



Bay Oaks Newsletter

March 2024

March Business Meeting

The March business meeting was held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Kiln Library with 21 members in attendance.

Membership

The Guild has 47 members with 35 membership renewals for 2024. Sherrie Q and/or other members will contact those in arrears.

Sew’N Draw

Michele M held Sew 'N Draw on Saturday, February 17th, in the Kiln Library Meeting Room from 9am - 3pm. The pattern was Shuttered, a freebie from the Fat Quarter Shop, using Mardi Gras colors with a white background. Michele brought the background fabric. Members brought 2 fat quarters of Mardi Gras fabric to the Sew’N Draw meeting. If people already had some 10” squares cut in the Mardi Gras colors or patterns, they could bring them. Michele brought her go cutter to cut 10” squares.



Delivery of Cut Pieces



Sewers at Work



Cutters at Work



Completed Shuttered Quilt Top



Members With Finished Shuttered Quilt Top



Completed Quilt at the Quilt Show

Sharon B won the Shuttered Quilt Top. Sew 'N Draws will be held on May 25th, July 20th, and September 21st. More info to follow.

Gloria B stopped by to show a quilt she finished from winning the quilt top from a previous Sew 'N Draw. She added borders, applique, and embroidery to finish the quilt.



Finished Quilt at Home



Close Up of Applique and Embroidery

February Program Meeting

The Program Meeting was held February 22nd to work on the 2025 Opportunity Quilt. Nineteen members and three visitors came and worked on portions of the Opportunity Quilt as directed by Chair April H. Members brought sewing machines, cutting items, and ironing items.

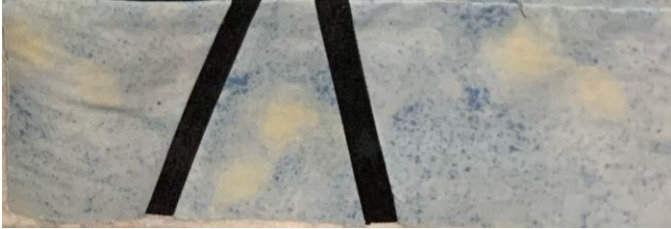
Kay G worked on the Drunkard's Path Magnolia block with Martha S. Kay drafted the pattern for the Magnolia in a program called Electric Quilt 8 or EQ8 from a Pinterest image that April H provided. As of February 26, 2025, **all hundred 3 1/2" blocks** are completed, but the final magnolias need to be put together.



Marsha R was the team leader for the bird blocks. She used a bird pattern she already had. She brought instructions and cut fabric pieces. Michele M, Therese S, and Jill W sewed bird blocks in sections.



The Body



The Legs



Bird Facing Left



Bird Facing Right

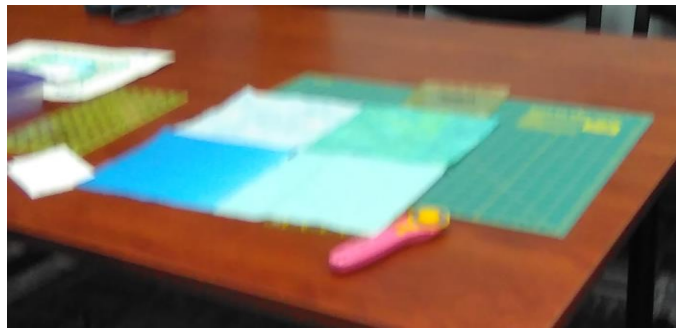


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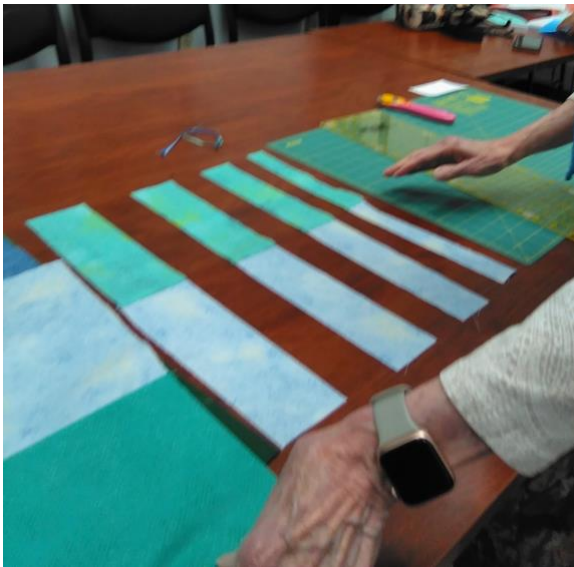
April H was the team leader for the Convergence Blocks – design from a Ricky Tim book. She brought completed samples to show as well as the 9-inch squares to use to create the final blocks.



