



Bay Oaks Quilt Guild

Meets 6:30 PM, 2nd & 4th Thursday

Diamondhead Baptist Church
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<http://bayoaksquiltguild.blogspot.com/>

Treasurer's Report

On February 14th as previously recommended during the audit, all funds were transferred into a new Hancock Bank free community checking account. A complete report will be delivered by the treasurer at the February business meeting.

March Birthday

Bobbie Y March 4th

Judy Holley Machine Quilting Class on March 7th

Judy Holley, GSQA Circuit teacher, will present an all day machine quilting class for our guild on March 7th.

Please remember to bring your own drinks for the day. The Guild will provide Dominos Pizza for lunch, along with paper plates and napkins.

CLASS DESCRIPTION:

An overview of various machine quilting techniques. Spend the morning straight-line quilting a small project from your stash, nothing special, one of those UFO's or some orphan blocks, stitched into a small quilt. After lunch experiment with various free motions techniques on a self-prepared muslin sandwich, approximately 30" square.

Supplies:

- Sewing machine in good working order with all attachments, instruction book & extension cord. Darning foot required for free motion work. Walking foot is optional.
- Basic sewing supplies
- Long Ruler for marking a grid
- Fabric marker of some kind (chalk, pencil, blue washout marker)
- Safety pins, 200-300
- Cotton batting, 80% cotton or 100%, either one
- Normal sewing thread, whatever you usually use

Fabrics:

- Bring a small quilt, already sandwiched, to practice in the ditch & grid quilting, nothing special. Two orphaned blocks set with alternating plain squares, sashed and bordered are perfect.
- To practice free motion work bring a prepared muslin sandwich at least 30" sq.

Both pieces should be pin-basted with safety pins before coming to class.

Block of the Month

Pizza boxes (to keep your blocks of the month neat and tidy) will be handed out at the March business meeting. Remember that your first blocks are due at that meeting (March 12th). There will be a prize drawing at the BOM completion for those who completed **all** the blocks on time. If you will miss a business meeting,

make sure that you give your finished block(s) for that month to another member so you get credit for being on schedule.

Due on April 9th

Santa block with trees on page 37

Small block with three trees on page 47

Twisted Branches Class on March 26th

Class Description:

Last summer at a MQA Gathering, Therese learned the technique for Twisted Branches from Jackie Watkins. Students learned to create their own one-of-a-kind art quilt of tree branches by twisting fabric together. As with any new technique, a student is limited only by her imagination!

Supply List:

- A quilted background of sky fabric only just slightly larger than you want for your finished creation....just enough extra so you can square up your picture when finished. For class I suggest it be about 9 x 12. A simple meandering is all that is necessary.
- Strong quilt pins (at least a 100 or more)
- Styrofoam board larger than your background (The June Tailor Cut n Press works well.)
- Strips of one-inch wide pre-washed (very important) batiks. Can be all different lengths; 6 inches is not too short. All colors of browns, some dark greens, even oranges and dark purples (if you so choose) (the more shades of colors, the more interesting the results). Five or six fat quarters should be enough. We can trade strips with other participants if you'd like. You will not use a full fat quarter of each fabric.
- Sewing machine and extension cord
- Several machine needles at least size 70/10
- Machine thread in a color (probably a brown) to blend with most of your fabrics.
- Needle and thread if you prefer to attach ends of branches by hand instead of machine
- Chunky beads (browns, beiges, greens) for embellishment. Wal-Mart has fashion naturals #34834-04 and BD51392 as a suggestion. These can be small chip-like almost rock looking
- FireLine in smoke color or any appropriate "thread" to use for applying beads (Therese used her sewing thread.)
- Scissors
- Thimble
- Rotary cutter
- Ruler 24" long
- Mat (at least bigger than your quilt sandwich)

Are You Interested in Serving on a Guild Committee?

We are still looking for members interested in serving on the Ways and Means Committee and the Community Service Committee. If you are interested, please notify Carol Rivolo at the next meeting.

Ways & Means: The Ways and Means Committee is to present ways to promote Bay Oaks Quilt Guild to the public as well as the means to sell and/or get publicity for the guild's completed projects.

Community Service: This committee is to ascertain and present to the Board ways the Guild can be of service to the community at large.

Tip of the Month

This tip of the month comes appropriately from our librarian, Carol Rivolo, and has to do with how to organize all those quilting magazines and articles that tend to pile up or lie around the house. We've all likely torn articles out of our quilting magazines and saved them for "later." But even those can be hard to sort through when you're trying to find that just-right pattern. Carol scans the pages and saves the file with a descriptive

name in her computer. That way she can easily search using key words and quickly find the exact pattern she needs.

Mark Your Calendars

March 7 th	Machine Quilting Class with Judy Holley, GSQA Circuit Teacher 9 am, Diamondhead Baptist Church
March 11-15	GSQA Seminar at Marriott Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA
March 26 th	Therese teaches Twisted Branches
March 27-28	“Quilting on the Square” Quilt Show Canton Convention and Visitor’s Center, Canton, MS 601-856-7887
April 9 th	Spring 10 “Square Fabric Exchange
April 18 th	GSQA General Business Meeting- Birmingham, AL
April 22-25	AQS Show in Paducah, KY
May 2 nd	Cotton Theory Quilting Class with GSQA Circuit Teacher
May 16 th	Bay Oaks Shop Hop- shops to be determined
July 9 th	Summer Square 10” Fabric Exchange
June 5 th – 6 th	Azalea City Quilt Show- Mobile, AL
July 25 th	GSQA General Business Meeting- Lafayette, LA
July 31-August 1	MQA Educational Seminar with M'Liss Rae Hawley, Hattiesburg, MS. Mariner’s Compass
October 15 th – 18 th	Houston International Quilt Festival
June 18-20, 2010	GSQA Quilt Show at the Harbor Center, Slidell, LA

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SHOW AND TELL