



# Needle Notes

March 2016



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## President's Notes — Melissa

Hello my fellow quilters

Welcome spring time J

**Oh wait a minute**, we are still in winter and the birds are all confused. I'm sure we have all enjoyed this weird but beautiful weather.

Our last meeting was so much fun, Johnnies' program was so interesting. A few of those stories I will treasure forever and pass along as a tale.

I'm happy to announce we have 61 members, and we are still growing. Thank you so much for those who are volunteering on any committee, this is the strength that keeps our guild moving.

Thanks to Ann Wyatt for getting the Westview Boys Home story in the Wichita Falls Living magazine/Spring 2016 edition. You can see two pages with beautiful pictures (page 154, 155).

We are ready for the Home and Garden show (Saturday Feb 27 and Sunday Feb 28). Please give a big thanks to Pam Schenk and Audrey Bee for contacting channel 3 last week and promoting our donation quilt.

Life is good,

See you at the next meeting

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"



Zana Elliott	March 17
Debra Wiist	March 21
Ruth Ann Lavy	March 21

## Reminder:

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

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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/](http://www.wichitafallsqiltguild.org/)

## **WORKSHOP REPORT**

### **March 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 Cindy Simmons for teaching "Log Cabin" in February. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

**March 19:** Marianne Pattillo will teach the beautiful "Shimmering Star".

**April 16:** Audrey Bee will teach the "Split 9-Patch". This is a versatile block that, depending on how you lay them out, can give you many different patterns.

If you like to plan ahead, all the workshops for the whole year are listed on the website at [WichitaFallsQuiltGuild.org](http://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.

Remember, you received a coupon for a free workshop when you paid your membership. After you use that, workshops are only \$15 for members and \$20 or non-members.

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## Treasurer's Report ——— Marianne Patillo

	Quilts	Fund	Fund	Fund	
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>1249.12</b>	<b>297.06</b>	<b>5608.96</b>	<b>2448.24</b>	<b>9,603.38</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Interest			0.10		0.10
Membership			250.00		250.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>250.10</b>		<b>250.10</b>
<b>Club Expenses</b>					
OLQP - rent Jan-June			420.00		420.00
Bookmarks				91.85	91.85
Saf-T-Lock Jan-June			132.00		132.00
MSU Art Dept Scholarships Spr/Fall		500.00			500.00
Fed Ex - membership rosters			310.14		310.14
Jan Workshop		100.00			100.00
Batting	127.50				127.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>127.50</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>862.14</b>	<b>91.85</b>	<b>1,681.49</b>
<b>Ending Bal Jan 31, 2016</b>					
	<b>1121.62</b>	<b>-302.94</b>	<b>4996.92</b>	<b>2356.39</b>	<b>8,171.99</b>
Reconciled Checking	4153.69				
Savings	4018.30				
Total in bank	8171.99				

### Sunset Retreat Report

**March (10), 11, 12, 13, 2016**

There are 33 going to the retreat, 23 members and 10 guests! Diane Walker is planning an activity or two for our enjoyment. If you have any questions about the retreat, please contact Diane at 940-781-0418 or Scraphappy2009@yahoo.com or myself. Next month we will report on what a fabulous time we had!

Audrey Bee  
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## Comfort Quilts ——— Stephani Siekierski and Lucy Bonnin\*\*

At the last guild meeting, I showed some quilts “under construction.” These were the result of the success of Linda Salmon’s program last year to construct a pieced block of the month. Extra blocks were created giving us several sets of blocks that are being stitched into Comfort Quilts. I wish to thank guild members who created a block a month for themselves and an additional block for Comfort Quilts. We are in the process of adding fabric and finding backing and creating fun quilts for our designated recipients.

Thanks to Kathleen Cremeens, Cheryl Neale, and Frances Brackeen for help with getting Comfort Quilts quilted. I appreciate those who have joined me in making it their mission to create quilts that we can pass along to those in need. 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. There are fabric kits bagged up ready to go. 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. We have had a recent delivery of a new roll of batting. Give me a jingle and I can cut quilt batting for you if you have been quilting for our comfort quilts, to bring at the next quilt meeting or sooner by arrangement.

