



NEEDLE NOTES

The Newsletter of Quilters

December 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I write this, we are coming upon Thanksgiving. Even in these troubled times I have much to be thankful for. I am thankful for my many quilting friends. I am thankful for my hobby of quilting that helped me through the isolation necessitated by Covid-19. I am thankful that I am retired and have a steady income during these unsettling times. It occurs to me that not all of our members are so fortunate. If you are struggling to put food on your table, pay your electric bill, buy your medications, or in need of help in any way,

please let me know. You have friends in the guild who want to help. I can be discrete in getting you the help you need and keep your name private.

As you read this, we are entering December and preparing to celebrate the birth of our Holy Savior. I wish you a safe and joyous Christmas. Your Guild is planning a fun Christmas party. Even though we can't have our traditional pot luck, we will have a good time. Come and share in the fun!

Our Facebook Live worked rather well last month. We anticipate putting future meetings on it also. If you are not a member of the guild's Member's Only page, ask to join and the administrator will get you in. Contact Jennifer Sawyer (318-820-6845)

The March retreat is rapidly approaching. We always have fun at the retreat, and with the facility operating at half capacity, we have lots of room to spread out. Several of us have attended a retreat at Sunset recently, and found it quite comfortable. If you haven't signed up, consider doing so.

Stay safe and quilt on!

Audrey

WEBMASTER REPORT (Our website is WichitaFallsQuiltGuild.org.)

Our website has been updated! In addition to the updates, a new tab called "Member Forms" has been added. You can print out the Reimbursement Form, the Retreat Registration form, and the Bylaws from this site. Programs and workshops will be entered as they develop.

Also, from time to time I get requests through the website about people requesting the name of a longarm quilter or with an old longarm for sale. If you would like to be notified for either, please send me an email and let me know which. Audrey Bee, webmaster: akbee@sbcglobal.net

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Johnnie Mitchell	Dec 02
Peggy Sralla	Dec 08
Kathleen Roseboom	Dec 13
Cindy Simmons	Dec 16
Annette Ellis	Dec 21
Kirk Rawn	Dec 24
Shirley Holub	Dec 29
Annette Ritchie	Dec 29
Diann Bernhardt	Dec 30
Johnston Kristin	Dec 30
Lisa Plaxcon	Dec 31



DECEMBER'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thank you all for your feedback on the program questionnaire! We are always open to new ideas, so if you have a program idea, or would like to present a program, please let either of us know.

December 7th program will be our annual Christmas party to be held in Room 302 at Vernon College at 6:30. Due to Covid 19, we will not have our usual potluck this year. We will, however, still have fun! Please bring an ornament, wrapped in a gift bag with handles, for a fun game of Left/Right. Get ready to play some quilty games, win a prize or two, and throw a few snowballs!



Also, Block Lotto is coming! Full details, along with the first block pattern, will be given at the January meeting and in the newsletter.

We can't wait to see you at the Christmas party!
Amanda Gartman and Annette Ellis

NOVEMBER MINUTES

Red River Quilters' Guild

2 November 2020

The November 2nd meeting was held at Vernon College, Room 302 at 7PM. Members wore masks and practiced social distance seating. Jennifer Sawyer maintained an open link to Facebook Live.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING WELCOME: Audrey Bee, president, welcomed all members to the November meeting and our first Facebook Live meeting.

2. MINUTES: A motion was made by Bobbie Foote and seconded by Connie Johnson to accept the minutes. Vote carried by acclamation.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Marie French and seconded by Amanda Gartman to accept the Treasurer's Report. Vote carried by acclamation. Also, a \$100 check was received from Lloyd Cooper as a "Thank you" for his Quilt of Valor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Programs – Annette Ellis and Amanda Gartman

A program questionnaire regarding the 2020 - 21 programs was passed out to determine the kinds of programs, quilting techniques and the kinds of workshops members are interested in. Also, Amanda wants to host a Block Lottery if there is enough participation. Monthly challenges could include block swaps, round robins, etc. Our December Christmas program will include an ornament exchange, fun and games, and show and tell.

2. Workshops – committee needs a leader

Because of Covid-19, each month will be addressed differently as to when, where and what will be done.

3. March Sunset Retreat – (Tina Nichols - not present) Audrey reminded everyone that the November Needle Notes has the Registration Form needed for the retreat.

4. Comfort Quilts – (Sharon Gilmore and Betty Brown - not present) Audrey informed us that they would like to take names of volunteers who are willing to use their long-arm to quilt comfort quilts. The committee would also like a list of quilters who would quilt for the public.

