



Bay Oaks Quilt Guild
Meets 6:30 PM, 2nd & 4th Thursday

October 2011

Diamondhead Baptist Church
63780 Diamondhead Drive N
Diamondhead, MS 39525
<http://www.bayoaksquiltguild.org>
<http://bayoaksquiltguild.blogspot.com/>

Mark Your Calendars

October 8 th	Ponchatoula Berry Patch Quilt and Art Expo Pink Heart Funds Walk of Hope starting at 8:30am. Meet at the Long Beach Town Green
October 15 th	GSQA Quarterly Meeting, Mes Amis Quilt Shop, New Orleans, Elsie Vrendenburg on pictorial pieced quilts
November 3 rd – 6 th	International Quilt Festival, Houston, TX
Nov. 5 th	6th Picayune Piecemakers Quilt Show, "Elements of Fall," 303 W. Canal Street, Picayune, MS
2012 Events:	
Jan 26 th – 28 th	Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar, Kenner, LA
April 20 th – 21 st	GSQA 14 th Biennial Quilt Show, "Charmingly Southern", Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell, LA
Oct 5 th – 7 th	Pine Belt Quilters Fiber Arts and Quilt Show, "Life on Our Planet," Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg Convention Center, Hattiesburg, MS

September Happenings:

1. Diana K was the PROUD winner of the Third Quarterly SEW & DRAW!
2. The general membership voted to contribute \$200 to the Pink Heart Funds.
3. Kim McKeithen from Coastal Sew & Vac gave a presentation on maintaining your sewing machine. Her answers to our questions were informative and sometimes counter to what we had previously been taught. The new electronic machines have different "needs" than the older mechanical ones. Be sure to check your manual, with your authorized dealer or with Kim if you have any doubt about maintenance and repair questions.
4. A big "Thank you!" to Lou A for her contribution of books to the Bay Oaks library maintained by Kathy K. We have some wonderful resource material in the library I suggest that everyone look over the list of books/materials.
5. The general membership voted to discontinue having door prizes at this time.

Next Business Meeting (October 13th)

On the agenda:

1. Solveig's picture of the month:

- This month our 'funny picture' will be **an APPLE a day**. Any way, any how. Apples on your cheeks, apples on your head – whatever you can dream up. Just as long as you can look at the picture a year from now and not be too embarrassed!

2. Circuit Teacher Class- Connie Ewbank-String Star

- Set for November 12 at the Kiln Library
- Perfect for the holiday if made with Christmas fabric strips
- Need 10 people (total) in order to have the class.
- If we don't have this class, the next class will be scheduled in 2012.

3. Nominating Committee for 2012 Officers

- Offices are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

4. Pink Heart Funds Charity Quilt

- Joan H has volunteered to chair the charity quilt for Pink Heart Fund. Please have your ideas ready for the October business meeting. The current plan is to assemble the quilt after January 2012.

5. Status of the Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Opportunity Quilt

- Thank you to those who contributed fabric for the quilt!
- Saturday, Oct 1, the fabric for the main part of the quilt was purchased (everything except the small appliqué pieces and the backing).
- We're now ready to start work. Stay tuned for more info at the October Business meeting.

6. Therese will present a quick project for the group.

Upcoming Events:

1. "Twister" program (October Business Meeting, October 27th):

Therese will show us how to make a wall hanging like the one she made.

- **NOTE: For those who bought the book:

The following corrections need to be made to the book "Let's Twist."

Page 9 (Pinwheel Party Quilt)

Under Materials

Fabric A should be 1 1/8yd. Not 7/8 yd

Page 21

Under Materials:

Fabric A should be 4 yds. (not 3 yds as written) Under

Cutting:

21 - 3" strips (not the 11 as written)

- Also note that the instructions with the **Lil Twister Tool** state that you will use 24 5" squares – **Therese's version requires a square so you should use 36 5" squares:**
- Learning to use the TWISTER tool. For the Halloween table topper Therese displayed at the last meeting, you need:
 - 5" squares of assorted fabric (Therese used 8) • Cut three 3 ½" X WOF stripes for a border.
 - Bring your TWISTER tool and a piece of batting or flannel (**IMPORTANT!**)
 - Rotary cutter and mat
- **Small** template: If you plan to use the small template and make a table topper like the one Therese showed at the Sept. program night, you need to cut 36 5" squares of assorted fabric. Dark and light seem to work the best. Lay out the squares, 6 x 6. Be sure you do not have the same two fabrics touching. When you are pleased with the arrangement, stitch the squares together to form a large square. Add a 3½" border on all four sides. Press well. Bring to the meeting.
- **Large** template: For those of you who bought the large template tool, you need:
 - Small quilt: At least 4 or 6 10" squares (just to learn the technique). Use an assortment of dark and light fabric. Add a 6 ½" border on all 4 sides.
 - Larger quilt: If you plan to make a quilt, you can use a set of "Layer Cake" squares. You will need 36 10" squares, or more for a larger quilt.
- Bring your TWISTER tool and a piece of batting or flannel (**IMPORTANT!**)
- Rotary cutter and mat
- **BEFORE the meeting**, prepare the base. Lay out your squares in a pleasing arrangement. Do not have the same fabric squares next to each other. Stitch together to form a large square. Press well. Add a 6 ½" wide border to all four sides.
- If you were not at the meeting to purchase a TWISTER tool, call or email Therese for ordering. The small one is \$10 and the large one is \$20. Or, you can purchase from a quilt shop or order on line.



