

# NEEDLE NOTES

## The Newsletter of Quilters

April 2021

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Spring is here** and the flowers are blooming. What a lovely time of year. When you do your spring cleaning, be sure to set aside the quilting items you want to donate to the Silent Auction in June. Bring your items, preferably in zip lock baggies, to the April and May meetings and put them in the tub provided.

The winter storm caused havoc for many of us. Between power outages and frozen pipes, it wasn't a whole lot of fun. The snow was pretty but I was glad to see it go. One of the tragedies of the storm was the water damage at Vernon College. Apparently, the fire suppressant valves froze and water soaked the entire west side of the building. Faith Lutheran was a great backup location for us. We thank Ginger Metcalf and Marilyn Lautner for arranging this for us. **[UPDATE:** Repairs will not be finished by our April meeting, so we will meet again at Faith Lutheran for our April 5 meeting.]

Vernon College anticipates having it all repaired this month and we will be back there for our April meeting. We had three days notice to find a new location and notify everyone. Not everyone gets email or reads it every day. Maybe we should create a phone tree for future emergencies. If you need a phone call for such emergencies, let Membership know and we will create a call list. Meanwhile, plan on Vernon College in April unless you hear otherwise.

Peace by Piece,  
Audrey

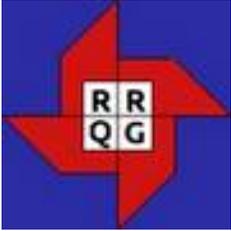
# April

**PROGRAMS AND MORE** by Amanda Gartman and Annette Ellis

At our April meeting, Kathy Sims of The Enchanted Quilt will talk to us about long arm quilting: what the process is, what to expect from your quilter, what your quilter may expect from you, etc.

In May, Audrey and Amanda will talk about applique. We plan to go over the different styles as well as different kinds of fusible products that can be used. Do you have a favorite method or product? Let us know! We'd love to have your input.

June will be our Silent Auction. Please bring items you wish to donate to the April and May meetings.



## **Red River Quilters' Guild MEETING MINUTES 1 March 2021**

The March 1st meeting was held at Faith Lutheran Church. Members wore masks. All officers were present.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1 Welcome – President Audrey Bee thanked everyone for being flexible as we relocated our meeting place. She thanked Ginger for providing the church location. She asked us to stay tune for our April meeting location. Hopefully it will be back at VCC. **[UPDATE: VCC will not be ready for us in April, so the April 5 meeting will be at Faith Lutheran.]**

2 Motion to Approve Minutes by Barbara Wesley 2nd by Renee Lambert. All approved.

3 Motion to Approve Treasurers Report by Betty Brown 2nd by Cathy Meyenberg. All approved.

4 Home and Garden Show – Audrey thanked Barbara Wesley for coordinating ticket sales and she thanked all the volunteers for manning the tables. We made \$288 selling tickets. Minus the \$50 for the table rent, we made a profit of \$238.

5 Virtual YouTube Page – Audrey Bee thanked Vice President Jennifer Sawyer for the virtual page that is now on on YouTube. It is Red River Quilt Guild of Wichita Falls.

6 Farm and Ranch Expo will be held Wednesday, March 10 from 9 to 5pm and Thursday, March 11 from 9 to 4pm. Barbara Wesley took names of volunteers to man the raffle table.

7 Raffle Quilt – New members were informed that Barbara Wesley provides the raffle tickets. Tickets are priced \$1/ticket or 6/\$5. A picture of the quilt is provided. The drawing for the quilt will be Saturday, September 25th.

8 Silent Auction is June 7th. Audrey encouraged all of us to start cleaning out sewing space. Items can be dropped in tubs marked Silent Auction at the April and May meetings.

9 Free table. Members are encouraged to bring in their left over scraps and little little pieces for giving away. Large pieces can be used in the silent auction.

10 September Quilt Show News - Bernice Sylvester encourages everyone to keep or start working on quilts and other things to be displayed at the quilt show in September. The next Quilt Show committee will be March 16 at Jason's Deli at 6:00pm.

11 QOV - Labels are provided for the Quilts of Valor. Only your first name is needed on the label, written with a permanent ink. Quilts will be presented to veterans in November. We also took this time to present AF veteran, Ashley Norris and her husband Lt. Col. Steve Norris quilts to honor their service. They will be relocating to Shaw AFB in South Carolina.

12 Comfort Quilts – Betty Brown reported that Cathy Meyenberg donated Comfort quilts to CASA. Kathleen encouraged members to make bags to hold the personal items that children of infant ages to 18 years of age can carry the personal belongings that are given them from CASA.

