



The Newsletter of Quilters

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April 2016



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President's Notes — Melissa Taylor

Hello my fellow quilters

We moved our clocks forward and spring is finally here. For some of us quilting time gets harder, between the yard work, grilling and just enjoying the outdoors.

We only have few months before summer hits, press the pedals ladies. We have a lot to get done, for me summer is my low sewing time.

Our last meeting was awesome, and the program on making bags was an eye opener I can't wait to try different methods.

How was the retreat? I'm sure it was wonderful, two days of nothing but sewing and having fun with friends. I hope I make it to the next one.

Just a reminder to get the items for the silent auction to Linda or Me and let's start getting all the stuff for the quilt show ready.

The guild next event is the Wichita Falls Hey Days May 20 and 21, any hand quilter please contact me. They asked if we can have a table for a demo on the art of hand quilting. We are only doing Saturday May 21.

By the time you are reading this I should be in Vegas, enjoying my grandbaby. See you at the next meeting

Life is good,

Melissa Taylor



" Please remember to bring snack on your BIRTHDAY month to share with our members"

"of course anyone is welcome to bring a snack anytime"

Yreva Shirey April 20

Reminder:

The next RRQG meeting will be on **Monday, April 04, 2016 with registration at 6:30 PM and meeting 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.

Please go to web site for pictures

Red River Quilter's Guild

www.wichitafallsqiltguild.org/

WORKSHOP REPORT

April 2016

We have some great workshops lined up for you this year. We hope you find them interesting and will sign up for the classes!

Many thanks to Marianne Pattillo for teaching the "*Shimmering Cross*" in March. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

April 16: Audrey Bee will teach the "*Split 9-Patch*." This is a versatile block that, depending on how you lay out the blocks, can give you many different patterns. You will want to make several for the different layouts. A pattern will be provided in class.

May 21: Cindy Simmons will teach us the "*Double Irish Chain*." This is a standard, popular quilt pattern that you will enjoy. She will be teaching the Eleanor Burns version and you will need the book. If you don't have one, Cindy can order one for you.

June 18: Diane Walker will be teaching a *purse*, complete with zipper and pocket. Diane says the zipper is easy and I am anxious to learn her method. Diane presented the March guild program and gave us a sample of her talents. You won't want to miss this one!

If you like to plan ahead, all the workshops for the whole year are listed on the website at WichitaFallsQuiltGuild.org.

If you would like to sign up for any class, please contact either of us or sign up at the guild meeting. The workshop are on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m., at the same place where the guild meetings are held. Workshops are only \$15 for members and \$20 or non-members, or you can use the coupon you received with your membership.

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Comfort Quilts ——— Stephani Siekierski and Lucy Bonnin**

In February I was able to deliver three quilts to Patsy's House. One of those quilts was the result of the pieced block of the month the guild did in 2014. Two more of those quilts are being quilted and bound as we speak. Our outgoing quilts could use a little assistance if you can make that commitment. It just feels so good to create a quilt that will bring happiness beyond the act of stitching one together. Creating Comfort Quilts requires only fabric and determination, there's no meeting away from home, no need to find others to work with, no size or color requirements. Using either your own fabric or that which is available at our guild meetings, work at your own pace, be the boss of your own efforts, and we will get it finished and donated.

Don't forget to feel free to come to the Comfort Quilts table. Melissa Taylor and friends did a very good job of matching fabrics and creating a mound of bagged fabrics matched up for quilting from our fabric storage. Feel free to stitch a quilt top and bring it for someone else to finish. Very generous stitchers are willing to quilt what you can piece. Maybe you can add binding to a quilt that just needs finishing. Batting is available from the Guild for those who are quilting Comfort Quilts.

