



# Bay Oaks Newsletter

May 2024

## May Business Meeting

The May business meeting was held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Kiln Library with 29 members in attendance. Jean G welcomed two new members, Susie V and Florence P.

## Membership

The Guild has 42 members in good standing for 2024.

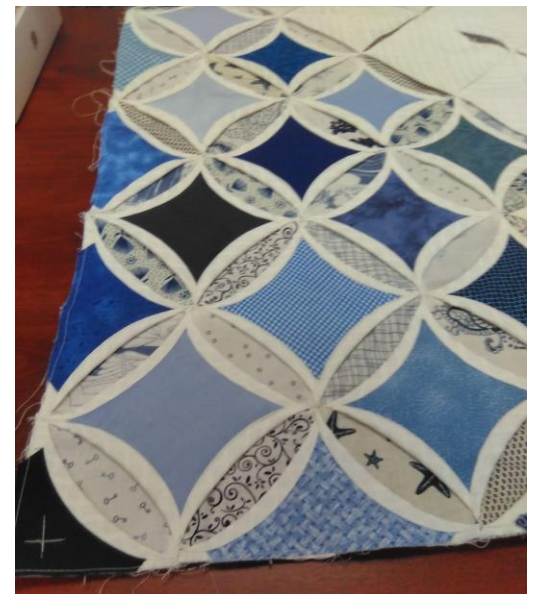
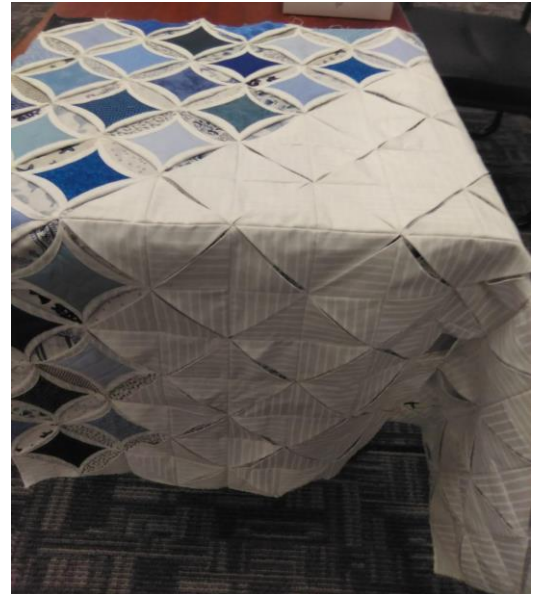
## April Program Meeting

The Program Meeting on April 25th was led by Marsha R. Marsha taught a class on a new cathedral window technique to make an 18" pillow top. This was based on a free pattern available at <http://loandbeholdstitchery.com> (Scrappy Windows Quilt-Along). She suggested members watch the YouTube video on Scrappy Cathedral Windows from Lo & Behold Stitchery.

Marsha's pillow top example:



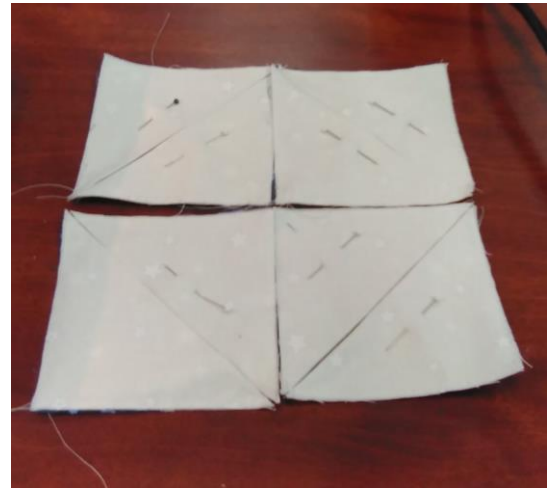
Marsha's in progress quilt top example:



