



# Needle Notes

June 2015

**JUNE 1, 2015**

**Silent Auction  
and  
Potluck Dinner**

## Officers and Committees

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## President's Notes — Melissa Taylor—June 2015

June 2015

Hello, Hello

How about all of this rain? I'm sure we are getting a lot of sewing done, not much to do outside but cutting the grass and try to avoid the mosquitos.

Can you believe it's June already, summer is just around the corner and with all this precious rain the lakes are full, the grass is green, the trees are growing and nature is in full bloom!

We are celebrating summer with our traditional summer potluck, I can't wait to taste all the dishes and desserts our guild members will be making, besides quilting they sure can cook. Linda is getting our silent auction ready, I hope we get a lot of items. We are going to try a different approach to keep better track of the items and make the experience smoother.

On May 16 our guild participated in the Habitat for Humanity Fair, it was fun and we had many people stop by and admire the art of hand quilting. I would like to thank Kathy Cremeens, Zana Elliott, Edna Krahl, Mariam Phillips for volunteering their time. But as we told our kids "get your work done first, so you can have some fun".

Our 2015-2016 elections are coming up, the By Laws proposal will be voted on the July meeting, and the decision to do a Quilt Show in 2016 is also here.

Please make sure you are reviewing the proposed changes to the By Laws and attend the July Meeting to cast your vote, also take time to review Audrey's note regarding the Quilt Show.

Time is moving fast, well it appears the older I get the faster it moves or maybe I'm just imaging things.

Life is good.

See you at the next meeting.

Melissa

**Welcome New Member  
Helen Day**

## **Red River Quilting Guild May Minutes 2015**

President Melissa Taylor called the meeting to order at 7pm. She stated this was going to be a short meeting so we could discuss the proposed bylaw changes. Melissa ask for motion to accept the minutes from last month as printed in the newsletter. Linda Salmon made the motion, Lisa Douglass seconded the motion the ayes carried, motion passed.

Marianne Pattillio gave an abbreviated treasurer's report. Melissa asked for a motion to accept treasurer's report. Jane Benson made the motion, Cathy Ladd seconded the motion, the ayes carried, motion passed.

Linda Salmon reminded everyone about the auction in June to bring your items for the auction in plastic Ziploc bags. Linda introduced tonight's program with Cindy Simmons on paper piecing. Trudy Wallace informed us of the workshop sign up sheets on the registration table. May 16<sup>th</sup> is Miniature Quilts with Kathleen Rose

June 20<sup>th</sup> is paper piecing with Cindy Simmons

All of the programs and workshops are listed on the website.

Members present at meeting 33

New Members 1 Helen Day

Visitors 1 Velma (sorry didn't get last name)

Door Prizes went to Brenda Odom, Ruth Lavy, Lisa Plaxico

Stephanie Siekierski gave a report on the comfort quilts. She also let us know that there are backing fabrics available for comfort quilts, along with scrappy fabrics for comfort quilts. Pick one up and bring back a quilt!

Melissa mentioned the following members are having health/family issues and need our prayers, and support. Sending cards is a great way to let them know we are thinking of them.

Barbara Fangmann is in Rehab at Promise Hospital across from Regional.

(used to be Grace Care Center) 1103 Grace S Room 310 Home address 4503 York, WF 76309

Janice Rubane - home recovering

Sherry Lalk - Recently her father passed away.

Becky Carter is doing well and busy with her daughter.

Melissa also reminded us about the quilting demo for Habitat of Humanity on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May come by the booth and support our friends volunteering.

Kathy Cremeens, Zana Elliott, Edna Krahl

Melissa also let everyone know that the Nominating Committee will be calling for volunteers to serve as committee chairs, please be open minded about serving. It takes all of us to make it work.

## Red River Quilting Guild May Minutes 2015 con'td

The meeting willing adjourn for program, then show and tell, then the bylaws discussion.

Cindy let everyone know there will be patterns and Fat Quarter kits available after the meeting for next month's paper piecing workshop. Also, American patchwork & quilting April issue has a free Judy Neimeyer, pattern in the magazine maybe able to order it as a back issue.

Audrey Bee started the meeting discussing the proposed bylaws.