5. Directory and Photos – Terri Coleman

Terri is in the process of updating the directory. Addresses and pictures are needed before the January meeting. Individuals are to contact her if there are changes in their information.

6. Quilt Show – Bernice Sylvester, committee chair (not present)

7. Raffle Quilt 2020 – Barbara Wesley, committee chair

Barbara is collecting money and issuing tickets as needed. The drawing will be held at the December meeting.

8. Raffle Quilt 2021 – Kathleen Roseboom presented a quilt called "Harvest" for next year's raffle. She along with Jane Benson, Teresa Barnes, and Ann Wyatt made the quilt top. The quilt needs backing material and batting to complete the quilt.

9. Membership – Robin Parrish

Membership badges will no longer display the year. They will be printed out for new members and members who have lost their badge.

Robin reported 23 members were present and 11 were present on Facebook Live. Also, Door Prizes went to Pat Finnell, Bobbie Foote, and Audrey Bee.

Starla Black and Cathy Meyenberg were introduced and welcomed as our newest members.

10. November Program

The November 2020 Program was presented by Guild member, Pat Finnell. The presentation focused on the Tokyo International Great Festival 2020 held in the Tokyo Dome. Her slide show of photos explored some of the themes and techniques shown in the quilt works. She shared several remarkable needle craft techniques that Japanese fabric artist practice.

11. Show and Tell

Members shared their artistry with their guild. They included Robbin Parrish with Cream and Sugar, Amanda Garman with Flames of Neptune, Cathy Meyenberg with Music Quilt, Marie French shared several quilt tops and squares, Kathleen Roseboom shared a table runner and a quilt, and Audrey Bee showed a tee shirt quilt.

12. Sunshine and Shadows - Cathy Meyenberg

We said farewell to Lucy Bonnin, who is moving to Arkansas. She came to the meeting to say farewell. She will continue as a member. Also, past member, Janice RuBane passed away in October. Flowers were delivered for the service.

13. December Meeting – The December 7th meeting will be held at Vernon College, Room 302 at 6:30PM. Members will wear masks and practiced social distance seating. Jennifer Sawyer will have someone to maintain an open link to Facebook Live.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Lautner, Secretary

QUILT SHOW 2021 Bernice Sylvester, Chair

We have the venue....MPEC

We have the Judge....Laura Hobby Syler is coming back!

We have 14-15 verbally confirmed Vendors.. More expected.

Any items you'd like to donate to:

Door prizes...please give to Amanda Gartman

Buy It Now...please give to Barbara Wesley

Boutique....please give to Marie French

Mason Jars...please give to Sheri McGee

We are going to need everyone's help and time to put on a successful show. If you are interested in helping with a particular committee please let us know. It's going to take all of us.

COMFORT QUILTS

Thanks to our Quilt Guild's great response, we have donated 18 quilts to Child Protective Services and First Step. The need for our quilts is a never ending need, especially for children. These quilts may be the one thing



these children have to take with them on their journeys through life.

We still need your help on the following:

9 quilt tops with batting need to be quilted

4 bundles of quilt fabric packages need some creative person to come up with a pattern for a new quilt for these children. Are you the one?

It was noted at the Executive and Committee Planning meeting, held Nov. 12, that it was not the intent for members to turn in unfinished quilts but complete them as simply as they could.

We encourage simplicity in sewing these quilts. Most of them are for children and we all know how kids love to roll in the floor with a quilt. If you lack a simple pattern, Sharon or Betty have some to share.

If you have a favorite nonprofit organization that needs quilts, please let Betty or Sharon know the name of the organization. We will be happy to consider their needs. Thanks.

Comfortably yours,

Betty Brown – betbrow@gmail.com

Sharon Gilmore - sharonk.gilmore1963@gmail.com

GUILD WORKSHOPS FOR 2021

It is so exciting we are able to meet and get back to our guild activities. I look forward to my new "job" as the workshop chair for 2021. At our December meeting I will have a short form for you to indicate what types of workshops you would like to be offered this year. Although, the room at Vernon College is large and we have room to spread out, you will need to pre-register for workshops to ensure we have adequate space.

Our first workshop will on January 16th



and be a "Sit N Sew" day, each of us have WIP's or UFO's we can work on

and "sewcialize" with our quilting friends.

My hope is to alternate months between workshops that will have a specific lesson and/or project and Sit N Sew days for us. There will not be a charge to guild members who attend the Sit N Sew days. I really want to plan workshops that our members are interested in and want to attend. If you would like to share your talent by teaching a workshop, please let me know.

Blessings,
Bobbie Foote

FACEBOOK UPDATES

Hi Quilt Friends!

