



Quilt Talk

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The President's Corner

Dear GSQA Family,

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas which brings to mind many happy thoughts and events but it also means my term as your President is drawing to a close. And this is a good thing. It is time for new blood with Kathleen Chauvin becoming president. New blood means new ideas, new thoughts and probably a whole new feel to our organization. Kathleen has served in many capacities in her local guilds and brings a wealth of experience with her.

I want to thank the board members who have served with me. We all tried to think of GSQA first and made decisions based on how we could best serve our members. Dan and these ladies have been some of the hardest working quilters I have ever known and it has been a privilege to work with them. I could not have done my job without them doing their jobs so well.

Unfortunately our incoming Membership Chair, Jane Pease had to withdraw her acceptance. According to the By-laws, when this happens, the Board appoints another person. Membership will now be filled by our dear Lucy DeHarde. We're sad to lose Jane but we are glad that Lucy will remain a part of the Board.

We are still in need of a Quilt Show Chair but the other vacancies have been filled. Our new Media Director will be Kay Guillot from Kiln, MS, our Program Chair will be Carole Gaubert from Lafayette, LA, and our new Newsletter Editor

will be Rena Krol from Long Beach, MS. The ladies leaving the Board, Janet Bailey, Leslie Plaisance, and Donita Qualey, have done a phenomenal job and we thank you!

A Stitch in Time, Cotton Pickin Quilters, Stitchy Fingers, Stitchin Sistas and Mes Amis Quilt Shop did an excellent job hosting our October meeting. Linda Wiggins had an informative and entertaining program which resulted in a challenge to our members. You'll read more about the DIAMOND CHALLENGE on another page. You very generously donated \$162 which will go towards helping finance mammograms in the New Orleans area.

At our January meeting we will give out the Attendance Award and start over for 2013. You have to be present at all four meetings to qualify for this award. Come to Lafayette January 26th, and welcome Kathleen and the other new board members. Mary has all the details of another wonderful program on page 3. Wear your name tag and bring a donation for the local food pantry.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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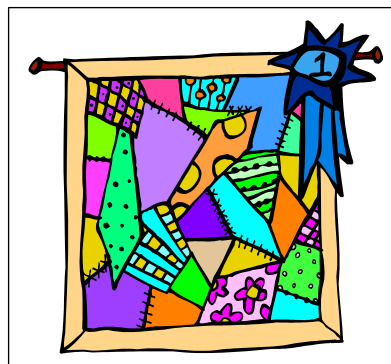
CIRCUIT TEACHER REPORT

I challenge anyone who took a Circuit Teacher Class in 2012 to bring the finished top for Show and Tell to show your fellow quilters how the project looks after taking a class. I dare you!! We will be starting the New Year 2013 without any classes scheduled. We did so well in keeping our teachers busy in 2012. Also at the next quarterly meeting, two of the teachers will show their sample from one or more of their classes. As always, I am available to help with any of your guild's projects and can guide your representative through the scheduling process. Looking forward to seeing you.

Kathy Ayme

Pursuit of Excellence (POE)

Check the GSQA website for information on the next scheduled POE.



January General Meeting

**January 26, 2013, 10 a.m.
Lafayette, Louisiana**

Our January program will be presented by Betsy Chutchian. Betsy is a well-known quilter, historian, and is the author of two books, *Gone to Texas* and *History Repeated*. Her third book will be in stores in spring 2013. Betsy was also recently featured in *American Patchwork and Quilting* magazine. Betsy's program will focus on 19th Century Reproduction Quilts, including a wonderful historical perspective as well as many reproduction quilts for us to see.

GSQA is working with Betsy to offer classes during her visit to Louisiana. Please check the GSQA website for more information on the classes.

Meeting Location:

Northwood United Methodist Church
4530 Moss St., Lafayette, LA 70507

Directions to Meeting:

From Baton Rouge or Lake Charles
From I-10 Exit 103B to Opelousas
Then take exit 2- Gloria Switch
Travel to light @ Moss St., turn right
Northwood UMC is on the corner.

