

The Scrap Bag



Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild of Bella Vista, Arkansas

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A Message from Our President

Dear Quilters,

I am sitting here writing my last letter to you with a grateful heart. I have done a lot of kidding around about being “impeached” or “counting the days”, but the reality is that I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served you as your President. Had I not taken on the challenge, I would not have gotten to know many of you. I would not have discovered your incredible gifts and talents. I would not have seen your giving hearts and your willingness to support and help whenever asked. I would not have laughed as hard or been touched as deeply. In my effort to do a good job, I went out of my comfort zone a bit and attended workshops, trips, retreats, and work days. At each of those I learned a new skill and more importantly made a new friend.

If I had not had the opportunity to be your President, I would not have seen firsthand the volume of volunteers it takes to keep this guild running. You may or may not realize that we have at least 20 members as part of our board.



Each one is responsible for an important area of our guild. And that number doesn't include the committee members they call on for help. If I hadn't accepted the challenge, I would not have seen that we really didn't have to “beg” any of you to take a job...maybe a little bribery was tried, but no begging (ok, Bob, I did beg you to continue). I would not have seen firsthand the dedication you all demonstrate when completing a job. The sheer volume of people volunteering in our guild is inspiring. One example is with the quilt show. I would venture to guess there were no less than 80 volunteers doing their best to make the show a success...and a success it was, indeed.

Some of you are not in a position to accept the responsibility of becoming an officer, but please know that your contributions are also appreciated. There are many of you that are working “behind the scenes” ...making donation quilts, piecing, quilting and binding Quilts of Valor, setting up for meetings, bringing things to share at “show and tell”, bringing things for the free table, offering ideas, doing demonstrations and workshops, and supporting our events in any way you can. You are greatly appreciated as well.

One of the most important parts of any organization is the “climate”. I would venture to say that the “climate” of Calico Cut-Ups is one of friendliness, helpfulness, and fun. Quilters as a group, I have found, are often very helpful and friendly. I have found that to be true at places other than CCU. I have found that to be true at non-CCU retreats, at quilt stores across the country, at non-CCU workshops, and quilt shows. Even

though I have found that to be true, I believe that Calico Cut-Ups is exceptionally “helpful, friendly, and fun”. I am often sought out after the meetings by a new member, a returning member, or sometimes a current member and told that there is something special about our guild...that there is a warmth here that they haven’t found other places. And I totally agree. So, thank you, each and every one of you, for creating that warmth and friendly spirit that I get to represent. My grateful heart is glad for the experiences I have had this past year...thank you for the opportunity...consider yourself hugged!

Sew Very Thankful,
Laurie

In this crazy quilt of life, I am glad that you are in my block of friends!

Membership Renewal for 2019

We are doing our 2019 membership renewal. We will be set up to take your renewal at the December CCU Guild meeting. The amount is \$25.00, cash or check (made out to Calico Cut-Ups). If you need the Scrap Bag mailed to you, it will be an additional \$15 for 11 issues. The sooner you can get your money in, the better. That way we can make sure your information is in the 2019 yearbook. You can also send your money to: Calico Cut-Ups, P.O. Box 5481, Bella Vista, AR 72714

If you pay at the guild meetings, we will be asking you to verify that the information we have for you on file is correct. If you send your renewal in, please attach a note letting us know that you have no changes or what the changes may be.

If your dues are paid by 12/31/18, you will be eligible for a drawing.

Questions, please let me know.

Brenda Askland, 515-708-2193, Bkaskland2@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS – DECEMBER DONATIONS



Calico Cut-Ups helps the Shepherds’ food pantry. Bring your donations to the guild meeting and receive an extra door prize ticket.

December: **Jell-O and Canned Fruit**

Cathy Beaver, Chairperson, Special Projects
Kay Gaudian, Co-Chair

Quilting Tip

Use a dry, nylon kitchen scrubby to clean your cutting mat. It will clean away all the lint and threads and help heal the mat as well.

DECEMBER MEETING

Monday, December 10, 11:00
First United Methodist Church
(Enter around back in Becker Hall)
20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista, AR
Vendor: None
Workshop: None
Program: Christmas party

Remember to wear your name badge. It helps new members get acquainted (and old members, too). If you forget, a 25 cent fee is due and will be added to the general fund.

WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather and the Bentonville School system is closed, guild activities will be cancelled.

