



Quilt Talk



Gulf States Quilting Association

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The President's Circle

The Fifth Season

Everywhere I've lived there is a fifth season. In Chicago, it was late spring and Construction Season; in San Diego, the summer for locals starts in late August, when the water truly warms up and the tourists have gone home. For southern quilters, it is Retreat Season.

Let's play a game. *You go on a one-month quilt retreat—what will you accomplish?* (think now, out loud, what you would do). If you're not planning to attend retreat with friends, you can certainly try to set aside some time at home to duplicate the experience. It might mean cooking meals in advance or trading babysitting time with a friend.

By stating your intent, you've taken the first step. My answer to the question will definitely take me longer than a four-day retreat to accomplish, but in a moment of complete fancy, I spoke from the heart.

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

Renee

Thank You 2017 POE Hosting Guilds!

Camellia Quilters – March

Island Quilters – May

Biloxi Lighthouse – August

Queen Bee – September

GSQA Activities

September 30, 2017 - POE - Franklinton, LA.

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

January 2018 - GSQA Quarterly Meeting - Baton Rouge, LA

February 2018 - POE - Looking for a locations for 2018 POEs.

April 7, 2018 - Rosebud Auction/Raffle and Luncheon - Crowne Plaza, Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA.

April 13 – 14, 2018 - GSQA 2018 Quilt Show, "Dancing Garden" -

Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell, Louisiana

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Pursuit of Excellence (POE)

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

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

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POE = FUN & LEARNING

Thoughts and Prayers

Rhonda Dort was scheduled to speak in October but unfortunately her home was flooded by Hurricane Harvey. Please keep Rhonda and all other Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma victims in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming General Meeting Information

Program Information

Carol Ann Jaynes is now a resident of New Orleans. She is a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor. Her early years were filled with needlepoint, clothes sewing, knitting, crocheting and counted cross stitch. In the 1990's a friend got her into quilting which eventually led her to Judy Niemeyer patterns. Carol will present us with an awesome trunk show.

DIRECTIONS TO COQUILLE PARKS & RECREATION

13505 Highway 1085

Covington, LA 70433

From the East (Slidell)

Take I-12 West toward Covington and take Exit #57 (Madisonville/Goodbee). Continue north on LA-1077 for ½ mile. Turn right at the traffic circle onto Hwy 1085. The gym is on the left, next door to Hannan High School.

From the West (Hammond)

Take I-12 East to the Madisonville/Goodbee exit #57. Continue north for ½ mile on LA-1077. Turn right at the traffic circle onto Hwy 1085. The gym is on the left, next door to Hannan High School.

From New Orleans/Causeway Bridge

Once you exit the Causeway Bridge, stay straight on US-190/Highway 190; merge onto I-12 West toward Hammond. Take Exit #57 (Madisonville/Goodbee). Continue north on LA-1077 for ½ mile. Turn right at the traffic circle onto Hwy 1085. The gym is on the left, next door to Hannan High School.

CHARITY OF THE DAY

Please bring **toiletries**—small size, travel size, sample size— toothpaste, soap, floss, shampoo, powder, deodorant, etc. that will be given to the homes that support women who have been rescued from human trafficking. This is a growing problem in this area that no one likes to talk about. A number of our members are working to help break this dangerous cycle by volunteering, teaching & counseling.

These items help make these women's lives a little easier. Cash donations will also be accepted.

COVINGTON MOTELS

An Art Festival is going on this weekend so rooms may be hard to find.

The **Chateau of Covington** (previously the La Quinta) is located at **200 Pinnacle Parkway**, Covington, LA 70433. Phone 985-893-5478 Rooms are \$99+ tax (+/-)

Holiday Inn Express is located at **69354 Stirling Blvd. Covington**, LA 70433 Phone 985-892-9811 Rooms are \$132.95 plus tax (+/-) Use the Sam's Club address in your GPS: 69630 Stirling Blvd.

These two are the closest to the meeting site, but we will be happy to send other names to you. Email Anne Sarchie at sarchie@bellsouth.net for more information.

A little farther from the Coquille Center are Best Western Northpark, Courtyard by Marriott, Hampton Inn, and Clarion Inn to name a few.

