



Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Newsletter

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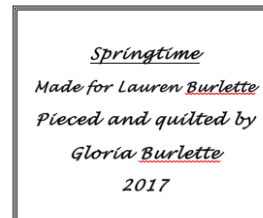
March Program Night: Sleeves, Labels, & Binding Tutorials

Since we have a quilt show coming up and a lot of new members that have joined us, our March program night will be presented by multiple members teaching us how to attach sleeves to our quilts (for hanging in the show); how to make quilt labels, and how to finish your quilt with binding.

A note from Gloria Burlette about labels:

You can make your label using Word on your computer and sew in printer fabric. You can also import a photo of your quilt and open a text box to add your information. You can easily change the font, color of the font and add a border or clip art to make a simple label. The printer fabric has easy to use directions and is all cotton.

I will bring my computer and printer and some printer fabric and show how to do both. I will be able to make about 6 labels so bring your info and we will make a few simple labels. I will be glad show you how to use your photos in your labels at a later date.



Book Quilt Auction – Library Fundraiser Results

All of the book quilts submitted for the library fundraiser were bid on for a grand total of \$495. However, one quilt was never picked up/paid for which brought the proceeds to a total of \$470. The unclaimed quilt was returned to its maker. Here's a list of each quilt & how much was bid on it. A sincere Thank You to all who participated!

1. Fifty Shades of Grey, Sue Rountree \$25
2. Call of the Wild, Sue Chamberlain \$50
3. Fried Green Tomatoes, Gretchen Fleming \$25
4. Horton Hears a Who, Martha Slee \$25
5. Game of Thrones, Martha Slee \$25
6. 2 Bee or Not 2 Bee, Betsy Tuttle \$25
7. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Chris Jarrell \$35
8. The Sunflower, Melba LaCaze \$25
9. Chicken Little, Faye Keller \$25
10. Green Eggs and Ham, Mary Beth Dunn \$25
11. Rooster's Off to See the World, Therese Springer \$25
12. Michael Vey, The Prisoner of Cell 25, Kathy Newton \$25
13. Olivia Saves the Circus, Kathy Kleppner \$25
14. Four Fish, Rena Krol \$55
15. One Fish, Two Fish, Gloria Burlette \$25
16. Harry Potter, Venessa Saucier \$55

Quilt Show

Quilt Entries due April 13th to Therese Springer

Sell Ads! Venessa will be collecting April Meetings!

Sit-N-Sew Dates

March 4

April 1

May 20

Sit-N-Sew events are at the Kiln Library. Bring a project to work on & enjoy each others' company. You can bring a lunch or make a Subway run. Typically 9am-3pm; May do entire time or part of the time. Bring your machine, rulers, cutting utensils, fabric, etc.

Quilting Tip:

INCREASE ACCURACY

Sewing a precise 1/4" seam is the most important tool a quilter can have. To save time and avoid frustration be sure you are always sewing accurate 1/4 seams. While many machines come with specialty 1/4" feet, these also need to be tried and tested to be sure they are accurate. To test your seam allowance sew and then measuring the width of the seam with an acrylic ruler. Another way to do this is to rotary cut three 1 1/2" x 5" strips of fabric. Sew them together with your 1/4" seam. Press the seams open and measure the width of the middle strip from the right side of the fabric. The middle strip should measure exactly 1" wide. If this measurement is not correct, cut new strips and continue to make adjustments until your seams are 1/4". Some machines allow the needle to be moved to the right or the left, and often it's possible to make an adjustment by simply moving the needle.

Also note that some quilt patterns call for a "scant" 1/4" seam allowance which means that your seam allowance should be just a thread's width smaller than a true 1/4". Make adjustments as described above for this type of 1/4" seam when it is called for.

Quilting Tip Credit: Craftsy

Read more here: <https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/10/favorite-quilting-tips-and-tricks/>

Upcoming Events:

18 March: Arts Alive, Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS

22 April: GSQA General Meeting, Amite, LA; Speaker: Sandy Turner from Spirit Lake, Idaho

6-7 May: Stars Over The Bay Quilt Show, Bay Oaks Quilt Guild, Bay St. Louis, MS

22-26 August: Old Man River Quilt Festival, Vicksburg, MS

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