

Needle Notes

October 2015



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President's Notes — Melissa Taylor—October 2015

WELCOME FALL weather and Hello Friends

Ready for cooler weather? For me it's the beginning of sewing season, no more trips to the lake.

I do my heavy sewing during fall and winter. Are you still counting the strips you won at the last meeting? LOL! I ended up with some pretty strips and I can't wait to use them. The competition was intense, I can't even image what you guys would do in Vegas. LOL

We say good bye to our 2014-2015 year. I have learned so much and have received a bunch of support from all of you, especially from our officers and they are doing a great job. We accomplished so many things as a guild this past year:

We revised and passed the By-Laws

Organized and moved the material from the church in Holiday to our meeting place

We participated in the Wichita Falls First Annual Homesteader's fair

Continue enjoying our monthly programs and our monthly classes

I'm sure our community appreciates the donated comfort quilts

Our Lady Queen of Peace just loved our Wall Hanging Crosses

WE voted yes to a 2016 RRQG Quilt Show.

We welcomed 11 new members but sadly we also say goodbye to others dear to us.

But our biggest accomplishment from the 2014-2015 is how we came together to make our guild fun and vibrant again. I can feel the high energy from all of you every meeting, each one of you stepped up to the plate at one point or another. I cannot thank you guys enough.

Life is good, see you at the meeting.

Melissa Taylor

Donation Wall Hangings to the church.



Pieced by

Eleanor Edwards

Quilted by

Cindy Simmons.

Reminder:

The next RRQG meeting will be on **Monday, October 5, 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 September 14, 2015

Dian Hoehne	Can't Wait Till Christmas
Dian Hoehne	Comfort Circus Crib quilt
Audrey Bee	Quilts for the Orphanage
Marianne Pattillo	Bargello
Dinah Redman	Green Mini, Quilt of Valor
Jane Benson	Advent Christmas
Betty Newman	Night Sky
Lisa Douglas	Desert Sky
Barbara Komatz	Deseert Sky
Mildred Baggett	Charity-Boy's Home
Brenda Odom	Comfort Quilt
Debbie Griffith	Charity-Boy's Home
Stephanie Siekierski	Flower Boxes
Ann Wyatt	Circus, Antique quilt

Please go to web site for pictures
Red River Quilter's Guild
www.wichitafallsquiltguild.org/



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Several guests shared some of their beautiful quilts with the guild-Mikayla (Frances granddaughter), beautiful Bargello, Betty Newman-Night Sky, Carolyn Hawpe and Sandra Batram and a few others. Thank so much for sharing.

- Christine Cavener October 07
- Audrey Bee October 17
- Debbie Griffith October 17
- Paula Gordon October 18
- Gayle Storey October 23
- Helen Day October 26



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

"of course anyone is welcome to bring a snack any-time"

Special thanks to Jean Swinney and Jo Woody for the wonderful tea they bring to each meeting.



Fabric for **Can't Wait 'til Christmas Calendar**

Yardage is based on 42" wide fabric

5/8 yd of Christmas print for pockets (needs small print, may need extra to orientate the picture on point.

3/4 yd. of red print for pocket backgrounds and border.

3/4 yd. of small red and white stripe for blocks between pockets. I used a peppermint candy print, Jane used an almost solid fabric.

1/8 yd of green print for inset stripe. I used 96 inches ribbon plus some to hang the calendar.

7/8 yd for backing, 25 small bells.

Diane Hoehne



Donation Quilt Block

This is a Basket Block, which is set on point.

12.5 inch unfinished 12 inch finished

Or

10.5 inch unfinished 10 inch finished (These blocks with have green sashing which we will add.)



Choose any basket quilt block pattern. Use muted colors, blending with the green sample. Do not use thirties prints or bright colors. If you want, you may use some of the green in your block. These blocks may be pieced or appliqued (any method) or both.

The sand colored fabric is the background for the block.

If you feel you cannot finished the block by the October meeting, please return the packet as soon as possible.

If for some reason, you need more background fabric, please call

Ruth Lavy at 940-692-2561 or 940-704-2561. Thank you for your help. Pieces of 8 Quilting Bee

**Quilting In the Falls 2016
October Newsletter Report**

Quilt Show dates: September 23-24, 2016

The quilt show plans are progressing nicely. I hope everyone is working on their quilts to enter and their minia- tures for the auction. It's not too early to be working on craft items for the Emporium (formerly known as the guild booth or boutique).

