



# Quilters By Heart's Desire

**November 2023**

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## QBHD MEETING

November 20, 7:00 p.m.

Potluck  
&  
Heart Exchange  
Show-N-Tell



Hello Quilters –

What a fantastic guild birthday celebration, thank you Karen Petrignani for the delicious “Husband’s Delight” dessert (one of my favorites). I was excited to see the creations of those that participated in the 2023 President’s challenge, everyone did a great job and each creation was definitely unique. What a talented group of ladies we are blessed to have in our group!

2023 is winding down with our holiday potluck and “heart exchange” during our final meeting of 2023 on November 20th. I look forward to seeing what “heart” ideas everyone has come up with.

We are currently working on programs for 2024 and hope to have a fun and interesting line up. I hope that each of you have shared what you would like to see or learn at our monthly meetings. It is your guild and programs are to encourage you to try something new, finish those UFO’s, learn about a technique, tool or ruler that will make our craft easier or more enjoyable. Sharing knowledge of those that have been quilting for years and those that are new to quilting that just might teach our expert quilters something new

Good luck in getting those “Made with Love” Christmas gifts and quilts ready for the holiday season.

Happy Quilting,

Patricia Welsh

## QUILTERS BY HEARTS DESIRE October 16, 2023 Minutes

President Patricia Welsch called our meeting to order. She welcomed guest, Marlene Dennis, Jackie Watkins's cousin from Louisville, Kentucky.

Ellie Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. Ruby Lowe seconded this motion. All approved.

Treasurer Karen Pettrigiani informed us that we have \$2,020.89 in our treasury.

Patricia mentioned that the MQA gathering will be held in Biloxi October 20 and 21. There is a shop hop, many vendors on site, and an exciting program. The spring gathering will be held at Co-Lin in Brookhaven February 9 and 10.

Polly Duggan head of the Border Patrol, along with her deputies, Ellie Martin and Cindy Pannier, presented a program on the Constructed Fabric Border (or making a border out of crumbs).

Ellie presented her blocks based on the book *Fifteen Minutes of Fun*. These blocks can be made on a foundation or not. She takes strips of fabric, makes a block of about four inches or so, then adds a frame log cabin style. Sometimes she adds a strip of flannel for a tactile touch. Now, sometimes those blocks would be centered and sometimes they would be offset for a very organic look. These blocks could be chain-pieced together, then affixed as an outer border to the quilt. Or, they could be assembled together as the quilt itself. Ellie uses these creations in different ways. She gives these little gems (no batting, but backed with minky) to newborns along with her poem about the uses for the quilt.

Polly Duggan presented her Halloween wonky stars with foundation blocks for borders. She said we could repurpose used dryer sheets for this purpose, almost as one of those quilt-as-you go methods, but only with the dryer sheets or a foundation fabric. She used these on a curved seam quilt she had made. She also used this method with a pentagon type quilt where she just kept adding strips to the pentagon shape.

Cindy Pannier used orphan blocks (crumbs???) around a beautiful Japanese Lantern quilt (taught by Martha Ginn). As I recall from a previous presentation, a lot of these blocks were not only leftovers from previous quilts, but also blocks that she had made in classes that she had taken during her quilting journey.

President's Challenge – to use our initials to make a wall hanging. The initials were to represent the pattern, color, and quilting.

Jackie Marie Watkins showed us her art style Moons Over the Mountains using warm colors, Moon Over the Mountain inspiration block, and Jiggety Jaggety quilting.

Sarah Gayden Hammond talked about her Christmas jeans.

Marlene Toon Dennis showed us her Fall Quilt conveying movement, thread painting, deep dark colors, yet the softness of the yellow dandelion, and straight-line thread painting.

Ann Tullos's quilt had a tessellation type design in ecru using applique. Her boys had made her a sign for Ann's kitchen. She decided she needed a sign for her sewing room.

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Patricia Welsch created her flowered quilt with white as her background, paper pieced pinwheels, and used swirly lines for her quilting.

Ruby A. Lowe used red, arrows and quilted lines to create her wall hanging.

Polly Duggan created *An Ode to Applique or Never Too Late* as she incorporated a Nancy Pearson 2001 class project, an applique by machine 2010 project, and a back basting applique 2013 class project in her purple quilt.

We were reminded that our November meeting is always our heart exchange and holiday meal. Everyone brings a dish to share with the others, and no one goes home hungry. As for the heart exchange, Patricia handed out heart patterns as a suggestion for the heart ornament we can make. Anyone who makes an ornament will go home with a different one. We were instructed to put the ornament in an unmarked brown paper lunch sack. We were reminded that at our last holiday meal, there was a wreck that knocked out the electrical power. The meal was eaten by "flashlight", and so we were jokingly reminded to bring a flashlight in case it happened again.

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Show and Tell

Marlene Dennis has been visiting with her cousin Jackie Watkins. She showed the many projects that she had finished so far during her stay: It's a Wrap, a pillow cover made from a tea towel. Wrapped around that was an appliqued skinny-legged turkey. The closure is a strip of Velcro. This is a monthly project that represents the seasons, for instance an Easter bunny, Thanksgiving turkey, Santa, pumpkin, and so on. She had also completed a Christmas tree wall hanging, the tree shape being made with 90 green buttons. For a hospice quilt, she completed a 36 x 48 quilt using a Christmas panel surrounded by charm squares and strips. She long arm quilted this quilt herself, a first for her. Dorinda Evans quilted her lavender butterflies and flowers quilt, and Marlene had finished binding it.

Pam Beard was about to finish her pink and green embroidered baby quilt which she will have to give away before our next meeting.

Rose Lowe made a beautiful flowered pink quilt for her 92-year old neighbor's birthday. The pattern is from a book called *Just Can't Cut It*.

Polly Duggan had finished a twisted ribbon owl quilt and a UFO from October of 2011, which she called *America the Beautiful at Christmas*.

Unopposed Officers were voted on and affirmed. We are grateful for their volunteer service to our guild.

Ellie Martin announced that 14 veterans received quilts in the sanctuary of Briarwood Church as part of the Quilts of Valor initiative.

Jackie Watkins  
Acting Secretary

**Dates to Remember**

**Rankin County Sit-n-Sew**

Friday, December 1st

**QBHD Meeting**

Monday, January 15, 2004



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

# Heart Exchange Instruction pattern

## HEART EXCHANGE

QBHD has a "Heart Ornament" exchange each year. The idea is to make a heart no bigger than the one illustrated. You may use any needlework technique that you choose but we encourage you to try an aspect of quilting. The heart can be divided and seamed at any given place. Let your creative urge fly. The exchange works in such a way that when you bring a heart to the December meeting you will anonymously choose a heart made by another member to take home. Please sign your hearts with your name and the year as a continual reminder of fellowship for the person who receives your heart.