

## **GALA Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes**

### **January 20, 2024**

**President's Welcome:** Bettyanne McGlinchey called the meeting to order and introduced this year's officers who were elected at the December 16, 2023 Christmas Luncheon meeting.

President: Bettyanne McGlinchey  
1st Vice President: Glenna Shephard  
2nd Vice President: Trina Walker  
Secretary: Beth Hickman  
Treasurer: Audrey Bergeron

There were 31 members present.

**Morning Program:** Juanita Christian chair of the Quilt Show Committee

- **Barn Quilt Painting** opportunity at Fort Mitchell (not a GALA sponsored event)  
March 9, 2024 Cost is \$25 per person. The Barn Quilt blocks will be 16" - 18"  
If you are interested in participating, call and leave a message. (Name, phone number, how many would like to participate)  
Dell McLendon 706-577-3327 or Fort Mitchell 334-855-1406

**Annual Pioneer Day Quilt Show** - Saturday, April 27, 2024 10:00 am - 3:00 pm EST  
Sponsored by the Russell County Historical Commission and GALA Quilt Guild in conjunction with Pioneer Day at the Fort Mitchell Historic Site 561 AL Highway 165, Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856

#### **Categories:**

**Vintage/Antique** - no size restrictions; no sleeve to hang required; no sewn in label required. Information should be pinned to the bottom right corner of the back. Will not be judged but will have a Viewer's Choice award.

**Special Category: Two (2) Color Quilts:** no size or date made restriction. Will need a sleeve for hanging and a sewn on label. Will not be judge but will have a Viewer's Choice award.

**New Quilts** (completed within the last 7 years):

Sizes allowed: **Small** - has a perimeter of less than 145"

**Medium** - has a perimeter of 145" to 270"

**Large** - has a perimeter of 271" to 360"

NO QUILTS LARGER THAN 360" in PERIMETER will be accepted/displayed.

These quilts must have a sleeve for hanging and a sewn in label in the bottom right corner. These will be judged (on Thursday, April 25th) and awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention. (NOTE: Monetary prizes have been provided for the winners by the Russell County Historical Society. They are unable to provide that support this year. Adjusted prize amounts are being discussed.)

**ALL QUILTS SUBMITTED:** must be in a fabric bag or pillowcase that can be tied closed. Tie straps should be attached to the bag or pillowcase (sewn or safety pinned); no quilts in plastic bags will be accepted.

- The next committee meeting is January 31, 2024 at 10:30 am at the Phenix City Senior Center. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend.

Linda Walker is in charge of Raffle and Publicity:

- We have 6 quilts already donated/set aside for the raffle. Audrey Bergeon has a list of the donations. Audrey will have a sign up sheet in March for help at the raffle table.
- There is a list of places that usually allow flyers to be displayed. Radio stations and Newspapers (The Citizen) that have Community Calendars are other places to publicize. Dell McClendon has done a TV spot in the past and a press release write up. Fort Mitchell usually have flyers that can be put up on community bulletin boards or placed in stores, teacher work rooms etc.

Cathy Vancour is in charge of the White Glove volunteers.

- Sign up in March for 1-2 hours. Wear white gloves (provided) so can show backs of quilts to visitors who want to see them. We need two volunteers circulating the quilt show display at a time. Visitors are not supposed to touch the quilts, only the volunteers wearing white gloves.

Bettyanne McGlinchey is in charge of the Sales Table.

- Sign up in March to work at the tables.
- We need donated items already priced to sell.
- We usually take in \$600-\$800 between the sales and raffle tables. This funds our speakers, provides supplies for completing quilts that we donate, etc. This year we need to make more quilt stands for the Quilt Show that could be funded from the sales/raffle. (10 more quilt stands would cost \$300-\$400)
- Ideas for items to donate: Patriotic themed items (red/white/blue); table runners; aprons; fabric boxes like we are making today in the afternoon workshop. Sunny Pedago suggested Quilted playing card holders made from old CDs. Lisa Romans showed/donated Needle Books made from scraps with felt pages.
- Carol Bradshaw has a digital form that will track the donations.

Francis Thomason is in charge of volunteers for Hanging th Quilts.

- Sign up in March for Tuesday, April 23, 2024 to set up and Sunday, April 28, 2024 to take down.
- Husbands, children, grandchildren, college or high school students can help.
- Need lots of help. You do not have to carry heavy items or climb ladder to help.

