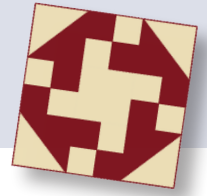


And sew on...

QUILTER'S GUILD OF GRAND PRAIRIE



NEXT MEETING TBA, 2020

FOUNDED JULY 5, 1993

Our Guild has been formed to preserve the heritage of quilting, to be a source of information and inspiration, to perpetuate high quality of excellence in quilting and to be a gathering place for people with a common interest.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Quilter's Guild of Grand Prairie meetings and activities are cancelled until further notice. This includes Stitch Group on March 26th, the Guild meeting on April 6th and may impact the workshop on April 18th and Stitch Group on April 23rd. The First Presbyterian Church is closed indefinitely to groups of any size, so we will wait until they know that it is safe to re-open. We hope that we are able to have our regular meeting on Monday, May 4th and that all of you are staying safe and healthy.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

When you have your quilts quilted (or quilt them yourself) do you put the binding on right away? Unfortunately I don't always do that. Since I have not been able to sew since the last meeting, I have been working on getting caught up with whipping the bindings down on several quilts. It feels good to finally get the quilts completed. I miss being in the sewing room though. I have so many projects to complete (or start).

SHIRLEY LEWIS

WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING

- ✓ NAME TAG
- ✓ B-O-M (PG. 4)
- ✓ SHOW-AND-TELL
- ✓ DOOR PRIZES FOR

O, P, R

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our newest member, Stephanie Throneberry. Be sure to welcome her and introduce yourself the next time you see her.

JOIN US

Regular monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Prairie, 310 S. W. 3rd St., Grand Prairie, Texas.

All visitors are welcome (ages 10 and up).

DOOR PRIZES

If your last name begins with **O, P** or **R** please bring a door prize to the next meeting and give it to Barbara Burnaugh. This is a voluntary effort, but most of us like to receive a door prize and we hope everyone will participate. Please bring only quilting related items such as: Quilting Notions, fat quarters, triangle paper, magnetic pin holders, scissors, Pigma pens, etc.

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BIRTHDAYS

ELISABETH MCMAHON

APRIL 17

SUE HEARD

MAY 16

MINUTES

- The March quilt guild meeting was called to order by President, Shirley Lewis at 7:00 p.m. There were 24 members present, including a new member, Stephanie Throneberry. Welcome to Stephanie.
- Quote of the month- "I have come to the conclusion that buying quilt supplies and actually using them are two separate hobbies. 1. You can never have enough fabric. That's why you keep a stash. 2. Sewing day and night is allowed. Cooking and housework are optional. 3. UFO's are a badge of honor. 4. If you feel inspired by a new fabric line/pattern, start that new quilt. 5. See rule #1. 6. Unless a fabric is less than one-inch square, do NOT throw away. Again see rule #1."
- The minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.
- Sharon Schroeder will be celebrating a March birthday.
- Remembrances – Shirley Lewis will be having surgery on Tuesday. We wish her a speedy recovery, Nichole Schmiedeskamp and Shirley Allein both have new babies in their families.
- Paco reminded everyone of the deadline of the 10th for the newsletter. He will be away

visiting family and will have limited internet access. Please get everything in on time to Paco.

- Quilt Guild information can be found on Facebook and Instagram.
- There were six blocks shown for the block of the month program and one finished quilt. Elisabeth will be submitting the instructions for shashings and borders. The next block is twisting star block.
- Nichole announced the date for the next workshop. This will be a charity workshop day with the emphasis being put on Quilt of Valor blocks. The date is Saturday, April 18 from 9 until 3. Members can work on the nine-patch block for Quilt of Valor for their 20,000 block challenge or item for a charity they support.
- Becky Petross reported that she would like to send in the application for the guild participation in Quilt of Valor. The guild voted previously to be an official member of Quilt of Valor, members can have an individual membership for an additional \$5 to be paid by each member who chooses to participate.
- Shirley Lewis reported that there were four people who came to Stitch a Bit last week. This will continue to be held each fourth Thursday of the month at First Presbyterian Church.
- Katrina reported that TAQG will likely be dissolving in September.

