



Quilt Talk



Gulf States Quilting Association

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The President's Circle

Is Your Glass Half Full?

The halfway point of the passing year can be a time to reflect on all the positive experiences, or a time to wonder where the time has gone. Most of us are somewhere in between.

As president, I make the same kind of assessment for GSQA, which has a long tradition of sharing our quilting heritage in many forms. Our Facebook page, newsletter, and expanded website post information about our activities and share photos. Our educational calendar continues to expand with the addition of workshops before general meetings. Another successful Seminar and our Beckwith retreat were the highlights of our first quarter of 2017. GSQA members generous with their time and talents have made this all possible.

On a personal note, the Opportunity Quilt has been quilted and as flooded friends return to their sewing rooms, I am finding the time to work on quilting projects closer to my heart. So yes, my glass is MORE than half full.

As always, I'd love to hear your suggestions—think *"GSQA begins with me."*

Renee

Member News

Circuit Teacher Marilyn Rose has been recognized as one of Mississippi's Outstanding Quilters for 2017 by the Mississippi Quilt Association. Congratulations!

GSQA Activities

July 20 and 21, 2017 - Workshop with Annette Ornelas

July 22, 2017 - GSQA Quarterly Meeting - Columbia, MS.

August 19, 2017 - POE - Biloxi, MS.

September 30, 2017 - POE - Franklinton, LA.

October 21, 2017 - GSQA Quarterly Meeting - Covington, LA.

January 2018 - GSQA Quarterly Meeting - Baton Rouge, LA

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Pursuit of Excellence (POE)

The next scheduled POE is in August 19, 2017. It will be hosted by the Biloxi Lighthouse Quilters.

It will be held in Biloxi, MS at the City of Biloxi, MS Community Development Building, 676 Dr. Martin L King Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530

September 30, 2017 POE will be hosted by the Queen Bees.

It will be held in Franklinton, LA at the Victory Baptist Church, 19548 Mc Cain Rd 1, Franklinton, LA 70438

Starting at the July General Meeting in Columbia, MS –

POE will set up a table with some of the past projects/classes that were presented at past POEs. Someone will be at the table to show/demo projects, answer any questions and collect information for future POEs.

Looking for locations for 2018 and 2019.

If your guild would like to host a POE I'll be happy to talk to you with more details. It's very easy to host a POE –

Please send your application to Paula Mathews.

Applications and information can be found at

www.gulfstatesquilting.org

If you know of locations for hosting further POEs, please contact Paula Mathews at
palm55@bellsouth.net
601-467-7059

POE = FUN & LEARNING

Upcoming General Meeting Information

July General Meeting Information

July 22, 2017

Hosted by Picayune Piecemakers and Jessie's Girls

Saturday Meeting location

Woodlawn Church
1452 Hwy 98 E
Columbia, MS 39429

Motel information

Magnolia Inn
816 Hwy 98 bypass
Columbia, MS 39429
Phone # 601-424-4400
Email: www.magnoliainncolumbia.com
Room Rates for July 20 – 22, 2017
Single Queen - \$59.00 plus tax
Double Queen and Queen Suite \$69.00 plus tax
Call and reserve your room(s).

Speaker for General Meeting

Annette Ornelas
Southwind Designs
<http://www.southwindquilts.com/>

The charity of the day is the local animal shelters. Appropriate items will be accepted as well as monetary donations.

Lunch, Jambalaya (pork and chicken) with potato salad or cole slaw will be served for \$7.00 a plate. Preordering is requested by contacting Paula Mathews at 601-467-7059 or palm55@bellsouth.net. Some orders will be taken that morning but preordering is preferred.

