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April 2015



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President's Notes — Melissa Taylor—April 2015

April 2015

Hello my fellow quilters, I heard it was pretty cold and snowy while I was gone. We don't have to worry about that anymore because spring is really here and the weather is absolutely beautiful! I'm trying to work on my "plants" but my thumb is not as green as I would like.

Easter is coming, we all take time to celebrate in our way the resurrection of Jesus. As a child I spent many years celebrating Easter week at my grandparents' house and we have so many great memories. In Panama we don't have the Easter Bunny, the eggs, and candy. It's a time for family gathering, to make family meals, attend the different masses, the processions, tell stories, etc. Believe it or not I used to dress up as an angel, along with my siblings and cousins and we participated the processions.

Good Friday is a Holiday in Panama, everything is closed for 24 hours. For all those that celebrate Easter "Happy Easter" but also happy Spring time. I'm happy to announce that I have joined the Grandma Club, our first granddaughter Norah Jayne arrived Saturday March 21st at 8 pounds and 21 and half inches.

Life is good.

See you at the next meeting.

Melissa

March-OOOPS—I Forgot

Barbara Fangmann March 05

Zana Elliott March 17

Ruth Ann Lavy March 21

Debra Wiist March 21

April

Pauluine Johnson April 04

Kathleenn Rose April 05

Yreva Shirey April 20

Jody Smith April 23



My apologies for skipping some in the past. Think I have it corrected now....Brenda

March 2 , 2015 Red River Quilting Guild Minutes

Linda Salmon called the meeting to order, standing in for Melissa Taylor, who was on vacation. Linda called for a motion to accept last month's minutes as printed in Newsletter. Audrey Bee made the motion, Judy Breyans seconded the motion, ayes carried motion passed.

Marianne Pattillo gave the Treasure's Report, also asked for an amendment to change \$150 from general fund to monthly payment recurring bill for rent. Audrey Bee made motion to approve the report. Paula Ballard seconded, ayes carried, motion passed.

Linda Salmon talked about the block of the month King's Crown Block.

Listed upcoming programs

Apr 6th Miniature Quilts given by Kathleen Rose

May 4th Paper Piecing given by Cindy Simmons

June (date to be announced) Pot luck and Silent Auction

Linda asked that items to be donated for auction, members could go ahead and bring them. Please put them in plastic bags for easy marking of items. Items to be donated could be Fat Quarters, Rulers, leftover blocks, and other sewing machines, proceeds go to the guild.

July 6th Color and Contrast Fabric and Fabric Values given by Pam Schenk

August 3rd, Stations of Sewing

Sept. Strip Poker with 2.5 strips of fabric

Oct 5th Karen Coker (sorry missed the program)

Nov Carolyn and Stephanie will discuss Comfort Quilts

Trudy will tell us of upcoming workshops.

Deborah Boring Member ship Report 29 members present

Helen Day new member

Tracey Johnson and Renee (missed the last name) former members visiting

Door Prize Winners: Colleen Johnson, Teresa Barnes, Johnnie Mitchell, Sherry Blatt Lalk

April Program Miniature quilts when cleaning out the church in Holliday bags were made of coordinating colors for miniature quilts. Jane Wiist mentioned there are several magazines in the cabinet that have miniature quilt patterns.

Carolyn Miller reported on Comfort Quilts

No new quilts to turn in, but there are 3 that need to be finished. Two of them have handquilting started on them. Kathy Cremeens volunteered to finish one of them.

Comfort quilt kits from the fabric in Holliday will be available in June. Melissa wants us to use up the fabric for comfort quilts this year.

Linda asked Audrey Bee to report on the preliminary findings of the By Laws committee. Audrey first apologized for having to cancel the workshop she was scheduled to hold later this month. Audrey went on to list topics discussed in first meeting.

The committee discussed the difference between policy and bylaw.

Adding a President Elect- This position would groom someone to be the next in line for President

Revising the meeting structure, putting program before show and tell have business meeting at the end of the end.

