

**MAYE RIVER  
QUILTERS  
PROGRAMS &  
WORKSHOPS**

*Fran Oblander  
Chair*

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**Program—Villa Rose Designs—Quilt Block Demo**

Members of the Workshop/  
Program Committee will demon-  
strate a few of the quick and  
easy Villa Rosa Design quilts.  
Demonstrated patterns will be  
available for purchase.

**Villa Rosa Designs**



Patterns to be demonstrated include:

- Square Box
- Delphinium
- Sisterhood
- Tower Bridge
- Olympiad

**PLEASE JOIN US!  
SATURDAY, APR. 6**

**PALMETTO  
ELECTRIC COOP**  
1 COOPERATIVE WAY  
HARDEEVILLE SC  
Social—9:30am  
Meeting—10am



**REMEMBER:**

- Your Nametag
- Show 'n Tell

**NEXT MEETING  
MAY 11  
(second Saturday)**

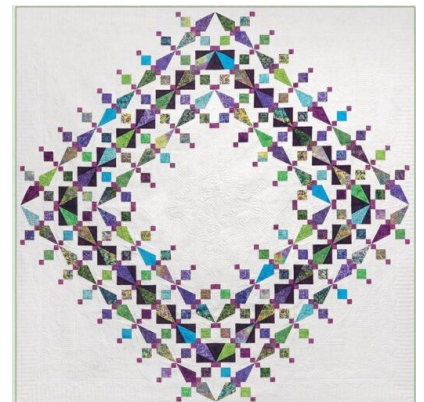
The last day to register for the Diana Mann workshop is April 6. You will need to order your patterns and rulers from Amazon or a local quilt shop as our last order had to go in earlier than planned.

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

*(this is a week prior to our May meeting)*

**Diana Mann Workshop Via Zoom**

*Beaded Lace Quilt.* This quilt uses the Tucker Trimmer and Corner Beam tools. Traditional Corner Beam units are paired with uneven chain units that are trimmed down using the Tucker Trimmer. This quilt comes in three sizes and although it looks as if it's set on point, but it is a straight set quilt.



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**PROGRAMS &  
WORKSHOPS**

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**Saturday, May 11, 2024  
Challenge Quilt and Officer Installation**

Our challenge quilts, started in August and led by Cathy Dale and her committee, will be presented and judged.

New officers, elected in April, will be installed.



**Saturday, June 1, 2024  
Ice Cream Social**

What more needs to be said??? It's ice cream for brunch!



I want to again thank Cathy Dale for a wonderful program and a really fun workshop. I have already finished all my French roses and am hoping to get the border on by this weekend.

~ Fran



**GENERAL WORKSHOP INFORMATION**

Water and snacks will be provided. Lunch is "bring" your own.

Workshop Fee: \$30 (make checks payable to Maye River Quilters)  
Bring to a meeting or mail to Fran Oblander, 27 Heathrow Ave, Bluffton 29910, or pay via Paypal to Maye River Quilters.

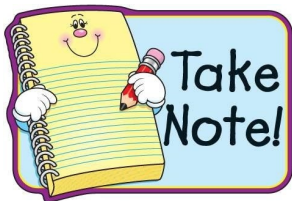
## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*Kris DuCharme,  
Chair &  
Member-at-Large*



## FUNDRAISING

*Jane Warren  
Chair*



At the March meeting, the Nominating Committee presented their slate of officers for the 2024-2025 year. The slate is as follows:

President	Judy Hertel
Vice President	Jan Jones
Secretary	April Boyd
Treasurer	Suzanne McClure
Member-at-Large	Brandy Yingling

There were no nominations from the floor.

These nominations will be voted on at the May 11 meeting.

The newly elected officers will be given their Oath of Office at the June 1 meeting.



We are asking that people put a description of their birthday bundles on an index card to leave with their bundle on the raffle table. Several people have mentioned that they bid on a bundle and didn't get what they thought they were buying. If we put descriptors on our baskets, this will be less likely to happen. I will bring index cards to all the meeting, in case you forget. Thanks so much!

### **Fundraising reminders:**

**April 6**—Birthday Bundles

**May 11**—Birthday Bundles



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Here is a listing by month of the guild projects you may (or may not) be working on at this time.

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
May 11, 2024	Welcome to My Garden—Challenge Quilt



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

*Judy Hertel  
President*



## FIRST RESPONDERS

*Cynthia Cassidy  
Chair*

If quilting were merely for the purpose of having a quilt at the end of the day, would we just go to Target and buy one...

