



## **Bay Oaks Quilt Guild**

Meets 6:30 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

February 2011

**Diamondhead Baptist Church**

**63780 Diamondhead Drive N**

**Diamondhead,**

**MS 39525**

<http://www.bayoaksquiltguild.org> <http://bayoaksquiltguild.blogspot.com/>

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### **2011 Membership**

The 2011 Membership Form is at the end of this newsletter and will also be posted on the website for download. The mailing address for Edson O, Membership Chairperson, is on the form. Save a stamp and give your form and check to her at the next meeting! Whether paying by mail or at the meeting, please completely fill out the form so that we can update our files with the latest information and make plans for projects/classes for the coming year.

**Remember: If you have not paid your dues by the end of February 2011, you will be dropped from the rolls – so please make an effort to get your payment in before that deadline.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

During February no money was taken in and no checks were written.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

February 10<sup>th</sup> BOQG Business Meeting (Block Swap/UFO list/By-laws) February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Sit & Sew (Kay Guillot's house 1:00 PM) February 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> MQA Spring  
Gathering, Hattiesburg, MS February 24<sup>th</sup> Curved Convergence Class with Solveig  
Wells  
March 10<sup>th</sup> BOQG Business Meeting (Block Swap/By-laws) March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>  
GSQA Seminar, Baton Rouge  
March 24<sup>th</sup> AQS Houston Show Video (Chris Jarrell's house)  
April 16<sup>th</sup> GSQA Quarterly Meeting, Long Beach, MS  
July 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> MQA Educational Seminar, [Deb Karasik](#), Starkville, Jackson,  
Hattiesburg, MS

### **Next Business Meeting**

A. Remember to bring:

1. Light/Dark blocks to swap.
2. Updated list of UFO's to turn in.

B. Updated By-laws: We will be reviewing changes to the Bay Oaks Quilt Guild By-laws that were agreed on in 2010. The revised By-laws will be presented, reviewed, and discussed. Then at the March Business Meeting, we will vote on the final iteration of the By-laws. (Proposed By-laws attached)

## **Pursuit of Excellence (Violet & Marcus)**

Violet and Marcus did an excellent job of walking us through the Four Patch Triangles, Buzz Saw, Buzz Saw Pinwheels, and Faux Delectable Mountains! I'm sure I'm not the only one who is excited about doing some more of these fun blocks.

## **Solveig's version of Ricky Tims' Curved Convergence (Feb24th)**

Fabric:

**Two(2) 12 to 18 inch fabric squares**

These fabrics should have contrast, or "play well together" (a good batik that is the same on both sides allows one more turn over and adds to the variety)

You may want to add a narrow inner border and outer border, so have fabric for that. The amount you need will depend on the finished size of your creation. Though we will probably only have time to finish the convergence part.

Sewing supplies and equipment:

1. sewing machine
2. extension cord
3. iron
4. 1/4 " foot, or tape on the machine bed to mark an accurate 1/4" seam
5. 18 x 24 inch minimum cutting mat
6. rotary cutter
7. 24 x 6 inch ruler
8. large square ruler for squaring up
9. misting bottle
10. ultra fine Sharpie pen or good marking pen/pencil (or sticky, plain address labels to write numbers on - just to number our strips to keep them from being mixed up)
11. pins
12. thread (neutral or matching)
13. scissors
14. seam ripper
15. just in case Solveig will bring 7 ironing surfaces that Bobbie Dye and she made - big firm, flat surface - so no need for ironing boards, unless you have one of those "Cut and Press" boards to bring

Any pre-class concerns/questions call Solveig at (228) 332-6112

## **Did You Know? (From the February Superior Threads Newsletter)**

Now, don't think I'm pushing Superior Threads, but they do have some good info. For instance they have a free thread guide for "most longarm machines" at <http://www.superiorthreads.com/tension-guides>. I have heard many people say they don't change the tension on their longarm machine because it is so hard to set. Hopefully there will be some help from these guides.

## **Of Interest**

1. The GSQA 2011 Seminar Blue Book is out. There are class descriptions and registration forms on their website: <http://www.gulfstatesquilting.org/>. **Although, technically the deadline has passed for enrollment, if there are still seats you may be able to get in!**
2. Need some help with those inner curves in your appliqué? Take a look at this: <http://karlamenaugh.blogspot.com/2010/02/clipping-inner-curves.html>. Appliqué inner curve clipping illustrations.
3. For those who are not sure about which needle to use and for those who just want to learn more, Schmetz needles has an education page that has information, links and downloadable PDFs for you at: <http://www.schmetzneedles.com/education.html>. Their needle chart is at the end of this Newsletter. Who knew there is a triple needle ??!!!