Hotel Suggestions:

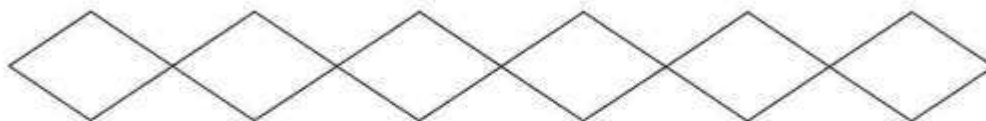
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(337) 235-9898
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Food will be available at the meeting, some nearby restaurants are: Chilis, I Hop, Wendy's.

'DIAMONDS ARE A QILTERS FRIENDS' CHALLENGE



GSQA would like to issue a DIAMOND Challenge to all members. This challenge will be due at the 2013 GSQA seminar on March 7, 2013. The general membership will vote on the best interpretation of theme and Viewers choice. Your entry can be mailed to Mary Woltman at 1368 Belvedere Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 and you do not need to be present to participate.

Definition

A diamond shape is defined as "An oblique-angled parallelogram having four equal sides (also known as a Rhombus). A diamond shape is not a square on point or a kite shape. CAUTION – just because a pattern has the word 'Diamond' in it, this does not mean that the shape is correct – many quilts call a square on point a diamond – and for this challenge, this does not qualify. If you think you have found a pattern, but are not sure if it qualifies, please contact Mary Woltman at mawoltmann@yahoo.com for confirmation.

The Challenge:

Create a quilt or quilt top that has a predominant 30, 45 or 60 deg Diamond shape on the front of the quilt. This does not have to be a single cut diamond shape. It can be the illusion of a diamond comprised of triangles or strip piecing, etc., as long as it has the diamond shape dominant. Diamonds can be used as background for appliqué, placed in the border, used in multiple sizes and included in the quilting.

The quilt size is to be determined by the quilter – no size restrictions for this challenge.

If a quilt or quilt top does not have a predominant Diamond shape, it will be disqualified from competition, but will still be shown at the GSQA meeting.

So ladies and gents – are you up for this challenge? What will yours be – the Lone Star you always wanted to make, or perhaps a Broken Star? How about a rendition of Monet's Water garden, stacked cubes, or foundation diamonds?? So many possibilities! Showcase your talents and challenge yourself to a quilt you always wanted to make and just needed an excuse!

See your quilt in 2013 at GSQA seminar!!

SEMINAR NEWS

Hello everyone,

Seminar is just around the corner, only two and a half months to go. Our Blue Book will be on the web site on December 26. So after we have all opened our Christmas presents we can start to get ready for Seminar scheduled for Registration, March 6 with classes on March 7, 8 & 9.

The list of teachers, classes offered and the registration paperwork will be on line. Please remember that Seminar will only offer classes on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. To help with the registration process I am asking everyone to put a first, second, and third class selection on their paperwork. This helps in the registration process.

I am in great hopes that all of the guilds that have made goodie bag items will bring them to our January General meeting in Lafayette, LA. This will help the wonderful ladies that will be getting the bags ready for Seminar. We try to have all the bags ready for the Wednesday afternoon registration period.

I am looking forward to having three days of fun, being with friends and catching up to what has been taking place in our lives. It will also be a time where we can learn some new quilting techniques.

OH!!!! The Marriott has kept our room rate for the Seminar @ \$109.00 plus tax per night for everyone staying at the Hotel. This information about making hotel reservations will be on the registration form. It is important to make reservations by February 6, 2013 in order to receive our rate of \$109.00.

Hope to hear from everyone soon.

