

# GULF STATES QUILTING ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING

October 21, 2017

The quarterly general meeting of the Gulf States Quilting Association was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 in Covington, La. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Renee Hoeprich. Members of Ozone Layers, the host guild, opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Anne Sarpkie, president of Ozone Layers made opening remarks and thanked sponsors, Sew This, Folgers, and 7-Up.

President Hoeprich recognized members, guests, and new members. Attendance was 186 members and guests.

Cindy Baucum presided over the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Memorial Remembrance recognizing GSQA members who passed away during the past year. Deceased military as well as active and former military persons were also recognized.

**Minutes** – Secretary Mary Ellen Leingang read a condensed version of the minutes of the July 22, 2017 general meeting. Karla Maxfield made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Michelle DeLima seconded the motion.

**Treasurer** – Loretta Webre read the treasurer's report.

**Past President** – Cindy Champagne announced that there was an issue with the motion to accept the nomination for incoming president at the July general meeting. Cindy read the nominating committee's recommendation of Alesia Williams as President Elect. With no other nominations for President Elect, Angie Madden made a motion to close the nominations which was seconded by Michelle DeLima and approved by the membership. Linda Galloway made a motion to accept the nomination of Alesia Williams as President Elect. Lucy DeHarde seconded the motion which was approved by the membership.

Cindy Champagne introduced the newly elected officers to be installed at the January general meeting.: President Elect – Alesia Williams; Treasurer – Gaye Smith; Secretary – Connie Day; and Roberta Wilson – President.

**President** – President Renee Hoeprich recognized members and member guilds for awards and charity quilt and pillow case donations. Renee then recognized Opportunity Quilt committee members and members who had blocks chosen for the Opportunity Quilt with appliqued Ginkgo pins. There were 150 blocks made and 120 selected for the quilt. A drawing was held for the unused blocks not returned to the makers. The winner was Mae Foster.

**Quilt Show** – Laura Broders reported on the status of preparations for the quilt show. Laura explained the online registration process. Margie Bumm is selling Rosebud Luncheon tickets and raffle tickets. Susie Vanderkuy is in charge of accepting raffle baskets. Therese Springer needs help with intake of quilts at the luncheon. Janet Bailey is overseeing the judging of quilts Monday through Wednesday morning and needs help in the judging room. Mary Ellen Leingang needs help with tracking of quilts from delivery at the Harbor Center to hanging. Dan LeBlanc is responsible for hanging and display of quilts and needs help with this Wednesday afternoon and

Thursday and also needs help with taking down quilts at the end of the show. As the publicity chair position for GSQA remains unfilled, Laura needs help with publicizing this event.

**President Elect** – Roberta Wilson is in charge of the Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets and is asking all guilds to assist with selling tickets. The goal this year is to sell 4,000 tickets. Roberta also showed some of the completed community sew quilts.

**Guild Challenge** – Cena Harmon reported that all slots are filled for the Name That Tune Challenge.

**National Circuit Teacher Program** – Cena Harmon reported that Gail Garber, the speaker for the April 2018 general meeting in Pensacola, will be holding workshops the week before the meeting. Guilds that are hosting Gail have been furnished with the information needed and are responsible for coordinating with Gail.

**Membership** – Cena Harmon reported that there are 657 current members, 49-member guilds, 74 members at large, four junior members, and 18 member shops.

**Workshops** – Cena Harmon will conduct the next workshop before the January general meeting. The title of the class is Fauxgello using stripe fabric. As a location has not yet been secured, the approximate cost of the workshop is \$50 which includes lunch. Renee Hoeprich will get the registration forms out before the January newsletter.

**Retreat** – Cindy Champagne reported that the November retreat at Judson Baptist Retreat Center is full. Thursday is offered as an option due to a mix up in dates. Deposits are still being accepted for the February retreat at Beckwith. Dates are February 2, 3, and 4<sup>th</sup> with a cost of \$262 for a single room and \$210 for a double.

**Marion Maerke** – Candy Bergeron read the bios of the nominees for the Marion Maerke scholarship. The winner is Cindy Baucum and the alternate is Sherry Herringshaw.

**POE** - Renee Hoeprich discussed the POE program. The next one is in Hattiesburg in 2018. Contact your guild to attend. Paula Matthews is looking for places and guilds to host for the remainder of 2018 and 2019.

**Circuit Teacher** – Liz Linebrink reported that 13 classes have been booked with 11 having taken place. She reminded members about the timeline for scheduling classes and noted that the rate increased July 1, 2017.

**Ways and Means** – Glenda Spikes reported that the charms are for sale for \$5. She plans on two to four new charms per year. Cups are \$10. Winners of the Lotto Block drawing are: Batiks -Louise Porter; Scrappy – Dianne Fuglaar; ;30s – Glenda Spikes; Jewel tones – Loretta Webre; Autumn – Kathleen Deroche. Lotto Blocks are sold in January and July.

**Newsletter** – There was no report

**Media** – Cheryl Armstrong reported that she is keeping the website and Facebook page updated with pictures and news from members. Contact her for any questions.

**Seminar** – There was no report.

**Program** – Therese Springer reported that she needs host guilds for the 2018 and 2019 general meetings. The January 27, 2018 general meeting will feature Cena Harmon showing her Fauxgello quilts. The April 28, 2018 general meeting in Pensacola will feature Gail Garber showing her Flying Geese technique.

**Announcements** – Renee Hoeprich announced that we are still collecting Hobbs batting UPC labels for discount on batting and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. She is also looking for bed-in-a-bag bags.

Lunch Break

**Program** – Therese Springer introduced Carol Jaynes, a certified Judy Niemeyer teacher, who presented some of her work.

**Announcements** – Bonnie Johnson announced a quilt calendar class in Pensacola November 7. Virginia Moody announce that she is collecting 6 1/2:” squares which must have some pink for a quilt which will be displayed in a public place in 2020. Additional information will be in the Quilt Talk.

There being no further business, Nancy Newman made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Alma Moates. The meeting adjourned at 1:56 followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Leingang