



TVQA Newsletter

April 2018

Newsletter 152

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President's Message

Springtime is a time of new beginnings and I want to begin visiting with each individual guild. If you would like me to visit your guild for a specific meeting, I would love to hear from you. I will start reaching out to the presidents to schedule a time to come for a visit.

We lost 2 guilds at the beginning of this year and it is with a sad heart that we had to accept this. We will miss these guilds and look forward to seeing many of these members join other guilds or join as a Member at Large.

I would like to hear from our membership as to what you think that TVQA could do that we are not doing, to make our organization more appealing so that we do not lose other guilds or members. Every member is a vital part of our organization, and sometimes we get so busy that we do not express our gratitude for each and every member. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for being a part of such a wonderful group!

It is hard to believe that when this goes to press that the first quarter of the year is behind us. Where did the time go? I hope you have been working on some wonderful projects and we look forward to seeing what you are working on and finishing. We are finishing, right? I personally have an abundance of unfinished projects and I am trying hard to finish as many of these as possible. Let's challenge each other this year to finish those projects that have been sitting way too long. The challenge is made, let's do it!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next meeting. See you soon.

Jackie Pearson, President



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Calendar of Events

TVQA EVENTS:

May 11, 2018– TVQA Board Meeting
10 A.M., LaVergne, TN. (directions are on the
back cover of this newsletter)

July 21, 2018—TVQA Assembly Day, Smyrna, TN.
(Registration form is in this newsletter)

Oct. 3-7, 2018—TVQA Fall Retreat (Registration
form is in this newsletter)

GUILD (and other) EVENTS:

April 18-21, 2018 – AQS Quilt Week, Paducah,
KY. (More info on AQS website.)

Aug. 17-18, 2018 -- Quilts in the 'Boro (more
info at www.quiltingbees.org)

Nov. 7-9, 2018 -- Cookeville Crazy Quilters show

Newsletter Deadlines:

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TVQA Website

More events listed on TVQA Website:

www.tvqaquilting.org

If you need information about the website,
please contact TVQA webmaster Kay Papenfuss.

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

Membership News

By the time you read this, the membership cards and
directory should have been mailed. I apologize for
being late this year.

Please review your information in the directory. If it is
not correct, please email me
at bwonthewater@gmail.com. I will correct the
information that is shown in the member section of
the TVQA website.

Some of you have asked to have more than one
phone number included in the directory. I cannot add
any more information in the directory unless I delete
something, make the print smaller, or greatly
increase the cost of the directory. The board has
discussed this several times over the last few years
and the decision has always been to maintain the
current format. But if you have another solution,
please share that idea with me or the board. Until
then, I will include the first phone number I am given
in the directory.

Hope you're enjoying the warm weather,

Brenda Willis
Membership Chairman

Charter Members

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

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

TVQA members please note: the first Treasurer's Report below is to year end 2017 and the second is 2018 year-to-date

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| Tennessee Valley Quilters Association | | |
|---|------------|----------------|
| Treasurer's Report | | |
| Final report for period 12/20/16 to 12/31/17 | | |
| Current period 11/10/17 to 12/31/17 | | |
| | YTD | Current |
| INCOME | | |
| Dues | 13,867.50 | |
| Return Seminar scholarship | 930.00 | |
| Return 2018 Assembly Day | 1,000.00 | |
| Return 2016 Assembly Day | 1,490.13 | |
| Return 2017 Assembly Day | 2,007.56 | |
| Spring Seminar refund | 93.16 | |
| Total Income | 19,388.35 | 0.00 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Administrative: | | |
| P.O. Box rent | 64.00 | |
| Website | 744.00 | |
| TN Corp. fee | 40.00 | |
| Bank fees | 79.50 | 10.00 |
| Book storage unit | 377.10 | |
| Library books | 77.92 | 77.92 |
| Insurance | 282.00 | |
| Storage unit | 540.00 | |
| Postage | 9.80 | |
| Board meeting: | | |
| Church | 250.00 | |
| Refreshments | 179.02 | 41.28 |
| Door prizes | 66.38 | |
| Copies | 18.62 | |

Treasurer's Report to year end 2017 (continued from previous page)

