

The Running Stitch

stitches bind us together

Newsletter of the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild Volume 40, Issue 4



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From Our President, Damaris Lane

Hello, Fellow Quilters:

Spring has sprung! Spring is a time of renewal, of rebirth. Just looking out my windows at all the beautiful flowers, trees putting on new leaves, and plants growing just makes me happy. And it's not too hot yet. I love walking around my flower beds just to see which day lilies are blooming every morning.

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. And to those of you who went to the spring retreat, I'm looking forward to seeing all your completed projects.

I want to say how exciting it is that our guild is growing. We have several new members. New members mean fresh and new ideas.

I had a great weekend at a ladies retreat in Flovilla, GA. My sister loves "junking," so we decided to stop at the Salvation Army retail store in Jackson. I immediately spotted these huge rolls of fabric. Oh! This could be backing for our donation quilts. So, I bought two rolls!

And word gets out too. Damaris makes donation quilts, dresses and shorts for Honduran kids and other items as well. A precious lady approached me, "Honey, I have something for you." She said she just couldn't sew anymore, and she cleaned out her fabric and brought it to me this past weekend. Yards and yards of fabric; a lot of fabric! We will be able to make many dresses and quilts from this windfall of fabric..

No matter where I am or where I go, I'm always thinking like a quilter or a seamstress. I see quilt patterns in bathroom tile work, in stained glass windows and in random pictures. Even unconsciously, it's always in the back of my mind. Isn't it wonderful that our hobby is always with us, teasing us to look at everything and converting it into our projects.

I'm looking forward to the next few months, finishing projects and starting new ones, making quilts for the Children's Advocacy Center, and I'm looking forward to our Border Magic class with Chris.

AND I'm looking forward to seeing you all in May!



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May refreshments

Heather Dixon,

Barb Linares

Kathleen Haehnel

Quilt Guild Business Meeting Minutes of the Withlacoochee

April 8, 2024

The April 8, 2024 Withlacoochee Quilters Guild was called to order at 7:00pm by President Damaris Lane. Damaris welcomed everyone present and welcomed our guests: Brenda Myrick, Arianna Crane, and Cruzetta Toland. Elaine Taylor gave the blessing before the meal. Damaris thanked the hostess committee (Diane Kelley, MaryAnn Magee, and Pat Hawkins) for the wonderful food which was enjoyed by all. May refreshments will be provided by Heather Dixon, Kathleen Haehnel, and Barb Linares. Damaris indicated there is still a need for hostesses for the November meeting.

Birthdays: No April birthdays.

Minutes:

A call for approval of minutes as written in the newsletter was made; motion to accept the minutes as written was given by Elsie Crane and seconded by Judi Loveless. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Patti McGuffin provided the treasurer's report. The report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

Hospitality:

Damaris Lane and Judi Loveless each received a hospitality gift.

Members present: 36: Damaris Lane, Patti McGuffin, Jerry McGuffin, Joyce Herrin, Joy Bass, Chris Summers, Sandy Willis, Linda Bacon, Kathleen Haehnel, Dianne Dees, Connie Syford, Marsha Tyson, Teresa Lavind, Elaine Taylor, Laurie Rowell, Barbara Jordan, Barb Linares, Pat Hawkins, Teresa Smith, Ann Bussey, Lee Brooks, Hedy Parrish, Ann Hoover, Mary Ann Magee, Judi Loveless, Mindy Moore, Diane Kelley, Sue Johnson, Vicki Fenstermaker, Heather Dixon, Becky Berry, LaVerne Walker, Lynn Parrish, Pat Hitchcock, Kathy Wynn, Elsie Crane,

Guests: Cruzetta Toland, Brenda Myrick, Arianna Crane

Damaris reminded members that programs for upcoming meetings are still needed and asked members to consider signing up for one of the meetings.

Membership: Chris Summers reported we have 61 members. Members were reminded to get membership dues to Chris if not already done. Brenda Myrick and Arianna Crane submitted membership forms. Kathleen Haehnel reported her sister Carla and Cecelia (a close friend who lives in Chile) have joined as out of town members.

Round to it: Dianne Dees shared 2 completed projects, an Easter table runner and a disappearing nine-patch quilt. Elsie Crane was the happy recipient of the *Round To It* for May.

Old Business:

Name tags were presented to Mindy Moore and Laurie Rowell.

