

The Running Stitch

stitches bind us together

Newsletter of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Volume 40, Issue 2



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From Our President, Damaris Lane

I hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day. I was traveling back from my mission trip in Choluteca, Honduras. Even though exhausting at times, it is a most rewarding experience. In 2009, my sister founded The Lizzie Project, which provides uniforms and school supplies for kids to go to school. I have seen the difference it makes in these children's lives. One child I have been sponsoring since first grade is now in nursing school. If you want to realize how blessed you are, go on a mission trip. I highly recommend it.

A big thank you to Mary Ann and her Wednesday sewing group for providing over 40 dresses as well as some other personal items. Therefore, I had 70-something dresses, 12 girls' shorts and 17 boys' shorts to gift to these kids. The smiles are all worth the effort.

Thank you to Joy Bass for conducting the February meeting. I know you did a great job.

I hope the chilly weather has given you lots of time to quilt. When it's gray outside, we can retreat to our sewing studios and play with our colorful fabrics. In April, I'm looking forward to seeing the red and white quilts and all the different patterns we've used.

Be sure to come to the March meeting. I'll have the kits ready for the president's challenge. I hope it will stretch your imagination and boost new ideas into your quilting projects. It WILL be a challenge.

I missed seeing you all at the February meeting, so I'm looking forward to seeing you in March.



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Quilt Guild Business Meeting Minutes of the Withlacoochee

February 12, 2024

The February 12, 2024 Withlacoochee Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:02pm by Assistant Treasurer Joy Bass. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the hostesses for this evening's refreshments (Jerry and Patti McGuffin, Joy Bass, and Dianne Dees). Dianne Melendez gave the blessing before the meal which included a quilter's prayer that followed the design of the 23rd Psalm.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday wishes were given to the February birthday quilters

Minutes:

A call for approval of minutes as written in the newsletter was made; motion to accept the minutes as written was given and seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Patti McGuffin provided the treasurer's report. Patti also stated there are currently two volunteers for the Budget committee and invited others to volunteer if interested in serving on the committee.

Hospitality:

Members present: 29 Barb Lindner, Sue Johnson, Judie Loveless, Elaine Taylor, Joy Bass, Dianne Dees, Patti McGuffin, Jerry McGuffin, Joyce Herrin, Connie Syford, Grace Brumaster, Becky Berry, Gail Posey, Sandy Willis, Dianne Melendez, Mary Ann McGee, Heather Dixon, Barbara Jordan, Diane Kelley, Teresa Smith, Teresa Lavind, Pat Hawkins, Marsha Tyson, Lee M. Brooks, Kathleen Haehnel, Linda Bacon, Ann Bussey, Ann Hoover.

Guests: There were 3 guests at this meeting: Jan Pantin, Laurie Rowell, and Cruzetta Hand.

Winner of the door prize: Diane Kelley

Membership: Time to renew membership for 2024. If you have not already done so, please get forms and payments to Chris Summers.

Round to it: Teresa shared multiple projects completed since last meeting and then picked Joy Bass as the March recipient of the Round to it.

Old Business:

The Spring Retreat is scheduled for April 19-21, 2024. See Joy Bass to sign up.

Linda Bacon received her name tag from Gail Posey and from Mary Ann McGee.

The President's Challenge project will be announced in March. The Children's Advocacy Center is the current guild project. The half square triangle projects will be shared at the April meeting.

If you are still not receiving the Guild Newsletter by email, please contact Chris Summers quiltychris@gmail.com.

New Business:

Lee Brooks shared information about the upcoming Sew Saturday. It will be an opportunity to come together for sewing (any kind) and fellowship on March 16, 2024 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the same location as our guild meetings. Bring a bag lunch (and other snacks to share if you wish). Drinks and dessert will be provided by Hedy and her daughters. Cost is 5.00 per person. Bring your favorite project to work on or just come to fellowship. There will also be a "sale table" if you have things like patterns, books, etc. that you might like to sell during the one-day retreat.

Program:

Joy Bass presented a very informative demonstration of how to use circle templates to make circles for needle turn applique.

Show and Tell: Several members shared a variety of beautiful projects which were enjoyed by all.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Dees, recording secretary.

QUILT BINGO!

During our April Business Meeting we will play fabric bingo. Each player will have a bingo card that was purchased as a kit and constructed. Prizes will be awarded after each game. A grand prize of 1/2 of the money collected AND all of the bingo “cards” will be won at the finale by a lucky quilter.

Only a few kits remain!

Treasurer Report

January 2024

Balance forward	\$1,974.90
Income	\$640.25
Expenses	0.00
Balance as of 1-31-24	\$2,615.15

Challenge

Guild Challenge to be announced and presented in March, so bring \$5.00 and take home your kit!

March Refreshments

Elsie Crane
Teresa Lavind
Joyce Herrin



Program

Joy Bass presented a very informative demonstration of how to use circle templates to make circles for needle turn applique. The process uses heat resistant plastic templates, a gathering stitch and pressing to create smooth edges for the applique. She shared a project she is currently working on using this technique.



Saturday Sit N' Sew

Remember when we would have a Saturday Sew, to get together and have fun while we sewed between our retreats? Lets do it again! There will be a sign-up sheet at our next meeting, March 11. Or let Hedy Parrish know.

Saturday Sit & Sew

March 16, 2024 at Grace Bible Church; from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

\$5.00 donation to the church.

Brown bag for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

If you want to bring snacks to share, please do.

For Sale or Giveaway table. Door Prizes and Games!



Getting a round-to-it

Teresa performed her round-to-it task admirably!

Show and Tell



Judy has been busy this month!

Show and Tell



Sandy Willis



Ann Hoover (peeking)



Linda Bacon



Grace Burmaster



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Here is an up to date membership list with contact info. Please print this list off and save it in lieu of an actual yearbook for now.

About Our Guild

The Withlacoochee Quilters Guild is a non-profit organization for those interested in quilts and quilting. This guild was organized to preserve and promote the art of quilting. Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at Grace Bible Church, 401 East Park Avenue, Valdosta, Georgia. Guests are always welcome!

Dues, renewable by January 1st each year, are \$20 per year for

adults. Youth membership (ages 6-16) is \$10. After June 30th, dues are one half the regular fee for the remainder of the year.

Questions about the Guild? Please contact a Board Member.

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