The main thing is we need a quorum of members for them to be voted on if accepted. They will be listed in the newsletter or a separate email and mail out for members to look over. The following is a rough outline of what was discussed.

I may have missed some of the discussion.....

Jane Benson suggested \$500 scholarship, but it was decided to make it a minimum of \$300 in the bylaws can add more if available.

Deborah Boring suggested present the scholarship at a guild meeting to whomever receives the scholarship. There was more discussion, final outcome was to have the Vice Pres coordinate with MSU and invite person to attend guild meeting and have the scholarship listed with other scholarships given.

Members can't use their coupon for free workshop, on workshops where speaker is someone we paid to hold the workshop.

Submitted by Pam Schenk

### Reminder:

The next RRQG meeting will be on **Monday, June 1st 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.

" Please remember to bring snack on your BD month to share with our members"

"on the months with very few BD, anyone is more than welcome to bring a snack" \*

Exceptions-June Potluck and December Meeting—all are invited to participate with food.

#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Komatz	June 02
Carolyn Miller	June 03
Mildred Baggett	June 19
Martha Woody	June 21
Geraldine Powell	June 27
Dian Hoehne	June 29
Donald Brackeen	June 30
Kathy Cremeens	June 30
Karen Walker	June 30



" Please remember to bring snack on your BIRTHDAY month to share with our members"

"of course anyone is welcome to bring a snack anytime"

## WorkShops — Trudy Wallace \*\* MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The June 20<sup>th</sup> workshop is Paper Piecing taught by Cindy Simmons

The pattern is Desert Sky, Cindy has some patterns for sell or you can order them from the web site

<http://www.quiltworx.com/patterns/desert-sky>

# Desert Sky

## Supplies:

Desert Sky Pattern  
Thread (I recommend Aurifil)  
Iron and Pressing Mat  
Medium size cutting mat (to fit by your machine)  
Rotary cutter ( 45 mm recommended. Old blade for cutting paper and new blade to cut fabric)  
24" x 6" ruler  
12" x 6" ruler  
12" Add a Quarter Ruler  
A piece of Template Plastic 3" x 12"  
Sewing Machine with a 1/4" foot and an open toe foot  
A Sewline Glue Pen  
A Sewline Marking Pencil  
A Purple Thang  
Flower head or 1 7/8" long shank Glass head pins  
Size 70/10 Microtex SHARP sewing machine needles  
Jumbo Size plastic coated Paper Clips  
2 gallon size Ziploc Bags  
Small scissors  
Seam Ripper  
Basic Sewing Items



## What you can expect to learn in this class:

Judy's technique for cutting apart papers  
A traditional approach to paper piecing and curved piecing  
Judy's process to speed up the sewing process by using Template Layout sheets for cutting out fabric pieces  
Lots of tips to make it all easier

The July 18<sup>th</sup> workshop is Square in a Square Christmas Tree taught by Trudy Wallace.

The August 15<sup>th</sup> workshop is Bargello Quilt taught by Frances Brackeen.

The September 19<sup>th</sup> workshop is Strip Quilt taught by Linda Salmon.

The October 17<sup>th</sup> workshop is Christmas Tree Skirt taught by Audrey Bee.

Thank you, Trudy Wallace

## Comfort Quilts — Carolyn and Stephanie—June 2015

Love the change of seasons so I can get out my quilt books and magazines and scraps, and decide where to plunge next. Since we actually have Spring this year, I want to go through all the scraps and stockpiles and find pinks and greens and yellows, and all sorts of lighthearted prints for piecing over the next few weeks. Then the color range will dive into Summer with more vivid colors, turquoise and purple, watery colors to feel cool with. Quilts are like a wardrobe, to be changed with the season. New magazines and the new releases from the quilt market in Minnesota that just finished promise we will have every fabric our heart desires.

Ready for delivery to our designated groups, I collected six quilts last meeting. Thank you so much for those contributions. Carolyn Miller brought along two additional quilts. There were several that were just so kid friendly and cute. Thanks to Frances Brackeen, Jane Benson, Kathy Cremeens, and to Ruth Lavy who picked up quilts at the meeting for quilting or for binding. Having the ability to hand along quilts to the finishing point sure helps us to accumulate quilts for delivery.