Other expenses:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Assembly Day 2017 | 2,000.00 | |
| Assembly Day 2018 | 2,000.00 | |
| Fall Retreat 2017 | 590.30 | |
| Winter Retreat 2018 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| HOTB | 26.00 | |
| Membership | 2,372.66 | |
| Newsletter | 1,096.72 | |
| Seminar scholarships | 930.00 | |
| Spring Seminar cancellation | 5,305.00 | |
| Judges mileage | 236.50 | |
| State Fair prizes | 40.00 | |
| Teacher mileage | 474.50 | |
| Total Expenses | <u>18,300.02</u> | <u>629.20</u> |
| <hr/> | | |
| Bank | | |
| Acct | Beginning Balance | 5,314.58 |
| | Deposits | 0.00 |
| | Expenses | <u>(629.20)</u> |
| | Ending Balance | <u><u>4,685.38</u></u> |

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**Tennessee Valley Quilters Association
Treasurer's Report
Current period 1/01/18 to 2/28/18**

| | Current | YTD |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Dues | 6150.00 | 6150.00 |
| Total Income | 6150.00 | 6150.00 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Administrative: | | |
| Bank fees | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Postage | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| TN Corp. fee | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Website | 186.00 | 186.00 |
| Board meeting: | | |
| Church | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Refreshments | 57.26 | 57.26 |
| Other expenses: | | |
| | 0.00 | |
| | 0.00 | |
| Total Expenses | 563.26 | 563.26 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Bank | | |
| Acct | Beginning Balance | 4685.38 |
| | Deposits | 6150.00 |
| | Expenses | (563.26) |
| | Ending Balance | 10,272.12 |

February 9, 2018

BOARD MINUTES

TENNESSEE VALLEY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance by Jackie Pearson. This was followed by roll call of the attendees.

We were saddened to hear that Maury quilters voted not to rejoin TVQA. Jackie encouraged all attendees and each guild to let TVQA know what they need as support from the association. We need their input.

Reports from Officers and Committees:

- **Secretary – Jane Lyon** – Presented minutes from the October meeting for approval as printed in the last newsletter. The motion to accept was made by Evelyn Thompson. It was seconded and passed.
- Jackie announced that Bonnie has been working on a budget. The storage unit has gone up to over \$700 per year. Since the quilts are now handled elsewhere, climate control is not required and can be replaced by one that is less expensive.

Treasurer – Bonnie White

New financial reports were presented. One is for the prior year through 12/31/17 and one January through YTD (February 28, 2018). Both will be in the newsletter. Dues are due the end of February. Our bank fee is \$5 per month for our account if it falls below \$5,000.00. We should stay above that for the remainder of the year. Bonnie was able to get the bank to remove some charges.

Jackie announced that last year as vice president, she purchased three new books. They are *All in a Row*, *All In a Row* (again) and *Addicted to Scraps*. When these are labeled they will go in the Library for checkout.

Vice President – Emily Johnson

Country Quilters donated books in memory of Carol Elmore and Barbara Fitz. Will be working on updating a new list of library contents.

Several other books were donated by Donna Minter of Music City.

Gail Greer donated magazines that were available at Spring Retreat and were brought in for distribution at this meeting.

List for Show and Tell guild signups were passed around. There is an opening in August.

Show and Tell for the May meeting is Friendship Quilters Guild. The August meeting is Iris Guild if this guild agrees.

(Minutes continued on next page)

Membership Chair – Brenda Willis

Only two guilds have sent in member information as of this time. Also need officers, membership, and newsletter people sent to her before month end.

Discussion on need of membership cards. We do. She currently mails them to the president or membership chair of each guild. We also discussed changing the expiration date until the end of March. It was decided that the by-laws might need to be consulted. Vote was made and passed to make the expiration March 31st.

A motion made by Catherine Voice to continue printing the directories and mailing them as we have done in the past. The motion was seconded and passed.

The financial report for 2017 shows the total expenditure for membership including directory and cards.

Jackie announced that Peace by Piece guild won the state fair check for most quilts entered. We need to locate the check and get it them. It was sent to a guild rather than a sewing group that is not a guild belonging to TVQA.

Newsletter – Elaine Jackson

Please get your information in on time if not early.

Tennessee State Fair – Emily Johnson

Still looking for another guild to take over the responsibility of chairing the state fair. This is a two year commitment. Music City has done this for several years.

Website/Facebook- Kay Papenfuss – Not attending. Please ask that membership be notified that this is not a place for posting personal information such as illness and hospital stays. Feel free to send an e-mail to the membership but do not e-mail Kay for the website.

Program Services – Jo Reid - Not attending but has asked for a list of people who would like to be TVQA certified teachers.

Upcoming Events and handouts:

Home of the Brave – Jo Reid – no losses from state of AL.

Home of the Brave – Sena Frank no losses from the state of TN.

