



# Quilt Talk

GULF STATES QUILTING  
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## *President's Letter*

It has been an exciting time for GSQA with the release of our new website. We hope that you are using it and can easily find what you need. Thanks to all that worked on this, especially Lori Steib and Kristina Baiamonte. You no longer have to remember your GSQA membership number- your email is your username.

Registration is open for the 2024 Quilt Show. Make sure you submit your quilts (up to 5 per person) before the deadline. You just need a picture of the actual quilt top. It does not have to be quilted or bound yet for registration. Everyone loves seeing the quilts of all designs and quilting skill levels.

We are in need of someone to serve as the Marion Maerke chair. If you or someone you know would like this position, please let me

know. We are not planning a seminar in 2025. That doesn't mean we will never have one again. We have to find a way to make this activity viable without losing so much money on it. The Marion Maerke award will instead focus on other GSQA activities such as classes, traveling teacher workshops, etc.

We are so looking forward to our Cindy Grisdela classes with our Traveling Teacher program. I hope you were able to secure a class. Plan to join us in Mobile for our January 27, 2024 GSQA General Meeting!

Hope you have a great holiday season!

Donita Qualey

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**January 2024** Traveling Teacher with Cindy Grisdela <https://cindygrisdela.com/>

**January 27, 2024** Quarterly Meeting Mobile, AL. with Cindy Grisdela

**April 6, 2024** Rosebud Luncheon Pinewood Country Club Slidell, LA.

**April 12-13, 2024** GSQA Quilt Show Slidell Harbor Center, Slidell, LA

**April 18-19, 2024** Quarterly Meeting classes with Rob Appell. **Registration for Rob Appell's classes will open on December 20, 2023 on the GSQA website**

**April 20, 2024** Quarterly Meeting 6505 Spanish Fort Blvd. New Orleans, LA.

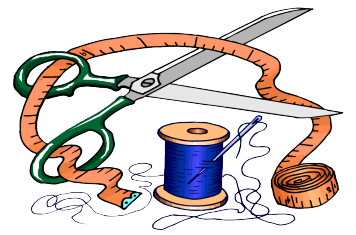
**July 20, 2024** Quarterly Meeting Gulf Shores, Alabama

**October 19, 2024** Quarterly Meeting TBA





**GSQA POE & CIRCUIT TEACHERS  
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS  
QUARTERLY MEETING HOST  
GUILDS**



***PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE***

POE is planning educational opportunities for 2024. I am also looking for alternative formats for POE to allow more members to attend. If anyone would like to host a POE please contact Paula Matthews [palm55@bellsouth.net](mailto:palm55@bellsouth.net)

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***CIRCUIT TEACHERS***

Greetings - please stay tuned for more information on Circuit Teacher classes for 2024. If anyone is interested in becoming a Circuit Teacher especially if you can teach paper piecing or any other techniques please contact me. To schedule classes for 2024 or if you have any questions my contact information is 601-590-0596 or via email to [push0326@gmail.com](mailto:push0326@gmail.com) - Glenda Copeland Circuit Teacher Chair

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***CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS  
PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING ON THE GSQA BOARD***

In order to offer the events we enjoy so much, GSQA needs members to volunteer for the 2024 Quilt Show & Rosebud Luncheon. We are also seeking interested members to serve on the board and help with other positions. Please contact any GSQA Board Member with your intent to serve: we need your time & talents to keep our organization strong!

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***SEEKING HOST GUILDS FOR THE  
OCTOBER 2024 QUARTERLY MEETING***

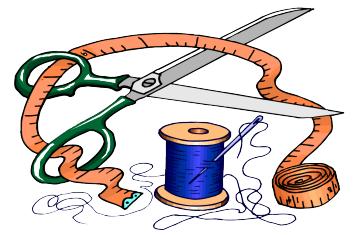
**GSQA is seeking host guilds for the October 19, 2024 Quarterly Meeting. Multiple guilds may also choose to co-host the meeting. Please contact April Holifield if interested [abholifield@gmail.com](mailto:abholifield@gmail.com)**

