



# Quilt Talk

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Hello My Quilting Friends:

Okay, so it's a new year again. What does that mean to you? New projects, new lists, new goals, new techniques to learn, new things to do, new places to go, new people to meet, new friends maybe. New fabric, more new fabric. (Hey, it's what we do.) All of this sounds to me like we will be smiling and having fun.

The holidays are behind us and a new list of happenings, events and things to do is coming up.

Your new President, Renee Hoerich, will be signing on in January at the General Meeting in Baton Rouge on January 28th. Please welcome her and say hello. She is SO ready to meet, help and get to know each and every one of you. See more about that in the following newsletter.

The General Meetings, POEs, Seminar, our new(ish) Retreats, Circuit Teacher classes - all coming up with each and every one something fun to look forward to. Do you participate? Does your guild want to be involved? It's all here. Enough for everyone. Just ask!

Do you have a quilt story to share? Does your guild have something wonderful to write about? We'd love to read it. Please get it together and send it in to the Newsletter Editor. Everyone loves to hear/read quilt stories.

Well, believe it or not, that's all I have to say for now. I truly hope you have enjoyed these President's Circle articles. Getting to know y'all has been interesting and wonderful. Really.

Now, let's go sew.

Happy New Year everyone!

Cindy Champagne

## PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE (POE)

March 11, 2017

Hosted by Camellia Quilters

First United Methodist Church  
433 Erlanger St.  
Slidell, LA

Please send your application to Paula Mathews.  
Applications and information can be found at  
[www.gulfstatesquilting.org](http://www.gulfstatesquilting.org)

If you know of locations for hosting further POEs,  
please contact Paula Mathews at  
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**POE = FUN & LEARNING**

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**CIRCUIT TEACHER CLASSES**

**Now is the time to schedule a class**

Our teachers are Rhonda Blasingame, Dorinda Evans, Connie Ewbank, Julia Graber, Sherry Herringshaw, Judy Holley, Beth Jessup, Liz Linebrink, Angie Madden, Marilyn Rose and Michael Young.

Check out new classes on the website. Also make sure to check out the guidelines when booking classes and please follow them, especially the timelines. They are there for a reason. If you have any questions please call:

Liz Linebrink 601-590-4367.

## GENERAL MEETING

**January 28, 2017 - 10 a.m.  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

### PROGRAM

**CONNIE SILBER**

#### **WHAT DOES THE JUDGE DO?**

A hands on talk with examples of what judges look for in quilts. Detailing the specifics and using many examples from her personal collection of quilts, Connie shares the positives and negatives of these works and explains common judging criteria. Questions are welcomed. This is an ideal opportunity to learn how to make your quilts show ready.

Connie Silber has been an avid quilter since 1989. Her interest in judging culminated in her becoming an NQA Certified Judge of Quilting in 2008. Subsequently, she satisfied the NQA requirements and is qualified to evaluate Masterpiece Quilts. She is a member of the National Association of Certified Judges (NACQJ), the successor to the now-defunct NQA. She has judged, lectured and taught workshops throughout Texas and in many other states. She is active in her local Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild and continues building her quilting skills and quilt knowledge.

### LOCATION

East Baton Rouge Parish Library – Main Branch  
7711 Goodwood Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(225) 231-3746

River City Quilt Guild will host the meeting along with Daisy Comeaux of Cottage Creations and Quilts

A lunch will be catered for approximately \$6.

### DIRECTIONS

#### **Traveling from points East (along I-12) i.e., Hammond, Miss., Ala., Florida**

Follow I-12 West to US Hwy 61N (Airline Hwy. north in Baton Rouge.). Take exit 2B from I-12W.  
Follow US-61 N/Airline Hwy/US Hwy 61N to Goodwood Ave.  
Turn left to EBR Parish Library located at 7711 Goodwood Blvd. Library's on your right.

#### **Traveling from points East (via I-10)**

Exit Seigen Lane to the right until you intersect Airline Hwy (US Hwy 61N). Follow US-61 N/Airline Hwy./US Hwy 61N to Goodwood Ave. Turn left to EBR Parish Library located at 7711 Goodwood Blvd. Library's on your right.

