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# OUR MONTHLY QUILT TALK

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## *President's Message*

I hope all of you are getting a lot of quilts pieced and or quilted. This letter is going to be very short this time as some of you know I am having severe back issues and am not any better. I went to the back doctor Tuesday and am going to a new doctor next Friday.

We had a great program Monday night. The volunteer coordinator from Saline Memorial Hospice, Janice Moody, spoke about the impact our charity quilts have on hospice patients and read a thank you card from a patient's family.

Diana DesCarpentrie from The Call spoke about the impact our charity quilts have on these foster children as the most of them come with only the clothes on their back and these quilts are something they can call their own, very touching and heart rendering. They have immediate need for freezer meals for families and they can be Stouffer's or other things in the freezer section of the grocer or casseroles.

We presented both of them with quilts. If you were not there you missed a blessing.

Until next time happy quilting!!  
Sondra

### **2021 OFFICERS**

President: Sondra Curtis  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Sharon Vanover  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Amy Snodgrass  
Secretary: Jerri Psuka  
(Backup: Debbie Wright)  
Treasurer: Pat Wade

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

#### **Workshops:**

*Professional:* Cheri Johnson  
*5:30:* Guild Members  
*Saturday:*

*Librarian:* Myrna Yandell

*Fund raising:* Judy Peters

*Name Tags:* Joyce Opitz

*Door prizes:* Cely Slover

*Membership:* Shirley Miller

*Programs:* Twyla Moore,  
Cathy Faulkner

*Website:* Eddie Landreth

*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday:* Judy Huggins

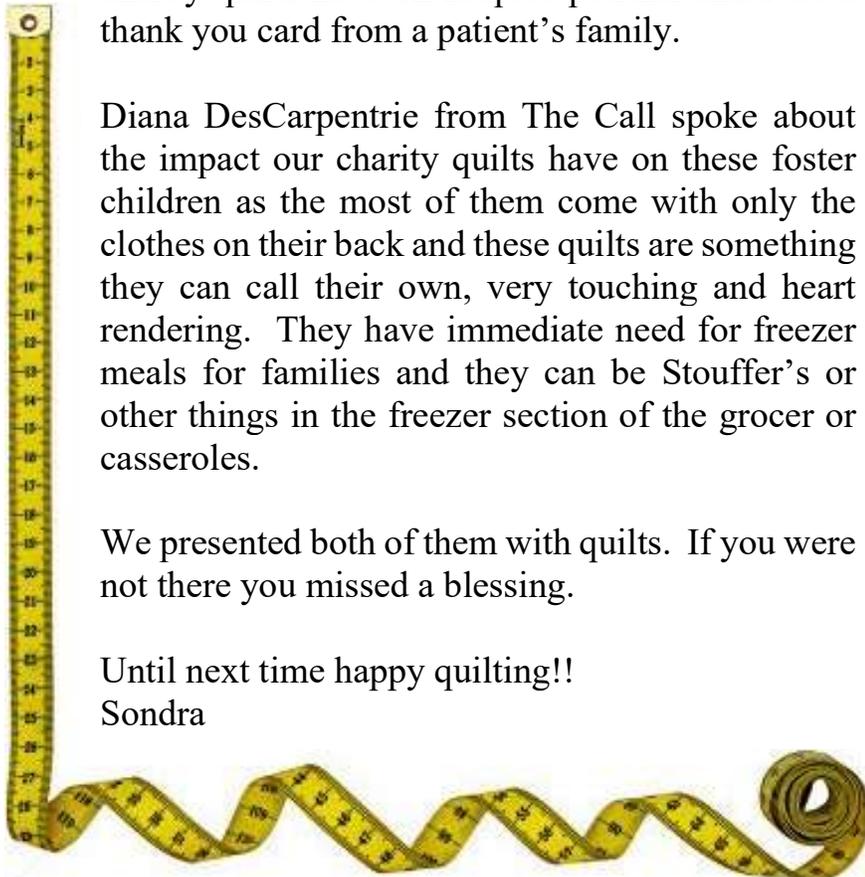
*Charity Quilts:* Sidney Morris

*Sunshine:* Shirley Miller

*Newsletter:* Eddie Landreth

*Hostess:* Twyla Moore

*Quiltmania:* Pat Wade,  
Jane Hammonds,  
Ola Bramlett,  
Sheila Bird



# July Calendar of Events

		Event
4	Sun	Independence Day
7	Wed	No First Wednesday for July
8	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away
19	Mon	Guild meeting at Calvary - 5:30
22	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away
23	Fri	Due date for articles for the newsletter to be sent to the editor.
24	Sat	Applique and whatever you want to work on at Sidney's Studio.
26	Mon	Daytime Stitchers meets at Johnston's Home Center at 9:30 am
28	Wed	QOV meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at Johnston's Home Center.

## ~ July Birthdays ~

Name	Day
Shellie Blake	17
Ola Bramlett	19
Lynda Morgan	21
Sidney Morris	24
Becky McGuire	30

## ~ Sunshine Report ~

### Sunshine:

Sue Richards  
Sondra Curtis

Submitted by,  
Shirley Miller

## ~ Membership Report ~

Suzanne Parrish rejoined  
Kathy Smith

Submitted by,  
Shirley Miller

## ~ Mystery Scrap Quilt 2021 ~ 77" x 89"

### STEP 2:

Please read all instructions before you start!

