

Threadlines

Newsletter of the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild

Brown Bag Auction is BACK!



Introducing our new President. Dawn C.

Dear Quilting Friends,

Thank you for electing me as the Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild President. I am excited about this opportunity, and I want to share my background in quilting so that you can get to know me better. I became interested in quilting in 1989 after visiting my husband's maternal grandmother for Thanksgiving. She was a prolific quilter, and all of her bedrooms were well supplied in quilts. The bed that we slept in was so cozy, and her beautiful quilts made the house so comfortable. She did all of her sewing by hand, and I asked her about how to quilt. She gave me a little demo, and I thought to myself that I would love to make a quilt!

Several months later I saw a "Schoolhouse" quilt in a magazine, and I really liked it and wanted to make it for our queen-size bed. I purchased some quilting books from a mail order book club and sought out to teach myself to quilt. I knew nothing about the proper tools, fabrics, batting, or threads. I bought some fabric and thread at Walmart, and I created plastic templates, marked the fabric pieces and then cut the fabric with scissors. I continued working on the quilt for months, sewing everything by hand! In 1991, the queen-size quilt was finally complete, and I decided to enter it in the Mid-South Fair in the "First Quilt" category. To my surprise, I won a blue ribbon, and this gave me the confidence to keep quilting and perfecting my craft.

For many years, I continued to make smaller quilts by hand, and then in about 1992 my husband surprised me with a Pfaff sewing machine. I enjoyed sewing, and by 1995 I started creating a baby quilt and nursery accessories. Once Jordan joined our family my time became very limited, and then shortly thereafter, Ethan came along and my time for sewing became even more restricted.

In 2004, we were living in Bolivar, TN, and one of the ladies invited her friend to present a United Methodist Women's program on quilting. Gail's quilts were beautiful, and after the program I talked to Marge and Gail about quilting. I told them that I do a little bit of quilting, and that I would like to learn more. They invited me to "Peace by Piece Quilt Guild" in Jackson, TN. Over the years, we moved a lot, but I continued to drive to Jackson for the guild meetings, as I enjoyed the ladies so much, I learned a lot about quilting, and my techniques and skill level greatly improved.

In 2017, we moved to Germantown, and it became almost impossible to work a full day and then drive to Jackson for the guild meetings, and then back to Germantown afterwards. It made for an exhausting day, and I was sad that I could not continue going to the guild meetings. In 2018, one of the members at Germantown United Methodist Church found out that I quilted, and they told me that there was a guild that meets in the fellowship hall. I decided to visit the guild and then I joined a few months later. Uncommon Threads has been a blessing to me, and I continue to enjoy being a member and learning from so many very talented people! I look forward to my tenure as your guild President, and I am excited about getting to know each of you better!

Blessings, Dawn



June – July 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Virtual	June 18	Sew Together
Hybrid	June 28	Guild Meeting
Virtual	July 2	BOM
Hybrid	July 7	EQ Bee
Virtual	July 11	Board Meeting
In person	July	Applique Bee
Virtual	July 16	Sew Together
Hybrid	July 26	Guild Meeting

In-Person Guild Meetings are at Germantown United Methodist Church, 2331 S. Germantown Rd. – Parking and Entrance are at the rear of West St. The Zoom link will be emailed to all members on the morning of each meeting as well as available to Guild members on TEAM APP under the event tab.

SHOW & TELL:

Dierdre B.

For in-person, we will now have a specific area in the room that we will be showing our in-person quilts. This allows them to be visible to the members and visitors in the room and on Zoom.

Quilts will continue to be photographed and placed in our UTQG FB page. For those distant members as well as locals, zooming you can still take part in Show and Tell. Simply take a picture and include it using our online Jotform. It can be found on the TEAM APP under the documents tab. No need to worry about gifting your project before it's shown at Guild. Just submit a JotForm with a picture of your gifted project.

