



# Quilt Talk

Gulf States Quilting Association



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## The President's Corner

Hello GSQA,

It is September again and the weather is changing. Speaking of weather, what's with all the rain?

As you know, there has been some major flooding in many areas; storms along the coast; just wreaking havoc in our everyday lives. Either you've been affected or know someone - family, friends, fellow quilters - who's had their life "tossed upside down". Whatever the situation, do you need some help or can you be helpful? Do you need a blessing? Or can you be a blessing?

Whatever your answer, please let us know. There will be more information in this newsletter with exactly how to do just that. Our website and Facebook page will be popping with updates, connections, names, numbers, etc. Stay tuned on that note.

It is said that quilters are the most loving, giving people anywhere. So, let's do what we do and reach out.

Now, to all the quilters who have kept up with previous newsletters, and approached me in person, by emails and phone calls, etc., to answer my questions, THANK YOU. This has been so much fun. New question. How has quilting affected your life? Are you a dabbler - sewing every now and then? Are you a guild member only working on group projects? Do you attend a retreat where you can immerse yourself in sewing for hours on end? And then return to normal life once you're back home. Or how about this, do you think about quilting every day? Do you see possible quilt patterns everywhere you go? Has your quilting passion taken over your home? My answer to how quilting has affected my life is "I breathe, therefore I quilt. I quilt, therefore I breathe."

Please enjoy reading the remainder of our newsletter. If you have submitted an article, thank you. If you have not and would like to, please send your article to our Newsletter Editor, Rena Krol. Maybe you have something to share with your fellow quilters.

Now, go sew something!

Your president,

Cindy Champagne

P.S. Speaking of it being September, am I really seeing Christmas commercials on TV already?  
Really?

## PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE (POE)

October 15, 2016

The next POE will be hosted by  
Magnolia Quilters of Orange Grove, MS

Beauvoir United Methodist Church  
2113 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS 39531

Please send your application to Paula Mathews

Applications can be found at  
[www.gulfstatesquilting.org](http://www.gulfstatesquilting.org)

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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

**October 22, 2016 - 10 a.m.  
Lafayette, Louisiana**

### PROGRAM

#### **“Irene Blanck and Her Quilts”**

Irene Blanck comes to us from Australia. She has been quilting for over 18 years. Needle turn applique is her passion and she tries to instill this passion in her students. Irene started out using bought patterns but eventually realized that she could get exactly what she wanted by designing her own patterns. She has a time saving technique which makes her patterns easy to use. To view Irene's work, go to [www.focusonquilts.com.au](http://www.focusonquilts.com.au). Quiltmania released a book of her patterns this past May.

### LOCATION

**Top's Appliances & Cabinetry  
5826 Johnston St, Lafayette LA 70503**

The meeting will be hosted by Quilters' Guild Acadienne

Lunch will be served. The menu includes jambalaya, salad, rolls, and bottled water for \$5.00.

The charity for the meeting will be non-perishable food for the food bank or cash donations to help our local flood victims.

### DIRECTIONS

From I-10, take Exit 100, Ambassador Caffery Pkwy. exit, turning south. In 1.5 miles, turn left onto Ambassador Caffery Pkwy. (right past McDonald's and Sonic). In 3.9 miles, turn right onto Johnston St. (US 167). In 0.8 miles, Top's will be on your right. Park at the front, sides and back of the building.

### LOCAL HOTELS IN PROXIMITY TO TOP'S APPLIANCES AND CABINETRY

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites**, 3903 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy, 1-(337) 981-0600. [1.6 miles]

**Spring Hill Suites by Marriott Lafayette South at River Ranch**, 321 Settlers Trace Blvd,  
1-(337) 981-5512. [3.4 miles]

**Candlewood Suites**, 2105 Kaliste Saloom Rd, 1-(337) 984-6900. [3.7 miles]

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Lafayette South**, 2105 Kaliste Saloom Rd, 1-(337) 456-6900

**IRENE BLANCK QUILT CLASS**

Quilters Guild Acadienne is hosting Irene Blanck for an applique class on Saturday, October 8 or Friday, October 21 in Lafayette, LA. The classes will be held at Top's Appliances & Cabinetry, 5826 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA 70503

The class will be her "Botanika" pattern, as shown below. The pattern is full sized and completely ready to trace as is. The class fee is \$30 and the pattern is \$25. Pick your date and register for the class by calling or emailing Mona Redlich at [mobo657@aol.com](mailto:mobo657@aol.com) or 409-344-3740.



**MARION MAERKE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD  
FOR Seminar 2017**

The Marion Maerke Scholarship Award  
is the highest honor given to a  
GSQA member!

Please join us at the October General Meeting when the winner and the alternate of this year's award will be announced.

We, the committee, want to thank and congratulate the nominees and their nominating guilds. They, along with past nominees and recipients, will be recognized at the meeting.



