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The President Says...

"I can't believe it's February already! It seems like we just rang in the New Year and I always think that things will slow down a bit after the holidays but they don't! But I'm determined to fit in time to complete the quilts I'm working on for the Samaritan Inn and Community Service and I know many of you are as well.



I'm so proud to be a part of an organization that gives so much of itself to those in the community. Last guild meeting I told you about \$1,000 donation made to the Red Cross for the Tornado Victims in Garland on behalf of the guild, but I forgot to tell you about another donation. Carol Long and her granddaughter, Emma, have been working with Emily's Place in Plano, an organization that works with domestic violence survivors. They found out that they were in need of a sewing machine to teach sewing skills and mend clothing. Carol was able to get Thomas Sewing Center to provide a great price on not one, but two sewing machines that were donated to Emily's Place. I want to thank each of you for making it possible for us to do this.

Looking forward to our Guild Retreat and hope to see you there!
Thanks,
Pam Wingate"



COMMON THREADS AD RATES

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PRESIDENTIAL PINS, SERVICE BARS, & ANNIVERSARY PINS—DONNA PETRICK

Have you entered all your 2015 volunteer hours on the web site? This can be any work that is done for the guild—community service sewing, mini quilts for the auction, taking the raffle quilt to other places to sell tickets, working as a helper for quilt show, education, membership or programs, doing your job as an officer of the guild or any number of opportunities that may arise. Service hours help us keep our 501(c) 3 status. We need the records you provide. Please post your hours on the web site. If you need help entering, talk with Lynne Fritsche or me.

Julie Schaefer needed hours posted by January 31st. If you haven't done so, please let her know. This is how she gets the hours for the Presidential Service Awards that we present later this year. 100 hours will get you a bronze pin, 250 hours is a silver pin and 500 hours is a gold pin.

Then we have service bars for doing 30 hours of same services listed above for the guild. Show charms are awarded for doing 4 hours volunteer work for the quilt show.

Anniversary pins are given for being a member for 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years. I'm still carrying around ones from last year that I haven't seen the recipients. The pins for 2015/16 year will be available soon.

UPCOMING DAY RETREAT—DONNA PETRICK

Since our February workshop with Leo Ransom will be held at the Dallas Game Center, we will also have a day retreat on February 12, 13 & 14—Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hours for retreat will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday (we do have to take our materials out of the building that night), 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday (we can leave everything in the building overnight) and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$35 for the 3 days.

It will be a good time to work on Samaritan Inn quilts and minis for the quilt show. If you are interested in attending, please notify me so that I can reserve you a space.

QUILTS FOR SAMARITAN INN—PAM WALSH

We need your help! Six more quilts were turned in for Samaritan Inn at the January meeting, but we are way short of **our goal of 75 quilts by March**. These quilts can be made and quilted in very easy designs, and all levels of quilters are asked to participate.

Thanks to each of these members who are ensuring that a homeless child will be covered by love with his or her own special quilt:

- ◆ Barbara Collins
- ◆ Denise Green
- ◆ Debbie Skorepa
- ◆ Cindy Walker
- ◆ Pam Walsh



A reminder of the guides for these quilts:

- ◆ 40" by 60" (or close to that size depending on your blocks)

- ◆ A coordinating pillowcase (directions available on our website: resources/how to.../)
- ◆ Appropriate for boys or for girls ranging from one to eighteen
- ◆ Binding applied with machine-stitching
- ◆ Permanently attach one of our "created with love" labels that the guild applies to each community service item made. The labels are available at guild meetings, or I will apply the label later if you do not have one.

For each quilt/pillowcase set turned in, the quilter's name will be entered into our drawing for one of three personalized bags.

Please contact me with any questions about this quilt drive or ideas for a simple pattern.

pam.walsh92@gmail.com or 817-846-5141

2016 GUILD RETREAT—DONNA PETRICK

It's almost time for the guild retreat! We have 56 ladies registered to attend. This is the most we have had for several years. Possibly going back to a hotel is encouraging more to attend. It could be that Sandy's cooking from last year is encouraging some. She will be providing snacks this year, since we will have a wonderful meal plan at the hotel.