GUESTS

Our membership meetings have a \$5.00 guest fee that helps defray program costs if we have a paid speaker. This fee is applied to your membership if you choose to join our guild the same day as you visit. **No charge for your first visit.** Membership is half price July through December.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

There will be no scheduled program for December. We will have a catered meal at 11:30, installation of officers and a short entertainment. If you have not pre-registered, please contact Sharon Caton, sccaton@cox.net, and arrange to pay \$5.00 no later than December 1st. This does not even cover half the cost of the meal.

Our last program "Because it's Applique" and workshop "Tools of the Trade" was October 22nd and 23rd. I want to thank all that participated, not only in this workshop, but the many workshops we presented during the year. Without your support these workshops and programs would not be possible. I personally appreciate the support from the members of the board and especially Sharon Caton, who filled in for me for a couple of months and always had great suggestions for speakers and workshops. Working together makes any job easier, especially this one. Thanks again and I hope you will support our new Program Chair for 2019.

Karen Moore, Program Chair

CALICO CUT-UPS DATES TO REMEMBER

November – NO MEETING
December 10: Guild Christmas party 11:00 (Date in yearbook is incorrect)
January 28: Guild meeting 1:00
February 25: Guild meeting 1:00

No fat quarter for December.

Bring fat quarters of good quality fabric and enter our drawing for January. You will get one chance for each fat quarter you enter up to 3 entries. You may win!

Rosalyn Sloan, Chairperson, Fabric Exchange

Quilting Tip

To nearly eliminate raveling when prewashing fabric, use a pinking blade on your rotary cutter to pink the edge before you wash the fabric.



Sunshine and Shadows

Do you know of a Calico Cut-Ups member that could use a card for good news, a celebration or some sad news? Please contact Norene Harmon at (479)271-7109 or peacelady@cox.net Thank you for your help.



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Full versions of last month's Treasurer's report and guild minutes are available at guild meetings taped to the door. Guild minutes are also available at www.calicocutups.com/guild-meeting-minutes/.

Small Groups

There are several small quilt groups that meet monthly. They include both new and experienced quilters and would love to have you. If you are interested, please call Roxiann Dwyer (479) 426-4902. I would like to talk to you and get you connected with a group that best suits you.

For a full list of small groups go to www.calicocutups.com/small-groups/

Editor's Corner



Last Scrap Bag for 2018

This is the last Scrap Bag for 2018 and also the last one for me as editor. I've been editor for two years. I have enjoyed editing the Scrap Bag. I felt it was time to have a change of editors. So, welcome Editor Terri Duhon, beginning with the January 2019 issue.

Membership

We gained one new member at our October meeting making a total of 163 members for 2018. A lot of you renewed your membership at the October meeting, keeping three members busy updating membership. It is greatly appreciated that you renewed early. You will have another opportunity at our Christmas meeting on the second Monday in December, the 10th at 11:00. There will be no meeting in November. If you will not be able to attend the December meeting, you may mail a check to Calico Cut-Ups, P.O. Box 5481, Bella Vista, AR 72714

Bob Harmon, Scrap Bag Editor

Pearl of Grace Ranch Update

The Pearl of Grace Ranch in Tryon, OK has opened! Two girls, ages 13 and 16 became residents the second week of November. This project has been delayed due to building requirements, permits and inspections. It is a non-profit organization for troubled teen girls. It is starting with staffing for one pod of eight girls with a maximum capacity of four pods. All expenses have been met through donations, so it has been able to open debt free.

As I have noted in previous issues, I committed to supplying quilts for the girls. Several of you have been very generous to donate finished quilts and fabric for which we are very grateful. www.pearlofgraceranch.org

Bob Harmon

UPCOMING DATES

2019

Country House Quilting Challenge 2019 – Deadline March 26, 2019

For more details, visit www.calicocutups.com/local-happenings/

Please submit newsletter items to Terri Duhon at terriduhon@gmail.com by January 11 for the January Scrap Bag. Earlier if possible.

Ads may be placed in the Scrap Bag newsletter for upcoming for-profit classes, vendor ads, member for sale ads and other quilting related ads. Cost is \$10 per issue and must be paid in advance to Calico Cut-Ups. Contact Terri Duhon, terriduhon@gmail.com.

Dog Beds

We will **NOT** be collecting Dog Beds Scraps in December or January. We will start collecting again in February.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed scraps this year. As of October 24th we have made and delivered 150 Dog Beds.

