
OUR MONTHLY QUILT TALK

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Saline County Quilters Guild Newsletter

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Hello quilters,

It's the end of July and the temps are as hot as Arkansas in summer. Even so, we are out here sewing quilts! You have got to love it. It's probably a good idea to sew right now because it's really too hot to do much outside. The weather will turn in a few months and we will have cozy quilts to snuggle with.

I truly enjoyed the July Guild meeting, Christmas in July. It really highlighted options for small decorative projects, and sparked imagination. It really is time to start sewing fall projects. Cooler weather will be here before you know it.

Thank you in advance to all the volunteers who are sewing projects to sell to support the Guild. I enjoy going to "Sew Days" because we get to visit and learn and just have some fun.

See you soon,
Sharon Vanover



2023 OFFICERS

President: Sharon Vanover
1st VP: Cheri Johnson
2nd VP: Amy Snodgrass
Secretary: Jerri Puska
(Alternate: Myrna Yandell)
Treasurer: Pat Wade
(Alternate: Toni Shockey)

Workshops:

Professional: Cheri Johnson
5:30: Guild Members

Committee Chairs:

Fund raising:
Door prizes: Cely Slover
Membership: Toni Shockey

Programs: Gwen Rogers
Team: Sondra Curtis, Judy Johnson,
Diane Edelhuber, and Kris Boulton.

Website: Eddie Landreth
1st Wednesday: Judy Huggins
Charity Quilts: Sidney Morris
Sunshine: Judy Anderson
Newsletter: Eddie Landreth
Hostess: Twyla Moore
Publicity: Debbie Susky
Quiltmania: Pat Wade,
Toni Shockey,
Barbie Small,
Kris Boulton

August Calendar of Events

		Event
10	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away
21	Mon	Guild meeting at Calvary Church. 5:30
23	Wed	QOV meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at Johnston's Home Center.
24	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away.
25	Fri	Due date for articles for the newsletter to be sent to the editor.
26	Sat	Applique and whatever you want to work on at Sidney's Studio.
28	Mon	Daytime Stitchers – meets the 4 th Monday of each month at 9:30

~ August Birthdays ~

Name	Day
Royce Stoker	4
Linda Beavert	6
Debbie Susky	7
Kris Boulton	11
Myrna Yandell	11
Pat Wade	15
Gwen Rogers	20
Melissa Landreth	23
Dianne Edelhuber	28
Marcia Bearden	29

~ Name Tags ~

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Saline County Quilters' Guild

~ Recipes ~

Please email or text a picture of any recipes you'd like to have included in our cookbook to Gwen Rogers.

~ Programs ~

Month	Program
August	Amy Hoyt
September	Quilts of Valor
October	TBD
November	Eddie Landreth
December	Christmas Party

If you missed the July meeting you missed a great presentation by Brenda Wall regarding Christmas in July. We appreciate the tips on free patterns and the lovely gift inspirations. Thank you, Brenda!

Amy Hoyt of Hickory Hill will do our program in August. She will bring things to sell so if you've won a gift certificate this would be a great time to shop.

Gwen Rogers

~ Rada Sales ~

Rada Sales- catalogs are available at Guild meetings. You may fill out an order form and turn into the Treasurer (Pat Wade) or order online at the following link and it will be mailed to your home. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=3431709.dde2cc>

Pat Wade

~ Row Quilts ~

Are you making progress on your row quilts? Thanks to those who brought their completed rows to show us. I'm looking forward to seeing more rows next month! We will be introducing a surprise opportunity in August! Stay tuned!

Gwen Rogers

~ Patriotic Block Drive ~

Thank you for your great support of the patriotic block drive. We will continue this through November. For the past 2 months we have made friendship star blocks and we are grateful for the work Cheri and Ola have done to create kits for this block. At our meeting in July Debbie brought kits for a new block design. (Thank you, Debbie!) If you were not able to get a kit, please follow the instructions in the pattern in this newsletter below. Remember, for every block that you turn in, you will have a chance to win a gift certificate to one of our local quilt shops.

Gwen Rogers

~ Star Ornaments ~

Pick 3 coordinating Christmas fabrics.

Cut into squares – samples used 3 ½” and 3”. They can be made bigger or smaller.

Brenda cut them with a pinking shear rotary blade bought on Amazon or you could use pinking shears.

Fold each square of fabric on the diagonal.

Stack in a star shape. May take a minute or two to get it right. Pin in the center.

Sew a button in the center to hold the layer together.

At the top where the star point meet, fold the ribbon to make a hanger and sew the end between the points of the star.

If you desire the star to have more structure, either spray the squares with spray starch or use a heat n bond stabilizer.

~ 2020 Canceled Bus Trip ~

We have been carrying \$710.00 in the treasury that was left from the canceled 2020 bus trip. If you are on the refund list, expect to get a check in the next couple of weeks. It will be processed through First Security Bank, so do not think it a junk mail and throw it away.