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### **2011 Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual dues start 01/01 - \$15.00**

**Junior Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00**

Level of quilting experience: Beginner: \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate: \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Month and day of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

What quilting techniques are you interested in learning more about? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a machine  
or hand quilter? \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and dues to Edson Osmer, 27160 E. Lake Cypress Dr, Perkinston, MS 39573 or  
turn in at meeting.



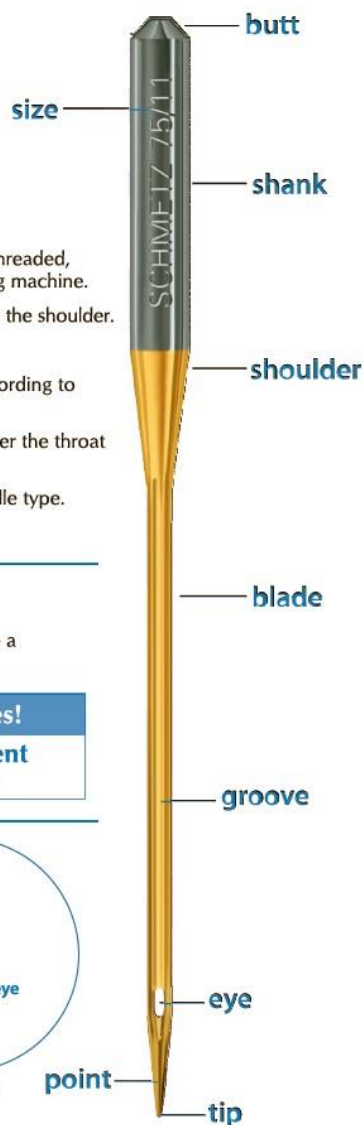




## NEEDLE GUIDE

### Needle Anatomy

- Butt:** The beveled end allows easy insertion in the needle bar.
- Shank:** Household needles have a flat shank, while commercial and industrial needles have round, threaded, notched or other special shanks. Shanks allow perfect positioning of the needle in the sewing machine.
- Shoulder:** The sloping area transitioning between the shank and blade. SCHMETZ color codes appear on the shoulder.
- Blade:** Needle size is determined by the blade diameter (i.e., size 75 is .75mm).
- Groove:** The groove cradles and guides thread to the eye. The length and size of the groove vary according to needle type.
- Scarf:** The indentation above the eye that allows the bobbin hook to smoothly grab the thread under the throat plate to create a stitch. The shape and size of the scarf vary according to needle type.
- Eye:** The hole through which thread passes. The shape and size of the eye vary according to needle type.
- Point & Tip:** Length, shape and size vary according to needle types.



### Change Your Needle

Damaged or worn needles result in:

- Broken or shredded threads
- Skipped stitches
- Puckered fabrics
- Damaged fabrics
- Uneven seams

### Replace Your Needle

**It's the easiest way to improve your stitch quality.**

### Needle Selection

**Choose needle size according to thread thickness and needle type according to fabric application.**

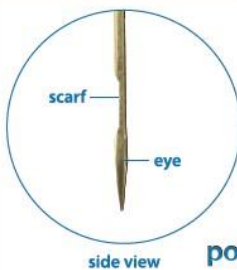
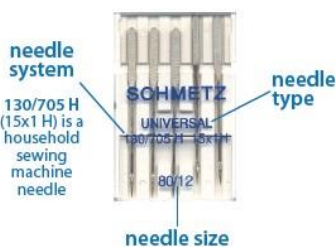
### 130/705 H

The needle system used by home sewing machines. Needles have a flat shank and a scarf.

**SCHMETZ Works with All Sewing Machines!**

**SCHMETZ needles work with all new, current and older household sewing machines!**

### How to Read a Needle Package



### General Purpose Needles

#### Universal

**Size:** 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, Assorted, Twin, Triple.

**Color Code:** None

**Feature:** Slightly rounded point.

**Fabric Use:** Numerous - woven and knits. A great general purpose needle.



#### Jersey (Ball Point)

**Size:** 70, 80, 90, 100, Assorted

**Color Code:** None

**Feature:** Medium ball point.

**Fabric Use:** Knits and some stretch fabrics. Made especially for sewing on knits. The medium ball point does not damage or break knit fibers.



#### Stretch

**Size:** 65, 75, 90, Twin

**Color Use:** Yellow

**Feature:** Medium ball point, special eye and scarf.

**Fabric Use:** Elastic materials and highly elastic knitwear. The medium ball point, specially designed eye and scarf prevent skipped stitches.



