

Celebrating 30 Years



Amelia Island Quilt Guild News

October 2019

NEXT MEETING ~ Tuesday, Oct 8th

Meet ~ Greet ~ Work On Projects at 5:30pm

Gather for Meeting at 6:30pm ~ Meeting Begins 7pm

President's Message

Summer is over; fall has arrived. Three months from today is Christmas Eve. Yikes! We have a lot of sewing to do before the holidays; Christmas gifts are a must. Our quilt Show will follow soon after in February so please don't forget your entries for the Show, items for the Silent Auction, and items for the Boutique.

I want to give a special thanks to Janet Sebastian for the absolutely wonderful retreat on St. Simons Island. I think everyone had an incredible time. Although we spend a lot of time sewing, we had time to socialize with other members. For me, the retreat is always inspirational. The Jacksonville quilt show was also a wonderful inspiration. There were almost 400 entries and many wonderful vendors.

I did receive some comments about our meeting being too long in September. I apologize. Because we have many new members, we wanted to be able to give them needed information about our committees and introduce them to some of our committee chairs. I promise to try to cut the time used for business to a minimum and will ask all speakers to keep it short so we can get on with the fun: programs and show and share.

Remember, this is your guild. Any and all suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

Vicki

Vicki Skahill, President
Amelia Island Quilt Guild



21 WEEKS Until ~ Quilts By The Sea™ Show, Feb. 21-22, 2020

October Program

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Needles and Thread and Tension...Oh, My!! *Presented by Carol Blanchard*

Needles and Thread and Tension are the backbone of quilting and we all use them. They work in unison on our machines, but do we know how to combine them to our best advantage, how they are made, and which are truly better (no hype)?

The proper needle in your machine, combined with the right thread choice can make your quilting a joyful experience and limit breakage and nesting. Our presenter, Carol Blanchard, has been a professor of costume design and construction in New York for 30 years. She was an educator for Viking Husqvarna in Chicago for 10 years and an instructor for Joann Fabrics.

Save the Dates And Secure Your Spot

Nancy Mahoney coming to AIQG in November 12 and 13, 2019

Save the Date to spend time with well-known quilter, Nancy Mahoney, who is coming to our guild in November. Ms. Mahoney will present the program at the November 12th meeting and will conduct a full day workshop on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Author, teacher and fabric designer, Ms. Mahoney has enjoyed making quilts for over 30 years and has an impressive range of beautiful quilts featured in over 200 national and international quilt magazines.

She has created over 100 free quilt patterns for a number of fabric manufacturers and has authored 14 books, her bestselling books feature skills in paper piecing. She believes guilds should be fun, adding that her workshops are both fun and allow students the opportunity to create a quilt to treasure for a lifetime.

You can view her work on her website, <http://nancymahoney.com>. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Fee is only \$50 ~ space available. Supply list available when you secure your spot.

Important Vote

At The October Meeting

The AIQ Board has proposed a change in our meeting night from second Tuesdays to second Thursdays beginning in September 2020.

There are several reasons behind the proposed change. Interestingly enough we learned from Dell that the Guild originally met on Thursdays and only changed to accommodate a new meeting space.

Holding the meetings on Thursday has proven in other Guilds to increase the attendance at workshops and reduce costs to bring in popular presenters.

1. It is easier to get book presenters for a Thursday night lecture and Friday workshop
2. Space to hold workshops are more available on Fridays than on Wednesdays. We ran into this when we were no longer able to use the Anglican Church and our cost skyrocketed.
3. Potential younger adults have expressed interest in Thursday meetings & Friday workshops/classes.
- 4 Those who work can more easily take a Friday off than a Wednesday.
5. Most presenters have a maximum of 20 people in a workshop. With the change we could hold the workshop/class on Friday and Saturday or offer 2 different workshops at a greatly reduced fee because presenter is already here and many offer discounts if you book 2 workshops/classes.
6. We can offer special two day workshops with advanced techniques.
7. Air fares costs are less coming in end of week and leaving on Saturday.
8. This opens the possibility to piggyback with other Guilds that bring in presenters.

We are very aware that many members will need to make adjustments and this is why we would not implement the change until next year. However, we must vote now so that our Program Chair can begin booking presenters. The ones we would love to have book 2 – 3 years out.

Per the Bylaws, this information was presented at the September meeting and will be voted on at the October meeting.

For more information, please contact Carol Blanchard, Program Chair.

