



Quilt Talk

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The President's Corner

Dear Quilting Friends,

I can't believe my term as President of GSQA is just about over. It has been my pleasure to serve you. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to ask. My contact information is in the *Quilt Talk*.

When I became President this year, I thought I had a challenging job ahead of me and I was partly right. I now know the challenge is only just beginning! As I transition to head of the nominating committee, the challenge will be for us to choose candidates to lead GSQA in the future. This is an awesome responsibility Please search your heart to see if you can serve the membership in some capacity and be open to the call if approached. Better yet don't wait to be tapped on the shoulder, call me to learn more about serving GSQA. If you know of someone or if you are interested please let me hear from you.

I feel very comfortable leaving you in the capable hands of Lucy Deharde, a.k.a. Lucky Lucy. If you attend the general meetings you know that I refer to Lucy's uncanny luck when it comes to winning Lotto Blocks. But in fairness to Lucy, I must add that she usually makes and enters more than one block.

I would like to give a special thanks to all board members for your hard work. You have made my job easy. This organization could not survive without your dedication and service.

One Stitch at a time,
Bonnie Foto

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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INSTALLATION OF 2010 OFFICERS

Please join us on January 23rd for the installation of your newly elected GSQA Board members for 2010.

Jane Ramee
 Past-President

Seminar 2010 – Blue Book

The Blue Book will be available on the website on **DECEMBER 26TH**.

Check out this years teachers with classes offered at all skill levels.. When filling out the registration forms, please give us a first, second and third choice of classes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GSQA will supply the bags for the goodies, but guilds are still needed to collect and pack the goodie bag items. I can be contacted at 504-858-8751 or by email lebd48@aol.com.

Guilds can bring the goodie bag items to the January meeting.

Dan LeBlanc
 Seminar Director

NOTICE TO ALL GSQA GUILDS

Please send your 2010 updated contact information to:

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GSQA GENERAL MEETING - ST. GABRIEL, LA.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010
10:00 AM**

Meeting Location:

St. Gabriel Community Center
1745 Hwy 30
St. Gabriel, LA 70776
225-642-2222

From New Orleans, La:

Take I-10 To Gonzales Tanger Mall
Exit 177
Turn LEFT onto La 30 (WW Brittany Hwy)
Continue to follow La 30 W
Arrive at 1745 Hwy 30

From points North or West:

Coming across the MS. Bridge, take the 1st exit to the right marked LSU Nicholson Drive. At the red light, turn left on Nicholson Drive (LA 30) and continue to 1745 La 30

From Baton Rouge:

Take I-10 to Blue Bonnet take a left on Nicholson Drive (LA 30) and follow to 1745 Hwy 30

P.O.E

(Immediately following the General Meeting)

Are you going to a Pot-Luck Super Bowl Party?

Or

Just a Pot-Luck dinner?

Join us and let us show you how to make a Casserole Carrier. No need to bring a sewing machine or supplies. This will be a demo and lecture. We will give you pattern and instructions. Just bring paper and pencil for taking notes.

Ilaine Hartman
P.O.E. Chairman



"Glitches and Switches!"

Our Australian art-quilter has moved suddenly back to Australia as her husband prepares to accept a new job in the Middle East. (The glitch.) As she says, "Such is the life of an Ex-Pat". So, you wonder, what shall we do? Well, please come to see a different type of trunk show featuring an AQS award winning quilter from Defuniak Springs, Florida. (The switch!) Welcome Bette Haddon who will bring a marvelous collection of very memorable quilts to share with everyone in January. You will NOT be disappointed! She is a master of color and design, a master piecer, and a master quilter on her domestic machine.

Lunch will be provided in St Gabriel for a nominal fee of \$5.50 per person, featuring jambalaya, white beans, salad and a dessert. No reservations are required, you may pay on the meeting day.

Quilt Shops

Cottage Creations & Quilts Shop

7222 Bayou Paul Rd.
Saint Gabriel LA 70776
(225) 642-8166

The Quilt Corner

13847 Coursey Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
(225) 756-0542

Fabric Crazy Quilt Shop

- www.fabrickrazy.com
2116 South Sherwood Forest
Boulevard,
Baton Rouge, LA
(225) 272-6602

PLACES TO STAY...**Holiday Inn**

1500 Hwy 30
Gonzales, LA
(225) 647-8000

Best Western Inn

1918 Hwy 30
Gonzales, La

The Courtyard Marriott

10307 North Mall Drive
Baton Rouge, LA
(225) 293-7200

Americas Best Inns

2412 Veterans Blvd
Gonzales, La

Marion Maerke Scholarship News:

It is with great pleasure to say congratulations to Georgia Farnet on receiving the 2010 Marion Maerke Scholarship Award.