Fall Retreat – Jo Reid

Winter Retreat – Jo Reid Barbara Seals gave the report. Lots of fun. 64 attendees. Will have the fall one in October. Since the retreat is 20 years old we will be doing a Turning 20 quilt as the retreat project. It is the first weekend in October. 3rd through the 7th this year.

Old Business: none

(Minutes continued on next page)

New Business: Assembly Day 2018 Registrations already being received. Jackie is collecting. Chairman out of town until May. All coming together very well! To be held July 21st at Rock Springs Middle School in LaVergne. Please recruit attendees. Registration due by June 1st and is in the January newsletter.

2019 Assembly day is also at Rock Springs Middle School on July 20.

“Quilting in the Boro” rules and entry forms are available. More information available soon.

No by-law meeting thus far. Main changes are just verbiage.

Motion made by Carol McGuire to change the expiration date on the membership card to March 31. This motion was seconded and passed.

Three door prizes provided by Jackie were won.

After Show and Tell by the Quilting Bees, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Allen Lyon



Severe Weather Policy



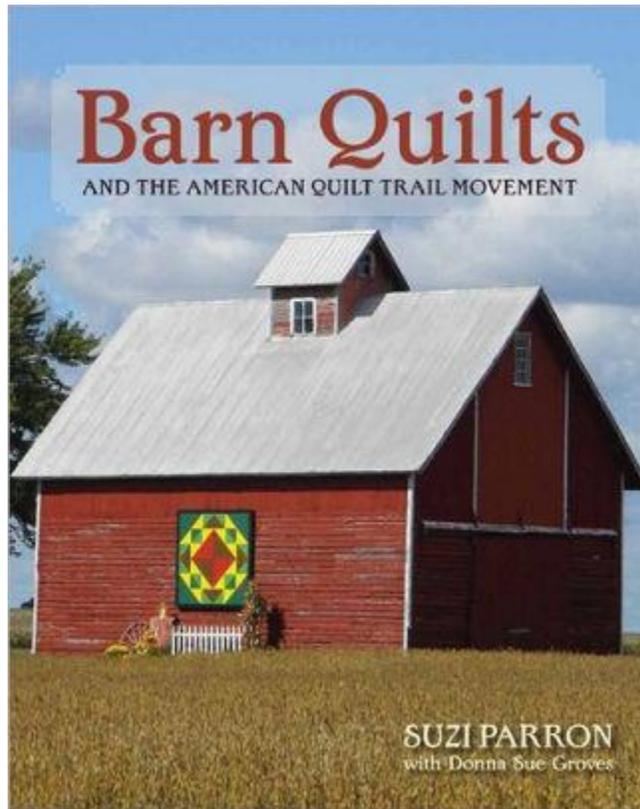
The following **Severe Weather Policy** for attendance at quarterly TVQA Board meetings was adopted at the May 2016 meeting:

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

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

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

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



ASSEMBLY DAY 2018

THE BARN QUILT TRAILS OF AMERICA

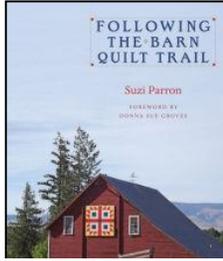
Saturday July 21, 2018

Hosted by Sewcial Quilters of LaVergne, TN

Have you ever looked at the barn quilts as you travel through Kentucky and Tennessee?
Ever wondered how they got started or the stories about them?
Author Suzi Parron is going to tell us about those Barn Quilts and the History of them.

She currently has 2 books out : *Barn Quilts and the American Trail Movement*
and *Following the Barn Quilt Trail*

We hope you join us to hear all about this.



Assembly Day Registration Form

The Barn Quilt Trails of America

TVQA Assembly Day – Saturday July 21, 2018
Hosted by The Sewcial Quilters of LaVergne, TN

Rock Springs Middle School, 3301 Rock Springs Rd, Smyrna, TN

Featured Guest Speaker: Suzi Parron
*Author of: Barn Quilts and the American Trail Movement and
Following the Barn Quilt Trail*

Schedule- Central Daylight Time
8:30-9:30 a.m. Registration, Hospitality and Shopping

9:30-11:30 Welcome and Guest Speaker **Suzi Parron**

11:30-1:30 Lunch and shopping
1:30-2:30 Door Prizes, Closing and Thank You

Registration is Required and must be received no later than June 1, 2018

You Must be a TVQA member to attend and this form must be mailed in whether you order lunch or not. No late registrations will be accepted.

Name(please print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Guild _____

Email _____

Lunch Choices (please make your selection, one sandwich and one drink. Cost \$10.00

Catered by Houston's Meats and Produce, Mt. Juliet, TN.

