



# Quilt Talk

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## *The President's Corner*

Dear GSQA family,

It is such an honor and privilege to serve as your president for 2010. I am excited, nervous, thrilled and anticipate great things to come. It is an exciting time to be a quilter and member of our GSQA family.

Spring certainly took it's time coming to our area. I can't remember such cool temperatures so late in the year...BUT...I still feel the warm glow of celebrating our Saints Super Bowl victory. I hope that euphoria lasts all year. We all have certainly waited a lifetime for this celebration and I intend to make the Who Dat fever last!

When I was installed as president, I urged you all to step out of your comfort zone, make this year a FUN year! I encourage you to try something new, take a class, volunteer for something. Take a step away from the tried and true and get excited about quilting from a whole new perspective.

This year Seminar certainly gave us ample opportunities to learn new techniques, try new products and explore creative avenues. Whether you tried to perfect your 1/4" seams and make points match exactly, sew curves or melt cellophane (?!), GSQA offered that opportunity. I hope you took advantage of it.

Many, many thanks to Dan LeBlanc, Seminar chair, and Karen Bucksberg, teacher selection chair, and all of the tireless volunteers who helped make Seminar a success. It truly takes countless hours behind the scenes to host a successful seminar. You are all appreciated!!

Next on our calendar is a visit by Susan Cleveland, the Piping Hot Mama! You won't want to miss the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in Mobile,

Alabama. It's a central location to our membership and we hope to see you there. Her quilts are vibrant, interesting and exciting. Also, remember lotto blocks are due at this meeting.

Quilt show is right around the corner. I hope everyone is putting the finishing touches on your show entries. This year the show will certainly be an 'event' to attend. There will be opportunities for participation from demonstrations to attend, a community sew for local charities and a FABULOUS vendor mall to shop at...besides hundreds of quilts to enjoy. I suggest you call some friends, make it an outing and visit the show on multiple days...there will be lots to do and see!

I am looking forward to a wonderful, fun filled year with GSQA!  
Quilting hugs,

Lucy

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**Are You Wondering About the Red and White Ohio Star Blocks?**

First I would like to thank all of you who participated in the Red and White Ohio Star block project. The 2012 Opportunity Quilt Committee has decided to go in another direction. Our talented team will be lead by Ilaine Hartman. I don't have to tell you how lucky we are that Ilaine has agreed to take on this awesome task. I for one can't wait to see what she comes up with.

After discussion at the recent board meeting we decided to treat the blocks and left over kits like we do the lotto blocks. Please plan to be present at the April General Meeting in Mobile, Alabama or make arrangements with a friend to pick up your blocks and kits should your name be chosen in our drawing. Remember you have to have turned in your completed block in order to be eligible for the drawing. Good Luck!!!

Bonnie Foto

**NEW QUILT SHOP IN NEW ORLEANS**

**Mes Amis Quilt Shop**  
 6505 Spanish Fort in New Orleans, LA 70124  
 504-284-3455

<mailto:denise@mesamisquiltshop.com>

Opening is April 3rd, Saturday from 10 to 4.  
 Door prizes will be given out on the hour.  
 Demonstrations will be going on throughout the day.  
 Refreshments will be served. Come join the fun and celebrate the only New Orleans quilt shop

**QUILTERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

The Queen Bees of Tickfaw made 69 pillow cases at the February meeting for Hope Lodge in Jefferson Parish for their cancer patients. This will be an ongoing project

**Susan Cleveland: “My Eclectic Quilt Pageant”**

Susan’s enthusiasm for quilting is said to be contagious! She bases her designs on traditional patterns then adds specialty threads, prairie points, piping, and great binding techniques. Susan is the inventor of the Groovin’ Piping Trimming Tool which is used to trim piping seam allowances and is passionate about sharing quilts and teaching her techniques! She lives on 70 acres in southeastern Minnesota with her husband, son, daughter, 2 dogs, and several cats.

