



# PIECING IT TOGETHER

MAY 2016



## **President's Pen**

*By La Paula Alberta*

**How tired of this rain are all of you? It is nice not having to run the sprinklers but this has just been too much! The high water affected some of our members and their families and our thoughts and prayers are with you.**

**After postponing our April meeting and Silent Auction due to the weather, we met one week later and had a fun evening. We had another successful auction, thanks to all of those who donated items and to Michelle Johnston for all her hard work organizing the items. Of course, a big thank you to every one purchasing the items! The costs of speakers continues to rise so this money is greatly needed to continue booking interesting programs.**

**We all live busy lives and have stressful times. We forget to take time to relax and enjoy life and we forget the importance of friends and social gatherings.**

**Especially, those with a common interest which for our guild is the love of quilting.**

**For one night a month, we can leave our troubles behind and spend time with other quilters learning, laughing and enjoying one another's company.**

**I feel very fortunate to be a member of this wonderful group of people and I enjoyed spending the evening laughing with you all!**

**I look forward to seeing you all this month and enjoying our speaker Janet Coggins teaching us about silhouettes.**

**May P.B.P.Q.G. Speaker is**

**JANET COGGINS**

**BY DENISE STAMM**



**Janet Coggins is the owner of Dogwood Designs, a quilt pattern company**

**featuring raw edge applique silhouettes depicting states and other fun topics on beautiful sunset fabrics. She will be showing us a trunk show of her earliest quilts all the way through to today's newest designs and discussing common mistakes and her design inspirations.**

**(And she lives right here in Summerwood!)**

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**June's Speaker will be : Cynthia England. Her topic is Picture Piecing.**

### **DOOR PRIZES**

**Congratulations to Sharron Seamon and Janice Niebaum for another wonderful job on the Door Prizes. Everyone looks forward each month to see what they have in store for us.**

**This month's lucky winners were:**

**Sally Wasserman**

**Laura Taylor (2X's)**

**Joy Cook**

**Sandy Canterbury (2X's)**

**Tina Zednick**

## May Birthdays

May 2      LaPaula Alberto

May 17      Kenya Johnson

May 23      Raechel Shelton

May 25      Wanda Nesloney

May 27      Elvia Ortegon

**Don't forget to bring refreshments when it is your birthday**

**Others that signed up to bring refreshments in May are:**

**Marianne Meixell**

**Mary Swoope**

**Diana Borland**

**Linda LaBrot**

**Karen Frye**

**Jackie Cousins**

### **MAY BIRTHDAY PICTURES**



Pictured above are : LaPaula Alberto & Wanda Nesloney  
 Absent are : Kenya Johnson, Raechel Shelton, & Elvia Ortegon

## **HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE QUILT?**

**If not, please see Karen Hudson at the Guild Meeting!**

### **Picture of the 2016 Raffle Quilt**



### **2016 Peace by Piecing Quilt Guild Raffle Quilt**

**By Karen Hudson**

**Thanks to LaPaula Alberto, Coni Robertson, Peggy Fain and Ruby Sewell for taking the raffle quilt to Cupcakes Fabrics in Old Towne Spring last month. Also thanks to Michelle Johnston and Sandy Roden for taking the quilt to the Crosby Quilt Guild April meeting.**

**Karen Hudson, Sandy Canterbury and Brenda Dobson are taking the quilt to Kingwood Area Quilt Guild's May meeting. Linda LaBrot, Deborah Standley, Rose Burnett and Denise Stamm Will have the quilt at The Quilt Room on May 7th. Ginny Hutchings and Karen Frye will take the quilt to the Quilt Guild of Greater Houston's meeting on May 20th.**

**Thanks to these ladies and for everyone who has volunteered for this important fundraising project. Everyone can do their part by selling at least \$20 worth of tickets. If you haven't picked up your tickets be sure to do so at the May meeting.**

### **2017 Raffle Quilt Committee**

**A big Thank You to Heathir Fosher, LaPaula Alberto, Betty Whitehead, and Karen Frye for volunteering for the 2017 Raffle Quilt Committee. It's not too late for anyone else who would like to work on this quilt to sign up, please see Heather, LaPaula, Betty or Karen at the Guild meeting. Thank you ladies, we can't wait to see what you will create for the 2017 Raffle Quilt.**

# Still Serving

By Cindy Daugherty, Lenexa, Kansas

I have sewn practically my whole life, beginning with making Barbie doll cloths with my sisters, on to clothing for myself and children, and now quilting. Prior to my "awakening", I believed it silly to cut up yards of fabric into squares and triangles and then sew all of those pieces back together again.

And then it happened. I became disabled from chemical exposures during the first Gulf War. Unable to work, I had to find something to do that would occupy my mind and hands as a means to overcome the depression and anxiety of losing my military career.

