



The Newsletter of Quilters

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December 2015



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President's Notes — Melissa Taylor—December 2015

Welcome, to the most wonderful time of the year.

Oh, I just love the Christmas season. Ready to watch it's a wonderful life again and cry my eyes out (can't help it)

I'm happy to announce that we have 46 members so far, what a great start. Two new members joined at our last meeting, welcome to you. I will be taking pictures for the directory at the December meeting.

Are you guys dusting off the recipes for the December pot luck?? I can't wait, we have so much fun and the food is just absolutely great.

I'm sure we are all doing some heavy sewing in the next few weeks to finish all those Christmas presents on time. Keep up the good work, it's just hard to believe the year is almost over.

Life is good,

See you at the next meeting

Melissa Taylor

Sheila Hubenka

Betty Newman

WELCOME
new members
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Reminder:

The next RRQG meeting will be on **Monday, December 07 2015 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.

Show and Tell November 5, 2015

Please go to web site for pictures

Red River Quilter's Guild

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Bett Newman	Blue Quilt
Jean Swinney	Christmas Tree, Struedel Pie Crust
Dina Redman	Purple Quilt
Frances Brackeen	Log Cabin, Veteran,
Frances Brackeen	No Name Block, Strip Quilt
Cindy Simmons	Summer Soltice
Dian Hoehne	Strip Quilt
Debbie Griffith	Twin Boys Quilt
Susan Aday	Halloween Wall Hanging
Donna Knapp	2 Christmas Tree Skirt Table Runner
Kristin Johnson	Christmas Tree Skirt
Lucy Bonin	Baby Quilt
Brenda Odom	Chenile Halloween Quilt
Vicky Schreiber	Scrappy Bargello
Linda Salmon	Christmas Tree Skirt
Diann Bernhardt	Christmas Skirt
Ann Wyatt & Johnnie Mitchell	5 Painted Horses

December Birthdays

Johnnie Mitchell	2	Jayne Wiist	28
Donna Wells	4	Eva Gustafson	29
Stephani Siekierski	7	Shirley Holub	29
Kathleen Roseboom	13	Diann Bernhardt	30
Cindy Simmons	16	Kristin Johnston	30
Cathy Ladd	18	Lisa Plaxco	31
Carla Ezzell	20		



Treasurer's Report—Marianne Pattillo –November, 2015

My books need to be audited and there was no activity except for Interest earned, so I wanted to get this done so I can turn over the books Monday.

Hi all,

Eleanor Edwards will be available before our Guild meeting this Monday, December 07 , from 6:30-7pm, if anyone wants to buy chances on one of the cross quilts. Each will have its own raffle ticket as someone suggested we should be able to buy tickets for the cross we want to win:)

These are our donation to OLQP and were pieced by Eleanor Edwards and quilted by Cindy Simmons.

Also, it's time to renew your Membership - \$25 includes a \$15 coupon for a class!

And Melissa will be taking pictures

See you Monday,

Marianne Pattillo



Comfort Quilts ————— Stephani Siekierski**

I mentioned last month that I have a bucket list of quilts I wish to make in my quilt career. I traveled this month to visit my quilting sister in Grand Junction, Colorado. The beautiful colors of trees and the endless National Monument vistas are sure to appear in my quilting future. I don't know that I would change which quilts I would like to make, but I can see the coloring will be altered for sure. Beautiful tans to browns, reds and golds. Also in my future is baby knitting and baby quilts. With a due date of March 10, we have a new little man arriving in our life, and he will also affect the bucket list. Fun days had, and fun days ahead.

I visited my sister's comfort quilt group, as well as her art quilt group. They comfort quilt group appears to get together on a designated day to sort fabrics, find backs, and also stitch flimsies to get new quilts on the way. I suspect they are a bigger group as my sister belongs to three separate quilt guilds. But they still go through the same steps we do, and have the same storage and sorting needs. Her art quilt group involved some amount of adding paint, found items, and other manipulations to quilts, also utilizing different fabrics including silk. I also did wonderful retail therapy that is sure to inspire in the near future.