If you will not be at the October meeting where this vote will take place, please reply to ameliaquilters@gmail.com and let us know your whether your vote would be to stay on Tuesdays or move to second Thursdays.

Boutique Sew-Ins

Our next Boutique Sew In at Prince of Peace will be held Wednesday, October 16th, from 9 to 3. Come for all or part of the time. Bring your projects for the Boutique and have FUN, FUN, FUN!

Where: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, (next to Rec Center) 2600 Atlantic Ave, FB

When: Wednesday, Oct. 16th

Time: 9am – 3pm Come for the whole day or any part you are able.

Bring your lunch.

Off load in front of church, park and use carts to take your supplies to the sewing room.

News from Our Welcome Ambassadors

To assist all members to easily identify both a guest and a new member, be alert to special badges that will be used at check-in. The attached photo shows a red and white poke-a-dot bordered name tag which will be used exclusively for guests. New members will be given a durable name badge with a bright blue ribbon attached, clearly denoting “New Member”. They will be encouraged to wear this badge to each meeting for 3-6 months and to transfer the ribbon to any personalized badge. We encourage the membership to also extend a welcoming smile and hand in greeting.



Minutes of September Meeting

Amelia Island Quilt Guild Sept 10, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Vicki Skahill, President.

All were welcomed. New members and visitors were acknowledged. New badges for guest (red boarder) and new members (red boarder with blue ribbon)

Approval of 2019-2020 Budget. Lauree Hemkee made a motion to accept the budget. Sandi Neal seconded. No objections.

A member is needed to oversee the monthly 50/50 drawing. Members can sign up at the front desk to do it for a meeting.

To be included in the Guild Directory, dues must be paid and form completed by Sept. 15, 2019.

Jacksonville QuiltFest Sept. 19 – 21, 2019

2019 Summer Quilt Challenge – “Island Time” - pieces can be donated to the Silent Auction of the Show.

An historian for the Guild is sought. Lauree Hemkee has past scrapbooks. Anyone interested in digitizing the scrapbooks to carry on the history of the Guild?

Minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting were accepted. No corrections or omissions. Cynthia Janney motioned to accept. Emily Baker seconded.

Workshops and Lectures: Carol Blanchard:

Change of meeting day from Tuesday to Thursday in 2020-2021 in order to increase attendance at workshops and reduce cost.

1. Easier to get presenters for a Thursday lecture and Friday workshop
2. More area venues will be available for the workshop
3. Young potential members are more interested in Thursday/Friday
- 4 Working people can attend a workshop more easily on a Friday.
5. Presenters have a maximum of 20 people in a workshop. Some could do 2 workshops or 2 different workshops.
6. Some workshops require two days to present a technique.

Cost: Air fares cost are less mid-week and Saturday.

Multiple workshops are offered at a reduced price, lowering cost to members.

Attendance will increase at workshops.

Discussion followed. Members will vote on change of meeting day at the Oct. 2019 meeting. A way of getting snowbirds to respond electronically will be attempted.

In Oct. a questionnaire will be distributed to learn what techniques members want to learn or who they would like to have as presenters, as well as preferred day.

Retreat - Janet Sebastian - Retreat starts tomorrow. Sept 11- 15, 2019. 37 people have registered. Room for about 45 people.

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Tonight's Program

Carol Blanchard introduced committee heads who presented activity information and ways members could become involved in the various aspects of the Guild.

2020 Quilt Show - Roz Warren

February 21 & 22, 2020

Publicity is ongoing. Rack cards will be distributed in December.

Leslie Kiger: Lauren Kingsland is the judge who wants quilts to be recognized as works of art.

Discussion. Categories were listed (also in the newsletter).

Intake of quilts (info from Linda Martin) – On line form on the Guild website. Entries are now being accepted. One form for each entry. Deadline to enter is 12-10-19.

Ellie Boette: Boutique workshops – Sept. 18 & Oct. 16, 2019, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Atlantic. Time: 9 – 3:00. Items made will be sold in the Show's Boutique. All members are expected to contribute items. Items are now being accepted by Ellie.

Possible items: placemats, fabric baskets, name tag holders, Luggage tags, mug rugs.

Committee will price items. Donor can list cost of material used.

Not selling books, magazine or patterns.

Quilts can be sold at Show with a 20%-80% split with Guild. Member sets price. This includes ones being judged.

Silent Auction: Items are "one-of-a-kind". Items do not need to be as fabric item, but any interesting object. Items can be returned to you, if not sold. You suggest the starting bid price. "Love it, buy it now" price will be included on bid sheet.