LUNCH ORDERS

We will be ordering box lunches from **Panera Bread**. If you would like one, please email Anne Sarchie at sarchie@bellsouth.net by **Monday, October 16** with your preference. You will have a choice of Ham & Swiss, Turkey or Mediterranean Veggie. Each comes with a chocolate chip cookie, bag of chips and a dill pickle. **Cost is \$10** and can be paid in cash at the door on Saturday before 10 am.

If you do not wish to order lunch with us, there are a number of fast-food places nearby.

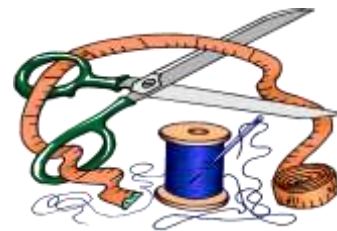
Thanks so much to Ozone Layers Quilt Guild for hosting this meeting.

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General Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2017



The quarterly general meeting of the Gulf States Quilting Association was held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 in Columbia, MS. President Renee Hoeprich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Charlene Berry.

President Hoeprich thanked the host guilds, Picayune Piecemakers and Jessie's Girls for arranging the meeting location. New members, first meeting attendees, and guests were recognized. Attendance at the meeting was 138 members and guests.

Minutes - Recording Secretary Mary Ellen Leingang read abbreviated minutes from the April 22, 2017 General Meeting. Lucy DeHarde made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Ilaine Hartman seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership.

Treasurer - Loretta Webre read the Treasurer's report covering the period April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

President Hoeprich reminded members that the minutes of the general meetings are on the web site and published in the newsletter. She also announced that the Board Meetings are open to the membership. The next board meeting is September 9, 2017 in Biloxi, MS.

Historian - Angie Madden announced that the GSQA Board approved a change to Article VIII, Section 2 of the By-laws to require the quorum for a board meeting to consist of elected board members. The change reads as follows: 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.

MOTION – Kathleen DeRoche made a motion to accept the change to the by-laws. Rita Lufkin seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership.

Past President - Cindy Champagne introduced the members of the Nominating Committee: Paula McKenna, Cindy Baucum, and Charlene Berry. She introduced the nominees for President-Elect and Treasurer. There being no additional nominations from the floor, Cindy Champagne asked for motions to close nominations as follows:

President-Elect: Alysia Williams

Motion to close nominations for President-Elect was made by Ilaine Harman and seconded by Paula McKenna. The motion passed by a vote of the membership.

Treasurer: Gaye Smith

Motion to close nominations for Treasurer was made by Claudia Washington and seconded by Huldah Ingram. The motion passed by a vote of the membership.

The nominating committee did not have a nominee for Secretary and asked for any nomination from the floor. Candy Bergeron nominated Connie Day for Secretary. Angie Madden made a **motion** to close the nominations for Secretary. Holly Fink seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership.

A **motion** to accept the slate of officers was made by Angie Madden and seconded by Elaine Gosselin. The motion passed by a vote of the membership.

President – President Renee Hoeprich introduced incoming president Roberta Wilson. Renee reminded the membership about collecting Hobbs batting labels, soft drink tabs, and bed in a bag plastic cases and requested volunteers to hold quilts during show and tell. Renee reported that the Opportunity Quilt will be displayed at the October meeting at which time tickets will be sold and contributors recognized. The quilt needs to be appraised before obtaining a license to sell raffle tickets. Renee also asked for a show of hands of those who would be interested in a beginner and/or advanced EQ7 class at seminar. Renee also recognized Marilyn Rose for being named MQA Outstanding Quilter for 2017.

Incoming President - Roberta Wilson provided status on the charity quilt tops and kits. There are 90 tops in the pipeline and five kits available today.

October Memorial – Cindy Baucum is in charge of the memorial to be held at the October general meeting to remember GSQA members who have passed away in the past year. Please contact Cindy with the names of anyone from your guilds who need to be included in the memorial. GSQA would also like to recognize any current or active quilters in the military.

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General Meeting Minutes continued

July 22, 2017



Marion Maerke – Candy Bergeron announced the Marion Maerke committee members and read the details of the scholarship awarded to the winner and alternate. She reminded the membership that the deadline for submission is July 31, 2017. The winner and alternate will be announced at the October general meeting.

POE – Paula Mathews reported that there are two POE's scheduled. The next POE is August 19, 2017 in Biloxi, MS with another September 30, 2017 in Franklinton, LA. Paula announced that she is looking for locations for 2018 and 2019. Contact Paula if your guild is interested in hosting a POE.

