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**May Meeting:** Saturday,  
May 14, 2011

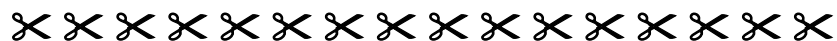
**Place:** Glenn City Community Center  
(10th Avenue & 16th Street,  
near Duran South School)

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

**Fat Quarter for May:** Flowers

**Block of the month for May:** Arkansas Traveler  
(can be found at [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com))

**Program for the May:** Mary Casey will demonstrate the “disappearing 9-patch.”



“\_\_\_\_\_ is in the air.” Some would say “spring is in the air,” but Friendship Quilters would say “excitement is in the air.” Excitement on a new quilter’s face when she talks about finishing her first quilt, excitement about learning a new technique, excitement about sharing quilts at our upcoming quilt show. We’re just excited to be quilting!!

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PEGGY WILLIAMS

Greetings,

Every year we hear that quilting is a lost art, yet every year more and more women and men are picking up needle and thread. This year is no exception. Friendship Quilters has gained at least three new members who are new to the world of quilting, and we are thrilled that you have decided to become a part of our group.

These past two weeks have brought tears of sadness and tears of joy. This is more reason for us to keep the faith and keep on making our quilts with love in our hearts reaching out to those hurting from loss of loved ones and loss of homes and material goods.

I have attempted to contact each of you since the storm. Most of you, I have heard from, but a few I have not. If I have not spoken with you individually, please forgive. I am still trying. We know for a fact that at least two or three families within our guild have suffered losses. We are keeping you in our prayers and preparing to do whatever we can to help.

**Please note:** Jackie White has sent out a request for quilts of any size for Project Linus. I have spoken with Terry Russell. We have some quilts in our Prayer Quilt inventory which we will be delivering to Jackie.

The Spring Sew-In was a success. We had great attendance, and fun time was spent by all working on charity projects; the Opportunity Quilt which is well on its way to completion; and Friends of Jane are really proud of their progress with this program. I am impressed.

I am looking forward to the program this month with Mary Casey. She has an interesting method for a different 9-patch. This one is great for a prayer quilt. We appreciate all of you ladies for volunteering and presenting a program. We are truly blessed to have talented quilters within our group. Thanks.

Let's all remember our Secret Pals, and bring your 'May Flowers' Fat Quarter, Arkansas Traveler 2 Block of the Month, and your name tag to the meeting next week.

I would like to leave you with this thought from Wilma Prebor of Quilts by Wilma, TN. And as always, ask God to bless you and yours.

*"Every quilt is a piece of art work. You can give the same pattern to ten people and they come back with entirely ten different quilts. Due to the amount of one's self put into the quilt, not just the time but artistic ability, it becomes part of one's life."*

Happy Mother's Day.

Peggy



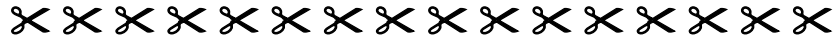
**MAY**

Brenda  
Nancy  
Shelia



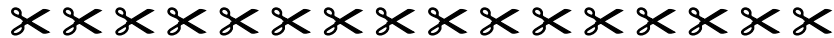
**BIRTHDAYS**

Franklin  
Ariail,  
Robertson



**BOM & FAT QUARTERS FOR MAY**

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 May block is Arkansas Traveler (12 ½”), and completed blocks will be displayed at the April meeting. The May fat quarter is flowers. 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.



We really appreciate Conna Canada from Heartland Quilt Guild in Cullman visiting our April meeting. She brought and displayed the Quilt Symposium Opportunity Quilt, and what a beautiful quilt it is!

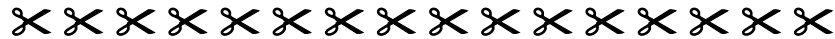
Conna has also provided the following information about Diane Rose, the blind quilter from Texas.

Diane Rose, the Amazing Quilter, will be the keynote speaker at the Patriotic Luncheon, Thursday, June 30, 2011, at the Cullman County Civic Center, beginning at 12 noon. She will also be a speaker at a special meeting of the Heartland Quilt Guild, that same night, beginning at 7 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Cullman, and all quilters are welcome. Diane suffered from glaucoma at an early age and became totally blind in 1984. With the help of a friend, she took up quilting in 1998. She considers her blindness, like her friend country singer Ronnie Milsap, an inconvenience. Diane also cooks, does ceramics and travels by herself. Because of her determination and wonderful attitude, she says “I don’t like sitting still and doing nothing.”