Don't forget to bring sewing items you might want to trade or sell to someone else. Also, there will be a "bones table". If you just want to get rid of items, this is the place. You can trade, swap or give away. Leftovers will be given to Isabel's Outreach or some other group that might need sewing items. Bring cash to pay for these items.

The guild is providing (4) big board ironing surfaces and (2) 24"x36" cutting surfaces. Do Not forget to bring your heavy duty extension cords and surge protectors. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. You may bring your own soft drinks or buy from the hotel. Seating is not assigned. There is plenty of room to get everyone in. We have a number of new members and visitors attending, so this will be a great time to get to know them.

The hotel has padded dining chairs that will be in the ball room for sewing, but if you want to bring your own chair, please do.

The scissor man will be at the hotel on Saturday. He can sharpen rotary blades if they have no nicked edges, pinking shears, nearly all scissors and knives. When you get to the ballroom, you can also sign up for a massage on Saturday. Happiness is ...Quilting is our in house quilt shop. If you have a special request for an item, let Laura Kay know to bring it to retreat.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS—PEGGY BURRELL, DENA SMITH & LISA OWNBY



Our February Program will be *The Journey of an Art Quilter* by Leo Ransom.

Leo was born and raised in Bonham, Texas, and has been a resident of Sherman for the past 30 years. He learned to do traditional quilting in Home Economics class when he was 17 years old. He didn't do any more quilting until 15 years later, when

the quilting bug was resurrected because he needed to create a project for a family reunion and didn't have any ideas. That was in 1998 and he hasn't looked back since. Leo joined the Sherman Quilt Guild in April of 2011 and took two workshops from a quilt artist and now teaches portrait techniques. He is more attracted to the artistic side of quilting than the traditional side, and he has started combining the two methods together so as not to forget traditional quilting.

Leo is a past president of the Sherman Quilt Guild and a member of DAFA (Dallas Area Fiber Artists). He has won awards as a mixed media artist and as a quilt artist. His most treasured win is a "Best in Show" in Adult Art

There will be a workshop on Saturday February 13th **Portrait Layering and Shading**. There are still slots open for the workshop. Leo will provide the patterns of the photos that will be used for the workshop. This helps keep everyone on the same page. He will bring them to the Guild Meeting so that workshop attendees can see what they will be working on. In this class you will learn a layering technique. A little about the process of pattern making, color selection, and pattern positioning are discussed.



Workshops Fees: \$50/day for members
\$60/day for non-members

Member Bonus!!

Advance Registration and Multi-day Discounts

Prepayment of registrations received 35 days prior to the scheduled event, entitles members to take a \$5.00 discount with each prepaid workshop. If you take both days offered by the instructor you may take an additional \$5.00 discount. Members can take two days of classes from a national teacher for \$85.00.

See the guild website at www.ggplano.org and go to the *Programs* page (on the *Activities* tab) for more information. Fees are refundable only in the event the speaker cancels her appearance. Questions may be directed to the workshop coordinator. Refer to our website for current email.

Supply lists may be printed from the website. Your cell phone number and email are particularly important so we can reach you in the event of any last minute changes.

Bring Completed Form to a Meeting, or mail to:

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Name: _____

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Email: _____

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Instructor	Class	Day	Date

QUILT PLANO 2016— ROSE DAVIS



Well the “Quilt Plano 2016” train has left the station and we are all working hard to make this year’s show a great success. When you read this we will have had our first Show Committee meeting. It’s great seeing new faces on the

committee and I am hoping to see even more filling much needed volunteer spots at the Show.

All the pages and forms have been updated and uploaded to the Guild’s website. There have been a few changes to some of the categories, so make sure you take a minute and review it all. We also have a Certified Appraiser who will offer appraisal services during the show.