There is no need for an early meeting in October. However, please be thinking about a guild block. If you have any ideas, please let Marianne or me know.

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Treasurer's Report—Marianne Pattillo –September, 2015

Red River Quilt Guild

Treasurer's Report
August 1, 2015

	Comfort Quilts	Education Fund	General Fund	Quilt Show Fund	Total
Opening Balance	1860.60	-50.48	5432.86	2835.98	10078.96
Income					
Interest			0.09		0.09
Workshop fees		60.00			60.00
Adjustment			25.11		25.11
Total Income	1860.60	9.52	5458.06	2835.98	10164.16

Club Expenses

Saf-T-Lock			132.00		132.00
P.O. Box for year			98.00		98.00
Workshop Aug		100.00			100.00
Total Expenses	0.00	100.00	230.00	0.00	330.00

Ending Balance August

31, 2015	1860.60	-90.48	5202.95	2835.98	9834.16
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Savings August 31, 2015 \$3567.82

Program Chairman Report By Linda Salmon

October is looming just beyond the harvest moon. Just a play on words there! This has been a wonderful year of quilting and learning more about different techniques. For the October Guild meeting, we have been looking forward to "Special Techniques" presented by Karen Coker from Karen's Sewing Basket. And does she have Special Tech for us! When I visited with her the other day, she was talking about all the new ideas she had learned at Babylock Tech. She was using terms for new ideas that are fresh as well as relaxing and can be used with fabric and quilting, without the need for an embroidery machine. Her program promises to be exciting and entertaining for all.

Below is a schedule for upcoming programs.

Oct 5	Special techniques	Karen Coker
Nov. 2	Charity Quilt-	informational talk

How are you coming with your Challenge block of the month? For me, I barely get my two completed ready to share prior to the Guild meeting. Thanks for bringing one of your blocks each month to share in a Comfort quilt. Will your quilt be ready by the December Pot Luck meeting? Looking forward to the quilt each one makes with the squares.

Challenge Block

Road to Heaven

Light: *Cut 3 patches at 3" square*
Cut 1 patch at 4-7/8" square;

Cut in half diagonally.

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

Dark: *Cut 3 patches at 3" square*
Cut 2 patches at 2-7/8"

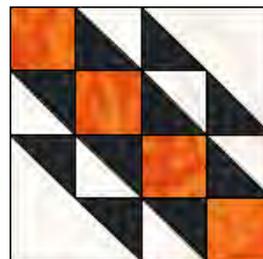
square; Cut in half diagonally.

Make: 6 HSQ of light/dark

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

Using 3 light and 3 dark, make 6 HSQ in light/dark TRIM to 2-1/2" if needed

Sew together as shown in diagram.



SEW:

Row 1: (1) med square to (2) HSQ to (3) dark triangle

Row 2: (1) HSQ to (2) med square to (3) HSQ

Row 3: (1) dark triangle to (2) HSQ to (3) medium square to (4) HSQ

Row 4: (1) dark triangle to (2) HSQ to (3) medium square

Sew rows together, staggered as necessary to make center strip.

Add light triangles to finish block.

Looking back at Strip Poker

Lots of enthusiasm was felt as we played Strip Poker the Quilter's Way. I saw some trying the make sure they go the fabric strips they wanted with an idea of how they could use the blend of colors. Thanks to Audrey for providing the playing cards and directions on how to play. Yes, it was definitely different than the way some play poker. I hope you went home with strips that you will use and eventually share in a quilt.

Rita Dean's Fresh Pear Cake

2 cups sugar, 3 eggs-well beaten, 1 1/2 cups salad oil, 3 cups flour, 1 tsp soda, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 tsp. cinnamon, 3 cups thinly sliced pears, 1/2 cups pecans.

Combine sugar, eggs and oil. Combine flour, soda, and salt and add to sugar mixture one cup at a time. Mix well after each addition. Stir in vanilla, cinnamon, pears and nuts. Batter will be thick. Spoon batter into well greased 10-inch bundt or tobe pan. Bake 350 for about 1 hour 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool. Top with powdered sugar.

