



The Newsletter of Quilters

## Needle Notes

May 2017



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Next Meeting: May 1, 2017  
Allendale Baptist Church

### President's Notes — Dian Hoehne

Dear Quilters,

The patches of wildflower colors along our roads remind me of the colorful quilts that we make. Enjoy both this spring!

**PROGRAM CHANGE!!** Francine Miller will present on **THREAD PAINTING** at the May 1 meeting. Francine is a Wichita Falls quilt artist who has been invited to show at the Houston, Dallas, and Chicago Quilt Shows. This is a newer quilt form that is interesting to learn about. You won't want to miss this rare opportunity. We will save "Show your favorite quilt tool or pattern" program for another date. Registration is at 6:30 with the meeting starting at 7:00. Invite your sewing friends to join us.

Please clean out your sewing room and bring something for the June Silent Auction, which will be with our annual pot luck dinner. Bring the items to the May meeting, so we can organize them before the June meeting.

**WHO WILL YOU FOLLOW?** It is already time to get the nominating committee together to select a slate of officers for next year. You are needed to suggest leaders. Vicki Schreiber is on the nominating committee. Speak with her.

You may start bringing your items for the boutique, Mason jar raffle, and fat quarters basket for the Quilt Show to meetings.

The Sunset Quilt Retreat was a lot of fun. If you want to put \$50 deposit to hold your place for March 22/23 to 25, 2018 RRQG Retreat, contact Audrey Bee.

Keep Quilting,  
Dian Hoehne

# Programs

**May:** Francine Miller will present on THREAD PAINTING

**June:** Potluck (possibly Bingo)

**July:** Kaleidoscope quilt by Pam Schenk

**August:** TBA

**September:** Quilt Show prep

**October:** Quilt Show review

**November:** TBA (possibly Veteran Quilt presentation)

**December:** Potluck



Polar Bear, is a thread painting by Francine Miller that was in the 2016 Houston Quilt Show.

Francine Miller is a professional artist and a retired public school librarian. She has two cats, two dogs, a bird and feeds the feline neighborhood. Francine also enjoys photographing wildlife and uses her photos in her thread painting. She lives in Wichita Falls and her quilts have been shown at many prestigious shows like Houston, Dallas and Chicago. Follow her on her blog: <http://www.thephotoquilter.com/>



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## **Thanks for Sharing at Show & Tell:**

Vickie Schreiber

Dina Redmon

Lucy Bonnin

Kathleen Roseboom

Marianne Pattillo

Terry Peters

Sheila Hubenka

Linda Salmon

Jean Swinney

Elva Creel

Jane Benson

Diane Walker

**Please go to the Red River Quilt Guild's web site for Show & Tell pictures: [www.wichitafallsquiltguild.org/](http://www.wichitafallsquiltguild.org/)**

# Comfort Quilts

5 quilts were distributed in March to the Faith Mission Women's Shelter

3 baby quilts were distributed in March to the Wichita Falls Pregnancy Center.

At the March meeting I received:

Karen Walker – 2 completed quilts

Dina Redmon – 3 completed quilts

Helen Day - 1 quilt flimsy (no backing available)

Peggy Sralla – 1 quilt flimsy (no backing available)

Renee Lamber – 2 flimsies (lap quilts)

Brenda Owen – showed 2 flimsies for Comfort Quilts (said she would take them home and quilt them. Thanks Brenda for helping with the quilting)

1 package for a comfort quilt flimsy was distributed to Betty Brown.

I have fabric for Quilts of Valor. There was no red in the guild stash at the church but I had some in the stash at my shop. Several people went through the packet and Linda

Salmon took what was left.

The RRQG has determined that they will not sell the mini quilts this year at the show but will allow the sale of personal quilts. The percentage of the sale that the guild receives is to be determined. I would like to entertain the thought of the guild selling some quilts that they would receive 100% of the profit.

Stephanie Siekierski has moved to be closer to her family, but she left us 9 flimsies. These are beautiful flimsies and could be sold at the RRQG Quilt Show. I would like to finish all of them that I can before the quilt show, however, there is no backing for them. I purchased a backing for one of them (5 yards) for \$22.68. I found backing in the stash for one of them. Not all would require 5 yards as some are smaller. I would like approval to fund the purchase of more backing that is needed to complete as many of these quilts as possible before the quilt show and put them out for sale to make revenue for the guild. The request to purchase any necessary backing was approved.

Please **pin your name to any comfort quilts.**

Respectfully submitted – Vicki Schreiber

# 2017 Quilt Show

September (21) 22-23

Raffle Tickets are available. Pick up a packet from Cindy Cunningham and sell, sell, sell. Tickets are 1 for \$1 and 6 for \$5.

Publicity flyers and bookmarks are available. Pick some up and distribute them wherever you can. See Donna Piper for these.

