

**Friendship Quilters Guild  
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**April Meeting:**

Saturday, April 9, 2016

**Place:** Mt. Moriah Baptist Church  
1425 Mt. Moriah Road  
Pell City, AL 35125

**Time:** 10:00 AM Meeting (**This is a very important meeting discussing the quilt show.**)

**Fat Quarter for April: PINK**



Let the Sunshine In! If you know a guild member who could use a note of cheer, a get well wish, or has an occasion to celebrate, contact Celisia Burke, our Sunshine Chairman, at 205-542-4168, and she will send a card with our good wishes.



**APRIL BIRTHDAY**  
Gloria Davis – April 22

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, SHELIA ROBERTSON

Hello Ladies,

Sitting here trying to concentrate on everything that has happened recently. I guess all I can say is "Life is Short, Make the most of it". Always keep family and friends in your prayers. On a much happier note, our guild meeting will be on Saturday, April 9th, We all decided to have a sew-in at the church that weekend. That means that we get to sew for 4 days at the church, Wednesday thru Saturday. I look forward to seeing you all there. I enjoy seeing everyone at our socials (haha). On Wednesday, all the merchandise that has been collected so far, we will collaborate and come up with prices and tag them so they will be ready for the Country Store. If you would rather come and work on your projects, come on. I have a few kits put together if you would like to sew on kitchen towels. I just never got around to putting them together. I look forward to seeing you all at the sew-in and if you cannot make the sew-in, the guild meeting is on Saturday.

Happy Quilting, Shelia



I hope you are looking forward to our sew-in in April as much as I am. In addition to working on a few things for the country store, I have a couple of my own projects to work on. The quilt show will be here before we know it! Thanks to all of you who have agreed to work in specific areas. It is going to take everyone of us working to make this show successful. If you haven't signed up for a job, please see me, Shelia or Jill. We need you! Keep on quilting, Naomi



## BLOCK OF THE MONTH



get you going.

I am really excited about the participation we have in our Block of the Month (BOM) Challenge! In talking to some of our members, I have gotten some great tips on completing some of the components of the blocks. It is not too late to join in the fun! Just see me at the next guild meeting or contact me by email or text, and I can

Don't forget to bring your April block to the next meeting for "Show and Tell". I will be giving out May's BOM at the meeting. I can't wait to see all of the blocks and their creators! Pam Burgess

## RECIPE CORNER

### Sarah's Crab Corn Chowder

2 Tablespoons Olive Oil  
1 Chopped onion  
1 Chopped Bell Pepper  
3 Stalks Chopped Celery  
2 Cups diced potatoes  
1 Carton Chicken Broth  
3 Tablespoons All Purpose flour  
1 Tablespoon Old Bay Seasoning  
2 Bay Leaves  
1 Pinch Thyme  
3 Cups Corn cut off cob  
1 Can Crab meat  
2 pints heavy cream  
1 Package Instant Applewood Bacon potatoes  
½ Package Real Bacon Bits

Saute onion, bell pepper, and celery in olive oil until onion is soft  
Add potatoes and chicken broth, and simmer until potatoes are done  
Mix flour, Old Bay Seasoning and water until you get a smooth paste, about 1/3 cup water  
Add bay leaves, thyme, and corn simmer 30 minutes  
Add crab meat, cream, instant potatoes, and bacon bits, simmer 5 minutes  
Adjust salt and white pepper to taste,  
Simmer but do not boil an additional 10 minutes  
Enjoy



#### TIP OF THE DAY

When you are making half-square triangles (HST), grab that little blue plastic 1/2" wide ruler with the narrow slot down the center. They come in various lengths.