Susan's quilts have been juried into national level competitions since 1997 and many have been awarded prizes. Judges comment on her fine workmanship and appreciate her original style. With careful fabric and thread selection and attention to detail, simple quilts can pack a punch and become special. Using simple designs, innovative products, and special binding techniques, Susan has created eye-catching simple quilts in days rather than months. Susan will share some of her favorite quilts with us in April; so look forward to the inspiration!

**QUILT GUILD NEWS  
BAY OAKS QUILT GUILD**

Bay Oaks Quilt Guild meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Diamondhead Baptist Church. Each month we have a program or class, usually taught by a guild member. In January our Four Seasons challenge quilt tops were finished and displayed. Over the past year members exchanged ten inch fabric squares representing the seasons and we were required to use some of each fabric in the quilt. Up to two additional fabrics could be added to the exchange squares, with no size or subject restriction.

All members of Bay Oaks are gearing up for our 2010 quilt show, *Hot Quilts, Cool Needles*, to be held April 10-11, 2010, at the Diamondhead, Mississippi Community Center

**GSQA Meeting  
April 17, 2010  
Christ United Methodist Church  
(Fellowship Hall)  
6101 Grelot Road  
Mobile, Alabama  
10 AM**

**Directions to Church:**

**From I-10:**

Exit 15B North onto Government Blvd (Hwy 90) for 2 miles  
Left on Knollwood Road. Drive north 3.8 miles  
Left on Grelot for .6 miles

**LUNCH:**

There are lunch accommodations near the church within walking or short driving distance and information about your options will be available the morning of the meeting. There is an area at the church for eating if you bring your own lunch.

**QUILT SHOPS:**

Susan’s  
6851 Old Pascagoula Road  
Theodore, AL  
251-653-7784

Fabric Works  
5541 Hwy 90  
Mobile, AL  
251-666-0285

Fabrics by the Pound  
1508 Overlook Road  
Mobile, AL  
251-342-6563

**CIRCUIT TEACHER UPDATE**

A new year has arrived and there are changes to the Circuit Teacher offerings.

Our teachers are:

Connie Ewbanks  
Sherry Herringshaw  
Judy Holley  
Marilyn Rose  
Gayle Wallace

Michael Young (on sabbatical until later this year).

Dorothy Williams has retired, but is still offering to do Seminar classes if requested.

Check out the web page in early May for new pictures and descriptions of classes.

One of the privileges of membership is that GSQA members can take circuit teacher classes for the bargain price of \$20. If your guild is having trouble filling a class, please contact me. I can be reached at [Kathyayme@aol.com](mailto:Kathyayme@aol.com) or call me 504-835-5235. The web page has a place where a guild can advertise for extra members to fill a class. This has worked in the past. I suggest that your guild contact me at least 2 months early so that your class can be posted and allow time for people to check out the circuit teacher classes.

Kathy Ayme

**Circuit Teacher Classes  
Membership Requirements**

Please let me take this opportunity to thank those of you who have questioned a recent decision made by the board and announced in the January Quilt Talk. Your continued questions about this decision shows that we have not gotten our message out there and need to explain more fully. I would like to start by saying the Circuit Teacher classes are a benefit of your membership, as are attendance at quarterly meetings, POE classes and seminar attendance. The board took this under advisement after being approached by numerous *members* stating that they felt being a dues paying member offered them no advantages over non-members or former members who come to general meetings and stay for POE. They also sited that with the newsletter and minutes being available on-line for easy access to members and non-members alike, they were being short changed. The fees collected for circuit teacher classes only cover part of the expenses. Mileage adds quite a hefty amount to the total cost of putting on circuit teacher classes. GSQA pays the mileage to teachers. While this is not expected to be a money making venture for QSGA it cannot continue to eat into our reserves which we must maintain in order to book national teachers and secure large venues for our activities. Some have suggested that we just double the price of circuit teacher classes for non-members. If we did this, the non-member would be paying \$40 for a class and still not have the advantage of coming to general meetings, attending POE classes and would still have to pay non-member fees for seminar if they choose to take classes. As your board we feel like we must put you our members first. We take our responsibility to you seriously. Our decision was unanimous. We will continue to listen to you and try to make the decisions in the best interest of the membership. This was not done to be exclusive but rather to encourage more members to join and reap the benefits this awesome organization has to offer.

