



Bay Oaks Newsletter

December 2023

December Business Meeting

The December business meeting was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 11:00 am at the Kiln Library with 22 members and 1 guest in attendance. The Christmas Party followed the meeting.

BOQG Board for 2024

As per the Guild ByLaws, the Guild had to search for Guild members to fill Board positions for the calendar year January 2024 - December 31, 2024. The new board members were unanimously voted in at the meeting.

President:	Jean G
Vice President:	Ida M
Secretary:	Kay G
Treasurer:	Sharon B
Membership:	Sherrie Q
Newsletter/Webmaster:	Debbie L
Charity Chair:	Louise H

The following members will fill these appointed positions for the 2024 calendar year:

Hospitality:	Judy F
Sew and Draw:	Michele M
UFO Master:	April H
Historian:	Jill W
2025 Quilt Show Director:	Sue C
Opportunity Quilt Designer:	April H

Thank you so much to all those who stepped up to be on the 2024 BOQG Board and appointed positions.

Membership

The Guild has 48 members.

November & December Program Meeting

There were no Program Meetings in November and December due to the holidays.

Library Christmas Tree Contest

Sue C had found a tutorial online and led members through the steps to make a Scandinavian Star ornament at the October Program Meeting for the Library Christmas Tree Contest.



Finished Star - April H



Guild Decorated Contest Tree

As of the day of the Business Meeting (Dec. 14th), guild members did not know which trees had gotten awards. Voting for Favorite Tree was still under way.

Calendar Quilt Instead of Monthly Lotto Block

Ida M as the Guild's new Vice President put forth a motion that instead of making the Monthly Lotto Blocks as in the past, the Guild membership should make a Calendar Quilt. 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. Ida discussed with Sue C to have an area for Viewer's Choice on the Calendar Quilts.

When the Guild did the Monthly Lotto Blocks, one quilter won all the blocks submitted by a drawing. With the Calendar Quilt, quilters who show their completed Calendar Block for that month will be entered into a drawing for a "door prize." The membership voted unanimously to allow reimbursement to Ida for the door prizes.

Example Blocks for Calendar Quilt for January 11, 2024, Business Meeting:



January Calendar Block - Ida M



January Calendar Block - Kay G



January Calendar Block - Sharon B

Annual Monetary Charity Donation

Charity Donation forms were turned into the Board from Sue R for The Ladies of Liberty and from Martha S and Barbara S for The Hancock Animal Shelter. The Guild has \$1,411.22 from the 2023 Quilt Show to donate over this year and next year. Ida M put forth the motion to divide the money between the two organizations. Barbara Scott seconded the motion. The membership voted at the Christmas Party to pass the motion. Each organization will receive a check for \$352.80 for this year.

Charity Donation Chairperson

Louise H is the Charity Donation Chairperson to support our Guild. Please see Louise for labels for Charity Quilts. Thank you so much Louise!

UFOs (Unfinished Objects)

April H is our UFO master. A vote determined that a UFO is a project that has had any work started on it. 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. Joan W won the \$50.00 prize. Way to go, Joan!

Hospitality Chairperson

Judy F will continue to be the Hospitality Chairperson. Thank you again Judy!

Quilt Show Director for 2025 Quilt Show

Sue C has graciously volunteered to be our Quilt Show Director for the Guild's 2025 Quilt Show. We must all help Sue to put on our best Quilt Show ever! Thank you very much Sue! At the October Business Meeting, Sue expressed that all members must enter one quilt into the Quilt Show and to volunteer to help in whatever job capacity they can fulfill.

April H has graciously volunteered to design the Opportunity Quilt for the 2025 Quilt Show. April has an idea for a theme about Waveland, MS. She had members at the August Business Meeting list what skills they were best at and ideas for what represents Waveland - such as the beach, sea birds, etc. All members will be expected to work on the Opportunity Quilt in some capacity.

April revealed her design for the Guild's Opportunity Quilt at the Christmas Party. What a beauty!!



2025 Opportunity Quilt Design

GSQA Traveling Teacher

Cindy Grisdela will hold a class on Monday, January 22, 2024, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for Improv Puzzle Blocks. Marsha R took \$25 deposits at the July 13th Business Meeting with a total cost of \$60 for GSQA members; \$30 extra for non-members. We will need 20 participants to have the class. At present, we have 16 members signed up. We opened enrollment to local guilds after the September Business Meeting. The deposit was paid to hold our contract for Monday, January 22, 2024. Marsha has set up the class to be at the Coast Electric Building, HWY 49, Gulfport. A supply list was attached to the June Business Meeting Minutes and will go out again closer to the day of the class.

There was discussion about payment for the class if the quota of 20 is not filled at the November Business Meeting. It was determined that with 18 participants, the Guild would break even. Solutions: extra payment by students or the Guild would pay the difference. Sharon B put forth a motion if the quota was not filled, that the Guild would pay the excess and donate the slots to the Sewing Group at the Kiln Library. The Guild members voted to pay the excess and donate the slots if no new quilters sign up for the class at the December Business Meeting.

December Business Meeting/Christmas Party

The December Business Meeting/Christmas Party was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Kiln Library Meeting Room.

Many who made the Sweatshirt Jacket from April H's October Program Meeting brought their completed jackets to the Christmas Party.

We collected food items or monetary donations for the Hancock County Food Pantry. Our donations are needed even more this year as more people are going to the Pantry.

We raised some food items and \$235.00 for the Hancock County Food Pantry.

Guild Christmas Party and Challenge Project

The members voted at the August 10th Business Meeting to agree on the Dirty Santa Exchange of a handmade gift. Each member would bring a handmade item that they would like to have themselves for the exchange. (Lap quilt, table runner, tote bag, wall hanging, or any other handmade item quilt related.) Rules on the exchange process were given out at the party. All the gifts were beautiful and useful! Some gifts were stolen more often than others. Sherrie Q finally got a gift she could keep after many of her gifts were stolen. Thank you, Sherrie, for being such a good sport!! (And other members as well!) Jill W was able to keep the most coveted present of the Dirty Santa exchange. It was a birdhouse brought by Charlotte T.



BOQG Website Update

The BOQG website is a work in progress. January 2024 Calendar Quilt Example is shown as well as the Instruction document is available. October 2023 Program Meeting Project picture and information is available as well as the September 2023 Sew-N-Draw Project. The most up-to-date ByLaws are entered. **Under Archives:**

For 2023: Business Minutes, Newsletters, BOMs, and Program Meeting Projects.

For 2022: Some of the same categories are there.

For 2024: Categories are being set up and some information is there.

Instructions were included when allowed.

More still needs to be done. The pictures for the 2023 Quilt Show still need to be added.

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Important Dates

New & Old Board Meeting

January 3, 2024 11:00 am

Lunch Meeting at the Country Club

January Business Meeting

January 11, 2024 1:00 pm

GSQA 2024 Traveling Teacher

January 22, 2024 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Abbey Retreat

March 5 - 8, 2024

Show and Tell



Sweatshirt Jacket With Paper Piecing

Jean's Mother Made the Jacket From Jean's Sister's Dresses



Sweatshirt Jacket



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Red, White, & Blue Quilt



Sweatshirt Jacket



Red, White, & Blue Donation Quilt
Women Veterans



T-Shirt Quilt



Dolphin Panel Quilt



LSU/Star Wars Quilt



Crazy Quilt Pillow



Christmas Panel Quilt



Sweatshirt Jacket