Quilting is more than cutting up fabric into small pieces and creating a quilt. It is about friendship, creation, learning, fellowship, camaraderie, inspiration, teaching and support. What words would you use to describe quilting?

If you get a chance to to on a retreat with fellow quilters, I recommend you jump at it. **Maybe even plan one yourself!** It doesn't have to be far away or for several days. Start small, 4-6 friends, possibly 8 hours at a friend's home or a long weekend at a rental house. Things to consider are: is there space to sew, space to sleep, are tables available or do I need to bring them? Whatever you decide, embrace the energy provided by women (or men) with the same interest. Surely you will come away having learned something, completed something, or maybe renewed inspiration.

I've been told by several members that Cathy Dale had a fabulous program and workshop in March. I am so sorry I had to scoot from the meeting. Thank you, Cathy, for sharing your love of quilting, teaching the technique for the French Roses quilt, and inspiring us!

Happy stitching!



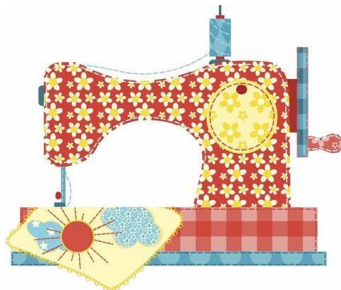
Cynthia is in need of volunteers to help with table and chair set-up and takedown for the April meeting.

Please contact Cynthia at 614-397-9004.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### THIS MONTH - CHARTER MEMBERS

JANET SWAN  
AND PAT COHEN



Some of you may not be aware that two of our Charter Members lost their spouses this past year and both of these ladies will be moving away very shortly. I have chosen to spotlight both of these sweet, sweet ladies this month,

### JANET SWAN'S QUILT JOURNEY

In 1983, we moved for the fifth time to Fayetteville, NC. We were empty nesters for the first time and I was not working. I saw an ad in the paper for a lap quilting class and it was only \$5 for eight weeks. Who could pass that up? I did not know what lap quilting was but I would find out.



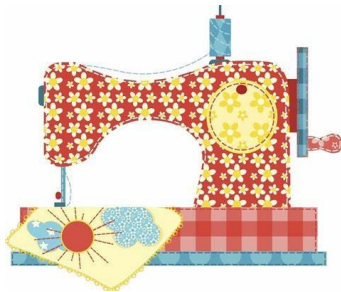
We started on a sampler quilt with 12-inch blocks. We learned to draft, cut out pieces using cereal boxes for template material and then cutting them out with scissors. We had the first three done and the teacher showed us how to hand quilt (everything was hand quilted in those days). She wanted them done by the next class as we only had two weeks left. Everyone was complaining but I could not see what the big problem was.

Some of the blocks were really funny as about half had pulled them too tight and they looked like B cups. She went to each one and told them the problem and how to fix it. The teacher got to me and smoothed her hand over my flat block. I was so proud. She said my stitches were even and not pulled too tight. Now if I could get them a little smaller, I would have it made. I did not know how to count the stitches so I asked how small do I have to make them? She said "we strive for 12 inches per inch" but she did not expect me to do that at first as it took a lot of practice. I asked her how many I had per inch. She said about 1 ½. I had just basted the blocks. I was so embarrassed but I learned my lesson.

My mother said she had some of my grandmother's quilting in a box for 25 years and I might like them.

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**CHARTER  
MEMBERS  
JANET SWAN  
& PAT COHEN**



*JANET SWAN'S QUILT JOURNEY—Continued*

One was a top and over the next year I quilted the top just in time for the quilt show the guild I had joined was having. My grandmother and I won a blue ribbon. That was all it took; I have been quilting for 41 years.

The best thing as we moved nine more times, I knew I could find friends at a quilt meeting in each town. None have been as friendly and helpful and nice as the friends I have made at MRQ. I will treasure these friendships as I move, probably for the last time.

Thank you, Debi, for having the vision of a quilt guild in Bluffton. I thought she was crazy but that just shows what I know. This has been the best of them all. I think I have been in 10 others.



**In the spotlight now is  
PAT COHEN**

David and I moved to Sun City in 2009, after selling our home in Goshen, NY. I do thank Ann Godwin for encouraging me to join Sea Island Quilters. She also stressed that I needed a good sewing machine and so I purchased a Janome and I have been using it ever since.



