The Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild
Connecting Threads Newsletter
April 2018

Our Mission: To preserve the heritage of quilting through inspiration, information and education

MARY'S MUSINGS

Muse

As a verb, to muse is to consider something thoughtfully.
As a noun, it means a person—especially a woman—who is a source of artistic inspiration.

If you muse about something you're giving it serious thought. You can't muse in 5 seconds. People muse on certain things for years. I googled this so it must be true. Therefore I don't have UFO's, I'm just musing about how to finish certain items in my sewing room. Sometimes I muse for years.
May all your stitches be little ones.

Mary Ann Plance
QACDG President

MEETING	DAY		TIME	WHERE	CONTACT
Board Meeting	**3rd Thursday**	**Apr 19**	**1:15 – 3:30**	Senior Center	**Mary Ann Plance**
Bee Meetings			**Genie White, Queen Bee**		
After the Guild	1st Thursday	Apr 5	12:30 – 3:30	Senior Center	Theresa Morales
Beyond Beginners	4th Thursday	Apr 26	9:30 – 3:30	Senior Center	Carla Action
Community Scrappers	3rd Thursday	Apr 19	9:00 – 1:15	Senior Center	Te' Haynes Marie Davis Gennette Gailey Lynn Bryan
Fiber Art (FAB)	2nd Thursday	Apr 12	1:00 – 3:30	Senior Center	Celeste Beck
Hand Quilting and More	1st Monday	Apr 2	9:00 - 12:00	Senior Center	Laura Sills
	2nd Monday	Apr 9	9:00 - 12:00	Senior Center	
	3rd Monday	Apr 16	9:00 - 12:00	Senior Center	
	4th Monday	Apr 23	9:00 - 12:00	Senior Center	
	5th Monday	Apr 30	9:00 - 12:00	Senior Center	
Machine Embroidery	2nd Thursday	Apr 12	9:30 - 12:00	Senior Center	Janet Verville
Mini Quilt	2nd Monday	Apr 9	1:00 – 3:30	Senior Center	Laura Jones
Sit and Sew/Red,White,&Blue	4th Monday	Apr 23	12:30 – 3:30	Senior Center	Te' Haynes
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The Bees are for everyone from beginners to advanced quilters. Join the fun!					

Thursday, April 5, 2018 **PROGRAM: IRON Quilter Challenge II**

Senior Recreation Center, 5701 NW 34 Street
Social Time: 9:30 - 10:00, Meeting 10:00 - 12:00

COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER

The "Let's Start Here Bee" for Beginners
2018 Goals: 200 Quilts, 200 pillow cases, 50 tote bags, 75 medical dolls, 50 bears and 100% Guild member participation

******* Please join us for the March 29th workshop beginning at 9:00. We'll be offering a free salad lunch. Come for an hour, or as long as you can stay. We'll be making tote bags, including Red, White, and Blue ones, and tote bags especially fitted for those using walkers.**

These are our 2018 totals so far: 58 Quilts, 24 Tote Bags, 21 Pillowcases.

Fabric Donations: Claire Batchelder, Elaine Corey, Linda Heggy, Ann Goodman

Quilts: Emily Schaefer, Marie Davis, Chris Beriau, Ginger Copeland, Rosemary Bakker, Pat Delano, Anna Rasmussen, Claire Batchelder

Tops: Ginger Copeland

Pillowcases: Penny Erickson

Tote Bags: Rosemary Bakker

Stuffed Animals: Elaine Zahn

Marie Davis, Gennette Gailey and Lynn Bryan

WAYS AND MEANS

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Hope everyone had a chance to see the Millhopper Library exhibit. Quilts will be returned at our April meeting. If you are unable to pick up items at that time, please contact me to make other arrangements.

Ms. D's in Palatka is having an event April 14th and is offering free vendor space. If enough members are interested in helping sell raffle tickets and handcrafts, sign ups and carpooling will be coordinated. Of course, suggestions for other special activities are always welcome.

Mary Peer

MEMBERSHIP

We have two new members; Carol Bishop and Myungsun Kim. Welcome to both of you.

Te' Haynes

PROGRAM

Thank you to all the BEES for sharing who they are with the group; wish I was there to hear about them, too! Several members told me how great it was to know what you all are doing.

PROGRAM for April:
Are you ready for the Iron Quilter Challenge II? This time, teams will make a 12.5" quilt block during the meeting while we, as the audience, encourage, distract and otherwise observe those under pressure to attempt a quilt block quickly. Awards will be given to: People's Choice, Most Seams, Most Traditional, Most Modern, and Most Entertaining. All participants will receive a Participatory Iron Charm. The blocks will then be assembled into a quilt for charity.

