



NEEDLE NOTES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dearest Quilters,

Just a quick note to make sure everyone is OK.

Don't know about anyone else but I sure am tired of this quarantine. Maybe with the grace of God this will soon be over. All we can do is pray.



It has been quite awhile since we have been able to meet. The plan is to have a September meeting. Will send out more information later. We are in contact with Vernon but no decision has been made yet on a permanent location.

Plans for a sewing class at my church will be held on Saturday, August 22nd from 9 am to 4 pm. We will be making aprons. Needless to say we already know how to sew but if you would like to join us, please do. The cost is \$5 which goes to the church. Please bring a lunch and we have sodas and water there. Please join us at the Sale Barn Cowboy Church at 12914 US 287.

Now for a request for help. We need some long-armers to help us complete quilts for comfort quilts and Quilts of Valor. If you feel like you can help us please let me know. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Please accept our apologies for not having a Treasurers report ready. We are currently working on it and should have it completed shortly.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Blessings and Hugs
Brenda Owens

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Aug 03 - Shirley Rutherford

Aug 04 - Melissa Taylor

Aug 28 - Lucy Bonnin



COMFORT QUILTS by Betty Brown

Can you imagine what it would be like to be a 2 year old and your usual daily clothing is only a diaper? Oh yes, and the mom is on drugs. This is what life is like for some of the children rescued by Child Protective Services. With comfort quilts, a child has something that belongs to them and remains with them wherever they go. This was just one small child from our community that received one of our comfort quilts.



I am encouraging you all to take the time to make comfort quilts for our children. I also have quilt packages already made up that were given to our guild.

Quilt packages come in all sizes ranging from 78 X 83 or as small as 50 X 50. Each package contains a quilt top, batting, backing and sometimes binding or enough fabric from the assorted fabrics for the binding. We need individuals willing to put these packages together for the final quilting job. If you can machine quilt the top that would be great.

Most of the quilt packages are smaller quilts such as lap coverings. We also have 8 fabric packages just waiting for the magic touch from quilters to cut up and create a beautiful quilt top from this lovely fabric.

There is something for everyone to assist Sharon Gilmore and I. We are glad to chair this committee but need your help.

Oh!! Surprise, surprise – I will be more than happy to deliver these packages to your home. I can be reached at 940-636-7172 or at betbrow@gmail.com.

FROM THE EDITOR by Marilyn Lautner

Out of an abundance of caution for the health, safety and well-being of our members, I am happy to be able to send you this newsletter monthly to keep your morale and spirits with what we do best.

I also encourage you to submit articles, cartoons, or an interesting quilting article that you found. I want to thank Dian Hoehne for her article last month on Covid-19 Face Masks, Helen Day for printing off the newsletters and sending them out, and to Betty Brown for her article about Comfort quilts. A

I appreciate the feedback from many of you on the quality of the newsletter. Each month I try to activate your participation by requesting your opinion to stimulate conversation among our guild members. We may be quarantined at the moment, but do take advantage of responding to my queries so that I can continue to make a fun and informative newsletter.

OH THOSE MUST HAVES!

Have you ever sat down at the sewing machine thinking your all set to start an hour or so of quilting and realize you can't start because your missing something? Well, I asked all of you in my last email to share a picture or a statement of a "must have" as you sit down to quilt. I did receive a few fun responses (though I would love to have heard from all of you). Here is what was sent in.

From Kirk Rawn – When I'm sewing, I can't do without a large glass of iced tea and my ByAnnie stiletto.

Ashley Norris – My Must Have is a cup of coffee (or a glass of wine) and some music or an audio book to listen to.

Audrey Bee – This is my favorite tool and I don't sew without it. The stiletto helps keep the seams going in the right direction and a whole lot more. It is my ByAnnie stiletto. It is from byAnnie.com and also available at the Enchanted Quilt.



Amanda Gartman – My must have when sewing is this cute coffee cup, received as a trade for making masks. I fill it with anything I might need. Right now there are little scissors, a rotary cutter, an Elmer's glue stick, a seam gauge, my trusty seam ripper and a few pens for anything I might need to mark or write down.

Marilyn Lautner – My Must Have before I start is an Audio book, preferably one I have heard two or three times. It's background noise. Also, my clean kit which is an adorable Missouri Star cup that holds Q-tips to clean away the dust under my bobbin and a dust cloth to wipe away dust and detritus from sewing and cutting the day before.



IT'S SHOW AND TELL TIME

Submitted by Dina Redmon



Submitted by Amanda Gartman

I was able to finish this tiger quilt for my nephew this month, and learn a fun new technique in the process.



Submitted by Audrey Bee



Custom quilt with rounded corners.



Chiefs quilt for my Chiefs fan hubby.



New quilters and future guild members

Submitted by Ashley Norris



Submitted by Jan Benson

Here is a picture of the Hot Pad sets I made for my friends. I made 3 sets and they were really fun to do. Now I'm working on my veteran's quilt.



Submitted by Marilyn Lautner



On Saturday, while shopping at Hobby Lobby, I found a panel that I could fussy cut into seven - fifteen inch square blocks. I also used five of the 12" quilt squares that members submitted for the raffle quilt but were not used. I added extra strips to make them a 15" square. I think it looks great.

This Veteran's quilt is made up of 20 of the 12" squares that the members submitted for the raffle quilt. Oh, by the way, I have 3 - 12" squares left from all those submitted. A Veteran would be proud to receive one of these. I need to get them long-armed. I have the backing but not the batting. Please contact me if you can help. My email is mvlautner@sbcglobal.net or call me at 940-781-6587. What would really be a learning experience would be to assist in long-arming these quilts.



Submitted by Dian Hoehne

Here is a picture of a wooden barn quilt I made in a recent Archer County Ag Extension class.



Submitted by Pat Finnell

During this Covid “stay home” time, I am getting to finish some old projects. The first is a wall hanging from Julia Ketter. She used to teach a monthly Wall Hanging class at A Stitch in Time.



The second picture is a “work in progress’. This is a small quilt project also from A Stitch in Time. It features raw edge applique (and plenty of it). I am quilting it with my Domestic Machine. It’s good to work on these old projects and get them finished. Of course, I’m making innumerable masks.



Have a great month in August. Get a lot done. Next

query for the September Newsletter: Of all the acronyms for quilting, what is your favorite and have you made up one yourself? Mine is BRACE. I can't wait to tell you what it stands for.

Marilyn Lautner, editor