



Quilt Talk

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ASSOCIATION



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The President's Circle

Our exciting news for this newsletter is that we are working on a new GSQA website. One of our members has volunteered to develop it for us! Thank you Kristina Baiamonte! It looks like it will be much easier to navigate already and easier to update. On our current website, we changed the GSQA newsletter so that you can access it outside of the member area. You should not have a problem locating the newsletter now! If there are changes you would like to see with the new website, let us know now while we are developing it.

We are so thrilled with the quality of the programs we have planned for the rest of this year, next year and beyond. You will be too when April gives her report at the October meeting. She really tries to vary our workshop teachers/general meeting presentations so there's something for everyone.

Plans are in full force for the 2024 Rosebud Luncheon and Quilt

Show. The tickets for the Rosebud luncheon will be sold at the October 21 GSQA meeting in Gulfport, MS. We will also sell any tickets left at the January 2024 GSQA meeting.

Lotto blocks will be sold at the October meeting by the Quilters of Magnolia Grove quilt guild. They are to be returned at the January 2024 meeting where Azalea City quilt guild will be selling lotto blocks.

I hope you are lucky enough to get one of the spots in Tammy Silvers workshops on Thursday or Friday before the October 21 meeting. And I hope to see you at the general meeting!

Donita Qualey

GSQA President

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 19-20, 2023 Quarterly workshops
10-19 "After the Rain & 10-20 "To the
Point" with Tammy Silvers, Gulfport, MS.

October 21, 2023 Quarterly meeting with
Tammy Silvers, St. Matthews Lutheran
Church Gulfport, MS.

January 2024 Traveling Teacher month
with Cindy Grisdela

<https://cindygrisdela.com/>

January 27, 2024 Quarterly meeting Mo-
bile, AL. with Cindy Grisdela

April 6, 2024 Rosebud Luncheon Pin-
ewood Country Club Slidell, LA.

April 12-13, 2024 GSQA Quilt Show Slidell,
LA

April 18-19, 2024 Quarterly workshop
with Rob Appell topic TBA, New Orleans, LA

April 20, 2024 Quarterly meeting with Rob
Appell, New Orleans, LA. "Quilts from the
Sea & Beyond"

July 18-19, 2024 Quarterly workshop on
machine quilting & feathers with Nina Clot-
felder

July 20, 2024 Quarterly meeting with Nina
Clotfelder

LOCATION TBA

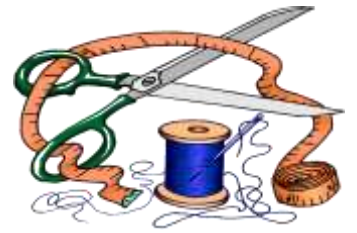
October 17-18, 2024 Quarterly workshop

October 19, 2024 Quarterly meeting

PRESENTER TBA & LOCATION TBA



**GSQA GENERAL MEETING
GULFPORT, MS.
OCTOBER 19-21, 2023**



**GSQA Quarterly Meeting
SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023**

LOCATION St. Matthews Lutheran Church
11213 Old U.S. Hwy 49
Gulfport., MS . 39503

TIME Meeting 10:00am—3:00 pm
Coffee & Social begins at 9:00am

QUARTERLY MEETING HOSTS Magnolia
Quilters of Orange Grove, Bay Oaks Quilt
Guild and Picayune Piecemakers

CHARITY DRIVE Disaster relief for Moss
Point, MS. The quilting guilds are requesting
cash donations to help the June tornado
victims who are still struggling to recover.
Your generosity is appreciated.

LUNCH BBQ pork on a bun, baked beans,
cole slaw or potato salad, dessert and a
drink will be provided at a cost of \$12.00
per box. If interested you can register **in
advance** on the GSQA website below:
<https://gulfstatesquilting.org/meet-reg1.php?id=72>

**There are several hotels in the
area GSQA does not have any
rooms blocked for this event**

WORKSHOPS THERE ARE TWO!