13 Charlotte Angotti Report. There will be two workshop(s) and a program. They will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 - Let Me Surprise You - \$180 includes kit and class. The kit is a Mystery quilt. It consists of laser cut fabric. Sunday, May 1, 2022 – Simple Machine Quilting - \$40 includes kit & class. Monday, May 2, 2022 – Charlotte Angotti will be our guest speaker. Because the instructor is making kits for the workshop, she needs a firm count of members attending at least 6 months out. **[Update – due to a conflict for Charlotte Angotti, the workshops have been moved to April 2 and 3]**

14 Angotti Registration Forms are available; but there is limited seating. Forms are on our Website. Members were encouraged take 2. One to fill out and one to keep. Received forms and down payments will be taken in order. Also, a Wait List will be developed. Payments can be made quarterly.

15 Workshops – Bobbie Foote reports that March 20 is a scheduled workshop to make Comfort Quilts. We will meet at Faith Lutheran Church from 9 till 4:30. On April 17, we will meet to make Quilts of Valor.

16 Membership – Sheri McGee, Robin Parrish reported that 36 members were in attendance and 6 were visitors. They were Kelly Blagg, Lisa Alexander, Teresa Acosta, Barbara Lind, Gerri Cherry, and Katalyn Pickett. Two signed up as new members:

\* Kelly Blagg Phone: 940-235-6450

\* Gerri Cherry Phone: 940-232-2385

17 Door Prizes Winners for attending went to Robin Parrish, Kelly Blagg, Gloria Garcia, and Donna Pippet.

18 Quilters Helping Quilters – Amanda Gartman reported that quilters in the community are asking for help. She is taking names of people who are willing to cut fabric and/or long-arm.

19 Programs – April 5th Program - Long-Arm quilting by Kathy Sims. The May 3rd Program - Kinds of Applique.

20 Benefits of Quilting Our program speaker was Ashley Norris. She gave a very hilarious and informative talk about the Benefits of Quilting. Everyone enjoyed her presentation.

21 Block Lotto Ninety-seven 12 ½” Butterfly Block Lotto Squares were sewn by members. Patterns are always available in the Newsletter or as handouts at each meeting. The Lotto Block winners were Cathy Mayenberg, Debbie Thompson (she also made the most), Yvette Roberts, Ginger Metcalf, and Gloria Spain.

22 Show and Tell Sixteen items were presented by 12 of our members. They were Amanda Gartman, Kathleen Roseboom, Bernice Sylvester, Debbie Thompson, Yvette Roberts, Jane Benson, Bobbi Collins, Cathy Meyenburg, Gerri Cherry, and Donna Piper.

23 Adjournment Barbara Wesley made the motion to adjourn. Betty Brown second the motion. All approved. Our meeting adjourned at 7:55. The next meeting will be April 5 at 6:00. Location to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marilyn Lautner, Secretary

**TREASURERS REPORT**  
Submitted by Ginger Metcalf  
2 March 2021

**RED RIVER QUILT GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT**

February 2021

**Bank Statement Reconciliation**

<b>CHECKING</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>SAVINGS</b>		<b>Totals</b>
<b>Opening Bal: 2021</b>		\$6,206.99	<b>Opening Bal:</b>		\$17,873.95
<b>Income</b>			Deposits / Transfers		\$0.00
Membership	\$25.00		Withdrawals		\$0.00
Quilt Show Vendors' Fees	\$87.50		Interest		\$0.14
2021 March Retreat	\$3,387.75		<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$17,874.09</b>
	<b>Subtotal</b>	\$3,500.25	<b>Available Funds in Checking</b>		
		\$3,500.25	<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>\$7,424.78</b>
		<b>\$9,707.24</b>	- Retreat Funds		<b>\$87.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			- Quilt Show Funds		<b>\$3,387.75</b>
Raffle Quilt	\$89.13		- Uncleared Checks		<b>\$175.00</b>
Comfort Quilts	\$42.16		<b>Available Funds</b>		<b>\$3,774.53</b>
Programs	\$159.58				
Quilt Show: MPEC Deposit	\$1,562.00				
Membership	\$199.59				
Website Assistance	\$100.00				
2021 Quilt Retreat Deposit Refund	\$130.00				
	<b>Subtotal</b>	\$2,282.46			
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<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$7,424.78</b>			

## APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Bring Lots of Flowers

Mary Otto	2
Bobbi Collins	3
Michelle Schmidt	3
Mary McElvain	4
Paul Blair	30 (in memorium)



## SIT AND SEW

### Workshops News by Bobbie Foote

Our April Workshop will be a day for us to get together and work on our Quilts of Valor. This is another opportunity for the Guild to support our community and thank those who have served our Country. **Update:** We will meet at Faith Lutheran on April 17th, 9am to 4pm. We hope to see you will join the group for a fun day of sewcializing, fun and prizes. If you do not have a QOV to work on, please feel free to bring another project. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table at our March meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to be added to the list, please feel free to text or call me. (951.892.6766 or [bfoote45@gmail.com](mailto:bfoote45@gmail.com))



## A RARE FIND

This is a heartwarming note from a February new member sent to Sherri McGee, one of our Membership Chairmen. I (the editor) thought you might bask in the glow, too.