Selling a quilt at the quilt show? Remember, you can make any size. Miniature, lap, bed size, anything. We hope the 20% revenue generated from quilt sales will offset the lack of a miniature auction this year.

Entry categories, rules and entry forms are ready and will be available at the guild meeting. Pick up a copy and it will answer a lot of your questions.

Please keep working on your *entry quilts, boutique items, mason jar items, fat quarter donations* and *Quilts of Valor*.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact any one of the core committee members.

**Audrey Bee, Chair**  
**Dian Hoehne**  
**Judy Breyen**  
**Cindy Cunningham**

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## Retreat Report

The 2017 retreat *was* awesome! We had 42 retreaters trek to Sunset for a weekend of quilting, eating, quilting, socializing, quilting, and quilting! Our quilters made some amazing quilts. Hopefully you saw some at the April show and tell and will see more at the May show and tell.

Retreat 2018 is in the plans. The dates will be March (22) 23-25, 2018. A \$50 deposit will hold your space. We already have 40 guild members signed up. Maximum capacity is 45, so if you are interested please get your registration form and deposit to me quickly. Once we reach 45 I will start a wait list . If you don't have the registration form, contact me and I will get one to you.

Audrey Bee



- \* 44 Members Attended
- \* 5 Visitors—2 joined the guild
  - \* Kenya Meacham
  - \* Debbie Vita
- \* 12 Show & Tells

# Upcoming Quilt Shows/Events

## One Terrific Quilt Show

May 5-6

Stafford Centre

10505 Cash Road

Stafford, TX (outside Houston)

<http://www.qgghouston.org/>

If you know of an upcoming quilt show and want to let others know, please email Ashley Norris at [paige29072@yahoo.com](mailto:paige29072@yahoo.com) to have it included in the newsletter.

## St. Mary's Catholic Church 125th year Celebration

June 9-11

Wichita Falls, TX

St. Mary's Catholic Church will be having their 125th year celebration June 9-10-11, 2017. There is a German meal starting at 6:30 PM on Friday and will end Sunday at 4:00 PM. There are numerous events planned. There will be a Quilt Show on Sunday from 3:00 PM until 3:00 PM. For more information about the Quilt Show contact Suzette Schreiber at 940-631-6301. (I believe the Quilt Show will be mostly old quilts made by Windthorst community members.)

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## Fat Quarters

Dina Redmon will have a basket out at all guild meetings for fabric donations (fat quarter size or larger). She has volunteered to cut them up into fat quarters to use for the 2017 Quilt Show.



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## Snowball Guts

Many thanks to everyone who has given me snowball guts (batting scraps). I'm up to 3000 snowballs and hope to make about 1000 more before June. I can use anything over 1" wide and 8" long. Threads and fabric attached are no problem. I will use what I can and put the rest into pet beds for the Humane Society.

You can bring your batting scraps to me at the guild meeting, drop them off at my house, or call me and I'll pick them up. Thank you all for your help with this. We'll use some of them for our traditional indoor snowball fight at the December guild meeting!

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# Comfort Quilts

4 quilts were distributed in February to the Red Cross.

At the February meeting I received:

Karen Walker – 2 completed quilts  
Kathleen Roseboom – 2 baby size quilt tops

Johnnie Mitchell took one top with backing and batting to quilt. Thank-you so much Johnnie.

I have 3 more quilts that are ready to be quilted.

There is still plenty of batting for comfort quilts. Please let me know if you need any. My phone is 940-636-3964 or email at [vrs@comcell.net](mailto:vrs@comcell.net).

9 packages for comfort quilt tops were distributed at the February meeting:

Lucy Bonnin took 2  
Karen Walker took 2  
Renee Lamber took 2  
Brenda Owens took 1  
Phyllis Richard took 1  
Kathleen Roseboom took 2

Kathleen Roseboom ask that I make quilt top packages from our red and blue guild stash for Quilts of Valor use. I will be getting these ready. Hopefully for the April meeting.

**Please help me to ensure you get credit for the comfort quilts you make by pinning your name to the quilt.**

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## 2017 Retreat

My crystal ball doesn't often work, but it's working today. (The retreat will happen after I write this article and before you get the newsletter.) So....

The retreat was *awesome!* We had 42 retreaters trek to Sunset for a weekend of quilting, eating, quilting, socializing, quilting, and quilting! Without the distraction of husbands, kids, pets, work, etc., we all had an *amazing* time!

Retreat 2018 is already in the plans. The dates will be March (22) 23-25, 2018. A \$50 deposit will hold your space. Those attending the 2017 retreat were given an opportunity to sign up for the 2018 retreat. If you were unable to go this year and want to go next year, contact me and I'll send you the registration form. The rates may be the same or may increase slightly. I don't have that information yet, but will get it to you as soon as I have it.

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