Adding a committee on publicity to further represent and promote the guild and to possibly encourage membership growth within our community.

Pay the program presenter \$50 for supplies, gas money, and time.

These are the first things to start thinking about. Hope to have all suggested changes in print by June and in the newsletter by then as well. So if you have any comments or suggestions be sure to tell one of the committee members: Audrey Bee Chair, Marianne Pattillo, Jane Wiist, Ann Wyatt, Pam Schenk, Lucy Bonnin.

Jane asked Audrey to explain the pres. Elect position. Audrey explained it would help groom the person for the

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president position without having to hold an office position first. Jane also mentioned some members aren't aware of the bylaws and we all need to be reading them for anything we think needs to be updated or changed.

And of course, none of these changes will occur without first going before the guild and also being in print.

The Holiday Clean Up project is about 75% completed. Just need 1 or 2 more days of cleanup.

Still looking for Zana Elliott's missing quilt. It was on the founding members table at the quilt show.

It has been suggested that possibly someone didn't renew their membership, and hasn't been at any of the meetings since and forgot about taking the quilt to give to Zana. Carolyn Miller suggested a mass email of non-returning members to ask about the quilt.

Deborah Boring is comparing November signup sheets with the months following to see if she can tell who was there then but not now.

This is a personal observation: It truly hurts my heart to think this was done on purpose. Please try to think back to November's meeting to anyone who may have unknowingly witnessed the hand off. Think about this missing quilt like it was YOUR missing quilt. Someone has to have stuck in a bag, in a closet or in a car trunk and just forgot it. Again, Just my opinion!!

Linda mentioned the American Sewing Guild was having a retreat this weekend, if anyone is interested in going. We can find you a contact person.

Shirley Holub is a new member of the RRQG and the American Sewing Guild, Wichita Falls chapter. They meet at Germania Insurance office. Linda suggested that other sewing circles might let everyone know about what they are doing and when they meet.

Marianne thought an ad in the newsletter might be a good idea to let others know.

Linda conveyed that Melissa would like for us to be thinking about the 2016 quilt show. There was discussion about maybe Audrey Bee spear heading it again because she did such a great job. Audrey was silent on the subject.....

Linda called for a motion to adjourn, Marianne Pattillo made the motion, Diane Walker seconded the motion. Ayes carried meeting adjourned.

Kathy Cremeens presented the program on needle turned applique. She also displayed some of her incredibly beautiful quilts. Needle Turned Appliqued and hand quilted. She also had samples for all of us brave souls who wanted to try our fingers at needle turn applique. It was fun!

Pam Schenk



The quilt on the left was from the Dallas Quilt Show this year, please read the note from the quilter:

Spilling Over

Entrant: Sharon Schlotzhauer
Monument, CO

Maker: Sharon Schlotzhauer

Quilter: Sharon Schlotzhauer

Hand Quilted: **no**

Inspiration came from the loss of a special quilt. The cup represents my heart, quilt blocks represent the loving thoughts and prayers of family, friends and quilting community. Supportive response was so great my heart was overflowing and spilling over.

Comfort Quilts — Carolyn and Stephanie

Comfort Quilts, March 2015

I really enjoyed our March meeting! There is so much to look forward to in the coming months. Our members are so talented and always willing to share their knowledge and talents with the group.

There were 2 quilt tops on the table when I arrived at the meeting. They are large, bed size quilt tops. I do not know the age of the tops or who made them. They were found in our storage area in Holliday when we went out there to go through the bins. Both are partially hand quilted. Linda Salmon volunteered to take them both home and complete the hand quilting. I look forward to seeing them finished. Linda does beautiful hand quilting. Thank you, Linda!!!

There were two pieced quilt tops, child size, on the table also. These were pieced by Debbie Griffith with fabrics from our storage area in Holiday. Debbie helped to go through the bins on the first visit to Holiday to organize the fabrics. She did a very nice job. Thank you, Debbie for helping out in Holiday, and for piecing the quilt tops!!!