Credit cards will be accepted.

Patti Purcell: Vendors – 13 spaces are available and only one more space is open.

Julie Keith: Raffle baskets. Items are needed. Members can ask merchants for items or give information to committee to make the request.

Patsy Troxell: Raffle Quilt – All members are asked to sell 15 tickets (\$25). The quilt has made \$1200 so far. Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets:

Publix on Sadler – Sept. 20, 10:00 – crowd dies down

Atlantic Rec. Center Craft Fair – November 2, 9:00 – 4:00

Joann's (Yulee) – Dec. 7, 10:00 - crowd dies down

Members are needed to volunteer and work the show.

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Welcome Ambassadors - Julie Keith, Chair; Pam Baity, Linda Berry, Jenny Chen, Barbara Nazworth, Sandi Neal, Janet Sabastian, Chris Sanstrom, Judy Sapp.

Purpose to welcome new members and guests and help orient them to the Guild. New members are encouraged to wear "new member badge" for 3-6 months.

BREAK for 30th Anniversary cake.

Refreshments - Leslie Kiger - Sign-up sheets for Oct. & Nov. are available now.

Six Summer Challenge entries were presented and voted on by volume of applause. Dana Mower (#3) won the Summer Quilt Challenge. These entries can be donated to the Show's Silent Auction

Community Groups will present at the Oct. meeting.

November 12 & 13, 2019 Program and Workshop

Nancy Mahoney, presenter. "Twisted Triangle" Cost: \$50. At this time 5 openings remain.

Show and Tell followed the awarding of pins (based on the size of quilt shown).

The **50/50** winner was Sally Winston. Prize amount \$64.50

Help need to break down the room.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Haag
Secretary, AIQG



Amelia Island Quilt Guild 2019-2020 Membership Form

To be included in the PRINTED Directory
Registration and Payment must be received by September 15

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____ Date of Registration: _____

Birthday (month/day): _____

_____ I am age **80+** on June 1, 2019 and exempt from dues

_____ I am **under age 18** on June 1, 2019 and exempt from dues

I am a part time resident (snowbird), and usually attend guild meetings these months:

Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar April May June

To comply with new FL Law we need your permission to include you in the directory!

_____ I give my permission to include my contact information in the printed directory.

_____ I give my permission to include my contact information in a PRIVATE Members Only area on our website when this comes available.

(Please complete all contact information for Non-Profit Status purposes)

Mailing address:

Street/ P.O. Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Spouse: _____

There are CHANGES above from last year's Directory information. ___ YES ___ NO CHANGES

If you are a new member of the guild, welcome! Please, share how you heard about us.

Membership dues are \$30 per year. The membership year is June 1st – May 31th. Payment is due on or before the September meeting ****To be included in the PRINTED Directory, your registration and payment must be received by September 15****

You may pay your dues via check (made payable to AIQ) or cash at the monthly meeting. You may also mail a CHECK to: AIQ P.O. BOX 6464 Fernandina Beach, FL 32035

Birthdays



October Birthdays

Sherry Cobb-Thompson	– 5 th
Betsy Melvin	– 7 th
Judy Sapp	– 13 th
Lynn Wentworth	– 14 th
Mary Burnette	– 20 th
Susan Miller	– 24 th
Marsha Skoropat	– 26 th
Sylvia Hurst	– 28 th
Vicki Skahill	– 29 th
Gloria Housman	– 31 st

November Birthdays

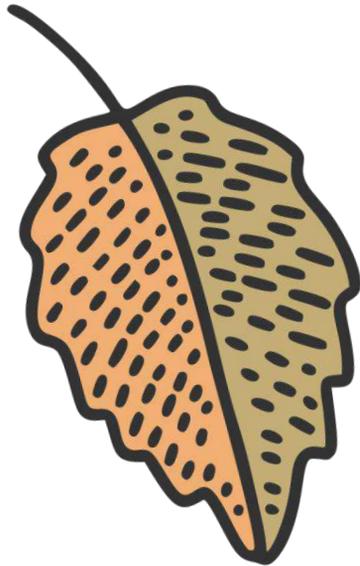
Cynthia Janney	– 10 th
Linda Powell	– 13 th
Linda Berry	– 21 st
LuLu Higley	– 21 st
Julie Keith	– 29 th



