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**February Meeting:** Saturday, February 12

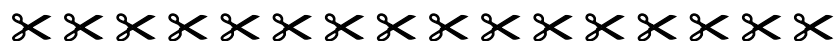
**Place:** Glenn City Community Center  
(10th Avenue & 16th Street,  
near Duran South School)

**Time:** 9:30 AM - Refreshments & Social Time  
10:00 AM - Meeting

**Fat Quarter for February:** Pink Batik

**Block of the month for February:**

Amish Dahlia (can be found at [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com))



**Wow!** Aren't quilters some of the busiest people on the planet?? Our guild certainly has lots of plans for us to stay busy in the coming year. Sew-ins, retreats, programs, charity and prayer quilts, blocks of the month, Dear Jane blocks, Gordian knots, just a few of the names dropped at the January meeting!

Our reunion party at the February meeting promises to be lots of fun as we share and renew old friendships! Don't forget to bring quilts for displaying and finger foods. If you have not already, please let Jackie Crumley know what you plan to bring. Anyone who wishes to help set up should be at the community center at 9:00.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PEGGY WILLIAMS

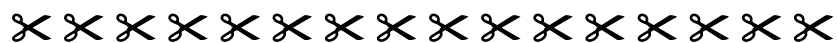


An award-winning quilter and author, Libby Lehman, recently wrote an article in one of our favorite quilt magazines. "Guild Meeting Tonight" was given the title. Libby was the featured speaker for a guild meeting, so she arrived early. She knew that she was in the right place because of all the buzzing around of the ladies carrying in "...at least one tote bag filled with some sort of project. They were all intent on their guild job or on catching up with quilting buddies..." Does this sound familiar? I have been to several neighboring guild meetings this last year or two. Like Libby's experience as a guest, I have noticed this same environment at some of those gatherings. Everyone came in visiting with other quilters, some they hadn't seen in a month. They are all eager to show their latest projects, catch up on the latest travels, swap fat quarters, and let's not bypass the refreshment table; wow, quilters can be great cooks.

At our last meeting, we had six visitors, whom I should add, joined our group after this first visit. That says a lot for you ladies. You hold true to our name. Your warm cordial welcome and the way you share with others are noticed. As Libby says, "...we are all connected by the love of fabric, needle, and thread."

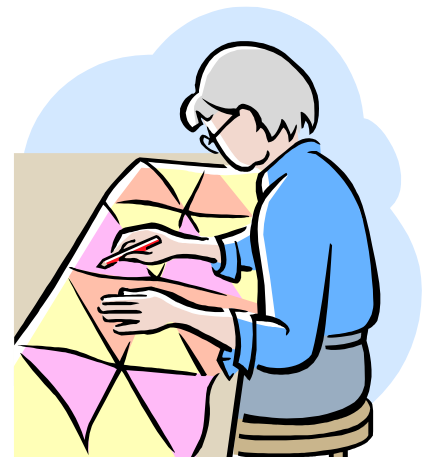
Our February meeting/reunion will be here before you know it. The business meeting should be very short so we will have time for visiting and sharing. Bring "show and tell"; let's try to cover the walls. Invite a friend. Have you made a new name tag? A four-inch Friendship Star block in yellow, light and medium blue was illustrated by Shelia. Let's try for 100% participation in her challenge. Check the Newsletter for other announcements.

Bless be the tie that binds,  
Peggy



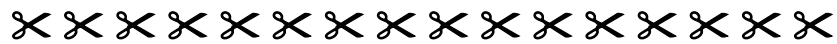
**SIT N SEW is every Monday. 10:00 a.m. to about 3:00.**

Glenn City Community Center. Some ladies are working on their Dear Jane project (Friends of Jane). Ladies can contact Antoinette MacMurdo for information. Others are working on the Block of the Month, sometimes handquilting and hemming quilts. It is open sewing for all who wish to join in.



The **3-DAY SEW-IN** is scheduled for February 24, 25, and 26, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Glenn City Community Center. Thursday and Friday are open sewing. A Gordian Knot class is scheduled for Saturday. The cost for the class for members is \$10 which pays for the book of instructions. Members should contact Shelia to sign up for this class. Lunch will be provided.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 10:00 at the Glenn City Community Center. All Committee Chairs should have their projected budget to Donna prior to this meeting so we can have the budget ready for the guild meeting. If you have any questions, please give Peggy Williams or Shelia Robertson a call.

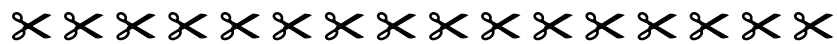


Hello Ladies,

Our February meeting will be all fun. There will be no planned program this month because of our reunion with old friends. But, we do have some fun things planned to keep all thinking and laughing. Please bring your show and tell to hang around the room. We have so many beautiful projects that our friends have not seen. This is always inspiration for all of us.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the guild meeting.