Georgia Farnet was nominated by Karen Bucksbarg and Leslie Kiger of Covington, LA. Georgia has been a member of GSQA for 11 years; Camellia Quilters of Slidell, LA. and Bay Oaks Quilters of Bay St. Louis, MS. She is also a member of AQS and the Appliqué' Society. She has lived the mission of GSQA through 10 years of volunteering. She served on the GSQA Board as Circuit Teacher Chairman, and then Seminar Director for three years. Although Georgia lost everything due to Hurricane Katrina, she continued with a positive spirit and a smile, greeting others to Seminar. She has stayed dedicated to Seminar planning and preparation by serving on the Teacher Selection Committee. Although Georgia had a lifetime love of quilts, reality that she could make quilts and be with others came with her discovery of Camellia Quilters Guild. She loves to introduce others to the opportunities available to quilting and quilters, even to a daughter-in-law and "maybe a grandchild!"

Congratulations also, to Dana D'Anzi on being chosen alternate for 2010.

Dana D'Anzi was nominated by Stitchy Fingers Quilt Guild of New Orleans and has been a member of that guild and GSQA for over fourteen years. During this time she has been active with the GSQA Opportunity Quilt since 2001; making kits, blocks, fabric selection and construction, plus selling tickets. At the quilt shows, she has hung quilts, made items and worked in the boutique and served as a docent. Dana has been active at Seminar by serving as class angel, making items for the goodie bags, and working at the registration desk. She exhibits great leadership within her guild, having the guild meet in her home for Friday night dinners. Dana is passing her love of quilting to a granddaughter who has entered a quilt in our GSQA Quilt Show. Dana says, "I must have been born with at least one needle in my hand, being taught to sew at an early age." Her first quilt project was in 1985. After that, the rest is history. She does subscribe to the theory that "finished is better than perfect."

The committee wishes both ladies a fun and educational time at Seminar.

Sincerely,

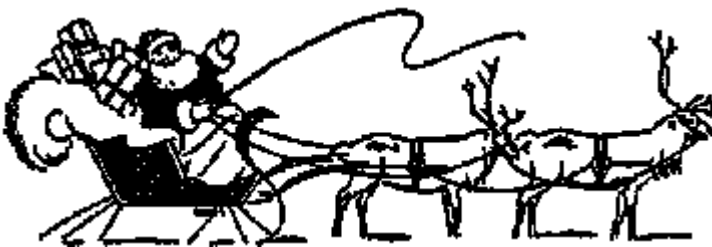
The M.M.S.A. Committee

CIRCUIT TEACHER

Many of you are among the 282 individuals who took classes this past year. Where were the rest of you ? GSQA offers these classes for only \$20 for members. Your membership would certainly go a long way considering the economy if your guild would schedule a class. I only have 2 classes scheduled for the 2010 year. If your guild wants to take a class, hurry up and schedule as some of the teachers may not be teaching next year or they may change their offerings. Look forward to new classes in April.

At the recent GSQA Board meeting, the Board passed a motion to allow only GSQA members to take Circuit Teacher classes. This was in response to a drop in membership and the Board wanted to give the members the opportunity to be the first to take classes.

Kathy Ayme



IMPORTANT

**FOR YOUR DUES EXPIRATION DATE OR
FOR INFORMATION EMAIL
DEBBIE FRANK
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THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.**

Notable Note – From River City Quilt Guild

Remember....

"It takes a village to operate a quilt guild".... No one does it alone.....Raise your hand"

GUILD NEWS

Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Aids Australian Quilters

Almost four years ago many members of the Bay Oaks Quilt Guild in Diamondhead, Mississippi, lost their homes and belongings to hurricane Katrina. Quilt guilds from around the world were quick to respond and donated fabric, patterns, batting, and all sorts of quilting supplies to our guild. Grateful members decided to create a raffle quilt from some of the donated fabric, planning to use the proceeds from the raffle to benefit other quilters faced with a similar disaster. The red, white and blue child's quilt was machine pieced and hand quilted by several Bay Oaks members, and we realized \$322 from the sale of raffle tickets.

