

Needle Notes

November 2015



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President's Notes — Melissa Taylor—November 2015

Welcome, to our first 2015-2016 meeting

I can't believe this is our second year together, Whoo, Whoo. I'm so excited with all our upcoming events. The Home and Garden Show, the Habitat for Humanity Fair, June Silent Auction and most of all our Quilt Show. So much to get ready for, and so much sewing to do.

We are starting our year with 20 returning members and 3 new members. Thank you so much for starting to sign up early, it helps us tremendously. I will be taking pictures for the directory at the November and the December meetings.

The holidays are here, this coming month is Thanksgiving. I'm sure we all have so many things to be thankful for, we think about our loved ones and we hope to enjoy family time.

We want your input on our upcoming programs and workshops. We have a diverse membership from new quilters to expert quilters. Would you like to share a technique? or show us a how to..... What are you really good at??? Do you know someone who is really good at?? Would you like to do a workshop and share your talent with us??

Besides the ideas from our committees, we want to include your ideas to ensure we have something for everyone. Can we do everything? No, but we will do our best.

Life is good,

See you at the next meeting

Melissa

Welcome New Members:

**Sandra Bartram, Carolyn Hawpe,
Kristin Johnston**

**And Returning Member—
Kathleen Roseboom**

Reminder:

The next RRQG meeting will be on **Monday, November 2, 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.

Please go to web site for pictures

Red River Quilter's Guild

www.wichitafallsquiltguild.org/

Look for October's Show and Tell next Month

QUILT RETREAT!!!

Have you heard about our Retreat? Our Guild has reserved the *Sunset Retreat* in Sunset, Texas, for the *weekend of March 11-13*. The cost is \$175 and includes all meals. You can add March 10 for an additional \$50. If you have a coupon from several years ago, you can use it for March 11-13.

Detailed information was in last month's newsletter and is available at the guild meetings. Or, you can contact Audrey Bee and she will send you a copy. A \$50 deposit is required, and the balance is due by February 2. Please join us for this retreat. It's going to be a lot of fun. A full weekend of sewing, quilting, eating, relaxing and visiting. Send your reservation form and check in as soon as possible.

Organized by your VPs of Workshop:

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I cannot thank all of you enough for your contributions to the Westview Boys Ranch. Your generosity is overwhelming. Anyone is welcome to go with me to deliver the quilts on Saturday, December the 5th. It is about 2 hours, one way.

Brenda Odom

Diane Walker	November 1
Carolyn Hawpe	November 1
Margee Adkins	November 8
Linda Salmon	November 13
Dina Redmon	November 18
Jane Benson	November 25
Marianne Patillo	November 25
Shonna Knabe	November 25



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

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

WorkShops ————— Audrey Bee and Cathy Ladd**

November's workshop would be a cutting up workshop to cut strips and squares for comfort quilt kits, to be used next year.

Comfort Quilts ————— Stephani Siekierski**

Been a busy start to Fall even though the weather continues to be warm. Hasn't kept me from my bucket-list of quilts. I have been stitching away on quilts with small blocks and I do love them. Wish I could get inspired to stitch a Burgoyne Surrounded. Two inch blocks were do-able but 1-1/2 inch strips in addition just seem to be the limit for me. The coming Houston quilt market and festival have me real interested in new fabric lines so maybe retail-therapy will help me reach out for that next challenge. We may have a Burgoyne Surrounded project in hand yet. What's on your bucket list or wish list to accomplish? Plan something out for Winter days that may keep you creative at home on cold weather days to come.

We have had some Fall quilt bundles that made gorgeous Fall-themed Yellow Brick Road quilts. We still have some Christmas quilt bundles available that will make wonderful seasonal quilts.. They are packaged as baker's dozen fat quarters with backing and binding fabric. They would make a great Yellow Brick Road quilt as most of us have that pattern, but you are free to cut some other favorite quilt pattern from the available bundles. We would like them returned though in time to get them quilted and bound for our designated charities for the holidays. Feel free to stitch a donation 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. 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

Treasurer's Report—Marianne Pattillo –September, 2015

Opening Balance	1860.60	-90.48	5228.06	2835.98	9834.16
Income					
Interest			0.09		0.09
Adjustment transfer	-500.00	500.00			0.00
"No name tags"			44.05		
Sept Workshop		45.00			
Total Income	1360.60	454.52	5272.20	2835.98	9923.30

Club Expenses

Ribbons for Quilt Show				337.74	337.74
Stamps			49.00		
September workshop		100.00			100.00
Mercer Insurance			320.00		320.00
Shelving for Comfort Quilts	111.48				111.48
Membership Kemp Center			50.00	50.00	100.00

Total Expenses	111.48	100.00	419.00	387.74	1018.22
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Ending Balance	1249.12	354.52	4853.20	2448.24	8905.08
Septemter 30, 2015					

Savings September 30, 2015

Program Chairman Report

By Linda Salmon

November is knocking at our doors. Christmas will be trying to get her foot in as well. Are you ready? We have had great programs this year, and I hope you will use some of the ideas and tips to create beautiful and useful gifts for others or maybe even for yourself. I appreciate each of you attending the meetings and staying for the programs. I also look forward to the New Year, the new ideas, the challenges and surprises in store for our Red River Quilt Guild.