When many of us grew tired of traveling at night to Beaufort for Sea Island Quilters' meetings, Ann and Debbie started Maye River Quilters, of which I am a Charter member.

I had my sewing set up in the master bedroom for many years. My dedicated space now is in the office with a (desk and ironing board).

My quilting has improved and is enhanced by Linda Pirtle's long arming. My favorite quilts are Lucy

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& PAT COHEN**



*PAT COHEN—Continued*

Boston's Patchwork of the Crosses and what I call Tree of Life, which I finished at a retreat with help from many members. My latest completed Christmas quilt is made up of fabrics gotten from friends in MRQ.

After David's death in August, I have decided to move closer to my daughter and her family in PA. Later this year I will move to Shannondell, a senior community in Valley Forge, PA.

I treasure the knowledge I have gained from participating in hospitality, outreach - including Boys and Girls Club teaching, charity selections, and witnessing the beautiful quilts made by our talented members. I have learned from the programs led by both the members and guest speakers. Most of all, I appreciate the acceptance and support of MRQ members over the years. I am proud to be part of MRQ's growth.



As Editor of this newsletter, I take a little leeway now and then. I am sure that I can speak for the entire membership in this.

Janet and Pat, you will both be missed tremendously! We wish you all the best that life has to give for your future!



## MEMBERSHIP

Linda Farineau  
Chair



**Total Paid Members: 127**

**February Meeting:** 61 members, 17 visitors

**March Meeting:** 69 members, 14 visitors

## MARCH NEW MEMBERS

*Please be sure to welcome and introduce yourself to two former members and SIX new members who joined our guild last month:*

Lynda Hinze  
JoAnne Lakin  
Susan Morris  
Nancy Vandenberg

Cindy Ingels  
Monica Mons  
Margot Silva  
Marilyn Wahl



Welcome to our guild! We are looking forward to getting to know you better in the coming months! If you have any questions, please be sure to come to the membership table and we would be happy to help get you some answers!



## Happy Birthday to our April gals!

4—Brenda Dollhopf

8—Mary Carter

14—Diane Foster

14—Ellen Turner

18—Corrie Melanson

20—Sandy Graves

27—Jay Lewis

30—Sharon Snoddy





## MEMBERSHIP

Linda Farineau  
Chair



### Now is the time of year you have all been waiting for: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!!!

I am thrilled that we had 41 members renew their membership and pay their dues at the March meeting.

I KNOW that you do not want to fill the membership form, but please do. I have seen some changes/updates that we need to make to our membership directory from the renewal forms. Thank you for your help with this—I really appreciate it!

Dues are \$30 annually—from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. There is a late fee of \$5 for members if you pay your dues after May 31st.

Payment can be made by check to **Maye River Quilters** or **MRQ**, cash or PayPal. (PayPal charges our guild a \$2.00 fee per transaction so we would prefer a check or cash. Please bring exact change if possible).

I will have a table set up just for membership renewals and those joining our guild. To help expedite this process, you will find a copy of the 2024-2025 Membership Form as an attachment to this newsletter email. Please print it off, fill out this form and bring it with your check for \$30.00 to one of next 2 guild meetings (April or May). Otherwise I will have forms available at the meeting.

If you have any questions, please be sure to let me know by calling or texting, 978-464-0585.

Looking forward to seeing you at our April meeting!



PLEASE put your nametag in your purse or tote bag. I know that many of you have made your Maye River nametag. (if you did NOT get an embroidered name tag, please be sure to see me at the Membership table).

But every month, it is left home inadvertently. Please put your nametag in your purse or the tote bag that you normally bring to our monthly meetings. Nametags are such an important way to get to put a name and a face together and makes everyone feel more welcome/at ease.

Plus as you have heard me state on several occasions, I am thrifty and hate spending money each month on labels and ink. Each month we use at least 12-18 nametag labels.

Let's make an extra effort to put our nametags into a favorite bag that we can designate our Maye River Quilt Guild bag and wear our nametags each month at our meetings.

Thanks so much for your help with this!