I cannot thank all of you enough for your contributions to the Westview Boys Ranch. Still need a few more quilts if possible. 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

RETREAT UPDATES

I discovered I had some misinformation.

1. The fee for adding Thursday night is only \$50, so the 3-night total is \$225.
2. Arrival time is 10:00 am, not 3:00 p.m., either day. If you come Thursday bring lunch or a snack. The evening meal is the first meal served.

The information included in this newsletter is correct and has the changes.

Audrey

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/sunsetretreat>

QUILT RETREAT

Join us for a fun-filled weekend of quilting, eating, and socializing! Our Guild has reserved the Sunset Retreat in Sunset, Texas for the second weekend in March 2016.

Where: **SUNSET RETREAT AND QUILT SHOP** 940-845-2090
410 Echo Rd., Sunset, TX 76270 <http://sunsetretreat.com/>

When: **March (10), 11,12,13, 2016 (Thurs), Fri Sat & Sun**

Cost: \$87.50 per night. (2 nights = \$175; add Thursday for only \$50.00 more)
2 nights, Friday and Saturday -- \$175 -- Arrive after 10:00 am
3 nights, add Thursday -- \$225.00 -- Arrive after 10:00 am, no noon meal, but there is an evening meal.
Sunday -- Depart by 1:00 pm

Deposit: \$50 -- cash, check or money order (made payable to Sunset Retreat, mailed along with your registration form to Audrey.)

Balance Due: No later than Feb 2 , 2016 (earlier is certainly okay!)(Also to Audrey)

About Sunset Retreat:

- Each guest has her own work table
- Ample design wall
- Cutting tables, ironing boards and irons
- Quilt Shop on site, open 24/7 to retreaters
- 15% discount to retreaters
- 150 acres, 11,000 sq ft building, kitchenette, full refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker
- *All meals provided and prepared by in-house chef, served buffet style*
- 10 bedrooms, 2 are ADA compliant, bathroom in every room
- Arrive after 10:00 a.m., either Thursday or Friday, (Thursday no noon meal, but evening meal)
- Depart Sunday by 1:00 pm
- Minimum attendance - 20; maximum 40
- More information at their web site: <http://sunsetretreat.com/>
- If you have a coupon from making a bed quilt for them for their opening several years ago, they will honor the coupon for this retreat. It is for 2 nights, so if you come Thursday you will need to pay the extra day.

If the attendees want, we could have an instructor and teach a class. There may be a slight additional fee for this. Without an instructor, everyone would work on their own projects. With a class there will still be time to work on your own projects. The attendees will decide if they want a class or not.

Each room accommodates a maximum of five (the ADA rooms accommodate four). If you are attending with friends, you can enter a roommate request on the registration form.

Please complete the Registration Form and send it along with your deposit to Audrey. She will be the liaison between the guild and Sunset Retreat.

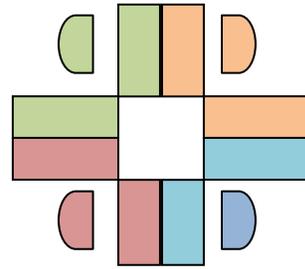
Enthusiastically submitted,,
Vice Presidents of Workshop

SUNSET RETREAT

Minimum 20, Maximum 40

Craft Room

1. 80 tables, each quilter gets 2 tables set at right angles.
Each table is 2' x 4'
2. 4- and 6-person work table stations available.
3. 2 extremely large cutting tables.
4. 2 extremely large ironing boards
5. irons provided
6. Many Design walls around perimeter of room.
7. Ergonomic, comfortable chairs.
8. More than adequate space for quilters.
9. Kitchen area in craft room has refrigerator, microwave, bottled water
10. Two convenient restrooms
11. Extra tables for the goodies that quilters usually bring



Bedrooms

1. 2 Handicap rooms, wheelchair accessible, each with 4 beds. ADA compliant
2. 7 bedrooms with 5 beds. Each bed has access to a night stand and lamp as well as a folding luggage stand
3. 1 bedroom with 3 beds
4. Full bathroom in each bedroom
5. Walk-in shower
6. Each room has own HVAC controls

Quilt Shop On Site

Quilt shop on site. Cute little shop that has a selection of fabric and various notions. Open to retreaters 24/7 on an honor system. Write down what you get and settle up before you leave.