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FINANCIAL REPORT

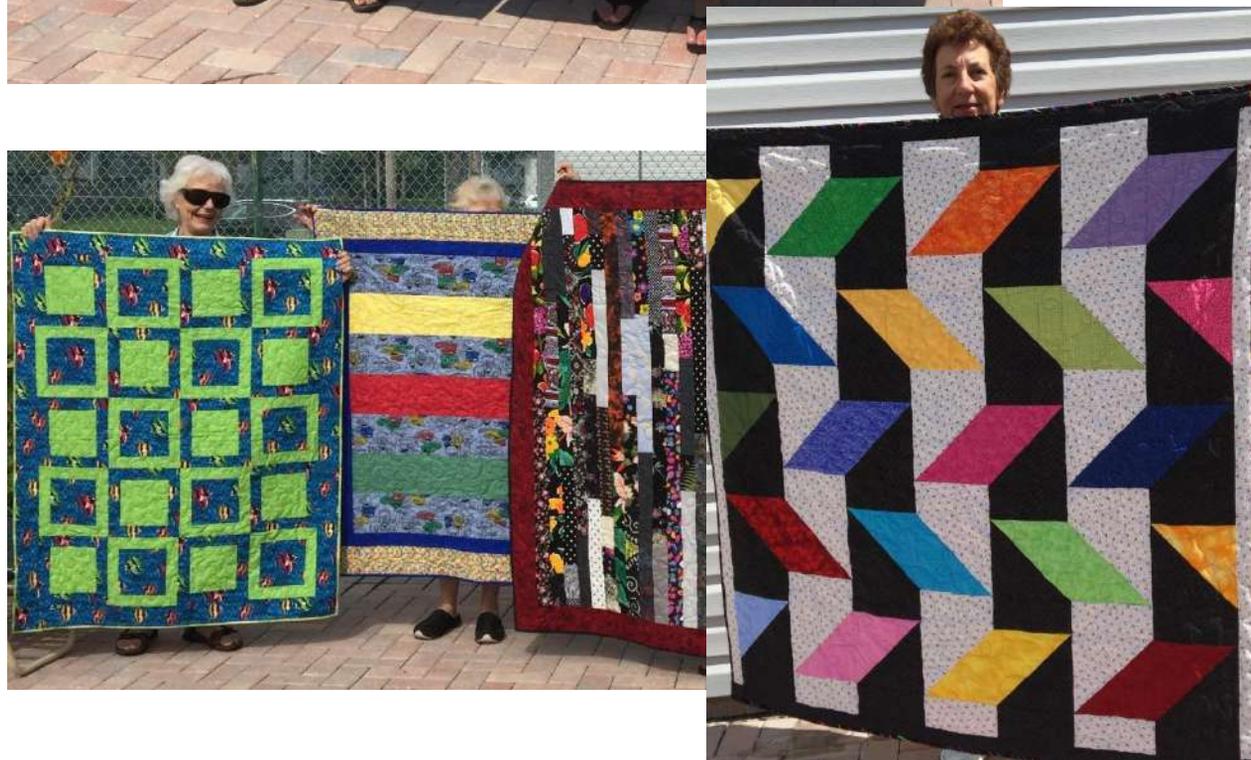
As of
September 2019



Income:			
50 / 50		\$	88.00
Membership		\$	2,520.00
Quilt Show 2020 Boutique		\$	50.00
Quilt Show 2020 Raffle Quilt		\$	525.00
Quilt Show 2020 Vendor Booths		\$	2,885.00
Ways & Means		\$	189.10
Website Ads		\$	20.00
Workshop		\$	540.00
		Total Income	\$ 6,817.10
Expenses:			
50 50 Prizes			
Business Fees			
Charity Quilts		\$	489.71
Habitat			
Hospitality			
Meeting Set Up		\$	40.00
Membership Committee			
Newsletter			
Office Supplies			
Pins			
Post Office Box			
Print Directories			
Programs			
Quilt Show 2020		\$	3,951.74
Quilts of Valor		\$	13.64
Rent		\$	2,000.00
Retreat 2019			
Safe Deposit Box			
Storage Rental		\$	420.00
Website			
Welcome Ambassador Committee			
		Total Expenses	\$ 6,915.09
Checking Account Balance			\$ 15,743.03

News From Charity Quilters

Charity Quilters sharing more of their beautiful quilts. Thank you, everyone!



Community Outreach

**There are many ways to be involved in the Outreach portion of the Guild.
You are welcome to participate in any way that fills you with joy.**

Charity Quilters

Kits are available at the meetings, or contact the coordinators. The Charity Quilters (see Small Groups) work on these quilts. People are needed to help rotary cut kits during Charity Quilter meetings and to sew bindings on quilts you can pick up at regular Guild meetings. Theresa Megna & Jenny Chen chair this committee.

