

PIECING IT TOGETHER



Peace by Piecing Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Pen

I was amazed at our September meeting. We had so many members and visitors attend and the auction was so much fun. The auctioneer was really funny and did a great job. I hated that the meeting was so long but we had an amazing evening. The total for the night was \$6,131.50 for the auction. It was truly a fabulous night for our guild. I am sure there will be changes made next year on the way we do things so it does not go so long. Since this was our first Live Auction we really didn't know what to expect. Thank you all for your patience.

I want to thank all of the members for such a great participation in all of the wonderful items we had for sale. I would especially like to thank Michelle Johnston for all of her hard work getting ready for the auction and running the auction at the meeting. Janice and Sharron did amazing keeping up with all of the sales and checking everyone out so quickly. I would also like to thank Richard, Carol, my husband, Janice's husband, Liz, Michelle, and Michelle's sister-in-law, Vicki Johnston for all coming up really early to help set up and organize the sale. I hope everyone had a good time.

I want to encourage every member to be thinking of what they can do for our guild. This month we nominate members to run for the board for the November election. Please consider running for an office. The board needs dedicated members willing to do the job they were voted in to do and be responsible for that position. Being on the board is not hard. You just need to be willing to devote some extra time to the guild and be responsible for the task you have agreed to do. I hope we will have lots of volunteers to run for office.

This month Staci Johnson from Cupcake Quilts will be our speaker to tell us about her plans for her new store in Humble. I am very excited to meet Staci and see what her plans for the store will be. Hope to see all of you at the October meeting.

Kay McKinney

In John 14:14 Jesus said, "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

Board Election

The year is coming to an end which means there will be an election for new board members. I urge everyone to consider becoming more involved in the Guild than just attending the monthly meeting. Consider running as a board member. Many of the positions that are up for election do not require any previous board experience, just a little bit of extra time during the month.

Food Drive

HAAM has asked if we could hold a food drive at the October meeting. Of course we said yes. We will be collecting canned fruit and boxed mashed potatoes that will be put into baskets for their annual holiday food give away.

This is as good of a cause as there is, especially after the flooding. Please, let's come together in support of those in our communities that are in need.

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

The September meeting was our annual auction fundraiser. It was a big success, raising the Guild over \$6,000! If you missed it, you missed out.



Bits 'n Pieces

It's October already. That means it's time for cooler weather (somewhere, I'm sure). The leaves will start changing colors (at least that's what they're supposed to do), the pumpkins will be melting on front porches (that's not what they're supposed to do), oh and the new year is only 83 days away. But whose keeping count?

What's Next

Our new home quilt shop is now [Cupcake Quilts](#). Don't worry though. You won't have to make the trip to Spring because *It's A Stitch* in Humble is now *Cupcake Quilts*, in Humble. In honor of this new change, and to tell us about her new shop, our speaker this month will be Stacie Johnson.

Block Of The Month

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

However, this month Denise wanted to also do another block. That pattern is on the next 2 pages.

ARROWHEAD PUZZLE



This makes a 12" block!

** Supplies List **

 Color 1: (1) 3 1/2" x 21" strip

 Color 2: (1) 3 1/2" x 7" strip

 Color 3: (1) 3 1/2" x 28" strip

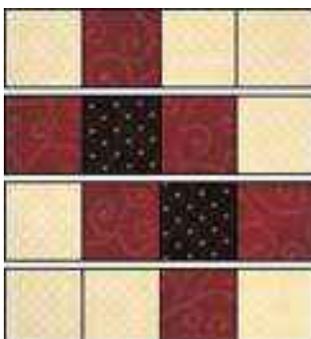
** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block **