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## Specialty Needles

### Jeans

**Size:** 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, Assorted, Twin

**Color Code:** Blue

**Feature:** Modified medium ball point and reinforced blade.

**Fabric Use:** Denim and similar fabrics. Advanced point design is a SCHMETZ exclusive. For penetrating extra thick woven fabrics, denims, or quilts with minimum needle deflection, reduced risk of needle breakage and skipped stitches.



### Microtex (Sharp)

**Size:** 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110

**Color Code:** Purple

**Feature:** Very slim acute point.

**Fabric Use:** Micro fibers, polyester, silk, foils, artificial leather, coated materials. Very thin acute point creates beautiful topstitching and perfectly straight stitches for quilt piecing when precision is paramount.



### Metallic

**Size:** 80, 90, Twin

**Color Code:** None

**Feature:** Elongated eye.

**Fabric Use:** Metallic and other specialty threads. A "must have" for sewing with sensitive metallic threads. The elongated eye prevents shredding and breaking of metallic threads.



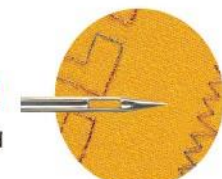
### Embroidery

**Size:** 75, 90, Assorted, Twin

**Color Code:** Red

**Feature:** Light ball point, wide eye and groove.

**Fabric Use:** Use with rayon, polyester and other specialty embroidery threads. The special scarf, widened groove and enlarged eye protect fragile threads and guard against excess friction allowing trouble-free embroidery and decorative stitching.



### Quilting

**Size:** 75, 90, Assorted

**Color Code:** Green

**Feature:** Special taper to the slightly rounded point.

**Fabric Use:** Made especially for piecing and machine quilting. The special tapered design allows easier fabric penetration and helps eliminate skipped stitches.



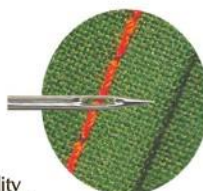
### Topstitch

**Size:** 80, 90, 100

**Color Code:** None

**Feature:** Extra long eye.

**Fabric Use:** Topstitch, heavy, multiple or poor quality threads. Achieve perfectly straight stitch lines and even stitches when using a straight stitch plate.



### Gold Embroidery

**Size:** 75, 90

**Color Code:** None

**Feature:** Titanium Nitride coating, slightly rounded point and enlarged eye.

**Fabric Use:** Coarse and densely woven materials. Slightly rounded point and enlarged eye are perfect for embroidery on most fabrics and with the most fragile specialty threads. Titanium coating resists adhesives, improves needle wear and penetration of coarse and densely woven fabrics.



### Leather

**Size:** 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120

**Color Code:** None

**Feature:** Cutting point.

**Fabric Use:** Leather, artificial leather, heavy non-woven synthetics. Do not use on knit or woven fabrics.



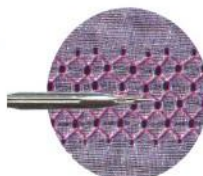
### Hemstitch

**Size:** 100, 120, Twin

**Color Code:** None

**Feature:** A wing on each side of the needle.

**Fabric Use:** Light or medium weight loosely woven fabrics. Popular for heirloom sewing and to create decorative cutwork.



### Quick Threading

**Size:** 80, 90

**Color Code:** None

**Feature:** Universal needle with a slip-in threading slot in the eye.

**Fabric Use:** Numerous — woven and knits. A general purpose needle for effortless threading.



### Double Eye

**Size:** 80

**Color Code:** None

**Feature:** Universal needle with two eyes.

**Fabric Use:** Numerous — woven and knits. Use two different threads for shading and texturing effects for embroidery and topstitching.



## Multiple Needles

### Twin

Double needles are actually two needles mounted on one shaft used to create two rows of stitches simultaneously. Use two spools of thread and one bobbin thread.

### Universal Twin

**Sizes:** 1.6/70, 1.6/80, 2.0/80, 2.5/80, 3.0/90, 4.0/80, 4.0/90, 4.0/100, 6.0/100, 8.0/100, Assorted



### Double Hemstitch

**Size:** 2.5/100

A hemstitch needle and a universal needle with a 2.5 mm separation.

### Embroidery Twin

**Size:** 2.0/75, 3.0/75



### Metallic Twin

**Size:** 2.5/80

### Jeans Twin

**Size:** 4.0/100

### Stretch Twin

**Size:** 2.5/75, 4.0/75

### Universal Triple

**Size:** 2.5/80, 3.0/80



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