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From The President's Stash

Happy Spring, Everyone,

I hope you are all returning to a normal life with electricity and repaired plumbing. It's so exciting to see how many trees and shrubs are beginning to turn green after the freeze.

It's hard to believe that it has been over a year since the shut down for covid. This time last year, we all probably felt that it would only last a short while. Even though we've not been able to get together in person, work has been progressing with the guild. Barbara Boone, our Quilt Show Chair, shared the 2022 raffle quilt at the March guild meeting. It's just a gorgeous quilt and ticket sales should go through the roof. Charity Bee has been working hard to get donation quilts put together. Boutique is busy creating wonderful and unique items for our show in 2022. If you would like to become more involved with our guild, look into joining one of the bees or volunteering to help with the quilt show. We are currently needing a person to handle door prizes for our monthly meetings. If you're interested, contact me—Janet Winkler at janet.wink@gmail.com.

Before you know it, March 2022 will be here. I hope you are all working on a quilt or two to enter into our show. We have so many talented quilters in our guild. It's always a treat to see what you create.

We are currently taking donations of anything quilting or sewing related for our Quilter's Treasure Aisle, Door Prizes, Tin Can Raffle, and Charity Bee. If you come across a long forgotten treasure during your spring cleaning, please consider donating it. Someone will be at Cypress Crossing Christian Church the last Wednesday of each month between 9:30—1:00 for you to drop off items.

Tri-County Quilt Guild is working to create a YouTube channel for our guild. It will show directions our Block of the Month, information on the 2022 quilt show, and instructions for creating items for the Boutique. More information about this will be sent to you as progress is made.

Sincerely,

Janet Winkler

President

Welcome to all Members!! Many of you put in volunteer hours each month but cannot always make a guild meeting, just email me at the guild's email address {tricountyguild@gmail.com} and let me know your hours so I can include those in our monthly report. Also, please...when signing in for the guild meeting, give yourself two (2) hours credit for participation plus any volunteer hours you have accumulated. **Becky Burkett**

Welcome New Member!

Rhonda Van Alstine

Ginny Conway

Meetings begin promptly at 7pm, so we can adjourn on time. The front doors will be closed at 6:55, and the members will be asked to take their seats. This will allow the various committee heads & board members to get into the meeting on time. Come early so you have time to sign in, check out any raffles or upcoming workshops, visit the magazines, etc.

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April BOM

Meetings

Fairfield Baptist Church
27240 Highway 290
Cypress, Texas
On 290 westbound between Mueschke and Mason Roads
1st Tuesday of the month,
7pm-9pm
tricountyguild@gmail.com









FROM THE VICE- PRESIDENT...

The April Meeting is Tuesday, April 6, which is right after Easter. We continue to meet via Zoom so I will continue to present Show 'n Tell PowerPoints. This means that I need your picture(s) submissions.

Here are "The Rules" ...

Send your pics (with you in them, if possible) along with

- A. a brief explanation and
- B. names of quilter or collaborators if applicable. We want to give everyone credit, even if they aren't guild members.

Send to ceblsm@hotmail.com **ONLY**. DO NOT reply via any email notices.

Deadline for submission is **Wednesday, March 31, at HIGH NOON!! Yes, This is a day earlier than normal but I want to be sure no one thinks this is an April Fool's joke, LOL.**

That's all there is to it. I continue to look forward to your submissions and putting together another presentation that shows off your hard work so your fellow guild members can appreciate you!

Have a happy and Blessed Easter.

Cynthia Blossom (the Blue Boa Lady)

VP-Administration

ceblsm@hotmail.com

We are very happy that so many of you have been joining us via Zoom for our monthly guild meetings. The guild has been paying Zoom for an add-on that allows us to have more than 100 people log in to our meetings. This means that our next meetings will be limited to the first 100 people who sign in. Our meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm and we begin to admit members around 6:30 pm. We hope you join us as we have many amazing speakers planned for the coming year.