# GSQA JANUARY 2024 TRAVELING TEACHER SCHEDULE

DATE & WORKSHOP	HOST GUILD	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
Tues. 1-16, 2024 Artful Improv	Ozone Layers Covington, LA.	Annies Fabrics & Sewing 2256 Phillip Drive Covington, LA.	Teresa Dillon <a href="mailto:dillonjtkd@att.net">dillonjtkd@att.net</a> 985-373-5992
Wed. 1-17-2024 Improv Puzzle	Stitchy Fingers Cotton Pickin' New Orleans, LA.	K.C. Hall 1427 Seminole Metairie, LA.	Judy Walker <a href="mailto:judycwalker@gmail.com">judycwalker@gmail.com</a> 504-256-8647
Thur. 1-18-2024 Freehand Curves	BRMQG Baton Rouge, LA.	1st Baptist Church 27735 LA. Hwy 16 Denham Springs, LA	Yvonne Bayham <a href="mailto:yvonne70346@yahoo.com">yvonne70346@yahoo.com</a> 225-717-4003
Fri. 1-19-2024 Improv Puzzle	River City Quilters Cajun Country Quilt Guild	St. John Methodist Church 230 Renee Dr. Baton Rouge, LA.	Elena Acosta <a href="mailto:emarap43@gmail.com">emarap43@gmail.com</a> 985-640-7904
Sat. 1-20-2024 Artful Improv	Jackson Quilters Jackson, MS.	Location TBA	Cathy Reininger <a href="mailto:cathy.reininger@gmail.com">cathy.reininger@gmail.com</a> 601-896-5372
Sun. 1-21-2024	DAY	OFF	
Mon. 1-22-2024 Improv Puzzle	Bay Oaks Quilters Bay St. Louis, MS.	Coast Electric Building 14082 Hwy 29 Gulfport, MS.	Marsha Robertson <a href="mailto:bbean33@bellsouth.net">bbean33@bellsouth.net</a> 228-547-5762
Tues. 1-23-2024 Freehand Curves	Island Quilt Guild Gulf Shores, AL.	Gulf Shores Activity Centr 260 Clubhouse Dr. Gulf Shores, AL.	Virginia Moody <a href="mailto:vamoody81@gmail.com">vamoody81@gmail.com</a> 850-748-8657
Tues 1-23-2024 Anatomy of an Improv Quilt <b>LECTURE</b>	Pensacola Quilt Guild Pensacola, FL.	Family Baptist Church 5454 Mobile Hwy. Pensacola, FL.	Cena Harmon <a href="mailto:cenaharmon@mac.com">cenaharmon@mac.com</a> 850-516-2064
Wed. 1-24-2024 Fearless Curved Piecing	Pensacola Quilt Guild Pensacola, FL.	Hancock Bank 940 Creighton Rd. Pensacola, FL.	Marilyn Danielson <a href="mailto:danielsonmarilyn@yahoo.com">danielsonmarilyn@yahoo.com</a> 850-454-5450
Thur. 1-25-2024 Playing with Colors <b>LECTURE</b>	Pensacola Quilt Guild Pensacola, FL.	Family Baptist Church 5454 Mobile Hwy. Pensacola, FL.	Cena Harmon <a href="mailto:cenaharmon@mac.com">cenaharmon@mac.com</a> 850-516-2064
Fri. 1-26-2024 Artful Improv	Azalea City Quilt Guild Mobile, AL.	Regency Church of Christ 501 S. University Dr. Mobile, AL.	Susan Mogan <a href="mailto:smogan1@comcast.net">smogan1@comcast.net</a> 270-816-4609
Sat. 1-27-2024 Free Motion Quilting with Style	Azalea City Mobile, AL	Regency Church of Christ 501 S. University Dr. Mobile, AL.	April Holifield <a href="mailto:abholfield@gmail.com">abholfield@gmail.com</a> 601-590-1199



# GSQA JANUARY 27, 2023 QUARTERLY MEETING MOBILE, AL



## GSQA Quarterly Meeting Mobile, Alabama Saturday, January 27, 2024 10am – 3pm

**Join us for our next Quarterly Meeting with Guest Speaker Cindy Grisdela**

Fellowship Hall of Regency Church of Christ

501 University Drive  
Mobile, AL. 36609-2915

**Our host: Azalea City Quilt Guild**

### Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn Express  
109 Long Street  
Mobile, AL. 36608  
Mention **GSQ** for a room discount (this is not a typo!) Cost is \$120.00 and rooms will be blocked until January 20, 2024

There are other hotels on I-65 near the airport in Mobile.