Raffle tickets are printing and will be ready to distribute to the general membership at the February meeting. Each member is asked to pick up a



packet (consisting of 24 tickets) to sell or purchase for themselves. For those that haven’t seen this year’s raffle quilt, it will be displayed at February’s meeting. It has already won two ribbons, with three more shows to go.

If anyone wants to volunteer but is not quite sure where they would fit in, feel free to contact me. I can say from experience that volunteering is a great way to feel a part of the Guild and a chance to really get to know your fellow members.

Something to keep in mind. We will be having a special exhibit of the 2015 Round Robin Challenge. If you haven’t finished your quilt from last year, you still have plenty of time to get it ready. Let everyone see what amazing talent we have in our Guild! I can be contacted at fallingstarquilts@gmail.com or 214-385-8984.

Happy Quilting!!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE— LADAWN DALLEY

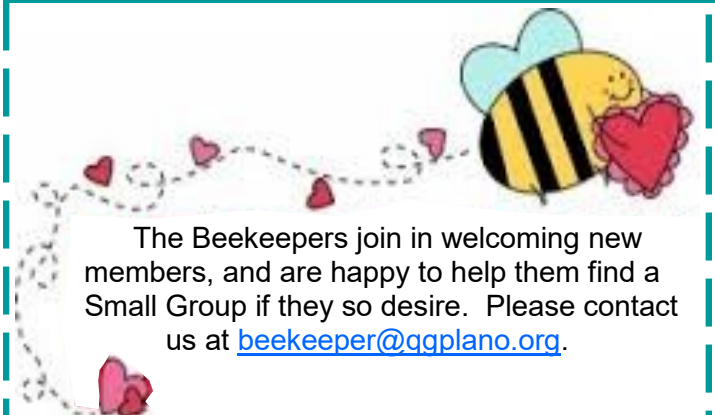
I know lots of you are making quilts for the Samaritan Inn, and I think that is wonderful, but please remember our other organizations, too. Please consider the Samaritan Inn challenge as an addition to the other quilts you work on for community service and not a replacement!

Remember, for Community Service, you can choose to only do your favorite part of quilting, whether that is making the top, or doing the quilting or binding. We have quilts at every stage of completion ready for you. We have kits to make simple tops, tops ready to be sandwiched and quilted, and usually we have one or two that need to be bound. We also have kits for the little cuddle quilts that Aggie takes to Children’s Hospital. Those are so fast and easy that you can do a whole bunch at once if you want!

We are continuing the Stocking Project, so please consider donating Christmas fabric or patriotic fabric for that. Aurora will be making up stocking kits soon!

If you like to do your community sewing with other people, please consider joining one of our Community Sew days. We have two: one meets on the second Tuesday of the month in Plano at the Plano Sewing Center, and the other meets one Saturday a month at the Old Craft Store in Carrollton. See the website for more information, or contact Donna Petrick for the Tuesday meeting, or Sandy Buttine for the Saturday meeting.

BEEKEEPERS—MARTHA DIEHL



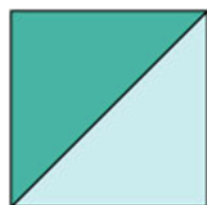
The Beekeepers join in welcoming new members, and are happy to help them find a Small Group if they so desire. Please contact us at beekeeper@gqplano.org.

QUILTING TIPS & TUTORIALS #4—FABULOUS HALF SQUARE TRIANGLES

Fast and Easy Methods to Make Them

by Pam Wingate

This is the fourth of our Quilting Tips & Tutorials! A more detailed version with a couple more methods has been posted on the Quilters Guild of Plano Website under 'How To' on the Resources Tab for easy referral.



Half Square Triangles (HSTs) are one of the most common units for building quilt blocks - only the square is seen more often. This block is made of two triangles, each representing half a square, hence the name. The challenge is to quickly and accurately make these triangles in the quantities needed for a quilt. Light and dark fabric combinations in the same block allows for a variety of setting options, which can create a variety of effects.