Good morning!!!

I enjoyed last nights meeting so much! This is definitely for me! I cannot wait to learn from everyone there. I retired 1 year ago and couldn't wait to join this guild. This is truly a bucket list thing for me. Everyone was so kind and welcoming!

I cannot wait for upcoming meetings and classes, etc. Thank you again for your information and kindness.

Have a wonderful day!

Lisa Alexander



## **BLOCK LOTTO by Amanda Gartman**

Please bring your GREEN AND WHITE blocks to the April meeting.

The butterfly blocks turned in at the March meeting were amazing! We had a total of 97 blocks turned in, so I was able to draw 5 winners! Congratulations to Gloria Spain, Ginger Metcalf, Debbie Thompson, Yvette Roberts, and Cathy Meyenburg! I can't wait to see the quilts you all come up with!

I had a member suggest that because "April's showers bring May's flowers" I might consider flower blocks for the May meeting (thanks Yvette!). I'd like to try something new this month and make this one a members choice. What does that mean? You can choose what block you want to make! Use any pattern, any style, any method.

Our rules will be fairly simple:

1. **It must measure 12.5" unfinished.** If the pattern you want to use is for a 10" block, add a small border around it to bring it up to 12.5". If it's a 6.5" block, make 4 and sew them together in a 4 patch.
2. **Use solid fabrics only.** NO prints or blenders. Any color scheme is acceptable.
3. **Background can be either solid white or solid black.** Only one block is required for entry, but consider making one of each background color.

I am not providing a block pattern in this newsletter, as they are copyrighted and I don't feel right about sending them via email. I will, however, have a LIMITED selection of block patterns to pick up at the meeting, if you are unable to find one you want to use.

Please feel free to text or email me if you have any questions.

Have fun with this one!

Amanda Gartman  
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## **HI QUILT FRIENDS by Jennifer Sawyer, Vice President**

You may not have noticed, but **WE HAVE A YOUTUBE CHANNEL!** You can search YouTube for "**Red River Quilt Guild of Wichita Falls**" to find it. (You'll see our logo.) Once there, you can subscribe. I have started making some slide shows and I made a video about my favorite ways to make half square triangles. I thank you guys for your patience! I am certainly learning. Watching my video, once complete, I find my mistakes and what I should have said! One important thing I've learned, my oldest son really enjoys editing and can even splice two videos together – who can find the splice in



the Half Square Triangle Video? I am also working on a slideshow to use as advertisement for our Quilt Show in September.

One of the reasons for the YouTube Channel is that Facebook Live isn't as easy as we thought. I cannot be at all of our meetings. And, we discovered we needed Vernon's WiFi to make videoing work. Now that Texas is opening back up, we will no longer do FB Live from our meetings. I will try to video some of the programs and have them uploaded to our YouTube Channel. Also, the Facebook page will have a Link to our You Tube Channel and our videos/slideshows.

But I need your help! If you have any ideas or want to make your own video, please join me! I've discovered I have the necessary equipment and would really enjoy working together. Also, topic ideas would be great!

Please understand that I am using pictures taken over the year for our slideshows. If you would rather your picture NOT be included in the videos/slideshows online, I need you to let me know. I completely understand. However, because of the number of members, if you DO NOT want your image included, and you see one of us with a camera, I need you to notify the picture taker and step out of the picture. Please help us accommodate your wishes!

And finally, I really am enjoying our Lotto Blocks and want to thank our Lotto Leader, Amanda, for such an awesome and fun program! I cannot wait to see what's next and those finished quilt tops!

See ya soon!

## **CHARLOTTE ANGOTTI WORKSHOPS**

**DATE CHANGE**, moving up one month to April 2 and 3, 2022

I received an email from Charlotte. She had been working on a job in France and the dates were pending due to coordinating with a quilt show. As luck would have it, the dates overlap with our intended dates. We moved our workshops up one month, to April 2 and 3 with her being the program on April 4 2022. Charlotte apologized for the inconvenience and appreciates our willingness to change.

Did you get that? France! We are having not only a national teacher, but also an international teacher! Yea us!

The registration form with the corrected dates (and revised payment due dates) is available on our website. Space will be limited to seating availability. So get your registration form in to me early!