Four 9-inch square blocks were sewn together - 2 light colored and 2 dark colored. See below.

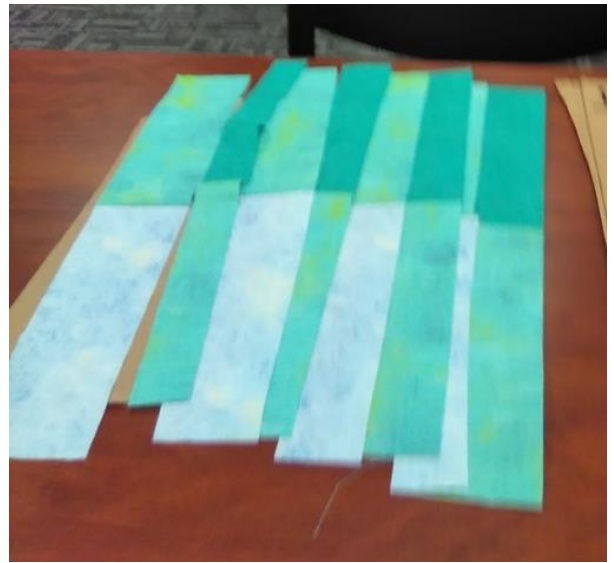


Then strips were cut from the new block using a width pattern.

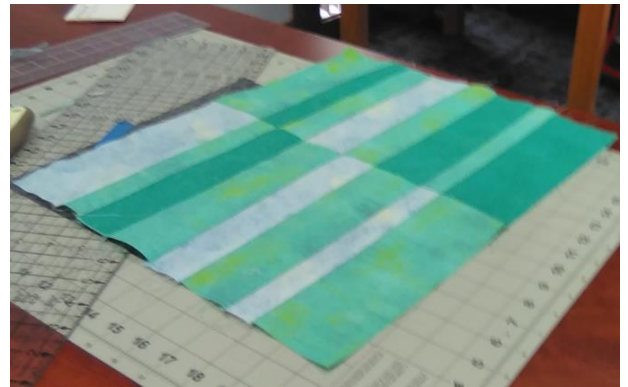


Cutting the First Pattern by Widths
3" 2-1/2" 2" 1-1/2"

The strips are then arranged by color and strip width to form a new pattern to be sewn together.



Set the Pattern from the Four 9-Inch Blocks
3" 1.5" 2.5" 2" 2" 2.5" 1.5" 3"



Completed New Block

This new block is then cut into strips and arranged by color and strip width into the final convergence pattern.



Turn Block Sideways to Cut Strips
3" 2-1/2" 2" 1-1/2"



Final Convergence Pattern Ready to Be Sewn



Sewing the Final Pattern Convergence Block

idea of the final product. Marsha R has the completed bird blocks.



Completed Top Right Magnolia



Rough

Layout

The following is a tutorial for a larger convergence block to give you an idea of the method:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kICMBD3ksiE>

At the end of the Program Meeting most of the convergence, magnolia, and bird blocks were completed!

At the March Business Meeting, April said that thirteen convergence blocks still needed to be completed for the Opportunity Quilt as well as its final completion. It was suggested that a Sit 'N Sew Meeting be called in order to work together on the quilt again.

2025 Opportunity Quilt

After the March Business Meeting, April laid out the center, available convergence blocks, border, and magnolia corners so everyone could get a rough



2025 Opportunity Quilt Design



Painted Center Panel
Charlotte T

The Opportunity quilt will be queen-sized. Once the quilt top is finished, a photo will be posted on the website. Members need to start thinking of names for our quilt to be discussed at the April Business Meeting. The name of the quilt will then become the theme of our 2025 Show.

April and Sue C want to have the quilt finished for the July 2024 GSQA Meeting. We will be able to display the quilt there and sell tickets.

The Opportunity Quilt teams and leaders so far:

1. Corners- Drunkard's Path Magnolia, 15" square.
Kay G
2. Bird blocks- Marsha R
3. Convergence Blocks- April H
4. Tree- Ida M
5. Final Construction- **A future OCD volunteer**
6. Borders- **someone precise who has yet to volunteer**
7. Embroidery and embellishments- Michele M
8. Center Heron- Charlotte T
9. Quilt- **volunteer?**
10. Binding and Hanging Sleeve- **volunteer?**

Quilt Show Director for 2025 Quilt Show

Sue C is our Quilt Show Director for the Guild's 2025 Quilt Show. Sue is maintaining a sign-up sheet for various Quilt Show tasks. Many members have volunteered, but some jobs remain open. Volunteers are still needed for constructing the quilt (see above). Sue asked if anyone could recommend a quilter. Would someone please consider volunteering to quilt our Opportunity Quilt?