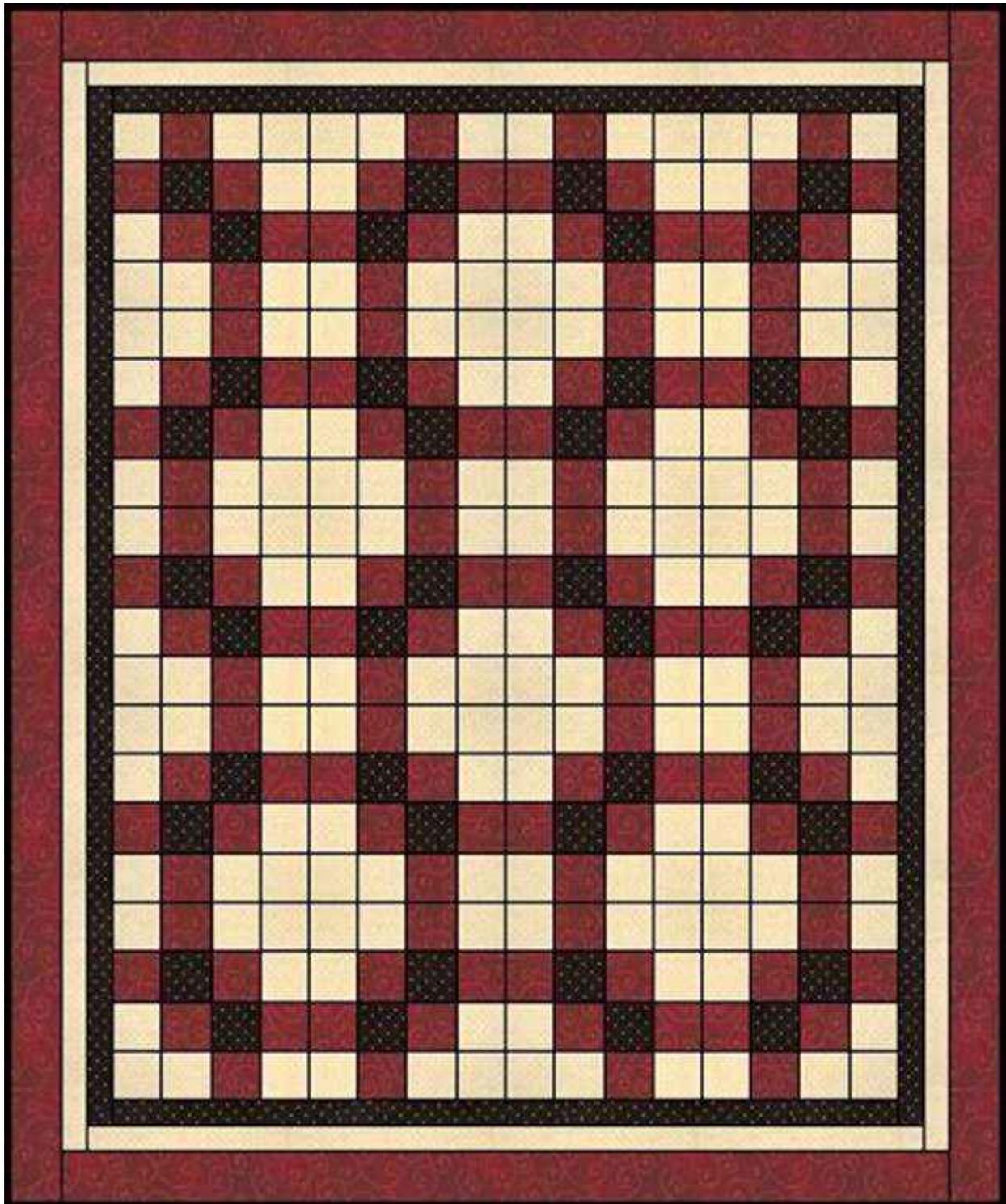
~ Cut color 1: 3 1/2" x 21" strip of fabric into (6) 3 1/2" squares.

~ Cut color 2: 3 1/2" x 7" strip into (2) 3 1/2" squares.

~ Cut color 3: 3 1/2" x 28" strip into (8) 3 1/2" squares.



Using the standard scant 1/4" seam allowance, sew one each of the four rows shown left. Press seams in alternating directions by row. Sew the rows together and your block is complete!



Here is an example
of the finished quilt,
4 blocks by 5 blocks
with a simple border.

This pattern and others can be found at [Quilter's Cache](#).

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.

Quilt Festival Volunteers

Would you be interested in being a part of the International Quilt Market & Festival? The show dates are *Oct. 28-30 & Nov. 1-5, 2017 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. To put on a show this size we are looking for help from guilds, groups and organizations. We have standing, sitting and walk around positions from Oct. 24th-Nov. 5th that will need to be filled. We need help hanging quilts before and taking them down after the show. During the show we need guardians to watch the quilts, program sellers, and door people. Show assistants are paid \$7.25 an hour, parking is reimbursed (up to \$12) and they receive free entry (a \$12 value) for each day they work. You can work as much or as little as you like, as long as there is a break between shifts. The shifts are given on a first come first serve basis, so you will want to send in your schedule as soon as possible! We ask for at least three choices for each day you are interested in working in case some shifts are filled. The broader the range, the more chance you have to work that day. We look forward to hearing from you!*

If interested, please go to our website setup for the show.

The website is:

www.quilts.com/worktheshows/Houston

Upcoming Quilt Shows

- *October 3–27 [Texas My Texas](#)
- *October 6–7 [A Harvest of Quilts](#)
- *October 14 [Free Gallery Talk](#)
- *November 2–5 [Quilt Festival](#)
[Houston](#)
- *November 11 [Airing of the](#)
[Quilts, Smithville](#)
- *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](#)

Fundraisers

Raffle Quilt

The 2017 Raffle Quilt has been finished and revealed! That means it's time to start selling those raffle tickets. We will be needing volunteers to take the quilt around to various meetings and Saturday mornings at local quilt shops, so check your calendars and sign up to help!

If you haven't taken tickets or turned in your fundraiser money, please do so as soon as possible.



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.
- Bring canned fruit and boxed mashed potatoes! HAAM is counting on us to help supply for the needs in our communities.
- Consider running for a board position. The Guild could use your help.



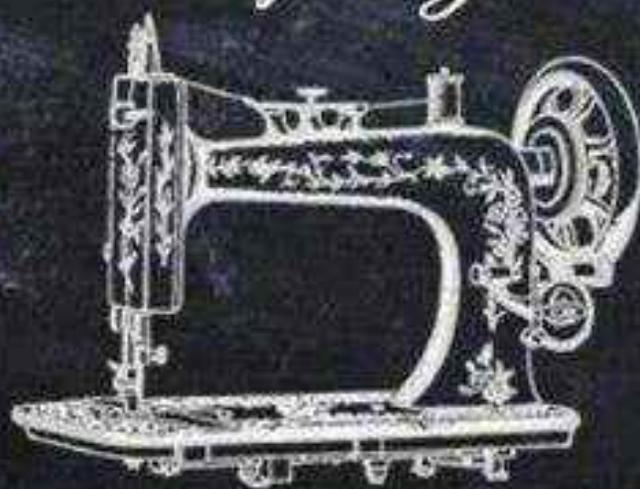
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but you can

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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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