Meals

Breakfast is set out early and left out all morning. This accommodates both the early risers and the late sleepers. Breakfast consists of make-your-own-waffles, oatmeal, sweet rolls, hard boiled eggs, etc. Lunch and Dinner are prepared by a chef and the meals are outstanding.

Patio

Peaceful, relaxing, has waterfall and fire pit.

TV Room

Separate room with chairs, sofas, TV, VCR, quilt magazines, etc. The doors can be closed to quiet the room and block out the quilting noises.

Massage Room

During quilting, a massage therapist is brought in. During weddings, this room is used for the bridal room. It's quite elegant.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Roommate Request:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

We would like to keep in touch with you by email as it helps us cut down on mailing expenses. Is email a good way to contact you? Y / N

Emergency contact name _____

Phone number/s () _____

Dietary restrictions/special needs _____

Do you require handicap access bathroom: Y / N

Are you attending with a group? Yes No If so please indicate name of Group: Red River Quilters' Guild

Sunset Retreat takes your safety and the security of your equipment very seriously, but they will not be liable for any personal injury, loss/theft or damage anytime during the retreat. Your attendance constitutes your agreement to indemnify and hold harmless Sunset Retreat from any damage for injury, loss, or damage for any reason.

I agree to the policies outlined above:

_____ Date _____

Check one:

Friday - Sunday, March 11-13, 2016: \$175

Thursday - Sunday, March 10-13, 2016: \$262.50

Minimum deposit of \$50 required with registration. Balance due by February 2, 2016
(It's okay to pay the fee in full at this time)

Make checks payable to *Sunset Retreat* Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Using Coupon _____

Would you like a class and instructor? _____

There will be ample time to work on your own projects, but we could add a class and instructor if the attendees want. There may be a slight additional cost for this. Would you like this?

Please mail completed form to:

Send with deposit or balancer to:

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Sunset, Tx. 76270*~~

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WorkShops — Trudy Wallace-Mark Your Calendar*****

The October 17th workshop is Christmas Tree Skirt taught by Audrey Bee.-Supply List



This tree skirt uses 15 fabrics of various Christmas fabric.

5 light
5 medium
5 dark

Fabric must be 42" wide, selvage to selvage.

If purchasing fabric, get 1/4 yard of each.

If using from your stash, cut 6-1/4" strips x width of fabric

Batting: enough to cut 3 pieces 30" x 45"

of a flat cotton or cotton blend.

Avoid the thick polyester batting.

Supplies:

Sewing machine

1/4" foot

Regular foot

thread of neutral color

Rotary Cutter

24" ruler

Standard sewing supplies (scissors, snippits, pins, etc.

Walking foot (optional)

Pease River Quilters Guild Quilt Show –October 2nd from Noon until 8 PM with a lecture by Debbie Maddy at 6:00 PM and Saturday October 3rd from 9:00 until 3:00. Miniature quilt auction on Saturday about 2:00 PM. Pulled pork sandwiches for sell each day. It will be at the First United Methodist Church 3029 Wilbarger Street Vernon, TX.

Some of us are very familiar with Debby's designs:

Labyrinth, Carpenter's Star, Hunter's Star Simplified, Rippling Star, Josephine's Knot, Tuscan Stars Pattern—just to name a few.

October 6-30, 2015

Piecemakers' Annual Quilt Show

The Living Arts Center

119 West Sixth Avenue, Corsicana, TX 75110

pqgcorsicana@gmail.com

www.corsicanaquiltguild.com

October 9-10, 2015

Mineola League of the Arts Annual Quilt Show

Mineola League of the Arts

200 West Blair Street, Mineola, TX 75773

903-569-8877

www.mlota.org

October 9-10th, 2015

Common Threads Quilt Guild 2015 Quilt Show

311 South Weaver

Gainesville, TX 76240

"Quilt Till the Cows Come Home"

October 16-17, 2015

Texas Star Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show

Canton Civic Center

800 Flea Market Rd., Canton, TX 75103