Thursday October 19 “After the Rain”

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8knjrn>



Friday October 20 “To the Point”

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4uwadhjv>

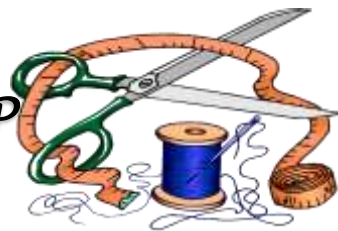


PRESENTER Tammy Silvers

LOCATION St. Matthews Lutheran Church
11213 Old U.S. Hwy 49
Gulfport., MS . 39503
9:30 am to 3:00 pm each day



GSQA GENERAL MEETING "AFTER THE RAIN" WORKSHOP SUPPLIES OCTOBER 19, 2023



After the Rain Supply List

Do curves scare you? Well, no worries here – this is a "faux" curved piecing project! What do I mean by that? You'll see in class! You'll enjoy this easy take on the traditional Drunkard's Path block. And we will tackle a partial seam as well! Two in one – how great is that?!

Required Materials:

- After the Rain pattern
 - Available for purchase at www.tamarinis.com or etsy.com
 - Optional kit available for purchase at www.tamarinis.com
- Patience
- A sense of humor

Fabric:

- (1) 10" square stack OR (19) assorted 10" squares from (19) different prints (14 for Crib)
- 1 ½ yd green fabric (Lap) or 1 yard (Crib)
- 2 ½ yds cream (background) (Lap) or 1 ½ yds (Crib)

**please note we will NOT complete the entire project in class.*

Sewing Supplies:

- Sewing Machine (don't forget your power cord and foot pedal)
- Thread
- Scissors
- Rotary Cutter
- Rotary Mat (18" x 24" or larger)
- Rotary Rulers – long (suggest 6" x 24" or longer) and square (12" x 12" or larger)
- Optional: coordinating thread for top stitching (not required but optional)
- If using heavier thread for embellishing, don't forget to bring larger needles!
- Template plastic
- Fabric friendly marking tool for tracing template
- Optional but recommended: (4) packages of 9" x 12" Steam A Seam 2 Lite OR 2 yards of Steam a Seam 2 Lite 24" wide

Some General Notes:

- ◆ Yardages listed above are for the Lap Size, but you can do either size. The block size does not change.
- ◆ Please precut your fabrics per page 1 of the pattern (binding and backing are NOT needed for class). Don't forget to label your cuts for quick reference!
- ◆ Backing and batting listed above are for the table runner only. You will need additional backing and batting for the placemats and mug rugs, should you decide to make those at home. All required materials for all projects are listed on the pattern.

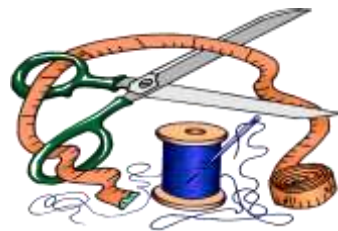
Before session, please:

- Cut all fabrics per the pattern on page one only. Label your cuts by size for quick piecing.

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GSQA GENERAL MEETING "TO THE POINT" WORKSHOP SUPPLIES OCTOBER 20, 2023



To the Point Supply List

To the Point using a fun "guided improv" technique to create lovely, long sharply pointed diamonds with no paper piecing or templates required. All you need to do is relax and enjoy the slightly "wonky" diamonds as you work on your project!

Required Items:

- To the Point Pattern (available at www.tamarinis.com or [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com))
 - Optional kits available for purchase at www.tamarinis.com
- Basic Sewing Supplies:
 - Sewing machine (don't forget your power cord and foot pedal)
 - Thread
 - Extra needles
 - Pins
 - Seam Ripper (hey, you never know!)
 - Fabric marking tool (Chalko marker, pencil, frixon pen, etc)
 - Long (24") Rotary ruler
 - Rotary mat
 - Rotary cutter
- Patience
- A sense of humor

Fabric:

