

NEEDLE NOTES

The Newsletter of Quilters

February 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Did you get any snow? We got a sprinkling – enough to call it a snow day and spend the day with my quilting. I've spent many days this past year with my quilting, but it was fun to call it a snow day and pretend life was normal. I think those of us with quilting or other hobbies have fared this pandemic better than others. As many days as I have spent quilting, you'd think I'd have my UFOs under control. But, no. I have finished a lot, but I have also started others. Making the tops is so much more fun than quilting and binding.

Many of us have made more quilts than normal during the pandemic, so our quilt show should have a nice display of our beautiful quilts. Give some away, but save some for the show!

Our guild is slowly but surely getting back to normal. With the vaccine getting more plentiful, attendance at our meetings should gradually increase. We hope so because we are having some interesting programs and fun workshops. With masks and social distancing, we are comfortable that our meetings are safe. If you are healthy, come on out!

It has come to my attention that some of you received a scam email supposedly from me asking you to send money. I quickly sent out an email to all cautioning you not to reply. Please know that I will never send an email or text asking you to send money. If you ever get a questionable email from me, please check with me.

Peace by Piece,
Audrey

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: CATHEDRAL WINDOW

Our next Guild Program will be presented by Guild Member, Pat Finnell. Her program, is called creating Cathedral Window Blocks. The Cathedral Window has been popular since the 1930's. With new methods it is easy to make. Come to the February Guild meeting and learn how to make this block. **FACEBOOK LIVE will be available.**



Please join us February 1st at 6:30PM in room 302 at Vernon College for a wonderful program. Come at early to sign in and check out the “free stuff” table.

Ashley Norris has agreed to plan our March program (topic TBD), and Kathy Sims of The Enchanted Quilt will talk to us about longarm quilting in April. If there is a program you'd like to see or lead, please let either of us know.

Amanda Gartman and Annette Ellis

JANUARY MINUTES

Red River Quilters' Guild

4 JANUARY 2021

The January 4th meeting was held at Vernon College in Rm 302. Members wore masks, used hand sanitizer, and had practiced social distancing.

Officers Present: Audrey Bee, President; Jennifer Sawyer, Vice President; Marilyn Lautner, Secretary

Not Present: Ginger Metcalf, Treasurer

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. OPENING WELCOME: Meeting came to Order at 6:35. Welcome from the President. She was glad to see such a good attendance. She expressed an invitation to come again in February in this same room. In March we will meet in room 604.

2. FACEBOOK-LIVE Bobbie Foote manned the operations for Facebook-live. Five were present.

3. MINUTES – Motion to approve by Betty Brown. Seconded by Marie French. Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – Motion to approve made by Cathy Meyenberg and seconded by Barbara Wesley. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Programs – Annette Ellis, Amanda Gartman

Amanda Gartman presented Block Lotto, as an option for members to be involved in a “sewcial” activity. Information was in the January Needle Notes as a PDF. There were also handouts and instructions available at the meeting. Several 12 ½ by 12 ½ examples were shown. Those who want to participate took instructions.

The February Program will be presented by Pat Finnell, called Cathedral Windows. The April program will be on Longarm Quilting by Kathy Sims of the Enchanted Quilt.

2. Workshops – Bobbie Foote

January 16 – Sit-N-Sew Vernon College Room 604 starting at 9:00. Bobbie has a sign-up sheet for those who wish to attending. Members can email or text her to sign up also. January is a Sit 'n Sew – bring your own project to work on and whatever supplies you need. February will be a Sit 'n Sew for Comfort Quilts. Members will need to bring their sewing machine, ironing mat, cutting mat, etc. Two patterns will be available. One is a String quilt pattern using scraps and the other is a Puzzle Quilt. The Guild will provide fabric. Bring your own lunch and drinks. We should be done by 3:30. A drawing will be held for attendees to win a prize for attending. All tickets throughout the year will be kept to the last Sit-N-Sew, of which one lucky quilter will win a donated quilt kit!