**Lunch Options:** Members may bring a sack lunch. There are many restaurants in the vicinity if anyone wishes to leave the meeting.

North on S. University Blvd: Foosackly's, Mellow Mushroom, & Cook Out Burgers

and Shakes

North on S. University & turn right (east) onto Airport: Mod Pizza, Cava (Mediterranean), Moe's Southwestern Grill, Fresh Market, Culver's Burgers Outback Steakhouse, Carraba's Italian Grill

North on S. University and turn left (west) on Airport: Chick Fil-A, Five Guys Wintzell's Oyster House, Texas Roadhouse

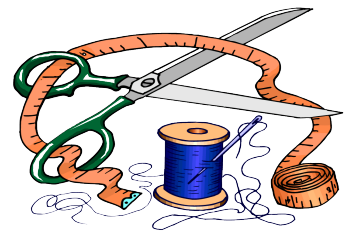
**Charity:** Azalea City Quilt Guild has chosen the Child's Advocacy group as beneficiaries of this month's donations

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## JANUARY 27, 2024 QUARTERLY MEETING PRESENTATION BY CINDY GRISDELA



Cindy Grisdela is intrigued by color, line, and shape, just like any other artist. Working with fabric like a painter works with paint, she creates dynamic contemporary compositions, cutting the shapes out freehand without a pattern or template and sewing them together with her sewing machine.

She is known now for her fearless approach to color, but it wasn't always that way. In her early days as a quilter, she made traditional quilts from patterns and was intimidated by color. But gradually she became more comfortable with putting colors together in combinations that were pleasing to her, and started challenging herself to use colors that she didn't normally use. Some of those turned out

to be her favorites.

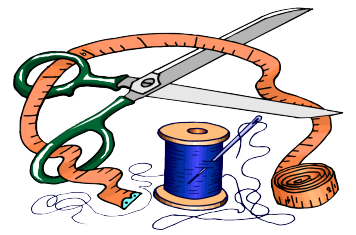
She adds texture to her compositions with stitching lines. It's that tactile nature of quilts that drew her to creating in this way and keeps her excited about going into the studio every day. She stitches all the lines with her sewing machine, some with freehand motifs and others with straight or wavy lines with a walking foot. There's no computer program or marking ahead of time.

Cindy comes from a long line of women who have expressed themselves using a needle and thread, although there were no quilters in her family. Creating with various forms of fabric and thread has been a part of her life since she was a child, and she is self-taught as a fiber artist, with lots of experimentation along the way with mentors from books. Her formal education includes a BA in Fine Arts from the College of William and Mary and an MBA from George Washington University.

She is the author of *Artful Improv: Explore Color Recipes, Building Blocks & Free Motion Quilting*, and a new book, *Adventures in Improv Quilts: Master Color, Design & Construction*.



# GSQA 2024 QUILT SHOW GULF STATES BEAUTY



The 2024 GSQA Biennial Quilt Show is fast approaching. The GSQA Board and Show committees are actively working to make this the best Show possible. Show dates are April 12 and 13, 2024 at the Harbor Center in Slidell Louisiana. 10am – 5 pm

Our Theme Block is the New York Beauty block. How are you progressing with your show entry (entries)? Time is moving very fast and that deadline will soon be here. You have until January 8, 2024 to complete your quilt entry registration. Finished quilts are to be turned in no later than April 5, 2024 at the Rosebud Luncheon. More details about Registration of quilt entries is now available on our new website

[www.gulfstatesquilting.org](http://www.gulfstatesquilting.org) Entries are limited to 5 quilts per member with a limited number of “large” quilt entries due to hanging space limitations. Please see the website under “Quilt Show” Tab for more information. Registration, categories, general show information, Members’ Boutique entry forms and T-shirt orders are just a few things available on the Web site.

