



TVQA Newsletter

July 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE	TVQA OFFICERS FOR 2023-25
<p>Hey Y'all!</p> <p>What an adventure!! I was not prepared to have as much fun as I have had as the TVQA president for the last two years. And to be honest, I can't believe that it has been that long since I took office. You may remember that at Assembly Day two years ago many of you were doubting our sanity as Denni and I dressed up like quilting nerds to announce the kickoff of Spring Seminar. I hope that I didn't disappoint you by making the rest of my term so much fun!</p> <p>Being part of such a dedicated, devoted, self-motivated Executive Board made this term in office an enjoyable, fruitful experience. Truly, it has been a total team effort. Thanks to Denni, we have learned about TVQA's history, we have been introduced to the many efforts and history of each guild, we have updated teacher lists, and she kept your guild presidents apprised of all the information that was important to your guilds. Lezleigh has kept records of attendance and provided minutes from each meeting (within a week of the meeting) to the website so you could stay current. She has also built a huge community of Members at Large who are excited to be in TVQA and who participate in our events. Denni and Lezleigh have preserved the history of TVQA by the acquisition and digitizing of all the newsletters. Sheila has meticulously kept account of every penny of your dues and how they are spent. She has been instrumental in the function of our online registration. We were STRONGER TOGETHER! I was blessed to watch all this happen! Thanks, girlfriends, for a fabulous ride.</p> <p>And to all of you, thank you for the love and support that you have so richly shared with me as I muddled through. Every time we visited a guild, I felt like I had a whole room of new friends. Your encouragement has been an integral part of the real joy of leading our association. My prayer is that you have felt that in return and that you will continue to be an active part of TVQA, both as an individual and as a guild. Thank you for the massive contributions of wheelchair quilts. Your hearts are bigger than your talent and that is saying a lot since you are some of the most gifted quilters I know. Just so you know, I am not going anywhere, except maybe to the back row of the meeting venue, and you will continue to see me supporting and participating in our events. Spending time with each other is the only way we can be STRONGER TOGETHER.</p> <p>When I say my prayers, I thank God for each of you and for the beauty you share with the world. I know that I was led by Him to this beautiful community. I am here to help you, guide you, listen to you, and pray with you. You all have my number. May God continue to bless our efforts, collectively and individually, to make the world a better place.</p> <p>I 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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QUILTING BEES

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MUSIC CITY QUILTERS

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Calendar of Events

TVQA EVENTS:

July 12, 2025 – TVQA Assembly Day hosted by the Quilting Bees. Murfreesboro, TN. Registration is closed for this event.

August 8, 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.

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

GUILD (and other) EVENTS:

June 27 – October 12, 2025 – Fabric of a Nation, American Quilt Stories. Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN

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

September 1 – 3, 2025 – Music City Guild Fall Retreat, Lebanon, TN. Members of other guilds may attend. Contact Sheila Schmaedig for cost and other info.

September 5 – 14, 2025 – Nashville Regional Fair, Nashville, TN

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

October 2-4, 2025 – Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Lebanon, TN

October 4, 2025.-. Granville Quilt Festival, Granville, 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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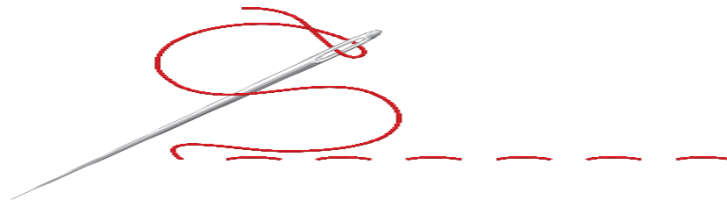
Membership News

It's hot and humid outside! But it's nice and cool INSIDE! I enjoy quilting in the summer partly because the days are longer and the sun is brighter, at least that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it!

Enjoy the summer! I look forward to seeing your show and tell quilts!

