

# NEEDLE NOTES

## The Newsletter of Quilters

January 2021

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy New Year! Finally, 2020 is behind us. One of my New Year's Resolutions (and maybe my only one) will be to focus on my many UFOs and whittle the pile down somewhat. It seems like for every one I finish I start two more. Too much fabric, too little time.

Hopefully 2021 will be a much better year. I look forward to the day that all of our guild members are comfortable attending a meeting again. Our January and February meetings will be in Room 302, where we met the past two months. Amanda and Annette have arranged some interesting programs, so be sure to attend if you can. We will try to put the meetings on Facebook Live for those who can't attend. In March, we will move to room 606, across from where we used to meet and where the workshops now held. The room is larger than the one with the round tables and should work well for us. If you get confused, the room numbers are listed on the website and the meeting location will be stated in each newsletter.

I truly am looking forward to 2021 and things getting back to some sort of normalcy. Stay safe, and I'll see you next year!

Audrey Bee



### JANUARY PROGRAM

**January 4 at 6:30**

Our program this month is all about making your sashing smashing! Jennifer Sawyer will give us ideas and info on creating fun and unique sashings for your quilts. Block Lotto kicks off this month, "sew" having some ideas for making unique layouts will come in handy! In February, Pat Finnell will be teaching us about a new technique for cathedral windows. Ashley Norris has agreed to plan a program for us in March. As always, please let us know if you have any ideas or interests you'd like to see a program on!

We will meet in Room 302 at Vernon College. Please join us on Facebook Live, also.

Amanda Gartman and Annette Ellis

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Connie Johnson	3
Eleanor Edwards	6
Cathy Meyenberg	16
Traci Pierce	16
Marilyn Lautner	17
Jean Swinney	19
Jennifer Sawyer	22
Gloria Garcia	30
Pat Finnell	31



## WEBMASTER REPORT:

[www.WichitaFallsQuiltGuild.org](http://www.WichitaFallsQuiltGuild.org).

Our website is a great resource for you. If you haven't looked at it lately, check it out. On it you will find:

- Officers and committee chairs, to help you know who to contact for your questions or comments.
- Meeting dates, program topics, and meeting room.
- Workshop dates and schedule
- Newsletters, current and past
- Mystery Quilt clues
- Reimbursement forms
- Retreat registration forms
- And much more.

If you are interested in acquiring a longarm, let me know. I often hear of one for sale and would like to notify you.

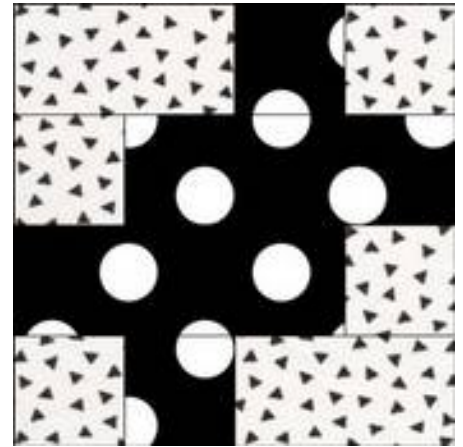
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## WHOSE READY FOR BLOCK LOTTO?

When I joined the guild in 2017, I was hoping for block swaps, round robins, challenges, etc.

I'm hoping this will get things started in that

direction and that we can build on the "sewcial" activities and get to know each other even better in the process. You'll find all the info as a PDF in this newsletter. I will also have all the info printed up and available to pick up at the January meeting. You can still participate even if you're not comfortable coming to meetings yet. You'll find out how in the download. **This block is not due until the February meeting.**



Amanda Gartman

## FROM JENNIFER – VICE PRESIDENT

I had so much fun digging around in my quilt room gathering things for the January meeting program, **Smashing Sashing!** Once I realized how much better and how much more fun I could make my quilts, well, it was a game changer for me! And now I have the perfect opportunity to pass that along to y'all!