*All Sandwiches are made on Sourdough bread and come with Chips, pasta salad, fruit cup and cookies

_____ Chicken Salad _____ Pimento Cheese _____ Ham with American Cheese

_____ Coke _____ Diet Coke _____ Sprite _____ Diet Sprite _____ Bottled Water

Or

_____ I am not ordering lunch (you still must send in this registration)

Please make checks payable to: TVQA Assembly Day 2018

and mail to: **Jackie Pearson**
609 Forest Point Place
Antioch, TN 37013

FALL RETREAT 2018

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

*****Please note that the prices have increased.**

Both the room rates and meals have gone up. The room rates for the new building are the same, just the meals will show the increase. It is now \$37.50 per person double occupancy /per night in St. Mary's and \$55.00/per night for a private room. The meals are: Breakfast \$12.00, Lunch \$14.00 and Dinner \$17.00

These prices went into effect last summer, but as we already had our contract for Fall and Winter, our rates did not go up until now.

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

All Meals will be in the St. Mary's dining room.

Please let me know if you have any special meal needs such as vegetarian, sugar free etc. so we can alert the kitchen.

Again, we will have our Quilt Walk on Saturday evening right before dinner.

We are trying to do it in the daylight. (makes it safer walking to the new building if it is being used) The exact time will be announced later. So please bring your quilts you have been working on during 2018 so we can see what you have been up to! There will be judging and prizes.

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

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

And we will have the quilters "Yard Sale" in the lobby.

We will also play Left, Right, Center. You will need 3 fat quarters for each game.

And Traders Dice. For this you will need 5 notions. (quilt books, patterns, thread, needles etc)

We will play these on Saturday evening.

Due to popular demand, I will be giving out fat quarter bundles for door prizes again.

I will be on vacation from **28 May until 6 July**, so please remember your registration is due by August 15th. And I will record them using the mailing date.

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

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

Jo Reid



TVQA FALL RETREAT

October 3, thru October 7, 2018

ST. Mary's Retreat Center

Sewanee TN 1-931-598-5342

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

Please return this registration **WITH FULL PAYMENT NLT 15 August 2018**

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

Jo Reid 3985 Old Larkinsville Rd. Scottsboro AL 35768 256-259-2442 cell#256-244-5122

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone and e-mail address _____

Roommate request _____

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

Double \$310.00 Single \$380.00

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

Double \$293.00 Single \$363.00

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

Double \$243.50 Single \$296.00

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

Double \$229.50 Single \$282.00

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

Double \$212.50 Single \$265.00

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

Double \$163.00 Single \$198.00

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

Double \$149.00 Single \$184.00

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

Double \$132.00 Single \$167.00

***** The New Building is now \$430.00/per person with 11 meals double occupancy.

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



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GUILD NEWS

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SUBMITTING GUILD NEWS:

- Send your news via email to eitvqanews@yahoo.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 of as an attachment.
- If you send pictures, please send them as attachments to your email (.jpg files preferred) and identify the activity and the people in each picture. Be sure to verify spelling of all names

COOKEVILLE CRAZY QUILTERS

Cookeville Public Library

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

We've started our year with lots of fun and fantastic quilters! Our theme for the year is Spot Light on a Quilter of CCQ. These quilters are members that have great enthusiasm for sharing their love of fabric, design, and what inspires them. We have re-met two of our members that are awe inspiring with their quilts and making some of us thing outside of the quilt!

As Mustard Seed Ranch continues to grow our members are continuing to donate quilt tops, stuffed animals, duffel bags, pillow cases, to help each to have some warmth.

Our members are enjoying the "Sewcial" Tuesdays, when we sew at the Putnam County Library, this is every Third Tuesday each month, starting at 9 am for fellowship, special projects, and mini lessons on various techniques.

Our members are continuing to work on their special projects that will be entered in our Quilt Show in November 7-9, 2018. The planning is continuing and we are all looking forward to this coming show.

Cathy Voice

Secretary, Cookeville Crazy Quilters

COUNTRY QUILTERS OF CLARKSVILLE

Montgomery Extension Services Building

(Old Cumberland Heights Elem. School Building)

1030 Cumberland Heights Road

Clarksville, TN

1st Monday 6:30 p.m.(Meetings)

The Country Quilters are busy with many projects this year. Some of the projects and challenges we have going now are:

Row by Row Quilt Challenge will consist of a row of quilt blocks which will measure 36 inches by 9 inches. There is an autumn theme for this challenge. The Row by Row Challenge will be due in September.

