

GALA Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2024

President's Welcome: Bettyanne McGlinchey called the meeting to order.

There were 28 were present.

Morning Program: omitted

QUILT SHOW: Juanita Christian

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

- Forms are available now. Please go to <https://galaquiltguild.com/quilt-show/> to download forms and read the general rules.
- On the last two Thursdays of March, quilts may be brought to the Phenix City Senior Citizens Center.
- Last pick-up date is April 6 at Sunday Best Quilt Shop

Sign Up Sheets for each area volunteers are needed are on the back table. Please sign up to help in any way that you can. No volunteers were available from Ft. Moore or the Columbus River Dragons.

Ribbons for the winning quilts have been made by Trina Walker.

THANK YOU Trina!!!

Audrey Bergeron is in charge of Raffle

Glenna Shephard is in charge of Publicity:

Cathy Vancour is in charge of the White Glove volunteers.

Bettyanne McGlinchey is in charge of the Sales Table.

Francis Thomason is in charge of volunteers for Hanging and taking down the Quilts. -

- Hanging will take place Tuesday April 23 at 10:00 am
- Take down will be Sunday, April 27 1:30 - 2:00.

Volunteers are also needed to:

- make the signs that go on the quilts.
- prepare the quilts for hanging by taking them out of bags.

- attaching placards with name and description and Number for voting/judging.

We will also do a Bed Turning in the Cabin at noon.

- Three volunteers will be needed.
- 10 quilts on the bed. Talk about the top quilt then turn it down and talk about the next quilt, etc.

- IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP BUT CAN/WILL HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THAT PART OR JUANITA CHRISTIAN

Please encourage people to put quilts in the show.

Vice President's Report: Glenna Shephard

A large donation has been made to GALA Quilt Guild by the family of Laura Lucy whose husband has been stationed at Ft. Moore. Laura died unexpectedly a few months ago. She taught herself to quilt while she and her husband were stationed in Italy. Her Mother in Law belongs to a quilt guild in California. Laura's husband and mother-in-law urged her to join GALA, but Laura didn't think her quilts were good enough...they were/are beautiful!! And have all been sent to family members.

In February, Linda Walker and a few others brought all that was donated to the church. At the May 18th GALA meeting, we will have a yard sale. All the items from Laura's "stash" will be priced, very reasonably, and available for purchase by guild members. The money raised help fund workshops and other events for GALA.

- **April 20, 2024 Meeting:** Morning Program

- Scrap Quilts led by Linda Hayes

Afternoon Workshop: Making items to sell at Ft. Mitchell

- Bring anything you are working on or would like help on, or just bring your sewing machine, etc. and see what you can help make.

Glenna attended an event at recently and met Ryan Blocker who is the Museum Collections Coordinator at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery. She (Ryan) can come talk to the guild about quilt history in Alabama and/or we can take a "field trip" to Montgomery to the Archives and see quilts that are in the collection. We can also bring vintage/antique quilts for Ryan to look at and she will tell us what she can about the vintage/antique quilts.

There was interest in both inviting Ryan to speak to the guild and taking a field trip.

Four of our guild members took part in the Barn Quilt Painting at Ft. Mitchell on Saturday, March 9th. If there is enough interest, we can plan to do a Barn Quilt Painting session of our own. There were several interested members.

- Red Rooster Retreat April 11-14, 2024 Pat Mistretta
 - Pat is taking orders for Quilt Retreat T-shirts. The order goes in on Monday (March 18)
 - Bring your quilt you use on your bed for a show and tell.
 - Bring a cushion for your chair in case the chairs are not comfortable for all day sitting.
 - There will not be a sales table there.
 - A refrigerator is available for our use.

Pat Mistretta has a friend who has turned two old Singer machines mounted in wooden boxes into lamps and they are for sale. One is \$175 and the other is \$195. See Pat if interested.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey Bergeron

- We have 37 members; there are 21 (former) members who have not paid dues - check the list
- Dues for 2024 are \$25 and are now being collected.

Reminder: Visitors at workshops GALA pays for need to pay to attend. Bring people, but be sure the appropriate payments have been made.

Secretary's Report: There is a sympathy card for Dixie Whitt's son and a card for her sister. Please sign them. There will be another card for her brother for you to sign at next month's meeting. We are also taking up a collection of money to send to the American Cancer Society in memory of Dixie. We will collect again next month also.

We are all saddened by the passing of our very talented friend, Dixie Whitt. She generously gave her "stash" to Guild Members. She left instructions for her son, Marshall (Skip) to open her sewing room for Guild Members to come and get items. Several of us went and brought back what was left to the church and made fabric, etc. available for the taking today. What was left will go into the yard sale later in the year.

Linda Walker made the suggestion that we all pre-plan and tell our families what we want done with our "stash" when we are gone.

Old Business:

Pillow case project: Bettanne is still accepting finished pillowcases until June.

Diane (Knott) Vandiver Workshop: We are looking at a tentative date of September 28, 2024 and the quilt we are requesting that she teach is Savannah (it has rounded corners and can be seen on her website:

<https://www.butterflythreadsquilting.com/new-page>

in the full day workshop section.

New Business:

Possibility of a Mini Retreat: Audrey Bergeron showed a Tulip block she has made and has agreed to teach us how to make a table runner of these blocks. The Mini-retreat would be held in Phenix City over a weekend in July. More details to come.

- **BOM** - (Becca Chester) Tiptoe Through the Tulips from Riley Blake 2023 Challenge pattern. We are using the Hand-dyed Batik fabrics (first one) on the chart that was given out last month as our color pallet.
- You do not have to purchase the Riley Blake fabrics. Use what you have in your stash that is similar.
- 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 (10" finished.)** This is a change from what we have done before.
- **Quilts of Valor block** - Pat Carlson was not able to attend the meeting. Rebecca took up the finished QoV blocks for last month.

DRAWINGS:

Blocks of Valor: not done today

Sign In: Karen Boyd and Shirley Campbell

Name Tag: Alberta and Suzan Denson

BOM: Suzan Denson

Show and Tell: There were lots of beautiful items shown. Some were donated for the sales table at the Ft. Mitchell Quilt Show.

Meeting was adjourned.

TEA!! We had a lovely spread of sandwiches and sweets to go with our hot tea (or water.) See photos on our Facebook page!

Quilts for the Quilt show were taken up after the tea. Only 2 were turned in. We need some more for the show.

8 members stayed, 6 actually sewed, for the Easy Wonder Clip Bowl Workshop led by Agnes Grimes and Becca Chester.