Lotto blocks are the perfect way to start playing with various sashings. Can't wait to see everyone and what the lotto blocks become.

Jennifer Sawyer

## Red River Quilters Guild Workshops for 2021

Our first workshop of the year will be an Open Sit-N-Sew on January 16<sup>th</sup> at Vernon College Room 606. Please bring something you're working on to enjoy a fun day of sewing with friends. To plan for the day of fun, there will be a sign-up sheet at our January guild meeting for you to let us know you'll be there. If you are not able to be at the January meeting, just email or text me and I'll add you to the list. Non-guild members are welcome to attend for a \$10 fee.

Each month we will have a drawing for everyone who attends the workshop. I will be drawing a ticket or two for participants to win a donated prize. The tickets will be kept and at the last Sit-N-Sew one lucky quilter will win a donated quilt kit!!!

As you can see I am still looking for topics for our workshops. If you would like to share your talent by teaching a workshop, please let me know.

Have a very Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year!!  
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Jan 16, 2021	Sit-N-Sew	Feb 20, 2021	Comfort Quilt Sew Together Pattern and Fabric provided
Mar 27, 2021	Sit-N-Sew	Apr 17, 2021	Quilts of Valor Open Sew Day
May 15, 2021	Sit-N-Sew	Jun 19, 2021	TBD
Jul 17, 2021	Sit-N-Sew	Aug 21, 2021	TBD
Sep 18, 2021	Sit-N-Sew	Oct 16, 2021	TBD
Nov 20, 2021	None	Dec 2021	No Workshop

## QUILT SHOW 2021

Our first Quilt Show committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 and each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday thru August 17<sup>th</sup>. The meetings will be at Jason's Deli, 2907 Garnett Ave, Wichita Falls in Parker Square. Meeting time is 6p.m. but please come earlier and have dinner or plan to take something home. Please feel free to come and join one of the committees.



Our budget is approved and will be shared with committee chairs at the January meeting.

We are going to need every guild member to help, by being on a committee and/or volunteer for jobs at the show. If you need or want a specific job, please get with Terri Coleman and sign up now. For instance if you need a sit down job we'll need help at the front desk, raffle quilt desk, buy it now and boutique desks.

We need a **Publicity** and **Advertising Chair** and some committee members. Duties include but aren't limited to overseeing and setting up print ads, TV spots, getting us on event calendars, selling advertising to retailers, and sending flyers to area quilt shops and vendors.

We need a **Committee Chair** to oversee the receiving of Quilt Entry Applications. To make sure they are complete and organized. Would be helpful if they have some experience with Excel but not necessary.

We'd like to showcase some of our members talents by giving demos. The demo is only 15 to 30 minutes max. Plan to do the demo both Friday and Saturday. You can do them at different times. Let me know what you'd like to share.

Marilyn Lautner has agreed to be the **Program Chair**. This involves taking all the ads and quilt entry lists and putting them into the booklet we give each attendee. Getting them to the printer.

I'm sure I'm forgetting something, so please come to the meeting ask questions and help me out!

Respectfully,  
Your 2021 Quilt Show Chair  
Bernice Sylvester

## **LONG-ARM FOR SALE**

A former member has a 2011 HQ Avante long-arm for sale. It comes with the electric bobbin winder, clips, partial batting roll, and more. She is asking \$4500. If your are interested, please contact Audrey and she will get you in touch with the seller.

## **2021 DIRECTORY AND BADGES**

Your name badges and 2021 Directory will be available at the January meeting. Come get yours and stay for the interesting program Amanda and Annette have arranged for us. We have plenty of room to spread out and wear your mask. If you aren't comfortable staying for the meeting, perhaps you could drop by to pick yours up or have a friend get yours for you.