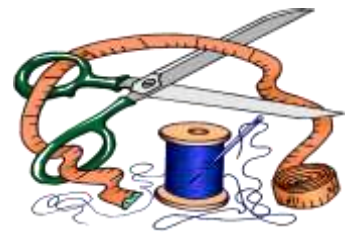
- Background Fabric 6 ½ yards
 - *Note this technique works BEST with a background that is DARKER than the diamonds (2 ½" strips). You CAN use a lighter background (as I did) but you will have an extra step to take when making the diamonds.
 - *cut all background per the pattern, pages 1 and 2. Plan ahead – there are a LOT of pieces!
 - * I STRONGLY recommend you print out the labels for all of the pieces (there is a Google link on the bottom of page 2 of the pattern) and mark your pieces **AS YOU CUT THEM!** You can print on address labels or on plain paper and cut them apart. This process makes the entire quilt SO much easier!
- (20) assorted print fabric 2 ½" strips (diamonds) or ½ of a 2 ½" strip roll
- For sample block (as listed on the bottom of page 2 of the pattern):
 - (4) 2" strips sample background, cut to (4) 2" x 24" rectangles
 - (1) 2 ½" strip sample print

Please note that this project is fairly complex (not hard, just complex – it has a lot of pieces!), and we will NOT be completing the top in class. But you will get a portion of it done and be well on your way to your own version of To the Point!

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GSQA WORKSHOP & QUARTERLY MEETING TAMMY SILVERS BIO



<https://www.tamarinis.com/>

Hi, I'm Tammy. I've been quilting since 1991. I've also taught at a variety of quilt shops as well as online (check out my Quick Quilted Gifts class on Blueprint!), and design and self-publish my own quilt patterns under the label Tamarinis.

I'm no different than most quilters - I enjoy working with almost any fabric. But I must confess - my favorites (the one that will make me drool, and blow a carefully constructed budget) are batiks, bold prints, and almost any fabric with words on it. Having a background in art and literature,

another of my guilty quilty pleasures is finding ways to use "words" in my work, be it in the fabric itself or by adding them to the piece. I am a Georgia native and currently live in Acworth with my husband, children (when they come to visit!), one grumpy dog, and my favorite fat cat.

Under the label Tamarinis, my designs are regularly published in a variety of quilt magazines. I also work with some of the major fabric manufacturers designing projects to showcase and promote their fabric lines, including Northcott, Free Spirit, Maywood, Dear Stella and Timeless Treasures.

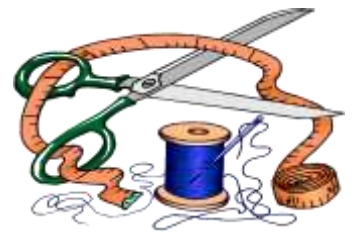
I even design fabrics for Island Batik. A perfect fit - since I LOVE batiks! I'm fortunate to have a thread line with Aurifil that coordinates beautifully with my current Island Batik line too!

Yes, I love designing, but I love teaching and sharing my passion for quilting. It is so much fun to get to visit different guilds, meet quilters and see all the creativity that makes this such a fun world to be a part of.

Tammy Silvers



**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
2024 HOST GUILDS
MEMBERSHIP**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GSQA is always seeking volunteers to serve our wonderful organization. Please consider serving as a board member, host guild or at the quilt show. All are welcome!

CALL FOR HOST GUILDS 2024

Greetings—GSQA is seeking host guilds for their quarterly meetings in 2024. We would like to call out for volunteer guilds for these meetings

⇒ **July 18-20, 2024**

⇒ **October 17-19, 2024**

If your guild, or several guilds in your region would be interested in hosting these events, please contact Program Director April Holifield at abholifield@gmail.com

This is a fun way to connect with quilters across the GSQA region, and introduce the love of quilting to your friends and neighbors.

Thanks for your consideration!

