell of vintage and antique quilts.

MUSIC CITY QUILTERS

Donelson Heights United Methodist Church
84 Fairway Drive, Nashville, TN
1st Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Sit & Stitch - 3rd Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The 2025 Guild officers were installed at our January meeting. The committee members were announced and our vice president outlined tentative Guild activities for the year.

Our QOV Chapter had a very good turnout at the National Sew Day on February 1. We completed five quilt tops during our sewing session. We were fortunate to have Mid-South Sewing attend our February meeting and discussed machine maintenance. Karen and Fred, the shop owners gave us good tips on suggested types of needles, compressed air, thread and oil to keep your machine in top condition.

In March we had Jennifer Reith of The Sewing House at our Guild meeting. She is opening a new Bernina dealership in Mt. Juliet. Our county has not had a new quilt shop open in many years and all are anxious to support a local store. Opening date has not yet been set. Our only retreat for 2025 is scheduled for March 24-26 at the Lebanon Expo Center. We will not have a fall retreat as we have a bus trip to Shipshewana

scheduled in September. We have several TVQA members who will be on the trip and we are looking forward to getting to know new quilters and seeing old friends.

We are still selling our Guild Cookbook. This is a profitable fundraiser for our Guild. If you missed the opportunity to purchase a \$15 book, please reach out to Lezleigh K. or Sheila S. for a copy.

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.

Unfortunately, our membership has declined in the past year. We lost several beloved members who passed, several who moved, and some who moved on to different organizations or interests. While these losses are normal in any organization, they were very discouraging to our remaining members. There was even a suggestion of ceasing to exist as a guild. As we left that December meeting, we all agreed to come to the January meeting with suggestions, classes, and things people wanted to learn or share, for one last try.

Our January 2025 meeting was a working meeting, and boy, did we get right down to it! By the end of our meeting we had 10 out of 12 programs planned, and ideas for other programs in the works. It felt like the mood and enthusiasm returned to our group.

In February we had our Love meeting. We brought quilted items as well as notions and tools that we love, and shared them, along with Valentine's Day snacks and a rousing game of Left Right Center with holiday inspired 2.5" strips. Wendy Neff showed how to make Woven Swedish Hearts.

In March, Kathy Murray from Guntersville will do a class on making an Easter Bunny Collage Quilt. Members will also bring a 1 yard piece of fabric that they love, inside a brown paper bag. These will be exchanged anonymously and the recipient will complete a quilted item from this yard plus other fabrics for the

member. Completed items will be given at our Christmas party.

In April Patsy Buckhalter will teach us how to make decoupage spoons. Our annual Silent Auction will be in May, and include a fat quarter exchange. June will be a Jelly Roll Race Sew Day, and we'll celebrate Christmas in July with Trish Harnen teaching Cathedral Windows Ornaments. St. Jude in Huntsville, AL, has asked for donations of quilts and soft hats, so we will pair for two days of sewing with Star Stitchers in September. Quilto in November, and our Christmas Party in December. These should make the year go 'round!

Wendy Neff, President
Peace By Piece Quilt Guild

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 celebrated the end of 2024 with a Christmas Party in December. Highlights included a cookie and hand-made ornament swap, excellent food, Christmas caroling, and wonderful fellowship.

We started the new year with a brand-new Board: Karen Dye is President, Susie Gortmaker is Vice President, Carol Tessmer is Secretary, and Rebecca Quan is Treasurer. So far, we have had a great working relationship and have planned several fun events for the guild throughout the year.

Several members participated in the National Sew Day for Quilts of Valor in February at the Lebanon Farm Bureau. Not only did we help to complete several blocks at the workshop, but we took three kits home to be completed by those who could not attend.

Also in February, one of our members taught an English paper piecing class using Lucy Boston's Patchwork of

the Crosses pattern. Several members attended and completed some beautiful squares. A sampling can be seen in the Gallery section of the newsletter.

We are busy preparing for Assembly Day this coming July. In January, we had a sit-and-sew to make one of the gifts for the Goodie Bag. As we near this exciting date, we have many more activities to complete and feel good about our progress.

