

GULF STATES QUILTING ASSOCIATION  
General Meeting – October 15, 2011  
New Orleans, LA

The quarterly general meeting of the Gulf States Quilting Association was held October 15, 2011, in a meeting room above Mes Amis Quilt Shop, New Orleans, Louisiana. There were 119 members attending and 13 guests. About 15 people stood to indicate it was their first GSQA meeting that they have attended, and 8 people indicated they were new members. President Therese Springer called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

President Springer welcomed all in attendance, asked for cell phones to be silenced/turned off, and led a moment of silence. Therese thanked the following New Orleans area people and guilds for hosting the meeting: Denise Taylor (owner of Mes Amis Quilt Shop), Stitchy Fingers, Jacob's Ladder, Cotton Pickin', Stitchin' Sisters, Quilting Fans, and Stitch in Time.

Therese thanked everyone for their monetary donations to the Susan B. Komen Foundation as well as for bringing the Yoplait yogurt tops. She also announced that GSQA would match the monetary donation up to a maximum of \$500.

**Minutes:** A condensed version of the July 23, 2011, quarterly general meeting minutes was read by Janet Bailey, as Cindy Baucum, the Recording Secretary, was on vacation. Laura Robertson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Ilaine Hartman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of the membership present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Loretta Webre read the financial report for the period July 1 to Sept. 30, 2011. A copy is on file with these minutes.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominations Committee:**

Lucy DeHarde announced that the nomination for President-Elect was Kathleen Chauvin and that Kathleen had accepted the nomination. After telling about Kathleen's quilting background, Lucy opened the floor for other nominations. There being no other nominations from the floor, Joan Albright moved that nominations for President-Elect be closed. This motion was seconded by Lynda Galloway. A vote of the members present was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Merol Lee Guilmino made a motion that Kathleen Chauvin be the President-Elect for 2012. Annie Thibodeaux seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kathleen told the membership that she will try to do her very best in the position, and she thanked everyone for their vote of confidence in her.

Lucy Deharde reminded the membership about the GSQA-sponsored Ricky Tims Super Seminar coming to New Orleans from January 26-28, 2012. She said that the sessions start on Thursday, and last all day on Friday and Saturday. On Friday night there will be a concert given by Ricky Tims. No sewing machines are needed for the seminar, and all information that is presented will be provided to each participant in a large binder. The seminar will take place at the New Orleans Airport Hilton Hotel. Lucy is collecting registration forms and checks today so they can be sent in as a group at a discounted rate. After today, those who would like to get the group rate need to contact Lucy before the deadline of November 19, 2011.

Sharon Pease said that volunteers will be needed for three full days of work at the Ricky Tims Super Seminar. She noted that volunteers will need to be on their feet standing a great deal of the time. One of the benefits that each volunteer will receive is reserved seating. Volunteers will only be working during the breaks in each session, thus they will not miss any of the seminar presentations. Sharon is keeping the official list of volunteers. She is limiting it to two members from each guild. She said that she would prefer a phone call rather than an email if anyone wishes to volunteer. If people have already signed up on another list, they must re-sign up with Sharon.

#### **Membership:**

Janet Bailey reported that there were 605 active members as of Friday, October 14, 2012. This included 580 individual members, 5 junior members, and 25 quilt shop members. She noted that about 350 members receive their Quilt Talk newsletter by e-mail, while about 250 members receive theirs by U.S. Postal Service. Janet reported that 97 new members had been added since April and thanked guilds and shops for promoting GSQA.

Janet also thanked members who were paying dues for two years or more at a time, as this reduced the amount of time both she and the Treasurer had to spend processing checks. She reminded those people to be sure to notify her of any changes in contact information, especially e-mail addresses.

It was announced that the Jefferson Parish Quilt Guild is now affiliated with GSQA and that the specifics about their meeting place and time can be found on the GSQA website. Both the Guild List and Shop List on the website are up-to-date as of the beginning of October. Janet asked that guilds let her know of any changes that need to be made to their guild information such as meeting time or place.