DIRECTIONS for July General Meeting

If Traveling along I-55 take EXT 20-Hwy 98E towards Tylertown

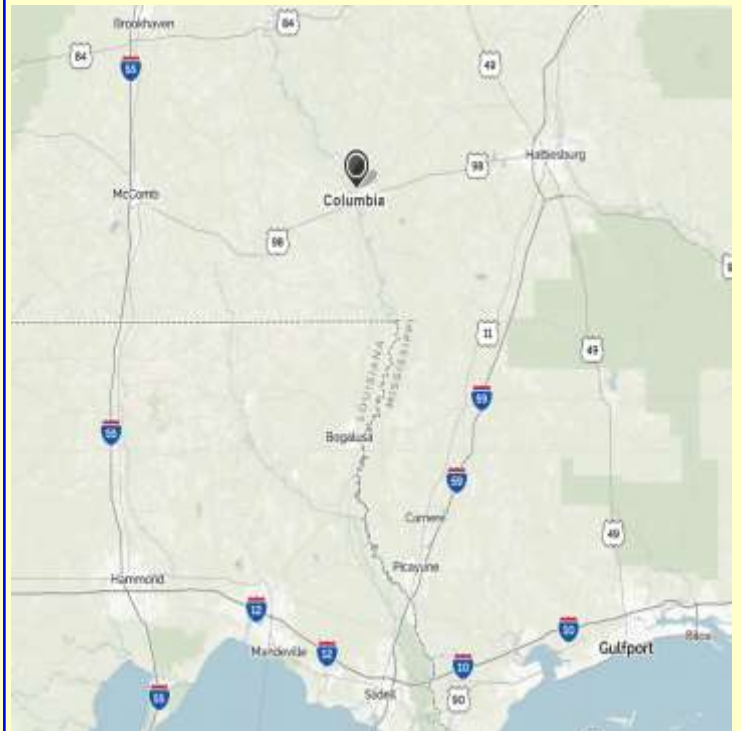
If Traveling along I-59 towards Hattiesburg, MS take EXT. 65 – Hwy 98 W (Columbia & Hardy St)

If Traveling along Hwy 49 towards Hattiesburg, MS take EXT. 67 onto I-59 to Hattiesburg (Hwy 98W Columbia) then take EXT. 65 – Hwy 98 W (Columbia & Hardy St)

If Traveling on Hwy 98 EAST or 98 WEST

Stay on Hwy 98 (4 lane) until you get into Columbia

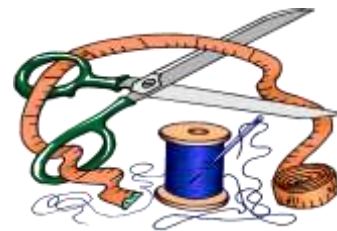
Woodlawn Church is on the Hwy. Look for sign. Next door to Mack Grubbs Dealership and across the Hwy. from Keith's superstore gas/quick stop.





General Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2017



The quarterly general meeting of Gulf States Quilting Association was held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Community Center, Amite, LA. President Renee Hoeprich called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. President Hoeprich asked for all cell phones to be silenced. Charles Berry opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Hoeprich thanked the host, Queen Bees Quilt Guild. She recognized guests, first meeting attendees, and new members. There were 149 members and 21 guests present at the meeting.

Minutes – Recording Secretary Mary Ellen Leingang read an abbreviated version of the minutes of the January 28, 2017 General Meeting. Sheryl Bordelon made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Jill Whipple seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Loretta Webre read the treasurer's report covering the period January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

President – President Hoeprich recognized the following outgoing board members who were not in attendance at the January 2017 General Meeting:

Fran Fletcher, Kay Guillot, Jane Ramee, and Cindy Baucum

President Hoeprich also recognized GSQA member accomplishments including Susan Mogan who was a winner at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY and numerous members who participated in the Bridge Over Troubled Waters distribution. Renee also announced that there will be a memorial for GSQA members who passed away in the past year. She asked for members to submit names to be included in the memorial. President Hoeprich also announced the title of the Opportunity Quilt. Cheryl Armstrong submitted the winning name, Dancing Gardens. The blocks were selected at seminar and the completed quilt will be displayed at the October General Meeting.

President Hoeprich also announced that the General Meeting Minutes are now included in the newsletter and are available on the web site. The Board Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report are available upon request.

President Elect – Roberta Wilson reported on the status of completed and in process charity sew quilts.