<https://form.jotform.com/201323526308042> Please submit your show and tell Jotform by Sunday before the meeting.





Brown Bag Auction:

Ways and Means

Margaret S.

Finally, we will have a Brown Bag Auction "IN PERSON" at the June meeting, June 28th/

Here are the rules as a reminder and for those of you who haven't done this before.... Place a quilting item of a \$10.00 value or more, in a brown bag or a bag that you cannot see through. Things like fabric, books, patterns, tools, orphan blocks, quilt tops (complete or incomplete), quilt class projects, etc. (This is a great time to down-size your quilt room.) You can decorate your bag if you wish to attract more bids. Bring as many bags as you wish, bid as often as you want, but once you win 3 bags, that is your limit. This gives more people the opportunity to win bags. Starting bids will be \$3.00 with increments of \$.50. There is no top price limit on bags, so bid as often and as much as you want.

From the editor.

All submissions must be made using <https://www.jotform.com/brookdilworth/utqg> by Thursday night following the board meeting.



There will also be 12 silent auction items. Bring lots of cash or your check book. Any item not paid for and picked up will go to the next bidder. We will try to have zoom bidding available.

Sandy C. will be our auctioneer, she has done this before and is great. Looking forward to lots of fun!!!!

P.S. The first time I was part of a brown bag auction, I got strips to make a queen size quilt that Charles had cut out and made one block as my pattern. The finished quilt was a log cabin quilt in blues and yellows, cost \$5.00.

What a bargain, I love it!!!!!!
Margaret S., Ways and Means



- Camille M. 6-22
- Lynn M. 6-26
- Pat D. 6/30
- Glenda C. 7/12
- Dasha T. 7/12
- Deloris R. 7/14

**Community Service:
Sandy L.**

Community service continues to provide quilts to the Baptist hospice center with the able help of so many members. During board retreat last weekend 12 tops were put together. Jane, Nancy and Pat worked making kits with the accucutter. 12 more finished quilts were taken for patients in June. Thank you again for all your help





"TWEET RETREAT"

RETREAT LOGO CONTEST

RETREAT CHAIR ----- DEIRDRE B.

The theme for this year's retreat (11/11 - 11/13) is 'Tweet Retreat'.

Let's get creative -

Please submit t-shirt logo design to me at deeirish55@gmail.com before the June meeting- they will only be printed in One Color. We will vote on the design at our June meeting.

Are *CEMPERPIECES* your thing?

Do you like to *Decorate*?

Then please volunteer to help to do exactly that for our November Retreat.

Contact Deirdre today!



MEMBERSHIP:

Carol B. & Emily S.

HELLO STITCHN SISTERS!!

Hello!! It's Carol and Emily returning again as your Membership co-chairs!!! It is that time of the year again! Time to renew your membership! Online renewal will be offered again this year. If you would rather fill out the membership form at the meeting, there will be plenty of forms available at the sign in desk. There is no change in the dues. Remember if you renew online there is an additional fee (paypal fee). The membership form can be also be found on Team App. If you know of someone wanting to join, they can mail the completed membership form and payment to me or complete it and pay online!! If anyone wants to join or renew online, there is an additional \$1.71 fee to cover the PAYPAL cost. So the total would be \$36.71 paying online. Paying with check or cash is still an option! Emily's (Emily Stewart) address is in the directory; let Emily know if someone is mailing a new membership so she can be on the lookout!

If anyone would like a fabric nametag printed out, let us know. When we finalize the directory, we will print them off. Remember, every time you attend a meeting and wear your name tag you can put your name in the can for a door prize!! Here is your opportunity to create a uniquely you name tag!!

Please share our Facebook page on all the social media platforms you have! We have Facebook- "Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild", Instagram- "ucquilts", a blog- "<https://weseequilts.blogspot.com/>", and a group on Stack Team app- "Uncommon Threads Quilt Guild"!! Share our information!!

Hope to see all your smiling faces soon!!

Emily and Carol