

## **GULF STATES QUILTING ASSOCIATION General Meeting - April 17, 2010**

The April 17, 2010 General Meeting of Gulf States Quilting Association was held at Christ United Methodist Church in Mobile, Alabama. President Lucy DeHarde opened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Cena Harmon recited a quilting poem and offered the morning prayer.

Scissors were left in Susan Cleveland's Mobile class.

Lynn McGregor, President of Azalea City Quilters' Guild, welcomed everyone. Joyce Reed had maps available of places to have lunch in the area. Lucy extended a thank you to the guild for hosting the meeting and everyone else who helped.

New pre-printed sign-in sheets are being used for attendance where members will initial next to their name. Fifty-four GSQA members were signed in. Thirty six guests attended which included members of the host guild and four new members to GSQA.

Recording Secretary Judith Wheeler read a condensed version of the minutes of the January 23, 2010 General meeting. A motion was made by Dan LeBlanc and seconded by Jill Whipple to accept the minutes submitted. All in favor. Motion passed.

(Correction submitted after meeting - Circuit teachers Paula Toups and Sherry Herringshaw were at the January meeting.)

Treasurer Loretta Webre read the financial report.

### Seminar - Dan LeBlanc

Dan reported on the March 2010 Seminar. The person who had the longest trip was a lady from Australia, with others coming from New York, Texas, Colorado and California.

The next Seminar will be March 16-20, 2011 at the Marriott in Baton Rouge, LA. Room rates will remain the same at \$109.00 plus tax. The Selection Committee is working on teachers for the Seminar. Harriet Hargrave and Judy Niemeyer are signed up and there will be early registration for their classes.. Check the website in June for information. If you are interested in applique classes, contact Dan at his e-mail address which is on the website or in the newsletter.

### Membership - Debbie Frank

There are 638 members to date. Members are asked to update their email addresses so Debbie can send reminders.

### Quilt Show - Ilaine Hartman & Bonnie Foto

The Show will be June 18 - 20, 2010 at the North Shore Center in Slidell, La. Quilts are needed from Alabama and Florida. Bonnie is working on free lectures and demos. Some of the teachers are willing to do some. If you are able and willing to do a 30-minute lecture/demo, please talk to Bonnie.

Ilaine announced that the Opportunity Quilt was appraised at the meeting at a value of \$4,350. The winner of the quilt will receive a formal appraisal.

There are 13 vendors, some having multiple booths. Camellia Quilters will run the Lobby. Docents are needed - call Karen Rudd (985) 764-9863. Volunteers are needed for the Community Sew. "Bras for Cancer" will have a special display. There will be a 3-day pass for \$20.

There is a quilt length limitation of 110" due to side of 8 ft poles. Quilts, including wall hangings, should have a sleeve. Minatures do not need a sleeve.

Thursday before the show will be hanging of quilts. There is no entry fee and doors open a 9 a.m.

Historian - Donna Downing - No Report

Rosebud Auction/Luncheon - Lucy DeHarde/Donna Downing

The Rosebud auction and luncheon will be June 12, 2010 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Metairie, LA. Tickets for the buffet lunch are \$25; tables for 8 are \$200. Some of the auction items were shown at the meeting. (Tickets are purchased and then placed in the vase by the item.) Tickets were available at the meeting. If you cannot be at the luncheon, send your ticket to Donna and ask her to put it in the vase for you.

Round Robin Quilts There are two quilts and they were made by Board members. The Christmas quilt is finished and was shown at the meeting. Both quilts will be auctioned at the Quilt Show.

Programs - Cena Harmon

Cena had list of where Susan Cleveland was still having classes if anyone was interested.

Cena has speakers, but needs locations. Hallie O'Kelley, who gave the program at the April 2009 General meeting in Birmingham, is scheduled for the July 24, 2010 meeting. She is willing to a workshop, but we need a location. The recent AQS magazine (pg 14) as well as the AQS website had a feature on her.

Cena has packets available for guilds who want to host a meeting.

Ways & Means - Glenda Hughes

Ways & Means items sold at Seminar totaled \$629, and at the January meeting in St. Gabriel totaled \$78.