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

Nov. 2	Charity/comfort Quilt-	informational talk
December 7	Christmas Potluck dinner	Share Challenge Block quilt

How are you coming with your Challenge block of the month? We have now completed 12 blocks. If you wish to add 4 more, I am including those in this newsletter. I am not sure if I want to do 4 more or just make my quilt using the 12.

Thanks for bringing one of your blocks each month to share for a Comfort quilt. Now we can need volunteers to sew the blocks donated by members for those comfort quilts. Let me know if you are willing to help.

Will your quilt be ready by the December Pot Luck meeting? Hope,so. Looking forward to seeing the quilt each one makes with their squares.

4 Extra Challenge Blocks

Spools

Light: Cut 8 patches at 2" square
Cut 8 patches at 1-1/2" x 2-1/2"

Medium: Cut 4 patches at 2" square
Cut 4 patches at 1-1/2" x 2-1/2"
Cut 2 patches at 2-1/2" square

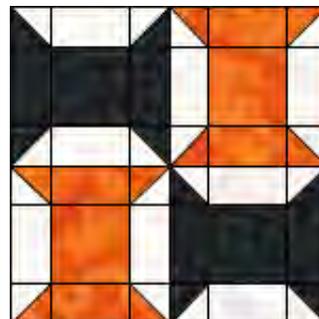
Dark: Cut 4 patches at 2" square
Cut 4 patches at 1-1/2" x 2-1/2"
Cut 2 patches at 2-1/2" square

Make: 8 HSQ of light/medium
8 HSQ of light/dark

Use the 2" squares to make Half Square
Triangles as follows:
Using 4 light and 4 medium, make 8 HSQ in
light/medium

Using 4 light and 4 dark, make 8 HSQ in
light/dark

TRIM to 1" if needed
Sew together as shown in diagram.
Sew each spool separately, then sew spools
together.



By Audrey Bee

Jacob's Ladder

Light: Cut 4 patches at 3" square
Cut 2 strips at 1-1/2" x 26"
Medium: Cut 2 patches at 3" square
Cut 1 strip at 1-1/2" x 13"
Dark: Cut 2 patches at 3" square
Cut 1 strip at 1-1/2" x 13"

Make: 4 HSQ of light/medium
4 HSQ of light/dark

Use the 3" squares to make Half Square
Triangles as follows:

Using 1 light and 1 medium, make 2 HSQ in
light/medium. Repeat for a total of 4.

Using 1 light and 1 dark, make 2 HSQ in
light/dark. Repeat for a total of 4

TRIM to 2-1/2" if needed

Sew a light strip to a dark strip. Press. Subcut
into 1-1/2" segments

Sew segments into 4-patch units. Make
4 of light/medium and 4 of light/dark.
Sew new triangle to black triangle. Make 4

Sew together as shown in diagram.



by Audrey Bee

Windmill

Light: Cut 1 patches at 5-1/4" square; Cut
on diagonal twice for 4 triangles.

Medium: Cut 1 patches at 5-1/4" square;
Cut on diagonal twice for 4 triangles.

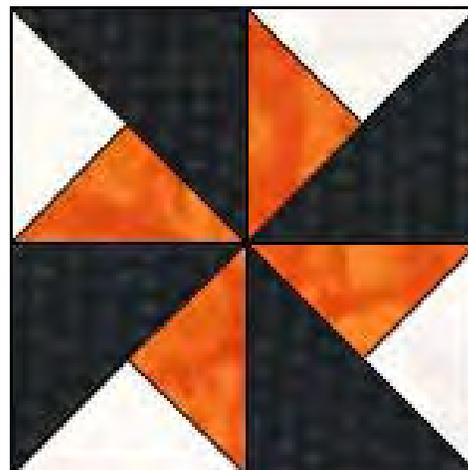
Dark: Cut 2 patches at 4-7/8" square; Cut
on diagonal once for 2 triangles

Sew 1 light and 1 medium together along
short side, matching corner, for a triangle.
Make 4

Make: Four 4-patch units of light/medium
Four 4-patch units of light/dark

Sew a light strip to a medium strip.
Press. Subcut into 1-1/2" segments

Sew together as shown in diagram.



by Audrey Bee

Whirlwind

Light: Cut 4 patches at 2-1/2" square

Medium: Cut 2 patches at 4-7/8" square; Cut once on diagonal; Need 4 triangles

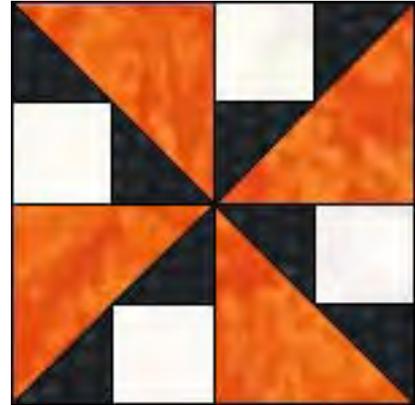
Dark: Cut 4 patches at 2-7/8" square; Cut once on diagonal; Need 8 triangles

Sew 1 dark triangle to two sides of the light square to make a triangle.