Name	Amount
Debbie Susky	\$100.00
Kathy Smith	\$100.00
Linda Bennett	\$100.00
Jane Hammonds	\$100.00
Ann Prince	\$100.00
Carolyn Brazil	\$210.00

~ Meeting Minutes ~ July 17, 2023

5:30 Workshop

Row quilt Strips – Gwen Rogers

Several strips made from scraps were displayed of various heights that can be added to row quilts. A row quilt can have rows of any size you want.

Inversion Quilt blocks – use a 10” layer cake and make whatever size block you want.

Maine trip row quilt – LuAnn Baker

Luann bought fabric on a trip to Maine and is using it in her row quilt. She displayed 3 rows of blocks completed so far: one highlighting light houses, one with ships, and one with crabs.

Guild Meeting Minutes -

The 2023 July meeting was held at 5:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. President Sharon Vanover called the meeting to order with 41 members and 3 visitors in attendance.

Announcements:

Secretary’s Minutes from prior meeting

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer’s report will be distributed with the newsletter. The remaining bus money for the trip to Missouri Star which was cancelled will be returned. Pat requested help in locating several non-guild members who sent money; she has no contact information on them.

Committee Reports

Professional Workshops – Cheri Johnson - No report.

SCQG Patriotic BOM for Quilts of Valor – Cheri Johnson - We had 88 blocks turned in for the month! The two Saline County Quilt of Valor groups will receive 44 blocks each. Thank you all for your participation. Hickory Hill provided the \$10 gift certificates this month; winners are Judy Anderson & Lynn Meeks. Debbie Susky handed out kits for next month, a 12.5” nine-patch block. The quilt shops of Saline County are donating gift certificates for this patriotic BOM challenge to support QOV in Saline County.

Saturday Workshops – Jerri Puska & Judy Anderson

Saturday Workshops scheduled: **July 22, August 19, September 23. Mark your Calendars!**

These Saturdays will be open to our members and the public with the goal of sharing our craft and knowledge with potential new members who have an interest in quilting. We may also utilize these sew days to create items to sell at the events we attend.

July 22 – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

This Saturday we will be making items to sell at Old Fashion Day (2nd Saturday in Oct.), along with the tickets for our raffle quilt. Items planned: card holders, ice cream, bowl, & plate cozies, kitchen scarves, and mug rugs. Not advertised to the public.

August 19 – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The August Saturday workshop will create a fall themed décor item. It will be open to the public and members. Information will be sent out early in August and posted on the Facebook page.

5:30 Workshops – Need a chairperson to fill this vacancy!

Members have volunteered to fill our calendar for 2023! Please consider being the chairperson of this effort. We need a coordinator to remind and help assist those who have volunteered to present a workshop!

Fundraising – Chairperson - Vacant, need a volunteer to take over fundraising.

- **T-shirt Licensed to carry** – Have a few of the “licensed to carry” available. Bargain price offered for tonight’s meeting. Those not sold will be offered for sale on our Facebook page. See Myrna for a shirt tonight. Shirts are Comfort Color brand, limited sizes.
- **RADA cutlery fundraiser** – The Cutlery is selling; we will be placing another order. These American made knives and cutlery are wonderful. Great stocking stuffers. In stock we have paring knives and vegetable peelers and a couple of tomato slicers. Pat Wade is building another order, would like to have your list of items by Wednesday. Please submit a check for the amount of your items, Pat will divide the shipping and tax for the whole order and let you know the additional amount when the group order is placed. Contact Myrna Yandell or Pat Wade.
- **Opportunity/Raffle quilt** – Myrna Yandell
 - Tickets for the raffle quilt - \$25.00 – 30 tickets, post card of quilt included, sell to your friends.
 - We will be utilizing some Saturday workshop/Sew Days to make various items for our event sales. If you have an idea for a different item, please let us know.
 - We need more donated items to sale in addition to the raffle tickets at display events. Please remember the raffle quilt and these items are a large part of the funding for our guild. We appreciate any of you who are willing to take the quilt to be displayed and work the booths helping support the guild.
 - Currently the Opportunity Quilt & Stand are housed at Cely’s home, we need someone else to take charge of the quilt and stand. Just need a volunteer to keep up with it, you do not always have to be the person taking it somewhere. We need a gatekeeper!
- **SCQG cookbook** – We are continuing to collect recipes for the cookbook. Send recipes to Gwen Rogers.

Membership Report – Toni Shockey - Three new members! Welcome: Tammy Creed, Gloria Griffin, and Carla Jones. A new member list will be sent out.

Membership Photo Directory – Valarie Nichols - Electronic copies are free, color copies available, \$2 each, see Valarie.

Programs – Gwen Rogers & team (Sondra C., Judy J., Diane E., Kris B.) - next month Hickory Hills Quilt shop will be here in August.

Charity Quilts – Sidney Morris - Several quilts needing binding were distributed. Displayed quilts that have been completed recently. Cely Slover showed numerous quilts made by her daughter-in-law, Pam Slover who lives in Texas. Pam has donated numerous completed quilts for distribution by our guild. We are thankful for her talent and generosity!

If you need fabric for donation quilt, contact Sidney and she will meet you at the studio on Alcoa. Regular sew days are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, and the last Saturday of the month, meeting around 9:30. Will meet next Thursday and then again at end of month.

