

Main Street Quilt and Thread Guild Newsletter

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Established 1999

Meets 4th Tuesday evening each month, 7:00 pm
(except April, November, December)

Round Rock Public Library

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Our Guild Address is:

PO Box 1236

Round Rock, TX 78664

President's Message

Hello, Guild Gang!

Happy Valentine's Day and how about all that cloudy quilting weather! And whoever heard of grauple before this year anyway?!? (Grauple is supposedly that weird combination of sleet, snow, ice, and rain) We have a lot of plans for Guild fun as we round the corner and head into the new Guild year beginning in May. Remember to bring your projects made from the challenge fabric for show-and-tell. If you are like me and still have yours from last fall, that is okay to bring, too. If you would like to donate a 7-inch heart square for Sacred Heart Clinic, we will need to collect it at the February meeting. If you need some rulers, you are in luck. Diane Ferguson from Honey Bee Quilts will be presenting how to use her custom rulers. We hope to see you at the Round Rock Library at our meeting (details below).

Best,
Shannon

February Guild Meeting – Tuesday February 26, 2019 7:00 pm

We will resume our regular meetings at the Round Rock Public Library.

Program is: Custom Rulers and How to Use Them.

Diane Ferguson from Honey Bee Quilts will be the guest speaker.

She will also have rulers for sale at the end of the meeting.

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What to bring:

- 5" squares with Greens for St. Patrick's Day for Charm School
- 7-inch (unfinished) Heart Block(s) for Donation Quilt
- Love and Comfort Quilt project from challenge fabric
- Barcodes (UPC) from Hobbs batting packages.
- Show-and-Tell of projects you may have
- Secret Sister bags for those who are participating
- Spare dollars for the Monthly Mini

February Birthday Box Group

The Birthday Box Group starts the New Year with no January birthdays, but we would like to wish all Guild members who celebrate in January a very Happy Birthday.

February		March
Kathy Ciambrone		Julie Brown
BJ Cormier		Susan Guy
Dortha German		Jeanne Mahlke
Claudia Gonzalez		
Ronna Hammel		
Sarah Jakobeit		
Joy Lowden		
Jane Saathoff		

CHARM SCHOOL

Please bring 5" squares. For each four squares, you will get a ticket. Drawing during the meeting, one winner takes all!

Theme for February is: St. Patrick's Theme (Green, black, white & etc.)

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK:

We have welcomed several new members in the past couple of months. We hope that if you see an unfamiliar face, you will take the time to speak to them, welcome them to our Guild meeting, and perhaps ask them to sit with you. One comment that many people make about our Guild is how friendly and welcoming our members are to newcomers. This good reputation results from the efforts of each of you and is very much appreciated.

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Membership renewal will begin soon as will the new Guild year. For those of you who have not participated on a committee in the past, we hope that you will consider increasing your level of involvement during this next fiscal year. Additionally, if you have any ideas for increasing membership satisfaction, please let Liz Bell or Kate Walters know.

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 May. 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.

Free Table

If you bring an item for the free table and no one takes it, please make sure you pick it up at the end of each meeting. We cannot leave anything behind at the library. Thank you

April Retreat!

We have 40 spaces for the April 11-13 2019 Retreat!

Details:

Thursday and Friday; April 11-12: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday April 13 is 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Cost is \$35 per person

Pot Luck dinner Thursday evening-sign ups will be available soon

Games(Friday) and door prizes on all days with ample time for sewing and catching up.

Large irons (3 stations) and a central cutting table are provided.

Please do not bring your large irons as the church has electricity constraints. Small personal irons, sewing machines, and lamps are acceptable.

LOVE AND COMFORT QUILTS



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NOVELTY FABRIC CHALLENGE

Novelty Fabric Challenge quilts/tops are due at by the **February meeting** in order to get your name in the drawing for a prize. Stop by the Love and Comfort table to turn in your challenge quilt and enter your name in the drawing. We might have a little surprise for you for turning your challenge quilt/top in by the February meeting (one per participant). If you don't have time to get a quilt done by the meeting, that's okay, just turn it in when you finish -- no worries.

We will be showing all of the amazing challenge quilts at the meeting.