UFO (UFQ) Challenge Projects consist of three unfinished projects in your stash. They will be due in April, July, and November. The UFO will be required to

have a label. Members have signed up and identify what their three UFO's will be.

The Panel Challenge is what the name implies. Using a panel by incorporating it into your quilt. No size requirements and is due June 4th.

Several of our members have just finished a The Phrase Quilt Challenge. Participating members shared their quilts representing a phrase/saying, song title, nursery rhyme, or a cartoon. These quilts were many sizes. Members had fun trying to guess what each quilt was saying or representing. The quilts were as follows: 1) Eye Spy 2) Peter Rabbit 3) To Be Loveable 4) Straight From the Horse's Mouth 5) Puppy Love.

Submitted by:

Donna Jarrett

Secretary

Country Quilters (Clarksville TN)

COURTHOUSE QUILTERS GUILD

White Bluff Church of Christ

4416 Hwy 70E, White Bluff, TN

2nd Monday, 5:30 p.m., 4th Saturday

FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS

Smyrna Middle School Library

304 Walnut Street, Smyrna, TN

2nd Saturday, 10 a.m.

It's "snow" joke! When the white stuff falls, we don't want any members to follow suit, so we cancelled our January meeting due to impending inclement weather. Many spent the day quilting in front of the fireplace at home.

Love was in full bloom as we gathered for our February meeting. We began our membership drive and welcomed several visitors who joined us as members. The first installment of the guild challenge took place today as members shared some of their completed UFOs—some loved and some unloved, but finished! Over half the members of the guild participated in this month's Show and Tell. Now, that's a real reason to LOVE coming to guild. Many members continued to find ways to love their quilts by learning how to quilt on a domestic machine. Linda Cronwell taught a ruler

class, "Plan to Finish" for the February program. Love is a great motivator and reason to quilt!

Our March program came in like a lamb and went out like a lion, which is the opposite of the old adage. We began with our typical business meeting and announcements, but ended with a "Queen of the Quilt Jungle" trunk show. Lolita Rawlins, one of our charter members, presented 90+ quilts as part of her quilting story. She thanked all those who had helped her over the years to produce her collection. She shared a funny story about her Texas quilt and her high school sweetheart. She then told us about the many quilts we would not see. She has made soldier quilts, quilts for her church, baby quilts, charity quilts, t-shirt quilts, and many others. She shared her HERO project stories. One day, she decided that she would make a quilt for people she read about in the newspaper that she deemed a hero. She has made one for a Navy Seal, a breast cancer survivor, three for an Egyptian family who were moving into their new Habitat for Humanity home, one for a professor who teaches about the Holocaust, and one for a prisoner who was falsely imprisoned for 28 years. Then the show began. She shared almost ninety quilts with the guild, recalling stories about most of them. She made us laugh and cry as we celebrated the stories of Lolita's quilt life.

At the end of the show, Jeanna DeWitt and Lolita shared the beautiful labor of seven years---their completed Dear Jane quilts. Guild members were mesmerized and full of questions as the show came to an end. This party was completed with a beautiful cake commemorating the 5000+ pieces of cloth that were sewn together to make these beautiful, one-in-a-lifetime heritage quilts. What a treasure to be able to witness one of the great quilters who lives among the rest of us!

There is no better place to join in the fun, make new friends, and to learn and be inspired, than the Friendship Quilters Guild. We invite you to come make memories with us.

Submitted by Judith Thompson

GIRLS NIGHT OUT QUILTING SOCIETY

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

Girls Night Out has been quite busy since the last newsletter. Between new projects and community service projects we have kept stitching! The February meeting brought back former member Betty Deaton to show us Reading Pillows. Several members made these and included a child's book tucked in the pocket for our community service group.

March will be our Game night. This is always a fun meeting with lots of laughter and comradery. We are saddened that fairly new members Allison and Elaine will be moving away soon. However, we want to let everyone know that Allison has a sit-down Mid-arm quilting machine for sale with table at an incredible price. If anyone is interested in this, please email me and I will put you in touch with her.

Many of our GNO group are looking forward to a retreat at Hinkle Hill Retreat Center in Bell Buckle in April. Maybe next quarter I will have photos!

Until then, hope to see some of you in Pigeon Forge at Quiltfest!

Happy Stitching!
Carol McGuire
Secretary

HAPPY HANDS QUILT CLUB

2105 Midland Road
Shelbyville, TN
2nd Tuesday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Happy Hands has a busy year planned.

January was a review of attaching binding to quilts, especially joining the two ends together.