You will be making 196---3" finished (3 1/2" with seam allowance) half square triangles this month. Make them your favorite way.

Out of the light/Background CUT 98--- 3 7/8" squares. Cut diagonally once.

Out of the dark/medium CUT 98--- 3 7/8" squares (two of each fabric). Cut diagonally once.

You can use the Accuquilt die #55009 to cut the triangles.

When I make half square triangles, I cut my squares at least 1/4" larger (so I would cut my squares 4 1/4" because that is an easy measurement). Cut each square diagonally once. Sew a light to a dark/medium. This seam is on the bias so press seam carefully to the dark. Trim square to 3 1/2".

Make sure you use 1/4" seam. Sometimes a 1/4" foot will make the seam larger, so check it.

Out of the light/Background CUT 15---5 1/2" squares and cut diagonally twice.

Out of the dark/medium CUT 16---5 1/2" squares and cut diagonally twice.

Don't have a number for the Accuquilt for this one.

You can cut these out of the same fabric as the 3 7/8" squares. I wouldn't cut more than one 5 1/2" square out of each fabric.

SAVE THESE FOR LATER!

I am here to answer questions.  
Fay Poe

## ~ Recipe Collection ~

Our collection of recipes is growing slowly but surely. Please share your recipes!!

We'd like to create a cookbook as a small fundraiser. Give recipes to Gwen Rogers, Debbie Wright, or Myrna Yandell.

## ~ Library Report ~

**Library Report:** Recently, Cheri Johnson donated several books to our library, and I've chosen one of those for this month's review. *Patchwork Quilts Made Easy* by Jean Wells is extensive in the type of projects offered, and it includes step-by-step instructions and charts to make your project a success. Color Awareness and Quilting Basics are the first two chapters, then Jean breaks the chapters down by the name of the pattern taught within that chapter. Each chapter contains an introduction to the specific style of quilts covered in it (for instance, Pinwheel Quilts, Country Bunny Quilts, Fan Quilts, etc.) followed by the block's construction techniques and instructions. Jean, a former teacher and quilt shop owner, has made certain that instructions are "quilter friendly". She designed three sampler quilts for the final chapter, each of which uses several different blocks from the rest of the book. If you would like to know more about this book, I can help you CHECK IT OUT at the next meeting. Thanks, Cheri, for the donation!

Myrna Yandell  
Librarian

## Saline County Quilting Guild June 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The June 2021 meeting was held at 5:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Sondra Curtis called the meeting to order with 26 members in attendance and 3 visitors.

### 5:30 Workshop

Pat Wade presented a tutorial on pre-sashing Quilt Blocks to assemble a quilt top. Handouts were

provided, contact Pat or Jerri for a copy. This looks like a very orderly method to build a quilt once you have the blocks completed.

### Guild Mystery Quilt

Fay Poe presented the next set of instructions for the mystery quilt, look for them in the newsletter!

### Minutes from prior meeting

May meeting minutes were approved as printed.