A few months after the raffle, we received an email from Pam Bono Designs of Colorado with their newsletter containing a request to help the Australian quilters who lost so much from brush fires this spring. As things transpired, Pam had already sent several boxes of quilts and quilting supplies to Christine Underwood of Essendon Quilters in Victoria, who were making and distributing quilts to brush fire survivors. Unfortunately the boxes were being held up in Australian Customs for duty and quarantine fees of \$486.22 AUD. Christine was understandably upset, because neither she nor the other guild members could afford what the customs agents were demanding. It seemed almost miraculous that the \$322 American from Bay Oaks closely matched the Australian dollar amount needed to rescue the quilting supplies. The Essendon Quilters were most thankful. Christine Underwood emailed, "We have a saying out here regarding one of our more notorious bush rangers. It goes, 'Who said Ned Kelly was dead?' It seems at least his spirit is alive. Once again a big Thank You to you all."

The Queen Bees have been busy bees. They made and donated 29 "Cop Car" quilts to the officers of Troop L of the Louisiana State Police to carry in their cars to comfort victims in need. State Trooper Dustin Dwight accepted the quilts.

They also made 23 quilts and 18 pillowcases for the Fairhave Children's Home in Bush, La. The home takes in children from difficult home situations and provides temporary care.

The Queen Bees have members from Metairie, Destrehan, St. Rose, Pine Grove, Covington, Hammond, Robert, Ponchatoula, Amite, Kentwood, Abita Springs, Franklinton and Folsom.

Feb 16 "Off the Wall --The Swamp in Three-Dimensions"

The Bluebonnet Swamp Show. Deadline is Friday, Jan. 8th. Anyone can participate. Showcase your 3-D renderings of Louisiana's wetlands. Next year marks the show's 10th Anniversary. *Michael Young has turned over the 2010 show to Lucy Landry and Mary Felder to act as show curators. Lucy and Mary need early input from those who participate as to size and scope of the art piece. If there are special needs for the display particularly those that will need a pedestal, please call or email either of them as soon as possible, or with any questions or problems you may have. **The deadline for entry is by Friday, Jan. 8th.** No late entries, please.* Mary Felder maryfelder1@cox.net cell 933-4313, or Lucy Landry lucy.landry@gmail.com 766-8086.

NEITHER RAIN OR FLOOD CAN KEEP QUILTERS FROM GETTING TOGETHER!

"Cotton Pickin" had their Christmas Party on December 14th at Giorlando's in Metairie. Nineteen quilters had lots of fun and each received a pin cushion and a bag of Cassie's special homemade cookies. Throughout the evening it thundered and lightning flashed – streets flooded and we continued to party on! Around 9pm Santa called to say that we should all be good ladies and drive home because if we waited, we would not be able to drive anywhere!

SHOP UPDATES

NEW SHOP

"Quilt cupboard" – Morgan City, La. Open Tues – Sat.
Ester Gilmore – (985) 354-0030

SHOP OPENING – EARLY 2010

New Orleans – Lake Vista Area "Mes Amis Quilt Shop".
Denise Taylor – (504) 710-0054

Gulf States Quilting Association Membership Form

Membership Fees..... \$20.00 per year

Name: _____ phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a member of a quilt group in your area? Name _____

If you are interested in finding out about a local group, please indicate your geographical area.

In what aspects of quilt making are you interested? _____

Send membership form and check payable to **GSQA**
 Debbie Frank
 108 Albany Drive
 Houma, La. 70360

Thoughts from your Editor:

- ❖ What kind of articles would you like to see in your GSQA Newsletter?
- ❖ What are your favorite quilting links on the Web?
- ❖ Do you have any quilting tips to pass on?
- ❖ Send us news of your quilt guild – there is a lot of talent in our organization. Many of us participate in community projects, and do all types of activities during our meetings. Please share your news with everyone.
- ❖ How about a quilting book review – would someone like to be a contributing reviewer?

Feel free to email your thoughts to franfletcher73@yahoo.com or drop me a line to 406 John Hopkins Drive, Kenner, La. 70065.

Happy Quilt Thoughts
 Fran Fletcher, Newsletter Editor

April Newsletter deadline: March 1, 2010

Guild Members News

If you would like to add your guild's news to our "Guild Member's News", please forward your articles to the Quilt Talk Newsletter Editor.

Mark Your Calendars

January 23, 2010

General Meeting – St. Gabriel, La.

March 10-14, 2010

Seminar, Baton Rouge, La

April 17, 2010

General Meeting – Mobile, Al

June 9, 2010

Quilts due for GSQA Quilt Show

June 12, 2010

Rosebud Banquet & Auction – 4 Points Sheraton, Metairie, La.

June 18-20, 2010

GSQA Quilt Show, Oak Harbor Center, Slidell, LA



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