3. Retreat – Tina Nichols, absent – RRQG RETREAT scheduled for March 4-7th at Sunset Retreat Center in Sunset, Texas. She is still taking applications

4. Comfort Quilts – two quilts were donated.

5. QOV – Audrey presented the labels for the QOV quilts. We are to take what we need. There are currently 15 signed up with QOV. No date has been set for presentation in the fall.

6. Directory – Robyn Parrish did a terrific job with the name badges and the 2021 Directory. She had them available for members. A new section has been added with information on guild activities.

7. Quilt Show 2021 – Bernice Sylvester, Quilt Show Chair – January 19th is the scheduled meeting to be held at Jason's Deli at 6pm. The third Tuesday of each month through August 17 will be the Committee meeting. Her chairmen are: Amanda Gartman – Door prizes and front desk; Barbara Wesley – Buy it Now and Raffle Quilt; Marie French- Boutique; Sheri McGee – Mason Jars; Terri Coleman – Volunteers and Quilt Labels; Marilyn Lautner – Programs; Cathy Cagle – Publicity and Advertising; and Bernice Sylvester - vendors

8. Raffle Quilt 2021 – Barbara Wesley, chairman, reported that the quilt is finished and ready to go. The guild thanks Cindy Simmons for quilting it on her long-arm. No tickets can be sold at the Home and Garden Show since it will be virtual only.

9. Membership – Chairs Sheri McGee, Robin Parrish

Attendance report – Twenty one Members present. Facebook Live had 5.

Also, we had three visitors: Dianne Bradshaw, Carol Crow, and Kelly Blagg,

New Members to add to your personal list in your Directory:

Gloria Spain Cell: 940.696.5751 Email: gmspain@sbcglobal.net

Nancy Robichaux Cell: 318.834.5240 Email: wbrobix7@aol.com

Door prize winners were Mary Otto and Gloria Garcia.

JANUARY PROGRAM

The January 2021 Program was presented by Guild Member, Jennifer Sawyer. Her program, "SMASHING SASHES", showed us twenty years of quilts and quilt tops that she got wildly creative with. Her innovative and creative sashes were spectacular. Her mantra "show no fear" and be creative was well received by all. Jennifer is our dynamic and fun Vice-President.

10. Show and Tell – Eight quilts were shown by five individuals. Several were restored antique quilts, some were comfort quilts, baby quilts, quilts of valor and quilt tops. Amanda Gartman took pictures of the quilts to be posted by the Webmaster.

11. Sunshine and Shadows – Diann Bernhardt's hubby tested positive for Covid and is quarantined. Jeannine Roberts is recovering from Covid.

12. February Meeting - Next meeting will be February 1st at Vernon College.

Adjourned at 7:16

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Lautner, Secretary

RRQG RAFFLE 2021 QUILT

Our Raffle Quilt is finished! Many thanks to the members who worked on it and who will promote it:

The Committee that designed and pieced it: Kathleen Roseboom, Jane Benson, Ann Wyatt, Theresa Barnes

Longarm quilter: Cindy Simmons

Binding: Audrey Bee

Ticket Sales: Barbara Wesley

We won't be able to display our quilt at the Home and Garden Show, so keep your ears open for opportunities for us to display it and sell tickets (let Barbara Wesley know). Also, when Barbara has tickets available, pick some up and help sell them.



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS by Cathy Meyenberg



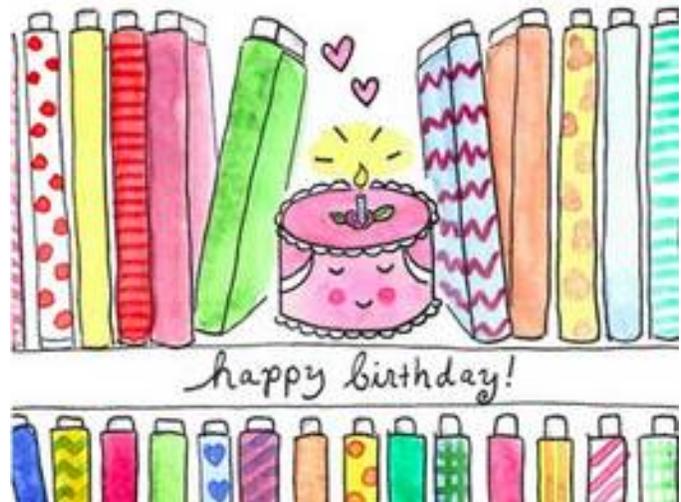
Weddings bring smiles to our faces. One of our own, Renee Lambert, past vice president, recently married.