Sue is particularly interested in finding a small team of members to coordinate remote sales of Opportunity Quilt tickets. We need people to manage selling tickets at venues like Second Saturday, GSQA meetings, Arts Alive, and other local festivals and events. They will sign up members in advance to show up and sell tickets, transport the quilt, rack, canopy, table, tickets, seed money, etc., and deliver each event's proceeds to the treasurer.

Calendar Quilt Block

Each month a quilter will make a block that **reflects the month of the Business Meeting**. The block size, pattern, fabric, etc. is chosen by the quilter. The 12-block quilt must be completed for the 2025 Quilt Show. Sue C will arrange an area for Viewer's Choice on the Calendar Quilts.

Many members brought in their March Calendar Blocks. Many different ideas - again!



March Calendar Blocks

Ida M won the "door prize" of 10 fat quarters for the March calendar block.

Charity Donation Chairperson

Louise H is the Charity Donation Chairperson to support our Guild. Please see Louise for labels for Charity Quilts.

Louise went through three donated scrap bags and said that ninety percent of the fabrics would be appropriate for fidget quilts. She reported there is a convalescent home and a school for disabled children in Picayune that would love to receive fidget quilts. (especially the school)

UFOs (Unfinished Objects)

April H is our UFO master. Projects **must** be started to qualify, but guild projects and Sew'N Draws from 2024 can be added. As members present their Show and Tell quilts/projects, April checks off any quilt/project on the member's UFO list. Members who complete UFO quilts/projects will be entered for a prize in a drawing at the Christmas party.

Hospitality Chairperson

Judy F is the Hospitality Chairperson for this year.

GSQA Traveling Teacher Coordinator

Kay G has graciously volunteered to replace Marsha R as the Coordinator for upcoming GSQA traveling teacher classes. Thank you, Kay, for volunteering for this important position that gives our members more opportunities to learn new things in the quilt world!

April H related that GSQA is bringing Cindy Grisdela back in **April 2025** to teach the classes she missed because of illness. The scheduled dates are April 13th through 19th. Once we have more details, Kay will circulate a sign-up sheet to see who remains interested in the class.

**Connie T, the GSQA Circuit Teacher Coordinator, needs to know by April 20th if our guild wants to reschedule a class with Cindy. Please be ready to vote on this at the April 11th business meeting. If you think you won't be at the Meeting and want to reschedule the class in 2025, please let Kay know.*

March Program Meeting

The Program Meeting on March 28th will be led by Jasmine of Peace by Piece to present a program on a 10 degree ruler. She will demo using the ruler to make a table runner, quilt borders, and a Christmas tree skirt.

Supply List - 3 fat eighths or 3 fat quarters, 10 degree ruler, sewing machine, and basic sewing kit.

Jasmine will have fabric bundles and the 10 degree ruler available for purchase at the meeting. Cost for the ruler is approximately \$30. **You must have a ruler to make the table runner.**

Here are the samples of the table runners:



Table Runners Using 10 Degree Ruler

Jasmine said that 3 fat quarters would make both table runners. Same amount of fabric for each of them...just one is curvy and one is straight.

St. Joseph Abbey Retreat

The St. Joseph Abbey Retreat was held **March 5-8, 2024**. There were 20 attendees most of the time with one-day attendees mixed in. There were also a few new faces. As always, the food was great and everyone was working on several projects. Next year the retreat will be from Tuesday, March 25, 2025 to Friday March 28, 2025 and the cost will be the same \$475.05.



Barbie Quilt



2021 BOM From What's Your Stitch



Embroidered Snowmen



Puppies Handbag

GSQA Rosebud Luncheon/Auction

The GSQA Rosebud Luncheon/Auction will be held on **April 6, 2024**, at Pinewood Plantation Country Club, 405 Country Club Blvd., Slidell, LA 70458. The Guild will provide 2 baskets for the luncheon/auction.

GSQA Quilt Show

The GSQA Quilt Show is **April 12-13, 2024** at the Harbor Center in Slidell. Entry registration per quilt is \$15 for GSQA members and \$20 for non-members; a photograph of the completed quilt top must accompany each registration.