Keep stitching!
Brenda

Brenda Willis
TVQA Membership Chair
tvqamembership@gmail.com
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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 April 1, 2025 – 30 June, 2025**

INCOME		Current	YTD
	Dues	940.00	9580.00
	Paypal	12.64	12.64
	Total Income	\$952.64	\$9592.64
 EXPENSES			
Administrative:			
	Living Faith Ministries		250.00
	Guild Incentive Awards		1200.00
	IRS Form 990		50.00
	TN Secretary of State		20.46
 Other Expenses:			
	Christine White		580.91
	T-Shirt Refund		20.00
	Teacher Mileage		57.64
	Denni Green	59.76	59.76
	Anita Elliott	25.00	25.00
	Auto Owners Insurance	297.00	297.00
	Securlock Antioch	384.00	384.00
	Assembly Day	3000.00	3000.00
	Total Expenses	\$3765.76	\$6603.32
 Bank Account			
	Beginning Balance		18,300.33
	Deposits		952.64
	Expenses		(3765.76)
	Ending Balance		\$15,487.21

TVQA BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2025

The TVQA Quarterly board meeting was called to order at 10:03am. President Judith Thompson welcome everyone and opened with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A guild roll call was done with the 27 members present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented in the newsletter, and a motion was made by Trish Harnen and seconded by Deb Hunt to accept them; they were unanimously approved.

Vice President Denni Green honored the Friendship Guild. It began in May 1995 by Mildred Locke, with 27 founding members. They currently hold a membership around 70 members, with 8 previous TVQA presidents from the group. They are an active guild, with multiple philanthropic endeavors.

Denni reminded everyone that event registrations are online. Assembly Day registration is open, and retreat registration will open soon.

President Judith Thompson gave a Presidents Report:

She let everyone know there is a need for several volunteer opportunities:

There is a need for a guild to host Assembly Day in 2026. With fewer guilds, the need to host will be more often than previously done.

We thank Kim Simpson for hosting the zoom link at previous meetings, but need a new volunteer to maintain the link at meetings. This is a four times a year role only at the meeting—no other prep work is needed. If no one steps up to do this at meetings we will no longer offer this option.

The following people have submitted their names for nomination. Voting today so please have your cards.

Officers will be inducted into office at Assembly Day in July and will officiate at the August board meeting.

President Lezleigh Kleibrink

Vice President Diane Uhler

Secretary Deb Hunt

Treasurer Sheila Schmaedig

A motion was made by Trish Harnen and seconded by Carol Tessmer to adopt the proposed executive board as presented, and was accepted unanimously.

Vice-President Denni Green gave her report:

A. The Mystery Quilt's final clue has been posted, and a huge thank you is given to Anita Elliott for hosting the block. The clues will be left up for the rest of the year, and there is a plan for a mystery quilt parade at Assembly Day. Please let the board know if you have enjoyed the mystery quilt and would like for this activity to continue going forward.

B. All TVQA newsletters from the beginning of the association are on the website under the members only section. We have had 14 newsletter editors, and a thank you was extended to Denni Green for hunting down all the missing newsletters, to Lezleigh Kleibrink for scanning them all in, and to Chris White for uploading all to the website. This will preserve our history for all to have at their fingertips.

Secretary Lezleigh Kleibrink had no news to share.

Treasurer Sheila Schmaedig let all know the current account balance stands at \$18501.11. She also reminded all that online registration for all TVQA events streamlines receiving the information, and allows receiving funds quickly. The service charge for paying online is about the same as a stamp when paying dues.

Judith reminded members that 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.)

Newsletter editor Elaine Jackson gave the reminder about newsletters:

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.

Webmaster Chris White reminds all that the website password will be changing shortly. You will be informed of that as soon as it occurs. The guild presidents will be informed of the new password to share with their members, and MAL liaison Lezleigh Kleibrink will share with MALs.

Regional Fair chair Lezleigh Kleibrink reminded all that anyone living in Tennessee is welcome to enter the Nashville Fair in September. This works well for any county without a fair to be able to qualify for the State Fair. Online registration is hoped to be in July.

