



BAY OAKS QUILT GUILD

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

East Hancock Co. Library, 4545 Shepherd Square, Diamondhead,
MS 39525

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President: Sue Chamberlain

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Treasurer: Sue Rountree

Treasurer's Report

Treasury had expenses of \$117.67 as of 5/26/2015.

Quilt Show Revenue - Charitable Contribution Form

The guild has a new application process for distributing charity contributions from our quilt show revenue. The new form is included in this newsletter and will be available in hard copy at the June business meeting. The deadline for submitting completed forms is the **June business meeting**. The July newsletter will include a synopsis and a vote of suggested charity recipients will be taken at the July business meeting.

Fat Quarter Challenge 2015

At the last business meeting we announced a Fat Quarter Challenge. Those who were present at the meeting received paper bags containing 18 fat quarters. Some members also took bags for those who were not at the meeting. See Kay if you would like to participate.

Challenge Rules:

1. Each bag contains 18 fat quarters. The bags are opaque and stapled shut, so you have no idea what you are receiving. You may swap bags with someone else, but not individual fabrics.
2. You must use some of each fabric in your quilt. You do not have to use all the yardage, just some of each fabric.
3. You may use **one or two additional fabrics** in your quilt. You can use as much of these two additional fabrics as you wish; **you are not limited to a fat quarter of each additional fabric.**
4. The quilt may be any size and any type.
5. The completed **top** is due at the 2015 Christmas party. It does not have to be quilted.

For those of you who have no idea what to do with your fat quarters, we'll soon have a program with suggestions on how to use these random fabrics.

Questions? Now let's get designing!

June 25 Project Night

Okay, So Now I Have All These Fat Quarters- What Do I Make?

We've all been there- in a quilt shop, eyeing the fat quarter display, unable to resist picking up two or three or ten. Before you know it, you're home alone with your stash wondering how to make all these fabrics play well together in a quilt.

Or maybe your guild has dumped lots of random fat quarters in your lap and challenged you to make a quilt using some of each fabric. It could happen.... What now?

June 25 four of our members will give us ideas on what to do with these fat quarters. We'll learn what patterns work well with fat quarters and how adding one or two fabrics to the mix can open up lots of possibilities.

Bay Oaks Retreat

Bay Oaks is in the process of scheduling its first ever retreat at Beckwith Plantation for 2016. Current plans call for a Thursday - Sunday retreat. Cost is \$99 per person per night for double occupancy plus \$20 per person for breakfast and lunch on the departing day. (\$317 for the entire weekend) There is a required 15 person minimum for **each day** covered by the contract. Given that the guild is required to place a \$800 deposit, we'd like each member to seriously consider if this is something they would like to do in August of 2016.

Melinda Bula – Quilt and Fiber Artist

Bay Oaks will sponsor a 2 day class with Melinda Bula, January 21-22, 2016. Learn how to layer fabric colors and use thread painting to create a beautiful floral quilt or wall hanging. Check out her blog melindabula.blogspot.com

Cost is \$100 if a GSQA member (\$120 if not); or one can join GSQA for \$20 and pay the lower fee of \$100. If interested, notify Sue Rountree (cell # 985-640-4737) or sign up at the June business meeting.

Tip of the Month

- To get a perfect $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, use both a $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot AND mark the $\frac{1}{4}$ " in front of the right feed dog with tape. (Alex Anderson)
- Test your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance by sewing two $1\frac{1}{4}$ " - wide strips together and pressing the seam. Measure across the joined strips. If the piece measures 2" you are tight on the money. If not, adjust your seam width and try again.

Mark Your Calendars

- June 12 – 13 MQA meeting, Jackson
- July 11 Krotz Springs Quilters Guild 10th Annual Quilt Show, 10.00 AM to 2:00 PM,
Krotz Springs Community Center , 216 Park St., Krotz Spring, LA
- July 25 GSQA Quarterly Meeting, Mississippi Craft Center, 950 Rice Road, Ridgeland, MS.
Speaker will be Jim Gatling, with a lecture and trunk show of quilts made with orphan
blocks and blocks from classes other quilters have given him.

Show and Tell





Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Donation Application

A portion of the proceeds from the Bay Oaks Quilt Guild are donated to charitable organizations based on the recommendation and application of the members of the guild. Please complete the following application. Completion of applications does not ensure funding will be given.

Name and contact information (phone or email) of member making recommendation:

Name of 501©3 nonprofit organization or group you are requesting for:

Contact Person, telephone, address and email of the organization or group you are requesting for:

Mission of the 501©3 organization and how long has the organization been serving the community:

If not a 501©3 nonprofit organization, what is the organization or group's primary purpose? What will the donation be used for?

How are you connected to this group or organization and/or why is this donation important to you personally?

Is there anything else you would like to share about the request?

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you for your help to ensure that our guild makes meaningful and relevant donation decisions for our membership.