April 6—Andrea Funk

All About T-shirt Quilts



It's the best place to learn anything and everything about T-shirt quilts.



Upcoming Speakers

May 4 Carmen Geddes

June 1 June Combs

Look for a Zoom Link in your email. You can log on as early as 6:30. The guild meeting begins at 7:00.

Sheila Kristynik

Senior Program Chair 2021



2022 Kaleidoscope of Colors

We have a friend of one of our members who has generously donated a quilting frame for hand quilting. If you have a truck and can make arrangements to pick it up from the Louetta/Champions Forest area and would be willing to do so, please let Barbara know and I will work around your schedule so that I can meet you at the storage unit so we can hold it for next year's quilt show.

Speaking of quilts, the raffle quilt is nearly completed! I hope to show it via Zoom at our April meeting so you can see the finished product. We had a great group of sewers who pieced the top, then Nancy Y appliqued all the beautiful flowers. The talented Ida A did a beautiful job quilting it, and Lisa E is finishing up the sleeve to hang it. I can't wait for you to see it in person!

Debbie is looking for someone to head up the volunteers to show the raffle quilt at the area quilt shops, and hopefully show to other guilds in the near future. If you would like to volunteer to schedule dates and times and work with our volunteers - or if you like to be one of the volunteers to help travel the quilt, please let Debbie know at our April meeting in the chat and she will get in touch with you.

Thanks!

Debbie and Barbara - 2022 quilt show chairs



Quilters' Treasure Aisle Donations

We are now accepting donations for the resale shop. Everything can be delivered to Cypress Crossing Christian Church on the fourth Wednesday of each month between 9:30 and 2:30.

Please be mindful that all donations must be quilting/sewing/embroidery related.

Items not acceptable includes:

- Interior Design patterns, samplers and fabric
- Home improvement fabric
- Knitting supplies including needles, yarn and patterns/books
- Magazines
- Seamstress patterns and fabric
- Clothing, bed sheets and pillowcases
- Non-cotton fabric
- Scrap fabric (Please contact Ginny Phillips at phillips.gail@sbcglobal.net. She uses them for doggy beds)
- Copied quilting patterns

Items will be considered based on condition:

- Sewing machines
- Sergers
- Embroidery machines

All items sold at the Quilters' Treasure Aisle resale shop are expected to be in good condition and ready to be used upon purchase. Items acceptable includes:

- Quilting fabric
- Notions (needles, pins, thread, rulers, etc.)
- Original quilting patterns
- Sewing furniture
- Storage bins
- Stash fabric consisting of pre-cut squares, sashing and under fat quarter size
- Sewing/quilting/embroidery books

- **Modifications are in red**

These are not all-inclusive lists. They will be modified as needed.

Please call Sharon Castillo at 713.828.0861 or email her at

sharonfcastillo@gmail.com.

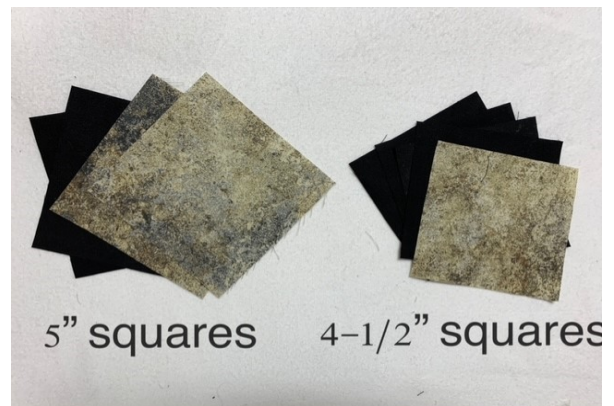


2021 BOM
Tri County Quilt Guild
Snowball Variation
Block Name

A snowball block is made of squares all one color except for the “snowballed “ corners. Since this block has a different color center unit, it looks like it should be called a donut block to me.

