

GALA Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2025, 10 AM EST

President's Welcome: Glenna Shephard, president, called the monthly meeting to order. 1 new member and 1 visitor were present. Peggy Little, secretary, was present to record the meeting's minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey Bergeron, treasurer, provided the information below:

1. Membership Dues are \$25 - please complete a membership form when you pay your dues
2. Current Balance - \$6,839.89

Vice President's Report: Lisa Romans

1. Members who had February birthdays received a decorated cookie.
2. Mystery Box was explained:
 - a. Mystery Box contains more than \$100 worth of sewing/quilting goodies.
 - b. Tickets are 6 for \$5.
 - c. Any money collected over that spent will be given to the guild.
3. New digital communication sites are available for all members but must be invited to join:
 - a. Facebook group – GALA Quilt Guild Chat Room
 - b. GroupMe app
4. Email remains the official notification channel.
5. Reward Challenge: There are eight (8) ways to earn a charm. Information regarding the challenge can be found on the new Facebook group – GALA Quilt Guild Chat Room.
6. Upcoming programs and Workshops
 - a. Today's workshop is brought to you by Becky Hooper who made the kits and provided patterns for the potholders.
 - b. March 15 is the Spring Tea:
 - i. All members - bring your teacup, tea (bags) and goodies to share.
 - ii. The Hospitality committee will decorate.
 - iii. Potholders made for the February meeting can be swapped or given to the guild for the sales table at Pioneer Days.

Old Business:

1. Red Rooster Retreat, Crane Hill, AL (Smith Lake) - Pat Mistretta reported:
 - a. Dates of the retreat are April 9 -12, 2025.
 - b. The final \$200 payment is past due.

- c. 21 have registered.
- 2. The Mini-Retreat, Trinity United Methodist Church, Phenix City, AL – Glenna Shephard shared:
 - a. February 28 - March 1, 2025, 9:30-4:00 EST.
 - b. The cost is \$15, which helps cover snacks, drinks, and building and maintenance.

New Business:

- 1. President's Challenge – Glenna Shephard shared:
 - a. From January to June is 'Quilts for Dialysis Patients'.
 - b. 80 dialysis patients
 - c. Lap/throw quilts - 55" X 60" is preferred.
 - d. Green is associated with dialysis awareness.
- 2. Pioneer Day is Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Beth Hickman, chairperson, shared:
 - a. There will not be a quilt show.
 - b. There will be a small quilt display.
 - c. There will be a raffle and a sales table.
 - d. There will be a bed turning offered multiple times.
 - e. Help is needed.
 - i. Providing items for raffle and sales tables.
 - ii. Working at the event.
- 3. There are several Quilt related opportunities coming up
 - a. Original Quilting and Sewing Expo – Duluth, GA (Atlanta)
 - i. March 6-8, 2025.
 - ii. Times: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - b. Crossroads Quilt Guild – A Stitch in Time Quilt Show, Centerville, GA Quilt Show
 - i. March 21-23, 2025
 - ii. \$8 entry fee/\$1 discount coupon available at your local quilt/fabric stores.
 - iii. Times: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 12-5 p.m.
 - c. American Quilter's Society Quilt Show, Paducah, KY
 - i. April 23-26, 2025
 - ii. Wed., Apr. 23–Fri., Apr. 25 | 9 a.m.– 5 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 26 | 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.
 - iii. \$12-member, \$15 non-member (1 Day)

4. Carol Braswell has agreed to be the Blocks of Valor chairperson. The guild voted that the QOV blocks would be sent to West Point.
5. Lisa Romans suggested that the guild get new, soft T-shirts. She will reach out to vendors and get help from the members regarding the design.

DRAWINGS:

Mystery Box: Debbie Shaw

Sign In: Linda Walker

Name Tag: Shirley Campbell

BOM: Cathy Poyner

NOTES:

Becca Chester indicated that the instructions for February's BOM needed correction.

Under fabric and cut instructions changes to the background fabric requirements follow:

Background #2	(1) 7 ¼" square; cut twice diagonally (Y)
9"x16"	(4) 4 ¼" square; cut twice diagonally (Z)
	(2) 3" squares; cut once on diagonal

Please be sure to square up each section of the BOM following the printed directions.

Your unfinished block that you return next month should measure 12.5" X 12.5 "

This is the last chance to join the 2025 Quilt Along. Call Becca Chester if you want to join.

Show and Tell: Limit of 2 items per person was requested.

Meeting was adjourned

Minutes taken by Peggy Little, secretary, and submitted to board for review and approval 2/16/2025.