



*The Newsletter of Quilters*

# Needle Notes

November 2014

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !**



**November  
Members!\*\***

## **President's Notes — Melissa Taylor**

Let's say goodbye to a very rocky 2013-2014 year & welcome to our 2014-2015 Red River Quilt Guild activities. I would like to thank everyone who stepped up to the plate and kept things on track. Can you believe we are starting our 31st year?

We finished our 30th year with a BANG! Our quilt show was a huge success, and Audree Bee deserves much thanks for all her efforts. Also, thank you to the quilt show committee members and all the volunteers for their time and hard work. I'm sure things were pretty stressful at times, but always remember that volunteers are the glue that hold our Guild together just like the roots of a tree. We will talk more about this in the near future.

Let's look forward to this year, I will do my best to be a good leader. During "my presidency" (that just sounds pretty cool) we are going to do our programs, workshops, pot lucks, and any other creative activities we can come up with. But in addition to that we must return to our roots, and try to rediscover the reasons why we wanted to be part of a guild? What keeps us coming back? What can I do to help our guild flourish? WE are the guild, so the word of the month is **Team**: A group of people who are organized, work well together, love to design and make beautiful quilts as well as pass on the tradition.

See you next month, happy sewing.

Melissa Taylor

Margee Adkins 11-08  
Jane Benson 11-25  
Donald McDonald 11-11  
Marianne Pattilo 11-25  
Dinah Redmon 11-18  
Linda Salmon 11/13

### **Reminder:**

The next RRQG meeting will be on **Monday, Nov. 3rd at 6:30 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

## Programs — Linda Salmon

### BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Let's all get involved and create a block of the month. This year we are going to do a BLOCK OF THE MONTH. Everyone is invited to play. Let's see how creative we can be.

To begin with, each person will draw, from a paper bag, a crayon ONCE, and from that one color, you will create a quilt block adding black/white fabrics. I will be providing a block design each month, or you can use a pattern of your own. Your blocks may be whatever you choose, simple or more complex. At the end of the year, we should have 12 blocks to make a quilt that can be shown at the next December potluck, our members will vote for a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

You could do a full spectrum of color values and/or designs using the color (of the crayon you drew) and black and/or white fabric. Some might like to use designs in the black/white spectrum rather than solid color. It is all up to you.

In addition to that we have two variations to the contest:

\* Exchanging blocks: Some of our seasoned quilters might want to exchange blocks each month so get a partner. We can't wait to see the "Surprise" factor. If you plan to exchange blocks, let's make the blocks 8" x 8".

\* Two blocks per month: You would create 2 blocks per month, one to keep and one to donate to the comfort quilts.

The choice is yours. Let's plan to bring your first finished block to the December meeting to share or exchange with others. Each month during the year, bring your block of the month. Remember, the focus color will be the color of the crayon you drew at the November meeting. If you aren't present at the November meeting, I will have the bag of crayons again at each meeting.

PS: Please feel free to share any block design with us and it may be incorporated into the game.

Linda Salmon

### Upcoming Workshops — Trudy Wallace \*\*

I'm so looking forward to this year's workshops, I hope you are also. The first workshop is Kathleen's Choice on November 15th. You can make this quilt with 2 1/2 inch strips. It's a great quilt to use up your left over strips. Sign up for the class and receive the fabric requirements.

Let me know if you have a special workshop request.

Happy Quilting,

Trudy



## Quilted Comfort — Stephani Siekierski \*\*

Wasn't "Quilting in the Falls" just grand!. Thank you again to the active volunteers who put in their time here and there, and especially to Audrey Bee and friends who achieved the ultimate. I even heard back via the Internet, that attendees thought the show was wonderful with beautiful quilts, and vendors were happy they came. Thanks also to Carolyn Miller who put out quite a spread of items for sale on the Emporium table, and to Jane Wiist for managing the auction of mini quilts to benefit our scholarship fund.