Cut:

From Black: 2— 5” x 5” squares
 4—4 1/2” x 4 1/2” squares
From Tan: 2—5” x 5” squares
 1—4 1/2” x 4 1/2” square



Directions:

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of the two tan 5” squares,

Place a tan and a black 5” square together right sides together.

Repeat for the other pair of tan and black 5” squares.

Sew a scant 1/4” seam down each side of the drawn line.

Cut on the diagonal line.

Set your seams and press the seam allowance to the black.

You should have 4 Half Square Triangle (HST) units.

Trim each HST unit to 4 1/2” square.





All blocks should now be 4 1/2" squares.

Arrange blocks as shown in the photo to the right.

Sew row 1 together, pressing seam allowances to the middle black square.

Sew row 2 together, pressing seam allowances to the outside black squares..

Sew row 3 together, pressing seam allowances to the middle black square.

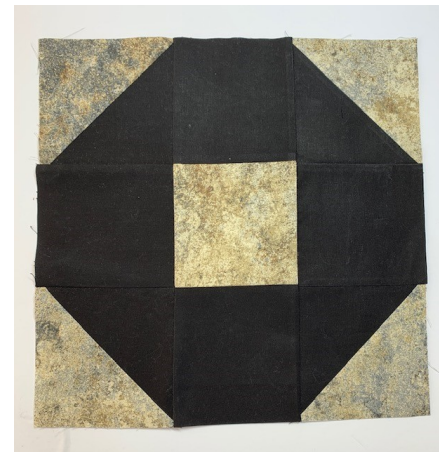


Sew row 1 to row 2, pressing allowances to row 2.

Sew row 3 on and press seam allowances to row 2..

Your block should look like the photo to the right.

Give the block a good press and trim to 12 1/2" square.



If you would, please return the plastic bag your block kit came in so we can reuse it.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 918-808-2667 or elainebullard53@yahoo.com.

Thank you for participating in Block of the Month.

Elaine Bullard

2021 BOM Chairperson



TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM
History in the Making

Our New Exhibits Explode in a Burst of Color!

LA GRANGE, TEXAS - March 16, 2021 – The Spring/Summer exhibits at the Texas Quilt Museum are all about colors: in solids, in nature, and in glorious blue and white! They will run **March 25-September 18**, and are partially sponsored by Reynolds & Associates.

In Gallery II, **AQSG 2018 Quilt Study: Inspired by 200 Years of Solid-Color Quilts 1800-2000** was organized by the American Quilt Study Group (AQSG). Based in Lincoln, Nebraska, this non-profit organization promotes the highest standards for interdisciplinary quilt-related studies, providing opportunities for study, research, and the publication of works that advance the knowledge of quilts and related subjects.

Quilt historian Mary Kerr explains, “Every other year the AQSG issues a challenge to its membership to promote quilt study....Working within a specific size range, participants were given the freedom to create an exact replica [or] a partial reproduction, or the new work could simply have been inspired by the vintage piece.”



Remnants of War (40.5" x 40.5") by Nancy Ostman.
From the exhibit ASQG 2018 Quilt Study.

Guest Curator Vicki Mangum, who will also give a Gallery Talk, comments, “Expertly quilted, these 23 works testify to the diverse cultural and regional distinctions in our country’s quilt history.” (**Note: This exhibition closes on June 26, after which we’ll have Flower Show: Antique Quilts from the International Quilt Festival Collection.**)



In Gallery III, we'll showcase 17 stunning art quilts in **Natural Wonders from The Frank Klein Collection**.

A Texas rancher and prize-winning nature photographer, Frank has a special eye for artwork featuring themes of living things, as evidenced by these pieces all created in the 21st century.

As he informs us, "It is fascinating to discover how artists interpret the beauty and intricacies of

nature. I am especially interested in seeing how quilt artists cut, piece, and sew textiles together, transforming them into meaningful works of art. Seeing artists interpret the great joy and drama of nature is a miracle to behold. Who has ever seen a beautiful sunset and not contemplated the meaning of existence? The closer and deeper you examine nature and your inner self and motivations, the more alive you become."