I have been out to Aunt Pam's Closet in Henrietta and just so appreciate Pam's help in finding backings that sparkle for my quilting needs. She has a new section designated the Vintage Room that gives quilters additional fabrics to choose from, in addition to the collections of color family fabrics. There is always great lunch next door or around the corner.

At each meeting, feel free to come to the Comfort Quilts table. Pick up a quilt bundle that is ready for quilting with the backing and binding fabric added to them. Check out the baggies with Take Home Scrappy Fabrics for Comfort Quilts, in addition to precut 2-1/1" rolls donated by Darla Woodruff, cut with her accurate AccuQuilt machine. Feel free to stitch a quilt top and bring it for someone else to finish. Very generous stitchers are willing to quilt what you can put together. Maybe you can add binding to a quilt that just needs finishing. An added plus, the guild has batting available in packages and off the roll. Give me a jingle and I can have it for you at the next quilt meeting or sooner by arrangement.

Stephani Siekierski

Carolyn Miller



The last two months has seen a decline in attendance. Those of you absent have missed some great times and you have been truly missed.

Programs have been good and a lot of important things happening in the guild the next two months.

Printed copies of bylaw changes will be available this month at the meeting for those who do not have email, those who do have email will receive bylaws before the meeting.

If you know someone not attending, perhaps a phone call or card would be a nice gesture. If you need contact info;

Melissa, Debra Boring or myself will have it, please do not hesitate to ask.

Regards,

Brenda



**June 8-15, 2015**

Bosque Arts center Quilt Show  
 215 S College Hill Dr, Clifton, TX 76634  
 (254) 675-3724 or [dphinney@bosqueartscenter.org](mailto:dphinney@bosqueartscenter.org)  
 Cash Prizes Awarded: \$500.00 Best of Show, \$250.00 Runner Up,  
 \$300.00 for People's Choice  
[www.bosqueartscenter.org](http://www.bosqueartscenter.org)

**June 11-13, 2015**

Sizzlin' Summer Shop Hop

[www.sizzlinsummershophop.com](http://www.sizzlinsummershophop.com)

**June 12-13, 2015**

Stars Over Abilene Regional Quilt Show  
 Civic Center, 1100 North 6th Street  
 Main Event Hall, Abilene, TX  
 Contact [shaulap@featheredstarquilt.com](mailto:shaulap@featheredstarquilt.com)  
[www.abilenequiltersguild.org](http://www.abilenequiltersguild.org)

**June 21 - September 8, 2015**

Row By Row Experience  
[www.rowbyrowexperience.com](http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com)

**June 12-13, 2015**

Bosque Quilt Show  
 Bosque Arts Center  
 215 S College Hill Dr, Clifton, TX 76634  
[www.bosqueartscenter.org](http://www.bosqueartscenter.org)

**June 1-30, 2015**

Road to Oklahoma Shop Hop  
[www.roadtooklahomashophop.com](http://www.roadtooklahomashophop.com)

April 1, 2015

	Comfort Quilts	Educa- tion Fund	General Fund	Quilt Show Fund	Total
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>1266.30</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>10071.83</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12588.13</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Interest			0.11		0.11
Workshop			75.00		75.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1250.00</b>	<b>10146.94</b>		<b>12663.24</b>
<b>Club Expenses</b>					
Website			71.88		71.88
Website domain/year			14.99		14.99
Saf-T-Loc			66.00		66.00
Door Prizes (Rotary blades, charm tote, etc)			26.52		26.52
Alice Wilhoit Designs Fee & travel		646.00			646.00
Alice Wilhoit Holiday Inn		127.33			127.33
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>773.33</b>	<b>179.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>952.72</b>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2014</b>	<b>1266.30</b>	<b>476.67</b>	<b>9967.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11710.52</b>
Savings April 30, 2015	4467.35				

Program Chairman  
By Linda Salmon

Well, time has arrived for our **RRQG Annual Silent Auction**. We need lots of items for this so bring your items Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> or call me at 940-867-8188. I will be happy to pick up any items you wish to donate. If you are bringing items on Monday night, we ask that you place them in an appropriate size plastic bag for easy labeling and tagging. We will have sheets and numbers for each item. When I first joined the Guild, I was excited to get items for my new hobby. Also, I got good deals as well! Several people have already gotten their items ready. So look through your stash, sewing notions, etc, and clean out and downsize. (lol) I know most of us have a problem parting with our prized quilting possessions!