PROGRAM/Workshop for May:
Let's hear it for Ms. Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen, again! She will present Another Stash Buster trunk show and, after the meeting, a stash-busting workshop doing the Strip Twist quilt. Remember to stop by the workshop table to sign up and pay only $30 for this class.

PROGRAM coming in November:
I was able to schedule Ms. Nancy Prince of Orlando to show her very own Thread Painting and a workshop after!

Theresa Morales

SENIOR PANTRY

The Senior Center has requested that we bring more protein based items in lieu of rice and pasta. Thank you to all who give so generously so that others may have these items.

FIBER ART BEE

What a crowd turned out for the Fiber Art Bee! Almost 30 people came to take part in the book study. Nancy Roberts presented the chapter on fabric and photo inspiration. Many people had already done the homework for this section, and Bonnie Zimmer got the A+ for doing her homework and creating a quilt from that assignment. The members of this group are like star students. Notice the picture of each of them so engaged in learning.

Then Beth Sherman guided us in making a talisman. It was a fun filled event. Show and Tell is always so inspiring. This time we even had a table filled with free goodies. I think that each person brought something and ended up taking just as much home. So much for spring cleaning.

Next month we will be exploring stitching, both hand and machine, to embellish our art quilts. This will be taught be Jane Rhoden and Joan New. Kandy Penner will do the segment on embellishments. Oh my, another exciting meeting.

Celeste Beck

BEYOND BEGINNERS BEE

The Beyond Beginner Bee meeting for March 22 will be learning the Hunter's Star block.

On April 26 we will be learning how to make a horizontally pieced landscape quilt.

If you would like to be added to our email list, just let me know.

Beginners are welcome to come in the afternoon from 1-3 for one on one lessons, just let me know beforehand what you would like to learn so we can have supplies on hand. Happy Quilting!

Carla Action

EMBROIDERY BEE

Thanks to Chris Beriau for the program on EQ8. Amazing what you can do with software.

Our April program will be on stabilizers given by Connie Lucas. We are looking forward to it. Several of us went to an Embroidery Seminar in Gainesville, hosted by Sharkys in Wildwood, and will share what we learned.

Let me know if anyone wants to be added to our email list. Hope to see you at our meeting.

Janet Verville

MINI BEE

At the March meeting, Mini Bee continued working on the Medallion Quilt following an excellent demonstration by Joan New.

Next month, Carla Action will lead us through the last section. We are being challenged and having fun at the same time!

Laura Jones

FAT QUARTER GAME

The COLOR for APRIL is BLUE. Fat quarters in shades of BLUE can be solid, prints, and anything in between! Our winner in March was Lauren McFarland who also won in February! She's been lucky twice in a row!!! She chose the color Blue for April.

The COLOR for MAY is YELLOW. Our "Consolation Card" second place winner at the March meeting was Linda Gardner. We asked her to go ahead and choose the May color so that members could prepare for both April and May.

We had an amazingly beautiful collection of purple fat quarters and appreciate the many members who contributed.

Lynn Bryan

QUILTING ACTIVITIES

Ocala, FL Mar 16-Apr 26 Mon-Fri 8am-5pm Ice Dyed Tapestries Exhibition at Ocala City Hall
Central Florida Mar 23-31 Hop Into Spring Shop Hop
http://www.sewminithings.com/event/hop-into-spring-shop-hop/

For more quilt shows and information:
http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com/calendar.html

REMEMBER TO BRING NONPERISHABLES FOR THE FOOD BANK!!

MARCH 29TH ALL DAY WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE And RED, WHITE & BLUE 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Every month with a 5th Thursday, we have a day of freedom with no bees scheduled. In March, it goes to Community Scrappers. Join us for a full day of sewing and socializing with lunch provided. Our main projects for the day will be **TOTE BAGS, BACKPACKS for kids, and WALKER BAGS.** We will also be making tote bags and backpacks in RED, WHITE & BLUE for the Fisher House. We will have kits available. If you don't want to bring your sewing machine, you can help with ironing or hand sewing. There will be work for everyone!

Come sew, socialize and eat with us!