Dr. Sandra Sider, Museum Curator, comments on the exhibition, "During the past year, perhaps the world has learned to have a new respect for nature and its powerful forces, as well as for its beauty, while so many of us were deprived of traveling to immerse ourselves in scenic vistas. This exhibition encourages our viewers to appreciate all aspects of the natural world, from flowers, trees, and animals, to the complex wonder of our own bodies."

This exhibit is accompanied by 12 bronze sculptures and one in stainless steel by renowned wildlife sculptor Kent Ullberg, also from The Frank Klein Collection.



Night of the Super Moon (46" x 59") by Laura Fogg. From the exhibit **Natural Wonders from The Frank Klein Collection**.



Texas Frio Oak Leaf (79" x 99") by Phyllis Borton.
From the exhibit *Sapphire Celebration*.

Finally, in Gallery I, we'll have 19 quilts in **Sapphire Celebration**.

Quilters have long used shades of blue to symbolize trust, loyalty, wisdom, confidence, intelligence, faith, truth, and heaven. The serene, peaceful effects of blue derive from calm bodies of water as well as clear blue skies.

In many cultures, this color is associated with relaxation, but that effect is not at all present in our *Sapphire Celebration*, where blue plays off against white in a variety of visually exciting compositions. The imagery includes a woman's portrait, a ballerina, a pot of flowers, a lacy "garden," a community embroidered in blue, and numerous geometric motifs, from stars to checkerboards.

The full version of this exhibit celebrated the 45th anniversary of the International Quilt Festival in Houston and was on display in

2019.

Dr. Sandra Sider, Museum Curator, says, "If you like blue, this show is for you!"

The Texas Quilt Museum is located at 140 W. Colorado St., La Grange, TX 78945. It is open Thurs.-Sat. from 10 am-4 pm. Learn more at www.TexasQuiltMuseum.org.

You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Media: For visuals or interviews, contact Bob Ruggiero, Vice President of Communications for Quilts, Inc., at bohr@quilts.com.



Gun Barrel Quilters Guild--Mabank, Texas

2021 Quilt Show
"Threads in Red"

April 23 & 24, 2021

Friday 9AM-5PM
Saturday 9AM-4PM

The CR Legacy Event Center
2205 W. Main (Hwy 334)
Gun Barrel City, TX

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Quilt Show held at Sokol Hall, 2622 Texas Highway 34 East, Ennis, Texas 75119.

Quilt Show Dates: July 23 & 24, 2021

Time: 10:00-4:00- Friday and Saturday





Tri-County's Fabulous Bees



Remember: you must be a paid member to participate in our Bees.

Our Bees create a strong sense of a quilting community within the guild. Consider becoming a Beekeeper! Organize your bee, find a location, contact Queen Bee Charmaine Fritchey to let her know, and go from there! If your bee does something unique, contact Janice Toler so she can recognize your bee in the newsletter.

Charmaine Fritchey
Queen Bee



BEE Czars: Meets the 3rd Monday from 5PM-8PM at Quilters Crossing. We choose projects as a group or work on our UFO's. We usually go on two retreats a year. If you are interested in joining this be please call to be put on a waiting list.

Ann Keilers 832-515-1081 or Marian Page 281-797-3014.



Chicks With Feathers

Sarah Yuhr-Beekeeper (sarah_hoffpauir@yahoo.com) These are quilters who love their Featherweight machines. They meet at Quilter's Crossing on the first Thursday of the month from 2-5. Contact Sarah if you are interested in this bee.



Day Strippers: Barbara Clark, BeeKeeper. bclark448@sbcglobal.net Daystrippers is the only bee that has been with TCQG since its beginning. It meets at Cypress Crossing Christian Church on the second Friday of each month from 10 - 2. They work on personal projects and occasionally go on retreats and to quilt shows together. There are currently no openings in this bee. However, you can contact beekeeper, Barbara Clark to be put on a waiting list. New members have been moving in through the list!



