

The Newsletter of Quilters

# Needle Notes

December 2014

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



December  
Members!\*\*

Diann Bernhardt	12/30
Eva Gustafson	12/29
Cathy Ladd	12/18
Johnnie Mitchell	12/02
Terry Peters	12/12
Stephanie Siekierski	12/7
Cindy Simmons	12/16
Donna Wells	12/4

## President's Notes — Melissa Taylor

Baby its COLD outside.

Hello Members

I hope everyone enjoyed thanksgiving with family and friends. I'm sure we are all still eating turkey left overs... Lol. Don't worry because our Christmas Pot Luck should provide a great variety of dishes, so skip lunch that day.

Our last meeting was so much fun, the program from The Shepherd's Wool & Antigua's was beautiful. I had no idea you can make so many things with wool, it opened a window to a very different way of sewing and applique techniques. Thanks Linda, good choice.

Are you getting the block of the month ready? As we all know selecting the right colors for your quilt is a crucial part of the process. A few days after our meeting I was still laughing at how intense the selection of the crayon was, just to get that perfect color. "This information cannot be confirmed but it appears that some of our members brought their own box of crayons just to get the right color" LOL Just kidding. I'm sure the blocks are going to be beautiful regardless of the color.

December is a month to enjoy with loved ones, to reflect about our life and everything around us. During this time we see a lot of generosity and sharing all around us.

So **Sharing** is our word for the month, it was a little bit tricky to narrow this down, this word can be used in so many different ways.

### Sharing:

- have a portion of (something) with another or others.
- split, divide, go halves on; More informal go fifty-fifty on, go Dutch on
- give a portion of (something) to another or others.
- use, occupy, or enjoy (something) jointly with another or others.

I believe the last one applies to our guild, each one of us Share with family, friends even total strangers our beauty quilting. Every time we have a quilt show, we are opening our doors to the community so they can have an inside look at what a guild is all about.

We are sharing our beautiful quilts, with the hope to get more people interested in the art. We show them how proud we are of our guild.

Stay warm, Merry Christmas and we'll see you at the pot luck.

### Reminder:

The next RRQG meeting will be on **Monday, Dec. 1 at 7:00 p.m.** at Notre Dame Elementary

Cafeteria. Encourage your sewing friends to join us.

Also, please remember to put your chair up at the end of the meetings and pick up any trash you may have left. If you are not physically able to lift, please ask a fellow quilter or one of the officers for assistance



**Dec. 1, 2014  
7:00 PM**

## Programs — Linda Salmon

From our Vice President Linda Salmon

At our December meeting we will play strip poker after our shared meal and show and tell. The theme will be Batiks. Sometime next year, hopefully we will have someone demonstrate an easy quilt pattern in which you can use your winnings.

For those who wish to participate you will need 27 strips of quilting cotton Batik that are 2-1/2" wide, 44" WOF.



Sign in, get a ticket, and turn in 2 strips of fabric at the door. When we are ready to play you will choose a table to begin at, 4 to 8 players at each table and 1 dealer (if we have volunteers). You will need to separate your remaining 25 strips into groups of five. We will play 5 hands at a table, and play at 5 different tables (for a total of 25 hands). To begin, you will place a group of 5 strips on the table in front of you, choose 1 for the

pot. The dealer will deal one card face up to each player, announcing cards as they are dealt. High card chooses 1 strip from the pot, next highest chooses, etc. Duplicates will be dealt a second card to determine high card between them. We will repeat this process until the 5th hand, in which high card takes the whole pot. Be sure to mix up your group when changing tables to enhance your fabric choices and fellowship opportunities. Door prizes will be given for the least amount won, second least amount won, and for the ticket drawing. If you would like to be dealer, let me know. We can play by each player turning over a card from the stack.

Looking forward to seeing all of you and playing Strip Poker with friends.

By the way, I gave you two block patterns in November, be sure to bring one show and tell. If you want to trade feel free to do so; Since I gave you two patterns, use the second for the block to bring in January.

Happy Quilting,  
Linda

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**WELCOME**  
new members  
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## Quilted Comfort — Stephani Siekierski \*\*

Does anyone know what happened to Fall? I am sure I was wearing shorts one week, and my winter coat the very next week. My mulberry tree has almost all its leaves, and it feels like Minnesota outside. Oh well, good weather to be inside and quilting. I have 4-5 quilts to bind, thank you Frances Brackeen. I do love co-zying up on the couch with a warm quilt on my lap to work on. Want to give a shout-out to Pam Schenck. A group of us trucked out to Aunt Pam's Closet in Henrietta and met up to shop around and have lunch next door. We enjoyed the fabric and quilt-talk, and lunch was friendly and delicious. I came home with the perfect color quilt-back. Another week, we visited the WF Art Museum and got to see the quilted collections there. I know I saw Donna McDonald in her photo quilt, and Dian Hoehne said she spotted her own quilt in the Quilting Wichita Falls exhibit.