With the quilt show behind us , we now have a new year with new officers at the ready and new challenges to meet. I want to thank the previous board of guild officers, and give three cheers for the new slate of officers who will hopefully find an enthusiastic audience for the year ahead. Carolyn Miller and I will hopefully be the Comfort Quilt team and you can count on us to help the guild along in its commitment to supply quilts to both Patsy's House and the Red Cross. We plan to have a Saturday workshop for both cutting out quilt kits and for stitching quilt kits for our Comfort Quilts. We will bring the fabric and fresh rotary cutting blades, you just show up with your cutting equipment and sewing machine. These might appear as a scheduled event with the Saturday workshops or an additional quilty day that we can do at the facility in Holliday.

Over the last year, we hit a mark of about 40 quilts for the year delivered to each of our committed agencies. We had highs and lows, but all in all, that's a lot of quilts for volunteers to cut, piece, and be quilted by guild members. We would love to keep that number as a standard. 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 already stitched 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.

Stephani V. Siekierski



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.

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**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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Lucy Bonnin-Halloween mat and quilt she won at the Grandfield Harvest Fest

Jean Swinney-Paper Pieced blocks

Frances Brackeen-Pineapple Blossom Quilt and Mystery Quilt with simple 4-patch

Terry Peters-95 Piecemaker Quilt

Diane Walker-Antique Missouri Rose Quilt (over 100 years old) and 2 BQ3 quilt tops

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## October 6, 2014 Minutes

President Trudy Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A motion was made by Frances Brackeen and seconded by Melissa Collier to approve the minutes as posted in the newsletter. The motion passed. A motion was made by Melissa Collier and seconded by Janis RuBane to approve the treasurer's report for July and August as posted in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Cheryl Neale could not take the office of secretary for the coming year, so Pam Schenk volunteered to be the new secretary. The new officers were introduced. Cindy Simmons made a motion and Janis RuBane and Donna McDonald seconded the motion to accept the slate of officers for next year. The new officers are Melissa Taylor, President; Linda Salmon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for Programs; Trudy Wallace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Workshops; Debra Boring, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for Membership; Marianne Patillo, Treasurer; and Pam Schenk, Secretary.

Our program tonight will be the one-seam pillow by Debra Boring.

Melissa Collier spoke of the executive board's decision to name 4 honorary members per Article 4, Section 8 of the by-laws. The ladies the executive board honored are Frances Brackeen, Janis RuBane, Shirley Ruth-erford and Becky Carter.

Trudy said a special thank you to the Quilt Show Chairladies-Audrey Bee, Stephanie Siekierski, Cindy Simmons, and Linda Salmon. All spoke highly of Audrey Bee's work on the quilt show and Audrey expressed her thanks for all who helped. Audrey was presented with a gift from the Quilt Show chairladies.

A special cake was presented for the enjoyment of the members of the guild to celebrate the thirtieth year for the RRQG.

There will not be a workshop this month. In November the workshop will be Kathleen Roseboom's workshop if Kathleen can arrange her work schedule. If Kathleen cannot present her workshop, Frances Brackeen will do the workshop. It will be held on November 15, 2014.

Stephanie Siekierski reported that the comfort quilts have been given to Patsy's House and the Red Cross. She has quilt kits, some quilts that need to be bound and some quilts that need to be quilted. Stephanie thanked everyone who has participated this year in making comfort quilts.

Audrey Bee reported on the Quilt Show this past weekend. There were well over 500 people who attended the show. The guild took in over \$8,000 over the weekend. With the expenses taken out and other monies collected before the past weekend, the guild made about \$7,000. The informal survey taken by the members at the admission table showed that the yard signs, the TV stations, other quilt shows, newspaper ad and friends helped to draw in the people. The quilt show judge stated that as a whole our guild does a good job binding and piecing. Tina Nichols' husband won the Fundraiser quilt.