2. Ricky Tims/Alex Anderson/Libby Lehman Seminar: Deadline for signing up is October 13

The Super Quilt Seminar will be in New Orleans at the Hilton Airport Inn in Kenner, LA, on January 26th – 28th, 2012.

Reminder:

- a. Single registration is \$219 each. Registration deadline is Jan. 13, 2012
- b. Large group registration (10 or more) is \$179 each. Deadline is November 19, 2012
- c. Small group registration (2–9) \$194 each. Deadline is December 17, 2012

Admission to the Friday night concert is included with seminar registration. If you need additional tickets for the concert, please add \$15 for each additional ticket.

We are currently taking seminar registration forms and checks for a large group.

There will be registration forms at the next meeting where Rena (or Kay or Therese) will take your completed form and check. **Please make your check out to Bay Oaks Quilt Guild or BOQG.**

Of Interest:

1. Row by Row:

The Snails Tail is the September block. The instructions will be sent to you and will also be available on the website: <http://www.bayoaksquiltguild.org/page5/>

2. Civil War Blocks for October:

Please **CTRL-CLICK** on the link **below** the block's picture to go directly to the page that contains that week's 'history lesson' and the directions for the block.

CTRL-CLICK on the picture to get the larger version of the picture.



[17 Comfort Quilt](http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/2011/04/17-comfortquilt.html)

[18 Union Square](http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/2011/04/18-unionsquare.html)

[19 Missouri Star](http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/2011/05/19-missouristar.html)

[20 New England Block](http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/2011/05/20-new-england-block.html)

NOTE: If you cannot use the links above, copy the below link into your browser.

<http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/2011/04/17-comfortquilt.html><http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/2011/04/18-unionsquare.html><http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/2011/05/19-missouristar.html><http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/2011/05/20-new-england-block.html>

3. Our Library:

For designing your own blocks or for determining yardage for block-of-the-month squares we have a book in the library that will be helpful to you. I have included the page for Right triangles as an example. Our library contains a wealth of knowledge so take advantage of it. We heartily thank Kathy K for sorting, cataloging and maintaining our library!

4. Tip of the Month: (Thanks Therese for forwarding Jinny Beyer's tip)

Understanding color value and what is light, medium and dark is something I'm having a bit of a problem with. Can this be learned or is that eye for color a "God-given gift"?

Linda Williams, South Florida

Jinny's Answer Great question, Linda! And it's one that I often hear when I'm lecturing on color.

Determining the value of a fabric – where it falls on a light-dark scale – is very important in quilting. It's key to shading fabrics and one my color secrets: to create a glow in my quilts, I like to put a very light fabric right next to a very dark one.

But it's not always easy to determine whether a fabric is light, medium or dark. What do those terms really mean? So, let's look at an example.



Here are eight fabrics in teals, blues and purples. The last fabric is black. All of them have smallscale patterns. It should be fairly easy to pick out the lightest (#3) and either #7 or #8 is the darkest. But what about all those “middle” colors? What order do they go in?

Color can “trick” us. So, until your eyes become more experienced (and they do with practice), I recommend that you look at your fabrics in black and white. There are several ways to do this.

1. **Use your computer or printer.** Scan the fabrics you're using or take a picture. If you have a computer program that lets you remove the color and display in black and white (or, more accurately, “grayscale”), convert the photo. Otherwise, simply print the photo to your printer, changing the print options to print in grayscale.
2. **Use a photocopier.** Take your fabrics to the office or a library and make a photocopy. When I converted our sample strip of fabrics to grayscale, here was the result:



Now it becomes much easier to sort the fabrics from lightest to darkest. (Remember, this isn't color shading, it's shading by value!)



Also, keep in mind that value is relative – depending on your selection of fabrics, a medium fabric might be the lightest (or darkest) in another selection. In the example above, 4 is definitely a medium. But if your selection of fabrics is the three below, it's now the lightest!



Hope this helps!

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