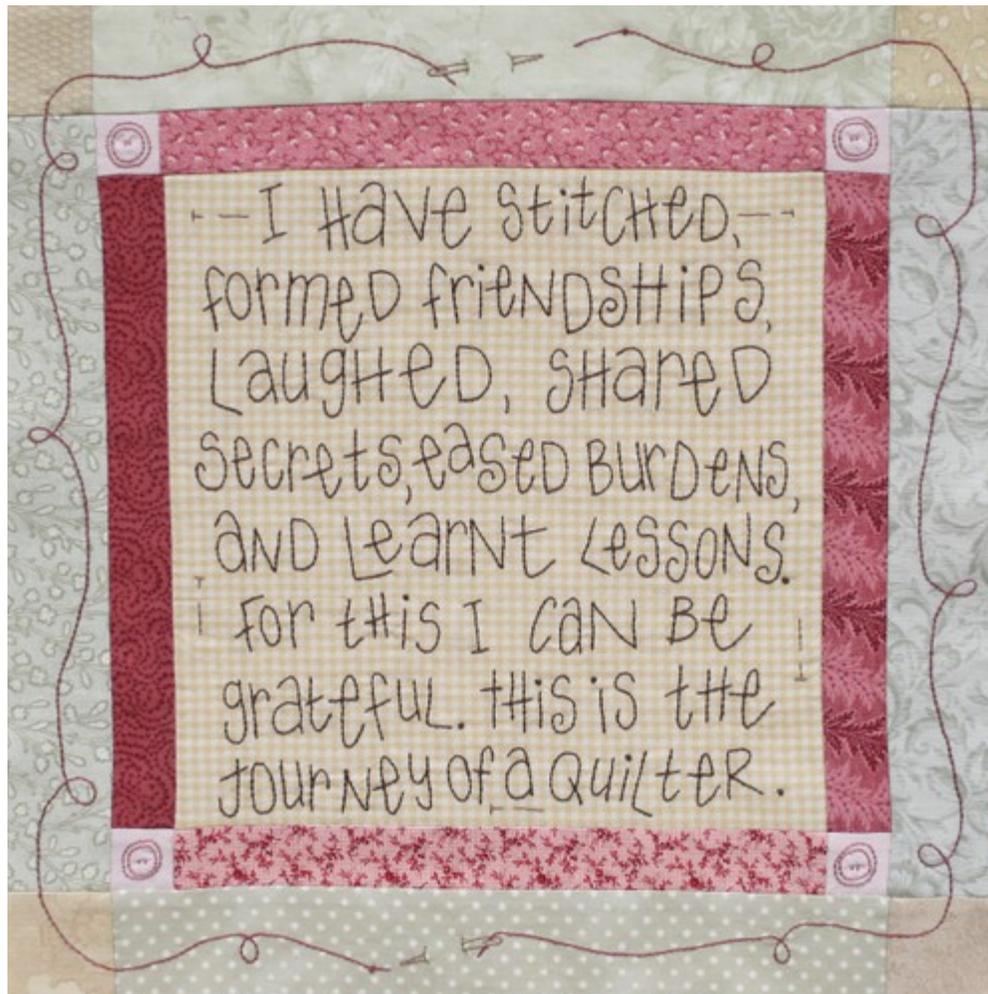
With a light and dark square (any size), position the ruler from corner to corner. Using a super fine-point permanent marker or pencil, mark down the narrow slot in the ruler from corner to corner. Now you are ready to stitch 1/4" on either side of the drawn line. Next, cut down the drawn line. This makes two HSTs. Press both HSTs open toward the dark.. How fast is that?

This might come in handy making those BOMs.

## COUNTRY STORE

No April Fooling; time is ticking down. June 11th will be here soon, so we are gearing up to begin stocking the Country Store with lots of goodies. Bring your ideas, patterns, and any fabric you can part with to the Spring Sew In. If you have any special items that would be a hit in the store, we are also accepting donations. Don't forget the left over scraps from the Retreat. They can be added to the "Scrap Grab Box". Who knows, we might generate more scraps for the box at the Sew In. We also plan to have a box of Orphan Blocks, so if you run across any (any size) they are always a Hot Item at shows. Several crafty items have been suggested at recent meetings, so hopefully this week will be a fun time to create.