Daniel Le Blanc
Seminar Director

HURRICANE SANDY QUILTS

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, the GSQA Board decided to send the 13 baby quilts made during our 2012 Quilt Show and then finished afterwards, to BASIC Housing, Inc. in Bronx, NY. These people stated that they would deliver quilts as soon as they arrived. It was fortunate that we had these quilts on hand to send out immediately. We thank Sheryl Bordelon for seeing that this was accomplished.

These quilts were made for the Fire and Police Department of St. Tammany Parish, to be given out to comfort those who had a major problem with loss. We want to replace these 13 quilts and perhaps add to that number now. We challenge our member guilds to replace at least one of these quilts. Currently we have 50 guilds that are members of GSQA. It would be amazing if all 50 guilds participated! These quilts would be given to the Police and Fire Departments of St. Tammany Parish at our 2014 Quilt Show.

2014 Opportunity Quilt

Thanks to all of you who submitted names for our 2014 Opportunity Quilt. A name has been selected by the GSQA board and will be announced at the January meeting.

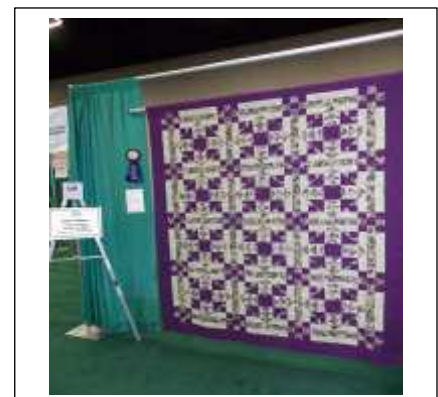
There are still a few blocks left for sale. The cost is \$5.00. Return your completed block at the January GSQA meeting and will receive one raffle ticket.



GSQA Member in the News!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to GSQA Treasurer Loretta Webre. She won a Blue Ribbon at the Machine Quilters Exposition Quilt Show, also known as MQX West, in Portland, Oregon! Loretta was able to attend the event and receive her ribbon in person. She won for edge-to-edge hand-guided quilting. Her quilt is titled “Susan’s Purple Stepping Stones of Friendship”. We are so proud of you Loretta!



Membership Renewal/Application Form

Gulf States Quilting Association

Name (Please Print):

_____ (First) (Initial) (Last)

Address:

_____ (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Important: May we send your Quilt Talk by email instead of by U.S. Mail? Yes No

Title (Please check one): Miss Mrs. Ms. Mr.

Purpose of submittal: Change of information Renewal New Member Jr. Member

Current GSQA Membership Number (if applicable): _____

****NEW**** Are you a member of the National Quilting Association (NQA)? Yes No

Current NQA Membership Number (if applicable): _____ NQA Expiration Date: _____

Check the line that applies to you and write the information on the line(s), if applicable:

I belong to the following guilds: (list all; no initials) _____

I am not a member of a GSQA Quilt Guild and will be considered a Member at Large.

I would like to join a chapter in the _____ area.

I have enclosed payment for the following:

Membership dues at \$20.00 per year (\$5 for Junior Member) for ___ year(s) = \$ ____ Total amt enclosed

Please make check payable to GSQA and mail to:

Janet Bailey
7220 O'Neil Drive
Harahan, LA 70123

Send questions/problems to me at: janetb817@gmail.com

Date received: _____ Cash/M. Order/Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Date of Deposit: _____
GSQA Membership #: _____ New Expiration Date: _____ Date Membership Card mailed: _____

April Newsletter deadline: March 1, 2013

Mark Your Calendars

January 26, 2013	GSQA General Meeting- Lafayette, LA
March 7-9, 2013	GSQA Seminar, Marriott Hotel- Baton Rouge, LA
April 20, 2013	GSQA General Meeting- Morgan City, LA
July 27, 2013	GSQA General Meeting
October 19, 2013	GSQA General Meeting- Mes Amis, New Orleans, LA
March 2014	Judy Niemeyer Workshops
March 21-22, 2014	GSQA Quilt Show- Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell, LA

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