Damaris asked Hedy Parrish to report on the Children's Advocacy project. They are happy to receive blankets for the children and it was noted they give out 100 blankets at Christmas. Hedy shared a blanket design that is lovely and simple for us to consider if interested in making quilts for this service project. Handouts were available with the directions for making the quilt.

Damaris reminded the members about the upcoming Spring Retreat and asked those attending to please take some pictures to be shared in the newsletter.

Damaris also reminded us about the President's Challenge project. Additional fabric for the project is available at Pinwheels if needed. Please contact Damaris if you need more doilies.

Damaris also shared some lovely baskets from Honduras that are for sale.

New Business:

Patti reported that 2 people will need to be removed from the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild bank account: Judy Hart and Carla Goldie. The motion was made to remove these two people from the account (Elsie Crane) and seconded by Barbara Jordan. The vote was called and the motion passed.

It is also necessary to add 2 people to the bank account: Damaris Lane (current president) and Patti McGuffin (current treasurer) to the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild bank account. The motion was made by Judi Loveless and seconded by Jerry McGuffin. The vote was called and the motion passed.

Damaris and Chris presented an idea for a Saturday class possibly in May. Chris would provide a class on making a Border Magic quilt. Materials for the class will be precut and available for purchase for the class. A sign up sheet was circulated for those interested in participating in the class.

Show and Tell: A variety of beautiful projects were shown using the red/white half triangle fabrics. Other show and tell projects by Chris Summers and Pat Hitchcock were shared with the group. Everyone was excited to see all the beautiful projects shared during this time.

Judi Loveless shared the Pavo Peacock Festival Quilt that will be raffled off at the upcoming festival. Tickets are available for purchase.

Bingo Night

Members used the blocks created using the fabric kits purchased earlier (fund raiser for the guild) to play Bingo. Barb "called" the fabric and members marked their Bingo block with pins, stickers, coins, and other assorted marking pieces. There were 3 games played before the final all spaces covered game. Brenda Myrick won the 4 corners game, Barbara Jordan won the Irish Chain game, Connie Syford won the center 9-Patch game, and there were 5 winners for the final all spaces covered: Barbara Jordan, Joy Bass, Linda Bacon, Joyce Herrin, and Dianne Dees. Winners at each of the first 3 games received gifts. The grand prize of 150.00 was divided between the 5 winners with a draw for the remaining prize gift. Joy Bass was the recipient of that prize. Chris Summers volunteered to take the blocks submitted to make a donation quilt.

A great time was had by all who participated in the Bingo game.

WQG Budget Worksheet

4-9-24

Income

Expense

Challenge	100.00	Anniversary Committee Challenge	0.00	100.00
Christmas Party	200.00	Christmas Party		100.00
		Community Projects		400.00
Hospitality	10.00	Grace Bible Church Hospitality	500.00	50.00
Membership	1,400.00	Membership		0.00
Misc Income	100.00	Misc Expenses		100.00
Opportunity Quilt	0.00	Opportunity Quilt		0.00
		P. O. Box		250.00
		President's Fund		100.00
		President's Gift Programs		150.00
		Quilt Show		100.00
Retreat	0.00	Retreat		0.00
Spring	0.00	Spring		0.00
Fall	0.00	Fall		0.00
Seminar	500.00	Seminar		500.00
Sit & Sew	500.00	Treasurer		25.00
		Turner Center of Arts		200.00
		Long Range		235.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME BUDGET</u>	2,810.00	<u>TOTAL EXPENSE BUDGET</u>		2,810.00

2024 Workshop

We are planning a workshop to make a quilt using one border fabric. The cost of the class will be \$25, including lunch, plus the cost of the precut kit. We found several great border fabrics at Pinwheels for 40 percent off so prices will vary slightly. The class will be on Saturday June 1st at Grace Bible Church from 9-3. I will have examples of the kits at the May business meeting. Depending on class participation and the number of kits we're able to make, we may offer the class again on a Wednesday Sit n' Sew day.



Spring Retreat at Camp Weed





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Treasurer's Report 4-8-2024

Balance forwarded as of 2-28-2024 \$2549.65

Income:

Sit and sew	29.00
Saturday sew	75.00
Membership	260.00
Bingo	150.00
Guild Challenge	<u>70.00</u>

Total Income \$584.00

Expenses:

Church donation	50.00
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Balance as of 3-31-2024 \$3083.65

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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