Lucy Bonnin stated that we had 45 members present and 4 visitors. Debbie Griffith, Jeannine Roberts, Paula Ballard, Janis RuBane, and Linda Salmon won door prizes. Dues may be paid today, next month, or in December. This year the directory will be the names only as we are recycling the information section and the folders to use again. We only print the information section every other year. New members will receive the whole folder. Also, Melissa Taylor asked that you tell her what you are pretty good at, so she can add it to your picture in the directory. Also, she would like to know how long you have been a member, so that information can be included. Johnnie Mitchell asked that everyone have their picture made, so we can connect names to faces.

Carolyn Miller, Chairperson for the Guild Emporium at the Quilt Show, stated that items not sold during the Quilt Show may be picked up by the person who donated the item or kept for the next show.

Pam Schenk, of Pam's Closet in Henrietta, said that Mike Campbell's show in the morning on TV would be willing to have the quilt winners on his show, if any of the winners would like to be on TV. Pam said that she had several people visit her booth at the quilt show to ask about her quilts that were featured on the show.

A motion was made by Debbie Griffith and seconded by Cindy Simmons to end the meeting. The motion passed.

Submitted by Cheryl Neale, Secretary

## QUILTING IN THE FALLS

It's over! It's over!! The quilt show is now a thing of the past. And what a great show it was!!! The total attendance was over 550. I think that is a record high. Our treasurer will probably give us a more detailed and accurate report, but the quick numbers show that the receipts at the show were:

	Friday	Saturday	Total
Admissions	\$1442	\$1684	\$3126
Donation Quilt	315	981	1296
Quilters' Emporium	329	548	877
Coffee Can Drawing	301	415	716
Miniature Auction			1495
TOTAL	2387	3628	7510

When you total all the income (vendor booth rental, program advertisements, raffle tickets sold before the show, etc) and all the expenses (MPEC rental, program printing, advertising, etc) our total profits should be between \$6500 and \$7000! Again, those are rough numbers. Our treasurer should give us more accurate results.

The vendors I spoke with were very pleased with the show and their sales. One vendor told me that this was the best she had ever done anywhere. Many thanks to everyone who splurged and supported our vendors. Maybe next time it won't be so difficult to find vendors to come to our show.

We had 15 people sign the interest card. Eleven are interested in the Guild and four are interested in learning to quilt. At the October Guild meeting we had two ladies visit as a result of the show...and neither of these two filled out cards. Hopefully we will find an influx of quilters interested in the Guild.

I would like to thank the dedicated committee members who have worked effortlessly to make this the best quilt show ever. Many thanks to Linda Salmon, Marianne Pattillo, Dina Redmon, Cathy Ladd, Jayne Wiist, Carolyn Miller, Donna McDonald, Cindy Simmons, Yreva Shirey, Jane Benson, Tina Nichols, Laura Hammond, Ruth Lavy and her bee, Janis RuBane and her bee. And thank you to the many members who worked on the donation quilt, sold tickets for it, made miniature quilts, donated items for the coffee can drawing, made items for the Emporium, volunteered to help at the show, and helped in many other ways.

I am now heading to the Caribbean for a much needed vacation. I'll repack the boxes and return them to the storage unit after I return. If you have any items that need to go to the storage unit, please get them to me between October 20 and October 23.