I am so excited that we are trying to gather again – I've missed y'all! And I completely understand that some of our members aren't comfortable joining in person yet. I will maintain Facebook Live of our meetings until



we can all come back together again. To those of you who have reached out to thank me, You Spoil Me! And I thank you for your patience and understanding. Obviously, I'm still learning, your kindness is appreciated.

Over the next few months, I will be "cleaning" out the Guild's Members Only FB page by deleting those who are not members. Spread the word, if anyone is enjoying the page, they should join the guild!!

I am really looking forward to what we hope to accomplish in the next year. Amanda and Annette are having fun generating ideas for programs. I have every confidence Bobbi will come up with some great workshops, given time. Even gathering to sit-n-sew is a welcome change to my solitary sewing over the last six months!

Jennifer Sawyer, Vice President

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Howdy gifted quilters! Let me introduce myself. I am new to the Red River Quilt Guild but not to quilting. My name is Cathy Meyenberg.

I requested that I might be your Sunshine and Shadows Lady. It will be my pleasure to celebrate the good times with you and be by your side in prayer during the harder times that life throws at us.

Please let me know about what's happening (good and tough times) in your life and family. You can text me: 832-723-3883 or email me: halfthewomaniwas07@gmail.com.

Meanwhile please continue prayers for Donna and Paul Blair, and their daughter as they continue to fight Covid – 19. The last message we received was not very good for Paul.

Cathy +++

LITTLE NEEDLE NOTES TO CONSIDER

1. A note from Renee Lambert: I'm looking/needing someone to bind quilts.
2. A note from Pat Hoehne: You are doing a great job Marilyn! I love the newsletter. This is not big news, but I saw some barn quilts in Frederick, OK last week. Heritage Barn Quilts are sold there. It's a nice field trip.
3. A friend of mine offered this weblink about the gifting of quilting that has passed to the her fifth generation. It is a wonderful read called **Quilts of Color**. Laverne Brackens and her family carry on the interwoven legacy of Black quiltmakers in East Texas. Go to <https://www.texasobserver.org/laverne-brackens-east-texas-quiltmakers/>.
4. Sherri McGee reports two new members: They are -
Dianna Moudy
1400 Quail Run, Burkburnett, TX 76354
940-704-1984 dianna.moudy@gmail.com
Debby Ford
3140 Horseshoe Bend East, Iowa Park, TX
76367
940-613-1651 dford816@gmail.com
5. Terri Coleman reports that The Directory is in progress and will be distributed at the January meeting. She will be taking pictures at the December meeting for anyone that needs to have their picture taken for the directory.

PROGRAM PROTOCOL



Your Board has been requested to remind our members to be respectful and quiet during the meeting. Conversations interrupt not only the person you are talking to but also to those around you and the speaker. Please be respectful. To assist with this, the free table will be open between 6:00 and 6:30, closed during the meeting, and then open briefly after the meeting. Come early to set up your "free stuff" so folks can browse.

QUILT RAFFLE

Barbara Wesley, Raffle Quilt Chair, is still taking money and tickets for the raffle quilt until the Dec. meeting. You can mail, take her the money and tickets to her home or wait until the Dec. meeting.

MARCH GUILD RETREAT

The retreat is still on and if anyone is interested in signing up please complete the registration form found on the website at WichitaFallsQuiltGuild.org (under [Newsletter Guild Forms](#)) and return to Tina Nichols at 2085 Horseshoe Lake Road, Iowa Park, Texas 76367. You can call her at 940-636-9128. The cost is \$175 for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; or \$262.50 for Thursday through Sunday.

The dates are reserved for March 4 (Thursday) 5-7, 2021. Sunset Retreat is located on 410 Echo Rd., Sunset, Texas. All meals are included. There is a shop with a selection of fabrics, notions, batting, patterns and books. Retreaters gets a 15% discount off their purchase total.

Visit Sunset Retreat & Quilt Shop at www.sunsetretreat.com/ for a virtual tour.