She is featured on the website [YouTube](http://YouTube); just key in “blind quilter” in the search tab. Tickets to the luncheon are \$25 each and to the quilters meeting \$10. Call 256-775-1389, ext. 3 or e-mail [jjacob@gshealthclinic.com](mailto:jjacob@gshealthclinic.com) for more information.

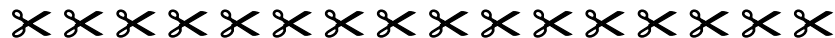
## CYBERQUILTING

Some blogs you might enjoy: <http://alegacyofstitches.blogspot.com>, <http://crazymomquilts.blogspot.com>, [www.aquiltinglife.com](http://www.aquiltinglife.com). What are some of your favorites?



### REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR MEETINGS

Refreshments for May:  
Brenda Franklin, Jackie White, Irene Dison.



### QUILT SHOW UPDATE

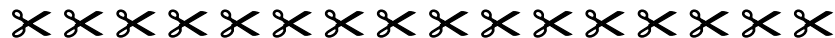
Please sign the preliminary entry sheet at the May meeting or send email to [dnicholson@bham.rr.com](mailto:dnicholson@bham.rr.com) to give us a first look at how many quilts in various categories we might expect. Signing up here does not lock you into that category. *This is just a survey.*

The Quilt Show Entry Form has been added to the guild's web site if you are certain of your entries. Just print and complete the form and send to Irene Dison. If you don't have access to the internet, we'll have a few forms available at meetings.

We hope to be able to report at the May meeting on the Birmingham Quilt Guild's response to our request to use their quilt display system.

The Opportunity Quilt top is completed and will be displayed at the May meeting. It will then be given to the quilter to be completed (hopefully) by the June meeting so we have time to arrange for the quilt to travel and promote ticket sales.

*Donna Nicholson*



I delivered 18 quilts, 17 pillowcases and 5 bags to Bitsey Rodgers for Project Linus this week. She was so excited to get

these as she is over whelmed with requests due to the events of last week. This is all that we had completed on hand. There is a great need for quilts for babies and children so her supply is running short. If you can help with this project it will be greatly appreciated. She can use teddy bears if you have any of these. Thanks for all you do to help our guild and these children. They just need to have something to call "theirs".

Thanks, *Jackie White*

**UPCOMING LOCAL QUILTSHOWS  
BIRMINGHAM QUILTERS GUILD QUILTFEST 2011**

**June 4th and 5th**

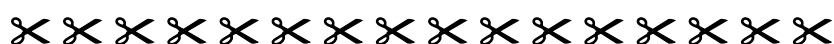
**Oak Mountain Middle School**

**5650 Cahaba Valley Road (Hwy 119)**

**Hours: 10 until 5, Saturday and 1 until 5, Sunday**

**\$5 per person Quilt show admission**

Quilt Show with 300+ quilts, numerous vendors, door prizes, boutique, free demonstrations, scissor/knife sharpening, car cozy, many opportunities to win everything from the donation quilt to a Laura Ashley Edition Machine by Brother. For more information, check out [www.bhamquilters.com](http://www.bhamquilters.com) or call 205-905-5564.



**10TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW AND  
SYMPOSIUM OF ALABAMA**



**Judged Quilt Show and Merchants' Mall  
St. Bernard Retreat Center, Cullman, Alabama  
\$5 Quilt show admission**

Thursday, June 9th, 1 PM – 5:30 PM;

Friday, June 10th, 8 AM – 5:30 PM; and

Saturday, June 11th, 8 AM – 5 PM

Directions: Take I-65 to Exit 308, then 4 miles east  
on Hwy 278 to St. Bernard Dr.

For other information contact JoAnn Copeland at  
[joiris@bellsouth.net](mailto:joiris@bellsouth.net) or visit our website at [www.QSAI.org](http://www.QSAI.org)



**A GLOSSARY OF QUILTING TERMS AND QUILT DEFINITIONS**

**In-The-Ditch:** A style of quilting stitching which lies almost in the seams of a block or at the very edge of an appliqué area.

**Lap Quilting** or "quilt as you go": A method of completing all three layers by quilting one block or section at a time and then assembling the finished quilt from those pre-quilted squares. Squares are quilted in small lap frames or held in the hands rather than using a large quilting frame.

