

PIECING IT TOGETHER



Peace by Piecing Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Pen

Once again here we are at the busiest time of the year. I simply do not know how the year has managed to slip away so quickly. I hope everyone has gotten all of their last minute gifts made for Christmas.

I still have a few little things to make but am quickly knocking them out.

This has been a good year for the guild. We have gotten lots of new members, we have had some interesting and fun speakers, and we did really well on our first live auction. I am excited about the newly elected board for next year. I think they will do a wonderful job.

I want to thank my board for all of their hard work and support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to serve with them and to serve the guild this year. I would also like to thank all of the members that stepped up when I needed them and got things done. I want to thank all of the membership for your support this year. I am looking forward to next year and the speakers we have lined up. There will be some new speakers and some we have had before with new topics. It should be a fun and exciting year. We have a fun Christmas Party planned, and I hope to see all of you there on December 19th .

I wish all of you a very blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kay McKinney

Joshua 24:15 – Choose this day whom you will serve, But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

L Bee J Bee News

The first Tuesday of each month the L Bee J Bee meets from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the May Community Center in Huffman. Our quilts are donated to the Harris Health System in December of each year. Bee members work on a quilt project each month as a group and talk faster than our machines run. The fabric, batting and backing is provided by the guild. Sewing machines are available at the Center if you don't want to bring your own. Rulers, rotary cutters, mats, ironing board & iron are also available. Just bring your basic supplies – scissors, pins and thread.

If you make a quilt to donate to Harris Health System, Quilt of Valor or Humble ISD Pregnancy Resource, please use the following form when you turn in your quilt so the service hours can be recorded.

Please remember to bring completed quilts to the next meeting.

Please feel free to contact Liz Richardson, 832.527.2458 or Kay McKinney, 713.818.9106 if you have any questions.



VOLUNTEER WORK HOURS RECORD

Name:

Organization Benefitting:

Item:

Hours: _____



Quilts of Valor
Honoring the Brave

Quilt Requirements

Procedures for making Quilts of Valor are as follows:

- * Fabric used should be high quality 100% “shirt-weight” or “quilt-weight” cotton fabric appropriate for adults.
- * While Quilts of Valor do not have to be red, white, and blue, 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), unless the recipient is known in advance, may create difficulty in identifying a recipient.
- * A Quilt of Valor is to be large enough to cover an average-sized adult, with an ideal size approximately 60” x 80.” Finished size can be no smaller than 55” x 65” and no larger than 72” x 90.” A Quilt of Valor consists of a top, batting, and backing, and must be machine quilted or hand quilted. A tied quilt is not acceptable for a Quilt of Valor.
- * Backings provided to volunteer QOVF-registered longarmers must be 4” larger than the quilt top on all sides (8” wider in width and 8” longer in length than the top).

Note: Some longarmers may have different requirements.

- Only member volunteers in good standing can request free-of-charge quilting of their tops by a QOVF-registered volunteer longarmer.
- Batting should be quality, low-loft batting. Quilting should be appropriate for the quilt and not overly dense, which can reduce the loft of the quilt. Binding strips should be joined with diagonal seams.
- Binding should be double-fold (“French fold”), attached by machine, and finished by hand or machine.
- A Quilt of Valor must be labeled as such. Information about making and purchasing labels is in the “QOV Construction Quick Reference Guide” in the *Appendices* section of the Policies & Procedures manual. A Quilt of Valor may be awarded in a presentation case, though a presentation case is not required. QOVs must have a presentation case when going to overseas facilities, to continuing destinations, or if requested.
- Before awarding, a Quilt of Valor must be machine laundered (gently, using mild detergent) so any bleeding of fabric dyes has occurred prior to awarding, and because some facilities where quilts are awarded require pre-laundering. Use of a “color catcher” that attracts loose dye during washing is recommended.
- A note, card, letter, or journal documenting the creation of a Quilt of Valor may be presented to the recipient along with the quilt.
- Destinations for Quilts of Valor may be requested on the foundation website. To request a destination, go to www.qovf.org and click on the “Take Action -Request a Destination” button.

Awards of Quilts of Valor are to be reported through the foundation website so quilts are counted. Report quilts as soon after awarding as possible. To report, go to www.qovf.org and click on the “Take Action – Report a QOV Award” button.

WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

Last Month's Meeting

At the November meeting, we held our annual election for Board positions.

We also took a nation wide trip on the Barn Quilt trail with Suzi Parron. If you missed the meeting, read about what she shared here and here.



Show and Tell



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Bits 'n Pieces

I really tried hard to find the right words to put here, but I couldn't, so here are the words of Susie Larson instead.

“As the year wraps up and draws to a close, may you let go of any lies you picked up along the way. May you shake off any offenses that are still hanging on. May you instead wrap yourself up in the complete love and acceptance of Christ. May you forgive others and forgive yourself. May you believe that God's promises are more powerful than your blunders. May you embrace God's redemptive plan for your life with hope and expectancy. May you be healed and restored as you sleep tonight. And may you wake up with fresh faith and vision for the year ahead. God bless you!”