Janet explained to the membership that those who receive the Quilt Talk newsletter by e-mail will receive a note in the e-mail that indicates when their membership is due to expire. For those who receive the newsletter by postal service, Janet will send them a postcard reminder at the beginning of the month following their membership expiration date. She asked everyone to put their membership expiration date on their calendar so they remember to send in dues on time.

### **Quilt Show:**

Kay Guillot, the 2012 Quilt Show Director, reminded the membership that the show will be held April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at the Northshore Harbor Center in Slidell, LA. She told everyone that once again there will be demonstrations at the show and that Bonnie Foto is in charge of setting these up. This year there will be a guest lecturer, Kathy Brown from Baton Rouge, who will have a trunk show on one day and will give a class the other day. It will cost just \$5 to enter a quilt in the show. Admission will be \$7 per day or \$10 for both days for adults. Children 12 and under will pay \$4. The two classes by Kathy Brown will be at an additional charge.

Kay pointed out that the categories for judging were listed in the October Quilt Talk newsletter. Kay noted that she had received comments that the size limit of 96" x 96" was too restrictive. After discussion with the company that provides the hanging apparatus, Kay announced that the first 24 quilt entries that are larger than 96" x 96" will be able to be accommodated by using longer and taller display stands. There will be more information about this in the January newsletter.

An example of an Art Bra made by Kay Guillot was shown to the membership. Kay said that the bras will be auctioned off at a later date by cancer support groups in the area. She noted that it will be free to register an art bra, that it will be done at the same time as quilt registration, and that the bras will not be returned to the maker. Information about making art bras can be found on the GSQA website under the Quilt Show button.

Lucy Deharde, the Vendor Chairperson for the quilt show, said that booth space is still available for 4-5 more vendors.

Marge Sandy, who is in charge of the lobby area during the show, told everyone that Camellia Quilters will run the check-in table again this year. She is also attempting to line up a scissors sharpener for the lobby and welcomed suggestions from the membership.

Judy Flanagan, the Docent Chairperson, mentioned that 6 docents will be needed on the floor at all times. Volunteers are needed for 2-hour blocks of time. Duties of a docent include explaining special features of individual quilts to visitors, making sure quilts are not handled by visitors, and making sure that there are no problems with how the quilts are hanging. Judy asked that people contact her if they would like to volunteer for a shift and noted that the sooner you sign up, the better your chances are of getting a preferred shift. She also suggested that docents decorate their gloves, and then wear them to GSQA quarterly meetings, to show the membership who the people were that took good care of their quilts.

Sherry Herringshaw explained the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. The River City Quilters guild has issued a challenge to all GSQA guilds to see how many quilts can be made before the show in April. They are hoping that GSQA members can produce 500 quilts, which could raise \$1000 if each sold for \$20. Sherry mentioned that the rules for making the quilts are posted on the GSQA website under the Quilt Show button, and

then she showed some examples of these “Priority” quilts. They are called “Priority” quilts because when finished, each one must be able to fit inside a 9” x 12” U.S. Postal Service Priority Mail envelope for shipping, and must not be folded. Sherry asked that fabric triangles be attached to the corners of the quilt on the back for hanging purposes, and noted that you must get permission from a pattern designer if your design is not your own. Sherry offered to go to any guild and talk about the initiative and/or demonstrate how to make one of the quilts, as long as the guild pays for her expenses for traveling from Baton Rouge.

Sherry requested that each guild assign one person to be the guild’s coordinator. This individual would fill out the necessary forms and get the quilts to Sherry before April 6, 2012. After the quilt show, Sherry will take care of registering the quilts. More information about the responsibilities of a guild coordinator is on the GSQA website.

Sheryl Bordelon, the Community Sew Chairperson, explained that quilts will be made for police and fire departments to give to victims of fire, accidents, etc. as they see fit. She asked members to donate fabric, batting, and thread to this endeavor, and to bring it to the Morgan City, LA meeting in March, 2012. She would also like people to sign-up with her to donate their time at the quilt show to help out in the Community Sew area and to do long-arm quilting on the finished donation quilts.