Past President – Cindy Champagne announced that she is in the process of creating a nominating committee for upcoming open board positions.

POE – Paula Mathews announced that the next POE is May 6, 2017 in Gulf Shores. Another POE is scheduled for August. Details will be available in the next newsletter and on the GSQA webpage.

Seminar – Gaye Smith reported on the recent seminar. There were 119 students registered with four cancellations. There were seven teachers and six vendors. The nine opportunity basket ticket sales reached almost \$1,000. Gaye is also asking for suggestions for teachers for the next seminar.

Retreat – Cindy Champagne announced that the winter/spring retreat is February 2018 at Beckwith. She is looking for a place in Mississippi or Alabama for the fall retreat (September) which can hold about 50 attendees.

Quilt Show – Laura Broders announced that there are many opportunities for volunteers for the Quilt Show and Rosebud Luncheon. The show is April 13-14, 2018 and the luncheon is April 7 at the Crown Plaza in Kenner. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Ways and Means – Glenda Spikes announced that she has patches, pins, and thimbles for sale. Throws are \$12 and bags are \$10. Glenda is looking for a quilt guild to volunteer for the next Lotto Blocks.

Marion Maerke – Candy Bergeron announced that she is seeking nominations for the Marion Maerke scholarship. There will be one winner and one alternate. The deadline for submission of nominations is July 31, 2017. The Marion Maerke committee members are Judith Wheeler, Carolyn Carte, and Kay Guillot. Information on submitting nominations can be found on the web site.

Membership – Cena Harmon reported on the number of new members, and member and shop renewals over the past three months. In total there were 36 new members, 163 member renewals, 2 new shops and 5 shop renewals resulting in 661 members and 20 shops. There are 48 member guilds. Cena reminded all to sign up or renew for two years.



General Meeting Minutes continued

April 22, 2017



The Reading is Quiltamental exhibit is going to the Bay Oaks Quilt Show in May. It is available for display until September at which time it will be dismantled. The special exhibit for the 2018 Quilt Show will be Name That Tune. Submissions should be a small quilt no larger than 8" in diameter representing a song. Contact Cena to submit an entry. There will be a limit of 42 songs.

The Traveling Teacher Program for 2018 is Gail Garber. She will be in the GSQA area for two weeks. April 23, 24, and 25 are the dates still available for guilds to schedule a class.

Circuit Teacher – Liz Linebrink reported on the number of circuit teacher classes scheduled this year. Liz also announced that effective July 1, 2017, the price for a class will be increasing to \$25 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.

Lotto Blocks – Rose Corder drew names for the Lotto Blocks. The winners were:
1930's – Loretta Webre
Sports – Roberta Wilson
1800's – Mary Ellen Leingang
Amethyst – Louise Porter
Patriotic – Dan LeBlanc

Workshops – Gaye Smith reported that there will be two workshops with Annette Ornelas prior to the July meeting in Columbia, MS. There are limited spots available on July 20 and 21, 2017. The price per class is \$45.

Newsletter – In the absence of MaryAnn Caruso, Cindy Champagne requested information for the newsletter and reminded members to utilize the GSQA Facebook page.

Media – Cheryl Armstrong asked for information from guilds to be shared on the website. Cheryl is also handling parts of the publicity position at this time. Renee Hoeprich informed members that there is an opening for Publicity Director and asked if anyone is interested to contact her.

Historian – In the absence of Angie Madden, Renee Hoeprich reported that GSQA information is now going digital. Historical information will be stored on an external hard drive in an attempt to streamline storage of information.

Program – In the absence of Therese Springer, Roberta Wilson reported on programs. The July 22, 2017 general meeting will be in Columbia, MS. Annette Ornelas will be the speaker. She does Dimensional Curved Patchwork or Peeled Back Applique. The October 21, 2017 meeting will be held in Covington, LA. Rhonda Dort from Texas is lined up to be the presenter. She creates quilts with vintage linens and laces.

Door prizes were distributed.

Gaye Smith introduced speaker, Sandy Turner. Sandy presented an interesting display of her quilts utilizing large print fabrics.