Membership Brenda Willis let all know member directories for our 445 members and 16 lifetime members for 2025 are on the website, and membership letters have been emailed to all members. If you have questions contact Brenda Willis.

Retreat Coordinator Trish Harnen reported that fall retreat is October 1-5 at St Mary's in Sewanee TN, and registration will be online soon. Presidents and the MAL liaison will disseminate the open registration as soon as it becomes available. Spring retreat will be March 4-8, 2026. You have the option to come as a day camper, to stay at a local hotel, or stay on site at St Mary's. They offer a per meal option, and can accommodate food restrictions.

Assembly Day Chair Carol Tessmer let members know:

they have 246 registered for this year's event--there is a capacity of 360. Registration is open until June 12 for planning purposes.

If you have not received an automated confirmation from Jotform of your registration, please let Carol know via email at carol0303@yahoo.com.

If you have not paid for your box lunch, please do so now.

They are excited that their vendor allotment is full!

If your guild has an event to advertise, please let Carol know as there will be a table to set up for this.

Please bring your raffle basket the day of, and make sure they have a cost limit of \$50-60. Smaller baskets are preferred so that there is a chance for more members to win one.

At our quarterly meetings, donations of canned or packaged food to support food box at Living Faith Ministries are appreciated. The association is supporting our VA system with wheelchair quilts. If each guild could make

at least one wheelchair quilt per board meeting it would be VERY appreciated. A sample pattern is provided on our website.

A show and tell was given from new member Sandra Chandler of her beautiful quilted jacket. She let members know of her extensive teaching, and she would love to come to teach at your guild. Please check her work out at @sandraleedesign on Instagram.

Door prizes from boutique remnants were given.

All were invited to join the board for lunch at Hickory Falls at 999 Industrial Blvd. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18am.

Respectfully submitted, Lezleigh Kleibrink, Secretary



TVQA's 2025 Mystery Quilt



This year's Mystery Quilt is called Sunburst. Clues were posted to tvqa.org monthly from February to May, and the reveal was at the May TVQA Board meeting. Anita Elliott was our mystery maker again this year.

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

If you have completed the 2025 mystery quilt, or the top, please bring it to Assembly Day on July 12 and show it in the Mystery Quilt Parade!

Anita Elliott's Sunburst quilt top



TVQA Assembly Day

July 12, 2025

You must be a TVQA member to attend! You must have pre-registered online!

Note: Registration for this event closed June 12.



Anna Maria Parry 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/>

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)

It's Fair Time!



What we need here....is more QUILTS AND YOU!

**If you're a resident of TN, please consider entering your quilts into the
Nashville Fair Regional Quilt Show!**

**Show is Sept 5-14, 2025---entries due August 27 & 28 at the Fairgrounds OR there
will be remote drop off locations in Brentwood and Lebanon (dates posted soon)**

**Details to be posted after July 4th on the website at
<https://www.nashfair.fun/p/rentals/competitive-events>**

Questions? Email Lezleigh Kleibrink at quilting@nashfair.fun

FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY!

RAISE FUNDS AND YOUR GROUP'S AWARENESS ALL IN ONE!

The Nashville Regional Fair would love to offer your group or guild the opportunity for fundraising as well as getting information about you out to the public!

If your organization has something they would like to sell to the public as a fundraiser, and give out information about your activities, we would love to have you set up a table at the Fair on one of these dates:

Sat, Sept 6 * Sun, Sept 7

Sat, Sept 13 * Sun, Sept 14

There is no cost to your group for the table--we want to support our local quilters!