Cindy Simmon's grandson, Jackson Simmons married the love of his life, Briana, January 18. They are both MSU graduates.

Lisa Plaxco and her family are healthy again. They survived Covid 19 and are back in school and at work. Praise God!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRITIES

Donna Blair	4
Charlotte Marteney	9
Cathy Cagle	13
Barbara Mathews	14
Sharon Gilmore	15
Donna Piper	21
Hellen Galliton	24
Karen Phillips	24



BLOCK LOTTO FOR FEBRUARY

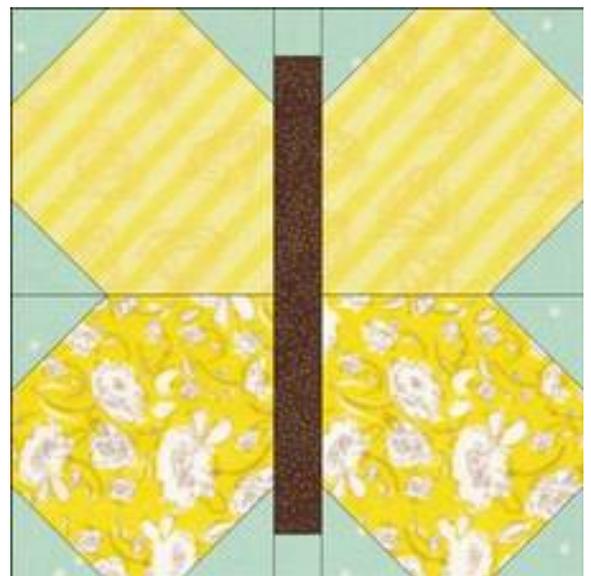
The Butterfly Block

I've been blown away by the excitement shown by our members about the January block! Make sure to bring your black and white Twister blocks to the February meeting. I can't wait to see all the blocks together and to draw a winner!

The February block is going to be something completely different. As they will be turned in at the March meeting, I thought something spring related would be fun, so I've created a cute butterfly block. I will again have printed copies to hand out at the meeting. Have fun with these and please don't hesitate to email or text me if you have any questions!

Amanda Gartman

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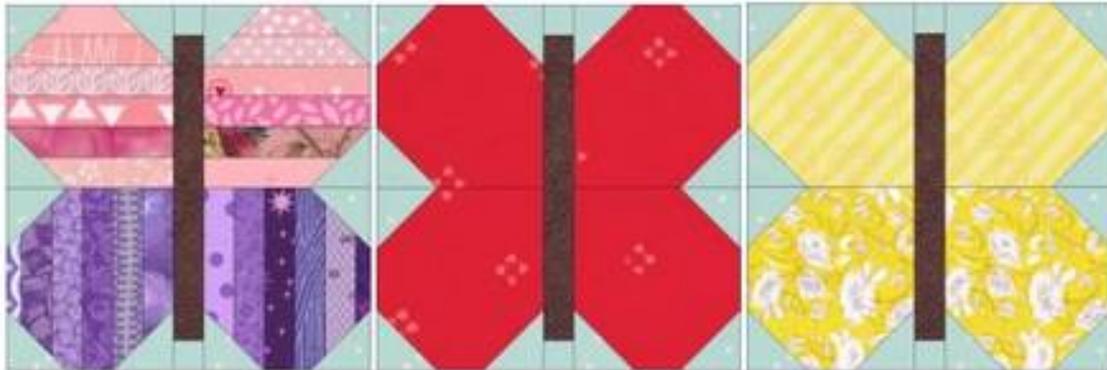