At the conclusion of the presentation, announcements were made regarding upcoming quilt shows in Leesville/Ft. Polk and Baton Rouge. Charlene Berry of Holy Trinity Triple Negative (HTTN) Foundation thanked The Giving Quilt for over 30 quilts donated to the foundation.

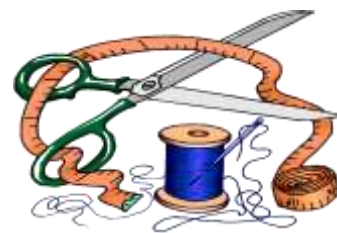
There being no further business, Loretta Webre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bettie Frisbie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen Leingang
Recording Secretary



General GSQA News



GSQA Seminar is Looking for YOU!

Do you teach programs for your local guild? Do you frequently change quilt patterns to make them totally unique and different from the original? Do you have a new way of doing an old technique – a new way to use a ruler, a new way to piece blocks, a great organization system for your scraps and fabrics? Have you mastered a particular skill or technique? Can you explain why these colors pop and sizzle, but mixing those colors makes a muddy mess? Do you share your knowledge with others?

If you answered “YES!” to any of those questions, then GSQA is looking for you! We are looking for talent among our members to share with other quilters during GSQA Seminar 2019.

The Teacher Selection Committee for GSQA Seminar 2019 is looking for *original ideas* which will become classes. If the proposed idea uses a pattern, it must be an original pattern, created by the person submitting the proposal. The class must be sufficient for a six-hour/one-day class. Classes which are current or past circuit teacher offerings are not eligible, but a proposal may become a future circuit teacher class.

Over two-thirds of those attending Seminar 2017 completed and returned their Seminar Evaluations. The top most requested techniques were: Wool Applique, Machine Quilting, Hand and Machine Applique, Paper Piecing and English Paper Piecing, New York Beauties and Starburst-type quilts. One of these techniques might be the jumping off point for your proposal.

Brain-storm your ideas and write a concept that clearly defines *what* is being taught, the *goals* the student will have met by the end of the class, and whether the class is a *project or a technique class*. Submit your proposal to Gaye

Smith by October 1, 2017 to the address below. The Teacher Selection Committee will review the proposals by the end of October and will contact each submitter. If the Teacher Selection Committee feels a proposal will appeal to a wide range of GSQA members and fits within the other classes being considered for Seminar 2019, the submitter will be asked to complete the proposed concept and submit a final product by January 15, 2018.

I look forward to hearing from YOU!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gaye Smith
9251 Jennifer Lynn Rd
Denham Springs, LA 70706
brlotrfan@yahoo.com

Workshop, anyone?

GSQA will not be organizing a workshop with our October speaker Rhonda Dort. I wanted to give our affiliated quilt shops and member guilds plenty of notice if they wish to host a workshop with her.

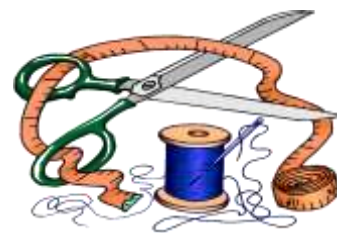


Opportunity Quilt

The quilting is finished.....*Dancing Garden* is on its way to being ready for its October general meeting unveiling! Many thanks to quilter Donna Estes of Denham Springs, LA for working her magic.



General GSQA News Continued



On the agenda: by-law change needs your vote

At the July 22nd general meeting, the membership will be asked to approve a proposed change to section 2 of Article VIII (Meetings) of our by-laws. Currently, a board meeting quorum is established by the presence of any four of the seventeen board members (with one being the President or President-Elect). The change would require the presence of four ELECTED board members before board business can be conducted.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1. General meetings shall be held quarterly in January, April, July and October. Notice of general meetings shall be given not less than seven days before the time of the meeting. A quorum shall be 10% of the total membership.

Section 2. Board meetings will be held as often as deemed necessary, but not less than four times a year. A quorum of not less than four ELECTED members, one of which must be the President or President –Elect, will be required to conduct business.