Stephani V. Siekierski

Lucy M. Bonnin

March Show & Tell

Betty Newman	King Size String Quilt
Jean Swinney	2-Slice layer & Log cabin
Cathy Ladd	String quilt
Cathy Ladd	Hunting/Fishing Quilt
Lucy Bonnin	Shamrock Wall Hanging
Lucy Bonnin	Scrappy Table Topper
Dina Redman	Galaxy Warm Wishes
Dina Redman	Purple/Turquoise X's & O's
Dina Redman	Rainbow Bargello
Cheryl Neale	Giraffee Quilt
Cheryl Neale	2 comfort quilts
Cheryl Neale	Wedding Quilt
	Visitors
Ashley Norris	Swoon-Baby and Valentines
Annette Ellis	Sands of Time
Sandra Abegta	Sands of Time



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35th Annual **Tyler Quilt Show** "SCRAPS!" —March 18-19,Harvey Convention Center
2000 W Front St (Hwy 31 W), Tyler, TX 75702 www.qgetx.org/Quilt_Show.html

March 18-19—**Shades of Texas Quilt Show** Sponsored by the Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild
Killeen Civic & Conference Center www.cttquiltguild.org

Ogallala Quilt Festival 2016 "A Walk in the Garden" April 1 & 2, **Dimmitt, TX**
<http://www.ogallalaquilters.org/>

Treasurer's Report ——— Marianne Patillo

TREASURER'S REPORT AND MARCH MINUTES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE APRIL MEETING AS THEY WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME.

I APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE...BRENDA ODOM

Sunset Retreat-A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hello All

The guild retreat at Sunset Retreat was this weekend and everyone had such a good time that we decided to do it again next year. Most who went this year also signed up for next year, so there is limited space left. There are only 7 (yes, seven) openings.

To be fair, we are reserving these 7 spaces for guild members. If the spaces are not filled we will open it to friends at a later date.

The retreat will be March (23) 24-26, 2017. The rates will be the same.

I am taking signups on a first-come basis. After that I will start a Wait List in case of cancellations.

I will take email reservations provided the registration form and check are mailed quickly. I am trying to be fair to all and I also need to minimize the paperwork on my part.

Detailed information and the registration form are attached. If you want to go, please send me your completed registration form and your \$50 deposit made out to Sunset Retreat (not to me and not to the guild). My address is on the registration form.

I wish we had room for everyone, but we don't. This is the best I could do to make it fair to all.

Audrey Bee

Program Chairman Report

By Linda Salmon

Our April 4 program will be Hand Quilting by Vicki Schrieber. Vicki has been hand quilting for several years. She is the owner of The Quilt Barn which is located south of Windthorst. Even if you have not hand quilted before, Vicki's expertise will be informative and helpful. It just might be the impetus to get you started. The RRGQ show is coming very soon, and we can always use some hand-quilted miniatures for the auction. Of course, all miniatures are welcome.

As of our March meeting we now have 15 people who have picked up Grab Bags for our ***Comfort Quilt Grab Bag Challenge***. There is still time to pick up a bag and make a comfort quilt by adding more fabric. When you pick up a bag, be sure to sign the ***Comfort Quilt Grab Bag Challenge*** sheet so that your name can be placed in a drawing. Be sure to bring your completed quilt in December. A special prize will be given to the person whose name is drawn at the December meeting.

Begin to gather your items for the Silent Auction in June. The date will arrive before we know it. Also remember to begin making plans to enter your quilt(s) in the Red River Guild Quilt Show coming in September.

It has been suggested that those of you who have a business, bring flyers or business cards advertising your business. Place them on the registration table for members to pick up. We understand that this has been done in the past and recently, as well. We would encourage you to make your business known in this manner. Thanks for sharing your skills and business with fellow guild members.

Below you will find the programs scheduled for 2016.

April 4	Hand Quilting	Vicki Schrieber
May 2	Sewing "Y" Seams	Cindy Simmons
June 6	Pot Luck dinner and silent auction	
July 11	Applique	Linda Salmon
August 1	Quilt Show Prep & Info Entry Forms Due	Audrey Bee
September 12	TBA	
October 3	Quilt Show Recap What worked and what didn't Quilters' Flea Market	Diane Walker
November 7	Quilts of Valor Awards Vets & Families/ Pot Luck	
December 5	Pot Luck & Comfort Grab Bag Reveal	Audrey Bee

Looking back at Making Purses

Thanks to Diane Walker for shearing her expertise with making purses and bags. Diane has been sewing several years and learned to quilt from her mom. She even shared how "sleazy easy" she puts in zippers for purses and bags. She uses many of her different sewing machine feet and stitches as she creates the bags. Diane also talked about using different products such as Texture Magic, Fusible Fleece, and Soft and Stable. Her beautiful collection of useful bags sparked interest among our members. Diane's enthusiasm was very contagious. We look forward to her teaching a workshop soon.