FROM THE

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

We currently have 594 active members and 19 member accounts expiring within 30 days. You can login to the GSQA website to renew your membership or mail a check for **\$30.00 PER YEAR** made payable to GSQA, to:

**Maria Thompson
8126 DeSoto Street
Metairie, LA 70003-6514**

**INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN
OUR ORGANIZATION!**

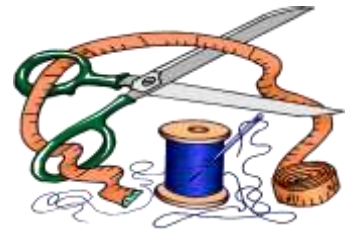
If anyone knows of any GSQA members that have passed away since October 2022, please email Donita Qualey GSQA President so they can be honored at the October 2023 general meeting dtqualey@aol.com

**NEW WEBSITE COMING
STAY TUNED!!! YAY!!!**

<https://gsqa.wildapricot.org/>



GSQA APRIL 2024 QUILT SHOW REPORT



Hi to GSQA members. I hope you are busy working on your quilts for the upcoming 20th Biennial GSQA Quilt Show. We want to make this year's show one of the best we have ever produced. Thank you to all who have stepped up to help in one way or another.

The show will be held on **April 12-13, 2024** from 10am – 5 pm at the Harbor Center in Slidell La. As the show date approaches, we will put out a call for volunteers to help with judging room activities, boutique set up, quilt take in, hanging & take down, docents, etc.. All of this volunteer activity begins on April 8 thru April 11. We still need a chair for quilt take down & return to members' post-show.

In case you missed it, the show theme is **Gulf States Beauty** and the special theme block category is the **New York Beauty Block**. Any size quilt that has one or more New York Beauty Blocks (of any design) can be entered in this special category. Let's get creative and show some southern beauties!!

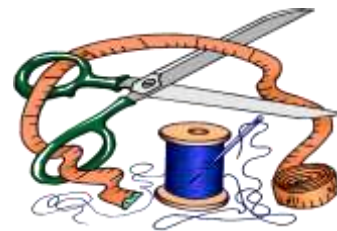
This year's Opportunity Quilt is a "Beauty". You just have to see the creative quilting Robben Karr has done on the quilt. Opportunity quilt raffle tickets will be available for \$2.00 per ticket at the October General meeting: please purchase tickets for yourself, your friends and family too! Money raised from the Opportunity quilt ticket sales funds the monetary prizes given to our top juried quilts on Winner's Row.

Yea!! We will have **show themed t-shirts** to sell. At the October 21, 2023 general meeting there will be samples of the 5 color options available for pre-order at a discounted price. Cost will be \$25 per shirt (2X - \$27 & 3X - \$28) and **must be paid for at the time of ordering**. Early ordering will continue online until December 1, 2023. After Dec 1, 2023, t-shirt cost will be \$30 (\$32 & \$33). T-shirts will be delivered at the January 27, 2024 meeting in Mobile, at the Rosebud Luncheon and at the quilt show. Watch for the t-shirt order form to be posted on the GSQA web site & on GSQA Facebook page. Please bring the order form to the meeting when you place your order. If you cannot order online or at a meeting, you may complete the order form and mail the form with payment c/o GSQA Treasurer:

Joel Sellers
8215 Birch Street
New Orleans, LA 70118-2821



GSQA APRIL 2024 QUILT SHOW REPORT CONTINUED...



Oh yes, do you have a few handmade items that you made but no longer need, or are you willing to make a few more?? The **Member's Boutique** returns and will be accepting member's handmade items at the general meetings and the Rosebud Auction. Special consignment forms and agreement will be available on the GSQA web page with instructions on how to participate. Members will receive 80% of the sale price. New this year, members can choose to donate 100% of the sale price for any line item offered back to GSQA .

The response to the call for donated service quilts for First Responders in the Slidell area has been wonderful! We have over 125 quilts donated so far, but still seek children's quilts for boys and girls and larger quilts for males. The deadline to submit service quilts to Debbie Hulett is at the January 27, 2024 general meeting.

GSQA is in the process of updating their web site via the Wild Apricot platform to make it easier for members to use. We hope to have the new website available for use prior to the quilt show. Please be patient with us when you look for the forms. As soon as they are up we will put a notice on the GSQA home page and I will also post a message on the GSQA Facebook page. If you have any suggestions or have a little time to volunteer to help, I would love to hear from you!