Karla Maxfield explained that there will be door prizes given away at the quilt show. When a person pays their entry fee, they will be given a door prize ticket. Winning ticket numbers will be posted on a board in the lobby throughout the show. Karla also noted that she is accepting donations for items for the Rosebud Auction from members and guilds.

Lucy DeHarde told the audience that the Rosebud Luncheon will be held on April 14, 2012, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel on Veterans Blvd. in Metairie, LA. Tickets will be \$25 each or a table for 8 people can be reserved for \$200. This event will be a buffet luncheon followed by the Rosebud Auction. Bidding tickets for the auction cost \$1 each or 6 may be purchased for \$5. In front of each donated auction item is a vase into which you put as many tickets as you like. Everyone who enters a ticket has a chance to win that item. Lucy has bidding tickets available for sale today. Rena Krol is the chairperson for selling bidding tickets.

Jane Ramee told about the Opportunity Quilt that is on display for the first time today. It is 101” x 101” and is titled “Charmingly Southern”. Jane read the names of all of the people who contributed to the making of the quilt in some manner, and presented each of them with a fabric pin in the shape of a rosebud to acknowledge their contribution. She gave a special recognition to Carol Hilton of Baton Rouge for doing the custom quilting. The quilt has been officially appraised at \$4600. She will be selling the \$1 raffle tickets for the quilt starting today, and she noted that GSQA will also be able to display the quilt and sell tickets at the January Ricky Tims Seminar. The winner need not be present when the drawing takes place at the end of the quilt show in April. At the end of

Jane's presentation, a drawing was held from amongst the quilt contributors to see who would win all of the leftover blocks and fabric. Georgia Farnet was the lucky winner.

Kay Guillot, the Quilt Show Director, finished the presentation with a request to the membership for a volunteer to be the Publicity Chairperson for the show. The person should have some knowledge of computers. They will need to contact newspapers as well as make and send out flyers to promote the show. She asked for anyone interested in the position to contact her directly.

### **Marion Maerke Scholarship:**

Barbara Skinner recognized her committee members for their hard work, and she also mentioned that they would like to see more nominations in the future. There were 2 nominees for the 2012 award, both of which the committee felt were well-qualified to be the winner. Lynn Schumacher was nominated by the Ozone Layers Guild and Ilaine Hartman was nominated by the Stitchy Fingers Guild. Barbara read information provided by the guilds for each nominee, and then she explained what the winner and the runner-up receive as their prize. The winner was announced as Ilaine Hartman, with Lynn Schumacher as the runner-up. Therese Springer reminded the membership to go back to their guilds and consider nominating someone for the next scholarship. The guidelines can be found on the GSQA website.

### **POE:**

Sharon Pease explained that P.O.E.'s are held about 4 times a year, and that there is no charge to members to participate. The last one was held in Baton Rouge in September and about 24 people attended. The theme for this year was "how to improve our quilting skills in preparation for the quilt show". Sharon thanked Therese Springer and Sheryl Bordelon for their help this year. The time, place, and date for the next P.O.E. will be included in the January newsletter. Therese mentioned that she has received good feedback about the P.O.E.'s and how members have taken the lessons they learned back to their guilds.

### **Programs:**

Mary Woltmann again thanked the New Orleans area guilds and Mes Amis Quilt Shop for hosting today's meeting. She announced that she has host sites already lined up for all four of the 2012 general meetings. Mary drew the names of three people who all wore their own name badges to the meeting today. They each won a coupon that entitles them to enter a quilt in the quilt show for free. The three winners were: Cena Harmon, Dan Leblanc, and Lynn Schumacher. She explained that this was a form of positive reinforcement for people to wear their own name tags at meetings.