JANUARY DISTRIBUTION

We want to thank everyone for all of the amazing quilts that have been turned in to Love and Comfort. In January we gave 14 finished quilts and 39 tops. **To date (May 2018 – January 2019) Love and Comfort has given out – 324 quilts (165 completed quilts, 155 tops and 4 minky).** Below are some pictures of quilts that were given to local charities in January.



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JANUARY SEW-IN

We had so much fun at the two sew-ins in January. We made 13 tops on Saturday and 17 tops on Sunday – WOW, a total of 30 tops in two fun filled days. THANK YOU so much to everyone that came and helped make this happen!! We couldn't have done it without you.

QUILTERS NEEDED

As you can see, we have been getting lots and lots of amazing quilts. And with the challenge quilts being turned in, we will have even more. Many are turned in as tops. Love and Comfort is in need of volunteers to help turn these tops into snuggly quilts. We have quilts ranging from 32" square to twin. The committee can provide you the completed quilt top, batting and backing. Quilting can be as basic or complicated as you'd like (straight lines, free-motion, computerized). If you like to bind, great...if not, we have volunteers to do the binding. If you are interested in helping, please contact Paula at bidwellptm@sbcglobal.net.

FEBRUARY SEW-IN

- Saturday, February 23
- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (you don't have to come the entire time; sign-up for what time works for you)
- Paula Bidwell's house - 3348 Ranch Park Trail, Round Rock; phone - 512-238-1298
- Space is limited – 7 sewing, 1 pressing and 1 floater (help where needed). Email Paula Bidwell at bidwellptm@sbcglobal.net to reserve your spot.

Below is a picture of the block and pattern we will be making. As you can see it is VERY simple. Everything is cut and ready to be sewn. The quilts are only 32" square and will go together quickly. This is a perfect pattern for new quilters as well as seasoned quilters.



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ON THE HORIZON

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR AND ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO FILL POSITIONS ON THE GUILD BOARD AS WELL AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS. BOARD POSITIONS INCLUDE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP, VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER. OTHER POSITIONS INCLUDE NEWSLETTER EDITOR, WEBSITE MASTER, SOCIAL COMMITTEE, RETREAT COMMITTEE, SECRET SISTER CHAIRPERSON, LIBRARIAN, AND LOVE & COMFORT COMMITTEE. WE ARE INTERESTED IN NEW IDEAS AND FRESH FACES!

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR ELECTIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR AT THE MARCH 2019 MEETING. WE WILL ALSO BE REQUESTING FEEDBACK FROM THE MEMBERSHIP REGARDING THE GUILD MISSION, INDIVIDUAL GOALS, INTERESTS, AND IDEAS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO CONTRIBUTE AND WE WELCOME THE FEEDBACK.



On the Lookout For:

1. Save those UPC codes from your Hobbs or other batting packages. Bring them to the Love and Comfort table to help us earn free batting for our charity quilts!
2. Paula Bidwell is looking for ribbon, tulle and novelty buttons to make her great niece hair bows. If anyone has any that they are wanting to find a new home for, she would love to be the recipient.

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Bluebonnet Shop Hop

Thursday March 28, 2019 - 9 am to 8 pm

Friday March 29, 2019 - 9 am to 7 pm

Saturday March 30, 2019 - 9 am to 7 pm



The following shops will host the 2019 Bluebonnet Patchwork Trail Shop Hop. You may contact any of us for any information that you do not find on the website. We will be happy to answer your questions or help in any way that we can.

A Quilter's Folly

8213 Brodie Lane #100
Austin TX 78745
512-899-3233
<http://www.aquiltersfolly.com>

B&B Quilting

410 East Loop Street
Buda, TX 78610
bbquilting.com

Gone Quiltin'

1115 Cedar Street
Bandera, TX 78003
830-796-4360

Holly Dee Quilts

405 E. Davis Street
Luling, TX 78648
830-875-5432
www.hollydquilts.com

Memories by the Yard

8015 Mainland Drive
San Antonio, TX 78250
210-520-4833
<http://memoriesbytheyard.com/>

Mesquite Bean Fabrics

6708 N New Braunfels Ave
San Antonio, Texas 78209
210-281-1256
<https://www.mesquitebeanfabrics.com>

The Quilt Haus

651 N Business IH35
New Braunfels, TX 78130
830-620-1382
<http://www.creativesewlutions.com/>

Sew Special Quilts - San Antonio

5139 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78249
210-698-6076
www.sewspecialsa.com

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