### Treasurer's Report

May Treasurer's report was approved as published. Current June bank status and outstanding expenses were reported verbally at the meeting. June Treasurer's detail report will be provided with the newsletter.

### Committee Reports

**Membership Report** – 74 members, new membership rosters provided. Side note: Sondra created a Membership Missing in Action list and started contacting them. The response has been positive and several expressed intentions to start attending again.

**Sunshine** - Please continue to send any requests for cards to Shirley Miller. Thank you note received from Jane Hammonds was read. Several get well cards sent this month.

**Library Report** – The library is open for business again. In case you are not aware, there is a cabinet in storage room adjacent to our meeting room that houses books for members to check out. An old style handwritten check-out system is used. If you have a particular book or subject of interest, contact Myrna Yandell she will help you select a book.

**Daytime Stitchers** – Laura Todd has agreed to take over the coordinator role, but she is not available for the months of June and July. The group will meet at Johnston's Home Center, June 28 at 9:30 AM (4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month), tutorial starts at 10:00. Volunteers for tutorials for June and July have been secured: Shirley Miller – June, Pat Wade - July.

**First Wednesday Sewing** – Judy Huggins is looking for a location, possibly Calvary church.

**Quiltmania/Retreats** – Current plans are on hold while potential new locations are sought. Investigating a place at Humphrey, would be 1:45 hours away. Ferndale 4H center rates have increased again making it cost prohibitive.

**Charity Quilts** – Sidney has a charity quilt available for binding. Sew dates at Sidney's Studio on Alcoa are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Professional workshops** – Efforts toward professional workshops is currently suspended. Focus will be Sew Days and Workshops within our membership.

**2021 UFO Challenge** – The challenge is underway! The #4 UFO will be due in July, contact Judy Johnson for more info.

### Old Business

**Fall Bus Trip to Missouri Star** – Hamilton, Missouri

Missouri Star Quilt Company has restored many of the Hamilton small town historic buildings with more fabric and quilting supplies than you can imagine. It is about 7.5 hours from Benton, 2 travel days and 1 day to shop. Coach bus for travel. Best Western hotel about 20 miles from Hamilton.

- COVID-19 vaccine required.
- Dates: Sept. 20 – 22
- Estimated Cost: \$210.00 (includes bus fare and hotel for two nights, room double occupancy, based upon at least 30 participants, currently have 22)
- NOTE: Cost is LESS than what was announced last month

**Recipe Book** – Remember that Recipe book we were planning before COVID? Need to get those recipes to Gwen Rogers or Myrna Yandell.

### New Business

**2020 Donation Quilt** – Motion made, seconded and passed to give this quilt away the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

of October 2022. This will provide more time for selling tickets. Contacting charities that we support about selling tickets at their fund-raising events. Judy Johnson volunteered to contact the charities and inquiry about their fund-raising events. Sondra to provide Judy list to contact. Jane Hammonds has ticket packets available, in packets of 30 for \$25. Tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

Benton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - These events will allow vendors who are not competing with the food vendors. We will be investigating setting up a table to sell donation quilt tickets at these events and will need volunteers to man the table.

**Publicity** – A publicity chairman is needed. We need more publicity about our guild and need to expand to include more of an online presence. Sondra is going to contact the publisher of the My Saline Facebook page. Benton Courier events list has been updated to have our monthly meeting.

**SCQG business cards** – Sondra displayed our guild business cards and requested everyone put a picture of the card on their personal Facebook page.

**Saline County Quilt Trails** – Debbie Susky, SCQT Coordinator has set up a Facebook page for Saline County Quilt Trail to help folks find our trail, provide education and assist anyone wanting to build a block for the trail. Join the private FB group! Six more Barn Quilt Blocks are needed for Saline County to be included in the Arkansas quilt trail; hoping to have them by year end. If you are interested in participating, please contact Debbie for details. The Saline County 4H Club is planning to build a block for the Saline County Humane Society. They have asked for a \$50 donation for building materials. A motion to donate \$50 to Saline 4H was made and approved.

**Saturday Sew Days & Workshops** – Proposing we plan several Saturday events at the church, if a workshop the charge will be \$5, if a sew day there will be no charge. Could bring sack lunch or have potluck. Motion made and passed to schedule several of these events each year.

