

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 there Guild gang!

Our new year is whizzing by. I hope you are able to get through some of those UFOs. I was lucky enough to finish one. Only 20 or so to go - groan. Have a great February and we will see you on the 27th for a fun meeting and presentation about quilt cruising. We will begin accepting reservations for the Guild April retreat so come prepared to register.

Best Regards-Shannon



New Members

We would like to give a large warm WELCOME to our 3 newest members:

Isabell Castilleja, Diana Freas-Lutz and Jennifer Perks!! Welcome we are so glad you joined our friendly and fun loving quilting group!

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Guild Birthdays

February
Kathy Ciambrone
Carole Coleman
Ronna Hammel
Sarah Jakobeit
Joy Lowden



March
Julie Brown
Susan Sweeney
Shirley Hart
Jeanne Mahlke
Elke Provinsal

Birthday Box Exchange

Wow, what a cold beginning of 2018 have we had! After no december or January exchange ladies birthdays, we catch up with all of the February celebrations!

- Feb 20. BJ Cormier
- Feb 25. Carole Coleman
- Feb 26. Kathy Ciambrone
- Feb 28. Ronna Hammel

We wish all of these ladies as well as all guild members who celebrate birthdays in February a very happy birthday with many more sewing years to come.

Ronna

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In March, as part of our cost-cutting initiative, we will have an "open ruler" night. Bring your favorite ruler, tell us any tips and tricks. Do you have a favorite ruler for making flying Geese? For making log cabins line up, for making diamonds? Can you bring a step-by-step series of samples to show what the results look like at each step? Is there a video you'd like us to show that demonstrates how to use your favorite ruler?

Let Dale know at dalericklefs@gmail.com by March 24. She'll be out of pocket until right before the meeting otherwise!

Thanks. Dale

Quarter Up for February is 1930s fabric

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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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.

Spring Retreat is Coming

All right Ladies it is that time of year again when you can sign up for the Spring Retreat. We will have a great time, as we always do, plus a little bit of sewing in between. The committee is being chaired by Marie Eddins this year and I can't wait to see what she has in store.



The ledger for the budget will be available at the February Guild meeting. Any budget requests for 2018-2019 should be submitted to the board for review by March 31.

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Points To Ponder

In our mind we are comparing our future quilts to the quilts of the artists that created them. Those beautiful quilts we see on the pages of our favorite magazines or on patterns are in the winner circles of quilt shows. The majority of the time we don't measure up. Those quilts are the best of the best. Although unconscious, we have set a very high standard for ourselves. Everything those wonderful Artists touch does not always turn into wonderful art. No different than the rest of us. They have made many quilts that didn't measure up to the high standards of the few quilts that made national and international recognition. With all this being said, make a quilt that you love, that you are proud of, or that will be a wonderful memory for someone special. Everything does not need to be perfect in life and quilts are no different.

Quilt Sizes

Security	14" X 17"
Baby	30" X 35"
Toddler	42" X 52"
Lap	36" X 48"
Throw	52" X 60"
Twin	59" X 85"
Full/Queen	90" X 90"
King	108" X 90"

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LOVE AND COMFORT QUILTS

At the last guild meeting there was also a survey that many members filled out. The results showed that most people were in favor of having small sew-ins at someone's house in order to make Love and Comfort quilts. I am in the process of setting up several sew-ins and will contact those who expressed an interest in participating. We will be making a string quilt similar to the one I showed at the last meeting. If you did not fill out a survey but would like to help at a sew-in, please contact me by email: jtoewe2000@hotmail.com

In addition, I asked that members make 16 patches using their scraps so that we can turn them into beautiful quilts for those in need. The 16 patches can be made using either 2 1/2" squares (preferred) but we will work with 2" squares if that is your preferred size. It would be great if you could make them colorful since most of our quilts will be going to children. I used 2 blues, 2 reds, 2 oranges, 2 yellows, 2 greens, 2 purples, 2 pinks, and 2 multicolor in each of my blocks. We will be collecting the 16 patch blocks at our next meeting.

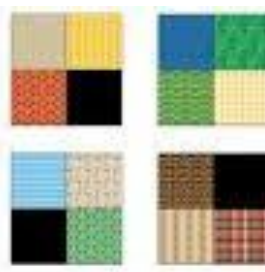
As of today I have 3 quilt tops and one quilt in need of binding. If you would like to help in anyway, please email me and I will make sure you get what you want.

As you know from listening to Marge and Shawn at the last meeting, there is a great need for quilts in Central Texas so I am hoping that our guild can play a part in fulfilling that need. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO LOVE AND COMFORT QUILTS and I look forward to seeing what can be done in 2018.

PLEASE BRING 16 PATCH BLOCKS TO THE NEXT MEETING.



Arrange Squares



Make 4-Patches



Sew Two Rows



Finish Block

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Blockhead Wannabees By Marie Eddins

The Blockhead project will be completed at the May 'Party'. I have introduced 5 Moda Blockhead blocks last year with 4 more coming up over the next months. You will have 9 blocks as of the April meeting, which was my goal from the outset ~ to make a smaller quilt using 9 smaller sized blocks. You may finish your quilt any way you like (does not have to be quilted and bound). Those participating will have a chance to win a bundle of fat quarters! In case you missed a block or two, or would like to start and play catch up, you can go to the Moda Blockheads website and pick up the blocks there. It is:

<http://blog.modafabrics.com/blockheads/>

The list of the Moda Blockhead designers are there as well. If you would like to do exactly the blocks I have presented so far they are: #1, 2, 3, 6, and 8.

So catch up on your blocks and keep sewing on the upcoming blocks I present in 2018. You could be our winner