

**GULF STATES QUILTING ASSOCIATION**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**July 25, 2009**

The General Meeting of the Gulf States Quilting Association was held on July 25, 2009, at St. Edmond Family Center in Lafayette, La. President Bonnie Foto opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Bonnie requested everyone to turn off their cell phones, and then asked for a moment of silent prayer.

A welcome was extended to everyone. There were 157 people signed in, including many guests, first-time attendees and new members. A thank you was extended to Quilters' Guild Acadienne and Krotz Springs Quilt Guild for hosting the meeting.

**Minutes - Judith Wheeler**

Liz Linebrink made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, which was declined. There were first-time visitors and new members present, along with members who had not attended the Birmingham meeting, so this warranted reading the minutes. After the minutes were read, Bonnie asked for corrections. There being no corrections, the minutes stood approved.

**Treasurer's Report - Glenda Spikes**

Certificates of Deposit	\$20,698.41
Checking Account	
Beginning balance as of April 18, 2009	\$62,246.31
Deposits	\$ 4,972.54
Disbursements	<u>\$15,696.12</u>
Ending balance as of July 25, 2009	<u>\$51,522.73</u>
Total of all accounts	<b>\$72,221.14</b>
(A complete report is filed with the minutes)	

**Seminar - Dan LeBlanc (given by Jane Ramee)**

The Teacher Selection Committee is busy finalizing teachers and their classes, and a teacher list will be announced at the next General meeting. The Blue Book class schedule will be on the website Christmas week, and class scheduling will begin in January.

Dan is looking for a group or individual to construct the goody bags. Also, he would like someone from the Baton Rouge area to be in charge of publicity.

**Membership - Debbie Frank**

There are 738 members, including 27 shops. Reminder postcards are being sent for July, August and September renewals.

**Historian - Donna Downing** (not in attendance, no report)

**Quilt Show - Bonnie Foto/Ilaine Hartman**

A CD with photos of the 2005 Quilt Show is available for a small fee. If you are interested, write or send Ilaine a note with your name and address.

Opportunity Quilt flyers were passed out. Tickets for the quilt, along with a picture, are on the website. Ilaine said that 5000 tickets were sold for the opportunity quilt a few years ago and this one merits more. There will be a prize to the person selling the winning ticket (if it does not have person sold to herself). Be sure to put your name on the bottom of the ticket when you sell it. There were about 60 people connected with the making of the quilt and Ilaine asked anyone involved to stand. There will NOT be a pattern available for the quilt.

Ilaine explained about the upcoming show for the new people at the meeting. Some of the top prizes will be Best of Show, Marion Maerke Award for hand quilting and Lois King Award for appliqué. We would like to have at least 400 quilts in the show, so keep working on your quilts. Ilaine's home will be the only drop-off point. GSQA is going to be responsible for your quilt. The more places to have drop-offs, the more chance for loss. Entry fee will be \$8/quilt with a possible special of three for the price of two.

Admission will be \$10/day or a 3-day pass for \$20. Lectures/demos will be free. There will be a merchants' mall and a large room for teachers to do lectures and merchants to do demos. We are hoping to have a longarm machine set up for people to try out.

Community Quilts will go to Tri-Parish Fire Dept, Quilts of Valor, and Children's' Hospital. Bonnie said fabric is needed to make tops or cut it into 2 ½" strips and send it in. Clean out your sewing room and donate - works in progress, completed tops, etc.

The Rosebud Auction and lunch will again be held the weekend before the show at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Metairie, Louisiana. There will be a vase in front of each item to be auctioned and you will place your ticket in the vase for a chance to win. You do not need to be present to submit tickets or to win. A donated item to be auctioned does not have to be made; it can be a purchased item such as a carry-all for mats, a basket of items, etc. Items will be accepted at the October, January and April meetings and also at Seminar.

**Circuit Teacher - Kathy Ayme**

Kathy pointed out the Sample Board for classes and introduced Circuit Teacher Gayle Wallace. Teachers have been on the road for 5 classes since the April meeting with another scheduled. Keep checking the web page under Circuit Teacher heading for classes needing more people. We are trying to get the forms for CT classes on the web page as the catalogs do not always get to the person handling the class. It is important to follow directions for scheduling a class. If your guild did not receive a new updated catalog, contact Kathy.

