

Quilters By Heart's Desire

April 2023

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Quilters—

Though our March meeting was on the first day of Spring, the temps have been questionable and the rain plentiful.

After Lucy's fantastic program on foundation paper piecing, I hope that everyone has given it try. It may take a few attempts, but the results will be nice sharp points.

Our April program will be on Quilt as You Go quilts, program lead by Polly Duggan. QAYG allows you to fully complete your quilts with your domestic machine. The plus is learning free motion quilting, if you chose, a block at a time.

I would like to thank those that stepped up during the March meeting to fill in for me in my absence. Your thoughts and prayers while my sister had been ill and hospitalized were greatly appreciated. The beautiful cards received have been encouraging during the loss of my sweet oldest sister Sally Parsons.

God Bless and Happy Quilting,

Patricia Welsch

QBHD MEETING

April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Quilt as You Go

Polly Duggan



Border Lessons

Show-n-Tell

QBHD Retreat

April 21s & 22nd



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March 20, 2023

Vice President, Pam Beard called the March meeting to order on Monday, March 20th 2023 at St. Marks Methodist Church. She welcomed our new member, Alicia Wallace and 2 visitors, Beth Sonnier, and Linda Wolf. Lucy Large passed along a message from Patricia Welsch asking us to keep her sister, Sally in our prayers.

Linda Jabour made a motion and Ellie Mills seconded it, to accept the February meeting minutes published in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

Karen Petrigani gave the Treasurer's Report We are starting the year \$90 in dues were collected last month so our current totals is \$1600.93

MQA Report: The Summer Gathering is June 2nd & 3rd in Raymond at the Eagle Ridge Conference center. More information is available on the MQA website is mississippiquilt.org.

The QBHD retreat is April 21st & 22nd here at the church.

Border Patrol: Polly presented Top Tips From 10 Top Teachers. She also recommended the now out-of-print book The Quilters Ultimate Visual Guide by Rodale.

Door prizes were given to Doris Mathews and Sherrye Mathews.

The program for the evening was Paper Piecing Tips & Tricks by Lucy Large. She showed us paper piecing using both paper and freezer paper. She then asked Marilyn Rose to show the technique she uses with the MJ Kinman Gemstone blocks she makes. After the presentation, members were invited to show their own paper piecing projects. Marilyn Rose, Polly Duggan, Linda Jabour, Pam Avara, and Cindy Pannier showed off their paperpiecing.

Additional door prizes were won by Nancy Jones, Linda Wolfe, Bobbi Simon, and Cindy Pannier.

Nancy Hosford, Jackie Watkins, Marilyn Rose, Ellie Mills, Ruby Lowe, Pam Avara, Sarah Hammond, Polly Duggan and Ann McDonald brought numerous projects for Show-n-Tell.

Next month the program is on Quilt-As-You-Go led by Polly Duggan

Pamela Avara

QBHD Secretary



Paper Piecing Tips

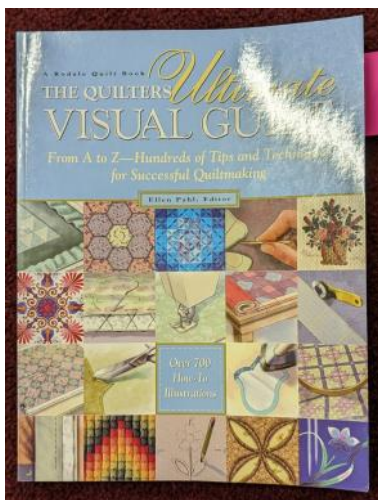
- Shorten Stitch Length—1.5—1.7
- 90 Needle



Polly Duggan, Cindy Panier, Marilyn Rose, Linda Jabour

Border Patrol — Top Tips

- Design your borders proportional to the quilt block size, plan ahead, feature something from the interior of the quilt.
- Buying and piecing solid borders—if possible lcut from lengthwise grain of fabric, sew with diagonal seam.
- Measure the center of the quilt, pin the middle and ends of the border and ease in if necessary,.
- Add a 1/2” to 1” inner border to frame the design and stabilize the center.



The Quilter's Ultimate Visual Guide has other tips, but is out of print.

Show – n—Tell



Nancy Hosford—Fusible Birds



Jackie Watkins—Quilt on a Quilt,
Meet my Mississippi



Marilyn Rose, Plaidish. She's teaching this
at MQA in June.

Show – n—Tell, Con't.



Ellie Mills



Ruby Lowe—Roman Holiday



Pam Avara—Chilhowie



Polly Duggan—Rag Fur Jacket by Ami Simms

Dates to Remember

4/17— QBHD Meeting at 7:30

Quilt as you Go

4/21 & 4/22—QBHD Retreat

5/15—QBHD Meeting at 7:30

Auction - Sew It, Make It, Bake It, Grow It

6/2 & 6/3—MQA June Gathering

Sarah Hammond—
Embellished Shirt



2023 President's Challenge

Your challenge if you chose to participate is to make a quilt, the size of your choice, but no smaller than a wall hanging – 18" x 24", using your **three** initials. [Initials utilized are your choice, as some of us have more than three.]

One initial should represent the main color

Another initial should represent the pattern or block

The third initial should represent the quilting motif

Any initial can be *any* of the above items.

Creative license allowed with colors and quilting motifs (ie blue can be aqua, stipple can be meander, etc.)



Ann McDonald—Calico Cats