

History of The Villages Guild Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Guild Scholarship Committee was established in March 2017. The Committee was made up of:

Pattie Barrett - Allamanda, Chairman
Bette McConkey - Sterling Stitchers
Sandy Norris - Sterling Stitchers
Karen Pekkanen - Big Cypress Quilters
Dick Quaif - Friendship Star
Ardie Wood - Mamie's Quilters

This Committee was charged with coming up with all the paperwork, forms, rules and administrative procedures until it felt it was ready to deliver to the guild how the process should work. When all the paperwork was completed the committee presented it to the Executive Board, in April 2017; it was voted and approved for a one year trial. Since money had not been budgeted for a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded in the spring of 2018 the Executive Board agreed to use \$1,000 from the proceeds of the Marketplace 2018 to fund the Recipient of the scholarship award.

2018 Recipient of the first \$1,000 QGOTV Scholarship:

Emilee Perdue (The Villages Charter School, Sumter County)

At the Executive Board Meeting April 17, 2018 it was unanimously approved that the Quilting Guild of the Villages will cover the cost of the \$1,000 Scholarship proposed for 2019.

2019 Committee members:

Pattie Barrett - Allamanda, Chairman
Bette McConkey - Sterling Stitchers
Sandy Norris - Sterling Stitchers
Karen Pekkanen - Big Cypress Quilters
Dick Quaif - Friendship Star
Ardie Wood - Mamie's Quilters

2019 Recipient of \$1,000 QGOTV Scholarship:

Amanda Perrone (The Villages Charter School, Sumter County)

At the Executive Board Meeting May 21, 2019, it was unanimously approved that the Quilt Guild of the Villages will fund from their budget the \$1,000 scholarship for 2020.

At the Executive Board Meeting June 18, 2019 it was proposed that we increase the budgeted amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 which would need to be a “Main Motion” and needs to be approved by membership. Subject was put on hold.

2020 Members of the Committee:

Ardie Wood - Mamie’s Quilters, Chairman
Pattie Barrett - Allamanda
Bette McConkey - Sterling Stitchers
Sandy Norris - Sterling Stitchers
Karen Pekkanen - Big Cypress Quilters
Dick Quaif - Friendship Star

2020 Recipient of \$1,000 QGOTV Scholarship:

Gretchen Faraci (The Villages Charter School, Sumter County).

Covid hit the Villages and everything was completed remotely via Zoom. At the Executive Board Meeting January 19, 2021 several chapters in the Guild want to make memorial contributions to the Scholarship fund for members and others who had passed. It was decided that all memorial contributions will be lumped together for distribution to worthy seniors applying for scholarships. The Quilting Guild Scholarship name will be changed to “The Brothers and Sisters Memorial Scholarship.”

2021 Committee Members:

Ardie Wood - Mamie’s Quilters, Chairman
Pattie Barrett - Allamanda
Bette McConkey - Sterling Stitchers
Sandy Norris - Sterling Stitchers
Karen Pekkanen - Big Cypress Quilters
Dick Quaif - Friendship Star

2021 Recipients of \$1,000 QGOTV Memorial Scholarships:

Logan Holaway (The Villages Charter School, Sumter County)
Sarah Milbrandt (Vanguard High School, Marion County)
Isaac Cree (The Villages Charter School, Sumter County)
Melinda Winters (Home Schooled, Sumter County)

At the Executive Board Meeting January 18, 2022 a motion was made and passed that the Guild portion of the 50-50 drawing at the Guild meetings be designated for the General Scholarship fund.

2022 Committee Members:

Ardie Wood - Mamie's Quilters, Chairman
Mike Nicholls - Mamie's Quilters
Denise Kuziw - Southern Belles
Sandra Norris - Sterling Stitchers
Dick Quaif - Friendship Star
Pat Graves - Piecemakers
Ann Boudrot - Lake Miona Quilters

2022 Recipients of \$1,000 QGOTV Memorial Scholarships:

Abigail Marie Derby-Wine (South Sumter High School, Sumter County)
Elora Grace Pfriender (Bellevue High School, Marion County)
Madelyn Grace Symonds (The Villages Charter School, Sumter County)

At the Executive Board Meeting November 15, 2022 it was recommended to combine the Brothers And Sisters Memorial Scholarship and the General Scholarship title to be "Quilters Memorial Scholarship Fund." Subject was tabled and the wording was sent to all Chapters.

At the Executive Board Meeting December 20, 2022, a motion was made and passed to combine the General Scholarship Fund and the Quilting Brothers and Sisters Scholarship Fund one fund to be called the "Quilters Memorial Scholarship Fund." At that time it was explained that the budgeted \$1,000, plus the Guild portion of 50-50 proceeds will be combined each year with any Memorial Contributions to be distributed for annual scholarships.

2023 Committee Members:

Lynn Kluczynski - Quilting B's, Chairman
Janis Kloeffer - Mamie's Quilters
Sandra Norris - Sterling Stitchers
Sandy Van Deventer - Riverbend Bobbins

2023 Recipients of \$1,000 Quilters Memorial Scholarships:

Alexandra Dunn (The Villages Charter School, Sumter County)
Macy Fraunfelder (Bellevue High School, Marion County)
Heather Owen (LOGOS Christian Academy, Marion County)
Elena Wu (The Villages Charter School, Sumter County)

At the Executive Board Meeting April 16, 2024 the scholarship committee requested a change in the wording of the scholarship fund as follows:

The Quilting Guild of the Villages (QGOTV) is offering an award of up to \$2,000 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 allows the committee to award an applicant that stands out from all the others more than \$1,000 for example \$1,500 or the flexibility to offer scholarships less than \$1,000. This was a word change only on the Scholarship Application.

2024 Committee Members:

Pat Barrett - Allamanda Quilters, Chairman
Janis Kloeffler - Mamie’s Quilters
Sandra Norris - Sterling Stitchers
Lynn Ieradi - Khaki Quilters
Barbara Dunn - Water Lily Quilters
Janet Houle - Laurel Manor Quilters
Sandy Van Deventer - Riverbend Bobbins

2024 Recipients of \$1,000 Quilter’s Memorial Scholarships:

Emilie Youmans (West Port High School, Marion County)
Nicole Ni (Vanguard High School, Marion County)
Scarlett Earnest (Bellview High School, Marion County)
Ny’Iria Corbin (Wildwood High School, Sumter County) Scholarship remains unclaimed
Marissa Couture (The Villages Charter School, Marion County)

2025 Committee Members:

Pattie Barrett - Allamanda Quilters, Chairman
Janice Adler - Lake Miona
Janis Kloeffler - Mamie’s Quilters
Sandra Norris - Sterling Stitchers
Lynn Ieradi - Khaki Quilters
Barbara Dunn - Big Cypress Quilters
Janet Houle - Laurel Manor Quilters
Sandy Van Deventer - Riverbend Bobbins

2025 Recipients of the Quilter's Memorial Scholarships:

Valeria Morales (South Lake High School) (\$1,500)

Mariah Derby-Wine (South Sumter High School) (\$1000)

Jessica Durbano (The Villages Charter High School) (\$1,000)

2026 Committee members are

Su Langroth, Water Lily Quilters Chapter, Chairman

Pattie Barrett - Allamanda Quilters Chapter

Barbara Dunn - Big Cypress Quilters Chapter

Susan Harryman - Sterling Stitchers Chapter

Janet Houle - Laurel Manor Quilters Chapter

Lynn Ieradi - Khaki Quilters Chapter

Sandy Van Deventer - Riverbend Bobbins Chapter