Silent Night Sampler Quilt



A FREE BLOCK PROGRAM.

Quilted Memories and Paintbrush Studios thank you for your patronage with this delightful sampler; "Silent Night"

- There are no obligations to purchase anything to participate, this program is **FREE**
 - Program begins December 6th, 2017 and ends December 18th, 2017 with 12 blocks published one each day
 - Each new block pattern will be sent by email.
 - If you sign up after Dec. 6th, we will send you the previous blocks you missed.
 - The finished size of this quilt pattern is 54 inches x 54 inches.
- Work at your own pace to complete this quilt.

The sign up and more information about this sampler can be found **HERE**.

Happy Birthday



Sandy Canterbury
Maureen Daugherty
Sandy Dennis
Elizabeth McKnight
Eileen Ponce
Mary Swoape

What's Next

This month, we will be having our annual Guild Christmas Party! Come ready for a time of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the end of another year together.

Block Of The Month

If you're following along with the BOM sampler quilt, the December block is linked [here](#).

Quilter's Thread

If meeting once a month is just not enough, Quilter's Thread has a virtual quilt guild we can join!

What's on Quilter's Thread?

- Interaction with a community of quilters
 - Gallery of quilts
 - Daily Tips
 - Libraries of patterns and reference materials
 - Member Organizations
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Join Quilter's Thread

Quilters: Download the app on your iPad, iPhone or Android device, or sign in [here](#).

Quilting Hub

Quilting Hub is designed to help quilters find resources and information, to help quilting resources market themselves effectively, and to help the quilting industry grow worldwide.

Our goal is to provide the highest advertising value for the lowest cost and achieve the best ROI for our advertisers.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

*January 26–28,
2018 Quilts on the
Bayou

*January 26–27,
2018 Rio Grande
Valley Quilt Show

*February 2–3 2018
Spring Blossoms
Quilt Show

The Texas Quilt Museum in La Grange currently has a “Made In Texas” exhibit consisting of 39 quilts celebrating the pioneering spirit, natural beauty and artistic talents of the Lone Star State. The exhibit will be run Oct 5 thru Dec 22. Peace By Piecing Quilt Guild is represented among the 39 quilts.



Fundraisers

Raffle Quilt

The raffle quilt drawing will be held at the December meeting! If you have not purchased or turned in your tickets, you will not be entered into the drawing. Make sure you bring any remaining tickets to the **DECEMBER** meeting!



One Last Thing

- If you want to share our Guild with a friend, visitors are always welcome.
- If anyone would like to volunteer as a greeter, or a circulator, sign-up is available at the sign in table.
- If anyone would like to advertise their quilting goods and services in the monthly Newsletter, please get a copy of your business card to Wanda Nesloney or Susan McKnight.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Appetizers/Salads/SIDES

Patricia Gallini
Mary Griifin
Donna Hamilton
LaDonyce Hamilton
Linda Harris
Mitzi Hendrix
Brenda Howard
Karen Hudson
Ginny Hutchings

Main DISHES

Sally Albertson
Debbie Anderson
Laura Bearden
Ellen Bender
Maria Bianco
Lisa Bordages
Del Boyd
Rose Burnett
Julie Daugherty
Maureen Daugherty
Sandy Dennis
Cathy DeWoody
Brenda Dobson
Sue Durham
Tamara Estep

DESERTS

Debbie Cagney
Adela Calandrello
Sandy Canterbury
Abigail Champion
Nancy Christensen
Tammy conn
Joy Cook
Jackie Cousins
Misty Fain
Peggy Fain
Karen Frye

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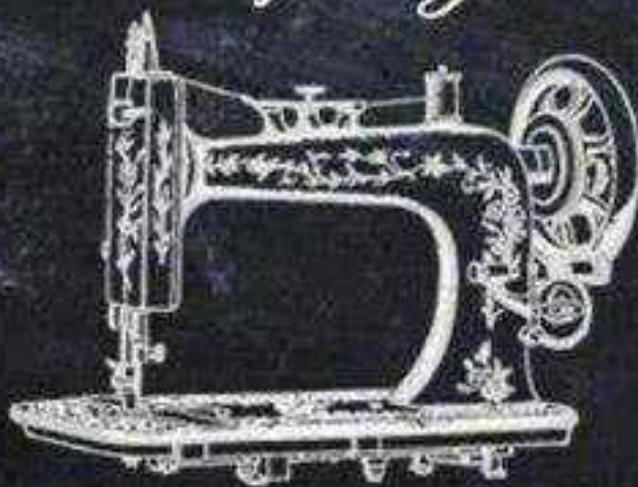
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HAPPINESS

but you can

BUY

FABRIC

And that's pretty close



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**MEETINGS ARE THE 3RD TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH**

LAKEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
5801 FM 1960 EAST
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REFRESHMENTS AT 6:30 PM
MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

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