Quilting In the Falls 2016

April Newsletter Report

Quilt Show dates: September 23-24, 2016

Six months and counting! The various committees are working hard to make this the best quilt show ever. We need everyone's help and are pleased with all the support.

Because of the concern of the age and safety of our poles and pole hangers, we are renting the poles and drapes from the MPEC. They will all be up and ready for us to hang quilts when we arrive on Thursday! They will also take them down after the show!!! All the center poles for hanging quilts will have a drape, and we will be able to pin the quilts to the drape!!!

The *Entry Categories, Rules, Quilt Entry Form, Miniature Quilt Form, Program Ads form, and Quilts of Valor Guidelines* were at the March guild meeting. If you forgot to pick them up, they are also on the website where you can print them. The deadline to submit the entry form (not the finished quilt, just the form) will be at the *August guild meeting*. It may sound early, but time is needed to put together the program, the quilt layout, and various other things.

As you make or gather items for the quilt show, please bring them to the guild meeting and give them to the appropriate committee chairs:

- *Miniature quilts* -- Jayne Wiist
- *Quilts of Valor* -- Cindy Simmons
- *Guild Blocks* -- Cathy Ladd
- *Boutique Craft items* -- Diane Hoehne
- *Fat Quarters Basket*-- Dina Redmon
- *Coffee Can Auction items* -- Helen Day
- *Program Ads* -- Yreva Shirey

Ad prices are: Business card size - \$25; 1/2 page (5" x 4") - \$45; and full page (5" x 8") - \$80

- *Donation Quilt Ticket Sales* -- Cindy Cunningham

Several of us have been at quilt shows where the members are wearing *matching tee shirts*. This was impressive as it shows the unity of the guild and helps visitors know who to ask their questions. Our guild would like for our members to do this at our quilt show. Cindy Simmons has been researching vendors and has found one that will do a good job for us. It will be red and will have our Quilting In The Falls logo on the front. There will not be a date so these can be worn for years to come. Regular tee shirts, size S-XL - \$15; regular tee shirts size XXL-XXXL - \$17; Long sleeve tee shirts - \$20; and baseball type shirts \$25. Please order yours through Cindy Cunningham. She will place the order in May, so please get with her before then.

The next quilt show committee meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2016, at 5:30 pm at the church. This will be immediately prior to the guild meeting. Everyone is invited to attend and help!

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QUILT RETREAT 2017

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND OF QUILTING, EATING, AND SOCIALIZING! OUR GUILD HAS RESERVED THE SUNSET RETREAT IN SUNSET, TEXAS FOR THE LAST WEEKEND IN MARCH 2017

Where: **SUNSET RETREAT AND QUILT SHOP** 940-845-2090
410 Echo Rd., Sunset, TX 76270 <http://sunsetretreat.com/>

When: **March (23), 24-26, 2017 (Thurs), Fri Sat & Sun**

Cost: 2 nights, Friday and Saturday -- \$175 -- Arrive after 10:00 am
3 nights, add Thursday -- \$225.00 -- Arrive after 10:00 am
Sunday -- Depart by 1:00 pm

Deposit: \$50 -- cash, check or money order (made payable to Sunset Retreat, mailed along with your registration form to Audrey.)

Balance Due: No later than Feb 2 , 2017 (earlier is certainly okay!)(Also to Audrey)

About Sunset Retreat:

- Each guest has her own work table
- Ample design wall
- Cutting tables, ironing boards and irons
- Quilt Shop on site, open 24/7 to retreaters
- 15% discount to retreaters
- 150 acres, 11,000 sq ft building, kitchenette, full refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker
- *All meals provided and prepared by in-house chef, served buffet style*
- 10 bedrooms, 2 are ADA compliant, bathroom in every room
- Arrive after 10:00 a.m., either Thursday or Friday, (Thursday no noon meal, but evening meal)
- Depart Sunday by 1:00 pm
- Minimum attendance - 20; maximum 40
- More information at their web site: <http://sunsetretreat.com/>
- If you have a coupon from making a bed quilt for them for their opening several years ago, they will honor the coupon for this retreat. It is for 2 nights, so if you come Thursday you will need to pay the extra day.