This year will be the last rally day. Katrina is planning on applying for a grant of \$500 to be spent by our guild on fabric and batting for Quilts of Valor quilts. Any money left when TAQG disbands will be divided among guilds who are 501(3)C guilds. Grand Prairie Guild does not have that status.

- Door Prizes winners – Grace Norris, Debi Cypert, Holli Blackwell, and Michelle Rodriguez
- There was no unfinished business.
- Shirley gave information about an upcoming event in Stephenville in July. More information will follow.
- Evelyn had tickets for sale for the Dallas Quilt Show.
- Show and Tell – Debi Cypert, Nichole Schmiedeskamp, Ruth Goodman, Michelle Rodriguez, Grace Norris, Shirley Allein, and Shirley Lewis all had beautiful projects to share with the guild.
- The program was given by Michelle. She showed numerous must-haves for your sewing room. Members added to the items Michelle brought from her sewing room. Everyone has different ideas about what are must-haves. Ideas ranged from tape measures, aprons, book lights, color wheel, quarter-inch rulers, spray starch, glasses and the last was to use a "new" toilet brush to clean up lint scrapes from the floor and carpet.

JANE LAMB, FOR
SUE HEARD, SECRETARY

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CALENDAR

PARIS QUILT SHOW

May 8-9, 2020
Love Civic Center
2025 S. Collegiate Dr.
Paris, TX 75455
parisquiltshow.com

INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL

Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2020
George R. Brown
Convention Center,
Houston, TX
quilts.com

MAY PROGRAM

Our program for May will be on Hawaiian Quilting. If you have anything that is Hawaiian quilting related, be sure to bring it to the meeting.

MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance	\$1415.03
QOVF	(30.00)
Dues	40.00
Ending balance	\$1430.03

ANN STEVENSON

TAQG REPORT

Save the date! Rally Day will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 11th at Sunnyvale First Baptist Church, 3018 N Belt Line Rd., Sunnyvale, TX 75182. Rally Day will be FREE for everyone in honor of TAQG's 20th anniversary. The speaker this year will be Marti Michell. Check out her web page to find out more about her quilts: www.frommarti.com

We need two people to volunteer to make a mini-quilt or other quality hand-crafted item for the Silent Auction. If you make a mini-quilt, no side can exceed 24 inches in length. Items which have sold well in the past are table runners and purses

Registration has begun for the workshops. The cost is \$79 for guild members. You can download them from the TAQG website. Be sure to mail them in along with a check payable to TAQG to the address on the form ASAP. We are expecting these workshops to fill up quickly this year. Don't miss out. . You do NOT need to logon to download the forms. Here is a list of the 3 different workshops offered this year, with a link to the registration forms on the TAQG.org website:

Wednesday, July 8

Fat Quarter Log Cabin Registration

Thursday, July 9

Interlocking Hexagons Registration

Friday, July 10

Mariner's Compass Registration

If you have any questions about TAQG or Rally Day, please contact Katrina Lindley (krazykat1952@gmail.com) or (817) 691-5433.

KATRINA LINDLEY

QUILT GUILD CHARITY WORKSHOP

We are working on our charity projects for :

- Quilts of Valor
- The Linus Project
- The Casa Project with GP PD- blankets
- Any charity project you are working on currently

I will be bringing my AccuQuilt Go Big to help speed up cutting of the squares and pieces.

When

Saturday, April 18, 2020
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where

First Presbyterian
Church of Grand Prairie
310 SW Third St.,
Grand Prairie, TX 75051,
United States

What to bring

- Sewing machine
- Fabric for squares/projects

I have the 12 inch block mix and match set. If anyone has any dies or units they want to bring we can crank out lots of 9 patches/squares.

We hope you make it to this workshop. As a guild we have pledged to make 40 quilt tops for Quilts of Valor. There is also a 2020 block challenge as well.

- Thread/ bobbins
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Rulers
- Sewing notions you need
- Yourselves!

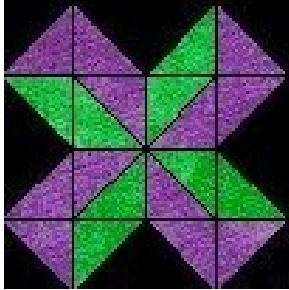
Lunch will be your responsibility.