Sherry Herringshaw sherryherringshaw@gmail.com

2024 GSQA Quilt show director

GOOD NEWS TO KNOW...

Question: How do I know or check on my GSQA membership status?

Answer: Log on to the GSQA website. Select the Menu in the top right-hand corner under the member area, also known as the "hamburger button"

Select MEMBERSHIP from the drop-down bar



Select MEMBER AREA: LOG IN

Select RENEW DUES HERE

Scroll down to MEMBERSHIP TYPE to see your membership expiration date information

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...HOPE THIS HELPS!



GSQA QUILT SHOW PUBLICITY ROSEBUD LUNCHEON & NOMINATING COMMITTEE



PUBLICITY

Publicity is chugging ahead for our fabulous quilt show! Great help was extended by the Mobile guild and some other members, and I'm developing a big list of all the print, website, radio and TV news that would help us promote our show.

IF THERE IS A PRINT, WEBSITE, RADIO OR TV NEWS outlet in your area that I might not know about, please email me judycwalker@gmail.com preferably with a contact name! These might not be traditional resources -- for example does your electric company mail you a monthly newsletter? THANK YOU!

We have received our promotional bookmarks and Donita will bring them to the October meeting so members can distribute them to quilt shops in their area. Please be prepared to volunteer if there is a shop you will be visiting or near your home! We have a limited number of bookmarks available if anyone wants to restock shops near them. Quilt shops have given good feedback on handing them out.

We need a photographer to re-shoot the Opportunity Quilt at the October meeting. Please volunteer if you can do this.

Thanks for your attention and any help!
Judy Walker

ROSEBUD LUNCHEON

The Rosebud Luncheon will be held on April 6, 2024 at Pinewood Country Club in Slidell, LA. Susie VanderKuy will be available at the October 2023 & January 2024 meeting to sell tickets for the luncheon. Members may also mail a check with a self addressed stamped envelope, and can email me for the mailing address. Luncheon cost is \$30.00 per person.

Laura Comiskey Broders.
lgcbroders@gmail.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

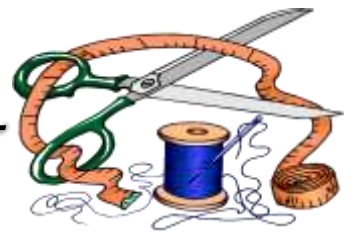
Past president and Nominating Committee chair Laura Broders, is delighted to report that the slate of nominees presented to the members at the July 22, 2024 General Member meeting was received without opposition. By acclamation, the membership accepted and approved the unopposed slate of candidates suggested by the Nominating Committee.

Our newly elected Board members for 2024 are Glenda Copeland as President-Elect; Joel Sellers as Treasurer (2 year term); and Angie Helman as Recording Secretary (2 year term).

Please join us at the January 27, 2024 General Meeting in Mobile, Alabama, when each of these new officers will be installed, along with Loretta Webre, as the 2024 incoming President. A big thank you to our members, Cindy Champagne, Cheryl Myers, Karen Bucksbarg and Debbie Hulett, who served on the Nominating Committee.

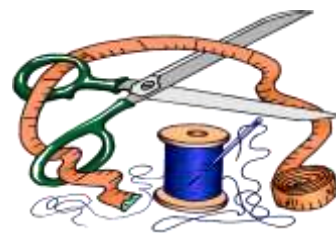


2024 QUILT SHOW OPPORTUNITY QUILT





GSQA CIRCUIT TEACHERS AUGUST 2023 RETREAT PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE



CIRCUIT TEACHERS

Feel free to contact me with any questions or to schedule classes for 2023 and 2024 at 601-590-0596 or push0326@gmail.com

Glenda Copeland
Circuit Teacher Chair

GSQA RETREAT

The GSQA 2023 Retreat was held at W.J. Kelley Retreat Center in Bay St Louis, MS. on August 24-27, 2023. There were 15 attendees (max was 15), so we had a full house. We sewed, played games, made new friends and everyone had a great time. I have secured November 21-24, 2024 for the retreat next year. We hope you will be able to join us. Stay tuned for updates in 2024.