Close Up of Quilt Top Front

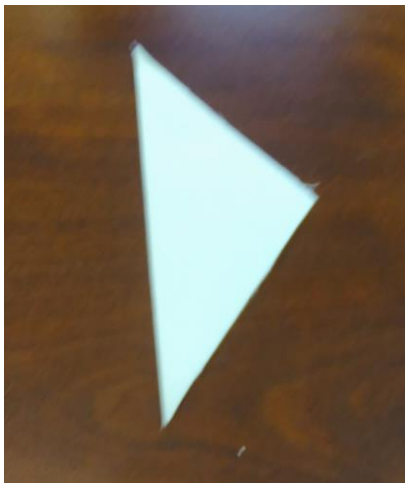


Back of Quilt Top



Step 3 - Lay Out 4 Sewn Squares Together to Form an Internal Diamond

### Quick Process for One Window:



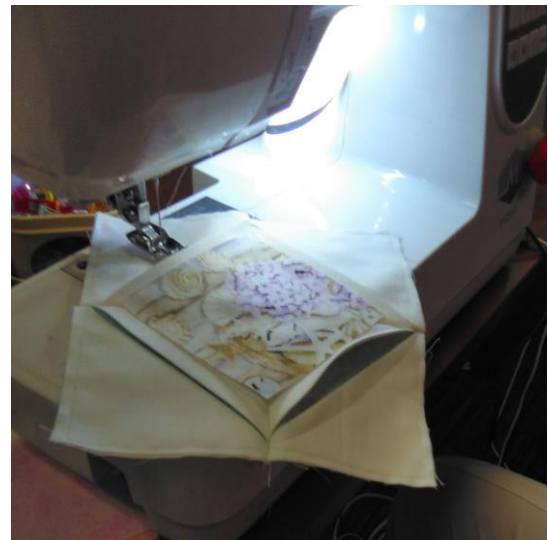
Step #1 - Cut HST of Framing Material



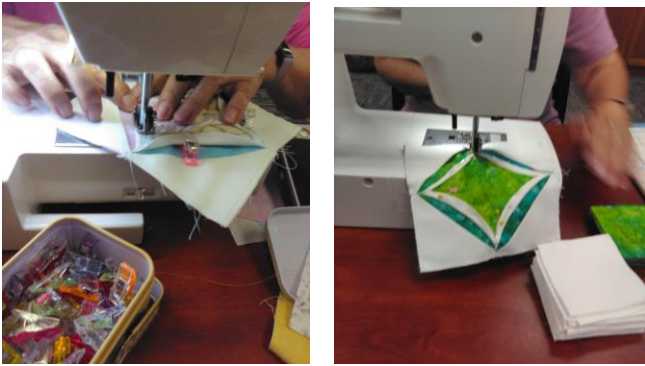
Step 4 - Sew the 4 Squares Together



Step 2 - Sew 2 HST to Background Material



Then Line Up the Window Fabric Within the Internal Diamond Formed



Step 5 - Fold Down the Frame Material  
Onto the Window Material and  
Sew Along the Outer Edges of the Curves



Step 6 - Finished Window



Another Finished Window

### 2025 Quilt Show Director

Sue C is our 2025 Quilt Show Director. April H designed the 2025 Opportunity Quilt Top and has organized the construction process.

The Guild voted to send in the deposit for renting the St. Rose Holy Spirit Center for 3 days in 2025 to hold the Quilt Show.

Sue needs volunteers to handle show publicity. Kay G has done publicity for past shows and has templates for show fliers, posters, postcards, and bookmarks that she will share along with information on past procurements and after action reports. Michele M volunteered to arrange television publicity.

Marsha R and Florence P also volunteered to work on show publicity. It was acknowledged that all members have opportunities to publicize the Show.

If a specific job doesn't appeal, there are opportunities for floaters - who will fill in where needed.

### 2025 Opportunity Quilt

April H displayed the center of our 2025 Opportunity Quilt.



Charlotte T made the center panel. April worked on the tree. Ida M helped with convergence squares. April assembled the center of the quilt top as seen above. Michele M will now add hand-applique leaves and grass. Marsha R will then add the border made up of the bird blocks and corner blocks of magnolias.

April has a few quotes on quilting the quilt. The Guild has not decided on the quilter yet.

Sue R will do the binding and hanging sleeve once the quilting is done.

April thinks it would be nice to feature the names of everyone who had a hand in creating the quilt on the back. Perhaps they could be embroidered or signed like an album quilt in Micron pen. There was general agreement that this is a good idea.

April and Sue want to have the quilt finished for the July 2024 GSQA Meeting, understanding that recent opportunity quilts were usually ready by September. We will be able to display the quilt there and sell tickets. Once the quilt is finished and named, a photo will be posted on the website.

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.

### Hospitality Chairperson

Judy F is the Hospitality Chairperson for this year.

### 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 May Calendar Blocks. Many different ideas - again!



Charlotte T won the "door prize" for the May 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) Louise has requested that members work on fidget quilts after the May Program Meeting. She also asked members to bring **washable** embellishments for the quilts. (beads, ribbons, zippers, crinkle fabric, and other interesting things) We'll need to make a lot of these little quilts, and it may become an ongoing project.

### 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.

### GSQA Traveling Teacher

GSQA is bringing traveling teacher, Cindy Grisdela, back in April of 2025 to finish out the classes and lectures that were canceled this year due to her illness. Bay Oaks was tentatively scheduled for a class on April 7, 2025. During the April Business Meeting, the Guild voted not to reschedule a class with Cindy in 2025. The \$100 deposit was applied to Cindy's hotel and dining bills when we settled up with her after the canceled class. So the guild's finances with Cindy are complete.

### Arts Alive!

Arts Alive! (AA) was held in Bay St. Louis on April 13th and 14th. Martha S did not sign the Guild up this year due to conflicting schedules. The GSQA Luncheon and Quilt Show was held on the same weekend with many of our members attending.

