

The Newsletter of Quilters

Needle Notes

February 2015

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President's Notes — Melissa Taylor

February 2015

Hello fellow quilters.

How are your sewing projects coming along? This cold weather along with a nice warm drink is the perfect combination for sewing. We had a great meeting, I **love** how we are getting more involved with our organization and all the great ideas and suggestions we are receiving.

Thank you Linda for the program, the tee is just so cute and easy to do. I'm happy to announce that we have 69 members. Please make sure and remember to pick up your new Directory and name tag from Deborah at the membership table.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY for those that celebrated February 14. The month of "**LOVE**". If we take a few minutes and think about it, from the time we are born we heard this four letter word over and over. Beginning with our parents, siblings, family members, friends and then we started using the word for ourselves in so many different ways. We **LOVE** to quilt, I **LOVE** that print, we **LOVE** our pets, we **LOVE** Mexican food, and so on. The word can be used in so many different ways, when in reality it's a very delicate but at the same time strong word.

What is Love?

Love is a variety of different feelings, states, and attitudes that ranges from interpersonal affection ("I love my mother") to pleasure ("I loved that meal"). It can refer to an emotion of a strong attraction and personal attachment. It can also be a virtue representing human kindness, compassion, and affection—"the unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another". It may also describe compassionate and affectionate actions towards other humans, one's self or animals (definition by Wikipedia).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



February
Members!**

Lisa Douglass 2/03

Trudy Wallace 2/13

We as a guild show our love by making comfort quilts for those in need, every quilt we donate is received with so much **love** by total strangers and we show them that people care. So keep on sewing those comfort quilts, Carolyn would love to give you material for an entire quilt or you can pick a beautiful print and compliment it with something from your stash.

See you next meeting.

Melissa



Meeting called to order by President Melissa Taylor. Melissa mentioned for everyone to be sure and sign cards for Kathy Roseboom who moved away. She also mentioned Zana Elliott is missing a quilt from the quilt show in October. Audrey Bee mentioned someone had picked it up for Zana, it was on display. If you know anything please let Zana know.

Melissa informed us that only 10 members were missing pictures out of 66 members in the new directory. There were no minutes for December, we partied.

Marianne Pattillo gave the Treasurer's Report. Account Balance is \$ 12,000.00

She has a Quick Books program for sell for \$25 if anyone would like to use it personally. It is outdated but still usable if anyone is interested. Contact her after the meeting, otherwise she will donate to GoodWill. Marianne informed us of that Melissa Collier had a final report on the audit.

Melissa Collier and Kathy Cremeens completed the audit for 2014. The banking amounts were correct for the entire year. There were a few adjustments made in the category balances.

The savings portion of the RRQG monies was not listed in the total income section. We moved the monies represented in the savings account to the general fund.

The addition of the Checking and Savings accounts represent the total monies held by the RRQG.

As of October 31, 2014, the RRQG has a total of \$13097.68

Through the audit, corrections were made to adjust categories according to receipts presented. At the completion of the audit, the balances of the categories are as follows:

Confort Quilts	\$1,166.20	Checking Account	\$10,577.71
Education Fund	\$2,818.22	Outstanding Check #3052	-\$750.00
General Fund	\$3,478.93	Outstanding Check #1002	-\$596.84
Library Fund	\$0.90	Savings Account	\$3,866.86
Quilt Show Fund	\$5,633.38		
Totals	\$13,097.63	Totals	\$13,097.73

The Education Fund as of October 31, 2014 should be moved to the General Fund according to the RRQG Bylaws. That amount \$ 2818.22

The miniature auction monies should be moved from the Quilt Show Fund to the Education Fund to fund the next two year period.

That amount is \$1375.00

There were also monies of \$100.00 for Pearls and \$20.00 for Sewing Machine, not sure if the donor requested what category they wanted the money in, if not it should go to Education Fund.

The Emporium and Coffee Can money can be moved to the Comfort Quilt category.

Emporium \$889.00

Coffee Can \$716.00

After all the quilt show bills are paid, the quilt show category may be moved to the General Fund and Quilt Show category deleted.

All the receipts and bank statements were presented and balances verified.

Signed Kathy Cremeens and Melissa Collier 12/11/2014

Melissa mentioned finding fabric and batting on sale if it is really a good sale then purchase it for the guild and bring the receipt to Marianne to be reimbursed. If it is something needed for comfort quilts or a specific project.

Linda Salmon discussed the Block of the Month, February's block not ready yet but will be in the newsletter. January's BOM is named Jewel Box, using the one block repeated for a whole quilt makes a beautiful quilt. Audrey Bee is helping Linda with block selection. Dinah asked "If block in newsletter is for that month's meeting?" Linda confirmed that yes it was. So bring the Feb. block to the Feb. meeting to show and/ or donate one.

Trudy Wallace displayed this month's Spicy Spiral Tablerunner that will be made in the workshop on the 17th. Seven have signed up for the class. Pam Schenk is able to order patterns and rulers if anyone is interested. Rulers are 25.98 and patterns are 9.50. If you have a 10 degree ruler instead of 9 degree, it will work as well and uses the same 8 FQ's.