Habitat For Humanity

Pam Wise chairs this committee that creates bed sized quilts for each Habitat home in Nassau County.

Juvenile Surgical Caps

Sherry Cobb-Thompson is the point of contact for this project. These caps are used during the child's procedure and they take the cap home with them! Fabric choice can be specifically for girls or boys or can be worn by either. You can piece fabric together in any design, as long as it makes a 20-inch circle. Full instructions available here:

<http://aiquilters.com/outreach/communityoutreach/>

NeoNatal Baby Blankets

Placemat size, 18 x 22 up to 30" square, are provided to the NeoNatal unit of UF Health. The blankets are washed at the hospital and sometimes go home with baby or the parents. You may bring these blankets to any meeting and they will be given to Sheri Inserra who delivers these sweet blankets.

Quilts of Valor

Laurie Malm, owner of Lollipops Quilt Shop, has taken on the task of working with the Quilts of Valor program. There are special requirements for a bed sized quilt to qualify for this program and Laurie and her assistants work with the QOV folks so all you have to do is create the quilts TOP in the specified size and materials.

[Lollipops is generously providing kits for you to use for this project!!](#)

QOV provides quilts for wounded service men and women; preferred size is 55" X 65" up to 60" X 80"; masculine quilts are especially in demand; Laurie provides the special labels, but a hand written note, perhaps just saying thank-you to the service member, and a presentation pillowcase are requested. See <http://www.qovf.org> for full details.

Ryan's Case For Smiles

Ryan's Case for Smiles helps with the stress and emotional impact of illness for children hospitalized because of life threatening disease. These whimsical pillowcases give children an emotional boost during a very trying time in their lives. Our Guild has spearheaded the production in our area creating and donating hundreds and hundreds of pillowcases

Bring pillowcases you make at home to any meeting. Barbara Nasworth (261-7924) is chair of this committee. For size specifications go to <http://caseforsmiles.org> and check out YouTube for ingenious ways to make pillowcases fast!

Small Groups

Small groups give you the opportunity to work closely with other members of the Guild outside of the meeting...great fun and fast friendships are created here! Want to start your own Small Group...contact Vicki Skahill.

CHARITY QUILTERS

Meets every Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am - noon

Fernandina Shores Clubhouse 631 Tarpon Avenue, 3rd entrance.

Bring your sewing machines and sewing supplies. We have cutting mats, rulers, etc.
Call Theresa Megna (277-2143) or Jenny Chen (904-310-3610) for more information.

Drop-ins Welcome - come pick up fabric to work on at home!

You may bring in just the quilt tops – we have quilters to finish them!

Completed quilts that need to be bound are available at meeting to bind at home.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STITCHERS

Meets every Wednesday 9:00am - noon Ellie Boette's home (305-9616)

96343 Windsor Drive, Yulee Just over the bridge, off Blackrock Road

Bring your machine or hand work and share a cup of coffee as we stitch together.

There are no scheduled vacation days...you can always check with Ellie.



AIQ 2019-2020 Board and Committees

Executive Committee Board Members

President	Vicki Skahill	301-873-7471
Vice-President	Pat Deacon	404-451-9842
Secretary	Lucille Haag	901-310-3791
Treasurer	Diane Sears	303-883-0810
Membership	Dana Mower	904-261-2927

Standing Committees Board Members

Communications	Rozlyn Warren	904-415-1405
Program	Carol Blanchard	773-450-2624
Quilt Show	Cyndee Brown	904-505-8499
	Rozlyn Warren	904-415-1405
Retreat	Janet Sebastian	904-556-6815
Way and Means	Ellie Boette	904-305-9616

Support Committees

50/50 Door Prizes	Rotating Members	
Hospitality	Diane Markert	904-894-6772
Photographer	Jenny Chen	904-310-3610
Pins	Ellie Boette	904-305-9616
Publicity	Lauree Hemke	301-580-5548
Welcome Ambassadors	Julie Keith	904-432-8271

Community Service Committees

Charity Quilters	Theresa Megna	904-277-2143
	Jenny Chen	904-310-3610
Habitat for Humanity	Pam Wise	904-415-5065
Ryan's Case for Smiles	Barbara Nazworth	904-261-7924
Quilts of Valor	Laurie Malm	912-656-5540