

## **June 2024 Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting**

June 13, 2024, Kiln Library Meeting Room

Before the meeting April H shared a picture of the finished opportunity quilt top.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by President Jean G. Twenty members were in attendance. Former member Beckee C visited and said she intends to rejoin the guild.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the May 2024 meeting were distributed earlier to members via email. Motion to accept the minutes by Sue C, seconded by April H. Motion carried.

**Membership: Sherrie Q** We have 43 members in good standing. A new membership list is ready for distribution

### **Vice President: Ida M**

June- Liz F will teach how to make a rope bowl. We'll 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.

July- Michele M will lead the group in making attic windows blocks with a Christmas in July theme. She asks if you have an attic windows quilt, please bring it to the program for ideas. **This is a "hands on" class.**

August- The owner of MS Sew N' Sew will demonstrate a new machine binding technique and how to create vinyl fabric from cotton.

September- Sharon B will lead us in making Halloween place mats.

October- Quilto (a quilt-related version of bingo) played with a buy-in of one 2 1/2" x WOF strip per card. Sharon says her husband will likely call the game for us again.

### **Newsletter and Website: Debra L**

Debbie L said that the archives hard drive is formatted and ready for business. So far newsletters from 2007 - 2009 have been loaded, and Kay G will send her subsequent years up to present. Debbie asked that anyone who submits digital files for the archive do so via the Bay Oaks email, not her personal email. That email is [bayoaksquiltguild.ms@gmail.com](mailto:bayoaksquiltguild.ms@gmail.com) Photos should include information like who, when, where, and why. Jean reminded us that every newsletter has all the information about upcoming programs and events on the last two pages.

### **Beckwith Retreat: Chris J reporting for Therese S**

The retreat is now full, but Chris/Therese are still collecting money from those attending. Payment in full for the retreat is due now. Sharon reminded us to give either Chris or Therese money for the retreat so their retreat financial records can be updated. They will then give the money to Sharon for deposit.

### **Quilt Show Update- Sue C and April H**

The opportunity quilt top is now at the quilter's. Glenda C of Sunshine's Quilting is doing hand guided custom quilting, and Sue R will attach the binding and hanging sleeve. The quilt is anticipated to be ready for us to see at our July business meeting. April has secured a spot for us at the upcoming GSQA quarterly meeting on July 20th in Baton Rouge to sell tickets for the quilt.

Jean next led us in a spirited discussion on choosing a name for the opportunity quilt. That name also serves as the theme for our 2025 quilt show and is necessary to order raffle tickets. Seven proposed names were voted on: Coastal Serenity, Morning in the Marshes, Morning on the Coast, Coastal Reflections, Oaks on the Bay, Coastal Convergence, and Birds on the Bay. The final vote picked **Coastal Reflections.**

Kay sent Marsha R and Florence P publicity plans and templates from previous quilt shows, including postcards, bookmarks, flyers, posters, and targeted information memos. The first step to any publicity is a good photo of the finished quilt. Florence said her husband will take photos of the quilt at the July business meeting and help in the design of publicity items. Marsha asked how many post cards to order, and Kay said that in the past she had ordered 1,000. Chris said that we usually order 5,000 opportunity quilt tickets and she will work with Jean on what information to include. Michele M will handle television publicity and she welcomes anyone who would like to accompany her on the local programs to help promote our quilt show.

**Sew 'n Draw: Michele M**

On May 25th twelve participants, including two visitors, met to create a quilt top from the free Robert Kaufman pattern, Lady Luck. Liz F won the quilt. The next Sew 'n Draw will be Saturday, July 27th at 9am in the Kiln Library meeting room. The pattern is Magic Carpet, utilizing 10" squares. She will have further info at the July meeting. Michele asked that those who sign up, please attend or at least let Michele know you can't, as some jobs were understaffed at the May Sew 'n Draw. Sharon said the library now has its own ironing boards, irons, and cutting mat for our use.

**Arts Alive!: Martha S**

Martha was finally able to talk to someone at The Arts, Hancock County about our guild joining their group. As it now stands, we would be considered a business with an annual fee of \$100, although they're researching the possibility of a non-profit designation. Membership would provide the advantage of an enhanced profile within the local arts community, including invitation to artists' receptions and fundraising events, discounted fees to classes, a listing in the online directory, and our logo placed on their website. Ida moved that Bay Oaks join The Arts, Hancock County, and April seconded. The proposal passed unanimously.

**Jean G: Gift Quilts for Kiln Library Staff**

Jean displayed a lap quilt made from some May Slash Your Stash project day table runners. Florence P donated the backing, and Bonnie D volunteered to quilt it. Sharon will bind the completed quilt. Head librarian Nell D will retire in September, and there are three additional staff members. Therese is making another quilt from 12 orphan blocks. Michele will work on another.

**Upcoming GSQA Meeting Information- April H**

The July 20th quarterly meeting in Baton Rouge (St John UMC, Family Life Center, 230 Renee Dr, Baton Rouge LA 70809) will feature a program by Nina C on threads and needles with lots of examples. She is doing two workshops in conjunction with the meeting- paper piecing (currently full) on Friday and beginning free motion quilting on a domestic machine on Thursday. April recommends we check out the GSQA website for information about future meetings. The October meeting will be in Gulf Shores, AL with a program by the Southern Fiber Artists, and the January meeting will have Dianne S (Quilt on a Chair, Quilt on a Rug, Quilt on a Mailbox, etc.)

**June Pre-Business Meeting Luncheon-** We forgot to pick a restaurant for July.

**Drawing for Calendar Quilt Block Participation:** Winner, Sue C

**Door Prize Drawing:** Winner, Becky C

Kay announced that All Stitched Up by Angela in Slidell is closing. The owner is selling the business and moving to Alabama.

**Show and Tell:** Florence, Martha, Gloria B, Sue C, Bonnie, Marsha, and April showed us so many beautiful quilts and bags.

**Motion to Adjourn at 2:29 pm,** by Michele M, second by Chris J

Respectfully submitted by Kay G, Recording Secretary, June 14, 2024