#### **Traveling from points west (via I-10)**

Cross over new Mississippi Bridge continuing on I-10 east, keeping right after crossing the Mississippi River Bridge  
Follow I-10 to the I-10/I-12 Split and take I-12 to Airline Hwy US 61N. Follow US-61 N/Airline Hwy/US Hwy 61N to Goodwood Ave.

Turn left to EBR Parish Library located at 7711 Goodwood Blvd. Library's on your right.

**LOCAL HOTELS AND LODGING**

**Residence Inn** – 7061 Commerce Circle, Baton Rouge, 225-925-9100

**Chase Suites** – 5522 Corporate Blvd., Baton Rouge, 225-927-5630

**Baton Rouge Marriott** – 5500 Hilton Ave., Baton Rouge, 225-924-5000

**Best Western Plus/Richmond Inn & Suites** – 2683 Energy Dr., Baton Rouge, 225-924-6500

**Homewood Suites** – 5860 Corporate Blvd., Baton Rouge, 225-927-1700

**Embassy Suites** – 4914 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, 225-924-6566

**Holiday Inn Express**– 4848 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, 225-448-2030

**MARION MAERKE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR SEMINAR 2017****Our Marion Maerke Scholarship Award winners!**

**2016 ~ Laura Robertson**  
Queen Bee Quilting Guild

**2017 ~ Daniel LeBlanc**  
Stitchy Fingers Quilt Guild



Laura and Dan are the deserving recipients of GSQA's highest honor! Each will receive a full paid scholarship to the 2017 Seminar to include tuition, registration fee, first choice of all classes, along with a room & board stipend.

**Congratulations to our Alternate winners:**

**2016 ~ Margie Bumm**  
River City Quilt Guild



**2017 ~ Kathleen Deroche**  
Quilting Fans Quilt Guild

Margie and Kathleen will receive their first choice of 2017 Seminar classes, paid registration fee and tuition for one class.

Jane Ramee, Scholarship Award Committee Chairperson

## **BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES**

Each January GSQA fills three elected positions on the Executive Board. Below are brief introductions to your newly elected officers for 2017 who will be installed at the January 28, 2017 General Meeting in Baton Rouge.



### **PRESIDENT-ELECT – Roberta Wilson**

Roberta, a GSQA member since 2013, has homes both in Gonzales, Louisiana, and Biloxi, Mississippi. She has held the treasurer and president positions in both The Giving Quilt organization and in Stashbuilders, as well as being active in River City Quilt Guild. Roberta has held these offices in The Giving Quilt and Stashbuilders simultaneously for the past 3 years, so she is well experienced with juggling multiple quilting-related activities and priorities. Roberta is the founder and first president of the Baton Rouge Association of Professional Mortgage Women. She has also been active with the National Association of Professional Mortgage Women, the Louisiana Association of Mortgage Brokers, and the Louisiana Mortgage Lenders Association. Roberta is experienced in teaching/lecturing to large groups (400+), holds a BS in Business with a major in accounting and minor marketing, and is currently employed by American Southwest Mortgage Corp. as an underwriter, working from her home.



### **HISTORIAN -- Angie Madden**

Angie Madden has built her life around 4 F's; faith, family, friends and fun. Her quilting journey includes all of these as her sister and daughter are both quilting buddies and there are many quilting friends. One of her projects this past year was a quilt for her church to celebrate its 75th anniversary; and isn't quilting always fun! She enjoys working with color and design and works in several different media to express her creativity. Angie is a member of Pensacola Quilters' Guild, having held several offices in that guild (Quilt Show Chairman, Nominating Committee Chairman, Inventory Chairman, and At Home in the Guild Chairman), has given MANY meeting and workshop programs, and is looking forward to being more active in GSQA.



### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Cena Harmon**

Cena lives in Florida and is an active member of GSQA. She joined GSQA and served as program chair from 2009-2010 and has participated in organizing traveling programs in 2012, 2014, and 2016. She organized the "Reading is Quiltamental" exhibit for the 2016 quilt show. Cena was a charter member of and has served in many leadership roles for the Pensacola Quilters' Guild since its inception in 1983. She served as their Vice President (programs) in 1986, from 2002-2005, and again in 2016. Other positions include: Quilt Show Chair, Membership Chair, Publicity Chair, and Newsletter Chair, and member of the Nominations Committee. Cena has taught programs for both PQG and GSQA. Cena worked as the director of a Physical Therapist Assistant program at Pensacola State College from 1997 to 2015 and continues to teach as an adjunct at the college while working part-time as a physical therapist at a local hospital. Cena also has great computer and organizational skills that will serve well in the position of Membership Director.

## **GSQA COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Ten quilts have been completed, and another 45 quilts are in the process of being pieced and machine quilted. Kits will be available at each general meeting, as well as pieced tops to be quilted. Backing and batting will be provided. The quilts in this effort will be donated to St. Tammany first responders for distribution at the 2018 show. A GSQA label has been designed and will be sewn to each quilt.

For member guilds who would like to receive GSQA batting for community service projects in their community through the Hobbs Quilting Company charity quilt program, please contact Renee Hoeprich at 760-815-5305 or [reneehoeprich@yahoo.com](mailto:reneehoeprich@yahoo.com) for details.

## GSQA RETREATS

The Fall 2016 Retreat at Jacobs Camp held on September 23-26, 2016 was a complete success. We had 44 retreaters for the weekend and 18 retreaters staying the extra night. We had several first-time retreaters with us who really enjoyed themselves. The food was good, great fun was had, and many projects were started and finished.

GSQA is investigating new sites for future retreats. Where does your guild host retreats? What activities do your members enjoy? Let us know! We want to share that fun, too.

Registration is closed for the Winter 2017 Retreat at Beckwith in Fairhope, AL February 10-13, 2017. We have 41 retreaters signed up. This will be a new location for GSQA to hold a retreat. For the first time we have people from all four states who are attending retreat.

I hope to see you at a future retreat! Gaye Smith



## GSQA SEMINAR

Seminar is just around the corner. If you haven't yet registered, check the website for classes with openings. The deadline for submitting your registration is January 31, 2017. Don't miss out on this great educational opportunity.

If you have registered, be sure to check out the requirements for your class in the Blue Book on the website. Make sure you have all the supplies you need as well as have completed all cutting requirements prior to class. You want to get as much learning time with your chosen teacher as possible.

Can't make it during the day? We have evening lectures and teacher show-and-tell. You'll need a ticket for these events, to ensure there is a seat for you. Don't have one yet? Contact Gaye Smith, Seminar Director, at 225-665-8003, or via email at [brlotrfan@yahoo.com](mailto:brlotrfan@yahoo.com) to reserve your ticket. Tickets are free.

You also have until January 31, 2017 to order your lunch for Seminar. The hotel has one restaurant with limited seating capacity. There are no restaurants within walking distance. You will not be able to purchase a lunch ticket during Seminar. You must order lunches in advance. Call or email Gaye with the contact information above if you want to order tickets.

Are you looking for a way to raise funds for your guild? Each GSQA-Affiliated Guild will have the option to provide an "Opportunity Basket" at the GSQA Seminar March 15 – 18, 2017. Tickets will be sold for each basket and winners will be drawn from the tickets sold, similar as to what is done at the Rosebud Auction. The great news is that 50% of the proceeds raised by each Basket will go back to the guild that donated it! So what makes up a basket? It could be a basket full of fabric, notions, quilt kits, or it could be an item that doesn't fit into a basket such as a Ott Light, a sewing machine rolling cart, a SewEzi sewing table, or anything that you think will raise money for your guild. The Seminar Committee will provide a place to securely store and display the baskets. We will also be responsible for selling tickets and ensuring that funds are sent back to each guild.

If your guild would like to provide an Opportunity Basket, please contact Gaye Smith, Seminar Director, at 225-665-8003 or [brlotrfan@yahoo.com](mailto:brlotrfan@yahoo.com). **You must notify us in advance** if your guild is providing a basket in order to ensure sufficient space is available. Baskets should be brought to the Seminar Hotel on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

In addition I am looking for volunteers to assist with the sale of tickets. Tickets would be sold Wednesday afternoon, and Thursday and Friday during breaks, before and after classes and during lunch break. The winners of the baskets will be drawn Friday after classes are finished. Please consider volunteering during one or more of these times. Contact Gaye using the information above.