Deborah Boring Member ship Chair introduced our visitors for this meeting. Ellie Leslie, Terry Leslie, Helen Day.

Melissa mentioned she cleaned up the lockers there at the meeting place and reorganized paper goods. She also purchased 3 new irons and labeled them fabric use only. She asked for knowledgeable volunteers to sort through our library books and magazines to keep, give away, and trash. Checking out the books is on the honor system write down your name if you borrow a book and mark it off when you return the book. Need to clean out the books to make room to keep some of the backing for comfort quilts.

Door Prize winners were

Ann Wright, Deborah Wiist, Judy Breyen, Zana Elliott

Carolyn Miller showed the comfort quilts made for this month, Stephanie unable to attend meeting, husband in the hospital. Frances Brackeen donated several boxes and bags of fabrics and partial quilts given to her to be made for comfort quilts or just given away. Patterns and iron donated to the guild. 3 quilts made for comfort quilts for the 2 ongoing charities. Frances Brakeen, Janis RuBane, Stephani Sierkierski all helped make comfort quilts for this month.

Storage Unit was again discussed. Melissa had gone to see how much there was to store, 37 different containers of stuff to store. It needs to be sorted and what is usable and keep and what needs to be thrown away or given away.

Prices included 5x15 44.00 per month

Climate controlled 7x10 105.00 per month

10x10 125.00 per month

After sorting and organizing should be able to fit fabric into the 5x15 for 44.00 monthly. Present storage isn't really climate controlled. If the goal is to continue to make comfort quilts then we need to move fabric having it in storage doesn't really help anything.

The point of paying for storage at the church was re-examined. Frances and Donald seem to think it could be left there another year. Could we make the donation to the church instead of renting storage.

Melissa will check again with the pastor as to the exact concern with the storing the fabric there.

The little house that is used for sewing can still be used. Linda Salmon suggests we ask again and then sort and clean it up as needed.

Melissa wants everyone to look over the bylaws before next meeting to see if any changes or additions need to be made. One concern she has is holding meetings in inclement weather .

She also invites everyone to read the write up about the quilt show in the Wichita Falls City Magazine.

She also informs everyone that there is a 10% discount at Hancock's if you have your guild badge.

Bylaws were last reviewed 1999.

Cindy Simmons moved to adjourn meeting. Jean Swinney seconded the motion.

Linda Salmon demonstrated the cutout Tshirt for the program. How to use fabric behind a cutout of your choice, draw 1 inch squares then sew on the lines. Then cut it diagonally making the edges of each square fray. 100% cotton Tshirts fray best.

Regards,

Pam Schenk

Programs — Linda Salmon

News from RRQG First Vice President- Linda Salmon

Audrey Bee will present the February program on the "Nifty Nine Patch".

The 9-patch is a basic, versatile block that can be used in many different quilt patterns. It can also be made in several different ways. Audrey will demonstrate the traditional ways to make a 9-patch then will show a uniquely different way that was developed by Billie Lauder.

Audrey will then show a variety of quilts made with the 9-patch and variations of the 9-patch. If you have a 9-patch quilt, bring it to show, too.

Experience quilters will be interested in the new method and new quilters will learn the versatility of the basic 9-patch block.

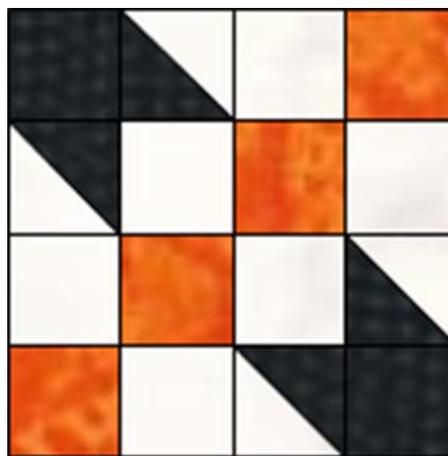
February Guild Block 2015

Road to Oklahoma

Light: Cut 2 patches at 3" square
 Cut 6 patches at 2-1/2" square
Medium: Cut 4 patches at 3" square
 Cut 4 patches at 2-1/2" square
Dark: Cut 2 patches at 3" square
 Cut 2 patches at 2-1/2" square

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

Sew together as shown in diagram.



Upcoming Workshops — Trudy Wallace **

February Workshop to be announced at the February Meeting

Anyone that signed up for the 2014-2105 membership will get a **FREE** ticket (back by popular demand) to stop by the membership desk to pick it up. (does not include special paid workshops).

Please note: those not wishing to sign up for a work shop but would like to be with friends with like interests—Please join us on the third Saturday of the month—Maybe you would like to sew a comfort quilt or help cut kits for the comfort quilts or sew a binding on a quilt.

Alice Wilhoit is coming in April for the third Saturday workshop.