**Vice President's Report:** Glenna Shephard

- **February 17, 2024 Meeting:** Butterfly Threads Quilting Trunk Show 10:00 am
  - Diane Knott will do a Trunk Show for us. We will hold our regular meeting at **First United Methodist Church of Phenix City 1600 Sandfort Road, Phenix City**. The format for that day will be Trunk Show in the morning followed by our regular business meeting. There will not be a workshop that day. We will vote on having Diane Knott come back in the fall to do a workshop for us.
  - **Bring money** to purchase items. Diane has lots of things you will want to buy!
- Today's Afternoon Workshop is making Fabric Boxes led by Glenna.
- Check the program and workshop calendar handout and look for email updates as sometimes changes have to be made.
- Red Rooster Retreat April 11-14, 2024 Pat Mistretta
  - Final \$200 due today
  - Dixie Whitt made/donated a ceramic plate with 3-D Rooster to give the retreat Hosts.
  - Attendees were reminded to bring a small gift to go in the Sunday Giveaway basket and to bring decorations for their table in some theme. Everyone will have their own 6' table. PJs are "sewing clothes."
  - Reminders will be sent out to the attendees with complete list of needed items.

**Treasurer's Report:** Audrey Bergeron

- Dues for 2024 are \$25 and are now being collected.
- Currently have 30 paid members.

**Secretary's Report:** Beth Hickman

- The minutes are going out to everyone via email or regular mail each month within a week or two of the meeting date.

- A request was made that reminder emails go out the week of the meeting with workshop information.
- This past week an Agenda and a reminder went out. We will continue to send the Agenda and reminder together during the week before each meeting.

### **Old Business:**

- The Pillowcase Project has been extended until June 2024.
- Round Robin panel quilt participants will meet in the other room as soon as the business meeting is concluded
- New Bylaws discussion:
  - Block of the Month winner process:
  - Three options: 1) no restrictions on winning; 2) can only win once in a calendar year, January to December; and 3) can only win once in rolling calendar year (once per 12 month period.)
  - For each option a motion, second and vote occurred. Option 1) no restrictions carried.
  - It was noted that a person winning multiple times in a years time might choose to decline to be the winner so that others have a chance to win.
- Glenna Shephard made a motion that the New Bylaws, with the BOM no restrictions option, be accepted. There were several seconds and a unanimous vote to accept. The New Bylaws are now official. Audry Bergeron will make the needed changes to the document she created and make it available to everyone.

### **New Business:**

- Bettyanne McGlinchey showcased the New Member Packet created by Carol Bradshaw. The packet includes a copy of the minutes, a membership card and a GALA pin. THANKS Carol!!
- Linda Walker has been notified of a potential donation from the family of a quilter who has passed away. She will need some help some time in February to pick up donated items. Several members indicated they were willing to help.
- **BOM** - (Becca Chester) Cheerful Churn Dash Riley Blake 2023 Challenge pattern. We are using the Hand-dyed Batik fabrics (first one) on the chart that was given out last month
- The blocks will each be one of the Riley Blake blocks. The idea is to make your BOM to turn in and make a second block with fabric from your own stash. At the end of the year, if you have made and returned all 11 blocks you will receive 5 additional patterns you could make to add to your set to complete a quilt top. The

winner of the BOM blocks each month has a bonus of blocks to go in their own quilt.

- These blocks will all be **10.5 inch blocks**. This is a change from what we have done before.
- **Quilts of Valor block** - (Pat Carlson) Broken Star: no cost; Kona Snow for the background is furnished. Use reds and blues from your stash. There will be an extra HST from each block. Bring those back also. We will use them in another project.

## **DRAWINGS:**

**Blocks of Valor:** none

**Sign In:** Mary Bray and Carol Bradshaw

**Name Tag:** Becky Hooper and Bettyanne McGlinchey

**BOM:** none

Original Sewing and Quilt Expo is in Atlanta, GA (Duluth) March 7, 8 & 9 at the Gas South Convention Center. Three free tickets were given away. Winners were Glenna Shephard, Pat Carlson and Lisa Romans.

February 8-10 is the Middle Georgia Shop Hop. There are two groups from GALA going. Contact Glenna Shephard for more information.

Hometown Quilts in Hoagansville, GA is taking a bus. The cost is \$30.

If you visit all the shops (takes at least 2.5 hours) you can enter a prize drawing.

## **Show and Tell:**

Will be limited to 2 items per person.

Nursing homes don't like cheap cotton that wrinkles and will throw away (pillowcases) items that don't hold up well. Maybe use a cotton/poly blend.

Meeting was adjourned.

13 people stayed for the afternoon workshop. Only 5 actually sewed. If you made a fabric box, please bring it to show on February 17th.