The directions for the 9 patch block challenge are included in this newsletter.

NICHOLE SCHMIEDESKAMP

APRIL BLOCK ARRANGEMENT — “MOONLIGHT DANCERS”

“Twisting Star” – Individual Block instructions

Twisting Star (12" finished block, Make one block)		
(A) Black	Cut 2 squares 3 7/8", cut once diagonally Cut 1 square 7 1/4", cut twice diagonally	
(B) Green	Cut 4 squares 3 7/8", cut once diagonally	
(E) Purple	Cut 6 squares 3 7/8", cut once diagonally	

Assembly & Block Construction of the Twisting Star




Diagram 1




Diagram 2 Step 2

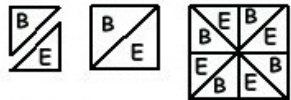




Diagram 3

Block Diagram


Row 1



Row 2



Row 3



1. Sew one (1) A Black hst to one (1) Purple HST. See diagram 1 for placement.
2. Repeat step 1 for three (3) more time for a total of four squares. Press and set aside.
3. Sew one (1) E Purple HST to one A Black QST. See diagram 2 for placement.
4. To the other side of unit just sewn sew one (1) B Green HST. See diagram 2, Step 2 for placement. This completes one Flying Geese unit. Press and set aside.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for three more times for a total of 4 Flying Geese Units.
6. Sew one (1) B Green HST to one E Purple HST. See diagram 3 for placement.
7. Repeat step 6 three more times for a total of 4 units. Sew units together as shown in Diagram 3. Press and set aside.
8. Referring to Block Diagram sew one unit from Step 1 to each side of one Flying Geese unit. See Row 1 diagram.
9. Sew one Flying Geese Unit to each side of the unit sewn in Step 7. See Row 2 diagram for placement.
10. Repeat Step 9 to complete Row 3.
11. Sew rows together to complete your block.
12. Measurement check. Block should measure 12 1/2".

Assembly

- Sew the rows together as shown in diagram.
- Press and YOUR block is complete.

Block should measure 12 1/2" square.

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If you have any questions about these directions, please contact Elisabeth McMahon.

Moonlight Dancers

Finished Quilt size – 60" x 74"

Border Block instructions

“Summer Star”

(4" finished block, Make 52 blocks)

**Two different sets

22 blocks for top and bottom, 30 blocks for the right and left side
cutting instructions for all 52 blocks

- | | | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|---|
| (A) Black | Cut 3 squares 4 7/8", cut once diagonally
Cut 2 squares 4 1/2"
Cut 13 squares 5 1/4", cut twice diagonally | (B) Green | Cut 13 squares 5 1/4", cut twice diagonally |
| | | (F) Blue | Cut 29 squares 4 7/8", cut once diagonally |

Assembly & Block Construction of the Summer Star Block

1. Sew one (A) Black QST to one (B) Green QST. Refer to diagram 1 for placement.
2. To the unit just sewn in Step 1 sew one (F) Blue HST. See diagram 1 for placement.
3. Measurement check....Block should measure 4 1/2"
4. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 twenty one (21) more times for a total of 22. Label Summer Star Top and Bottom Blocks.
5. Sew one (B) Green QST to one (A) Black QST. Refer to diagram 2 for placement.
6. To the unit just sewn in Step 5 sew one (F) Blue HST. See diagram 2 for placement.
7. Measurement check....Block should measure 4 1/2"
8. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 twenty nine (29) more times for a total of 30. Press and label Summer Star Right and Left side blocks.
9. Sew one (A) Black HST to one (F) Blue HST. Refer to diagram 3 for placement.
10. Repeat Step 9 five more times for a total of six Corner Blocks.
11. Press and label Corner blocks.
12. Measurement check....Blocks should measure 4 1/2".
13. Referring to the Border Block Top Diagram sew one (1) Corner block along with eleven (11) of the Summer Star Top and Bottom blocks together as shown. Press and label Border Block Top.
14. Referring to the Border Block Bottom Diagram sew eleven (11) of the Summer Star Summer Star Top and Bottom blocks and one (1) Corner block as shown. Press and label Border Block Bottom.
15. Measurement check....Border Block Row should measure 4 1/2" x 48 1/2".
16. Referring to the Border Left Side Block diagram sew one (1) Black (A) 4 1/2" square, one (1) Corner block, fifteen (15) of the Summer Star Side blocks together as shown. Press and label Border Block Left Side.
17. Measurement check....Border Block Row should measure 4 1/2" x 72 1/2".
18. Referring to the Border Right Side Block diagram sew one (1) Corner block, along with and fifteen (15) of the Summer Star Side blocks, and one (1) Black (A) 4 1/2" square together as shown. Press and label Border Block Right Side.
19. Measurement check....Border Block Row should measure 4 1/2" x 72 1/2".