These two tops were taken home by Cheryl Neal, and Ruth Lavy to quilt. The children who receive them will be so proud to have them. Thank you Cheryl and Ruth!!!

Kathy Cremens pieced and quilted a 2nd bed size blue, white and yellow, triangle block quilt with a daisy border, and a batik backing. They both are bright and cheerful! These would be great for any age. Thank you Kathy!!!

I delivered 3 quilts to The Red Cross, and 3 quilts to Patsy's house in February, and have not delivered in March as yet.

I hope I haven't forgotten anything or anyone.....If I have, let me know and I will include a note next month.

Carolyn Miller

Reminder:

The next RRQG meeting will be on **Monday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m.** at Notre Dame Elementary Cafeteria. Encourage your sewing friends to join us.

Also, please remember to put your chair up at the end of the meetings and pick up any trash you may have left. If you are not physically able to lift, please ask a fellow quilter or one of the officers for assistance

Programs — Linda Salmon

From Our Vice President Linda Salmon

Our program for the April 6th will be Kathleen Rose from The Stitching Depot in Burkburnett. Kathleen will be sharing from her expertise with miniature quilts. She has made many and will be sharing her ideas with us. I have been visiting with her at the store recently and realize that she has a wealth of knowledge to share. Being a new quilter, she shared with me some of her ideas about hand quilting and ideas for a miniature that I wanted to try. She has a wealth of information to share as do all of our RROG members. If you have some ideas you would be willing to share, just let me know. Also if you have a technique you want to learn more about let me know. It might be something we can incorporate into the program when we do the stations.

Let me share just a note about our Quilt Block Challenge. You are all doing a great job on your blocks. They are beautiful. Thanks for sharing one of your blocks for use in a comfort quilt later. Also, be making plans for sharing your own quilt made from your blocks at our December Christmas Dinner.

Balkan Puzzle April

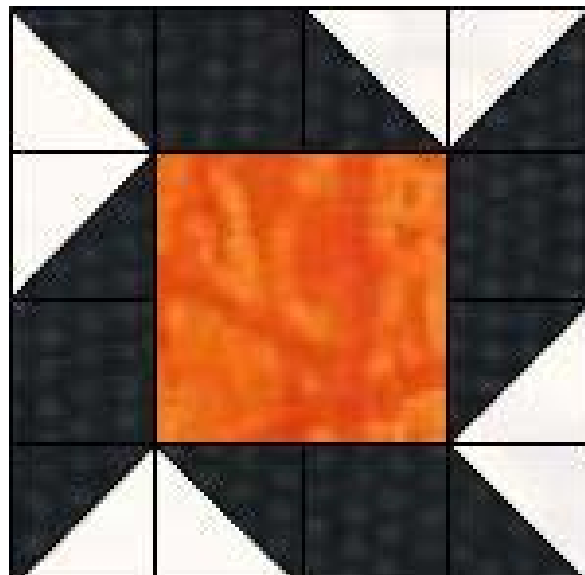
Light: Cut 4 patches at 3" square
 Medium: Cut 1 patch at 4-1/2" square
 Dark: Cut 4 patches at 3" square
 Cut 4 patches at 2-1/2" Square

Make: 4 HSQ of light/dark

Use the 3" squares to make Half Square Triangles as follows:
 Using 4 light and 4 dark, make 8 HSQ in light/dark
 TRIM to 2-1/2" if needed

Sew HSQ to dark square as in diagram. Make 4

Sew together as shown in diagram.