In our February program, we will be donating over 35 lap size quilts to the Bedford County Sheriff Department and the Child Development Center in Bedford county. The Sheriff's department put the quilts in the trunk of their squad cars and then, the quilts are available to use in emergencies. We will also

be giving a thank you quilt to Helen for her help at our meeting place over the last 13 years. Finger food and beverages will top off the program.

We will have a speaker telling our guild about quilts of valor. Two sample quilts of valor will be shown and then be presented at a later date.

Our challenge for this year is to use a panel to create and design either a new quilt or wall hanging. We are encouraging everyone to try new methods and to do things we have not done before.

Happy sewing!

HEARTH AND HOME

Meeting at Centertown UMC Fellowship Hall for the year beginning July 2017.
2nd Monday 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Socialize
9:30 to 12:00 Meeting & Lunch

During our February meeting we were playing catch up due to missing in January. Dianne gave us some of the warning signs for UFOs. These are the project is too big, too hard, too boring, too ugly, too painful, and finally, project is in time out. We think we all have experienced these problems. Linda demonstrated how to make an 8 Pointed Star Quilt. She is such an inspiration to all of us to try new things. Patsy demonstrated how to how to do a cross-stitch Christmas tree. Patsy is a wonderful artist and we can learn so much from her.

Our March meeting was a sew-in day. We brought our machines, sewing supplies and a couple of projects to work on. Some of our members were working on Quilts of Valor and Quilts of the Brave. Several of our members had beautiful projects to show us. It is such a treat to see their hand work. We were treated to vegetable soup by Dianne. All the ladies brought dishes to go with the soup. Everything was delicious.

Several of our members are going to Crossville for our yearly retreat in March. Barbara has been in charge of coordinating all the details for our fun time in Crossville. We appreciate all of her hard work on our behalf.

Submitted by Andrea Mitchell

HEIRLOOM QUILTERS

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

January is our month to work on Quilts of Valor and Habitat for Humanity quilts; due to weather we had to cancel our meeting. Kits will be given out later.

Our February meeting project was a Gift Box wall hanging taught by Pat Singleton.

March we will be working on Ronald McDonald quilts and pillowcases. Some may be working on the ones we were not able to do in January.

We have been asked to wear our name badges to our meetings; this will help with getting to know our new members and they to know us.

The annual Quilt Show sponsored by Heirloom, Manchester Quilting Ladies and Girls Night Out. It is good to share with the community and our sister guild members.

Judy Driver

IRIS QUILTERS GUILD

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

Our 2018 got off to an unusual start since our January meeting was cancelled due to snow! This meant that we were not able to get together – but didn't mean that we stopped sewing!

The productivity of our members was apparent when we had show and tell at our February meeting as usual. Four members showed completed tops made from the blocks they had won at the Christmas party. Many other members had completed projects to show as well.

Introducing a challenge for this year, Sharilyn presented a program on using fabric panels. Melinda contributed to the challenge by bringing in a "pop-up shop" of panels available for purchase.

Members also had the opportunity to bring in pieces of fabric that they no longer wanted and make them

available for any charity project. Once the members had taken what they could use, the remaining "orphan" fabric was donated to a program that teaches women to sew.

Also in February, Melinda gave a preview of the March program, which is a fabric bowl. Unfortunately, our March meeting was cancelled due to weather, so we will have the bowl program in April.

It is good that we have some sit 'n' sew days built into our schedule since we are having to cancel so many meetings!

LAKESHORE QUILTERS

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

January meeting was fun and exciting with President Marsha Cline greeting everyone. Committees are in place and reporting with all needs taken care of. Marsha explained this year's president's challenge that will benefit Alive Hospice. We each chose a scrap of fabric from Marsha's stash and pledged to make a quilt measuring 54x66 from our own fabrics using all the colors in our scrap piece to be given to Alive Hospice. This is in honor of Marsha's dad who recently passed as well as any of us who have used or will use hospice.

Sandy Dallman explained the programs we will be having this year and had sign up sheets for them. We will be doing a block of the month this year also.

February meeting was a delight with the Deaf Quilt Guild as our guests with Poppy Steele as their interpreter. They gave us a beautiful trunk show and told us about their organization and many details regarding the deaf and talked of their retreats. QOV chairman Claudia Moore reported we made between 16-20 quilts on our National Sew Day. Show and tell with our blocks of the month was met with great enthusiasm.

Our March meeting was met with snow and a delay in schools in the area, welcome spring! We voted and passed the idea that anyone who would like to leave their name tag with Gladys Robison to keep between meetings could do so because we are not good at keeping up with them. Our guest this month was Sherry

Browne, hand quilter. She brought 21 of her beautiful quilts to show and we asked many questions. Her work is so fine and she is full of good advice. We discussed next month's retreat, in which we have invited the Deaf Guild to meet with us, and reminded everyone about Assembly Day sign ups.