Audrey Bee



## RAFFLE QUILT

Somewhere, somehow, a stain appeared on the raffle quilt. We need someone who is good at removing stains to get it out. We aren't sure what it is, but it kinda looks like someone stepped on it or ran over it with a wagon wheel. Please, if you are good with stains, please let me know and help get it out.



Barbara Wesley  
940-631-4097

**HERE'S A HELPFUL HINT**  
from [www.KeepsakeQuilting.com](http://www.KeepsakeQuilting.com)

## How to Launder New Fabrics

Prewashing fabric is an individual decision. You may wish to prewash or rinse fabrics to avoid uneven shrinkage and to prevent the colors from running when the quilt is first laundered.

**Yardage:** Individually machine wash each color of fabric in warm water, rinsing until the water runs clear. Do not wash more than five or six yards at a time, and be sure to unfold the fabric before washing so there's no rubbing along the fold line.

To prevent unnecessary wrinkling, do not put more than five yards of fabric in the dryer at one time. Tumble dry on a low setting until almost dry, then check the fabric for wrinkling. If it is wrinkled, remove from dryer and iron dry. Continue tumbling unwrinkled fabric until dry.

For fabrics with metallic highlights, machine wash as above using a gentle cycle and warm water. Tumble-dry on a low setting. Do not use laundry products containing brighteners.

**Precut fusible-backed shapes:** Do not machine or hand wash or put in dryer, since this may cause them to unravel or fray.



## FROM THE EDITOR from Marilyn Lautner

Greetings fair ladies! We had so much fun at the Comfort Quilts Sit and Sew last Saturday. We had about 17 quilters and a mound of scraps. We can't wait to meet again. Pictures on the last page of Needle Notes.

I might suggest that if you are printing your Needle Notes, print pages 1-8. This will save you paper and colored ink. If you do not have a printer and would like to have a printed copy of your monthly Needle Notes, please contact Helen Day. (Home 940-691-4137 - Cell 940-782-3294)

## **A GREAT SEWING MACHINE** by Michelle Schmidt, a RRQG member

I have a 2018 Bernina 535 sewing machine for sale. Includes extra feet and a Stitch Regulator. Google 2018 Bernina 535 and you will find a lot of favorable comments. You can also call me at 352-318-9111 and I will be glad to chat with you.



## **SHOW AND TELL**



**Two quilts by Kirk Rawn**



**Cindy Simmon's Judy Niemeyer table runner called Prism**

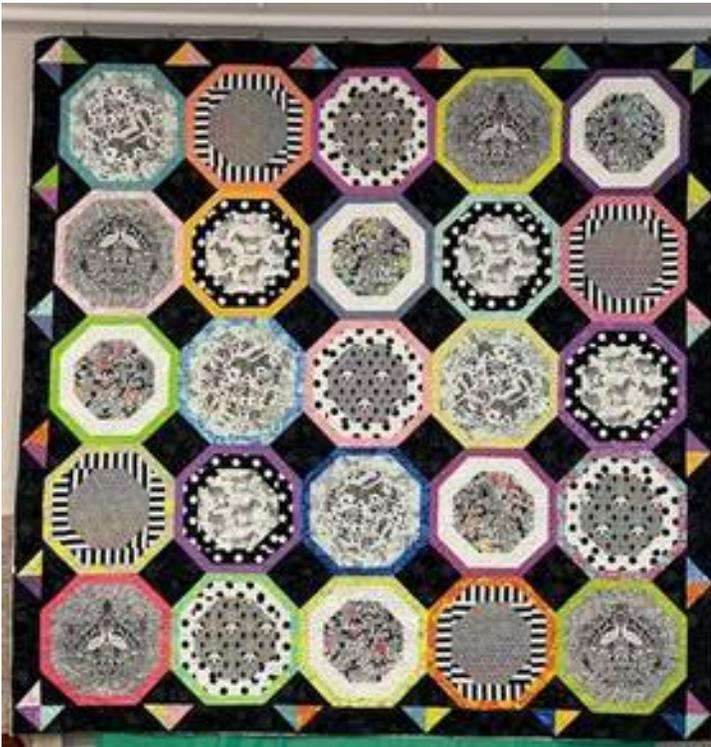


## Jacket by Amanda Gartman

My quilt coat made during the retreat. I cut up one of the first quilts I ever made to make this coat.



## Tracy Pierce's Tula Pink Daybreak Quilt Top



Quilt by Cathy Meyenberg

## Quilt by Starla Black

Finished this quilt at the Quilters Retreat. It was a quilt my daughter had started and had given up on. Glad to have it finished.



## SIT AND SEW

These are pictures of string blocks made for Comfort Quilts last Saturday. We worked from 9 till 4 pm. They squared up at 91/2 inches.