	Quilts	Fund	Fund	Fund	
Opening Balance	1266.30	1130.70	9499.51	0.00	11896.51
Income					
Membership			25.00		25.00
Workshop			15.00		15.00
Error in deposit			20.00		20.00
Interest			0.10		0.10
Total Income	1266.30	1130.70	9559.61	0.00	11956.61
Club Expenses					
Workshop Trudy Wallace		100.00			
Ink & Paper			87.31		
Speaker's Dinner			28.19		
Two file boxes			18.34		
Fed Ex Print By-laws			347.86		
Total Expenses		100.00	481.70	0.00	581.70
Ending Balance					
February 28, 2015					11374.91
Savings Acct Balance included	4317.25				

Upcoming Workshops — Trudy Wallace **



The workshop for April 18th is Alice Wilhoit teaching her six hour hand applique workshop. The only supplies you need to bring are two pairs of scissors, one for paper and one for fabric.

Let me introduce Alice:

Most of us have had the experience of becoming “all out excited” over a new hobby or activity only to cool once the “new” has worn off. Usually this leads to an unfinished project, or projects if the excitement was really great, being relegated to a forgotten box on some closet shelf. That was Alice’s story until some 20 years ago when she took a class at local quilt shop and found herself immersed in a world of infinite possibilities with fabrics. She has never “cooled” or even looked back. In this time, Alice has produced something over 250 quilts, many of them her own design.

Many have won awards in quilt shows and festivals. Her designs and patterns are sold in quilt shops around the country. American Quilter’s Society published her book, *Crazy Patchwork*, in 2009. In 1987, Alice began instructing, and soon coordinated all teaching at the leading quilt shop in her area. Now she teaches in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. She travels to teach across the U.S., Canada and has taught on many cruises.

Although she designs both traditional pieces and appliqued quilts, her true love, other than her husband, children and grandchildren, is teaching others the art of applique, crazy patchwork and just about any kind of handwork. Through her years of experience she has developed many labor and time saving tips to aid in the preparation portion of applique. These she happily shares!!!

One of her greatest joys is seeing someone develop into a dedicated quilter regardless of the style or method chosen.

Alice is married to Bill, has six daughters, a son and seven grandchildren, five great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters. She and Bill live in McKinney, Texas along with their Scottish Terrier Mix, Lucy, who is queen of the household.

The workshop is \$15.00 for RRQG members and \$20.00 for non-members. Remember to sign up for the workshop at the next meeting, it is limited to the first 25 people. (Your one time free workshop with membership does not apply to this workshop). If you want you can sign up by text messaging me to sign up at 940-886-8065 and pay your class fee at the next meeting.

Look forward to seeing you at the next workshop.

Trudy

Trudy

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Show and Tell

Audrey-Golden Harvest
Helen Day-Radio Way
Jean Swinney-2 Monkeys in the Attic
Jean Swinney-2 Radio City
Barbara Trade Blocks
Carolyn Miller- Flannel Rag Quilt
Kathy Cremens-2 Baby Quilts
Sheri Lalk-Appliqued Quilts

Please go to web site for pictures

Red River Quilter's Guild

www.wichitafallsquiltguild.org/





April 10-11, 2015

Ogallala Annual Quilt Festival
Dimmitt, TX

www.ogallalaquilters.org

The above is a MUST CHECK OUT EVENT!!

April 10-11, 2015

"Through the Years"

sponsored by Bay Area Quilt Guild in Houston
Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Rd, Pearland, TX

www.bayareaquiltguild.org

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April 17-18, 2015

12th Annual The Piney Woods Quilt Festival
Carthage Community Shelter and Civic Center
1702 S Adams at the loop, Carthage, TX 75633

www.carthagetexas.us/quilt.htm

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April 17-18, 2015

The Woodlands Area Quilt Guild Quilt Show
Legends Sports Complex
603 Pruitt Rd, Spring, TX 77380

www.waqq.org

April 17-18, 2015

Cotton Quilters Guild Quilt Show
Terry County Senior Citizen Center
1201 Tahoka Rd., Brownfield, TX 79316

www.cottonquiltersguild.org/index.html

April 24-25, 2015

St. Mary's Quilt Show
8227 County Road 205
Plantersville, TX 77363

www.stmarysquiltshow.com

April 24-25, 2015

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www.gunbarrelquiltersguild.org/2015-quilt-show.html

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