## RAFFLE QUILT

Karen Park-Bigelow

## 2024–2025 RAFFLE QUILT

*The Scrappy Ladies Bee is busy as a bee getting the quilt together. We hope to have it available for viewing at our June meeting. We will keep you posted!*



## MRQ BEE KEEPER

Judy Hertel



*Looking for a small group to stitch with or share ideas? We might have just the group for you! Below is a list of our Bees and the contact person. You just may fit right into one of these groups.*

**Scrappy Ladies**—meet 4th Sunday of each month at the Blue Heron.

Contact Lill Helming,

**Threadheads**—meet 3rd Thursday in members homes. Judy Hertel is the contact. This group is currently full.

**Judy Niemeyer Group**—meet 3rd Tuesday of the month at Savannah Sews, Pooler GA. Contact Karen Park-Bigelow

**Applique Group**—Contact Cathy Dale or Joyce Haskins

*We are always looking for new Bees to start. If you have any idea for a new group, please contact Judy Hertel.*

**CHALLENGE  
QUILT**

*Cathy Dale*

**WELCOME TO MY GARDEN**

2024 Challenge Quilt

It's almost May!

We are so excited to see what everyone has created!

Remember the challenge quilt must have the following elements if you want it to be judged. You need to have a bird, an insect, an animal and an embellishment.

Your entry must measure at least 24"x24" and have a 4" hanging sleeve on it as well as a tag with your name on the back. You will have a piece of muslin that you will cover this up with and you will also have a number for your quilt.

You can see Cathy Dale at the April meeting to give her the size of your quilt and get your entry number and muslin piece of fabric.

If you don't have that information by the April meeting no worries we can adjust at the May meeting when you turn in your quilt.

If anyone has a quilt rack or a display board that they are willing to share for the challenge quilt reveal. It would be greatly appreciated. Please let Cathy know.

It's going to be a great day!  
Thanks to everyone!



All members contact information can be found on the guild website,  
[www.mayeriverquilters.com](http://www.mayeriverquilters.com)

If you require assistance logging in to the guild member section of the website, please contact Karen Park-Bigelow

**GUILD MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2024**

*Liz Penke  
Secretary*

Maye River Quilt Guild  
Palmetto Electric Community Room

Meeting was called to order at 10:03.

Guild Friends: There were many visitors.

Martha Greenly introduced Patricia Miller and Judy Omhoff

Cathy Dale introduced Lorena Thomas, Emma Thomas and Wayne Dale

Lill Helming introduced Marilyn Wall, Jan Mulford and JoAnn Lalin

The minutes from the February meeting were presented for approval.

Motion to approve minutes Gaye Paquet

Seconded by Martha Greenly

Motion passed

Treasurers report: On target.

Membership: Members present 69 ~

Visitors 13, 5 were new members

Programs and Workshops: Diane Mann zoom workshop is almost full.

Challenge quilt: There is a need to know the size of and will be given a number for the submitted quilts. The quilt needs a label on the quilt and each will be given a piece of muslin to cover the label.

Hospitality: We will all be enjoying an ice cream social in June.

Charitable interests: All patriotic fabric has been donated to Brandy for use in Quilts of Valor.

Fundraising: This month will be a 50/50 raffle and Birthday Bundles. Reminder - There will be 2 awards presented in May for the Birthday Bundles that raise the most money.

Raffle quilt and Website: The planning of the layout continues and the membership has 2 weeks to provide blocks. Contact Karen Park Bigalow directly and she will set up a time to get the blocks. We should see the quilt top in May.

New password for website is 2024FatQuarters

## GUILD MEETING MINUTES

*Continued*

Newsletter: submissions by December 17th. For newsletter email use the new email, mayeriverquilters.newsletter@gmail.com

Retreat: The survey indicates that a retreat is required and we will try to plan a retreat in the fall.

Nominating committee: Slate is:

President: Judy Hertel

Vice President: June Jones

Secretary: April Boyd

Treasurer: Suzanne McClure

Member at large: Brandy Yingling

After the meeting, Please help with breakdown of our meeting space.  
Many hands make light work.

Show and Tell

Short break

Program: Cathy Dale presented her quilting journey.

Adjourned: 11:37

Submitted by Liz Penke, Secretary



Submissions for the following month's newsletter  
must be sent not later than the 17th of the month.  
Please send all newsletter related items to  
mayeriverquilters.newsletter@gmail.com  
Thank you!!!