For more information, contact Lezleigh Kleibrink at quilting @nashfair.fun



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 is now open on tvqa.org

Follow this path: tvqa.org>Events>Event Forms and then click on the Retreat Registration Form **or** click [HERE](#)

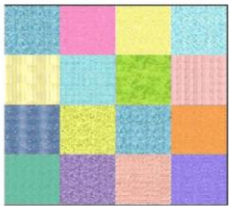
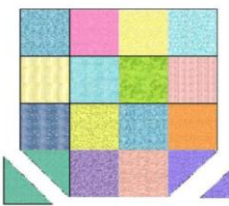


Wheelchair quilts for veterans in VA Nursing Homes

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

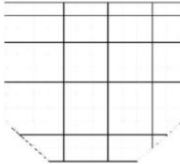
Basic Wheelchair Quilt

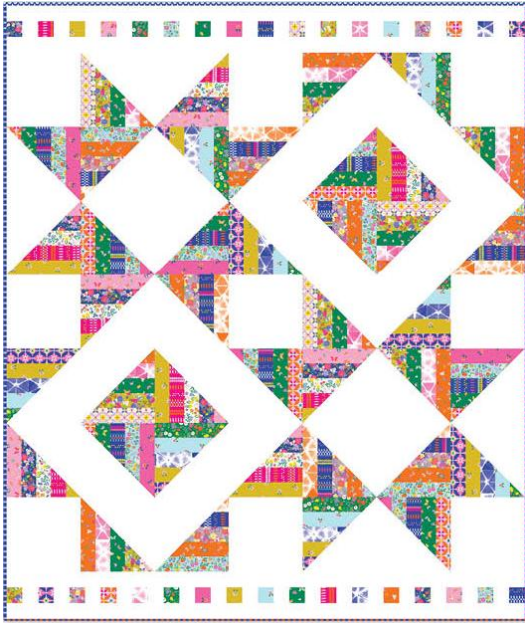
- ≈ Cut 16 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric squares
- ≈ Sew into four rows of four.
- ≈ Using a quilting ruler and rotary cutter, cut the two outside bottom squares diagonally.
- ≈ Quilt & Bind as desired.

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.





Riley Blake Stars

Free pattern available at

<https://www.rileyblakedesigns.com/free-quilt-patterns>

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 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.

April

We used our time at our April meeting to make pillowcases to donate to the Child Advocacy Center in Murfreesboro. We made 79 pillowcases during the meeting and many members made plans to complete more.

May

We had our annual Quilt of Valor presentations during our meeting. We presented 12 quilts to service members that protected our country from the Vietnam War to present day. We were honored to present these quilts, and we had an amazing turnout with standing room only. After presenting the quilts, we had a small reception to honor the recipients and their families.

June

Denise Dacus came to our guild in June and made a presentation on her quilt studio. She started MavaNell Studio (named after her mother) and has designed several quilts using charm packs and precuts. She explained how she started and her process for designing quilts. She has two block of the month quilts available on her website that are free. She had a trunk show showcasing her beginning quilts to recently designed quilts.

HAPPY HANDS QUILT CLUB

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

Happy Hands quilters spent the April meeting working on charity quilts. We have a UFO challenge going on this year and several members showed their progress on their UFOs. Last month we were taught the 2 Cut Quilt at our meeting. Several of the members completed the quilts and brought them for Show and Tell. We have a lot of people dropping off fabric they no longer need as they do their spring cleaning. It was like Christmas for the members. Many pieces of fabric

were gone through, and lots found new homes. I am sure we will see this used in some of our charity quilts.

In May members worked on Quilts of Valor. Many members brought the QOV they had been working on. Amy Martin provided kits for anyone that needed them. Everyone worked very hard, and we got a lot accomplished.

At the June meeting, we had a yard sale. We marked tables off in 3 sections. Sale items were brought in and laid out; tickets were sold for 3/\$1.00. You were given time to look things over and see what treasures you couldn't do without. You then put a ticket in the brown bag taped to the table. When we were done looking, Nancy drew a ticket. Whoever had the winning number got to pick 2 items from that section. It was different from anything we had done before, and it raised \$100 for the guild.