For the future, we are hoping to schedule a workshop day for Comfort Quilts. Our plan is to stitch "Christmas in July" quilts, regardless of the month we get on the workshop schedule. If you have leftover Christmas fabric we can cut and stitch, please bring it to any guild meeting and gift it to Carolyn Miller or myself to save for that workshop (date yet to be scheduled with our workshop chair). We have a couple of Christmas quilts coming back at the next meeting that we can distribute this December when I am sure they will be appreciated.

At our monthly meeting, feel free to come over to the Comfort Quilts table. We have available easy quilt kits bagged and ready for a fast get-away, also quilts tops with backing and binding that are ready for quilting. Perhaps you can add binding to a quilt that just needs that finishing touch. Remember to contact me if you are quilting our quilts and would like batting as the Guild has batting available by the package and off the roll.

P.S. If you are a mystery quilt lover, check out Bonnie Hunter at Quiltville's Quips and Snips. Her Grand Illusion quilt mystery will begin posting the day after Thanksgiving. Half the quilting world has picked quilt colors from paint chip cards at Lowe's per instructions, and is waiting for the release of Step 1 following turkey dinner. Check it out.

Stephani V. Siekierski  
Quilted Comfort



1. Please remember to PAY the membership dues, no later than the last meeting in December. The directory will be distributed at the January meeting.
2. Melissa Taylor will be taking pictures for the directory at the November and December meeting. We encourage all our members to have their picture taking.
3. I'm pretty good at ....., we will be adding this to everyone's pictures in the directory. It can be binding, a specific square or design, I'm pretty good at making bags, etc.
4. Renewal guild members, **please keep your folders** from the previous year and bring with you in January.

## Officers and Committees

### Officers

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## Upcoming Workshops — Trudy Wallace \*\*

**No Workshop for December—January's will be AWESOME!!**

**IF ANY OF YOU KNOW OF ANY GUILD MEMBERS WHO ARE ILL, HAVING SURGERY OR HAS A BEREAVEMENT, PLEASE LET MELISSA TAYLOR KNOW SO SHE CAN SEND A CARD TO THEM.**

## Show and Tell

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**Karen Walker-Texas Quilt**

**Frances Brackeen-Amethyst Pathwats**

**Cindy Simmons-Christmas Tree Twister**

**Jean Swinney-Child's Snowball**

**Dinah Redmon-Bandana Puzzle, Cat Panel Quilt, Pansy Quilt**

**Johnnie Mitchell- Charity Quilt**

**Carolyn Miller-Charity Quilt**

**Stephanie Siekierski-Charity Quilt**

**Diane Walker-Short Cape for Halloween'**

**Jane Benson-BabyQuilt**

**Melissa Taylor-Christmas and Card Tricks**

### **Red River Quilter's Guild**

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



Melissa Taylor called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Melissa welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed her Mission for the guild in the coming year. Her main focus is getting back to the basics and the roots of the guild. Why the guild was started and has continued for 30 years.

January will start off with a concerted look at our guild bylaws, and Robert's Rules of Law used to govern meetings and the organization. Melissa would like for the members that have been a part of the guild long term to tell of the past history and what the guild has been involved in within the community.

A motion was made by Linda Salmon and seconded by Trudy Wallace to approve the minutes from October 2014, as posted in the newsletter. Minutes were approved, motion passed.

Marianne Patillo, Treasurer, requested that everyone be sure to have receipts for reimbursements. Melissa Collier updated us on the two audits that are happening simultaneously for the last two years. They are coming together and will be marvelous.

Linda Salmon, program chair, discussed the Block of the Month program starting this November meeting. Each guild member drew a crayon. The color drawn is the third color to be used in the block pattern for each month. Some of us drew more than once to get a color we could enjoy using. The other two colors are black and white. Bring two completed blocks to the meeting each month. One to show but keep, and one to trade or donate to the comfort quilts. Linda will provide a pattern each month. You can email her for the patterns if you didn't receive the handouts. The block size is 8 x 8. Her email is lgcsalmon@yahoo.com If you have a suggestion for a future program please contact Linda.

Melissa Taylor explained she would like each member to add what they were "pretty good at..." and what year they joined the guild. So the info could be added by their picture in the directory.

Trudy Wallace, Workshop Chair, discussed the November 15<sup>th</sup> workshop. Kathleen's Choice. Kathleen Roseboom will conduct the workshop. In the event that Kathleen's work schedule interferes, France Brackeen will step in to conduct the workshop. The pattern calls for 2.5" strips. When you sign up you will receive the fabric requirements.