Stephani V. Siekierski

Lucy M. Bonnin

### February Show & Tell

**Diann Bernhardt—Potholders, Billfold**

**Diane Walker——Bag, MugRug, Smock**

**Francine Miller—Polar Bear, Pink Bear**

**Lois Reilly——Angels**

**Barbara Komatz—Strip Piece Workshop,  
Quilts of Valor**

**Kristin Johnston—10-Minute Block**

**Stephanie Siekierski—Pineapple Flowers and  
Comfort Quilt**

**Linda Salmon-Desert Sky Paper Piecing**



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Upcoming Quilt Shows—**Dallas** –March 11-13, 2016 at Dallas Market Hall —2100 Stemmons Fwy.  
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](http://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](http://www.cttquiltguild.org)

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

# Program Chairman Report

## By Linda Salmon

Thanks to Diane Walker for offering to present our March program about the purses and bags that she has been making and sharing at our guild meetings. Also thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire about your ideas for programs and presenters at our upcoming meetings. I hope that more of you will let me know your ideas and volunteer your expertise. You are all "good at something!" Let me know so we can hear your story.

Again we will have Grab Bags for our **Comfort Quilt Grab Bag Challenge**. So far we have about a dozen who have picked up a bag. Pick up a bag and make a comfort quilt by adding more fabric. Bring your completed quilt in December. Note that this a change from the information in the January Newsletter. 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. A special prize will be given to the person whose name is drawn at the December meeting.

Below you will find the programs scheduled for 2016.

March 7	Purses and bags	Diane Walker
April 4	Hand Quilting	Vicki Schrieber
May 2	TBA	
June 6	Pot Luck dinner and silent auction	
July 11	TBA	
August 1	Quilt Show Prep & Info Entry Forms Due	Audrey Bee
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 Batting, Tips and Tools

Thanks to Johnnie Mitchell for providing the informational as well as entertaining program at our February meeting. Laughter and clapping filled the room several times. I will just review a few of the tips and tidbits shared. She shared ways to save money using tips for stitching batting together using zigzag stitches, making your own starch, and laundry soap. She even shared samples of the soap and starch with members and guests. Handy tools to keep in a handy little apron which keeps those tools easily accessible while quilting were given away at the end of her presentation..The tips were too numerous to mention, so just catch Johnnie at the Guild meeting and ask her about some of her ideas. Her enthusiasm was such that I have a feeling she will be happy to share many of them with you.

# Quilting In the Falls 2016

## March Newsletter Report

### Quilt Show dates: September 23-24, 2016

Seven 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.

The committee finalized the entry categories, rules and entry form and they will be available at the next guild meeting. Soon they will also be on the website, and next month they will be in the newsletter. 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 give them to the appropriate committee chairs:

- **Miniature quilts** -- Jayne Wiist  
A miniature is just a smaller version of a quilt. Take any pattern and downsize the blocks to come up with a miniature for the auction. Or, use one of the many miniature patterns for sale or on the web.
- **Quilts of Valor** -- Cindy Simmons  
Cindy is asking for a count of how many quilts will be available. Please let Cindy know how many you will make and whether or not you have a veteran in mind to receive your quilt.
- **Guild Blocks** -- Cathy Ladd  
To support our Quilts of Valor theme, members are asked to make a block with red, white and blue fabric in any pattern to display on our Guild Wall at the quilt show. Guild blocks should be 12" finished, quilted and bound. If you want your block returned to you be sure your name is on the back.
- **Boutique** Craft items -- Diane Hoehne  
Several nifty items for the Boutique were shown at the last guild meeting. Put your creative hats on and make some crafty items for sale
- **Fat Quarters** Basket-- Dina Redmon  
Lots of sales going on. Stock up at a sale or raid your stash and help fill the baskets.
- **Coffee Can Auction** items -- Helen Day  
Items for the Coffee Can Auction should be new or like-new. There are a lot of sales going on, so think about getting a few items to donate.
- **Program Ads** -- Yreva Shirey  
If you, or someone you know, would like to place an ad in the program, please contact Yreva Shirey at 940-782-1584 or ylshirey@sbcglobal.net or contact Audrey. We will be happy to provide you with the form. 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  
The Donation Quilt is finished and looks amazing! Many thanks to everyone who made a block, to the quilters that assembled the blocks, added the border, and quilted it. It is will be at the Home and Garden Show February 27-28 where we hope to sell a lot of tickets. Everyone is encouraged to pick up a packet of tickets from Cindy Cunningham at the next guild meeting. Each packet has 30 tickets and a photo of the quilt. Please pick up a packet or two and help.

The committee is thinking about asking members to wear a guild tee shirt while working at the quilt show. This not only identifies who is there from the guild but also shows guild unity. Cindy Simmons found a supplier who can provide a tee shirt with our Quilting In The Falls Logo for a reasonable price. The tee shirts are available in standard tees, long sleeve, and jersey style. This will be discussed at the next guild meeting, so please give it some thought.

The next quilt show committee meeting will be Monday, March 7, 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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