

Main Street Quilt and Thread Guild Newsletter

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Meets 4th Tuesday evening each month, 7:00 pm

(except April, November, December)

Round Rock Public Library

Doors open at 6:30 pm

President's Message

Hello Fellow Guild Members,

Well, 2017 is racing right past me. We had a great turn out for the October meeting, including 6 visitors. Thanks for making it so fun.

November will not have a meeting. Then, we jump into the holiday season early on December 5th with our year-end social. The Social elves are busy planning fun activities and we hope to see you there to celebrate.

Please remember to keep sending your prayers and good wishes to those of us facing uphill health challenges.

Please also accept my good wishes for a fun, joyous and fabric-filled holiday season. Our regular Guild meetings resume in January and lots of fun programs are planned for the coming meetings.

All my best,
Shannon



Welcome Our New Members!
We would like to give a GREAT BIG WELCOME to our newest members:

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Donna Stubblefeld, Marge Micek, and Nancy Knouse.

We welcome you and pray you
enjoy our great group of fellow quilters!

Guild Birthdays

November
Joan Beauvais
Cynthia Clement
Cindy Dollar
Pat Georgeff
Nancy Gomer
Ann Marie Grzinich
Marge Lentricchia
Laurie Mouton
Pamela Smith



December
Wendy Laird
Shannon McLaughlin
Marilyn Schrader
Cindy Zraik

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Christmas Party!!!

Tuesday December 5th ---First United Methodist Church

1004 N. Mays Round Rock, TX 78664

Our guild members' December 5th, Christmas party is coming up quickly! If you haven't signed up yet and would like to attend, there's still time. Send an email to Ginny Moore at peacefulchild2000@yahoo.com and let her know so arrangements can be made regarding the \$5.00. You have until November 20th to do so. Bring your handcrafted Christmas ornament, in a pretty package for our ornament exchange. If you are involved with the Secret Sister program, be sure to bring your gift for her. You should have a brown bag for December, but you may put it in a festive bag instead if you wish.

This year we are asking our members to bring canned goods for the Round Rock Serving Center. We will have a box set up to put those items in.

And last, but not least, bring a side dish to go along with the ham, bread, coffee, and teas that will be provided by the guild. If you have any questions, again, contact Ginny Moore.

All the Guild needs is a few creative and charged up members!

MSTQG is beginning to search for officers and committees for the upcoming year. We especially need committee members for the Spring Social and retreat. If you have ideas about keeping our guild fun and informative, we would like to hear from you! Contact Dale dalericklefs@gmail.com, or Shannon McLaughlin shannononm2950@gmail.com or any other Board member for details.

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Secret Sisters



Don't forget to bring your wonderful brown paper bag with that special present for your Secret Sister. A reminder that there will be a Secret Sister's exchange at the Christmas Party.

Sayings to Live by

- Good friends, like quilts, never lose their warmth.
- Our Friendship and Family is a patchwork of Love.
- Our Friendship is sewn with love and measured by kindness.
- Friends are the flowers in the garden of life.
- Friendship, like a well-made quilt, stands the test of time.
- A good friend is like a warm quilt, it wraps around your heart.
- A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.



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Love & Comfort Quilts

Because of my recent illnesses, I need to hand over the reins of the Love and Comfort Quilts to the next chairperson that would be willing to take this job over.

Please contact me at: clydenecooper@att.net if you are willing to do this very worthy cause. THANK YOU in advance

This note is to keep you up to date on what has happened to your wonderful and generous donation of quilts for those who suffered as a result of Hurricane Harvey in the Houston Tx area.

All your quilts were delivered to the organization Quilts of Compassion who, for the past week, have been distributing them to those who need that comfort. Your quilts also acted as a reminder that there are a lot of people around the country who cared about them. We as an APQS group donated almost 500 quilts from many different states. Thanks so much to you and your guild members!

If you are on Instagram, take a look at the last week's posts from [islandtimequilting](https://www.instagram.com/islandtimequilting). You will see the happy faces of the recipients and maybe even pictures of some of your quilts! Look for the hashtags [#islandtimequilting](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/islandtimequilting), [#quiltsofcompassion](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/quiltsofcompassion) or [#quiltsforharvey](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/quiltsforharvey).

Again, thank you so much for your generous help.

Susan and Chris
APQS Central Texas Showroom

How does tension affect the outcome of a stitch?

Article from Superior Threads

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Sewing machines are factory preset to have the top and bottom thread form even stitches when sewing with a 50 or 60 wt. thread. If the top and bottom threads are identical in fiber and weight, adjustments may not be necessary. However, if we use cotton thread on top and polyester thread underneath, or metallic thread on top and polyester thread underneath, or a heavy thread on top and a fine thread underneath, it is necessary to adjust the tension settings. It is perfectly OK to use different thread types and weights on the top and bottom. Relying on a machine's automatic tension system is not enough.

Think of the top and bottom thread as having a tug of war. If the threads are identical and you are sewing on a single layer of fabric, both sides have equal strength and the result will be a draw. The sewing should therefore produce perfectly even stitches with no top thread showing underneath and no bobbin thread showing on top. However, in the real world, the teams are rarely equal. One team will be stronger or bigger or faster than the other. We sometimes use decorative or sensitive threads on top. We often use different fibers for the top and bottom threads. We also add stabilizer or batting. Sometimes we might use a cotton bobbin thread and other times we use a polyester bobbin thread. All these factors make it necessary to adjust the tension for each project. By adjusting the top tension either up (increasing tension) or down (decreasing tension), we are able to add or take away strength on the top thread team to equalize the tug of war.