Methods for making Half Square Triangle Units

The easiest way to create half-square triangle quilt blocks is to work with squares. By using square pieces of fabric to create your block you will not have as many delicate bias edges to handle as you would if you were creating this block from triangles. Making the blocks a bit larger and then trimming them down to the perfect size makes this process almost foolproof, and using 5" print fabric squares is a great way to use up scraps and charms.

The One Square Makes Two Units Method

Step 1: Begin with two squares 1" larger than your desired finished half-square triangle block. For example, if you are creating 2" finished half-square triangle blocks, you will use 3" squares of fabric to create your blocks. This method creates two identical half-square triangle blocks using two different fabric squares.



Step 2: Place two fabric squares right sides together. Draw a line across the diagonal on the wrong side of one of the squares using a mechanical pencil.

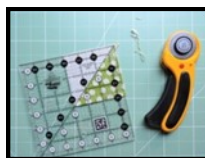


Step 3: Sew a scant 1/4" seam on either side of your drawn line.



In the photo above, the sewing lines are represented by the two pencil lines.

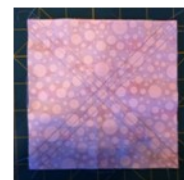
Step 4: Cut apart on the drawn line. This creates two half-square triangle blocks, each made up of a triangle of each of the two fabrics.



Step 5: The final step in creating your block is to square it up to make sure your block is the exact desired size. Using a square ruler with a diagonal line across, line up the diagonal line with your seam. Be sure your block measures the desired size, trimming top or side edges as necessary.

The Magic 8 Method

If you need to make lots and lots of half-square triangles for a quilting project, here's a quick and easy solution.



Step 1: Determine what size finished half-square triangles are desired.

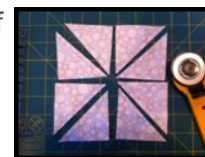
For example:

- ◆ To make 3" finished half-square triangles.
- ◆ Add to your 3" measurement, 7/8". (Your total is now 3 7/8")
- ◆ Multiply your total of 3 7/8" by 2. (That equals 7 3/4")
- ◆ 7 3/4" squares are the size needed to make your 3" finished half-square triangles.

Step 2: Cut two squares the desired size based on the formula above.

Step 3: With right sides together, draw two diagonal lines corner to corner.

Step 4: Stitch a quarter inch of either side of both drawn lines.



Step 5: Carefully cut apart without shifting the stitched fabric square. There will be four cuts:

Cut 1: Vertical cut right down the center.

Cut 2: Cut down the center horizontally.

Cuts 3 and 4: Cut on both the drawn diagonal lines.



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The Strip Method

This method also allows you to make many HSTs at once and is really useful if you're working with jelly rolls or other sizes of pre-cut strips of fabric. Here's a hint – you can make 2" finished HSTs with a jelly roll strip! However, this method will yield bias-edged HSTs, which can be more prone to stretching out of shape more easily than a straight-grain edge. Using starch when pressing them open will help to stabilize them.

Step 1: Sew along both long edges using a 1/4" seam.



Step 2: Align your ruler so that the unfinished measurement markings are on the seam – here, I am cutting 2.5" unfinished HSTs, so I have the 2 1/2" markings on the seam. Cut out the fabric around the ruler.



Step 3: Rotate the ruler to line up the markings on the opposite side seam and cut again. Repeat along the strip.

Step 4: Trim the dog ears off and press the HSTs open. Press seams towards the darker print so that there's no worrying about it creating a "shadow" behind the lighter print.

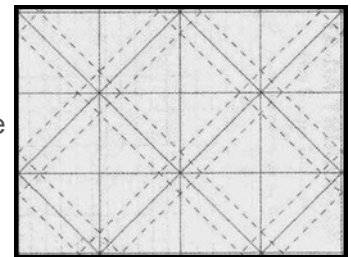
Strip Pieced HSTs Method	
Finished HST Size	Minimum Strip Width
1"	2"
1.5"	2.25"
2"	2.5"
3"	3.25"
3.5"	4"
4"	4.25"
4.5"	5"

This chart shows how wide to cut your strips based on the desired finished size. How many HSTs you can get per strip? It really depends on how long your strip is, what size HSTs you're cutting (ie. using a pre-cut jelly roll strip but not necessarily cutting 2" finished HSTs) and how accurate your trimming is!