July 24 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Sew Day at the church, a start time was not stated but most other events of this type seem to be 9:30 -10 AM.

**June Program** – Sondra asked a couple of the charity quilt recipient organizations to come and talk about how the quilts make an impact. Tonight we have Janice Mooney from Saline Memorial Hospice and Julie DesCarpentrie from the Saline County branch of TheCALL in Arkansas supporting foster care.

**Saline Memorial Hospice, Janice Mooney, CVM Hospice Volunteer Coordinator**

Saline Hospice provides quilts and adult bibs to hospice patients. Some of these patients are in facilities and some are in homes with caregivers who may be family members or employed. Janice brought a sample thank you card that the Hospice received acknowledging the quilt and bib provided to their mother and how much it was appreciated. Their mom loves the bib and wanted bibs for all her friends. Due to privacy, Janice cannot identify any recipients or leave the card. Member Jerri Puska stated that in October of 2013 her father, Howard Starr was a recipient while in the hospice after a massive stroke.

The hospice does have a need for adult bibs; if anyone is interested in making bibs.

They also need respite volunteers, people willing to sit with patients for a few hours to give the family care givers a break. There is some hospice volunteer training. Volunteers do not give meds or provide any physical care to the patient, they talk to them, play games, watch TV with them or just sit with them. Activities vary depending upon what the patients are capable of doing. Volunteering can also include running errands or preparing meals for the patient. If you would be willing to become a volunteer, please contact Janice at 501-315-0136 or [janice.mooney@lhcgroupp.com](mailto:janice.mooney@lhcgroupp.com)

Several quilts including some for veterans were provided to Janice after displaying to the group.

One of the quilts is a Quilt of Valor that will be formally presented by the QoV group.

**TheCALL, Julia DesCarpentrie**

The goal of TheCALL: mobilizing the Church in Arkansas to love foster children with the extravagant love of Christ.

Julia stated that most children have only the clothes on their backs when they are taken into foster care. No lovies, no blankets, no special stuffed animal. The quilts that are provided by SCQG are key as they are the first item these children can call their own, something for them to take with them for comfort.

The quilts received are so beautiful and appropriate for the children, they are greatly appreciated. The guild was commended for a wonderful way to use our God gifted talents to provide for the orphans as God directed us as Christians. In Arkansas 8,200 children spend time in foster care every year due to neglect or abuse. TheCALL works with Christian families to train and support them to live out God's call to care for the orphan. A child that has been removed from their parents' home must be parented a different way. Some of these children will have parental rights terminated and will become available for adoption, right now there are 360 children available for adoption. 85% of these children will be reunited with someone who had a relationship with the child, another family member or special relationship.

TheCall does have needs that can be met through volunteering. They have an office and a clothes closet for the families to shop that is manned by volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-12:30. They also have a freezer with frozen meals to provide meals for a foster family during the first week which is always chaotic. Right now the freezer only has two items! Any freezer meal: soup, casseroles, Stouffer's lasagna would greatly be appreciated! Gift cards to Target & Walmart so the teenagers can go shop and pick out some clothes. TheCALL also provides some training to the families who are attempting to correct the situation that resulted in the children going to foster care. Some of the greatest needs of these families

are basic life skills: cooking, how to do laundry, and parenting skills.

Every other month TheCALL has interest meetings, for more info see:

[www.TheCALLinArkansas.org](http://www.TheCALLinArkansas.org)

Pray for the children, pray for their parents to be healed, pray for the foster families.

Quilts were displayed and then provided to Julia.

**Show and Tell** – Members displayed some of their recent works of art!

Meeting adjourned – See you next month at the **CHURCH!**

Jerri Puska, Secretary

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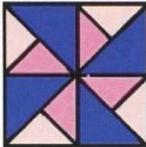
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**2021 Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dues \$20.00

Note: Current Members - Only fill in information that has changed or needs correcting from last year.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Month and Day of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

For new members who join in October, November, or December, their membership will include the following year. Current members can start renewing in October for the following year. A new roster will be distributed at the March meeting. Membership form and payment can be mailed to Shirley Miller, 1632 Matt Lane, Hensley, AR 72065.

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