Respectfully submitted by Penny Wade, secretary

LINCOLN COUNTY PIECEMAKERS

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

Our Officers for 2018 remain the same as last year and are listed below.

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

Our January meeting found us thinking about Hearts! Our President Amy Grubb's husband is serving overseas and several of our members are sending valentines to members of his unit. We appreciate all they do.

On January 26th and 27th Linda Gentle and Amy Grubb hosted a stitching workshop where 26 or so members and friends stitched on the Swoon Quilt Block. Everyone's was different and beautiful.

February's program had Linda Gentle demonstrating the Flange Binding technique (also called Faux Piping). This technique gives the quilt added interest and Linda said her binding went on faster than the normal method.

Our March program had Judy Boles show us how she constructs her scrappy quilt backs using her scraps from her quilt and from her stash. Her quilt backs are a work of art.

We are still missing several of our members as they are still recovering from surgeries and other health issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Beddingfield, Secretary

MANCHESTER QUILTING LADIES

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

The Manchester Quilting Ladies began 2018 with snowy weather that caused a cancellation of the January meeting, but the project, making quilts for Project Linus, was completed in March. Member Shirley Saunders prepared kits for members using her bountiful collection of juvenile prints and members simply supplied the batting for the 3 ft. x 5 ft. quilt tops. The guild participates in community projects several times a year and this is just the first of several where the members have a chance to give back. The lunch planned for the January meeting was moved to March with the officers providing soup, finger foods, and dessert.

Our guild has co-vice-presidents this year, Peg Mervine and Deb Piturskis. Peg led the group in a sewing project in February. Participants made a tool caddy following a pattern available on the internet at <http://dqilts.blogspot.com/2011/06/quilting-tool-caddy-tutorial.html>. The guild provided the frames for those making the project and everyone was pleased with the result. The vice-presidents also revealed a 17th Year Challenge project to commemorate our guild's 17th year. Each member was given a paper bag containing small triangles and two fabric strips from different fabrics and in different widths. The members are to use 17 of the triangles and the 2 strips along with any of their own fabric they choose to make a quilted square anywhere from 12 inches square to 24 inches square. The design should correlate to a holiday. The items will be judged at the December meeting and prizes will be given.

With several new members, our growing guild is looking forward to a great year! As our president, Donna Costilow, says "Quilters don't make mistakes – only variations."

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Young, Secretary

MATERIAL GIRLS

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

President Patty Priest called the meetings to order. The new year came with much excitement here at Material Girls. We are looking forward to a very productive year.

Our "Colors of Healing" cancer quilt has been completed and is ready to raffle at a later date. We chose colors that support the different types of cancer. Laura Anne Simmons has been busy getting the blocks set together for the Quilt of Valor quilt.

Lisa Brown, program director, has also been busy with demonstrations including, name tags and lanyards, stamping on fabric and making weighted blankets. Martina Caudill presented tips for finishing our quilts.

Winter retreat at St. Mary's was a great success with 60 people in attendance and on smaller scale Red Rooster attendance was 14 including local decorative artists.

Rite Milner has organized a sit and sew prior to our guild meetings with both planned projects and individual items to work on. Members were excited and 18 were in attendance the first meeting.

We welcomed 2 new members Lisa Malloy and Trish Harnen. Material Girls is looking forward to a year filled with fun, growth and fellowship.

MUSIC CITY QUILTERS

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

PEACE BY PIECE GUILD

First United Methodist Church
1105 South Broad Street
Scottsboro, AL 35768
2nd Tuesday each month at 9:30 AM

We have started our year off with a hands-on class on how to make clothesline bowls. We had so much fun that many members returned to the February meeting with a plethora of bowls, coasters, hot pads and mug

rugs. They were all creative, unique, and oh so beautiful!

Our guild members are constantly striving to grow in their quilting skills. This year we are concentrating on the use of fabric color and print texture. In February, we were fortunate to have Sharon Stiffelmire come and teach a class on fabric selection, from the quilt shop perspective. She showed us how changing one fabric, fabric color or fabric print will change the entire look of your quilt. The membership brought six fat quarters each, and after Sharon's presentation she had hands-on play using them to see how fabric color and the use of print will add texture and movement to your project. We are going to put this knowledge to use by having a monthly block challenge! We will receive two block patterns a month and make two blocks of each pattern. We will choose a collection of 8 - 15 fabrics, and from that collection we will make two blocks of each pattern, placing different color/print values within the block. Here (see image in The Gallery) is the first block pattern we received, and as you can see, color placement is key to the outcome. We will receive nine block patterns, and when the challenge is complete the blocks will be pieced into our personal project(s) and then displayed in the Jackson County Fair. It is going to be so interesting and fun seeing all the different color palettes!

