



# NEEDLE NOTES

## The Newsletter of Quilters

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dearest Quilters,

It took me awhile to write this newsletter. We have been in self isolation since 17 March as of today, that makes 5-1/2 months. I've had a real struggle sewing, reading, gardening and doing just a few of my favorite things.



Why

Why the struggle?

I did not and do not know why.

Depression, anger, isolation what?

So I ask my friend who is a therapist and with her help we figured out that it was true loneliness and depression. Apparently this has become a real issue with quarantine.

So why am I telling you this? Because we need to watch out for each other. We are social creatures. We need contact with friends, family and neighbors.

Being isolated and quarantined is not healthy mentally, physically or emotionally for anyone.

As for me, I have been making a real effort to get out. If nothing more than a walk at the Mall, a bike ride at the park or or a walk with my dogs, I can see people. We cannot get close but we can wave, and say HI, walk a few steps together, and just be aware of each other.

Let us each make a point to check on each other, not only with our guild members but also our other friends. Call and just say HI. How is it going? Is there anything I can do to help you? Always remember I am here for you, too.

We will not be able to have a meeting in September but we will be having one on October 12 and our Christmas December 7. Both are Monday nights and they will start at 6:30. We will be meeting at the Sale Barn Cowboy Church 12914 US 287. Make sure you mark these dates. At the next meeting you MUST wear a mask. No food will be served but beverages will be available.

The October meeting will be a show and tell along with a business meeting.

Please bring your quarantine projects. At this meeting we will introduce next year's officers. If you have some one you would like to nominate please contact Lucy Bonnin no later than 7 September. We will be sending out a letter with the nominees for 20-21 officers the week of 14 Sept. This is being done by email but for every one that gets a hard copy newsletter please let Lucy Bonnin know your choices.

Before the Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the board will make decisions about food for the Christmas Party. There will be games and prizes. We will have an ornament exchange and a fat quarter walk plus, if we can borrow the snowballs then we will have our Annual Snowball Fight.

Currently we are not sure if there will be a Quilts of Valor Presentation. The assisted living facility have not made a "final decision". They are leaning towards "Thank you but NOT this year". If the guild chooses we will have one next year. 2021 is going to be a busy year. We have the Ricky Tim's Luminaries in May, our Quilt Show in September and Quilts of Valor in November.

So many exciting things to look forward too.

Again please take care of each other and stay in touch.

Hugs and blessings for everyone's present and future.

Brenda Owens  
RRQG President

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Marie French	Sep 09
Pam Schenk	Sep 13
Bobbie Foote	Sep 20
Stella Haas	Sep 24



## HEALTH CONCERNS



Barbara Westley went down 3 weeks ago and was in the hospital 3 times but she is doing better. She had surgery on her neck. She's getting along well.

Betty Brown tripped and fell Wednesday a week ago. She cracked her pelvis bone and was in the hospital. She's home and is recuperating. Please keep her in your prayers. I talked with her this morning and she was able to have a shower which has done wonders for her morale.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT** Ginger Metcalf

The RRQG has a checking balance of \$4678.20 and a savings balance of \$17,873.16.

### **COMFORT QUILTS**

Comfort quilts have been really coming in nicely. We are happy to have seventeen quilts that need top-stitching. We really need your help to get this done. Please call me or Sharon and we will link up and give you as many as you can handle.

Thank you for all that you do.  
Betty Brown and Sharon Gilmore



### **QUILTERS SPEAK IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE**

I Suffer from OCD:  
Obsessive CRAFTING Disorder!



In last month's Needle Notes I asked for you to send me your favorite quilting acronym or one you have made up yourself. Not a lot of responses came from our group, though I do have two and a few old favorites.

From sweet Sherri McGee, I received a CQQC. As some of you may know she recently redid her sewing room and has created a Cozy Quaint Quilting Corner. So let's all jump on this acronym and be proud of our own CQQC.

From me, merry Marilyn Lautner, I will share my PRAISE. We all suffer from shoulder and back pains from pursuing our passion of quilting. We are constantly reminding ourselves to sit up, shake it loose, stretch, or take a break. My PRAISE is my constant reminder to start with my Posture, Relax, Arms, Inhale, Stretch, Enjoy! It's kind of wordy, but I have to say PRAISE five and six times a day while sitting at my machine or I'll be in a heap of pain.

I'm still very busy with my many PHD's and looking for all my UFO's not to mention I'm still battling my pesky WOMBATS. I praise God for every TGIF I can finish and I pray that my LQS never shuts down. And now I have been diagnosed with OCD!

Have a great day everyone!

Marilyn Lautner



**SHOW, TELL, DISPLAYS (STD'S – I'm on a roll!!)**



Glenda Shepherd has been very busy during this COVID time. She has shared six UFO quilts. This is a baby quilt with a fleece back. On the right is her granddaughter holding a pink lamb. It is big stitched on the perimeter and free motioned on the fleece.



This T-Shirt quilt was made for her daughter. They are from her high school state championship games.



The Blue quilt is for her niece, it is raw edge applique' and free motion.

This is a 2019 Mystery Quilt and was quilted by Aunt Pam. The second quilt



was quilted on her domestic with a walking foot. She is teaching her nine year old granddaughter to piece her first quilt.

Thank you for sharing Glenda!





Show and Tell's from Audrey Bee.





## Sheriff's Audrey Bee's 2020 Mystery Quilt

**MORE 2020 MYSTERY QUILTS** offered by Audrey Bee's Deputies. They had suspects to round up to solve the mystery and had seven weeks to investigate. Some of the deputies were promoted to Sergeants. These are some of the suspects. Not all the deputies have reported in. We'll finalize the report next month.

### Deputy Sandra Bartram Mystery Suspect.



### Deputy Kirk Rawn's Mystery Suspect



### Deputy Bobbie Foote's Mystery Suspect





Deputy Amanda Gartman's Mystery Suspect



Deputy Marilyn Lautner Mystery Quilt dubbed Tropical Twilights



## LET'S HAVE A LAUGH TOGETHER



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I had so much fun putting the Needle Notes together. I didn't put everyone's project in, but will use them next month. Please keep sending in your favorite or personal acronyms. We can still have fun with it. Send me your projects and what you have been doing to stay safe, sane, and happy! I love humor too. So send me cute jokes, etc.

Marilyn Lautner, RRQG editor