Retreat – Cindy Champagne announced that the fall retreat will be November 10, 11, and 12, 2017 at Judson Baptist Retreat Center. Minimum attendance is 20 with maximum of 40. Cost is \$155 for a double room. The winter retreat is February 2, 3, and 4, 2018 at Beckwith. Maximum number of attendees is 44. There is a sign-up sheet available to reserve your spot with a deposit.

Quilt Show – Laura Broders reported on the status of preparations for the 2018 Quilt Show. There are still opportunities available for those members who would like to volunteer. Laura also asked members to enter quilts in the show. There is a non-judged category for those who do not want their quilt judged. On-line registration will be available for the 2018 show. Laura also reported that the Rosebud Luncheon tickets will be available at the October and January general meetings. The maximum number of tickets available for the luncheon is 160.

Seminar – Gaye Smith reported that the teacher selection committee is working on scheduling teachers for the 2019 seminar. The committee would like to include local teachers from the GSQA membership. Gaye would like anyone who would like to be considered for a teaching position to send information to her.

Ways and Means – Glenda Spikes announced that the new GSQA bags are available in eight colors for \$12 each. Lotto blocks are still available for purchase.

Media – Cheryl Armstrong requested that members continue to send her information and pictures to add to the web site.

Door prizes were awarded and lunch break began at 11:30.

Meeting resumed at 12:15 with additional door prizes

awarded.

Membership – Cena Harmon reported that as of July 19, 2017, there were 626 members in good standing. Shop and member guild renewals have been posted on the GSQA website. Cena also reported that there are 42 entries for the quilt show challenge, Name That Tune. The Reading is Quiltamental display is retiring after display with Magnolia Quilters. Cena also reported that there is an open date of April 16 for a class with Gail Garber, the GSQA traveling teacher.

Circuit Teacher – Liz Linebrink reported that there have been 10 classes booked for 2017 with six already having taken place. Liz introduced the following circuit teachers who presented overviews and samples of their classes: Rhonda Blasingame, Beth Jessup, Marilyn Rose, Marie Fuselier, Dorinda Evans, Sherry Herringshaw, Angie Madden, Connie Ewbank, and Liz Linebrink.

Newsletter – There was no newsletter report.

Program – Therese Springer reported that Rhonda Dort will be the program at the October 21, 2017 general meeting in Covington. Rhonda's program will be on antique linens. There will not be a workshop prior to the meeting. The January 27, 2018 meeting in Baton Rouge will have Cena Harmon for the program. She will describe her technique called Fauxgello, using striped fabric. Therese announced that she has meeting locations through April 2018 but needs guilds to host the July and October 2018 meetings.

Name tag drawing winner was Maria Morrow. Additional door prizes were awarded.

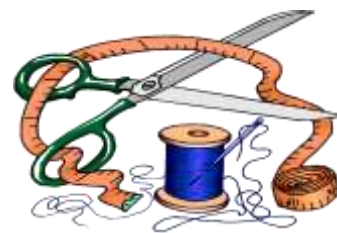
Therese Springer introduced speaker Annette Ornelas. Annette showed her beautiful quilts using her orange peel applique technique.

Announcements – Announcements were a community sew day in Baton Rouge on August 26 hosted by The Giving Quilt. Old Man River Fest will be in Vicksburg, MS. The Stitching Post in Hattiesburg is offering 20% off today for GSQA members.

There being no further business, Claudia Washington made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Rose Corder seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the membership. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. followed by Show and Tell.



General GSQA News



GSQA 2018 Quilt Show News

GSQA 2018 Quilt Show, April 13 – 14, 2018, "Dancing Garden"

Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell, Louisiana

NEW: On-line registration for 2018 Show to be available through GSQA website, www.gulfstatesquilting.org, December 10, 2017 – January 10, 2018 (dates may change slightly; check website) ; submit digital image of quilt (s) entered; less paperwork for you; data entry for volunteers kept to a minimum; while not preferred, paper registration also available with photo paper image of entry(ies); issues still open: credit card payment option, in addition to check payment; will keep you informed.

More volunteers are needed for the 2018 Show. While much planning and organizing is already in place, many committees that support the Show have requests for our members to participate. Some require help in advance; some the week of and/or days of the Show. Please let me know if you are interested in meeting and working with old and new friends while sharing your skills and talents with your Association. Let me know your interest and I will pass it on to the committee chairs.