Using a Grid for Multiple HSTs -

This is the most popular technique for making a lot of HSTs with the same pair of fabrics. Variations include drawing the grid on one of the fabrics, sewing through a grid on paper which you draw yourself or print out on your computer, or buying pre-printed rolls of paper with the grids pre-printed. I prefer to draw the grid on one of the fabrics and not have to pull the papers off the bias edges.

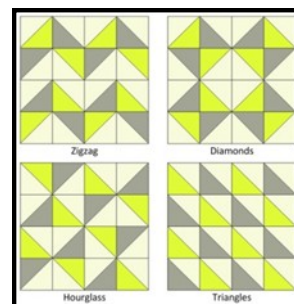
Each square should be finished size + 1", laid out in a grid drawn on the wrong side of the lighter fabric as illustrated. Stitch a scant 1/4" from the diagonal lines and then cut on the diagonal, horizontal and vertical lines.



The example shown here is 4 squares x 3 squares and yields 24 HSTs.

A grid of 7 squares x 6 squares would yield 84 HSTs!

Below are some of the many variations of layouts for HSTs!



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DECEMBER CASH FLOW COMPARISON—CAROL LONG

Bank Balance \$ 91,385.64

INFLOWS

Administrative: Bank Interest	5.45
Media: Newsletter Ad	40.00
Membership: Membership Dues	635.00
Programs: Workshop	660.00
Retreat Fees	275.00
Vendor Booth	<u>2,777.50</u>

TOTAL INFLOWS \$ 4,392.95

OUTFLOWS

Administrative: Donation	335.93
Administrative: Service Pins	86.25
Programs: Donations	450.00
Programs: Meeting Set-up Fees	100.00
Programs: Supplies & Equipment	39.66
Programs: Workshop Facility Rent	<u>350.00</u>

TOTAL OUTFLOWS \$ 1,361.84

Bank Balance 12/31/15 \$ 94,416.75

Bank Balances	<u>11/30/15</u>	<u>12/31/15</u>
Operating Account	27,218.63	30,244.29
Money Market Account	<u>64,167.01</u>	<u>64,172.46</u>
	\$ 91,385.64	\$ 94,416.75

SATURDAY SEWING—SANDY BUTTINE

The Saturday Community Service group meets monthly (usually the fourth Saturday) at the Old Craft Store in Carrollton. Kits are provided, so bring your machine and join the fun while making quilts to donate to our community service organizations. The scheduled meetings for the next few months are

January 30th—10 a.m.-2 p.m.

February—no meeting, due to retreat

March 26th—10 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 23rd—10 a.m.-2 p.m.

May 14th—1 p.m.-5 p.m.

(different weekend than usual)

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The logo for 'The Sewing Fools' is a pink hexagon with the text 'the Sewing fools' in a white, cursive font. The word 'the' is small and positioned above 'Sewing', and 'fools' is below it.

TAQG RALLY DAY 2016—PAT WIANT

TAQG Rally Day is Saturday, July 9, 2016. Our guild is a member of TAQG [Texas Association of Quilt Guild] so Rally Day is FREE for all our members to attend. It will be held at Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, 1233 Belt Line Road, Mesquite TX. Registration will begin the day at 9 a.m.

The speaker this year is Kimberly Einmo who designs quilts using precuts, especially jelly rolls. She will speak at a morning session and a session after lunch.

If you are making a mini quilt for our guild, it would be wonderful if you could make another one for Rally Day. The mini quilt auction at Rally Day is the main way that TAQG raises money for programming.

I will have all the information on Rally Day at the February meeting. Be sure to come by the TAQG table.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—MARY SHANNON

Wow, what a great way to start off the new year of programs. We had definitely a full house. There were over 100 members and guests in attendance.

It's wonderful to see how many new members we have. Our new members list just keeps growing. Please find them and welcome them to the Guild.