See you there,  
Peggy and Celisia



# FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS MINUTES

March 12, 2016

Shelia Robertson called the meeting to order and Naomi Kircus gave a devotional on "Proper Procedures" based on what people should do when they have differences (going to each other first). She then read a humorous "You Know You're a Quilter, If". Sally Day led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Shelia asked if there were questions about minutes published in the newsletter. As there were no questions, Celesia Burke made a motion they be accepted, seconded by Peggy Williams, and approved by all.

When Sarah Childress presented the Treasurer's Report she stated there was a discrepancy in the money charged by Shocco Springs for the recent retreat. When she paid the bill presented on the last day, it was for approximately \$200 less than originally thought. She said she would try to compare everything and see what could be done about refunds to those who went. After some discussion, Mary Casey made a motion that the overage be applied to the next retreat. It could be applied first, and then the remainder be paid by those going. Pam Burgess seconded the motion, and all those who had gone to the retreat voted in favor. Naomi Kircus made a motion the general treasurer's report be accepted, seconded by Mary Casey, and approved by all.

Shelia suggested everyone put their name or address labels on all items they were taking to retreats, as a few items were left and she could not find owners.

Peggy Williams sent a card around for everyone to read thanking them for the gift card she had been given in appreciation of her being president last year.

Beth Staples had pictures made of the opportunity quilt and these were given out for members to show as they sold tickets.

Peggy reported quilts had been hung at the Pell City Library in honor of March being quilt month. They could be changed out around the middle of the month if someone wanted to do so. Susan at the library volunteered to sell tickets for the opportunity quilt.

Jill Daily gave an update on quilts for the June quilt show. Currently there are plans for 60 large quilts, 23 lap or crib size, 15 wall hangings, 5 challenges, 6 items done in workshops, and 8 wearable art. She had failed to list "home dec" as a category, but that could be added if anyone had those items. We can still accept more quilts (deadline in April), and those who have not turned in their forms to Jill should do so soon. Luann is working on a preliminary program. All quilts need to have hanging sleeves, and they can be pinned on. Shelia gave instructions for a slightly different way of making hanging sleeves.

Our next sew-in will be at Mt. Moriah Wednesday, April 6 – Saturday, April 9. Everyone should bring their own lunch the first day and then it will be decided on lunches for the other days.

Pam gave instructions for the next block of the month.

Sally won 10 green fat quarters.

Pam gave an update on Becky's husband, John, and said they were very appreciative of what the guild had done for them.

We then played a game of "how many quilt acronyms everyone knew." As Jill knew the most, she received the prize.

Mary made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Naomi.

Respectfully submitted,  
Irene Dison, Secretary

### **SHOW AND TELL:**

Naomi Kircus – chicken wall hanging, toddler sundress, changing pads and burp cloths for gift

Mary Casey – charity quilt made from 3 donated blocks paired with camo fabrics

Florence Kerr – "through the window" quilt

Jill Dailey – fleece shawl, storybook and quilt, patriotic lap quilt, pastel child's quilt for gift

Peggy Williams – fleece shawl

Sally Day – large pyramid pattern quilt for her grandson in bright colors

Mary Hoyle – Hunter's Star donation quilt

### ***Friendship Quilters Guild***

***Promoting the love of quilts \*\* Encouraging and preserving the art of quilts and quilting  
Contributing friendship, knowledge, and encouragement to others in our community.***

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**100 THINGS EVERY QUILTER SHOULD DO BEFORE SHE DIES**  
**THIS WAS SENT TO US BY LUANN**