Cena Harmon explained that the January quarterly meeting will be held in Pensacola, FL on Saturday, January 14, 2012, and that the speaker will be Karen Stone. The title of her program will be "Auntie Em—a Quilting Journey". The meeting will be held at the Senior Center at 2000 East Lloyd Street, Pensacola, about 6 miles from I-10. Cena then told about the two workshops that Karen will present on the Thursday and Friday before the general meeting. It will cost \$35 per person for each 6-hour workshop if 20

people attend. GSQA members have first priority to sign up, and there will be an additional fee for the classes if you are not a GSQA member. The workshops will be held at a church fellowship hall in Pensacola. Cena has sign-up sheets with her today. The Thursday workshop is about color and is entitled "Wild Women Don't get the Blues". The Friday workshop is about various machine techniques and is entitled "Clamshells, Diamonds, and Hexagons". Cena will send hotel information to those who sign-up for either workshop. She also mentioned that if any guild wants to set up their own workshop with Karen Stone while she is traveling to or from Pensacola, they need to do that by contacting Karen directly. The easiest way is through Karen's page on Facebook.

### **Newsletter:**

Donita Qualey stated that the Quilt Talk was sent out the last week of September, and that those people who receive it by e-mail got a treat because there were lots of color pictures in this edition.

### **Ways & Means:**

Glenda Spikes announced that she had stickers and tote bags for sale today. She then pulled names for the winners of the Lotto Blocks, which were as follows:

Turquoise—Georgia Farnet; Purple—Liz Linebrink; Aunt Grace—Lyn Menart;  
Green—Liz Linebrink; Orange—Holly Fink

Glenda said that she needs a guild to volunteer to make Lotto Block kits and samples for the January meeting. Sheryl Bordelon volunteered the Sew Happy Quilters Guild to take on this project.

### **Historian:**

Fran Fletcher showed a display board which she had constructed. On it were lists of the names of past Presidents, Treasurers, Newsletter Editors, etc. She wants current members to be aware of the people that have played a role in helping GSQA to grow as an organization. Fran asked that members send her any ideas.

### **Circuit Teacher:**

Kathy Ayme said that she was available to help any guild with scheduling a class. Five classes have been held since the beginning of the year. Kathy can help guilds with filling their classes by advertising on the GSQA website. Please be sure to go through Kathy when scheduling a class. The class fees are due to Kathy two weeks before the class, and she needs the form from each host guild. She announced that Cotton Pickin' quilt guild was having a class with Beth Jessup on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Luling Library, in Luling, LA., and that space was still available in that class. See Kathy if you are interested.

### **Media:**

Leslie announced that she has revamped the GSQA website and that it is best viewed by Google Chrome. In Internet Explorer, the "compatibility view" works the best. She has added new sections and cleaned up the overall look of the website. There are 2 new sections. One is for non-GSQA information. Leslie asked members to e-mail her

links that they think other quilters might like to know about. She envisions this button as a “one-stop shop”. The other new section is for member guilds to post news and upcoming quilt show information. Leslie closed by asking the membership to check the website often and notify her of errors or suggestions for improvement. Her contact information is at the bottom of the page.

**Seminar:**

Dan LeBlanc announced that he is still searching for a new location for Seminar 2013. The Teacher Selection Committee is scheduled to have their first meeting in early November. Dan said he appreciates any suggestions that members have to make our next seminar successful.

Door Prizes were awarded.

LUNCH BREAK

Final Door Prizes were awarded.

**Program:**

Mary Woltmann introduced our speaker, AQS-certified quilt judge, Marilyn Hardy, who will be one of our two judges at the April quilt show. Marilyn presented an educational program on what features judges look at when they judge a quilt. She used slides of her own quilts to illustrate her points.

**Announcements:**

There is a discount coupon on the front table for the Quilted Owl quilt shop. They will be staying open late today.

Janet Bailey asked for a person or guild to volunteer to finish a small quilt for a lady who contacted her. This would be a community service project, as the quilt will be displayed at the Alexander Milne Home for Women, a permanent residence for intellectually disabled adult women.

Therese Springer announced that \$160.00 had been collected today for the Susan B. Komen fund. With GSQA's match, a \$320.00 donation will be made to the fund on behalf of GSQA members.

There being no further business to discuss, Karla Maxfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sheryl Bordelon. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Bailey  
Acting Recording Secretary

Show and Tell