February Block Lotto

Butterfly

Any color for the butterfly wings and body

Light blue background



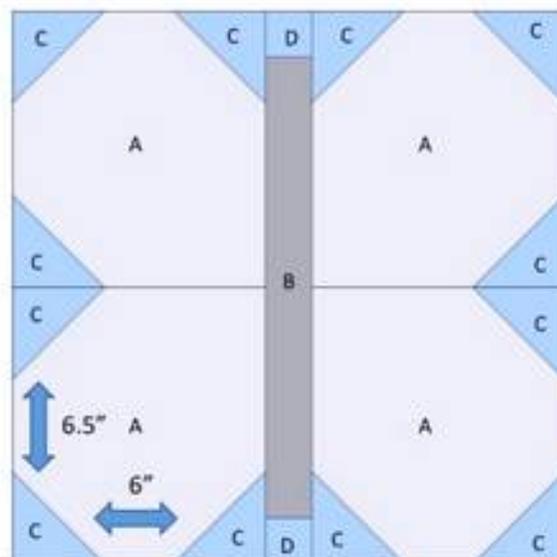
Cut List:

A: 4 @ 6" x 6.5"

B: 1 @ 1.5" x 10.5"

C: 12 @ 2.5" x 2.5"

D: 2 @ 1.5" x 1.5"



These can be any combination and any color you like. All four wings can be different or match, the top and bottom can be two different colors, or you can make each wing scrappy. The body can be any color you like as well, but preferably a brown/black/dark gray. The only "rule" this month is to use a light blue background.

**RED RIVER QUILT GUILD TREASURERS' REPORT
DECEMBER 2020**

CHECKING	General	Total
Opening Balance	\$4,413.69	\$4,413.69
Income		
Quilt Retreat - March 2021	\$1,225.00	
Raffle Quilt	\$377.00	
	\$1,602.00	\$1,602.00
SubTotal		\$6,015.69
Expenses	General	
Just Store It	\$835.32	
Sunshine & Shadows	\$55.00	
Comfort Quilts	\$220.00	
Blair Plant	\$32.48	
Membership Tote	\$17.31	
Raffle Quilt Expense	\$208.44	
SubTotal	\$1,368.55	\$1,368.55
Closing Balance		\$4,647.14

SAVINGS	December 2020
Opening Balance	\$17,873.65
Deposits	\$0.00
Withdrawals	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.15
Closing Balance	\$17,873.80

SMASHING SASHINGS PROGRAM FOLLOWUP

Jennifer Sawyer received several requests for pictures, etc from her program in January, 2021. She has written up a description including pictures. Her dialogue and pictures is the attachment.



QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE by Bernice Sylvester

The Quilt Show Committee met Tuesday 1-19-2021. Thank you to all who attended. We have a great group of ladies working the various committees and we are going to have a great quilt show! We are moving forward with organizing and planning and will have more details as the year progresses.

2021 Quilt Show Chair

COMFORT QUILTS by Betty Brown

There are just nine quilts that need binding and then we can share with a child in need. Imagine having no mother or father, that's what some of these children are facing that receive the security of a quilt all their own. A quilt can last a lifetime! We have 15 quilts to share with Children's Home and Wichita County Child Protective Services. Children from Child Protective Services are removed from homes with parents on drugs. Some may be wearing only a diaper, their normal attire 24/7. A quilt gives them something to hold onto. If you would like to help these children you may reach me at betbrow@gmail.com. Please say you will help. It will brighten your day.

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP NEWS by Bobbie Foote



January, we kicked off our 2021 workshops with a wonderful day of friends, fabric, food and fun. We had 14 quilters attend to socialize and enjoy a day together. We thank The Quilting Bee, Cindy Simmons for providing pizza for all.

Our next workshop will be on Saturday, February 20th at Vernon College. We will be using the day to work on Comfort Quilts for our community. The quilt patterns are a Puzzle Quilt or a String Quilt, patterns and fabric will be provided from our Comfort Quilt "stash". Please feel free to bring any fabric you would like to use or donate to this worthy cause. If you plan to join us, there will be a sign-up sheet at our February meeting. Please indicate which quilt you would like to make, this will help us ensure we have enough patterns and fabric for our fun day together. 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.