Bonnie Foto  
Past President

# GSQA Quilt Show 2010

## QUILT SHOW – QUILT SHOW – QUILT SHOW!!!

“TREASURES OF THE GULF STATES”

June 18, 19, 20, 2010

Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell, LA. 70461

Here are your Registration/Entry Forms. We would love to see at least three quilts from each of you. They don't have to be completely finished for you to send in a picture with your registration form. You still have two months to finish.

Also, we will have more vendors than ever for all your shopping needs.

This is going to be one of the best shows ever, with all kinds of activities. Please contact me or Bonnie to volunteer to man the Lobby duties, Community sew, help organize demos, docents. Volunteers to take a shift at Ways and Means, Opportunity Quilt ticket sales, and door prize table.

We will be hanging quilts on Thursday, June 17 and need volunteers to help hang and to take down on June 20.

Don't forget the luncheon on June 12 with the Rose Bud Auction at the Four Point Sheraton in Metairie, LA. This will be two great weekends of fun and fellowship.

This is the last newsletter before the show, so please call as soon as possible, so we can schedule a meeting to talk about what and when you will be available.

In advance, I want to thank you so much for helping. It will be a wonderful show and a great time with our GSQA family.

Ilaine Hartman – Co-Chairman

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## Round up those scissors!!!

Start your search and round up those dull, hard to cut with scissors. We will have a scissor sharpener at our GSQA 2010 show and you will want to take advantage of this opportunity. ANY sized scissors will be sharpened for \$4. Pinking shears are sharpened for \$5. He also sharpens kitchen knives. (PLEASE package knives for safety!!) We will have the location convenient for easy drop off and pick up. What a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of while enjoying the show.

**GSQA Luncheon & Rosebud Auction**

June 12, 2010 is the date for our Luncheon and Rosebud auction! The luncheon will be at the Four Points by Sheraton in Metairie, LA. It's at the Veterans exit off of I-10, right next to Best Buy. Mark your calendars and get your request for tickets in now. Tickets for a wonderful buffet lunch and auction are \$25 or reserved table of 8 for \$200. Get your guild together and reserve a table now. Tickets for bidding on items are \$1 each, or 6/\$5. Simply place your tickets in the vases in front of the item you'd like to win and sit back and cross your fingers! Beautiful auction items are being donated and they are gorgeous. The letter and order form for tickets is located on the website. It's a great way to kick off the 'show season' for GSQA. Tickets can be purchased from Lucy DeHarde, 204 Arlington Drive, Luling, LA 70070. Hope to see you all there...it's a great way to spend time with your quilting friends

**SEMINAR NEWS...**

If you attended Seminar, you may have seen some very special works by some very good teachers. As I made my way from room to room, I got to see the students and teachers working on some beautiful projects. We had a great time at the night time talks.

This year we had a student who traveled the furthest distance that I have seen at Seminar. This lady came to us from down under, Australia, can you believe that! Mary Gillette came back from New York to attend seminar, as did Margaret Garcia, who came from Texas. Two ladies from Colorado attended seminar, and a lady from California also attended this year.

If you attended Seminar and did not get to turn in your yellow page, please fill them out and send them in, the address is at the bottom of the page. The Selection Committee does read every page that is turned in and they do try to meet everyone's request. We will keep you up to date on our preparations for Seminar 2011 as information becomes available.

Dates for 2011 Seminar are: March 16 - 20. Hope to see you.

Thanks,  
Daniel LeBlanc  
Seminar Director

**Marion Maerke Scholarship Award Committee**

In your next newsletter will be the entry forms for the Marion Maerke Scholarship Award. Also, the forms will be available on our website. Deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Start early so you won't miss out nominating that special person!  
Barbara Skinner  
Chairperson

## Gulf States Quilting Association Membership Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

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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](mailto:franfletcher73@yahoo.com) or drop me a line to 406 John Hopkins Drive, Kenner, La. 70065.

Happy Quilt Thoughts  
Fran Fletcher, Newsletter Editor

# July Newsletter deadline: June 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

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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