As we look forward to warmer weather and Spring, we will host a trunk show and a sewing class in March, and we have a retreat scheduled for April. Plans are underway for a Sew Shop and Hop to the Chattanooga area in June, with many more activities planned for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Tessmer, Secretary,
Quilting Bees

STAR STITCHERS

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

The first quarter of 2025 has really flown by and we are looking forward to the new year in Star Stitchers.

In January, Trish demonstrated a Holiday Heart Ornament. In February, we planned our upcoming guild programs. In March, we played Quilto with spring themed fat quarters.

Respectfully Submitted, Kellie U. DuPree

MEMBERS AT LARGE

(See show and tell by some individual MALs in the Gallery section.)

The Gallery

TVQA 2025 Winter/Spring Retreat attendees



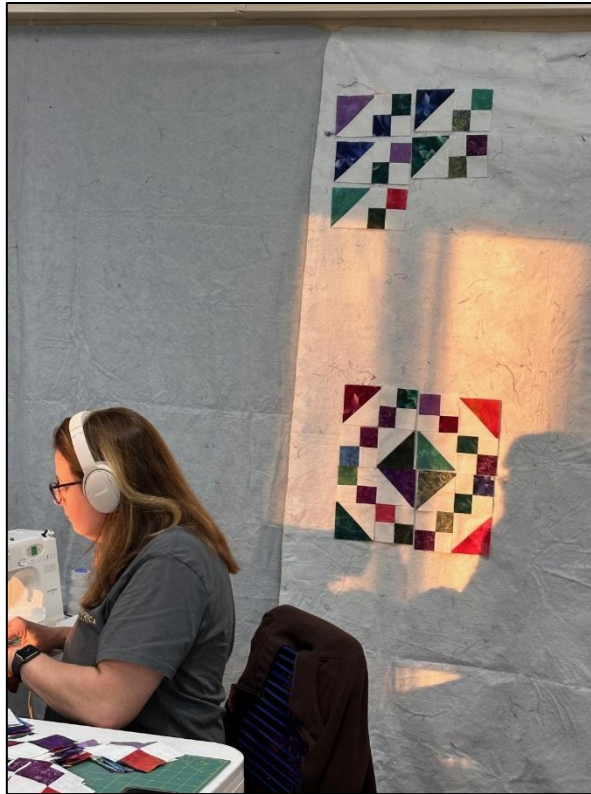
TVQA 2025 Winter/Spring Retreat pictures



TVQA 2025 Winter/Spring Retreat pictures



TVQA 2025 Winter/Spring Retreat picture



Iris - Members showing their Block of the Month



Happy Hands - The pictures are from our February meeting. Floating Star blocks



Quilting Bees - Rebecca Tucker, Quilting Bees member, teaching the paper piecing class



Several examples of the results



Quilting Bees – More results from the paper piecing class



Material Girls – Photo from January meeting with speaker Judy Ballance



Material Girls – Quilted coat made in guild class led by Lisa Brown



Material Girls – Quilted coat from February guild class



Material Girls – Quilted coat from February guild class



MAL – Sandra Lee Chandler

I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO
SHARE SOME PHOTOS OF MY
QUILTS AND RECENTLY FINISHED
PROJECTS WITH YOU. THESE
PIECES REPRESENT MY PASSION
FOR QUILTING, REPURPOSED
TEXTILES, AND CREATIVE
STORYTELLING THROUGH FABRIC,
AND I'M EXCITED TO SHARE THEM
WITH THE GUILD.

