



**Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

The monthly meeting of the Quilting Guild of The Villages Executive Board was held at Laurel Manor Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Deb Silva who welcomed all. Roll call was taken. Fourteen chapters had representation. All Regional Liaisons were present, plus two officers. Treasurer Patti Hendrix and Secretary Julienne Brodrick were unable to attend. Mary Ellen Streeter took minutes.

Secretary's Report

The March Minutes have been posted on the QGOTV website. qgotvSecretary@gmail.com Thank you to all who read them.

Treasurer's Report

The March 2024 financial reports by Treasurer Patti Hendrix were sent out to all Chapter Presidents with today's agenda. qgotvTreasurer@gmail.com.

Programs - Vice President Yvonne Wecker – qgotvVP@gmail.com

Guild Meeting/Visiting Artist Workshops:

May 7 – Kyra Reys, My Quilting Journey. The workshop, May 8, *Mandala Madness* has been posted. The class is \$40, Kit, including fabric is \$40.

June 4 – The scheduled Visiting Artist, Liz Elliot, has had a family emergency. It is not yet known if she will be able to come to The Villages in June. If she cannot, VP Wecker will come up with something fun for the evening.

In House (Member 2 Member):

May 11 – *Walking Foot Class* by Lynn Ierardi. Two 1/2 day classes are scheduled.

June 8 – A quilt, TBA – class by Pam Pike of Patchwork Garden.

July - *A Bucket Hat* - class by Tim Geiger of Whiporwills.

There are still Angela Walters panels available for \$10 each, these are great for pillows.

Reminder - A Chair is needed for Member to Member. It is acceptable to have co-chairs.

If you or anyone from your chapter is willing to teach something, or if there is a technique you would like to see taught, please let VP Yvonne Wecker know. qgotvVP@gmail.com

Standing Committee Reports

Charity – *Alice Totsch* – Chair, qgotvCharities@gmail.com

Alice has been contacted asking for more Fidget Mats. There is a conference coming up in Citrus County and the guild there is unable to supply enough. Also, they will take as many as we give and at any time for their conferences. Contact Alice Totsch for contact information. It was mentioned at this meeting to keep in mind that the conference will be back in or near The Villages in 2025 and another 400 will probably be needed then.

Su Langroth of Waterlily is now our contact for Sheriffs Youth Ranches. qgotvwaterlily@gmail.com

- *Cornerstone Hospice* – Kate Santoro had patches and was collecting quilts. Please contact Kate at qgotvCornerstone@gmail.com if you need patches. Directions for quilts can be found at qgotv.org
- *Honor Flight* – Julienne Brodrick – not present. There is plenty of room now in storage for more quilts. Contact Julienne at qgotvHonorFlight@gmail.com
- *Children's Home Society* – *Claire Creamer* – is still looking for a replacement. The gentleman who takes the quilts, etc. lives in the northern section of The Villages. He sometimes goes to Claire to pick them up and sometimes she takes them to him. qgotvChildrensHome@gmail.com

Information on quilts, baby showers and other ways you can help can be found on qgotv.org under Charity.

Long Range Planning – *Chairperson Marci Gimmarro*

Thank you to Marci for volunteering to Chair this committee. The task this year is to review the Bylaws' (required every 2 years) and to finalize the wording/addition of all sections relating to the Regional structure for approval by the Executive Board. The next meeting will be held April 24 at 7 pm at Moyer Recreation Center.

Membership – *Chairperson Nanette Fahler* – qgotvWeb@gmail.com

Nanette reported that there are now 1,238 members.

Nominations and Election Committee – *Chairperson Theresa Ierardi*

Theresa reported that a Vice President and a Secretary are needed for 2025-2026. Chapter Presidents, please send the name and email address as well as your Chapter name of your representative to this important committee to Theresa at qgotvNomCom@gmail.com as well as submitting their name to the Leadership Roster. Each Chapter must have one representative. Please let your

representative know that they are not supposed to approach the person they are nominating, and as an incentive remind them that *no one on the Nominating Committee can be nominated for any office.*

Also, Regional Liaisons will need to be elected for Regions 2, 4, 6 and 8. The first meeting will likely be in June and will be posted on the Guild Calendar when a meeting place has been assigned. Meetings will continue each month through November or until there is at least one candidate for each position.

Scholarship Committee – *Chairperson Pattie Barrett*

Pattie reported that the committee met, and because of this year's circumstances, has asked the following for future years:

Currently, the Quilters memorial scholarship fund is funded by an annual \$2,000.00 budgeted amount from the Guild, proceeds from the monthly Guild meeting 50/50 drawing, and from memorial contributions from various chapters. This year we had a \$9,000.00 balance in the account.

This year we had 6 candidates for scholarships and will award the five qualifying applicants a \$1,000.00 scholarship. But the committee would like to change only the description of the annual scholarship award amount. The current description as sent out to the schools reads as follows:

“The Quilting Guild of The Villages (QGOTV) is offering an award of \$1,000.00 to encourage and reward continuing education students who: (1) excel in the field of sewing, (2) show commitment to the volunteer sector, and (3) to advance future generations in continued sewing awareness.”

