



# Quilters By Heart's Desire

## October 2023

### 2023 Officers

President	Patricia Welsh
Vice President	Pam Beard
Secretary	Pamela Avara
Treasurer	Karen Petrignani
Historian	Doris Matthews
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### QBHD MEETING

October 15, 7:00 p.m.

Birthday Celebration &  
President's Challenge Reveal

Border Patrol

Show-N-Tell

Hello Quilters –

Haven't the milder temperatures been a blessing! Fall is finally making its way to Mississippi. Our flowers and shrubs have suffered terribly from the lack of rain, but it's now time for them to hide for the winter.

What a great September program of Pam Avara and Ann Fox sharing their gorgeous quilted sweatshirt jackets. Hopefully some of us were inspired to make our own. They looked so warm and cozy. I keep designing one in my head, but unfortunately that is as far as it has gotten.

October is our guild's birthday month. Members of Quilter's by Heart Desire will be celebrating during our October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with birthday cake. The program will be the revealing of the 2023 President's challenge. I can't wait to see what everyone has created. I know each creation will be as unique as each of you are. This is such a talented group of quilters and artists.

The MQA Fall Gathering is October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> in Biloxi. I understand it has been a long time since the meeting has been held on the MS Coast. So, I'm looking forward to a few days near the beach. Hope to see you there!

Happy Quilting,

Patricia Welsch

### 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.)



## QUILTERS BY HEARTS DESIRE September 18, 2023 Minutes

President, Patricia Welsch, called the August meeting to order on Monday, September 18, 2023 at St. Mark's Methodist Church. Ellie Mills made a motion to accept the minutes and Ruby Lowe seconded the motion. We had one visitor, Susie Guiton who moved her from Atlanta.

Treasurer, Karen Petrigani, reported our current balance is \$2020.89. \$72 was raised in last month's raffle. MQA sent out a blitz on the Fall Gathering. Be sure to check out the website for more information.

As the current officers have agreed to continue their role, no nominating committee will be formed. This was accepted with a large round of applause.

Next month is the reveal of the President's Challenge. The instructions are on the website and included in each month's newsletter.

### **BORDER PATROL: Flying Geese**

Polly Duggan and Lucy Large showed several examples of borders of with flying geese — both traditional and migrating geese. Polly showed us a one seam dimensional goose.

### **Program: Pam Avara & Ann Fox—Quilted Sweatshirts**

Pam brought in numerous sweatshirts and Ann Fox passed out instructions on how to make a sweatshirt with a mosaic design. Polly also showed us her sweatshirt.

### **Show-N-Tell**

Beth Sonnier, Jackie Watkins, Ruby Lowe, Pam Avara and Anne Tullos all brought in Show-n-Tell.

Pamela Avara  
QBHD Secretary



**Border Patrol**  
**Polly Duggan and Lucy Large**



**Show and Tell**  
**Jackie Watkins—Turning Twenty, Pizza Box, Fish**



**Ruby Lowe— Quarters Square, Pillow, Bag**



## Show and Tell

**Pam Avara—Squedge 18, Halloween Whimsy, Crystal, Tara**



**Beth Sonnier—Iron Caddy & Ann Tullos—Starflower**



## Dates to Remember

**MQA Fall Gathering—October 20 & 21, Biloxi**

**Rankin County Sit-n-Sew—November 11**

**QBHD Holiday Party and Heart Swap—November 20**

MQA is organizing a QOV block drive as part of the 2023 Fall Gathering in collaboration with [Mississippi Quilts of Valor](https://www.mississippiquilts.com). We encourage all our members and local guilds to contribute by making one or more Split Back Star blocks! Blocks can be turned in during the Fall Gathering. Block instructions available at <https://tinyurl.com/5972uj5y>.



## MQA 2023 Fall Gathering QOV Block Drive



SUPPORT  
QUILTS OF VALOR AND OUR VETERANS  
MAKE A QOV BLOCK!

- 2023 QOV block pattern available at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/5972uj5y>
- Turn in your blocks at the Fall Gathering, send with a friend, or submit by mail!
- One Block = One Prize Entry
- Must be present to win!

MQA Fall Gathering  
October 20-21, 2023  
Northside Assembly of God  
14901 Lemoyne Blvd.  
Biloxi, MS 39532

# 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.