Shelia Robertson,  
Vice President

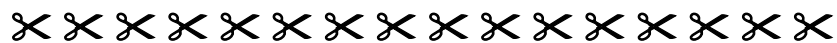


**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS TO  
ALL OF OUR MEETINGS.**

**NO NAME TAG - PAY A QUARTER!**

**BRING YOUR LATEST PROJECTS FOR OUR  
"SHOW AND TELL" DISPLAY.**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE NOTION OR YOUR  
NOT-SO-FAVORITE NOTION AND BE READY TO  
EXPLAIN WHY YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE IT.**



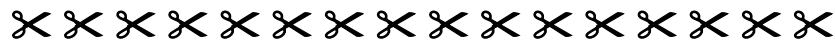
## CYBERQUILTING

Did you know 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War? Check out quilt historian Barbara Brackman's website, [www.civilwarquilts.blogspot.com](http://www.civilwarquilts.blogspot.com). Each week she shows a new quilt block plus shares true stories gathered from diaries, letters, etc. of those living during that time period.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

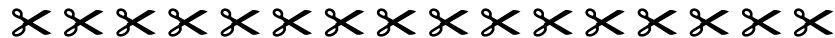
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## BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH & FAT QUARTERS FOR FEBRUARY

All blocks of the month are taken from [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com). This year you make all or any of the blocks in your own color choices and then make and keep the quilt yourself (that is after showing it off at our annual Christmas party). The February block is Amish Dahlia (12 1/2"), and completed blocks will be displayed at the February meeting. The February fat quarter is pink batik. If you have any questions about the BOM or fat quarters, or have not received the lists of those for the year, see Shirley Sargent.



## MEMBERSHIP DUES

As always, at the beginning of the year, each member is asked to pay their annual dues of \$30.00. If you were not able to pay in January, please pay at the February meeting. If paying all at one time is a hardship, you can pay a monthly rate of \$3.00 per month, totaling \$36.00 per year. Those age 65 and older are not required to pay.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Sew days** – Thursday, February 24 – Saturday, February 26 (days only) – Glenn Community Center. Saturday morning Nancy Allain will be teaching the Gordian knot class. Members pay \$10.0 (see Helia for details).

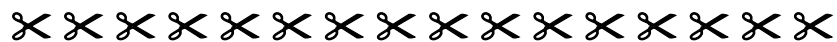
**Spring Retreat** – Thursday, April 14 – Saturday, April 16 – Sunset Inn in Gadsden Cost is \$165, which includes all meals, snacks, etc. \$50 deposit needed by the February meeting, with remainder due in March. See Brenda Franklin for more details.

**January Raffle Winners:**

- Beth Staples – 5 yards of patriotic fabric and grab bag of goodies
- Jordan Huey – baby fabric “cheater” panel
- Denise Boshell - Fons & Porters’ Quilters Complete Guide book
- Jane Wilson – 3 Eleanor Burns cassettes

**January Show & Tell shared:**

- Rachel Bates – purse
- Jackie White – hearts quilt
- Paige Everett – fall wall hanging and Thimbleberries quilt
- Shelia Robertson – fabric book to hold/transport blocks in progress
- Aline Gardner – redwork quilt
- Linda Jimerson – winter wall hanging
- Jackie Crumley – Gordian knot quilt
- Judy Goodwin – angel quilt
- Terry Russell – Auburn baby quilt to raise money for the Calhoun County Animal Shelter



**FRIENDSHIP QUILT GUILD  
MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 8, 2011**

Meeting called to order by President, Peggy Williams, who introduced the 2011 officers: Shelia Robertson, Vice President/Programs, and Donna Nicholson, Treasurer. Secretary Margaret Rose was absent.

Paige Everett announced the Quilt Symposium of Alabama ([www.qsai.org](http://www.qsai.org)) would be June 9 – 11 at St. Bernard Retreat and Conference Center in Cullman. Good teachers are lined up, and Paige encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for this event.

8 visitors were welcomed – Denise Boshell, Nancy Ariail, Terry Andrews, Betsy Batson, Dana Jones, Jane Wilson, Aline Gardner and Linda Jimerson.

Terry Ware stated our website ([www.friendshipquilters.net](http://www.friendshipquilters.net)) had been brought up to date.

Jackie White said anyone having news for the newsletter should contact her or Irene Dison.

Beth Staples is making pictures of everyone to be included in a pictorial directory, which should be ready in February.

Peggy reminded everyone annual membership dues of \$30 are due in January, with members over 65 not required to pay unless they wanted to. In lieu of the \$30 at one time, members could opt to pay \$3.00 per month, for a total of \$36.00 per year.

Minutes of the December, 2010 meeting were on the website and included in the January newsletter. When asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes, Jackie White stated Irene Dison's name should be added to the newsletter committee. Carole DeGrenier made motion the amended minutes be accepted, Shirley Sargent seconded, and membership voted to accept.