Jane Ramee, Scholarship Committee Chairman  
Georgia Farnet, Judith Wheeler, Carolyn Carte – Committee members

## GULF STATES QUILT CONNECTION RETREAT-BECKWITH

Do you have the winter doldrums? Missing the hub-bub of the holidays? Come join us for a retreat in Fairhope, AL at lovely Beckwith February 10-13, 2017. Come enjoy four days sewing with your friends or make new friends. Accomplish the goal of finishing a quilt or start a new one. **Connect** with your fellow quilters. Registration forms are on the GSQA website. See you there!



At the October 22 meeting, GSQA will be holding our second annual memorial observance. We will again have a candle lighting and memorial reading of the names of all GSQA Quilt Guild members we have lost during the past year, honoring and remembering their importance to the quilting community, and bringing some level of closure to their passing.

If your guild has lost a member during the past year, please send that name and the name of your guild to Cindy Baucum by email at [theanchorage@att.net](mailto:theanchorage@att.net) prior to the October 22 meeting so that they may be included in this remembrance.

### QFOs: Quilts for Others

Nine quilts have been completed to date. At each general meeting, the completed quilts turned in are shared at Show and Tell. Photos are posted on the website under "Photos" by meeting date.

Of the kits checked out on April 30<sup>th</sup>, three were returned as finished quilts and two were returned as tops; the tops were immediately checked out at the July meeting to be quilted. Eleven kits from April are still due. A quilt was also donated. At the July meeting, the 16 kits brought to the meeting were all checked out! Those planning to quilt them also took home backing and batting. All kits were prepared using fabric from the Wasted Women Bee and GSQA member donations. To date, nine quilts are done and 27 are in process. A budget of \$700 for the year has been used to purchase the first two rolls of batting through the Hobbs charity quilts program. A portion of the budget will also be used to print GSQA labels to be put on each quilt.

At the last board meeting, it was brought to my attention that members would like to expand our scope of giving beyond the St Tammany Parish first responders (at the past few quilt shows, this group has received the GSQA charity quilts). Fabric is available for guild charity quilts through the Wasted Women Bee (see [www.thegivingquilting.org](http://www.thegivingquilting.org)) for details about their mission.

P.S. QFO's—this wonderful term for what we make with our hearts and hands comes from Cindy Champagne  
Renee Hoeprich, President-Elect

### GSQA SEMINAR MARCH 15 - 18, 2017

Are you curious about the project offered for Seminar next year? Come to the October meeting to find out the details. More information will be posted to both the GSQA website and Facebook in October. You're going to love the class offerings!  
Gaye Smith, Seminar Chairman

### UPDATE ON FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS FOR QUILTERS

Thank you to everyone who has shared suggestions and offered assistance. I know some of you are frustrated with the slow pace of our efforts. Let me assure you that we are always moving forward on what will be a long process of recovery.

Quilters who were flooded out of their homes will need help in restocking their sewing rooms. That will be done on a timeline dictated by them.

I did not live here during Katrina, so a lot of my knowledge of the details and logistics of what we'll need to do is being gathered from those who have lived here a long time. Elaine Hartman will provide details of how the "quilt shop" space was set up with donations from which flooded-out quilters were able to restock. JoPaula Lantier has many contacts and the experience to help us gather donations. There are others looking for storage space in the Baton Rouge area and some who are working to refurbish sewing machines being donated.

I have set up a thread on our GSQA Facebook page (search under Gulf States Quilting Association) where your ideas and offers to help are gathered in one place. I'm pleased to see that it is being used daily to link individuals donating quilt tops with machine quilters. These quilts will be donated to flood victims throughout Louisiana.

For those outside our GSQA family, the Facebook page *Baton Rouge and local area Quilters* is open to the public. It is monitored by JoPaula Lantier so she will be sure to share any information.

Renee Hoeprich , President-Elect

### WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? THE GIVING QUILT NEEDS YOU!

Once again The Giving Quilt, Inc. is issuing a guild challenge to all area quilters. Just make a child's quilt, appropriately sized from tot to teen, include a specific Northcott green, and donate the finished quilt to a children's charity. All donated quilts will be hung in the 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Quilt Exhibit on Feb. 4 & 5, 2017 at Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales. LA.

All of the quilts in the exhibit will be donated to various charitable organizations. The Challenge quilts will be in a separate category for Voter's Choice awards. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, third place and honorable mention and a cash prize or equivalent will be awarded to First Place. Quilts from area guilds will be hung together but quilters without a guild affiliation may also contribute. Quilters may also select a specific charity for their quilt or let the Giving Quilt choose an organization.

