

Gala Quilt Guild meeting minutes Saturday July 16, 2022

The morning workshop was a continuation of the one block wonder that was taught by Lee Ann Scoggins. Three people attended and worked on the project. Eight people came and worked on other projects.

Our wonderful, talented and dedicated president, Linda Walker, was unable to preside because of illness. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Juanita Christian, vice president and program chairwoman presided over the meeting. An ice-cream social began at 12:00 noon and was enjoyed by all. There was a big variety of toppings including nuts and fruits. There were several flavors of ice cream including pickle and mango brought in by Rebecca Chester.

The meeting started at 1:00. Juanita had everyone introduce themselves and tell a little about how they got into quilting. Everyone had many interesting stories. Two new members joined the guild. Beth Hickman from Opelika, Alabama and Kathryn Bray from Columbus. Three other women, Beverly Toland, Ann Clement and Pamela Hamilton, visited for the meeting.

In August Sunny Pedigo will teach a Jean circle quilt. Members need to bring in blue jeans in a medium weight fabric. Do not include stretchy denim, very heavy denim or very light weight denim. You will also need marking pens, glue sticks, a sewing machine and 5 inch squares. September workshop will be a Christmas mystery quilt. In October the workshop will be on Seminole piecing taught by Linda Walker and Frances Thomason. In November, Cindy Rinki will come from Auburn to do a dying workshop. The cost for members is \$35. The rest of the cost is being absorbed by the guild. Members who participate will end up with 32 fat eighths in a rainbow of colors. The \$35 will need to be paid by September.

Members who were participating exchanged a brown bag of 3 fat quarters. Each member is to make some kind of gift using these 3 fat quarters and some fabric of their own. These gifts need to be completed by the December meeting. There will be a Christmas party at the December meeting. These gifts will be exchanged at that time..

Rebecca went over the new block of the month which will be done in reds and the Kona cotton

. Everyone is encouraged to bring in toiletries for the year end projects. These items can include shampoo, body wash, deodorant, feminine products, toothbrushes, tooth paste, wash clothes and hand towels and other small personal items. These toiletries will be put in the one yard bags along with the charity quilts. Members are encouraged to work on the charity quilts Making tops, making backs, quilting, and binding are all things that need to be done. Please consider helping in whatever capacity that you can. These will be going to two different shelters, one in Alabama and one in Georgia.

In October, there will be another festival at Fort Mitchell and the guild is planning on having a table to sell items. Members are encouraged to make items to sell. These funds help pay for teachers and other guild activities. Some things that members can make include the following: rag wreathes, thread catchers, pot holders, place mats, table runners, pin cushions, mug rugs, hand towel sets, mini quilts, ornaments, book marks, zipper bags, scissor cozies, Christmas tree wall hangings, project bags, trivets, hot pads, jar openers, any other small gift like items.

Audrey gave out several gifts that were raffled from the sign in sheet, block of the month and name tag lists.

The program included demonstrations of different specialty rulers. Jane Mills showed a 60 degree equilateral triangle ruler that she used to make table runner from some border fabric. Pat Mistretta demonstrated a ruler called pineapple play. This ruler makes pineapple blocks much easier. Audrey Bergeron explained the wing clipper ruler which is used to trim up flying geese. Linda Hayes demonstrated the tri recs ruler. This ruler can be used to make a $\frac{1}{2}$ rectangle triangle, a diamond or a neat star called a 54-40 or fight.

Everyone enjoyed the show and tell.

Rebecca announced a class on the Singer Feather Weight sewing machine. This class is taught by Tabby Champion. This class shows how to service and maintain this machine. It will be held at the Church August 13 at 10:00 AM until about 4:30 or 5:00. The cost will be \$125.00. Bring a lunch if you are participating.