Connie Day
Retreat Director

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

It's hard to believe that we are in October already. I want to say a big THANK YOU to the guilds and those attending the POE's so far this year.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the MYSTERY SEWDAY Quilt. It's not too late to start the quilt top if you have not had time. It's an easy and fun pattern to make. Please post your progress of your finished quilt on the GSQA Facebook page and bring your quilt to the October meeting for Show and Tell.

It's time to start a new year and seek new places to hold some fun POE's. I would love to talk to you about your guild hosting a POE in 2024. I'm asking all GSQA members & guild program chairpersons to please reach out to me and host a POE next year.

Paula Mathews
POE Chair
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GSQA 2024 TRAVELING TEACHER SCHEDULE

DATE & WORKSHOP	HOST GUILD	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Tues. 1-16, 2024 Artful Improv	Ozone Layers Covington, LA.	Annies Fabrics & Sewing 2256 Phillip Drive Covington, LA.	Teresa Dillon dillonjtkd@att.net 985-373-5992
Wed. 1-17-2024 Improv Puzzle	Stitchy Fingers Cotton Pickin' New Orleans, LA.	K.C. Hall 1427 Seminole Metairie, LA.	Judy Walker judycwalker@gmail.com 504-256-8647
Thur. 1-18-2024 Freehand Curves	BRMQG Baton Rouge, LA.	1st Baptist Church 27735 LA. Hwy 16 Denham Springs, LA	Yvonne Bayham yvonne70346@yahoo.com 225-717-4003
Fri. 1-19-2024 Improv Puzzle	River City Quilters Cajun Country Quilt Guild	St. John Methodist Church 230 Renee Dr. Baton Rouge, LA.	Elena Acosta emarap43@gmail.com 985-640-7904
Sat. 1-20-2024 Artful Improv	Jackson Quilters Jackson, MS.	Location TBA	Cathy Reininger cathy.reininger@gmail.com 601-896-5372
Sun. 1-21-2024	DAY	OFF	
Mon. 1-22-2024 Improv Puzzle	Bay Oaks Quilters Bay St. Louis, MS.	Coast Electric Building 14082 Hwy 29 Gulfport, MS.	Marsha Robertson bbean33@bellsouth.net 228-547-5762
Tues. 1-23-2024 Freehand Curves	Island Quilt Guild Gulf Shores, AL.	Gulf Shores Activity Centr 260 Clubhouse Dr. Gulf Shores, AL.	Virginia Moody vamoody81@gmail.com 850-748-8657
Tues 1-23-2024 Anatomy of an Improv Quilt LECTURE	Pensacola Quilt Guild Pensacola, FL.	Family Baptist Church 5454 Mobile Hwy. Pensacola, FL.	Cena Harmon cenaharmon@mac.com 850-516-2064
Wed. 1-24-2024 Fearless Curved Piecing	Pensacola Quilt Guild Pensacola, FL.	Hancock Bank 940 Creighton Rd. Pensacola, FL.	Marilyn Danielson danielsonmarilyn@yahoo.com 850-454-5450
Thur. 1-25-2024 Playing with Colors LECTURE	Pensacola Quilt Guild Pensacola, FL.	Family Baptist Church 5454 Mobile Hwy. Pensacola, FL.	Cena Harmon cenaharmon@mac.com 850-516-2064
Fri. 1-26-2024 Artful Improv	Azalea City Quilt Guild Mobile, AL.	Regency Church of Christ 501 S. University Dr. Mobile, AL.	Susan Mogan smogan1@comcast.net 270-816-4609
Sat. 1-27-2024 Free Motion Quilting with Style	Azalea City Mobile, AL	Regency Church of Christ 501 S. University Dr. Mobile, AL.	April Holifield abholifield@gmail.com 601-590-1199