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|--------------------------|-----|---|--------------------------|-----|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1.  | Visit a quilt shop.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 41. | Design a quilt. (Remember, you don't necessarily have to make the quilt.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2.  | Make a Nine Patch.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | 42. | Change/tweak/alter a pattern to make it your own.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3.  | Make a Log Cabin.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | 43. | Make a color wheel with fabric swatches.                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4.  | Label a quilt.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 44. | Chat about quilting with a stranger.                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5.  | Figure yardage for a quilt.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 45. | Talk about quilting with your family.                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6.  | Learn about warp and weft.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | 46. | Give a quilt as a wedding/graduation/retirement gift.                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7.  | Use a rotary cutter.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 47. | Visit Paducah during the AQS Show.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8.  | Use templates.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 48. | Take a class with a nationally known teacher.                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9.  | Paper piece a quilt block.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | 49. | Use some fabric you dislike.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. | Hand applique a quilt block.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 50. | Participate in Show & Tell.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. | Make a yo-yo.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 51. | Volunteer for a job in a quilt group.                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. | Embellish a quilt.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | 52. | Use a color you detest.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. | Try free motion quilting.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 53. | Make a quilt inspired by nature.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. | Stitch in the ditch.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | 54. | Get up early or stay up late to quilt.                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. | Try hand quilting.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | 55. | Make a scrap quilt.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. | Bind a quilt.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 56. | Make a tote bag.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 17. | Miter the corners of quilt binding.             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 57. | Make a postcard quilt.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 18. | Join the ends of quilt binding.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 58. | Make a baby quilt and gift it to a newborn.                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 19. | Sew diagonal seams.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 59. | Understand the basics of caring for quilts.                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 20. | Use a walking foot.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 60. | Borrow a quilting book from the public library.                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 21. | Attend a guild meeting.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | 61. | Teach someone else to quilt.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 22. | Visit Houston for International Quilt Festival. | <input type="checkbox"/> | 62. | Creatively piece a backing for one of your quilts.                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 23. | Have a quilt appraised.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | 63. | Apply a piped binding, or some variation of it.                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 24. | Visit a quilt museum.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | 64. | Post quilt pics to Facebook.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 25. | Go on a quilt retreat.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | 65. | Install quilty wallpaper on your computer.                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 26. | Try curved piecing.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | 66. | Put a quilty bumper sticker on your car.                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 27. | Miter the borders.                              |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 28. | Learn to do blanket stitch by hand.             |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 29. | See a local quilt show.                         |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 30. | Put your quilt in a local quilt show.           |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 31. | Sell raffle tickets on a quilt.                 |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 32. | Take a road trip with quilt friends.            |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 33. | Create a Pinterest board with quilt images.     |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 34. | Make a 3-D quilt block.                         |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 35. | Donate a quilt to a good cause.                 |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 36. | Make a sampler quilt.                           |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 37. | Make an art quilt.                              |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 38. | Try bobbin work.                                |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 39. | Learn to maintain your sewing machine.          |                          |     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 40. | Add rickrack to a quilt.                        |                          |     |   |

- 67. Cuss mildly when you realize you've been sewing air (because you ran out of bobbin thread).
- 68. Read your sewing machine manual cover to cover.
- 69. Learn to thread baste.
- 70. Learn to pin baste.
- 71. Use basting spray.
- 72. Help a friend make a quilt.
- 73. Make a quilt for a special child.
- 74. Make a quilt for a spouse or partner.
- 75. Make a quilt for a friend.
- 76. Include your quilts in your last will and testament.
- 77. Determine your favorite thread for piecing.
- 78. Understand the concept of value.
- 79. Understand the mathematics of quilt blocks.
- 80. Apply a bias binding.
- 81. Take a guild speaker to dinner.
- 82. Comment on a quilt-related blog post.
- 83. Make a mystery quilt.
- 84. Take part in a block exchange.
- 85. Write how-to instructions for making a quilt block.
- 86. Be able to state clearly what you learned from a particular quilt.
- 87. Know the difference between lengthwise and crosswise grain.
- 88. Know the parts of a sewing machine needle and why they matter.
- 89. Organize your stash.
- 90. Know the names of hand sewing needles used for different tasks.
- 91. Finish a UFO.
- 92. Purchase fabric on impulse.
- 93. Try sewing with precuts.
- 94. Trade fabrics with quilt friends.
- 95. Identify your ancestors who quilted.
- 96. Visit a quilt shop while on vacation.
- 97. Sew on a treadle for old time's sake.
- 98. Subscribe to a quilting magazine.
- 99. Become a regular reader of a quilting blog.
- 100. Go on a Shop Hop.