We will need a number of members to volunteer to help with the show in many aspects such as docents, quilt hangers, setup, takedown, judging, etc.. The call will come during January and February. Watch both Facebook and the website for signup times. We hope to do this through the website. Without our member participation this show would not happen. Thank you for your help.

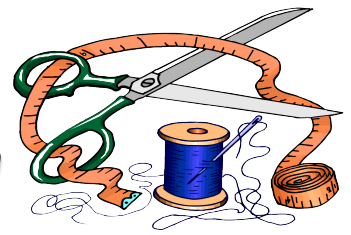
We are still accepting service quilts for the First Responders in the Slidell area: police, EMS, firemen, a couple of senior homes & battered women shelters. This year I asked members to help out since we got a late start. The response has been fantastic, but we still lack quilts for teen boys and older males. (These need to be longer and no flowers please). Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. You can turn these quilts in to Debbie Hulett at the January General meeting. These quilts are presented at 9am before the opening of the quilt show at the Harbor Center on April 12, 2024

Finally I will keep you posted on Facebook with a Monday Morning New comment of little things that are happening. Any big announcement will also be sent out through the GSQA email blast to all members. Feel free to email me at [gsqaquiltshow2024@gmail.com](mailto:gsqaquiltshow2024@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

Sherry Herringshaw  
2024 Quilt Show Director



# GSQA 2024 QUILT SHOW ROSEBUD LUNCHEON & QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION



Have you registered your quilt show entries?? Registration is now open, but time is running out. The last day to enter a quilt is Jan 8, 2024 either online or submitted via USPS mail. All USPS mailed entries must be postmarked no later than midnight Jan 8, 2024. Quilt registration may be submitted online by clicking on the Quilt Show Tab on the website <https://www.gulfstatesquilting.org/>

Please read **all the rules** prior to starting registration for your entries. There is a limit of 5 quilts per member and only a limited number of **extra-large** quilts will be accepted due to hanging restrictions at the Slidell Harbor Center. A photo of your quilt must be uploaded at the time you register your quilt. No quilt entry registration is considered complete until all information is provided, a photo of the entire quilt has been uploaded and the quilt fee is paid. Your quilt does not have to be finished at the time of quilt registration but must be completed before submitting the quilt at intake.

Intake dates are listed in the instructions: April 6, 2024, at the Rosebud Luncheon is the last date a quilt entry can be turned in. Please email Kim Bryson, Registration Chair at [kbrys79@gmail.com](mailto:kbrys79@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. It is suggested that you print a quilt entry form for each quilt you want to register, and complete the paper form prior entering the information in the online registration page, so you have all the information ready to submit. Your GSQA membership must be up to date before you can register a quilt. Thanks!

Sherry Herringshaw, Show Director  
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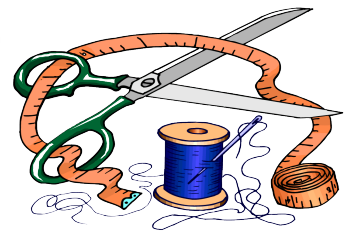
Rosebud Luncheon and Gift Baskets Raffle will be held on April 6, 2024, the Saturday before the Quilt Show, at the Pinewood Country Club in Slidell, Louisiana. Doors open at 10:00 and a buffet lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. You may purchase your \$30 luncheon ticket and Raffle tickets (\$1/ticket or \$5/6 tickets) from Laura Broders at the January General Meeting or by mailing her a check payable to GSQA, along with a SASE (1122 Eleonore Street, New Orleans, LA 70115).