Quilted Comfort — Stephani Siekierski –Carolyn Miller **

Stephani and I were very pleased with the donations we received during our December meeting. We want to thank everyone who contributed to Comfort Quilts this month.

Francis Brackeen pieced, quilted and bound 3 beautiful mid sized quilts. She used many fabrics, making 4 patch blocks that all blended together.

I finished 2 of my baby/toddler quilts using panels.

Ruth Lavy made a Puppy Quilt for a child. This quilt is happy!

Cheryl Neale and Kathy Cremens each made a light house quilt, and Janice Rubane helped with the binding. These could be used in a family room or for a child or teen. They are bright and cheerful.

Jayne Wiist pieced a large bedsize quilt but I am having trouble remembering who quilted this one. I will check on this and let you know at the next meeting. It is very nice also and I believe it is large enough for a full size bed. It is blue and white.

Francis also sent along several bags and boxes of fabric, patterns, and magazines. Some of the items were donated by Francis, and others by Darla Woodruff. There was also an iron in the box and two booklets of patterns. The booklets were donated to the members raffle, and the iron to the guild for classes. The rest was put out on tables for the membership to look through and take to use themselves.

We want to thank them for their generosity in sharing these treasures with us.

Please send me a note if you have ideas or suggestions for our comfort quilt activities. Any and all suggestions are welcome.

I will be calling our charities tomorrow and schedule deliveries this week.

Carolyn Miller

Approximately 20 Quilt Shops Under 1 Roof!



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One Stop Shop Hop

Theme: Let's Take a Trip Around the World!

March 28 & 29, 2015

Friday 10–5

Saturday 10–4

Cost: \$5

**Lots of door prizes
and free block patterns.**

Grand Prizes

**Babylock Melody
Sewing Machine**
valued at \$1,799.99

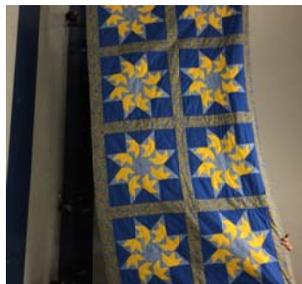
**Cameo Silhouette
Cutter**
valued at \$299.99

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JUST A FEW OF THE GORGEOUS QUILTS FROM JANUARY

Show and Tell



Show and Tell

Audrey Bee-Sleet Storm

Dinah Redman-Purple Bargello, Purple & Tangerine—Square in a Square

Pam Schenk 2-T-Shirt Quilts

Judy Breyer-Sands of Time

Paula Gordon-NIN Quilt

Cathy Ladd-Log Cabin Cross

Teresa Bannes-First Quilt-African Prints

Carolyn Miller-Comfort Quilts

Frances Brackeen-Comfort Quilts

Ann Wyatt-4 Quilts

Eleanor Edwards—Wall Hanging

Linda Salmon-Sands of Time

Lisa Douglass, Carla Ezzell, & Paula Ballard all presented quilts



**Teresa Bannes
1ST Quilt**

Red River Quilter's Guild

www.wichitafallsquiltguild.org/





The Lawton guild, Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild, is having a quilt show on February 13-14 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 135W 2nd Street, Lawton. The website is <http://www.wmqg.net/>

Missing Quilt

Audrey Bee showed a quilt at the November meeting that had been accidentally left at the quilt show, looking for the owner. Someone said they could get it back where it belonged and agreed to take it and I thank you.

If you have the quilt, call and I will gladly come and get it or if you know who got it for me also call.

The quilt is a 4 block small baby quilt size 1) US Flag, 2) Trees, 3) Cat and Mouse, 4) House.

Sincerely,

Zana Elliott, 691-0811

Miniature Quilts : Jayne Wiist suggested we start early to make miniature quilts for next year's Quilt Show (and not wait until the last minute like most of us do). She sent me this email where Connecting Threads is offering monthly patterns and quilts for miniatures. Connecting Threads is going to have a "Little Pattern" for the next several months. This a a \$3.99 download or the kit for just \$7.15. The quilts will be under the heading "Love Little Quilts" at www.connectingthreads.com

Did you know—those of us with older machines that do not have the LED lighting, can be easily added to your existing machine—

<http://inspiredled.com/sewing-machine-led-lighting-kit>

PS: Also available at Amazon



Reminder:

The next RRQG meeting will be on **Monday, February 2nd 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

Opening Balance	1266.30	1375.00	9950.03	0.00	12591.33
Income					

Newsletter Ads	31.47		31.47		31.47
Interest	0.10		0.10		0.10
Membership	150.00		150.00		150.00
Workshop		60.00			60.00
Total Income	1266.30	1435.00	10131.60	0.00	12832.90

Club Expenses					
Workshop teacher - Kathleen Roseboom		100.00			100.00
Our Lady Queen of Peace mtgs/workshops Jan/Jun			420.00		420.00
			66.00		66.00
Total Expenses	0.00	100.00	486.00	0.00	586.00

Ending Balance December 31, 2014	1266.30	1335.00	9645.50	0.00	12246.90
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Savings Acct Balance included in General Fund 3866.96