## Red River Quilt Guild Treasurers' Report

November 2020

	General	Quilt Show	Raffle	Total
	Fund	Fund	Quilt	
<b>Opening Bal: 1 Nov 2020</b>	<b>\$4,689.51</b>			<b>\$4,689.51</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Membership Dues	\$100.00			\$100.00
Raffle Ticket Sales			\$420.00	\$420.00
Cooper Donation	\$100.00			\$100.00
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,309.51</b>
<b>CLUB EXPENSES</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Quilt Show</b>	<b>Raffle</b>	
Treasurer Expenses	\$85.64			\$85.64
Mercer Consumer Liability Ins.	\$323.20			\$323.20
Storage Unit Fees	\$36.20			\$36.20
USPS Box Rental Fees	\$195.00			\$195.00
Flowers for Janid Rubane	\$60.62			\$60.62
Raffle Quilt Expenses			\$77.28	\$77.28
PPE-Hand Santizer	\$17.88			\$17.88
Web Site Maintenance Fee	\$100.00			\$100.00
Total Expenses			Subtotal	<b>\$895.82</b>
<b>Ending Bal: 30 Nov 2020</b>				<b>\$4,413.69</b>

## Red River Quilt Guild Treasurers' Report

November 2020

### SAVINGS

<b>Opening Bal: 1 Nov 2020</b>	\$17,873.50
Deposits / Transfers	—
Withdrawals	—
Interest	\$0.15
<b>Ending Bal: 30 Nov 2020</b>	<b>\$17,873.65</b>



# Red River Quilters' Guild

## Meeting Minutes

### 7 DECEMBER 2020

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The December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Vernon College Room 302. Members wore masks, used hand sanitizer, and practiced social distancing. Members signed in and picked up a Christmas Word Scramble worksheet.

President Audrey Bee welcomed members to the December Christmas meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. November Minutes. Betty Brown made the motion to approve the minutes. Terry Coleman seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by all.
2. Treasurer's Report. Betty Brown made the motion to approve the minutes. Cathy Meyenberg seconded the motion. The Treasure's report was approved by all.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Programs.** Amanda Gartman announced January's program. Jennifer Sawyer will have a program called **Smashing Sashings**. February's program will be presented by Pat Finnell called Cathedral Windows. January will also be the start of Block Lotto. Rules will be passed out.

2. **Workshops.** Bobby Foote announced these possible events

January - Open Sit and Sew in Room 606 in Vernon College. The focus will be to help and inspire one another. Bring in your **UFO's**.

February – Open Sit and Sew in Room 606 in Vernon College. The focus will be **Comfort Quilts** using fat quarters and the puzzle pattern. Fabric provided by the guild.

March - Open Sit and Sew for **Quilts of Valor**

June – **Boutique & Buy it Now** Sit and Sew for the Quilt show

3. **Retreat.** Tina Nichols was not present. The retreat will be held at Sunset Retreat March 4-7<sup>th</sup>.

4. **Comfort Quilts.** Betty Brown announced they had lots of fabric to create quilts. She and Sharon Gilmore have many patterns. Suggestions are open for who gets the quilts in 2021.

5. **Quilt Show.** Bernice Sylvester is organizing for the September 2021 Quilt Show to be held at the MPEC. She is in need of committee volunteers and chairmen to chair the various committees, especially someone for Publicity.

6. **Boutique & Buy it Now** - Marie French announce that Kirk Rawn has provided a box full of Boutique items for the Quilt show.
7. **Directory** – Terri Coleman is updating membership information and photos. Directory will be available in January.
8. **Membership** – Sherri McGee, co-chair, announced 15 members in attendance and 1 visitor, Gloria Spain. She was a guest of Amanda Gartman. Door prizes won by Terri Coleman, Yvette Roberts, and Sherri McGee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2021 Budget.** The budget was in the November Needle Notes to be approved. Marie French made the motion to approve. Betty Brown seconded it. Motion approved by all.
2. **Region 9.** On March 28, the RRQG has been invited to assist in virtual learning.
3. **Raffle Drawing** – Jan Saville is the winner of the 2020 Raffle Quilt. Ticket was drawn by our new member, Mary Otto.
4. **Program** – Answers to the Christmas Word Scramble. Quilt Block Bingo and left/right gift exchange was played. Snowball fight enjoyed by all.
5. **Next meeting** will be January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Vernon College
6. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:55. Members picked up snowballs, wipe tables and left the room clean.