Please let Laura know the theme and/or contents and value of your or your guild's Gift Basket Raffle donations which will be offered at the Luncheon. You may bring your Gift Baskets to the January 2024 General meeting or in the morning ahead of the luncheon in April. It is good to have the time before the luncheon begins to buy raffle tickets and place them in the vase corresponding to the Gift Basket(s) you would like to win. Last minute basket arrivals may not be able to be included in the Raffle. Gift Basket Raffle ticket proceeds are used to support the cash prizes awarded at the Quilt Show. If you would like to help the day of the Luncheon with placement of baskets, ticket sales, etc., please email Laura [lgbroders@gmail.com](mailto:lgbroders@gmail.com)





# GSQA 2024 QUILT SHOW MEDIA UPDATES SHOW T-SHIRTS



Greetings! In advance of our big quilt show next April, I am trying to contact groups that might like to come to our show on a day trip. These include assisted living centers, church groups of seniors, and other such clubs and social organizations.

If your church has a senior group that travels, or you know of a nearby assisted living center or a club, please pass the name along to me so I can get in touch. THANK YOU! You may email me [judycwalker@gmail.com](mailto:judycwalker@gmail.com) or post on our Facebook group.

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GSQA has a new page on Facebook for the public to see. **Gulf States Quilting Association** is like a business page, but for our non-profit. I'll post information about the quilt show, membership, and other activities.

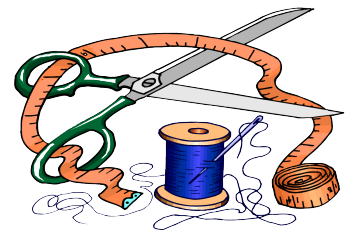
Our Facebook group is just for members. This is to let anyone know about us! PLEASE "like" our page if you are on Facebook and share it with your followers. I was surprised how many of my followers wanted to know what we are doing! Thanks for looking. Email me if you think of something to promote! [judycwalker@gmail.com](mailto:judycwalker@gmail.com)

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Quilt show t-shirts that have been pre-ordered and paid for will be delivered at the January 27, 2024 General meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you can send a signed note via a friend requesting your shirt be released to them. T-shirts may also be picked up at the quilt show in April, the next general meeting, or by emailing me for an alternate delivery option. All shirts ordered on line or purchased from Ways and Means are now at regular price. A limited number of shirts (but not all colors or options) will be available from the Ways and Means booth both at the Show and at our meeting until the supply is depleted. Sherry Herringshaw Quilt Show Director



# GSQA 2024 QUILT SHOW VENDORS



**All Stitched Up by Angela:** Precuts, kits, notions, printed T-shirts, patterns

**Appraisals:** Certified appraiser Alma Moates can tell you about the quilt you always wondered about

**Bonnie Beth Bags:** Handcrafted purses, handbags, crossbody, slings, clear backpack slings, cell phone tethers and wallets

**Camellia Palms LLC:** Lakeside creative retreat center on the Alabama/Florida state line in Floral, AL

**Fat Tuesday Fabrics and Gifts:** Fabric, notions, gifts and more, specializing in Louisiana and Carnival

**Mama Mia Quilting Services and Products:** Serving Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast, computerized and custom long arming up to big king sizes, custom T-shirt and other quilts

**Martelli Enterprises:** Sensational Sewing Tables, ergonomic fabric cutters, no-slip rulers and more.

**Ms. Sew N' Sew's Quilt Shop:** Handquilter longarm, restored and some painted Featherweights, precuts, wide backs, quilt kits, Glide thread and bobbins, Handquilter feet and accessories

**One Noisy Streetcar:** Original regional patterns and children's counting book

**Peace by Piece:** Quilts in sizes from baby to king; fabric, patterns and notions, kits, precuts

**Scissors sharpening services:** Joe Taylor (husband of Mes Amis shop owner Denise Taylor) and Slicey McSlicer will sharpen knives as well as scissors.

**Sew This:** Bernina sewing, embroidery and quilting machines, kits, fabric, precuts

**Summer's Haven Quilt Shop:** Handquilter longarm, precut bundles, quilt kits, one-yard cuts, cross stitch, notions and more.

**The Stitchin' Post:** Kits for quilts as well as home décor and gifts, precuts, notions, panels

**Woolmarket Fibers/What's Your Stitch:** Nationally known Woolmarket yarn, precuts, panels, notions, Moda, QT and more.