Quilter's Dozen: Charmaine Fritchey Beekeeper. cfritchey@gmail.com. Meets the 2nd Thursday at Quilters Crossing from 10-2:30. We have great times together! We have openings for 3 members.



We Bee Quilters: Nancy Terlikoski Co Beekeeper. Nancy_terlikoski@sbcglobal.net. Sarah Ballard, Co beekeeper- mballard11@comcast.net Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at Quilters Crossing from 1-4 PM. This bee is a group of quilters who just want to enjoy spending time doing what we love with fellow quilters. We work on our own projects, group projects, exchanges. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome!



Cypress Crossing Christian Church
15751 Cypress Rosehill Rd, Cypress, TX 77429
9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Sharon Castillo – 713.828.0861

Ongoing needs for Charity Bee....

- Flannel for the HUGS we donate.
- Blending fabric for BOM (white, white-on-white, beige, etc.)
- New standard size for our baby quilts (minimum 36"x36" square to lap quilt size.)
- Men's quilts; both tops and finished quilts.
- All fabric must be returned from a quilt bundle (finished quilt and all scraps)
- A five inch square of backing fabric attached to a donated finished quilt.



“We Have a Prize for You, and One for You, and One for You...”

Draw on your inner Oprah. If you want to make someone’s day, consider becoming our new door prize chair. The guild has a collection of donations for you to combine to create three door prizes to be given at each monthly guild meeting. It’s a lot of fun to give quilters more items to add to their stash. Please consider becoming more involved with the guild by becoming our door prize chair. If you think you may be interested, please email me, Janet Winkler at janet.wink@gmail.com.

April Birthdays, Special Events, Recognitions, Sympathies



JoAnn	Lambert	03 Apr
Donna	Vandiver	04 Apr
Linda	Niermeyer	05 Apr
Maudie	Engle	08 Apr
Ruth	Roesler	09 Apr
Cindy	Grant	10 Apr
Betty	Johnson	13 Apr

Karen	Neitzke	13 Apr
Melanie	Payne	16 Apr
Paulette	Dukerich	19 Apr
Lisa	Hart	22 Apr
Cynthia	Bohanno	23 Apr
Marie	Engelhar	28 Apr



Donations Needed

Thanks to everyone who have donated items for our door prizes. We still need more.

Please search through your quilting/sewing room to see if you have something you can share. Items should be new or lightly used.



There will be a tote box outside the front door of Cypress Crossing Christian Church on Cypress-Rosehill Road at Huffmeister Road on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 between the hours of 9:30 – 1:00 to place any items you wish to donate. Charity Bee will be meeting at the church during this time and I will collect your donated items to give to our door prize chair. Anything quilt or sewing related will be appreciated.

Some items to consider for donations:

Fat Quarters

Quilt Patterns

Thread

Charm Packs

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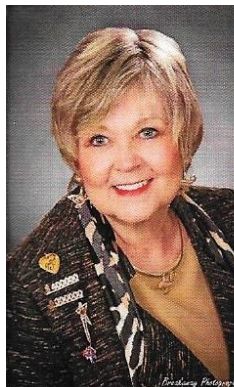
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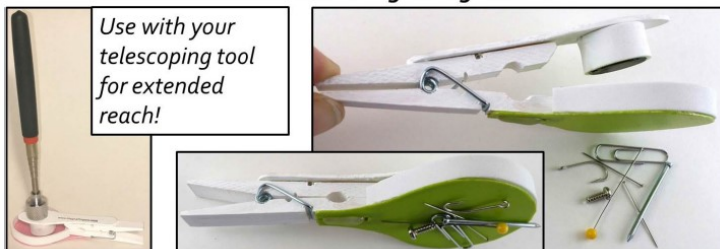
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