Welcome to our New Members for December and January

Faith Ashley	marshame1@aol.com
Gloria Barnes	gbarnes_22@me.com
Judy Johnson	jkjtx52@gmail.com
Frances "Fran" Levy	franalevy@mac.com
Barbara Maki	maki_barbara@yahoo.com
Cathy Miller	millercathy22@gmail.com
Mark Wilshire	kemberson@msn.com

January guests:

Kathryn Hardage	Vera Hayes
Marjorie Fleeman	Nancy Prochaska
Sally Cramer	

Door Prizes for January: Lut DeMuelder

Cabbage Rose—Fort Worth
Quilt Asylum—McKinney
Happiness Is Quilting—McKinney
Quilters Connection—Dallas
Quilt Country—Lewisville
Stitched with Love—McKinney
Guild Members

A big **"Thank You"** to all the shops who have so generously provided door prizes to the Guild.

Hospitality: Martha Jones

Any new (or old) member who would like more information on the Guild activities see Martha at the membership table. She has information available and will explain the various committee activities at the meetings.

February Birthdays

Mary Katherine Hook	2/02	Gwen Gooch	2/12
Judy Flores	2/03	Kate Premeaux	2/12
Stephanie Hanson	2/04	Sue Hurth	2/19
Sharon Umphred	2/04	Julie Schaefer	2/22
Audena Cowin	2/06	Teri Anderman	2/25
Jean Rosell	2/06	Jan Potts Moher	2/25
Dee Ann McFarlin	2/07	Cynthia Weisz	2/25
Linda Neal	2/11	Donna Waltrip	2/28

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—PAM CARROLL

President Pam Wingate called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. She asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Aggie Meszaros added that she had delivered 45 quilts in November and 90 in December to the Children's Hospital. They were approved with that correction. Pam asked if there were any changes to the Treasurer's Report. There were none and they were approved as submitted.

Pam said that her article in the newsletter this month is "Save my Bleeding Quilt!"—useful tips for when your fabric bleeds. She also announced that Kena Leszcynski is our new VP of Education but was unable to be there due to illness.

The Dallas Guild was present selling raffle tickets for "Roses in Round," their 2016 raffle quilt.

Pam announced there is a TAQG meeting coming up, and that the Board had approved a donation of \$1,000 to the Red Cross for the Texas tornado victims.

The following reports were made:

Nine Patch—Debbie Seher reported that the guild collects nine patch squares to give to members when they move and asked for more donations. She showed a sample of how to construct them.

Quilt Plano 2016—Rose Davis urged all members to volunteer for the Show. She reported on the status of promotional materials and said that she still needs one person to head up the Children's Room. She asked that each member either sell or buy one packet of 24 raffle tickets which will be available in February.

Community Service—La Dawn Dalley said the Saturday group is in need of more people. Check the website for details. She has received thanks for all the donations for soldiers and asked us to continue to turn them in.

Samaritan Inn Challenge—Pam Walsh reported on Samaritan Inn challenge and said there had been more donations. See website for details.

Programs—Dena Smith said the January workshop is full. The February one with Leo Ransom has openings.

Retreat 2016—Donna Petrick reported the following:

The 2016 retreat has 55 people signed up. Julie Brooks and Sandy Buttine reported on the details.

Saturday Community Service is January 30th; there is none in February and March is the 4th. The location is the Old Craft Store in Carrollton from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During the February workshop members can come and sew for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for \$35.00.

TAQG update

Donations of mini quilts are needed for the TAQG silent auction. They will also accept other high quality fiber items.

Volunteer hours need to be logged in by the end of January for the President awards.

Mini Quilts—Kaye Dunn reported on the mini quilt auction for our Quilt Plano 2016. See website for details.

Membership—Mary Shannon awarded the door prizes and announced we had five guests and eight new members.

Show and tell followed with several quilts being shown.

Pam adjourned the business meeting, and the program by Linda Neal and Jackie Brown followed.



COMMON THREADS



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Quilters Guild of Plano