## Birds In the Air

By Sandy Turner



Here is your opportunity to take a workshop with Sandy Turner, our April Guest Speaker.

Design, Design, Design... This workshop emphasizes the use of pictorial fabric in the construction of "Birds in the Air" blocks. The design possibilities are endless and so much fun. Sewing machine required.

Sandy Turner has been teaching quilt making for the past 20 years. Drawing on her observations while helping quilting students choose fabrics for their quilt sampler, she kept hearing the same remark, "I Love the Fabric, But What Do I Do With It?" The students would be describing pictorial type fabrics; i.e., large prints, landscape prints, floral prints, etc. So began her study of pictorial fabrics in combination with traditional quilt patterns. Sandy Turner is a National Quilt Association Certified Teacher. She was selected to be the NQA Certified Teacher of the Year in 2004-2005.

Class will be limited to 20 students. The workshop location will be determined shortly and will be emailed to all participants.

A materials list will be provided to students who sign up for class.

Please register me for the "Birds in the Air" Workshop. Sign-up deadline is February 10, 2017. This Workshop will be held Friday, April 21, 2017.

Workshop cost is \$55.00. **Make check payable to GSQA.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check to Gaye Smith, 9251 Jennifer Lynn Rd, Denham Springs, LA 70706. Contact Gaye at 225-665-8003 or [brlotrfan@yahoo.com](mailto:brlotrfan@yahoo.com)

**2018 SHOW RAFFLE QUILT BLOCKS**

We will accept blocks for the quilt through the first day of Seminar, March 15, 2017 **IN PERSON**. Before then, turn them in at the January 2017 General Meeting in Baton Rouge or mail them to be received by Monday, March 13, 2017 at the Hoeprich residence. Mail to: Renee Hoeprich, 9324 Homestead Drive, Baton Rouge LA 70817

**LAST CALL FOR NAME THE RAFFLE QUILT ENTRIES**

Although the blocks are not due until March 15, 2017, entries for naming the quilt (which always influences the theme of the Quilt Show) are due by January 28, 2017 at the General Meeting in Baton Rouge.



Name the 2018 Raffle Quilt/Show Theme

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Your Name:

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Please return this completed card in the plastic bag with your block:

2018 Raffle Quilt Block Return Card

Information about quilter who made the block

Name

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Address

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City

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ phone

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Deadline to return block: **March 15, 2017** at the GSQA Seminar **IN PERSON**  
 OR by **mail**, to be received by **Monday, March 13 2017** at the Hoeprich residence,  
 9324 Homestead Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70817

If your block is not selected, do you want it returned?    yes    no



# Membership Renewal/Application Form

## Gulf States Quilting Association

2017

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 OR  U.S. Mail?

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

Current GSQA Membership Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I belong to the following guilds: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not a member of a quilt guild and will be considered a Member at Large.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to join a guild in the \_\_\_\_\_ area.

I have enclosed payment for the following:

Dues at \$20.00 per year (\$5.00 for Junior Member) for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amt. enclosed.

Please make check payable to **GSQA** and mail to:

Cena Harmon  
1035 Farmington Road  
Pensacola, FL 32504-7037

Send questions/problems to me at:

cenaharmon@mac.com

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Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/M. Order/Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date entered in database: \_\_\_\_\_ New Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Membership Card mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **April Newsletter Deadline: March 1, 2017**

## **Mark Your Calendars**

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|----------------------|--|
| January 28, 2017     | GSQA Quarterly Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA              |
| February 10-13, 2017 | GSQA Beckwith Retreat, Fairhope, AL                  |
| March 15-18, 2017    | GSQA Educational Seminar, Airport Hilton, Kenner, LA |
| April 21, 2017       | Susan Turner class, location to be announced         |
| April 22, 2017       | GSQA Quarterly Meeting, Amite, LA                    |

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