**TREASURERS  
REPORT  
FEB. 1—29,  
2024**

*Suzanne McClure  
Treasurer*



	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2023-2024 Budget</u>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	10,311.96	9,485.92	
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Challenge Quilt		150.00	
Fundraising	315.00	2,654.00	3,000.00
Raffle Quilt			---
Membership		1,490.00	3,600.00
Workshop	524.50	3,134.00	2,200.00
Retreat			1,500.00
Other		500.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>839.50</b>	<b>7,778.50</b>	<b>10,800.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Accounting		169.90	450.00
Administration	2.18	893.72	1,500.00
Charitable Interest		62.41	300.00
Education			---
Fundraising			325.00
Guild Friends			25.00
Hospitality	189.80	189.80	300.00
Insurance	1,538.06	1,538.06	1,600.00
Membership		(5.00)	50.00
Nametags		(5.00)	200.00
Programs	105.00	2,657.09	1,900.00
Raffle Quilt			---
Retreat			1,500.00
Social Media		201.16	100.00
Workshops	385.50	2,781.36	2,550.00
Other			---
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,220.54</b>	<b>8,483.50</b>	<b>10,800.00</b>
Net Income	(1,381.04)	(705.00)	
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>8,930.92</b>		



**MRQ 2023—2024  
MEETING DATES**

**Our meetings throughout 2023-2024 will be held at  
the Palmetto Electric Coop, 1 Cooperative Way, Hardeeville**

**Social: 9:30am**

**Meeting: 10:00 (unless otherwise posted)**

**2024**

	Apr 6		
May 11*	Jun 1	Jul 13*	Aug 3
Sept 7	Oct 5	Nov 2	Dec 7

- Indicates meeting on SECOND Saturday



**MRQ 2023-2024  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## NEWSLETTER

Gaye Paquet  
Newsletter Editor



## APRIL HOLIDAYS

- 1-April Fool's Day
  - 2-National PB&J Day
  - 3-National Find a Rainbow Day
  - 4-National Burrito Day
  - 4-National Walking Day
  - 7-World Health Day
  - 10-National Siblings Day
  - 11-National Pet Day
  - 12-National Grilled Cheese Day
  - 14-Palm Sunday (varies each year)
  - 15-National Tax Day
  - 15-National Laundry Day
  - 16-Wear Pajamas to Work Day
  - 18-National Haiku Poetry Day
  - 20-Husband Appreciation Day
  - 21- Easter(varies each year)
  - 22-Earth Day
  - 22-National Jelly Bean Day
  - 23-National Picnic Day
  - 25-Administrative Professionals Day
  - 26-Arbor Day
  - 26-National Pretzel Day
  - 28-National Superhero Day
  - 30-National Honesty Day
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April  
SHOWERS  
BRING  
May  
FLOWERS



**Yes, Dear...  
Always Remember:  
Flowers Wilt,  
Jewelry Tarnishes,  
Candles Burn Out,  
Candy makes me Fat...  
But Fabric is Forever!**

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**MRQ**  
**MARKETPLACE**



*If you have something to sell, trade,  
or something you are looking for,  
please have it posted here!*

*Our marketplace has amazing results!!!*

QUILT SHOWS  
AND  
EVENTS  
CALENDAR

MAJOR QUILT SHOWS  
APRIL 2024



Heart of Georgia Quilt Show	Macon GA	Apr 5—6
Lancaster Quilt Show	Lebanon PA	Apr 10—13
LQG Quilt Show	Alvin TX	Apr 10—13
Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival	Portland OR	Apr 11—13
Mesas to Monuments	Grand Junction	Apr 12—13
Best of the Valley Quilt Show	Lindsay CA	Apr 12—13
Spring Shower of Quilts	Orange CT	Apr 12—13
CSQA 2024 Biennial Quilt Show	Slidell LA	Apr 12—13
Quiltfest Greenville	Greenville SC	Apr 18—20
Original Sewing & Quilt Expo	Cleveland OH	Apr 18—20
Evergreen Quilter's Guild Show	Green Bay WI	Apr 19—20
Paducah Quilt Show	Paducah KY	Apr 23—27
AQS Quilt Week	Paducah KY	Apr 24—27
Crowning Touch Quilt Show	Gun Barrel City TX	Apr 26- 27
Umpqua Valley Quilt Show	Umpqua OR	Apr 26-28

 **QuiltWeek**  
SHOWS

## Upcoming Quilt Shows

- Paducah, KY: April 24-27, 2024
- Grand Rapids, MI: August 21-14, 2024
- Lancaster, PA: September 11-14, 2024

Show Hours: Wed-Fri: 9am—5pm Sat: 9am-4pm

