

June 29,2023

Newsletter July 2023

Dear Gala Quilt Members and Fans,

Hi to everyone and again another busy time in June. First a big thank you to Linda Walker for conducting the meeting in my absence. Great turnout of 28 members and 1 visitor.

Linda Walker has been working on a new t shirt for our guild. Design for new shirt was voted on. T shirts will cost around \$11 and a sign up sheet was passed out to get sizes from members .

Juanita Christian has been in touch with Mr. Frank Brown of Mother Mary's Mission. They are working on a grant and need a letter from GALA quilting outlining values of the items donated to them. Beth Hickman, our secretary, will draft a letter for Juanita. The total value of items donated to them was \$6,900. Gala is very happy to be able to donate to such a worthy organization.

Juanita Christian let members know about our upcoming Kitchen Sink workshop on July 29 to be held at First United Methodist Church,1600 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Phenix City , Al. Time is 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will have a pot luck lunch (soup, sandwiches, salad, and dessert).

A sign up sheet was circulated to help set up and clean up.

The cost is \$10 each. We have 18 members signed up and the maximum for class is 20. 2 seats are open at this time

Toni Steere will be coming on September 23,2023 to conduct an all day workshop. Cost of materials is \$50 per kit. You will leave class with a completed wall hanging. Sign up and pay Glenna Shephard.

This will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1600 5<sup>th</sup> ave., Phenix City, AL.

There are several Gala Programs and Workshops coming up.

July 10,2023 from 9:30 to 1.00 is the next day you have the opportunity to help sew Quilts of Valor from last year's BOM.

We will have an Ice Cream Social at lunchtime at the July Guild meeting. Members are asked to bring toppings and cookies. The Hospitality Committee will oversee set up and clean up.

Our July Skill Builder workshop will be half square triangles led by Audrey Bergeron.

August program is Continuous Binding led by Agnes Grimes. She has a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to order the Strip Ticket for a cost of \$5.

August Workshop is Dresden Fans.

October Workshop is 3D fabric snowflakes.

Juanita Christian will lead a Round Robin Panel Quilt project starting in January.

A request was made for copies of an agenda to be distributed to each member so they can bring to meeting and make notes.

Treasurer`s Report by Audrey Bergeron.

There are currently 46 paid members.

We took in \$429 from sale items at Fort Mitchell plus \$226.50 from item sold to members at the May meeting, and \$424 from Quilt raffles.

Our current balance is \$7,024.87

The members voted to spend Gala funds to purchase a roll of batting. Audrey Bergeron will order the batting.

Frances Thomason has two rolls of polyester batting she will donate to the guild.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed:

Non-members (have not paid \$25 yearly dues) may attend and participate in Saturday afternoon workshops for a fee of \$10 per workshop.

Our program was led by Rosemary Dekker on getting Quilts ready to Quilt. A lot of great information was shared.

Becca Chester showed Block of the Month which is a Strawberry and due to be returned in July.

Audrey Bergeron won Block of the Month which was the Tulip Block

Drawings for name tag and sign in were done.

Show and tell included 15 Quilts of Valor. One of the Show and Tell quilts was a signature block done several years ago. Trina Walker will head up this project next year.

Next year`s Quilt Show at Fort Mitchell will have a special category: Monochromatic Quilts in place of Children`s Quilts.

Brown Bags were given out for that project. To participate you need to place 3 fat quarters in the bag with your name and a list of things you might like. Seal the bag and bring to July meeting. All bags will be collected and each person will draw a bag. You make something for the person whose bag you draw using the material provided and some of your stash. Wrap as a Christmas gift and bring to December meeting.

The meeting was concluded.

The afternoon workshop was conducted by Juanita Christian and was attended by 7 members. Quilted placemats with vinyl linings were made into boxy zipper bags.

Happy Quilting To All

Bettyanne McGlinchey, President