

Saint Andrew Bay Quilters' Guild
General Members Meeting
July 19, 2023

President, Betty Marler:

Betty called the meeting to order at 9:30 and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Carol Penrod shared an inspiration of hope now rather than waiting to follow our dreams. Betty thanked those who brought refreshments and welcomed new members and our guest. Fifty-nine members attended.

Betty also announced that new members to have Cindy take their picture for the new edition of the directory.

In honor of our patriotic theme, Betty had veterans tell what branch of service they served in, how long they served, and what work they did. She also recognized military wives.

Betty reviewed the Saturday, July 15 Orientation Meeting and discussed that we'll have another later in the year where each Bee will host a table. The notes from the meeting will be provided to the membership after the notes are finalized.

President's Challenge: work in groups of 2, 3, or more to make a veteran's twin-sized quilt, which will be due next April.

1st Vice President, Diane Wishart:

We collected school supplies for students in need. Diane will take them to the City Hall to disperse.

Diane Wishart has stockings cut out with directions to complete the stockings for members to sew and return to Community Services.

August theme is "scrappy". Bring scrappy quilts. We will also have our Table Sale.

2nd Vice President, Cindy Smith:

Cindy has scheduled night meetings for the second Thursday of the month with social hour at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The night meetings will continue to have mini challenges with small ribbons awarded.

Treasurer, Dianne Daigle:

The guild fiscal year is June 1 – May 31. May close out is still being worked on.

CATEGORY	NOTE	AMOUNT
Trustmark	Beginning Balance	\$28,177.57
	Checks Written	(2886.95)
	Deposits	5124.00
	Ending Balance	28414.62
Expenses	Insurance, yearly	611.60
	Rent-Church, quarterly	810.00
Deposits	UFO's	
	Membership Dues	
	October Class Fees	
June Class	Income	210.00
	Expense	(82.92)
	Total grossed	127.08
Innovations Investments		42,665.70
Total Trustmark/Innovations		70,843.27

Dianne provided a summary report on the 2023 Quilt Show.

Members requested a copy of the guild budget to review and vote on according to the bylaws. That will be done next month.

Secretary, Rebecca Valle: Rebecca reminded the group that the minutes will be posted to the website rather than be included in the newsletter.

She also reminded the group that the room must be returned to the condition it was in when we arrived – 9 tables with 6 chairs each. Each table and countertop must be wiped. Trash must be taken out – 1 in the kitchen and 2 in the main room. All church and guild dishes and serving ware must be washed, dried, and returned to its appropriate place. If you can help, please do so.

She listed guild members who are recycling items. Karen Radcliff, Diane Wishart, and Rebecca Valle collect scraps to make pet beds for shelters. Kathey Deluca and Linda Tew collect selvages to make boutique items. Lauren George collects empty spools to make cat toys for rescue cats. Kathey Deluca collects wooden spools to make boutique items. Bags or boxes will be provided in the

back of the room to collect any donations of scraps and selvages.

Beekeeper, Lauren George: About half of the guild members are in a bee. Lauren will check to see which bees will take new members. If you want to join a bee, contact Lauren.

Community Service Projects, Aly Tuttle, and Gerry Hollis: Aly usually goes to the storage unit on Tuesday. She will get fabric for anyone who wants fabric to make items for the boutique or items for the November craft sale. She has kits and fabric available at the back of the room for anyone who wants to work on a community service project.

We delivered:

ITEMS DELIVERED	RECIPIENTS	DATE
7 quilts	Sims Veterans home	6/5/2023
8 children's quilts	Children's Home Society	6/20/23
15 dog beds	Various shelters	6/1/2023
7 quilts	Sims Veterans	7/11/2023
33 baby bibs 10 burp pads 8 small to medium quilts	Catholic Charities Infant Room	7/11/2023

Last week's workday went well. Fourteen quilters attended. Several quilts were labeled, and adult and baby bibs were cut out and sewn. Next Workday Wednesday will work on bibs, quilts, and labels. Aly apologized for any confusion caused by the last-minute change of rooms.

Education, Marie Granger:

The following classes are scheduled:

DATE	TEACHER	CLASS LENGTH	COST
July 22, 2023	Debbie Bennett	Half day	\$10
October 7, 2023	Mary Molinari	Half day	\$15*
October 20, 2023	Gwen Weedon	All day	\$50
October 21, 2023	Gwen Weedon	All day	\$50
February 17, 2023	Rebecca Valle	Half day	\$10

Mary Molinari will teach a split-rail variation on October 7. The \$15 fee will be a donation to M D Anderson.

If members don't fill the Gwen Weedon classes, we will set a deadline and then open registration to non-members. Non-members may be charged extra rather than requiring that they join the guild.

M.J. Kinman from Tampa teaches gemstone quilts and provides trunk shows. She has a cruise scheduled for June 21-29, 2024. The quilt kit is included in the price of the cruise. Double occupancy runs \$1800 – 2300 per person. Marie has

copies of the cruise brochure if members are interested. Also, the cruise is listed on M.J. Kinman's website, near the bottom of the site.

