



# Bay Oaks Quilt Guild

April 2018 Newsletter

## April Business Meeting

Our April business meeting will be Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the Kiln Library. We will discuss upcoming events to include the opportunity quilt, the show, upcoming program night, and our hosting of July's GSQA meeting.

Don't forget to sign up for a volunteer slot for the GSQA quilt show in Slidell, April 13-14. Also remember we are hosting the GSQA meeting in Long Beach on July 28<sup>th</sup>. We have asked members to make 5 Christmas ornaments each as "happys" to pass out to meeting attendees.



## April Program Night

Program night for April will be quilt project called Anita's Arrowhead block and a foldable needle holder. It will be taught by Jean Anderson and Ava Craig.

### Supply list:

#### Fabric:

Two (2) contrasting/complimentary fat quarters (Anita's Arrowhead Block)

One (1) fat quarter (foldable needle holder)

Cutting mat/Rotary cutter

9" square or other ruler

Machine

Basic sewing supplies (extension cord, thread, needles, scissors, seam ripper, etc.)

## Sit-N-Sew

May 19<sup>th</sup>

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

July 21<sup>st</sup>

Sit-N-Sews are Saturdays set aside to join other guild members at the Kiln library with whatever project you are working on for a day of sewing & fellowship. They typically kick off about 9am and end by 3pm. Some make a day of it, some may only make a few hours. You can bring a lunch or take a break & run up to Subway, etc. It's a very laid-back atmosphere.

## SEW-N-DRAW

Our second Sew & Draw will be on Saturday, June 9th at the Kiln Library. For the new members, what is Sew & Draw? Once a quarter, we meet at Kiln Library at 9 AM and usually leave around 3 PM. During that time we make a pieced quilt top. All names of attendees are put into the "hat" and a winner is drawn. That lucky person goes home with the completed top and all fabrics left over for that project.



The good part is, every time you show up at a Sew & Draw, your name goes into the drawing that many times.....that way your chances to win increases. Example, you show up at first S&D your name goes in once; show up at second S&D you have two chances in the hat, etc, etc. If you are a lucky winner your name will not go into the drawing again, but we do want to see you there helping to make the next quilt tops. Yes, sometimes

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unexpected things happen and we cannot attend, that's okay. We take a lunch break around noon and some ladies (or gent) brings their lunches or we carpool down to Subway.

Melba will announce the next pattern and materials to bring in the near future.

There are three groups: The ironing group, the cutting group & the sewing group. See Melba to You may join in any group of your choice. If you are a sewer, please bring your machine and supplies needed. If you will be cutting, please bring your mat, rulers and rotary cutter. Same for ironers, bring your board and iron. (If you can not bring a board, please let Melba know so she can have one for you.)

Any questions, please email Melba at [Jboatman21@aol.com](mailto:Jboatman21@aol.com).



## Quilt Show Notes for Newbies!

Our biennial Quilt Show will be May 10-11, 2019. This show is run by our members and exhibits the quilted works of only our members. There are ribbons awarded, but our show is really more about showcasing quilting as an art and hobby that everyone can enjoy. It is an opportunity also to showcase what our guild offers. One way we do this is to group exhibits from guild classes and programs. So, if you have finished a “terrific tucks” runner, or an “interleave” or a “fractured panels” hanging, please consider entering these projects!

**Are my quilts “good enough”?** Please note that we invite entries that reflect ALL skill levels, from beginner to intermediate to pro. We all started our quilting journey somewhere, and we want quilts that will inspire everyone from the “wanting to learn” to those wanting to take their craft to the next level. Your quilt need not be perfect...the most critical of your quilt will **always** be you. *Please don't ever think for a second that your quilt is not “good enough”...if you made it, it is good enough!* There is no cost to enter your quilt in the show.

**What is done with the profits?** Part of the money remains in our treasury to fund the next show and also to allow us to pay for instructors/classes for our guild members to continue our mission as a “teaching guild”. The majority of the funds we use to “give back” to our communities. We will solicit from our membership nominations for charities to receive a contribution. We usually end up with 3-5 charities to which we can give a sizable donation, depending on what amount we have to work with. The nominees are presented to the membership and we vote as a group whether we will support the cause. We have always supported local and National charities near & dear to the hearts of our members, nominated by our members.

**How do I prepare my quilt for a show?** The main criteria is that your quilt be finished, have a label and a sleeve for hanging it. **The label** may contain basic information such as the person who made the quilt, the quilter (if different from the maker), date, credit to the pattern/designer. There is no mandatory format or content for the label. There will be cards pinned to the quilts that will capture information also, even if not on the quilt's label. **The sleeve** is a tube of fabric stitched (basted) to the back of the quilt along the top edge that is large enough to accommodate a hanging rod to slide through. Table runners (i.e. “terrific tucks”) would have the sleeve on a short side, so that we can hang more projects side-by-side on a rod. We will have instructions as the show gets closer for making and affixing the sleeves.

So hang on to those works! I am a quilter who gives away the majority of my projects. If this is you also, please consider hanging on to as many as you can to display. If you must gift an item that you are particularly proud of, consider asking if you can borrow it back for the show. Who knows? You could return the gift as an “award winning quilt”! There is a lot of work associated with putting on a show, so it may seem overwhelming as we work through the planning process, but it ALWAYS comes together nicely and turns out to be a very FUN event!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 7:** Rosebud Luncheon

**April 13-14:** GSQA Quilt Show, Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell, LA

**April 28:** GSQA Meeting, Pensacola, FL

**May 19:** Sit-n-Sew, Kiln Library

**June 9:** Sew-n-Draw, Kiln Library

**June 23:** Sit-n-Sew, Kiln Library

**July 28:** GSQA Quarterly Meeting, Long Beach, 10a.m. **(We are hosting!)**

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