In the month of November we donated four quilts to each of our designated groups, so we are very thankful. Our new member Vicki Schreiber donated two quilts. I thank Cheryl Neale and Ruth Lavy for their generous donations, also Dian Hoehne, and always thanks to Frances Brackeen who seems to be able to quilt anything I can bring her. It feels personally gratifying to receive help with this mission. Consider making it your mission. Feel free to stitch a donation top and bring it for someone else to quilt. Very generous stitchers are willing to quilt what you can piece. Maybe you can add binding to a quilt that just needs finishing. Looking forward to access to the guild stash now housed where the guild meets. Give me a jingle if you are quilting for us, and the guild can supply batting.

Stephani Siekierski

Programs—Linda Salmon –November, 2015

Program Chairman Report

By Linda Salmon

December??? You mean it is already December and wondering where the year has gone. Well, 2015 is almost over and we are looking forward to 2016. Cathy Ladd, Audrey Bee and I have been working on the programs and workshops for the coming year. As usual we will be asking for input and help from our friends in the Red River Quilters' Guild. Thanks for all of your help this past year. Now let's look at the rest of 2015 and 2016.

Below is a schedule for upcoming programs for the remainder of 2015 and first of 2016.

December 7	Christmas Potluck dinner	Share Challenge Block quilt and Quilt Bingo
January 4	"How to utilize scraps and your stash Cathy Ladd to make a beautiful quilt"	

December meeting is the date to show off your Challenge Quilt. I am looking forward to seeing what each of you has done with this Challenge. Again I am asking for volunteers to sew the blocks donated by members for those comfort quilts. Let me know if you are willing to help.

At the December meeting and again at the January meeting, we will have Grab Bags for our **Comfort Quilt Grab Bag Challenge**. Pick up a bag and make a comfort quilt by adding more fabric. Bring your completed quilt in June when we have our potluck dinner and Silent Auction. When you pick up a bag, sign our **Comfort Quilt Grab Bag Challenge** sheet so that your name can be placed in a drawing. A special prize will be given to the person whose name is drawn at the June meeting.

Looking back at "On Making Comfort Quilts"

Our own Stephani Siekierski presented a very informative program on making Comfort Quilts. Her beginning quote was "Skip the math, buy the bolt!" She shared idea on how to make time to make comfort quilts, where to find ideas and inspiration. Stephani gave us a very helpful handout which gave information about blogs, books and magazines, and easy patterns which can be found on the we. She also shared with printed and verbal info about the amount of fabric based on your quilt plan. Her helpful hints for proper pressing for good results will be useful. You might want to get her handout about shortcutsfor cutting half square (HST) triangles. The chart could be kept close to your cutting area. As she was presenting her program, she shared several of her beautiful quilts. One last tidbit was a recipe for making "Starch Substitute".

Quilting In the Falls 2016
December Newsletter Report

Quilt Show dates: September 23-24, 2016

The quilt show is less than a year away! The things that need to be done early have been (or are being) done and we are good until after the holidays. We will not have a 6:00 meeting in December, but plan to have one in January.

There was a lot of information in the November newsletter and I don't want to repeat myself. There really isn't anything new to report. Please enjoy your holidays and spend some time quilting if you can. The quilt show needs your quilts, miniatures, and Emporium items.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact Marianne Pattillo or myself. We're going to have a great quilt show and we greatly appreciate everyone's help.

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Guild Retreat at *Sunset Retreat and Quilt Shop* in Sunset, Texas
March 11-13, 2016

We have 26 signed up for the retreat! It's going to be a lot of fun!! The retreat is for guild members and friends, so if you have a friend who wants to go, please give them information and a registration form.

If you haven't heard about the retreat, please let me know and I'll send you the details.

If you want to attend and haven't yet sent in your Registration Form, please do so. *If you are using a coupon*, please send it to me or bring it to the December guild meeting. *If you owe your deposit*, please make the check out to Sunset Retreat and either send it to me or bring it to the December meeting.

Respectfully,
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