Section 3. All board members shall be required to attend a minimum of three board meetings as well as three general meetings annually.

If you have any questions regarding the proposal, please let me know.

Renee Hoeprich

CELEBRATE THE LIFE . . . CHERISH THE MEMORIES

A 3rd annual memorial remembrance will be held at the October 21 General Meeting, recognizing those GSQA Quilt Guild members we have lost during the past year, remembering their importance to the quilting community, and bringing some level of closure to their passing.

If your guild has lost a member since last October's memorial, please send that name and the name of your guild to Cindy Baucum by email (theanchorage@att.net) or phone (504) 214-6048, prior to October 15 so that they may be included in the memorial reading of names. Do not assume that someone else in your guild has submitted a name so that we do not overlook a member's passing, as has regrettably happened in the past.

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New Teachers and New Classes

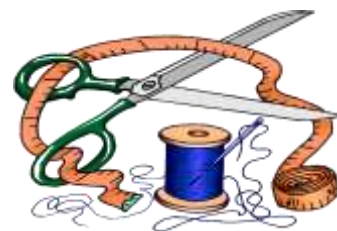
If you haven't checked the website now is the time to do it, we have a new teacher and new classes. Now is the time to schedule your classes we will be having a class increase effective 7-1-2017, all classes booked before that date will be at the current rate no matter what the date is.

Our teachers are Rhonda Blasingame, Dorinda Evans, Connie Ewbank, Marie Fuselier, Julia Graber, Sherry Herringshaw, Judy Holly, Beth Jessup, Liz Linebrink, Angie Madden, Marilyn Rose, and Michael Young.

Also make sure to check out the guidelines when booking classes and please follow them, especially the timelines. they are there for a reason. If you have any questions please call. Liz Linebrink 601-590-4367



Marion Maerke Scholarship



Marion Maerke Scholarship for Seminar 2019
Nominations Requested!

There are probably several people in your guild that you admire for their contributions to the quilting community. You can show your appreciation by nominating one of them for the Marion Maerke Scholarship award. The deadline is July 31, 2017. So get those nominations submitted now!

The scholarship is the highest honor awarded by GSQA. The recipient will attend the 2019 Seminar with registration and class fees paid, first choice of classes, and a room and meal allowance. The alternate will receive the Seminar registration fee, tuition for 1 class and first choice of classes.

The GSQA website has all the information and forms to complete the nominating process.

Current GSQA Board members and members of the Marion Maerke Scholarship Committee are not eligible and may not submit nominations.

Committee Chairman: Candy Bergeron, 225-936-2238 or candy.bergeron@gmail.com.

Committee Members: Judith Wheeler, Carolyn Carte, Kay Guillot.



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Marion Maerke Scholarship Award Nomination Instructions for GSQA Chapters

The scholarship award is the highest honor awarded to a GSQA member. It indicates active participation in quilting, as well as stimulating and encouraging others in all things relating to quilts and quilt making. It also reflects volunteer services to the quilt chapter, quilting organizations and projects that benefit the community.

Nomination: Guilds may select and nominate one of their

members for this scholarship award by submitting a nominating letter signed by two guild officers. A letter may be written and signed by two GSQA members, if the nominee is a member-at-large.

Selecting a Candidate: The quilter must be an active member of good standing in GSQA for a minimum of two years prior to nomination. Nominee should reflect many of the characteristics mentioned in the above paragraph. Nominee must be aware of and accept the nomination, agree to mail his/her information on the Marion Maerke Scholarship Award Nominee Application Form to the Marion Maerke Scholarship Committee prior to the deadline date of **July 31, 2017**.

Nominating Letter including the guild's choice of candidate should include:

- Name and address of the guild
- Name and address of the nominee
- Number of years nominee has been active in the guild
- Description of participation of the nominee in guild activities, including offices held and other leadership roles
- Why the member was selected as nominee
- How you think this nominee will share the experiences, skills and knowledge gained by this scholarship with other members in your guild and with quilters who are not members of your guild.