HEARTH AND HOME

Central Church of Christ
McMinnville, TN

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

Hearth and Home met on April 14 at Central Church of Christ. During our meeting we voted to hang quilts at Mountain View Veterinary Clinic at their request. Several in our guild expressed an interest in this project. There was a discussion about decorating a Christmas Tree for the Wonderland of Trees at the Three Star Mall as a fundraiser for various charities. Each month we are given two blocks of the month. This month we were given Crowning Glory and Indiana Puzzle. Since this was a Sew Day there was no demonstration. Several brought their machines to work on charity projects or their own personal project.

During our May 12 meeting we were reminded that our Postcard Challenge Quilts are due in August. During our January meeting we picked out a postcard. Our quilt is to reflect the colors and design on the postcard. We have decided to have morning and evening guild meetings. Many women have expressed an interest in being in our guild, but because of working during the day they are unable to join us. Patsy and Barbara demonstrated how to do foundation paper piecing. They always do an excellent job of explaining quilting skills. Our new blocks of the month are Split Ohio Star

and Dublin Steps. We finished our meeting by displaying beautiful quilts during Show and Tell.

At our June meeting it was announced that our first evening meeting would take place that day. We are excited that this opportunity is being given to ladies that cannot attend the day meeting. We discussed the theme of our charity Christmas Tree for the Wonderland of Trees. No final decision was made. We want to commend our members who took the time to participate in the Dr. Thomas Black House Bicentennial celebration by displaying some quilts in one of the rooms. Our long-time member Linda demonstrated how to make a Wonky Star Block. We are so lucky to have such knowledgeable ladies in our guild. Our new blocks of the month are Fan Waves and Fanny's Favorite.

IRIS QUILTERS GUILD

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

The Iris Guild has been busy for the first 6 months of 2025. We are enjoying a UFO challenge and many members are participating. We've had some great programs. One of our favorites was a group Show and Tell. Each member brought his or her favorite quilting tool—and the least favorite! We learned about some new tools and got rid of some frustrating ones.

We've had two afternoon teaching and learning sessions. Chris Jehle taught us to make zipper bags using charm squares. This month Lezleigh Kleibrink is teaching us how to make memory bears. We're looking forward to additional teaching sessions in the coming months.

We're excited about our planned Fall Retreat. We will be going for four days to 50 Acres in Palmyra, Tennessee. The year seems to be flying by at a fast pace—but Iris Guild is enjoying every minute.

MATERIAL GIRLS

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

Our April meeting started off well with 25 members and 1 guest in attendance! Work is well underway for our Raffle Quilt donation to the local Cancer Society. Kristen Slagle is leading the effort this year with "It Takes a Village" group project. Approximately 20 members made blocks for this group effort (Photo is in the Gallery section). Our program, lead by Lisa Brown was making a Scrap and thread bag for your machine. We are looking forward to Assembly Day with 14 members signed up to attend.

May was our Spring Cleaning month! Many quilty items changed hands with all proceeds going to the Guild general fund! Eight members brought items for show and tell. The Teal quilt pictured below was made by Beth Amundson for her son's wedding. Kits for various blocks were mailed to members of the family to complete and mail back, making a family heirloom for the new couple.

June brought a unique program led by Dorothy Buck. She demonstrated how to make a small basket from leftover fabric crumbs or scraps. Lisa Brown is leading a Block of the Month Mystery Quilt Project that many of us are participating in. She showed us some of her beautiful, completed blocks to help us along!

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.

In April, our Guild was fortunate to have National Teacher Kaye England teach three different techniques. She is retiring this year and we were the last guild she agreed to teach. We were all so impressed with her precision stitching session. Our April Sit and Sew session focused on our Phyl's Angels program benefitting the Downs Syndrome organization. Seven quilts and three tops were collected.

Our program in May featured guild member Rita Wahl who is a self-taught free motion quilter. She brought

her sewing machine and demonstrated her various free motion techniques. Rita is certainly an inspiration to those who fear quilting on their home machine.

In June our Quilts of Valor chapter will have the opportunity to present a Quilt of Valor to Butch Wilmore, the astronaut who was stranded on the International Space Station for over nine months. The City of Mt. Juliet is having a "Butch Wilmore Hometown Homecoming Day" on June 28 and the QOV State Coordinator and Music City guild member, Ginger Fondren will participate in the quilt presentation. We will have National Teacher Jean Empey of Sew Jean teach three different projects beginning June 30. If you have a chance to check out her Facebook page, Sew Jean, you will be impressed with her artistic projects.