Bon Voyage!  
Audrey Bee

## 2014 Quilting In The Falls

### Ribbon Winners

100	Hand Quilted, Pieced	400	Longarm Quilted, Pieced, Under 60" wide
1st	Shonna Knabe - Tile Tango	1st	Jean Swinney - Spinwheels
2nd	Shonna Knabe - Shimmering Butterflies	2nd	Jayne Wiist - Convergency
3rd	Melissa Taylor - Bow Ties & Stars	3rd	Yreva Shirey - New York, New York
200	Machine Quilted, Pieced under 60" wide	HM	Audrey Bee - Jewel Mine
1st	Shonna Knabe - Go Fly a Kite	420	Longarm Quilted, Pieced, 60" - 70 " wide
2nd	Dina Redmon - Purple Surf Song	1st	Debra Wiist - Floating Squares
3rd	Dina Redmon - Purple Lover's Knot	2nd	Jean Swinney - Jelly Roll Race
HM	Dina Redmon - Blue Skies	3rd	Yreva Shirey - Citrus Squares
220	Machine Quilted, Pieced, over 60" wide	440	Longarm Quilted, Pieced, 70" - 90" wide
1st	Dina Redmon - Chocolate Bargello	1st	Audrey Bee - Pineapple Delight
2nd	Shonna Knabe - Pinwheels	2nd	Jean Swinney - Diamond Squares
3rd	Shonna Knabe - Memory Lane	3rd	Jayne Wiist - Pixie Sticks
220	Pantograph Pieced	460	Longarm Quilted, Pieced, over 90"wide
1st	Stephani Siekierski - Giglio	1st	Yreva Shirey - Sunburned Zebra
2nd	Stephani Siekierski - Seaside	2nd	Cathy Ladd - Taos
3rd	Stephani Siekierski - The Red White & Blue	3rd	Ann Wyatt - Purple Star Power
200A	Machine Quilted, Paper Pieced	400A	Longarm Quilted, Paper Pieced
1st	Donna McDonald - Midnight Blues	1st	Marianne Pattillo - Mariner's Compass
200B	Machine Quilted, Appliquéd	400C	Longarm Quilted, Other
1st	Melissa Taylor - X-Mas Classic	1st	Ann Wyatt - Buffalo Soldiers
2nd	Jane Benson - Snowman	500	First Quilt
200C	Machine Quilted, Other	1st	Jeannine roberts - Going Crazy
1st	Shonna Knabe - Floral Fantasy	2nd	Ann Wyatt - Sampler with Pizzazz
300	Custom Longarm, Pieced, under 75" wide	3rd	Linda Salmon - Roses on the Rail Fence
1st	Vicki Ruebel - Star	600	Young Quilters
2nd	Vicki Ruebel - Starburst	1st	Joanne McGrath -Texas Sunset
3rd	Donna McDonald - Mother's Sampler	700	Art or Pictorial
HM	Jane Benson - Coffee Break	1st	Vicki Ruebel - Swirly Twirly Dresden
320	Custom Longarm, Pieced, Over 75" wide	2nd	Audrey Bee - Dorothy of Oz
1st	Mildred Baggett - Starry Blue Heaven	3rd	Dian Hoehne - Sunset at Lake Williams, CO
2nd	Mildred Baggett - Matty's Stars	800	Miniature
3rd	Ruth Lavy - Mystery on Point	1st	Lind Salmon - Lady Bug Twisting Pinsheels
HM	Melissa Taylor - Puzzled Ocean Waves	2nd	Audrey Bee - Harley Pockets
300A	Custom Longarm, Paper Pieced	900	Garment
1st	Cindy Simmons - Mariner's Compass	1st	Dian Hoehne - Butterflies and Wildflowers
2nd	Cindy Simmons - Glacier Star	2nd	Linda Salmon - My Teacher Bag
3rd	Audrey Bee - Golden Harvest	Judge's Choice	Cindy Simmons - Mariner's Compass
HM	Debra Boring - Pineapple Star	Members' Choice	Barbara Komatz - Shadow Boxes
300B	Custom Longarm, Appliquéd	Peoples' Choice	Mildred Baggett - Starry Blue Heaven
1st	Mildred Baggett - Pinkalishieos	Vendor's Choice	Mildred Baggett - Starry Blue Heaven
2nd	Marianne Pattillo - Cactus Rose		
3rd	Debra Boring - Autumn Ablaze		
HM	Vicki Ruebel - Texas Teardrops		
300C	Custom Longarm, Other		
1st	Vicki Ruebel - Me and My Shadow		
2nd	Donna McDonald - Pictogram Block Party		
3rd	Marianne Pattillo - Pictogram Block Party		
HM	Donna McDonald - Roses for Jeannie		

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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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