Trudy also discussed a possible workshop with Alice Wilhoit, nationally known pattern designer, author, and teacher. She favorite technique is the Art of Applique' over the years she has developed many labor and time saving techniques. A 6 hour workshop is \$500 plus mileage. She also requests to spend the night on Friday before the workshop in someone's home or hotel. Cindy Simmons asked if the workshop card would be in effect this year. Where members could chose to have one free workshop. The answer was yes that benefit for members would continue. Cindy made a motion to bring in Ms. Wilhoit for a Saturday workshop. Melissa Collier seconded the motion. Motion was approved and passed. The workshop would be scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup>. It was decided the details of where she could stay would be worked out closer to the date of the workshop. Trudy also reminded us no December workshop scheduled.

Stephanie Siekierski and Carolyn Miller, Co-Comfort Quilt Chairs, Carolyn let us know they delivered 3 quilts each to Patsy's House and the Red Cross. They also let us know there were quilts kits made up for anyone wanting to take them to complete.

Lucy Bonnin filled in for Debra Boring, Membership Chair, she said we had 42 members present and 4 visitors. Winners of the door prizes were Cindy Simmons, Martha Woody, and Jean Swinney.

Old Business: Melissa brought up the buckets full of fabric at the Holiday Church. They have asked that we find some other place to store them. They didn't want to receive rent money for the space, they just wanted them removed not immediately, but in a timely manner. It was discussed that if stored in a storage building it would be inconvenient for sewing. The size of the current storage building was also discussed and it was determined that the current 5x5 would not be big enough to contain the fabric and quilt show paraphernalia. The rental fee currently being paid is \$22. 5x10' would be \$36, 5x15 would be \$44 monthly. The pros and cons of using a storage facility were discussed. The cons won, it would be preferable to have someone store it at their home rather than in a rental unit, because of extreme weather making fabric deteriorate more quickly and the presence of bugs in rental units. Melissa stated she would check on climate controlled storage and the prices. Motion made by Linda Salmon and seconded by Cindy Simmons to table the discussion for now. Motion passed.

Audrey Bee had a stray pillow case and drink cup left over from the quilt show if no one claims the items. File 13 will be used.

Stephanie encouraged anyone interested to sign up for a road trip to Aunt Pam's Closet, in Henrietta.

Eleanor let everyone know that the quilt donated to the Altar Society here at Our Lady Queen of Peace was so beautiful they have held it over until December. They believe they will be able to sell more tickets and raise more money.

Melissa called for a motion to close the meeting, Frances Brackeen made the motion and Debbie Griffith seconded the motion. All approved, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Linda Salmon introduced our program for the evening. Susan Myers, owner of The Shepherd's Wool & Antiques. Susan gave us a brief overview of her love of wool and wool hooking, from rugs to pillows, chair covers. She introduced us to patterns using wool applique' and wool fabrics for other craft projects. She had hoops set up for anyone wanting to have a try at hooking. She gave a brief history of the art of hooking. Her shop is located at her home at 5316 Turkey Ranch Road. Wichita Falls, Tx There were two tables of samples of her beautiful handiwork and how it could be used in your home.

Submitted by Pam Schenk, Secretary



# Block of the Month

## The LeMoyne Star Friendship Block #3

This is an easy way to make the LeMoyne star quilt block for the beginner quilter.

Use half square triangles that are easy for the beginner quilter to master. No "set-in" seams. The LeMoyne star is a beautiful old star pattern that we can all love.

To complete one block for a sampler quilt:

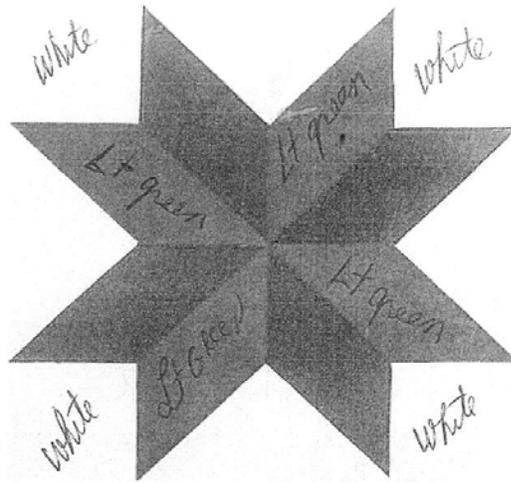
Block size: 8 inches

Materials:

Fat quarter fabric in three colors  
(light green, dark green and white)  
Batting  
Backing

**Step 1** - Use the [rotary cutting techniques](#).

Cut 4 patches 3 1/2" square from the light green fabric.  
Cut 4 patches 3 1/2" square from the dark green fabric.  
Cut 4 patches 3 1/2" square from the white fabric.  
Cut 4 patches 2 1/2" square from the white fabric.