Sew this triangle to the medium triangle to make a square

Make 4

Sew together as shown in diagram.



by Audrey Bee

Looking back at Zentangle and Adult Coloring Books

We all really enjoyed the program on Zentangle and adult coloring books presented by Karen Coker from Karen's Sewing Basket. It was fun to use the letters "i, s, c and o's" and the gel pens on the square card she gave us to create beautiful designs. Many of us experienced the release of stress as we practiced "doodling". Thanks, Karen for sharing this new fad.

I found this website to be interesting using Zentangle and quilting.

<http://zanyquilter.blogspot.com/p/zentangle-quilt-tutorial.html>

Check out our local shops for books and gel pens. You might just get hooked on tangling. Yes, this was a different type program, but we are all interested in new ideas related to quilting, sewing, and crafts. Bring your projects for show and tell.

Quilting In the Falls 2016 November 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 done and we are good until after the holidays. If you have any questions or ideas in the interim, please contact Marianne Pattillo or myself.

Donation Quilt: Many of us made one or more basket blocks for the Donation Quilt. The *Pieces of Eight* bee will use the blocks and make our Donation Quilt. They always do such beautiful work I can hardly wait to see what they come up with this year. Their goal is to have it finished and ready to display at the Home and Garden Show on February 27-28. We will need guild members to sit at the booth and sell tickets during the show. Please consider helping with this and let Melissa Taylor know.

Guild Block: There are a lot of different opinions on the Guild Block. For our new members, a Guild Block is a 12" square made by each member that then is hung in a display at the quilt show to represent our guild. Each member is asked to make a block of their choice based on the selected theme. Hopefully we can make a decision soon.

Quilts of Valor: Members are asked to make a Quilt of Valor to be displayed at our quilt show and then donated to a veteran. Your quilt can be entered for judging or just for show, your choice. Cindy Simmons has volunteered to chair this project (thank you, Cindy) and will work with local veteran organizations to assure that our quilts are distributed locally. *If a guild member is a veteran or has a veteran in the family who would like to receive a Quilt of Valor, let Cindy know and she will put you on the list.* Awards of Quilts of Valor are to be reported at the Foundation website (so if you do one on your own please go to the website).

The Quilts of Valor Foundation awards quilts to military service members and veterans who have been touched by war. QOVF does not provide quilts to organizations for permanent public display or to serve as bed covers for hospital beds. A Quilt of Valor is a lifetime award and is a tangible reminder of an American's appreciation and gratitude. You can read more about the foundation on their website: www.qovf.org.

The foundation has some *guidelines for Quilts of Valor*. You can see the entire list and explanations of each item on the website, but in summary and paraphrased:

- Fabric should be quality 100% cotton appropriate for adults
- The ideal size is approximately 60" x 80". Finished sizes can be no smaller than 55" x 65" and no larger than 72" x 90".
- Quilts do not have to be red, white and blue, though most recipients, given a choice, choose quilts that are patriotic in theme
- Patterns and blocks can be of any design suitable for a patriotic theme
- Use of military-branch-specific fabrics (Army, Navy, etc.) or non-"patriotic" fabric (overly floral) create difficulty in determining a destination
- Quilts must be machine or hand quilted. A tied quilt is not a Quilt of Valor
- Batting should be low-loft quality batting. Quilting should be appropriate for the quilt and not overly dense, which can reduce the loft of the quilt.
- Bindings should be double-fold (don't fold the backing over to the top of the quilt for binding)
- Add a label. It must say "Quilt of Valor". If possible, add the recipient's name. Include quilters name, date, and other standard label information
- A presentation case (matching pillowcase) is a nice touch, if possible.

- Before awarding, machine launder (they give instructions, but we all know how to do this)
- A note, card, letter, or journal documenting the creation of a Quilt of Valor may be presented to the recipient along with the quilt.
- Cindy will create a label format to standardize the quilt labels. This will be provided at a later date.

Miniature Quilts Auction: Several of our members have shown the miniature quilts they made for the auction, and they are all adorable! We are off to a good start, but we need more. A major source of revenue at the quilt show comes from the Miniature Quilt Auction.

- A miniature quilt is a small version of a regular quilt. It must be smaller than 100" in perimeter.
- Hand quilting is preferred, but machine quilting is accepted. Each quilt should have a sleeve and a label.
- If you are a hand quilter and willing to quilt some miniatures, please let me know.

Publicity: It's not too early to be thinking of places to advertise our quilt show. If you know of Internet or magazine sources where we can advertise for free, please let Paula Ballard know. Or, when the time is right, submit the information yourself and let Paula know. Bookmarks are being made and should be available at the January guild meeting.

We're going to have a great quilt show and we greatly appreciate everyone's help.

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