Now, let's not forget our Quilt Block Challenge. I mentioned it last month and found that many of our friends do not have email. So, I will be making copies of the April, May, and June. If you know of someone who does not have access to email, let me know so that I can make sure they get a copy of the block and instructions. I neglected to collect your blocks for the last 2 months, but will get them at the June meeting. Thanks for sharing one of your blocks for use in a comfort quilt to be created later. Don't forget to be thinking and planning to share your own quilt made from your blocks at our December Christmas Dinner.

Below is the schedule for future programs.

July 6	Program	Color/Contrast/value in quilting	Pam Schenk
Aug 3	Program	Stations	Experienced quilters
Sept 7	Program	Strip poker " <i>using 2 ½ inch strips</i> "	Linda Salmon
Oct 5	Program	Special techniques	Karen Coker
Nov. 2	Program	Charity Quilt- informational talk	

### Guild Blocks 2015 June

#### Twin Sisters

##### Method 1:

Light:	Cut 4 patches at 3" square	Using 2 light and 2 medium, make 4
Medium:	Cut 4 patches at 3" square	HSQ in light/medium
	Cut 2 patches at 2-1/2" square	Using 2 light and 2 dark, make 2
		HSQ in light/dark
Dark:	Cut 4 patches at 3" square	Using 2 medium and 2 dark, make 4
	Cut 2 patches at 2-1/2" square	HSQ in medium/dark
		TRIM to 2-1/2" if needed

Make: 4 HSQ of light/medium  
4 HSQ of light/dark  
4 HSQ of medium/dark

Use the 3" squares to make Half Square Triangles as follows:

Sew together as shown in diagram.



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**Method 2:**

- Light: Cut 1 patch at 5-1/4" square;  
Cut on diagonal twice making 4 triangles; Use 4
- Medium: Cut 1 patch at 5-1/4" square;  
Cut on diagonal twice making 4 triangles; Use 2  
Cut 2 patches at 3-3/8" square
- Dark: Cut 1 patch at 5-1/4" square; Cut on diagonal twice making 4 triangles;  
Use 2  
Cut 2 patches at 3-3/8" square

Sew the medium and dark 3-3/8" squares together to make a 4-patch

Sew light triangle to medium triangle to make a large triangle, with medium on the left. Make 2.

Sew light triangle to dark triangle to make a dark triangle, with dark on the left. Make 2  
Sew triangles to square, matching mediums and darks

Sew together as shown in picture.



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**Method 3:**

- Light: 1 patch at 5-1/4" square; Cut on diagonal twice making 4 triangles;  
Use 4
- Medium: Cut 2 patches at 6-1/2" x 3-3/8";  
Cut one side at 45 degree angle
- Dark: Cut 2 patches at 6-1/2" x 3-3/8"; Cut one side at 45 degree angle

Sew 1 light triangle to short side of medium patch. Make 2

Sew 1 light triangle to short side of dark patch. Make 2

Sew together as shown in picture.



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**Paper Piecing Program in Review**

Do you really know Cindy Simmons? Cindy shared some of her past with us during her program presentation in May. We all know that she is quite a golfer as well as an awesome quilter, but she gave us a glimpse into her early life of being introduced to sewing. One of her favorite phases during her presentation was, "It is so easy! You're going to find it so easy!" I do believe she convinced many of us that making a paper pieced quilt really is "Easy!" Her presentation gave us lots of information about paper piecing and its history. I know that I, for one, am super excited to be taking her workshop in June. I hope many of you will join Cindy as she shares with us her love and knowledge of paper piecing.



**Show and Tell May 4, 2015**

France Brackeen- Simple Stars, Just Scrappy  
Dinah Redman Barge;llo,Navajo Design  
Cathy Ladd Bow Tie, Broken Star, Flannel Quilt,  
brown and turquoise scrappy quilt  
Jean Swinney-Farmer John's Market, Table Topper  
Kathy Cremeens-Flying Geese & Log Cabin  
Brenda Odom-Scrap Crazy Quilt  
Diane Walker-Carry All

Please go to web site for pictures

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