--MAL Sandra Lee Chandler



MAL – Sandra Lee Chandler



MAL – Sandra Lee Chandler



MAL – Sandra Lee Chandler



MAL – Judy Ventrella

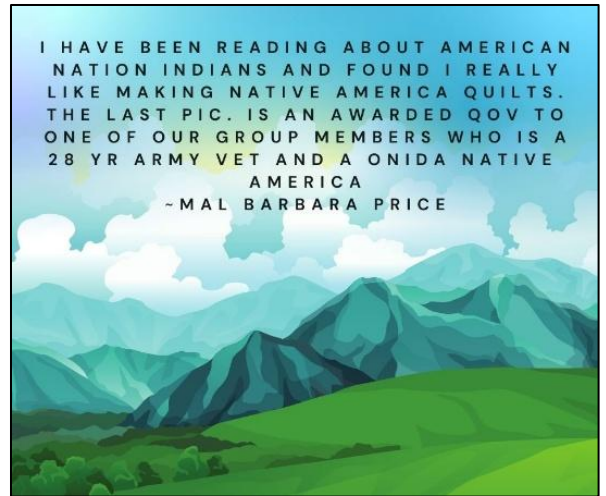


I made this quilt top after seeing a block on Facebook. Her block used buttons for cat eyes but I stitched them and the whiskers on my machine. Colors based on border cat fabric. Ready for my long arm quilter to be donated for Humane society of Humphreys County fund raiser.
MAL Judy Ventrella

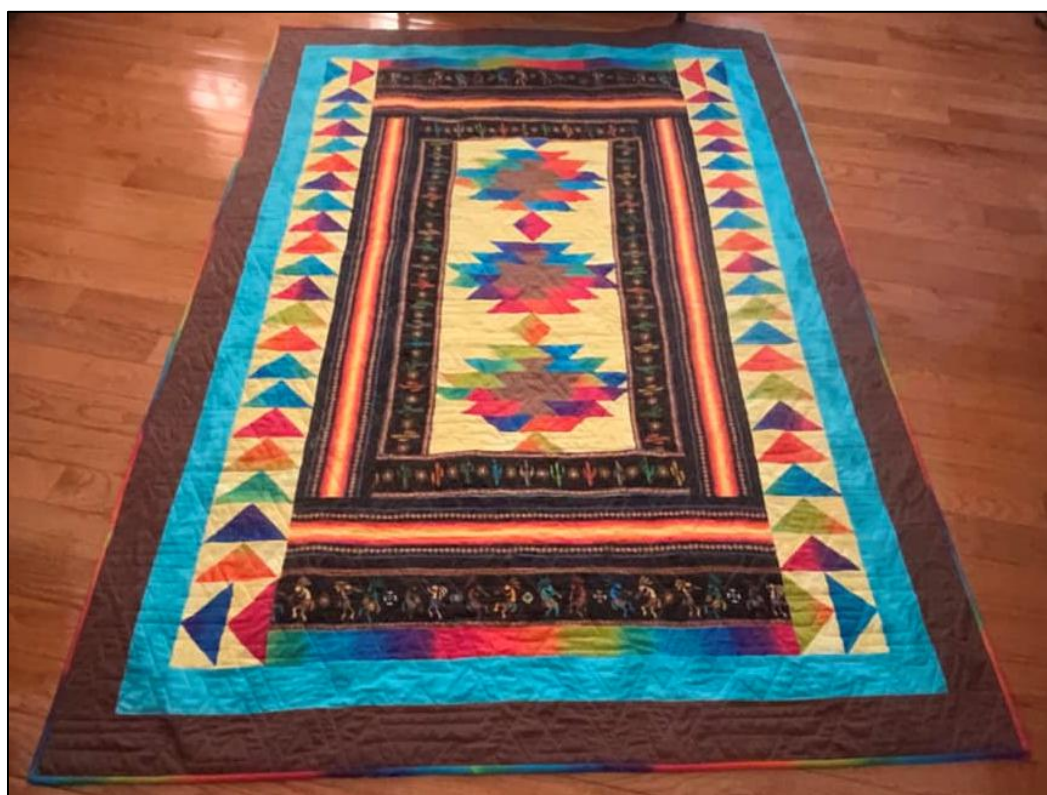
Detail showing cat faces



MAL – Barbara Price



MAL – Barbara Price



MAL – Barbara Price awards Quilt of Valor



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



Meeting Location:

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

Members coming from Nashville on I-24 use Exit 66B, cross back over I-24, drive straight for approximately 5 miles, then turn left onto 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 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.