A NEW ACRONYM by Cindy Simmons

You bought the fabric and the pattern, but it is still a **P-NYS**.
Project **N**ot **Y**et **S**tarted!

HAVE A LITTLE SMILE

Only a Quilter would give the gift of a wedding quilt two months after the birth of the couple's second child.

Only a Quilter would rush to finish a gift quilt. Not so it's done in time for the recipient's birthday, but so it's done in time for Show and Tell.

Only a Quilter would invite a visitor to see her sewing room, then says, "Don't look at the mess."

Mystery at RRQG

by Audrey Bee
Month 3



Feature/Focus



Background



Coordinate A



Coordinate B

CLUE #4: Evidence Bag #4

Use: 42 background squares $2\text{-}1/2'' \times 2\text{-}1/2''$
21 **Coordinate A** rectangles $2\text{-}1/2'' \times 6\text{-}1/2''$
21 **Coordinate B** rectangles $2\text{-}1/2'' \times 6\text{-}1/2''$

- Sew 1 background square to each end of **Coordinate A** rectangle. Make 21. Press to the dark. This is **Suspect C**.
- Sew 1 background square to each end of **Coordinate B** rectangle.
- Press to the dark, This is **Suspect D**. Make 21.



Suspect C



Suspect D

CLUE 5: Use Evidence Bag #5

Use: 12 background rectangles $4\text{-}1/2'' \times 8\text{-}1/2''$
12 **Suspect C**
12 **Suspect D**

- Take a background rectangle. Place a Suspect D on top and a Suspect C on bottom, making sure to position Suspects C and D properly.
- Press toward the background rectangle.
- This becomes **Prime Suspect #2**. Make 12



Prime Suspect #2

CLUE 6: Use Evidence Bag #6

Use: 9 background rectangles $4\text{-}1/2'' \times 8\text{-}1/2''$
9 **Suspect C**
9 **Suspect D**

- Take a background rectangle. Place a Suspect D on top and a Suspect C on bottom, making sure to position Suspects C and D properly.
- Press toward the background rectangle.
- This becomes **Prime Suspect #3**. Make 9



Prime Suspect #3

MSU QUILT EXHIBIT

Quilt Journeys: Patterns

January 30 – July 24, 2021

More often than not, a quilt tells a story. From Colonial quilts to the Abolitionist movement and from the Crazy Quilt era of the 19th century to today's contemporary experimentation with materials redefining what a quilt can be, the quilt journey offers a rich history communicated through pattern, story, and collaboration. This exhibition explores patterns in 20th century quilts from the WFMA Permanent Collection

Exhibit will be held at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU. Hrs: T-F (10-5), Thursday evening (5-7), Saturday (1-5) 940-397-8900 wfma.msutexas.edu

Image: Grandmother's Flower Garden Variation Quilt, n.d.; gift of J. L. Staley

(article copied from their website)



SHOW AND TELL

From Carolyn Hawpe. Here is my small accomplishment; paper piecing. I don't think I'll do this again. It was a challenge.

From Dina Redmon. I made this quilt from cat fabric that Ashley Norris gave me when she downsized her stash. I struggled to figure out what to do with it. Audrey gave me a suggestion, which I liked. Then I couldn't figure out how to quilt it, so Audrey quilted it for me. So I had lots of help making this quilt.





From Lucy Bonnin. I attended a workshop in Mulberry, Arkansas. This was my project! I'm enjoying Arkansas.

From Cindy Simmons. This is a Judy Neimeyer quilt that I made for my grandson, Jackson and his new wife Briana, as a wedding gift.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR by Marilyn Lautner

Where has January gone? Come back! Come back! I didn't get everything done in my sewing room. Oh well, there is February. I think this is a great newsletter. Please continue to send me your information, pictures, funny saying. I love it all.