**Lotto Blocks - Nina Delaune**

Lotto Blocks sold for \$2/each and are due back at the October quarterly meeting. The themes are Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Mardi Gras, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Fons & Porter magazine subscription (new or renewal) is available through GSQA for \$20 (\$1 less than normal subscription) and you receive thread and pattern as a gift - plus GSQA gets \$5 for each subscription.

There is interest in having denim shirts with the GSQA patch sewn on as a Ways and Means item.

### **Door Prizes**

#### **Programs - Cena Harmon (given by Lucy DeHarde)**

October 24, 2009 meeting will be in Metairie, LA

January 23, 2010 meeting will be in St Gabriel, LA

April 17, 2010 meeting will be in Pensacola, FL - The program will be "Piping Hot Mama" Susan Cleveland

#### **POE - Ilaine Hartman**

POE (Pursuit of Excellence) is a class held after each meeting for members to learn and bring back to their guild. The class is free; there may be a kit fee. The POE after the meeting will be Christmas ornaments. Patterns are on card stock and are available to cut out your own, along with some fabric and supplies.

#### **Marion Maerke Scholarship - Barbara Skinner**

Thanks to Marion Maerke, we are GSQA. Barbara announced the committee, and explained the process to nominate someone for the scholarship. She had received three applications. If you have not submitted your forms, do so ASAP.

#### **Media - Leslie Plaisance**

Check out the Circuit Teacher page; complete the survey. Please look over the website and send any suggestions or corrections to Leslie. Bonnie commented what a great job Leslie is doing.

#### **Newsletter - Fran Fletcher**

Send in guild information such as projects, winners of awards. Don't think your news is not important - please share.

Fran read the names of people whose newsletters were returned and asked for updated contact information

## **Incoming-President - Lucy DeHarde**

Lucy has received 60 surveys on line and she is reading all of your great ideas.

For example:

Circuit Teacher availability - Open classes are now posted on the website.

Tips, Quilting lessons - Fran has some tips in the current issue of Quilt Talk.

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Lunch - 11:35 a.m. - Return at 12:20 p.m.

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## **Old Business**

Susan Satterlee made a motion "that GSQA either reconsider the current plans for the 2012 opportunity quilt or plan and create a second quilt specifically dedicated to the bicentennial of Louisiana statehood on April 30, 2012". Joan Acosta seconded and the motion passed.

Ilaine said it would be brought up at the Board meeting. Bonnie pointed out that this needs to be brought up to the general membership, not just those at the meeting.

Other comments were: Is there any reason why a group within GSQA could not do this? If it is done as a special project, it should be donated to the state, not raffled off. Have a category in the quilt show for a commemorative quilt.

Leslie Plaisance pointed out that any questions done through the website would have to be done as a survey, not as a poll.

## **Past-President - Jane Ramee**

As Past-President, Jane's responsibility has been to chair the nominating committee in the search for elected GSQA Board officers for the year 2010. The committee recommended the following:

Leslie Kiger for President-Elect

Jane called for other nominations 3 times.

Laura Robertson moved and Kathy Ayme seconded that the nomination be closed.

Motion passed.

Judith Wheeler for Recording Secretary

Jane called for other nominations 3 times.

Debbie Frank moved and Liz Linebrink seconded that the nomination be closed.

Motion passed.

Loretta Webre for Treasurer

Jane called for other nominations 3 times. Elaine Gosselin moved and Lynda Galloway seconded that the nomination be closed.  
Motion passed.

Sue Melancon moved to accept all nominations and Claudia Washington seconded. The motion passed by acclamation to accept Leslie Kiger, Judith Wheeler and Loretta Webre as the newly elected GSQA Board officers for 2010.

(Jane's full report is filed with the minutes)

**Program - Lucy DeHarde introduced David Martelli**

**Door Prizes**

**Announcements**

Leslie Kiger - Check Jackson Quilters' website for show info (Sept 19 & 20)

Loretta Webre - Current issue of McCalls Quilting Magazine features several quilts by GSQA members.

Alma Landry - Has Statler Stitcher and will quilt one charity quilt for each group for the GSQA quilt show in June. Call (504) 467-9396 or contact Ilaine.

Terry Graham - Home of the Brave Quilts presents quilts to families of deceased soldiers from Louisiana.

There being no further business, Loretta Webre made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Sue Melancon. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Wheeler - Recording Secretary