Deadline: This letter and both parts I and II of the Marion Maerke Scholarship Award Nominee Application Form (no email, please) should be mailed so that it is received no later than **July 31, 2017**.

Marion Maerke Scholarship Committee
Candy Bergeron
14009 Mill Settlement Trace
Port Vincent, LA 70726

MARION MAERKE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NOMINEE APPLICATION FORM

Complete and mail both Part I and Part II

Name _____ GSQA # _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Part I: Complete the following form and include as much information as possible. If you need more space, continue on a separate sheet of paper.

PARTICIPATION IN GSQA

Number of years in GSQA _____

Seminars attended (years) _____

Quilt Shows: Attended (years) _____

Entered quilts _____

List ways you helped at the shows (e.g.: docent, banquet, registration, auction, ribbons, hanging quilts, receiving or returning quilts. _____

Circuit Teacher classes attended _____

Pursuit of excellence classes attended _____

Served as GSQA officer, board member, committee chairman or committee member _____

Other _____

PARTICIPATION IN GSQA GUILDS: (for each guild list name, city, state, number of years, participation, (e.g., officer, committee member, etc.) _____

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER QUILTING ORGANIZATIONS (e.g., NQA, AQS, etc) List each organization, number of years you have been a member _____

PART II: On a separate sheet of paper write your personal quilting history, philosophy, goals, a collection of your thoughts, feelings, etc. about quilting. Include ways you could stimulate and encourage quilters to further their knowledge of all things relating to quilts and quilt making through sharing the experience and classes provided to you by this scholarship.

This completed form and letter should be mailed so that it is received by the scholarship committee no later than **July 31, 2017.**

Marion Maerke Scholarship Committee

c/o Candy Bergeron, 14009 Mill Settlement Trace, Port Vincent, LA 70726

Membership Renewal/Application Form

Gulf States Quilting Association

2017

Name (Please Print): _____
(First) (Initial) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone #: _____ **Cell Phone #:** _____

Email: _____

Important: May we send your Quilt Talk by email OR U.S. Mail?

Purpose of submittal: Change Information Renewal New Member Jr. Member

Current GSQA Membership Number (if applicable): _____

Check the line that applies to you and write the information on the line(s), if applicable:

_____ I belong to the following guilds: _____

_____ I am not a member of a quilt guild and will be considered a Member at Large.

_____ I would like to join a guild in the _____ area.

I have enclosed payment for the following:

Dues at \$20.00 per year (\$5.00 for Junior Member) for _____ year(s) = \$ _____ Total amt. enclosed.

Please make check payable to GSQA and mail to:

Cena Harmon
1035 Farmington Road
Pensacola, FL 32504-7037

Send questions/problems to me at:

cenaharmon@mac.com

Date received: _____ Cash/M. Order/Check #: _____ Amount: _____ Date of Deposit: _____

Date entered in database: _____ New Expiration Date: _____ Date Membership Card mailed: _____

Quilt Shows and Activities

Please join your fellow quilters
for these events.



Magnolia Quilter of Orange Grove Quilt Show "Sands of Time"

September 22-23, 2017, 9am-4pm

Beauvoir United Methodist Church, Biloxi, MS.

Our opportunity quilt is a disappearing hourglass designed to represent the Blues of the Gulf and transitioning to the Browns of the Beaches.

Tickets are \$1 each and are available from all Magnolia Quilt Guild members or contact Marsha Robertson at bbean33@bellsouth.net

Magnolia Quilters of Orange Grove

present

"Sands of Time"



100" x 100"

\$1.00 Opportunity Quilt Tickets Available at the Quilt Show
or from any Magnolia Guild Member

Drawing at 3PM • September 23, 2017 at the Quilt Show

3rd Biennial Quilt Show

September 22-23, 2017

Friday & Saturday

9AM - 4PM

Beauvoir United Methodist Church

2113 Pass Rd., Biloxi, MS

Quilts, Door Prizes, Special Exhibits, and Vendors

Admission \$2.00

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