To get started, purchase some Toscana Pine #9020-78 by Northcott, available at most quilt shops in southern Louisiana and Mississippi, and use a recognizable amount in your quilt. Please prewash the fabric to remove excess dye! Design choice is yours. You may simply add borders to a pre-printed panel, piece any block you wish, or design your own. Completed quilts must be in the hands of The Giving Quilt, Inc. by Jan. 14, 2017. Drop off points for completed quilts will be announced as the show approaches.

For more information and a complete list of participating quilt shops please check the website at [www.thegivingquiltinc.org](http://www.thegivingquiltinc.org).

Submitted by Judy Holley

**RAFFLE QUILT BLOCK UPDATE**

For those of you who already have raffle quilt blocks to make, some Information that needs to accompany your returned block was not put in your packet. Renee Hoperich has included it below and says, "My apologies for not simplifying the return process from the outset. Please return your finished block with these documents. – Renee



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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

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





### BAY OAKS QUILT GUILD BOOK QUILTS

This is a support program for the Hancock County, MS library system. The group is making small quilts, 21"x24", that will fit on a moveable rack and will be shown at all the branches during National Book Month in October. These quilts will readily identify with a book in the library and are made to hang on a wall. They will be for sale, with all the money going to support the library foundation as needed. The picture on the left shows a few of the quilts

### ROSEBUD AUCTION UPDATE

**WOW!!** What an incredible auction GSQA held prior to our last quilt show! Thanks to our many guilds and individual members we were able to raise enough money to pay for the many cash prizes awarded at our show. This is why it is so important to participate and enjoy a fun afternoon. The tickets have FINALLY been counted!! That was a major task...and the theme baskets were a HUGE draw this year. The biggest winners were the Batik Basket donated by Island Quilters and the 85 Eye Spy FQ's donated by Busy Needles Quilt Guild. Once again, the beautiful rocking chair donated by Jill and Tom Whipple was very popular. Other theme baskets that were hugely popular were the Stonehenge Basket donated by Azalea City Quilt Guild and the basket of quilting goodies by Ozone Layers Quilt Guild. Everyone was clamoring to win the cute deck of FQs donated by Quilting Fans and also the Bag of Batting by Stitchin Sistas. Many, many thanks to those guilds that donated items that were wrapped and table ready. It made my life much easier. I hope you'll consider doing that for the next auction if it is possible. It is never too early to start thinking about your baskets and taking advantage of good sales as they occur. I had several people tell me that they purchased items at the Black Friday sales both in stores and online. Get your guild to pick a theme and run with it. Participation by many makes GSQA the awesome organization it is!!

Sincerely, Lucy DeHarde – Publicity Chairman

### PILLOWCASE DRIVE

**Recently Denise Taylor of Mes Amis Quilt Shop in New Orleans initiated a pillowcase challenge to help the Louisiana flood victims. She challenged that for every pillowcase made, she would provide a pillow. To date there have been 782 pillow cases made. She is receiving pillowcases and monetary donations to purchase pillows from around the country. She has also received an inquiry from someone in the UK about making a donation. Good job Denise.**

Here's another story about how Denise's idea spread as others took up the challenge and made it their own:

Have you ever made a pillowcase? It is easy to make and so much fun, especially if you get a group of crazy women together. They may or may not be quilters, and they can be any age. Denise Taylor, from Mes Amis Quilt Shop, threw out a challenge to make a pillowcase and she would fill it, and I decided to participate. My 18 year old granddaughter helped me press fabric for 14 pillowcases, and that is how my project started. Before I knew it, I had 14 pillows to fill those pillowcases, and the questions started coming: Can I help? Yes! What do you need? Pillows, \$\$, your help. I don't sew, can I send money? Yes!! Can I send pillows? Yes!! Where? To my daughter (address provided when asked). How? Easiest way is to order online and have them shipped. Do you need fabric? Yes. And the most important question, what are these for?

These pillowcases are made to cover brand new pillows for the flood victims, all of whom have lost so much. It doesn't seem like much, but it puts smiles on faces and it lets folks know that we care.

My quilt guild, Quilting Fans of La Place, jumped on board and along with Joyce Reed and her group from Mobile, AL, we have made close to 300 pillowcases, and hand delivered almost 200 so far. We have been very blessed with donations of pillows, fabric and monetary contributions, and will continue this project as long as we have the means to do so. If you can contribute to this project in any way, please contact me.

If you have been impacted by flooding and we can get you /your neighborhood some new pillows, please contact Loretta Webre at Lwebre6@yahoo.com



# Membership Renewal/Application Form

## Gulf States Quilting Association

2016

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: Diana Kelly  
7610 Fairway Drive  
Diamondhead, MS 39525

Send questions/problems to me at: [GSQAmembership@cableone.net](mailto:GSQAmembership@cableone.net)

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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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# January Newsletter Deadline: December 1, 2016

## Mark Your Calendars

October 22, 2016	GSQA Quarterly Meeting, Lafayette, LA
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 22, 2017	GSQA Quarterly Meeting, Amite, LA

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