We continue to complete quilts to donate to Brooks House in Lebanon, Phyl's Angels, Preemie Quilts and hats given to various hospitals and the Quilts of Valor program.

Our bus trip to Shippshewana in September has two spots available. If interested, please reach out to Lezleigh K. for more information. We are all excited about the trip and seeing our friends from different TVQA guilds that will be on the bus.

Respectfully submitted
Becky Richardson, Secretary
Music City Guilders

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.
Murfreessboro, TN 37130
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Our Guild has been very busy in the last quarter with preparations for Assembly Day, as well as classes, demonstrations, and a trunk show.

In March, we were privileged to host the Music City Modern Quilters, who showed us a unique perspective on their creative processes. After sharing several examples of their works, we were treated to a workshop where we learned how to challenge our traditional methods to create something very different. It was quite interesting to see the different interpretations of our assignment from our members.

In April, we learned about color theory by Denise Dacus of Mavanell Studio. We were given various swatches of material and asked to group them in different combinations according to the color wheel. Many of us saw possibilities we would have never imagined, and we came away with a new tool in our fabric selection process. Denise will be a vendor at Assembly Day.

In May, our Vice President, Susie Gortmaker, treated us to a class in string piecing, using scraps from our collective stashes. Many of us finished more than one block, which can be used as a foundation for an entire quilt. What a fun way to use up scraps!

In June, Glynda Hylton shared several methods for making HSTs and flying geese. There are several cheat sheets out on the web that explain how to make multiple pieces at a time. Though math is a big part of getting these right, the cheat sheets really help. When a pattern calls for several pieces of these, the cutting guides help to streamline the process.

One of our most exciting events is coming next week. We will be participating in a Shop Hop in Chattanooga, and we plan to visit five shops. We will have forty participants who will travel in carpools. There will be a bingo game, where we will be looking for items on the road, as well as items in the shops we will visit. Everyone will have a passport they need to get stamped at each store, and there will be drawings for those who participate. Each of the prizes was purchased from the shops we are visiting during a reconnaissance visit the Committee made in preparation for this fun event. Everyone is excited, and we are looking forward to some great fun.

We're coming into the final stretch before Assembly Day, and everything has been going quite smoothly. We have an excellent team that has done a phenomenal job in their respective areas of responsibility. We have twenty-four vendors and about three hundred attendees, so we are looking forward to a fantastic day. We are excited to host this annual event and honored to be your host. See you on July 12 in Murfreesboro.

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 second quarter of 2025 is flying by. Here is a recap of our meetings:-

In April, we had severe weather and had to cancel our meeting.

In May, we showed our First/Favorite Quilts.

In June, we played Left/Center/Right with 2 ½ inch strips of background fabric. We are also going to have a sew Saturday and are going to be working on collage quilting.

We are eagerly awaiting Assembly Day and joining with other like-minded friends!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kellie U. DuPree

MEMBERS AT LARGE (MAL)