Treasurer Donna Nicholson reported we ended the year with \$4,591.53. Committee chairmen were encouraged to get income and expense figures to Donna the early part of February, as she plans to present the new budget in February with a vote by membership in March. Copies of the Treasurer's report were available. Donna Crow made a motion to accept the report, and it was seconded by Florence Kerr. Membership voted to accept.

Peggy reported a quilt was presented to Pell City Mayor Hereford at the craft fair. He was very appreciative of the beautiful quilt and made a donation to the guild. Peggy said a special thanks was in order for Terry Russell. She stated Terry was helped by Donna Nicholson and Margaret Rose, and guild members had been generous in donating fabric. Peggy also reminded us the mayor has been gracious in letting us use the present building whenever needed without charging us rent.

Per Donna Nicholson, the tentative dates for our quilt show this year are Saturday, October 29, and Sunday, October 30, and she hopes the gym and an additional room at the Pell City Civic Center can be used. In 2009 we had almost 100% participation from guild members, and she hopes everyone will be able to help again. Anyone interested in being on the quilt show committee should contact Donna. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon to work out details.

Donna also stated she had shared 5 quilt designs with the Executive Committee for an opportunity quilt. They narrowed the choices down to two, and later in the meeting, the membership chose the quilt design and decided on a fall color scheme. The members voted to use one design for 2011 and the other design for 2012.

Carole DeGrenier reported on our charity quilts, including prayer quilts. Terry Russell will be helping Carole. She stated we will continue to make prayer quilts for our immediate guild family members experiencing life difficulties. She also suggested this year we make quilts to be given to foster children through the St. Clair County DHR. There was discussion among the members regarding sizes, etc. Carole said the guild would furnish batting and be responsible for getting tops quilted. She hoped everyone could make at least one quilt to be displayed in a group at the quilt show, then later they would be given to DHR. The guild made 75 Project Linus

quilts last year, and there are a few leftover. These will be given to Carole for the new DHR project. Carole said she would accept orphan blocks, fabric, or any other donations from members.

Judy Boozer, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, explained a new, temporary raffle idea in lieu of the 50/50 as a means of raising money. Several new items would be displayed on a table, and members could purchase \$1 tickets and choose which item they might like to win. Each item would be raffled off. All proceeds go to expenses for our sew-in days. Anyone can donate items. We raised \$94 today.

Shirley Sargent explained the BOM for this year. All blocks are kept by the individuals who made them, and quilts will be displayed at our December Christmas party. A sample of all blocks for the year was displayed. Anyone not receiving a list should check the February newsletter.

Jackie White reminded everyone of the monthly magazine sale. Bring in quilt magazines you no longer want and they will be sold at the meetings for 25 cents each.

Shelia Robertson suggested our guild "hands" symbol be changed this year to a friendship star block. After discussion, Shirley Sargent made a motion that a friendship star in blue and yellow colors be used as our symbol; Donna Crow seconded motion. With a majority vote, the motion passed. Helia challenged everyone to make a small friendship star block in blue and yellow as a nametag.

Antionette MacMurdo gave information about a new quilt bee that meets on Mondays and is doing Dear Jane blocks. Anyone is invited to join, any colors can be used, and there are no fees. Florence Kerr can order books if anyone wants one. Their goal is 13 blocks this month. The purpose of the bee is to learn and be supportive of each other.

Betsy Batson announced there is a 20 quilt display at the RSA Tower in Montgomery January 14-March 18.

Brenda Franklin gave information about the Spring Retreat at the Sunset Inn April 14-16. 20 members can be accommodated; reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis, and the retreat is for our members only. Cost is \$165 and includes all meals, snacks, etc. A \$50 deposit is due in February with the remainder due at the March meeting. She said as of now there are 7 spaces remaining.

Helia Robertson said our first "sew-in" of the year will be at the normal meeting place (Glen Community Center) on February 24-26. Saturday morning Nancy Allain will be teaching a Gordian Knot class and a minimum of 15 is required for the class. Cost is \$20, with the guild paying \$10 per member, and members paying \$10. Upon receipt of the \$10, members will be given a class preparation list.

Shirley Sargent said anyone who did not receive a list of fat quarters for the monthly drawing should contact her. FQ for February will be batik pink. Shirley won 15 Civil War blue prints this month.

Jackie Crumley stated there were 15 participants in secret pals this year. Cost of gifts should be around or under \$10.00.

Jordan Huey helped everyone retrieve their show and tell quilts from the wall where he had displayed them.

A birthday gift was presented to Jordan Huey, and door prizes were won by Denise and Terry. New fundraiser items were won by Beth, Jordan, Denise, and Jane.

Information on our anniversary party planned for the February meeting was shared by Helia, Jackie and Peggy. Previous members will be sent written invitations. Everyone is encouraged to bring at least one show and tell, even if previously shown, and finger foods. Anyone wanting to help set-up that day can come in at 9:00.

Since the meeting had run longer than expected, Helia suggested she do the appliqué program she had planned another day.

Carole DeGrenier made a motion the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Jackie White.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Dison