Quilt intake for the GSQA show:

Quilts may be **delivered** Friday, April 5, 2024,
9am to 4pm only
1752 Nellie Drive
Slidell, LA. 70458

Quilts may be **mailed** between Feb. 26, 2024,
through March 25, 2024, via USPS, UPS, or FedEx
c/o:
Therese Springer
8338 Kahala Drive
Diamondhead, MS 39525
springerstc@icloud.com

Quilt **delivery** will be accepted from:
9:00 am – 12:00 pm at:
Rosebud Luncheon, April 6, 2024
Pinewood Plantation Country Club
405 Country Club Blvd
Slidell, LA 70458.

Therese needs help transporting quilts from her house to the Harbor Center in Slidell on Monday, April 8th, no later than 8 am.

Several of our members have quilts in the show, and Ida M encouraged everyone to attend and support these members. There will be over twenty vendors at the show, so there's lots of opportunity to shop.

The GSQA meeting on April 20th will be in New Orleans, above Mes Amis Quilt Shop at 10 am. The featured speaker will be Rob Appell of Man Sewing and Stitchin' Heaven. Further details about the meeting and Rob Appell workshops are on the

GSQA website.

April Program Meeting

The Program Meeting on April 25th will be led by Marsha R. Marsha has offered to teach a class on a new cathedral window technique. This is based on a free pattern available at <http://loandbeholdstitchery.com> (Scrappy Windows Quilt-Along). Marsha is developing a supply list to construct an 18" pillow top. She suggests you watch the YouTube video on Scrappy Cathedral Windows from Lo & Behold Stitchery.



May Program Meeting

The Program Meeting on May 23rd will be a Slash the Stash led by Ida M. Bring scraps from your stash to share as we sew a table runner. The largest piece is 6-1/2" x 8". The next largest piece is 2-1/2" by 10". We'll "shop" from each other's stash with the caveat that everything we take must be used at the program meeting. Each participant will also need ten or eleven 1" WOF strips for sashing.

Future Program Meetings

Ida would love for long-term guild members to share programs from previous years that they enjoyed. We have lots of new members who would love these "oldies but goodies."

Beckwith Retreat

The Beckwith Retreat will be **August 15-18, 2024**. A deposit of \$800 has been paid. Double occupancy will be \$357 and single will be \$435. There's

start collecting money in April. Anyone wishing to break up payments can make three payments of \$119 or \$145 in April, May, and June.

BOQG Website Update

The BOQG website is always a work in progress:

On the About Page:

The Group Photo with the finished Shattered Quilt Top for the February Sew'N Draw is shown.

On the Events & Information Page:

The current 2024 Calendar Quilt Example is shown as well as the Instruction document is available.

A picture of the February 22, 2024, Program Meeting working on the 2025 Opportunity Quilt.

A picture of the completed February 17, 2024 Sew-N-Draw Project, Shattered.

[Link to Shattered Pattern Information.](#)

Working on a document for the February Program Meeting.

[February 2024 Guild Minutes and Newsletter.](#)

On the Calendar Page:

2024 Sew'N Draw dates: May 25th, July 20th, and September 21st. Waiting for the Project Names.

On the Join Us Page:

The 2023 ByLaws are on the website as well as the 2024 New Membership Form.

Information on the 2025 Quilt Show and Opportunity Quilt will be posted when available.

Got News?

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Important Dates

March Program Meeting

March 28, 2024, at 1:00 pm
Uses for a 10 degree ruler
Peace by Piece

GSQA Rosebud Luncheon/Auction

April 6, 2024
Pinewood Plantation Country Club
405 Country Club Blvd., Slidell, LA 70458

April Board Meeting

April 8, 2024, at 11:00 am

April Guild Business Meeting

Lunch Before Meeting
Panola's Cafe (across from Kiln Library)-11:30 am
April 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm

GSQA Quilt Show

April 12-13, 2024
The Harbor Center in Slidell, LA

April Program Meeting

April 25, 2024, at 1:00 pm
Cathedral Window Technique
Marsha R

May Program Meeting

May 23, 2024, at 1:00 pm
Slash the Stash - Table Runner
Ida M

Beckwith Retreat

August 15-18, 2024
Foley, AL

Show and Tell



100 Days, 100 Blocks



Beach Vibes



Up, Up, and Away



Inherited Antique Quilt Top
Offer to Anyone Who Wants to Finish



Paper-Pieced Pineapple Quilt from Judy Niemeyer