Committees:

Rosebud Auction/Raffle and Luncheon:

April 7, 2018: Crowne Plaza, Williams Boulevard, Kenner, Louisiana

Need chair to solicit guilds and receive and store raffle gift baskets until luncheon and set up raffle gift baskets before luncheon.

Publicity: volunteers to distribute 2018 Show flyers and sell Opportunity Quilt Raffle tickets in their communities.

Intake of quilts: volunteers to receive quilts before April 7, 2018 Rosebud luncheon at Crowne Plaza in Kenner,

Louisiana.

Judging: volunteers to hold/fold quilts and take notes during

judging the days of April 9 – 10 (maybe morning of April 11), 2018, at Northshore Harbor Center in Slidell, Louisiana

Special Exhibits: work with Cena Harmon to set up and host "Name That Tune" Display during Show, April 12, 13 and 14, 2018

Opportunity Quilt raffle ticket sales: all members are encouraged to purchase and ask family and friends to purchase tickets to support Show and GSQA's Mission.

Community Sew/Service Quilt Program: volunteers to bring and/or solicit:

- quilts before April to donate to the Community Sew Project that gives quilts to Slidell/St. Tammany Parish area fire fighters, police and other emergency personnel and shelters to give to children and adults in need;

- fabric for quilt tops to be sewn during Show; all fabric welcome; specifically seeking 2 ½" strips, batting and fabric for backing and binding of completed tops.

Show volunteers/Docents needed to work during show in 2-3 hour increments.

Display/ Hanging of quilts: volunteers needed Thursday, April 12 (day) and Saturday, April 14 (5 – 6:30 p.m.)

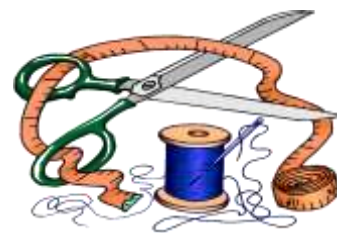
Door Prizes for Attendees: volunteers to solicit gifts from shops, guilds and individuals, including on-line businesses

Thank you,

2018 Show Director Laura Comiskey Broders, email - GSQA2018@gmail.com



General GSQA News Continued



Election Results

We have our newly elected officers for 2018 in place... almost.

At the July general meeting, Alesia Williams (President-Elect), Gaye Smith (Treasurer) and Connie Day (Secretary) were elected by acclamation.

However, the motion to close nominations for President-Elect was seconded by a member of the Nominating Committee. So we will put this motion to the floor again, and then move forward with a new motion to accept the slate of officers.

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Marion Maerke Scholarship Award for Seminar 2019

The Marion Maerke Scholarship Award is the highest honor given to a GSQA member! Please join us at the October General Meeting when the winner and the alternate of this year's award will be announced. We, the committee, want to thank and congratulate the nominees and their nominating guilds. They, along with past nominees and recipients, will be recognized at the meeting.

Candy Bergeron, Scholarship Committee Chairman
Judith Wheeler, Carolyn Carte, and Kay Guillot –
Committee Members

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.

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New Teachers and New Classes

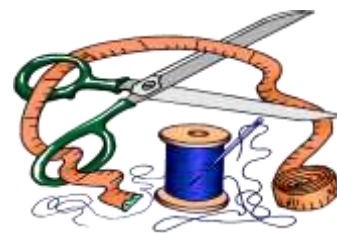
If you haven't checked the website now is the time to do it, we have a new teacher and new classes. Now is the time to schedule your classes we will be having a class increase effective 7-1-2017, all classes booked before that date will be at the current rate no matter what the date is.

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



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Below is a list of the Quilt Shops that are members of GSQA. Thanks so much for their support.

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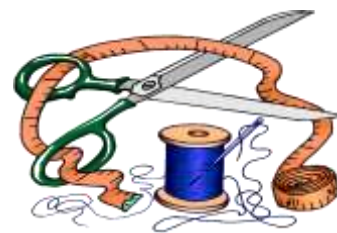
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Pensacola Quilters Guild

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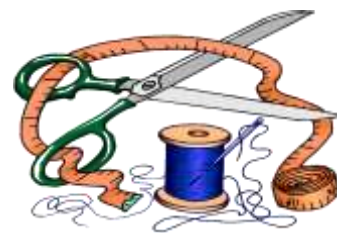
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Member Guilds



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