

Main Street Quilt and Thread Guild Newsletter

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

(except April, November, December)

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Doors open at 6:30 pm

President's Message

Hello to the Guild Gang,

As we enter the fullblown holiday season, complete with snow (!!!), please remember to take a moment to embrace the moments. Embrace the candlelight, the lights on the tree, looks of joy on children's faces and how beautiful our fabric looks next to the twinkling lights and eggnog. As we remember souls who now live on in our hearts and which triangle squares to sew together, know that we are all in this together. We hold hands and draw on strength from our group. I am counting my lucky stars that I am able to be among such a wonderful and loving group of friends. May we find strength in each other and peace among the chaos as we round out 2017 and boldly face all the fabric in our future in 2018. I wish you the very merriest of holidays and a warm and prosperous New Year.

I sincerely hope to see all of you at the next meeting, January 23 to participate in the trunk show of Jean McCoy's beautiful quilts.



All my best,
Shannon

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Guild Birthdays

December
Wendy Laird
Shannon McLaughlin
Marilyn Schrader
Cindy Zraik



January
June Caswell
Kay Comp
Donna Johnston
Barbara Terry

Season's greetings 🎄

With year end, we look forward to guild member birthdays for the new year! Our birthday box group actually has no member birthdays in December or January! But we would like to wish all guild members who celebrate birthdays in these months a very happy birthday.

That's it! Thank You, Ronna

January 2018

Trunk show of beautiful applique by our very own Jean McCoy. You will not want to miss this wonderful showing of her quilts. The knowledge that she possesses is one lecture you will not want to miss.

Quarter Up for January is Hearts/Pinks/Reds

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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I just want to thank the Christmas Party Committee, Shannon McLaughlin, Jeanne Mahlke, Linda Sini and Carol Azus for all their help to make our 2017 Christmas party a success. From what I hear, everyone seemed to have a good time and the Christmas ornaments were beautiful. Everyone just plain outdid themselves. From the MSQTG Christmas Party Committee...MERRY CHRISTMAS! See y'all next year! Ginny

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. The reveal will be in April. If you haven't participated in Secret Sister consider doing it next year. It is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know your fellow Quilters.

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Points to Ponder

Every year we try to start with “What I want to accomplish in the year”. Unfortunately, very few people follow through to the end. I suggest that we start smaller. Don’t try to do them all just pick one.

What do I want to accomplish in January.

Finish a Quilt that was started more than five years ago.

Start a Quilt for a friend that won’t expect one.

Use a new method that you have been too afraid to try.

Ask someone to have coffee with you.

Arrange to have a few friends over to sew.

Arrange your patterns.

Sew some mug rugs and leave them for a co-worker or friend.

In February I will add new and different challenges. Some will be quilting, some will be sewing, some will be just for you, some will be to help others. But they all will be fun. Stay tuned. Ta Ta for now.



Love & Comfort Quilts

Jeanne Towe has volunteered to take over Love & Comfort. She will need other volunteers to help decide what do to at the sew-in and how best to utilize the supplies that we have. Please contact her for any additional information.

Helpful Hints

Use a cast iron napkin hold to store rulers and small mats. If you think outside of the box there are any number of household items that you can use. You can purchase items at yard and estate sales also.

An old cup cake tin can be used for buttons or small items such as pressure feet, bobbins, and needles.

A paper towel holder can be used to wrap up and store your bindings for quilts you have started. This will keep them out of the way and ready to go. It is also very nice to look at with all the colors on it.

A silverware carrier can be used to store items you use all the time such as scissors, rotary cutter, pencils, markers, seam ripper, small rulers. You can also carry it around with you so you always have your supplies available.

Chip clips can be used to keep patterns together, or small pieces of fabric together.

Nikki Death cannot remember who she asked to quilt her quilt. Whomever has it, could you please bring it to the January Meeting or contact Nikki directly.

This is an interesting article that was submitted by Dale Rickfels.

<http://texashighways.com/culture-lifestyle/item/8735-how-texas-10-million-member-strong-quilting-community-continues-to-thrive-texas-quilt-museum>