The change will read as follows:

“The Quilting Guild of The Villages (QGOTV) is offering an award **of up to \$2,000.00** to encourage and reward continuing education students who: (1) excel in the field of sewing, (2) show commitment to the volunteer sector, and (3) to advance future generations in continued sewing awareness.”

This change will allow the committee to award an applicant that stands out from all the others more than the \$1,000.00 like \$1,500.00. This change will make the distribution of funds to all applicants more flexible.

Regional Liaisons, please discuss this change with your region's Chapter Presidents, who in turn should bring the discussion to their Chapter members and get back to you with a vote on whether or not to adopt this change.

Showcase 2025 – *Chairperson Ardie Wood*

Showcase 2025 – *Blossoming Arts* – qgotvShowcase@gmail.com Regional liaisons, please ask Chapter Presidents, to be sure their Showcase25 Coordinators are listed in the Leadership Roster and that those listed are correct. There are still five chapters with no coordinator. All communication from Chairperson Wood will be by email to those email addresses taken from those listed in the Leadership Roster.

There was some discussion about the fact that often the former coordinators for both Showcase and Marketplace do not get removed when the event is over and there is no way of the chairperson to tell if they are correct. Chairperson Wood asked Penny Rice, web developer, about having those coordinator names automatically removed, but was told that would create a tremendous amount of work for the accounts manager.

The first coordinators meeting will take place in May and all meetings will be posted on the Guild website calendar. The coordinators will be given their Chapter assignment(s) and other information. Also note, there is Showcase information now posted on the website.

Miscellaneous

Future Chapters – *A new Recreation Center will open in the southern area called Saluki.* President Silva has submitted an application for space for a new chapter. If accepted, four volunteer officers will be needed in order to start Chapter #29. Volunteers will also be needed to help with the start-up. President Silva clarified that the Guild needs to apply for any new space wanted. Permits for existing space are automatically renewed each year.

Guild Meetings - Seat saving at the Guild meetings is being lifted. VP Wecker has asked to have more chairs set up and there has been plenty of room.

Please refrain from talking while the Visiting Artist is giving her or his presentation. Recently there was talking from the back of the room and it was apparent that the speaker was distracted by it.

Reminder: The June, July and August Guild meetings will be held at Rohan Recreation Center.

Sundays at Sterling – VP Wecker presented a **No Host Proposal - Effective July 7, 2024** regarding Sundays at Sterling to be reviewed by all Chapter members and voted on. Chapter Presidents, please get your votes on whether or not to adopt this change to your regional liaison before the May Executive Board Meeting.

NO HOST PROPOSAL – Effective July 7, 2024

QGOTV Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be to promote an interest in and appreciation of the art of quilting, share quilting information, provide education for Guild members and be of service to our community.

Where: Torch Lake Room at Sterling Heights Recreation Center 2508 St Charles Place, The Villages, FL 32163

When: Every Sunday. Please check the QGOTV.org calendar for recreation center closures.

Hours: 11:30 AM – 4:20 PM Room is available at 11:00 am per the permit grace period.

Sundays at Sterling Purpose: To align with the QGOTV Purpose and provide a place for open sewing to all our members.

No Host

1. The Recreation staff will set up the room. Please see that it has been returned to the “set up” condition before you leave.
2. Two sets of tables on risers; cutting mat, two ironing boards and electrical extension cords will be set up by Recreation staff.
3. The supply closet will remain locked during Sundays at Sterling time.
4. Members who wish to enjoy the No Host open sewing should bring their supplies from home to include: irons, rulers and additional cutting mats.
5. The recreation center supplies water only, snacks and other beverages are allowed if brought.
6. Basting Sprays are not allowed in any recreation center. Strong perfumes are discouraged.
7. The Torch Lake Room is available for use by any Villages resident from 7:00 am until 11:00 each Sunday and not part of the QGOTV permit.

Barb Happes asked for an apology to Carol Thurston from Piecemakers, for a comment made at the March Executive Board meeting. VP Wecker replied that she sent an apology in writing to Carol as well as publicly apologizing at the April Guild meeting.

Regional Membership Managers – Due to feedback about the new role of Regional membership manager to replace and redistrict the former role of Mentor, Web Chair, Nanette Fahler and Web Developer, Penny Rice were present to address the issue. There was much discussion back and forth. This was meant to relieve Nanette of some of the many calls and emails she gets daily. The result was Penny has taken “Regional Membership Manager” off the table. All 63 membership managers are being asked to attend the meeting that was meant for only one from each region on Friday, April 19 at 9 am at Laurel Manor and on the third Friday of every month when there is something new to go over.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on May 21, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Laurel Manor Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Streeter
Substitute for QGOTV Secretary