If you have questions, contact one of these Community Scrappers:

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Lynn Bryan, 352-316-2987, lynnfbryan@hotmail.com
Marie Davis, 352-215-4151, mariedavismail@yahoo.com
Té Haynes, 724-971-3501,mhaynes1000@gmail.com

SHOW & TELL
March 1, 2018

Chris Beriau……,,,,,,,,……..….Fall Wallhanging, Family Wallhanging
Gennette Gailey……..……Log Cabin
Carol McCarthy…….……Mod Quilt Challenge
Debbie Wine……..…..Pin Cushion, Tool Caddy
Rosemary Bakker…….……Around the Twist Quilt, Tie Coin Purse
Penny Erickson……..……..UFO Day Camp
Jo Lomprey…… ……Day Camp Quilt
Linda Heggy……..….Flowers Galore
Laura Jones……..……Elephant Coverlet
Anna Rasmussen……..Pin Cushion
Lauren McFarland……..….Otter Quilt
Michele Spadaro……Dinosaur Quilt
Mary Peer……..Items from Day Camp
Lin Schroder……..….My Sister's Quilt
Ann Goodman……..Red, White & Blue, Summer Pineapple
Carolyn Conrey……..……Dear Jane

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY

Marie Davis	Patricia Larson	Joan New
Joyce Dewsbury	Candace McCaffery	Emily Schaefer
Georgetta Graham	Sharon McDow	Debbie Sendax
Beverly Judd	Merri McKenzie	Vibeke Vala
Claudia Larsen		

Birthday Members: Please don't forget to bring refreshments to the meeting. Finger foods are best, since plates and utensils are not available. Thanks!

At the April Meeting

✓**Wear fragrance free products**.
✓ Wear your NAME TAG!!
✓ Donate fabric, especially solids, **BEARS** and fiberfill to Community Service.
✓Be sure to fill out the Show & Tell sheet and card if you show a quilt.
✓Bring protein food items for Senior Pantry.
✓Bring "**Blue**" fat quarters for drawing.
✓Check out the Ways and Means table.
✓Buy Raffle tickets.
✓Sign up for workshop.

Longarm Quilters who are Guild Members

Minutes of the Meeting

(Condensed version)March 1, 2018

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The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ann Plance at 10:00 a.m.

Announcements: Mary Ann reminded members that the InkTense workshop will be held this afternoon after the general meeting. March birthday members were recognized.

There is a problem with Newsletter server. You can read the current month newsletter on the QACDG.org web site.

The Queen Bee is now Genie White. Debbie Wine has 4 tickets she is donating for the US Army Band on March 6th.

Community Scrappers: The goal of Community Scrappers is to have 100% participation. Donating fabric, stuffing, taking premade kits home to complete, all count as participation. As does coming to the bee to work on the many projects that are donated to the community.

Historian - Gennette Gailey reminded new members to have her take their pictures.

Ways and Means: Mary Peer said the Library Quilts will be hung up for display at the Millhopper Library for the month of March. Raffle tickets are available for this year's two raffle quilts. Volunteers still needed to help on March 17 for the Trenton Quilt Festival. 5 people needed for each 2 hour shift.

Treasurer: Monthly report stands as presented.

Show and Tell: Many lovely works were shared by members.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna Rasmussen, Secretary

Treasurer's Report
March 15, 2018

CHECKING ACCOUNT:	
Beginning Balance 2/28/18	**$10,351.98**
INCOME:	
Membership 2018 Dues	125.00
Membership Book by Mail	2.00
TOTAL INCOME:	**$127.00**
EXPENSES:	
Community Service-Iron	42.79
Inktense Workshop	166.03
Membership-Printing UPS Store	257.00
ElderCare-Quarterly Donation	150.00
Admin-USPS Stamps	10.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$625.82**
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 3/15/18	**$9,853.16**
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE 3/15/18	**$7,598.59**

Note: Balance includes earmarked funds as follows,

Lawyer as needed	$1800
Outside Speakers	$2000
Work Day Funs	500

TOTAL CHECKING & SAVINGS AS OF 3/15/18	**$17,451.75**

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Benz, Treasurer

SECRET SIBLINGS

Congratulations Secret Siblings! It looks like we have lots of participants this year and I know you will think of some truly creative gift ideas for your Secret Person.

It doesn't have to be something you buy. Think about the little things you create - something that would make a good "stocking stuffer" - well, really anything to let your sibling know you are thinking about them.

Peggy DiNegro and Carla Action

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2nd VP- Membership	
Secretary	Anna Rasmussen
Treasurer	Gail Benz

Newsletter Deadline: the 15th of the month. If you would like to submit an item for the newsletter, call or email Deb James. My contact info is in the membership directory.

NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2018 PROGRAM

MARCH 2018 SHOW AND TELL