



**Bay Oaks Quilt Guild**  
Meets 6:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

May 2010

**Diamondhead Baptist Church**  
**63780 Diamondhead Drive N**  
**Diamondhead, MS 39525**

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### **Treasurer's Report**

As of 04/30/10 the Guild's Income of \$3093.24 was realized mainly from the quilt show. Disbursements of \$1627.57 were paid for programs, DHCC rental, Mississippi sales tax, and other show-related expenses. The treasurer will have a full report at the May 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

### **Get Ready for the Business Meeting- Put on Your Thinking Caps**

As you can see from the treasurer's report, *Hot Quilts, Cool Needles* was indeed a staggering success. Consequently the guild will be donating \$200 to each of three local charities. Be prepared to nominate possible recipients at the next meeting. And it's never too early to start thinking about our 2012 quilt show! (No groans, please) At the May 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting we will discuss possible themes for the next show as well as what sort of raffle quilt we want to make. Should it be an art quilt or perhaps a more traditional pattern? Or maybe something whimsical?

### **May Program Marks the Start of Our UFO Challenge**

At our program meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> we will officially start our next challenge- this one designed to help us complete all those UFO's that tend to multiply in our sewing room. Each guild member should make a list of her UFO's and then bring one UFO to the meeting for a sort of confessional show and tell. Be prepared to give a brief history of the unfinished project, including why you started and why it remains incomplete. Jenny, as secretary, will take custody of the lists and hold onto them until the end of the challenge in May 2011. At that program meeting we'll display all our finished quilts with a prize for the one who completes the most UFO's. For the purposes of this challenge "complete" means quilted and bound, with both a sleeve and label. What a great way to start stockpiling quilts for the 2012 show!

### **2-Patches Swap Starts at June Business Meeting**

Our next guild swap is a 2-patches swap and is designed to not only provide participants with enough blocks to create a scrappy quilt, but to also utilize all those lovely fabrics in our stashes. Sign-up for the swap at the May 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting, and bring your first blocks to the June 10<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Here are the rules for the swap:

#### **2-PATCHES SWAP**

- Each month you will make a **four patch** in 2 fabrics AND you will make a **half square triangle** with the same 2 fabrics. You will make these same 2 patches for each person in your swap.
- Each month you will make these same patches again for each member of your group using 2 different fabrics each time. You want to have contrast with your fabric—go for a dark and a light. What is a medium with one fabric, may be a light when placed next to another fabric. Just keep telling yourself, “**Use a dark with a light.**” Do not use holiday or novelty prints. Use a dark and a light together.

Your board is challenging you to **use fabrics from your stash**. If this is too limiting for you, raid your friend/neighbor’s stash! If you sign up for this swap, we ask that you commit for the year. The first swap will be at the June Business Meeting and will end with the May 2011 Business Meeting. The number of people in each group will depend on how many people sign up for the swap at the May 13<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.

Remember: **USE A DARK WITH A LIGHT!**

HOW TO DIRECTIONS:

**Four Patch** Cut a 2 ½” strip of a dark fabric and a 2 ½” strip of a light fabric. Stitch together lengthwise. Open and press towards the dark. Sub cut into 2 ½” sections. Separate these sections into 2 stacks. Turn one stack around and place it next to the other stack so you have a light and a dark touching a dark and a light. Stitch one of each section together to complete a Four Patch. Press open and square up if needed to 4 ½”.

**Half Square Triangle** Cut a 5” square of a dark fabric and a 5” square of a light fabric. Draw a diagonal line on the back of the light square. Lay the two squares right sides together. Press. Stitch ¼” away from the right side of the line. Turn it around and stitch ¼” away from the other side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press open with the seam allowance going towards the dark. Square up to 4 ½”. With this technique you have just made 2 half square triangle patches!

### **MQA Educational Seminar with Beth Ferrier in July**

National teacher, Beth Ferrier, will present this year’s MQA educational seminar. Two-day classes will be held in Starkville on July 19-20, in Jackson on July 21-22 and in Hattiesburg on July 23-24. Beth will teach "Sneaky Piecing Tricks" on the first day and "Hand Appliqué by Machine" on the second day. Registration materials, including class descriptions and supply lists, will be mailed to MQA members in mid-May. Classes will be limited to 20 participants in each location.

### **Annual MQA June Gathering Workshop, June 4-5, 2010**

The MQA annual June Gathering workshop will be held June 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson, MS. Activities begin at 3:30 on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Vendors include Golden Triangle Fabric Center from Starkville, Main Street Fabrics from Ackerman, Stitch-N-Frame from Vicksburg, and Village Cloth Shoppe from DeKalb. Supper will be provided by McAlister’s Deli and will be served at 5:30. Friday evening’s program begins at 6:30 with a welcome by the MQA president and show-and-tell by MQA members, followed by a presentation from several of the

outstanding quilters who have quilts on exhibit at the Ag & Forestry Museum. Classes begin Saturday morning. Choose from one of thirteen 5-hour classes or join other quilters for Sit-N-Sew. There will also be a room so you can bring your machine and work on making pillowcases to donate to your favorite charity. Complete information, including class and supply lists and registration forms are available at <http://www.mississippiquilt.org>.

### **Are You Missing A Tablecloth?**

Two cream-colored tablecloths were left at the show. Please call Therese if they belong to you.

### **Notecards Available for Purchase**

Fifteen sets of quilt notecards are still available for purchase. Please call Therese if you want her to hold any for you. The cost is \$7.50 for each set.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Celtic Quilting Class with Dorinda Evans, Mississippi Craft Center, Ridgeland, MS, 9:30 – 4
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sand Stitchers Quilt Show, Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center, Ocean Springs, 10 am – 6 pm.
June 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	MQA June Gathering, Christ United Methodist Church, Jackson, MS
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	GSQA Rosebud Banquet and Auction- Four Points Sheraton, Metairie, LA
June 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	GSQA Quilt Show, Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell, LA.
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	MQA Educational Seminar with Beth Ferrier, Hattiesburg, MS
October 15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	MQA Fall Gathering, Philadelphia, MS

**Show and Tell for April, 2010-** downloadable images available at <http://picasaweb.google.com/kquillot/April2010ShowAndTell>



**Happy Winner Renee Smith Picks Up the Opportunity Quilt- She made a special trip from Petal!**