**Loft:** A descriptive term for the thickness, height and resilience of quilt batting. High loft batting is thicker and fluffier, usually polyester and used more often for tied quilts. Low loft batting is thinner and shows off the quilting stitches.

**Long Arm Quilting:** Quilting using a very long bed (often as long as 12 feet) commercial quilting machine to do the overall quilting. A popular cottage industry.

**Friendship Quilters Meeting, Saturday, April 9, 2011**  
**Glen Community Center, Pell City**

Peggy Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Tori Reno was at the meeting with her grandmother, Gloria Davis. Visitors Bernée Long and Conna Canada were introduced. Bernee has been joining the Monday quilters and is joining our guild. Conna is from Cullman and brought their opportunity quilt and tickets for it. It is gorgeous. Her name badge reads that she is with Heartland Quilters.

Shirley Sargent read the inspiration about sharing blocks of the month that are not all the same size.

Gloria Davis' and Sara Childress' names and information was omitted from the 2011 directory. Bernée Long joined the guild and needs to be added as well.

Terry Price Ware reported on her mother, Von Watson, and thanked us for our prayers. Margaret Rose reported that Carole DeGrenier is having surgery on her toes again on Monday. Peggy Williams reported that her daughter Frannie got a good report from her neurologist.

President Peggy reported on upcoming Alfa quilt show in Ashville, April 23, and the Birmingham Guild Show at Oak Mt Middle School June 4th and 5th.

Terry Andrews moved and Shirley Sargent seconded that the minutes be approved as posted. Motion carried.

Donna Nicholson gave the treasurer's report. Judy Boozer moved and Florence Kerr seconded that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Judy Boozer discussed snacks for our 3-day sew-in. We will use money from the white elephant for snacks (not meals) for the sew-in. We will have soup and bring sandwiches on Thursday. Friday we might have variety of subway sandwiches. Saturday we might order pizzas from Papa John's. We will have drinks here. There will be no class at this sew-in. One of the days we might work on charity projects. Other than that, it is work on your own projects. Everyone who will be attending agreed.

Donna talked about the opportunity quilt and the Quilt Show. The show is November 4th, set up 8:00 AM. Saturday, November 5th, is the show: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Sunday is take-down.

Birmingham Quilt Guild board will vote on us using their racks at their April meeting. We will have to pick up and return the racks. A couple of members offered

that they have trailers. Donna needs committee chairs. Sally Day will do publicity. Beth Staples will do member meals. Jackie Crumley and Irene Dison will receive quilts. We will have vendors. Terry Russell, take down and return quilts. Brownie will chair White Glove and ticket table committee. Donna did update the entry and display forms. Donna will put it on the web site.

For the opportunity quilt we need 9 patches. We will be laying out the blocks on Monday April 11, 8:30 AM and making floater borders to make it all match up. Shelia did a program on various appliqué techniques. She noted that the opportunity quilt that Conna brought was quilted first and then the trapunto areas were painted rather than appliquéd. Brownie Drummonds, Peggy Williams and Shelia Robertson did demonstrations. Shelia suggested that the plastic from bacon or milk jugs makes great templates.

#### Show and Tell:

Denise showed her machine embroidered sun bonnet Sue made with 30s fabrics.

Margaret Rose showed a quilt she made with her sister Abbie Fenton using Bali Pops.

Donna Nicholson showed a basket of Provence quilt made with French fabrics some of which cost \$38/yard and a rail fence baby quilt for her nephew who is due any time.

Shelia Robertson did a color wheel quilt.

Esther Sears showed her first paper piecing projects: a doll quilt and pillow.

Bernée Long brought a rail fence baby quilt in bloc, white, pink and green. It is her first quilt and turned out very nice.

Sally Day brought her Alabama quilt with appliquéd hats.

Judy Goodwin showed a folded centered twisted nine patch she did in a class.

Florence Kerr showed her Gordian knot and a four patch signature quilt top she's doing for her preacher.

Shirley Sargent showed the Friendship Quilters block of the month quilt for 2011.

The room was wonderfully decorated with all the show and tell.

Peggy Williams won the polka dot fat quarters.

Terry Russell talked about the prayer quilts. We have given or set aside quilts for Floyd Plumber, Tommy Sue Goodwin and Howard Savage this year.

Meeting was adjourned and secret pal gifts were distributed.

Respectfully submitted  
Margaret Rose, Secretary