Debbie Bennett showed the small quilt that she will teach on July 22, 2023. Class is scheduled from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Events, Barbara Tillman: We will have potluck for both Thanksgiving meetings and a joint meeting for the Christmas celebration.

E-Words, Karen McQueen: If you did not receive E-words, let Karen know so she can update the list.

Library, Loretta Akerlind: The website will send you a reminder if you have an overdue book. That's built into the system, not instigated by Loretta. The library has about 500 books now. This library website has a search capability.

Hospitality, Alana Yuratich: July meeting refreshments were provided by Piece and Love Bee and Community Buzz Bee. August is assigned to the A-M Busy Bees members and September to the N-Y Busy Bees members.

The Sewcial will begin in September and will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, 9:30 – 11:30 AM at Grace Presbyterian Church. Light snacks will be provided. This will be a relaxed time to meet and greet membership, especially "newbies." Members can bring whatever they are working on, either sewing machines or handwork. There'll not be a set agenda, just sewing, sharing, and socializing.

Membership, Cindy Straebel: If you paid your dues today, pick up your membership cards before you leave.

Pins have become expensive, so the guild will be purchasing for new members only. Cindy will price them for those who want to purchase a pin.

Newsletter, Shelia Jimenez: Patchwords does not include the minutes. The minutes will show up on the website alone and are easy to find. Deadline for Patchwords inputs is the 23rd, as always. It will be sent out about the 26th.

Parliamentarian: not yet assigned. Betty asked the members to let her know if they are interested in serving as the parliamentarian.

Publicity, Sandy Austill:

The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach will have a juried arts and crafts Spring Fling at Frank Brown Park early in 2024. More information will be available closer to the show.

The Florida Register will be delivered to Sandy's home address. We're only getting 25 copies of the Register.

Quilt Show, Marsha Michel: The quilt show will be held March 15 and 16, 2024 at the Central Panhandle Fair at 2230 15th Street, Panama City. The following

shows key players for the 2024 quilts show:

GUILD MEMBER	AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
Cindy Smith	Vendors
Tom Pruitt	Silent Auction
Sherry Lynch	Volunteers
Lauren George	Boutique
Dianne Daigle	Opportunity Quilt tickets
Marie Granger	Opportunity Quilt
Bill Valle	Hanging
Maggy Adams	Baskets
Carolyn Finlayson	Take in and Take out

The judge has been hired. She can provide a Judges Tour for 20 members on Thursday evening, March 14, 2024. The tour is a mini-class that will teach those participating how quilts are judged. There's a sign-up sheet in the back, so sign up if you're interested.

Gadgets: Sarah Hutton provided an overview of quilting magazines that provide instruction of various techniques.

Karen Jones: Karen brought mola quilting from Panama for members to view.

Sunshine and Shadows, Linda Tew: We had 7 members celebrate July birthdays during this meeting.

UFOs: Bill Valle reviewed the UFO rules and reminded members that today is the deadline to sign up. He will be at the meetings to see your finished projects and make sure you get credit for the drawing during the annual meeting. He reviewed labeling requirements.

Food Drive: Jo-Ellen Rogers reminded us that we support Catholic Services food pantries with donations in October and November to help replenish their pantries. Jo Ellen parks in front with her vehicle open so you can just drop the food off.

Program: Diane Wishart introduced Sheila Jiminez with a summary of Sheila's 30 years of military service. Sheila presented the group with a history of patriotic quilts, followed by an overview of quilts that we donate to Sims Veterans home and to Warriors Beach Retreat.

Warrior Beach Retreat: We began several years ago supporting the Warrior Beach Retreat to support the caregivers of severely wounded veterans. We've provided over 250 quilts to Warrior Beach. Donna Gibbens, Linda Kelley, and Mary Molinari are the primary guild representatives. The retreat needs quilts that are no smaller than 50 X 65 but prefer twin bed size. There's a need for longer quilts for the taller recipients.

The next retreat will be November 7-13, with the awards dinner on November 9.

If you'd like to be involved, see Donna Gibbens.

Sims Veterans Home: Glory Bee toured the facility, including the Alzheimer's wing. It is run by the Veterans Administration, and you must be a veteran to be eligible to reside there.

The veterans home was named in honor of Clifford Sims, a Port St Joe native who was a Medal of Honor recipient.

Glory Bee was started in August of 2022. The bee has 10-12 members who meet at Gaye Ryon's each Tuesday morning. They generally finish two tops per month. They've delivered 18 quilts to Sims, with one ready to be quilted and other being worked on. Sims needs quilts (64 X 75), wheelchair quilts, and longer quilts for tall people. These quilts need to be well-constructed because they get washed in the facility laundry.

The meeting was adjourned by Betty Marler at 11:38.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Valle
SABQG Secretary, 2023-2024