Submitted by Cynthia Dunn

QUILTING BEES OF MURFREESBORO

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

The Bees have exchanged mug rugs three times already this year and they are all unique and beautiful. It's a great way to get to know our members better. Our Hexi exchange is going strong, too. In February we brought in red hexies, March blue, and April will be yellow. If we bring 12 hexies every month we'll have 132 hexies by the end of the year, possibly all in fabrics we don't already own. It'll be fun to see what different quilt projects come out of the hexi exchange.

Besides exchanging hexies and mug rugs we've had a charity quilt and fidget quilt sit and sews. In February we made heart blocks. And at our April meeting we're

having a class on binding techniques taught by some of our members. Then May will bring our first class conducted by a visiting teacher - Quilt as you go. Our class in June will be painted barn quilts. Then we have 2 more classes in the fall. What busy bees we are and will be this year.

We distributed purple fabric for this year's Guild Challenge. Be sure and look for the Guilds Challenge at our annual Quilt Show "Quilts in the Boro". Speaking of Quilts in the Boro, we would love to have one of your quilts in our show. Entrant information is on our website quiltingbees.org. Our show will be August 17-18, 2018 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at Lane Agri-Park Community Center 315 John Rice Boulevard, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. See you there!

Respectfully submitted by Mare B.

SEWCIAL QUILTERS GUILD

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

The January 2018 Meeting was cancelled due to ice and snow. Our Guild was well represented at the TVQA Winter Retreat in Sewanee, TN. We had 11 ladies that attended.

The February Meeting was held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. We made Melanie Stuff-it bags, a class facilitated by Mari Paradise. A picture of the finished bag is shown in The Gallery. Members received instructions only on how to cut the fabric and not how to assemble it. That was so everyone would be working together on the bags. This was a fun project. We broke for lunch and then had show and tell. We closed our meeting with discussion of upcoming activities, new officer roles and last but not least one very important topic. "Assembly Day" on Saturday, July 21, 2018.

The March Meeting was held on Saturday, March 10. We spent the day working on Assembly Day, registered attendee gifts. "Sorry, NO hints!" We had our meeting early and it was decided, due to space restrictions, we would have to cap our membership at 33. We have started a waiting list for anyone interested in becoming

a member. We broke for lunch and then had show and tell of some beautiful quilts.

Respectfully sent by: Debbie Hornbuckle

STAR STITCHERS

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

We started the New Year of 2018 off by getting ready to host a Winter Retreat January 17-21. We also learned how to create a "No Sew Star Ornament" you can never be prepared enough for the next Christmas!

In February we enjoyed a game of "QUILTO" which was great fun with lots of prizes for all!

As we closed the quarter in March we had great fun picking the yardage for our "Christmas in July" presents, where we make a gift for another guild member with the fabric we drew. We also started getting prepared with ideas for our August Fair Booth Project, which will be quilts given to First Responders for young children/teens who are in a crisis situation.

2018 is off to a Great Start at Star Stitchers!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kellie DuPree

The Gallery



Peace by Peace block of the month project:

Sharon Stiffelmire taught a class on fabric selection, from the quilt shop perspective. She showed us how changing one fabric, fabric color, or fabric print will change the entire look of your quilt. Here is first block pattern we received, and as you can see, color placement is key to the outcome.

(See more details of the challenge in their article above.)

Sewcial Quilters:

Claresa Harrison shows her Melanie Stuff-it bag, made in a class facilitated by Mari Paradise



The Gallery



Manchester Quilting Ladies: Peg Mervine led the group in a sewing project in February. Participants made a tool caddy following a pattern available on the internet at <http://dqilts.blogspot.com/2011/06/quilting-tool-caddy-tutorial.html>.



Friendship Guild: Lolita Rawlins and Jeanna DeWitt were so excited to finish their "Dear Jane" quilts that they brought a cake so everyone in the guild could celebrate with them. (See their quilts on next page.)

The Gallery



Friendship Guild: -

Above: Jeanna DeWitt shows her "Dear Jane" quilt

Below: Lolita Rawlins shows her "Dear Jane" quilt



Tennessee Valley Quilter's Association
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Meeting Location:

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

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