



Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Newsletter

January 2017



Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to our Bay Oaks Quilt Guild members! If you haven't already, please don't forget to turn in your 2017 membership application and dues (\$15). We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year!

Our biennial Quilt Show is in May. We are hoping for another awesome show. We encourage our members to enter as many of their quilts as they'd like. Nervous about being a beginner quilter? No worries! If you've completed a quilt, big or small, be proud to show it! People enjoy looking at all kinds, and we all start somewhere. There is no entry fee, you need only be a guild member in good standing and have not previously shown the quilt in a Bay Oaks show. There are viewers' choice ribbons awarded based on votes of show attendees.

Special thanks to all who turned in their board evaluation forms and submitted ideas of what techniques/skills they'd like to see for future program nights. It is not too late for this type of feedback. If you want to learn a particular technique (or teach one), please let the board know.

What I make with my hands...

I give of my heart...



A hometown quilt with quite a tale of history is shared with Bay Oaks Members at our Christmas meeting.



T-Shirt quilts are great mementos for students and athletes.

January Program Night

There has been a **change for the January 26th program night**. If you've already selected your 30" and 40" squares for the self-binding baby blanket, hang on to them for February's Program night. This month, Diana will present two projects she learned at a recent Pursuit of Excellence (POE) day: A project carrier and a Lemoyne Star.

Here is the supply list:

Project Carrier

1/2 yard of fabric
1/2 yard of Flannel fabric-a neutral color is suggested
1 yard of fusible interfacing
1 pkg of 1/2" bias tape
Tubing (will be provided for a small fee)

LeMoyne Star

For an 8 " star, cut the following:
8 pieces of white background 2 7/8" x 4 1/2"
8 pieces of white background 2 1/8" squares
4 pieces red for star 2 1/8" x 4 1/2"
4 pieces blue for star 2 1/8" x 4 1/2"

Bring Basic Sewing Supplies

Machine and a zigzag foot
Mat
Ruler
Cutter
Extension cord
Marker that will show on red and blue fabrics

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Hancock Food Pantry at the Christmas party. We raised \$217! We also collected several charity quilts. Giving back to our community is one of the most rewarding things we do as a guild. Thanks so much for your contributions! It makes a difference!

Current Membership & Financials

Our treasurer reports a current balance of \$3511.74 as of 1/2/17. We currently have 44 members (assuming they all renew this month).

New Board

President: Martha Slee

Vice President: Therese Springer

Secretary: Rena Krol

Treasurer: Denise Catone

Membership: Barbara Scott

Hospitality: Kay Gough

Newsletter & Webmaster: Venessa Saucier

Quilt Show Needs

Opportunity Quilt tickets: Our opportunity quilt is our main fundraiser. We usually raise enough to cover show expenses as well as give sizeable donations to 3-4 local charities of the Guild's choice. You can get tickets to sell from Kay Guillot. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Program Ads: It costs around \$500 to print a program with write-ups of all of our quilts in the show. Typically, our ad sales will pay for the program. Our ad prices are very reasonable, and give businesses exposure to all who visit our show. We have typically had 200-300 visitors visit our show (selling point!). You'll find the form, attached. Fill out the information, collect the appropriate amount, and give to Venessa Saucier (who is handling our programs this year).

Quilt Entries: If each member were to show at least 3 quilts...we'd have a fantastic show! Quilts will need to have a sleeve attached on back (to run a hanging rod through), and it will need a tag on back to help identify it. We will have a process in place for quilt intake and release back to owners. Please stay tuned for details, as we take every precaution to ensure each member's quilt gets back to them after show. We encourage you to turn in your entry forms as early as possible. Deadline is April 13th to Therese Springer.

Need Help? We'll be polling members in January to see if there is a desire and need to have a program night or sit-in-sew event (pre-show) to teach members how to sleeve & prepare quilts for show. If you need help in this area and are not attending January's board meeting, please let one of the board members know. If there are many who need this we'll schedule a group event. If only a couple, we may just connect you with an experienced member for a one-on-one session.

Quilting Tip:

Chain piecing. Not only does chain piecing save a lot of time for quilters, but it also helps to save thread. To chain piece, sew a set of fabric pieces together, stopping just before the edge of the fabric pair. Without removing the fabrics from the presser foot, prepare and add another set of fabrics. Begin sewing the next pair without clipping threads. Chain piecing goes even faster when the paired pieces have been prepared and stacked, and are ready to sew in large groups.

Upcoming Events

28 January: GSQA General Meeting, 10am, East Baton Rouge Parish Library - Main Branch

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