If the attendees want, we could have an instructor and teach a class. There may be a slight additional fee for this. Without an instructor, everyone would work on their own projects. With a class there will still be time to work on your own projects. The attendees will decide if they want a class or not.

Each room accommodates a maximum of five (the ADA rooms accommodate four). If you are attending with friends, you can enter a roommate request on the registration form.

Please complete the Registration Form and send it along with your deposit to Audrey. She will be the liaison between the guild and Sunset Retreat.

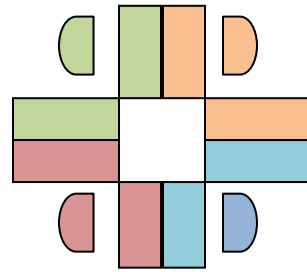
Audrey Bee

SUNSET RETREAT

Minimum 20, Maximum 40

Craft Room

1. 80 tables, each quilter gets 2 tables set at right angles.
Each table is 2' x 4'
2. 4- and 6-person work table stations available.
3. 2 extremely large cutting tables.
4. 2 extremely large ironing boards
5. irons provided
6. Many Design walls around perimeter of room.
7. Ergonomic, comfortable chairs.
8. More than adequate space for quilters.
9. Kitchen area in craft room has refrigerator, microwave, bottled water
10. Two convenient restrooms
11. Extra tables for the goodies that quilters usually bring



Bedrooms

1. 2 Handicap rooms, wheelchair accessible, each with 4 beds. ADA compliant
2. 7 bedrooms with 5 beds. Each bed has access to a night stand and lamp as well as a folding luggage stand
3. 1 bedroom with 3 beds
4. Full bathroom in each bedroom
5. Walk-in shower
6. Each room has own HVAC controls

Quilt Shop On Site

Quilt shop on site. Cute little shop that has a selection of fabric and various notions. Open to retreaters 24/7 on an honor system. Write down what you get and settle up before you leave.

Meals

Breakfast is set out early and left out all morning. This accommodates both the early risers and the late sleepers. Breakfast consists of make-your-own-waffles, oatmeal, sweet rolls, hard boiled eggs, etc. Lunch and Dinner are prepared by a chef and the meals are outstanding.

Patio

Peaceful, relaxing, has waterfall and fire pit.

TV Room

Separate room with chairs, sofas, TV, VCR, quilt magazines, etc. The doors can be closed to quiet the room and block out the quilting noises.

Massage Room

During quilting, a massage therapist is brought in. During weddings, this room is used for the bridal room. It's quite elegant.

Red River Quilters' Retreat -- March (23) 24-26, 2017

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Is email a good way to contact you? Y / N

Emergency contact name _____

Phone number/s () _____

Dietary restrictions/special needs _____

Do you require handicap access bathroom: Y / N

Are you attending with a group? Yes If so please indicate name of Group: Red River Quilters' Guild

Sunset Retreat takes your safety and the security of your equipment very seriously, but they will not be liable for any personal injury, loss/theft or damage anytime during the retreat. Your attendance constitutes your agreement to indemnify and hold harmless Sunset Retreat from any damage for injury, loss, or damage for any reason.

I agree to the policies outlined above:

_____ Date _____

Check one:

Friday - Sunday, March 11-13, 2016: \$175

Thursday - Sunday, March 10-13, 2016: \$225.00

Minimum deposit of \$50 required with registration. Balance due by February 2, 2016
(It's okay to pay the fee in full at this time)

Make checks payable to *Sunset Retreat* Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Using Coupon _____

Would you like a class and instructor? _____

There will be ample time to work on your own projects, but we could add a class and instructor if the attendees want. There may be a slight additional cost for this. Would you like this?

Please mail completed form to:

Send with deposit or balancer to:

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Roommate Request:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____