There was a general agreement that the guild should make an effort to participate in AA every year, not just when we have an Opportunity Quilt. This went into a discussion on whether the Guild should become a member of The Arts, Hancock County, the group that organizes Arts Alive! Sue C moved that we become a member of The Arts, Hancock County; Ida M seconded. Sharon Barnes reminded us that membership would be an annual commitment. Kay G said there were several tiers of memberships, and it was uncertain where we would fit. Martha volunteered to contact The Arts and find out more.

### 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. Each participant will also need ten or eleven 1" WOF strips for sashing.



Cutting Instructions have been sent out to the membership.



After the program we will work on fidget quilts.

### June Program Meeting

The Program Meeting on June 27th will be on how to make a Rope Bowl led by Liz F. Participants will need at least 50 ft. of rope. Clothesline is softer, but you can also order the stiffer 7/32" Evandale rope on Amazon. If you want to cover your line with fabric, use one inch bias strips and bring coordinating thread. Instructions have gone out.

### July Program Meeting

The Program Meeting on July 27th will be on how to do the attic window technique with a Christmas in July theme led by Michele M. She asked if anyone has an attic window quilt, please bring it to the meeting for ideas.

An example of an attic quilt follows:



### 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."

### Sew 'N Draw

The next Sew 'N Draw will be Saturday, May 25th, at 9 am in the Kiln Library meeting room. The pattern is Lady Luck, a freebie from Robert Kaufman. It will finish at 66" x 80". Michele will provide the blue background. Participants should bring 2 1/2" batik strips. (8-10 WOF strips in cool, clear colors. No orange and limited yellow.) She passed around a sign-up sheet for work assignments.



Lady Luck

### **Beckwith Retreat**

The Beckwith Retreat will be in Magnolia Springs, AL from **August 15-18, 2024**. A deposit of \$800 has been paid. Double occupancy will be \$357 and single will be \$435. Chris J collected money at the May Business Meeting for Therese S. Anyone wishing to break up payments can make three payments of \$119 or \$145 in April, May, and June.

### **2024 Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party will be on December 12, 2024, at the Kiln Library meeting room from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet will be circulated a month before the party. We will once again have a Dirty Santa gift exchange of handmade items like last year, but with a slight adjustment to how tickets are handed out.

### **BOQG Website Update**

The BOQG website is always a work in progress.

### **On the Calendar Page:**

2024 Sew 'N Draw dates: July 27th, and September 21st. Waiting for the Project Names.

### **On the Opportunity Quilt Page:**

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

## **Got News?**

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## **Important Dates**

### **May Program Meeting**

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

**Sew 'N Draw - Lady Luck**  
May 25, 2024, at 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### **June Board Meeting**

June 3, 2024, at 1:00 pm

### **June Guild Business Meeting**

Lunch Before Meeting  
Dempsey's Restaurant  
6208 Kiln Delisle Rd  
Kiln, MS 39556. 11:30 am.  
June 13, 2024, at 1:00 pm

### **June Program Meeting**

June 27, 2024, at 1:00 pm  
Rope Bowl

### **July Program Meeting**

July 25, 2024, at 1:00 pm  
Attic Window Technique

### **Sew 'N Draw**

July 27, 2024, at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

### **Beckwith Retreat**

August 15-18, 2024  
Foley, AL

## Show and Tell - April Program Meeting



Baby Quilt



Valentine Mystery Quilt

## Show and Tell - May Business Meeting



Daisies Baby Quilt



Flower Wall Hanging



Peanut Butter Quilt



Wyatt's Quilt



Cathedral Window Pillow



Mom's Jelly Roll Quilt



HSTs & 4 Squares Quilt



Voodoo Quilt



Cathedral Window Table Runner



Cone Flowers





4 Patches Quilt



Christmas Panel Quilt



4 Patches Quilt



1947 Truck



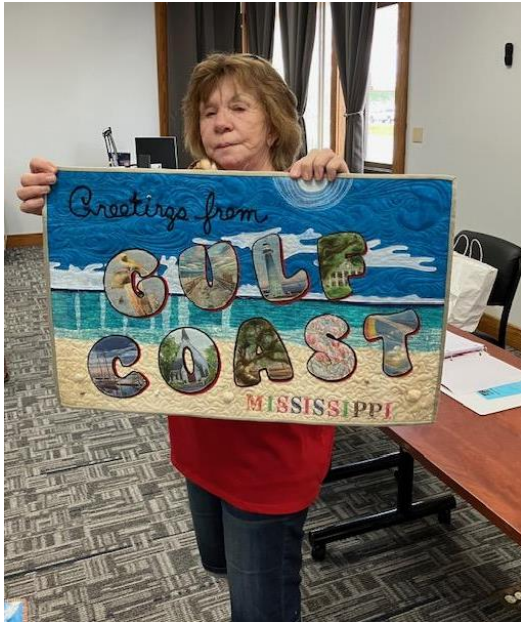
Blue Flannel Zig Zag Quilt



Friendship Oak



Mardi Gras Alligator



Gulf Coast



Shrimp Boat



Stella & Goldie



Chicken Quilt Made From Family Mementos



Cathedral Window Pillow Top