**Step 2** - Use the [half square triangle method](#). Place one 3 1/2" square of light green fabric and one 3 1/2" square of dark green fabric, right sides together. Draw a line on the diagonal on the lighter fabric from one corner to the opposite corner. Stitch 1/4" on each side of the marked line. **Cut on the drawn line with your rotary cutter or scissors to separate the square into triangles.** Fold open the square and press the seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Using your plastic ruler, trim the square to be 2 1/2". Be sure to use the 45 degree angle on your ruler. **You will need a total of 4 light green and dark green half square triangles measuring 2 1/2".**

**Step 3** - Use the half square triangle method to complete a total of 4 light green and white half square triangle units. **Step 4** - Use the half square triangle method to complete a total of 4 dark green and white half square triangle units.

**Step 5** - Sew row one - white square, dark green /white half square triangle, light green /white half square triangle, white square. **Be sure to check** for the proper half square triangle placements in all of the colors. It will make a difference in the pattern.

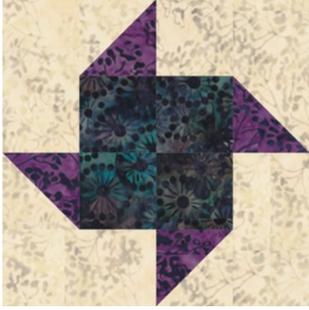
**Step 6** - Sew row two - light green /white half square triangle, light green / dark green half square triangle, light green / dark green half square triangle, dark green /white half square triangle.

**Step 7** - Sew row three - dark green /white half square triangle, light green / dark green half square triangle, light green / dark green half square triangle, light green /white half square triangle.

**Step 8** - Sew row four - white square, light green /white half square triangle, dark green /white half square triangle, white square.

**Step 9** - Sew the rows together to complete the LeMoyne star quilt block.

## Paper Pinwheels, an Easy Quilt Block Pattern



# Block of the Month

By Janet Wickell Quilting Expert

Pattern and info taken from: <http://quilting.about.com/od/pinwheelquiltblocks/ss/Paper-Pinwheels-an-Easy-Quilt-Block-Pattern>

Paper Pinwheels finishes at 8" x 8.

Quilting Fabrics for One 8" Paper Pinwheels Quilt Block

Light Background

(4) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles

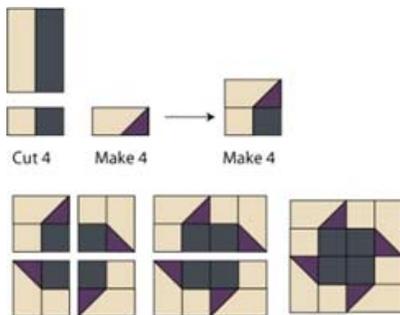
(1) 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strip

Dark Center Fabric

(1) 2-1/2" x 10-1/2" strip

Dark Fabric for Pinwheel Triangles

(4) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares



Refer to the top left illustration for Steps 1 and 2. Gather the light background strip and the center fabric strip of the same size. Align the strips right sides together. Sew a quarter inch seam to join the strips along their longest edges. Press the seam allowance towards the dark strip.

Square up one end of the strip set you just created. Starting from that end, cut (4) 2-1/2" segments for the 8" quilt block.

Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of each star tip square.

Use the quick pieced flying geese method to sew a square to the end of a background rectangle, creating a triangle at that end as shown in the top center illustration. Note the angle and placement of the resulting triangle. Remember that you must only sew a square to one end of the rectangle, and take care not to sew a mirror image of the unit.

Make a total of four identical geese-like units.

Place a Step 2 segment under each geese-like unit as shown, top right. The bottom of each star tip triangle touches the dark portion of the strip pieced segment. Sew each pair together and press seam allowances towards the geese-like units.

Arrange the four partial units into two rows as shown, bottom left, twisting some around to match the configuration.

Sew the components of each row together, bottom middle drawing. Press new seam allowances in each row in opposite directions.

Join the rows and press. The 8" quilt block should measure 8-1/2" x 8-1/2"

An alternative cutting and sewing method for the Paper Pinwheels quilt block is given on the web site.

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**Red River Quilters  
Guild**

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Monday of each month. Registration starts at  
6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.. Drinks  
and snacks are provided. Meetings are held at Notre  
Dame  
Elementary School Cafeteria, 2128 Lansing Blvd.***

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