TREASURER'S 2019-20 ANNUAL REPORT

Red River Quilt Guild Balance Sheet 2019-2020

Beginning Balance (Nov 1, 2019)

Checking	21,231.88	
Savings	<u>3,872.57</u>	
		\$ 25,104.45

General Fund

Membership Dues	826.00	
Interest	0.93	
Membership Expenses	(1,454.59)	
QOV/Comfort Quilts	<u>(1,235.63)</u>	
		(1,863.29)

Retreat

Income	4,953.75	
Expenses	<u>(6,062.00)</u>	
		(1,108.25)

Workshops/Programs

Income	135.00	
Expenses	<u>(370.00)</u>	
		(235.00)

Quilt Show

Income	1,040.10	
Expenses	<u>(375.00)</u>	
		<u>665.10</u>

Total Income/Expenses

\$ 22,563.01

Ending Balance (Oct 31, 2020)

Checking Account	4,689.51	
Savings Account	<u>17,873.50</u>	
		<u>\$ 22,563.01</u>

TO BE VOTED ON FOR 2020-21 YEARLY BUDGET

Red River Quilters Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021

	General Fund		Quilt Show		Totals
Income					
Beginning Balance	22,563.01 ¹	Entry Fees	850.00		
Membership Dues	375.00 ²	Door Entry	2,000.00		
Workshops	600.00 ⁵	Vendor Booth	3,400.00		
Silent Auction	500.00	Mason Jars	600.00		
		Boutique	1,000.00		
		Buy It Now	1,000.00		
		Raffle Quilt	2,000.00		
Monies Available to Spend	24,038.01		10,850.00		\$ 34,888.01
 Expenses					
Membership	400.00 ³	MPEC Rental	2,890.00		
Yearbook	200.00 ⁴	Pipe and Drape	975.00		
Workshops	600.00 ⁵	Security Guard	450.00		
Programs	400.00 ⁶	Program Printing	450.00		
Quilts of Valor/Comfort Quilts	900.00 ⁷	Advertising	1,200.00		
Newsletter	250.00	Judge	650.00		
Sunshine/Shadows	100.00	Ribbons	300.00		
Web Maintenance	300.00	Printing	450.00		
Postoffice/ Postage	300.00	Kemp Center	50.00		
Storage Unit	1,550.00 ⁸	Supplies	400.00		
Meeting Rooms	630.00 ⁹	Misc	500.00		
PPE	100.00	Raffle Quilt	300.00		
Insurance	350.00 ¹⁰				
Required Beginning Balance	20,000.00				
Total Expenses	26,080.00		8,615.00		\$ 34,695.00
					\$ 193.01

1 Beginning Balance Nov 1, 2020

2 Assuming 15 new members at \$25 per

3 Mostly to include supplies and door prizes

4 Based upon historical pricing

5 Six possible workshops, expenses to be offset by income.

6 Eight possible programs at a possible expense of \$50 per.

7 By-Laws stipulate \$600 available to longarm Comfort Quilts. Balance for batting and backing

8 Annual Storage Unit fees.

9 Vernon CC charges us \$15 per use for meeting room and \$45 per use for workshop room.

10 Annual Liability Policy

Mystery at RRQG

by Audrey Bee
Month 1

After this first clue, you will receive multiple clues each month. In four short months you will have the solution. I hope you enjoy this mystery!



Feature/Focus



Background



Coordinate A



Coordinate B

CLUE 1: Use Evidence Bag #1:

Use 18 background squares cut at 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"
9 background squares cut at 2-1/2" x 4-1/2"
9 **Coordinate B** squares cut at 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"
9 **Coordinate A** rectangles, cut at cut at 2-1/2" x 6-1/2"

- Sew 2 background squares to the opposite sides of each **Coordinate B** square. Press seam allowance in the same direction. Make 9 sets.
- Sew a **Coordinate A** rectangle to each strip. Press toward the coordinate rectangle.
- Sew one background rectangle to each unit as shown. Make sure the coordinate A is on the right and the background rectangle is on the bottom. Press toward the background rectangle.
- This is **Suspect A**. Assemble 9 Suspect A's.



Suspect A

SHOW AND TELL



I finished one Bargello, purple, of course.
Dina Redman

Jan Saville - I just finished my pumpkin quilt and it makes me so happy ! I would like to thank Cathy Ladd for the beautiful quilting job.



Paula Gordan's Quilt

I got the borders put on my quilt top that I was working on at the October Sunset retreat. As requested, here is a picture.

QUILTS OF VALOR

We intend to have a Quilts of Valor presentation of some sort in November 2021. To start planning, we would like to know (1) how many finished quilts we have now, (2) how many are in the works, and (3) how many you anticipate making this year. In a normal year I'd get a count at a guild meeting, but since these aren't normal times, please email me and let me know. Also, let me know if you want to be on the QOV committee.



Many thanks
Audrey Bee
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FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you all for submitting your articles and show and tells in a timely manner. It's great to sit down and piece the Needle Notes together. I just hope I haven't forgotten anything or anyone. I'll see you at the Christmas party Dec. 7th!

Live in Good Health,
Marilyn Lautner

MERRY
CHRISTMAS