I first began smocking, making my granddaughters beautiful dresses. Then my grandsons became jealous, having no "treasure" made special for them by Nana. So I decided to start cutting up fabric in squares and triangles to make the boys quilts. The girls outgrew the dresses, so I gave up the smocking to become a full time quilter.

My self-taught hobby became lasting therapy! Having very little money to spend on fabric, fellow quilters gave me their scraps and I "dumpster dive" in the clearance bins at every that sells fabric, always finding a treasure or two for a future project.

I make quilts for local charities, serving the poor, believing that many have fallen on hard times and need a little comfort and joy to overcome their situation. I make quilts for people who I believe inspire others, recognizing that many work long hours with little pay. I make quilts for children who are sick, believing there is a magical healing process that emanates from quilts. I make quilts for charity raffles hoping that someone will be more Generous in their donations if there is a prize. Lastly, I make quilts for no reason, asking God to tell me who needs the quilt the most. And of course, everyone in my family has at least two Quilts each, one for silly and one for serious.

Quilting brought me out of the "pity party" black hole that often occurs when people face life-changing situations. I'm often reminded of a quote from the movie *The Shawshank Redemption*: "Get busy living or get busy dying". I chose to be a survivor, recognizing that my Disability could be a lot worse, as many Gulf War vets died from the exposure, while others were more severely injured than myself.

I no longer have "bad days" because I have designated them as "resting days" in preparation for the next project. Quilting will never cure the damages my body sustained, but it has made it possible for me to something greater. It's in the giving that we each receive the bounty Of God's love and mercy. I didn't retire from active duty, I simply enlisted in God's quilting Army, sewing squares and triangles together for others to receive.

*God bless*



*our men and  
women in service*

The Quilt of Valor Bee meets at the Atascocita Library or the Kingwood Library according to their availability.

The next meeting is to be announced.

This is an open Bee and everyone is welcome.

## L Bee J Bee

This month we cut out all the material for a new block , one from The Missouri Star Quilt Company and true to Jenny Doan fashion it's an easy block. Only 5 pieces for each block and 4 small blocks to make the large block. You can see a Youtube video of it at:

[https://youtu.be/bDV0hny\\_FEE](https://youtu.be/bDV0hny_FEE)

It is "Double Square Star"

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at May Community Center — Next meeting is June 7th



## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 13th — Kids Charity Bee—6p.m. at The Quilt Room

May 17th — P.B.P.Q.G. meeting at 6:30 p.m. in our regular room.

Speaker is Janet Coggin on Silhouettes

June 7th — L.B.J. BEE — May Community Center —11a.m. — 2p.m.



**I**   
**SEWING**



## FRAMED 9-PATCH

### JUNE BLOCK



Cut nine (9) different 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares with a small floral print

Cut twelve (12) 2-1/2" x 1" rectangles for sashing white or white tone-on-tone

Cut four (4) 8 1/2" x 1" rectangles for sashing white or white tone-on-tone

All seams should be sewn at 1/4". Block will be 8-1/2" square (8" finished)



Lay out your fabric pieces as follows. Make sure to lay your nine different squares out in a way that is pleasing to the eye.



Stitch a sashing to each of the squares on the left hand side using a 1/4" seam. Press towards the squares. Your block should now look like this.



Stitch the last sashing onto the last square on the right hand side of the square on each row. Press toward the print squares.



Stitch print squares 1 and 2 in each row together. Press towards the squares. Your block should look like this.



Stitch the block 1 & 2 set to print square 3 in each row. Press towards the print square. Your block should look like this.

Stitch the sashing to the top of each row, and stitch the bottom sashing to the last row. Press out towards the sashing. Your block should look like this.

Stitch Row 1 to Row 2, then stitch to Row 3. Press toward the sashing.



## OVERNIGHT COFFEE CAKE

**2 CUPS FLOUR**

**1 CUP WHITE SUGAR**

**1/2 CUP BROWN SUGAR**

**1/2 tsp. SALT**

**1/2 tsp. CINNAMON**

**1 tsp. BAKING SODA**

**2/3 CUP BUTTER**

**2 EGGS**

**1 CUP BUTTERMILK OR**

**1/2 CUP SOUR CREAM & 1/2 CUP MILK**

### TOPPING

**1/2 CUP BROWN SUGAR**

**1/2 CUP CHOPPED PECANS**

**1/2 tsp. CINNAMON**

**1/2 TSP. NUTMEG**



**Sift dry ingredients. Cut in butter. Add liquid and eggs. Beat well.**

**Put half of batter in greased 9x13 pan. Sprinkle half of topping mixture over batter.**

**Spread the remaining batter on top and then remaining topping.**

**Refrigerate 12—24 hours. Bake 30—35 minutes at 350 degrees. Cake is done when toothpick inserted comes out clean.**



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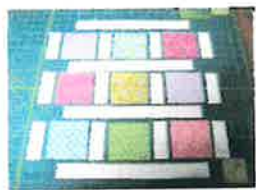


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MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

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