2022 UFO Challenge – Judy Johnson - Item #3 is due August. Info about the annual UFO challenge: select 6 projects that you have not worked on in the last 3 months, number them 1 – 6 with 6 being the largest/most difficult project and submit your form. Judy will track your projects and their associated UFO #. For each UFO completed, you will receive an entry for the drawing at the end of the challenge.

QuiltMania/Retreats – Pat Wade & Toni Shockey QuiltMania - April 2 – 4, 2024 Ferncliff is requiring \$2500 to hold our spot and wants all the money earlier than last year. Signup forms will be provided next month – asking members who always attend to sign-up and pay half of the amount.

Daytime Stitchers – Laura Todd - Routinely meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 9:30, yellow house out highway 5. Bring hand work; contact Laura for more information at:
thequiltedchicken@gmail.com

Sunshine – Judy Anderson - Sent sympathy card to Barbie Small. Will send a card to Diana Lewis. Please send any requests for cards to Judy at 501.743.1076 Call or Text.

Hospitality & Door Prizes - Cely Slover - Cely conducted door prizes activities.

Publicity – Debbie Susky – Benton Courier newspaper published a really nice article on July 4th about Quilts of Valor, the two Saline QOV groups, SCQG and the veteran recipients. Paper and e-edition available.

Technology - Chair vacant

Old/Unfinished Business -

Website - Our website is very outdated and will not generate new interest, needs to be updated. Jerri Puska will do some research and investigate possibilities/options. Looking into software to design new website, would like a committee to work with Jerri. Contacted Eddie and have received additional information about the hosting vendor and the current software. To be continued.
None discussed this month.

New Business

Announcement: Pinwheels quilt shop has moved and is open in the Hwy 5 shopping strip behind Letta's Flowers. This shopping center is located on the north side of Hwy 5 between Reynolds Road and Springhill Road.

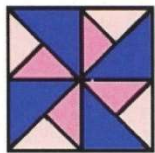
Program – Christmas in July – Member Brenda Wall - Brenda told us that she loves Christmas, believes it might even make her feel cooler to be thinking about Christmas! LOL We know that if sewing projects are to be for Christmas presents, better start in July not November or after Thanksgiving. It was noted that the Christmas décor is out in stores and the new Christmas fabrics are too. Many of the fabric designers provide free quilt patterns to go with their new fabric collections. She displayed a collection of items some from free patterns she found and some she purchased, all items were smaller than lap quilt size and could be made quickly. A new activity for her is ornaments – she has gotten hooked on making ornaments. Small projects – she displayed several different designs. A quick simple one is a star ornament made from 3 fabric squares. She displayed the process, provided instructions and a kit for each one at the meeting. See the instructions in this newsletter.

Websites for Patterns: (some free, some not)

- Crafty Quilter - Northern Star – row quilt
- Fat Quarter Shop: All the Trimmings – Christmas row quilt, Evergreen – row quilt
- Moda, American Patchwork & Quilting – sources for free patterns as well
- Ornaments: A Quilting Life – O’ Christmas Tree, Bird Brain Designs

Meeting adjourned.

See you next month,
Jerri Puska, SCQG Secretary



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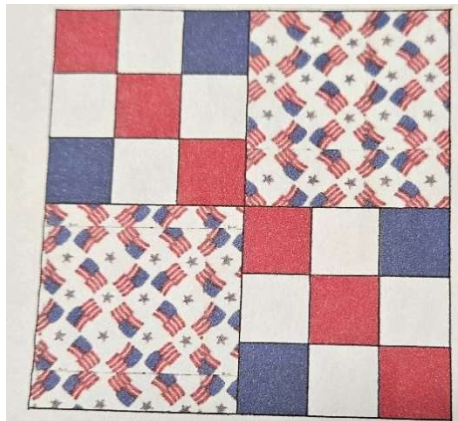
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12 1/2" Nine Patches and Focal Squares



The pieces are oversized so they can be trimmed to size.

Background Fabric – Cut 2 1/2" strips
Cut one strip approximately 11" long
Cut two strips approximately 6" long

Red Fabric – Cut 2 1/2" strips
Cut one strip approximately 11" long
Cut one strip approximately 6" long

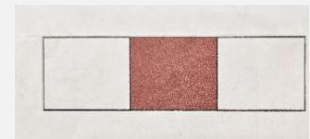
Blue Fabric- Cut 2 1/2 strips
Cut one strip approximately 11" long

Focal Fabric – Cut two 6 1/2" squares

Make a strip set of 11" red + 11" white + 11" blue. Cut into four 2 1/2" segments.



Make a strip set of 6" white + 6" red + 6" white. Cut into two 2 1/2" segments.



Use segments to make nine-patches as shown in picture. Lay out and join squares to form the block as pictured. Finished block should be 12 1/2".

Saline County Quilters' Guild

2023 Membership



Dues \$20.00

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Reminders:

- The membership list will be sent out with the newsletter following the February meeting. A few hard copies will be available at the March meeting.
- No additional funds are due if you joined the Guild in October, November, December 2022.

Membership form and payment may be mailed to:

Toni Shockey
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