Respectfully Submitted,



## **FACEBOOK UPDATE**

I have removed non-members from the RRQG members' Facebook page. That page is meant to be ours, so feel free to use it as such. Post questions and ideas in there. And pictures! Show us what you're working on or what you're finishing, or what you're gifting! I did have to start another RRQG public page. Let's use that as our advertising page. Anyone on Facebook can see what is posted to that page and you do not need to join or like that page to be able to see it. I did create rules for it. Basically, the rules are "Be Polite" and "No Politics." Post things in there that we want the community at large to be aware of. But feel free to post to it as well.

Until we meet again, Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to 2020 in the rear-view mirror and 2021 to bring forth all the joy and happiness we're all craving!

Stay Safe,

Jennifer Sawyer

## SHOW AND TELL

### From Yvette Roberts

1st - Twister wreath wall hanging

2nd - Christmas strip stack

3rd - Stars on a Fence Quilt of Valor

4<sup>th</sup> - Very Pink quilt top made as a Christmas gift, sent off for quilting





From Starla Black

I am sending you a picture of our beautiful granddaughter Alexis who was to be married in May 2020. She was in a fatal car accident in February 2020 and walked into her eternal home. Her mother asked me if I could make a quilt out of her High School and College T-Shirts as a way to remember her. I had never made a T-Shirt Quilt before and so being new to the area, I asked if anyone in my neighborhood could help me with a quilting project. Audrey Bee got a hold of me and helped me so much in making this quilt possible, which was such a blessing. I am sending pictures of the front and back of the quilt. The front has all her T-Shirts and the back is done in Disney Princess material. Alexis was a huge Disney fan! Her memory lives on.



From Robin Parish



From Pat Finnell

Aunt Pam's held their first Zoom class in early Dec. The class met 3 days in a row to review cutting, piecing and layout tips. I bought the kit but made some changes. I like the Krista Moser pattern which creates 3D depth.

Try a zoom class in the future.



From Terri Coleman



From Mary Otto - I finished my Quilt of Valor for my dad, Richard Roberta from Lawton, OK. He had two tours in Vietnam and 23 years in the service.

From Jan Benson - This is my great-grandson with my barn quilt. He loved the barns.



From Dina Redmon - The only thing I can offer the newsletter is a picture of my latest purple and white quilt. :). It sort of comes complete with some of my Christmas bears. My husband has given me two bears a year since 1994.



From Cathy Meyenberg



A Christmas Tree Skirt

From Marilyn Lautner

I made a wall hanging for my grandson. He was presented his NASA quilt for his birthday in April. This Christmas, I used the scraps of Colin's quilt to make a pillow sham and two pillowcases.



# MYSTERY QUILT

## Mystery at RRQG

by Audrey Bee  
Month 2



Feature/Focus



Background



Coordinate A



Coordinate B

### CLUE 2: Use Evidence Bag #2:

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

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



Suspect B

### CLUE 3:

- Gather one **Suspect A** and one **Suspect B**. Assemble as shown.
- Make sure that Suspect A is on the left and Suspect B is on the right.
- Press in the same direction.
- This is your **Prime Suspect #1**. Make 9



Prime Suspect #1

## DEAR QUILTY FRIENDS,

What a lovely and informative Needle Notes. Thank you for all the contributions and photos. You make me proud that I can serve you. I talked to our Sunshine/Shadows chair and is happy to report that we are having lots of Sunshine. Continue what your doing! God Bless and I'll see you at the January Meeting.

Marilyn Lautner, Needle Notes Editor