

Quilting Bees Newsletter Update November 8, 2024

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



Award



Bee Members present were
Suzie Gortmaker, Karen Dye,
Carol Tessmer and Carol Burnett

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

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

Calendar of Events

Bell Buckle is hosting their annual Quilted Christmas, also known as the **Bell Buckle Quilt Walk**, on Dec 6 & 7. The Bees will display members' quilts at 306 Maple Street from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is free. The tour begins at the Filling Station Pavillion located on Main Street, where maps can be obtained. More information can be found on their website at <https://bellbucklechamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024-Quilted-Christmas-Press-Release.pdf>

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

Respectively submitted by
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