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

The Gallery

Hearth and Home - Butterfly by Betty



Hearth and Home



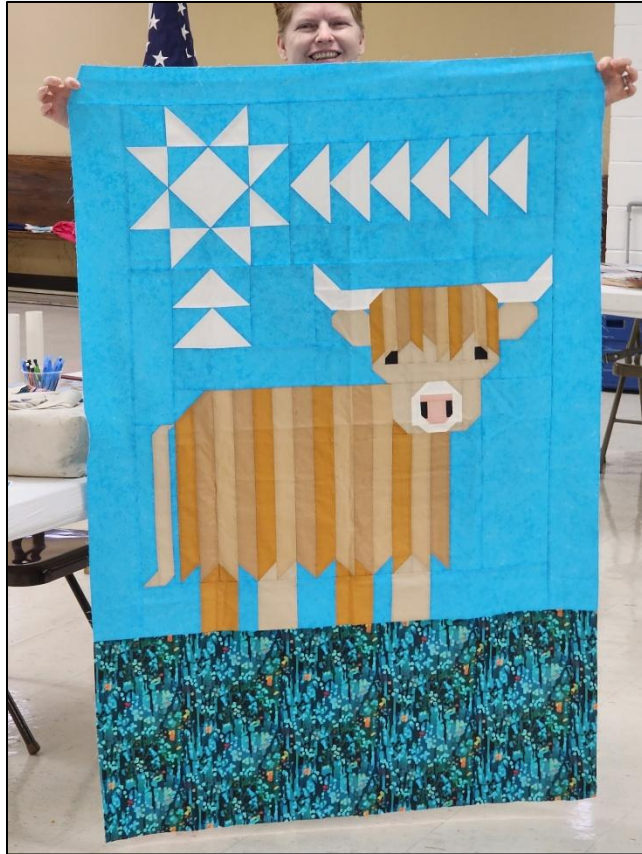
Hearth and Home - Blue Star by Lisa



Hearth and Home - The Girl Next Door. Jen Kingwell pattern. Andrea



Hearth and Home - Fun Buffalo



Material Girls – Examples for block of the month



Material Girls – Group quilt “It takes a Village” for the local cancer society



Material Girls - Wedding quilt. The teal quilt pictured below was made by Beth Amundson for her son's wedding. Kits for various blocks were mailed to members of the family to complete and mail back, making a family heirloom for the new couple.



Material Girls - Demonstration by Lisa Brown for making a scrap and thread bag for your machine.



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Iris - Lezleigh Kleibrink taught us how to make memory bears



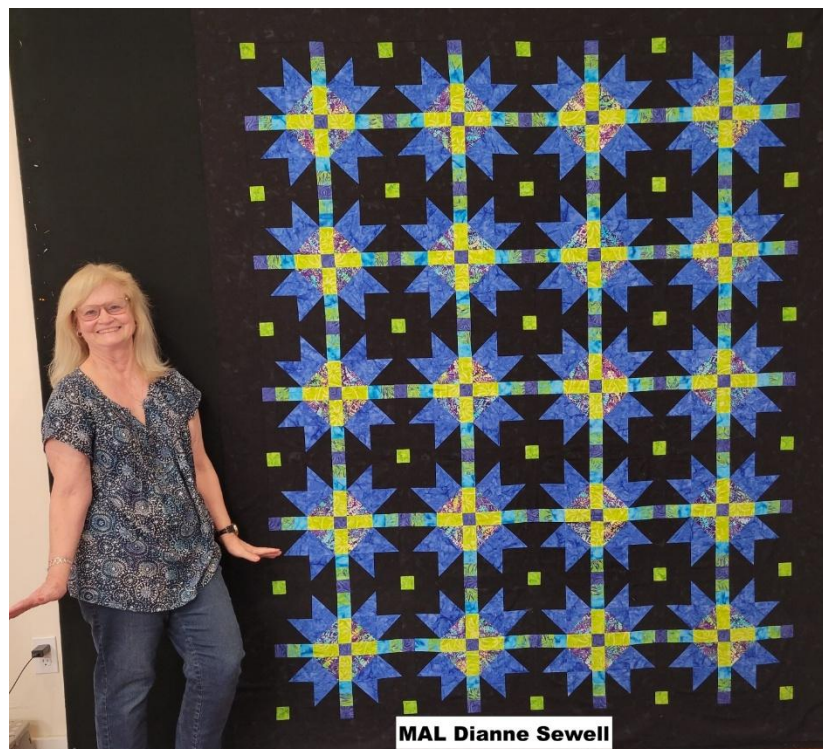
Iris - Chris Jehle taught us how to make zipper bags using charm squares.



Member at Large Dianne Sewell



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Member at Large Sandra Lee Chandler



Member at Large Theresa Maddox



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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.