Door Prizes - Restaurant gift certificates and quilt related items

Marion Maerke Scholarship - Barbara Skinner

Forms will be in the July newsletter for nomination for the Marion Maerke Scholarship to the 2011 Seminar. The deadline is **August 1**.

The winner gets first choice of classes, room and board, and a food allowance.  
Alternate gets first choice of classes.

Barbara explained who Marion Maerke was to GSQA.

Media - Leslie Plaisance

Leslie is keeping the website up to date as much as possible. Please notify her of any errors or omissions. Guilds need to notify her of events coming up and general information for website. The Guild and Shop list will be updated in the near future.

GSQA members will be notified of user name and password to access restricted areas of website as soon as it is available.

Circuit Teachers - Kathy Ayme

Kathy recognized Circuit teacher Marilyn Rose. Apologies to Paula Toups for her name being omitted from the last newsletter; she is still teaching. Four classes have been scheduled since January and more are scheduled for upcoming months. Please see the web page for class descriptions. At the July General meeting, the teachers will do a formal program to discuss their old and new classes.

Getting class paperwork on the web page is in the works. Each guild will be able to download the required forms and have correct addresses of where to send paperwork and monies.

New catalogs and paperwork will still be available, but guild must **request** a hardcopy of the new 2010-2011 folders. Pictures of classes and descriptions will remain on the web page along with numbers and emails for the teachers.

Lotto Block Drawing - Winners

Scrappy Two - Judy Ebeling  
Batiks with teal - Lucy DeHarde  
30's Fabrics - Linda Galloway

Scrappy Civil War - Laura Robertson  
Black with bright - Jean Schumacher  
Jewel Tones - Lucy DeHarde

Glenda announced a volunteer group is needed for the next Lotto Block. Packets with design instructions and focal fabric (usually there are five different "color ways" available) will be on sale at the July meeting. Finished blocks will be due for the October meeting in New Orleans and drawing will be held at that time.

“Stitch in Time” volunteered to do the blocks.

#### Newsletter - Fran Fletcher

Contact Fran to put news in Quilt Talk.

#### Past President - Bonnie Foto

The duty of the Past President is to head a committee comprised of the general membership to select next year's slate of officers. The 3 positions to be filled are President-elect, Membership and Historian. Bonnie will be contacting each of the committee members shortly to get underway with this task.

As a member of GSQA, be open to the idea of serving on the Board. There are several perks, one of which is you will be able to help set policies and procedures and be the first to know. Also, you will form close relationships and get to know more of the membership.

Think about recommending potential Board members and be ready to answer the call when approached to run for office. GSQA is only as good as the members it supports and that support it.

Lunch @ 11:40 a.m. - Reconvene at 12:45 p.m.

#### New Business

This year is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. There will be a special display of “Katrina quilts” at the International Show in Houston this year. It will be a juried show; forms and pictures must be received by July 1, 2010.

There will be a benefit for Michael Young at FabricKrazy Quilt Shop in Baton Rouge. Michael's address is on the Circuit teacher page of the GSQA website if you would like to send a card or help him directly.

Seminar Changes - Dan LeBlanc ---Seminar is an educational event, not a money-making event, but we are barely breaking even. Costs are increasing for teachers and class facilities. It has been decided to have Seminar every other year, in the odd years. The next Seminar will be in 2011, and after that 2013, etc. The Quilt Show will be in the even years, 2010, 2012, etc. Possibly we can bring in a national teacher for the quilt shows.

#### Program - Susan Cleveland “*My Eclectic Quilt Pageant*”

Cena introduced Susan Cleveland who gave a wonderful lecture, displaying her spectacular quilts.

There being no further business to discuss, Liz Linebrink made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Loretta Webre. All in favor. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Wheeler  
Recording Secretary

Show and Tell

No POE

Important Dates:

June 9, 10, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Quilts to be turned in for quilt show to Jane Ramee's  
home in Metairie, New Orleans

June 12, 2010 - - Rosebud Auction/luncheon

June 18, 19, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - Quilt Show, North Shore Center, Slidell, LA

July 24, 2010 - - - GSQA General Meeting - location TBA