Diagram 1

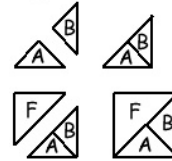


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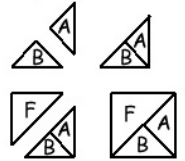
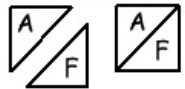


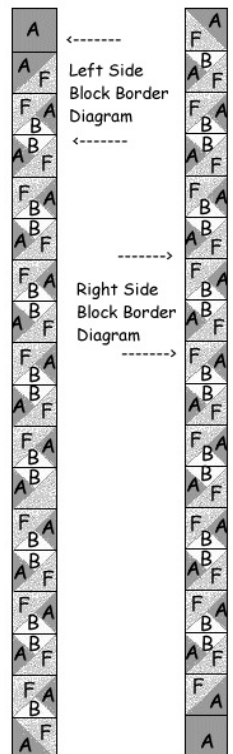
Diagram 3



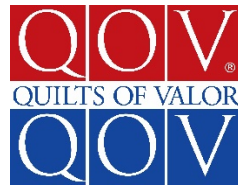
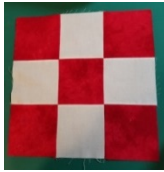
Border Block Top Diagram



Border Block Bottom Diagram



20,000 Blocks in 2020 - We Can Do It!



Quilts of Valor® 2020 Block Drive

The 2020 QOV® block drive features a basic Nine Patch. The purpose of the *National Block Drive* is to give individuals or groups a way to participate by making blocks, and have their blocks used in QOVs made and awarded to our service members and veterans across the nation.

The 9-patch block is versatile and can be assembled many ways into a QOV. They will be used by our State Coordinators to help fill outstanding requests not covered by local groups and will ease our waiting list of requests from 2017 (627 requests) & 2018 (3,712 requests).

How to participate: The deadline for this block drive is December 1, 2020

- Send your completed blocks to the Block Drive Coordinator for nationwide distribution. Mail block to: **Block Drive Coordinator, Suzanne DiCarlo, 111 Minwood St, Mineola, TX 75773-1122**
- Make and keep your blocks and assemble into a QOV. If you make QOV with 9-patch blocks, please post a picture on our public Facebook page for others to see.
- Mail blocks directly to your State Coordinator. Contact information for your Coordinator is found on www.qovf.org/meet-us/
- If you keep and use your blocks, or mail directly to your State Coordinator, we ask that you please report the number you make to blockdrive@QOVF.org. We'll add them to the total number published on our website at www.qovf.org.

Block Guidelines:

1. There are two colors needed: 1) red or blue solid or patriotic print; and 2) white or white on white (see photos).
2. Use a scant ¼" seam allowance and press carefully (see directions).
3. Block should measure 12 ½" as sewn and will finish at 12" in a quilt.

Mailing instructions:

1. If mailing ONE block, fold it carefully and mail in a standard business size envelope with a "forever" stamp. It cannot be more than ¼" thick.
2. If mailing more than ONE block, use a manila envelope (remove the metal clasp as that make it non-machine able and costs more) and take it to the post office to have postage attached.
3. If sending a lot of blocks, place them in a Ziploc bag and put a label with your name and address IN THE BAG.
4. Please be sure to attach the correct postage so your blocks don't arrive "postage due."

Questions? Email BlockDrive@QOVF.org

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

Colors	#	Size of blocks	AccuQuilt Dies Used
#1 – Red, Blue or Patriotic Print	5	4 ½" squares	55060 or 55018 (Go Die)
#2 – White or White on White	4	4 ½" squares	55060 or 55018 (Go Die)