I also want to thank everyone who showed up at the October Dog Beds. We could not have done it without your help.

Thanks again for your help.

Elaine Sick

Quilts of Valor

Just a reminder that the Quilts of Valor group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM, First United Methodist Church in Bella Vista. Room 28 in the lower level of the church. There are several veterans on the waiting list at this time. If you are not able to make it each month, kits are currently being put together for you to take home and work on. We hope to have some ready at the next guild meeting. The preferred size of a top is 60" x 80". Thanks in advance for your help!

Susan Richmond

Susanr432@gmail.com



Quilt of Valor Presentation



This Quilt of Valor was presented to Dennis Dean of Bella Vista on October 24th. Bob Harmon worked next to Dennis for several years before retirement. Dennis is a Vietnam veteran with a Purple Heart. Dennis didn't talk much about his military experience except one day he brought his Purple Heart to work to show his team mates. Bob remembered this and after Calico Cut-Ups became a member of Quilts of Valor, Bob nominated Dennis for a quilt. Bob called his wife, Donna, and asked her to find the date of his Purple Heart. She called back several days later because she had to wait until he wasn't around. Bob told her he was going to do something for Dennis concerning his Purple Heart and to keep it a secret from Dennis.

Bob got a kit from Susan Richmond and pieced it. He embroidered a Purple Heart with Dennis' name and date received on a block in the middle of the quilt. Susan took it to Village Quilting and they donated the quilting for it. Bob then bound it and called Donna to set a date to present it to Dennis. She invited family for the presentation in their home.

On Wednesday, October 24, 2018, Susan Richmond, Brenda Askland and Bob and Norene Harmon met at their home at 1:00. They were the first to arrive since Donna had instructed family to not be early so Dennis would not know they were coming. His brothers, sister and their sons all came after 1:00.

Susan made the presentation and Dennis was very touched and appreciative.

2018 Three Initial Paint Chip Challenge Quilt



Rules:

This will be a three color quilt.

Must use a paint chip color starting with the first letter of your first name, the first letter of your second name (not your maiden name unless you have no middle name) and the first letter of your last name.

Can be any shape as long as it is no larger than 18" x 18" or 72" perimeter.

This is open to: block choice, applique, quilting, embellishment, your imagination!

Due date is December 10, 2018 (Guild Christmas Party). **Must bring it by 11:00 to be voted on.**

Example: my initials are EES the paint colors I could use in my quilt are: Earthen Jug, Escapade Gold & Sociable.

If you chose a print fabric, it has to have just the three colors of your paint chips. Example: your colors are red, white and blue. You could find a print fabric with red, white and blue but no other colors. Another example of using print fabric if two of your three colors are red and yellow and you find a red print fabric with white flowers you could color the white flowers yellow.

Thread and embellishments must also be only the three colors.

The three paint chips you used for your colors must be attached to your quilt in whatever manner you choose.

Elaine Sick

Quilt Labels – pictures needed

A quilt label, attached to the back of a quilt, is an easy and logical way to provide documentation information on a quilt. I will be giving a presentation at the January Calico Cut-Ups meeting on making labels for your quilts. I would **also** like to incorporate into this presentation how some of you are making your quilt labels. Because there is not just one way to make quilt labels...you need to find the way you like to make them. Therefore, please email me information/pictures of how you like to make quilt labels...to ronandkay@cox.net.

Thanking you in advance..... Kay Gaudian

Quilt Donations



Calico Cut Ups is the BEST quilting guild!!

21 quilts- 9 pillowcases- 1 tote and 8 quilt tops. Thank you all so much! Delivering to Ronald McDonald House this month.

Good job ladies and gents.

Cathy Beaver, Special Projects Chair

Quilt Donations

When you donate quilts, bags, etc. from the guild, whether it is through a small group or as an individual, please let Cathy Beaver know. She will add it to the number of donations by Calico Cut-Ups.

UPC LABELS FROM HOBBS BATTING

When you use Hobbs batting, be sure to save the UPC labels. Give them to Cathy Beaver. She can use them to get a good discount for batting to use for donation quilts.

Adult Quilting 101

A new **FREE** workshop for beginning quilters started June 13, 2018. There will be a series of ongoing workshops that are open to anyone interested in learning to quilt or improve on your quilting skills. This is open to guild or non-guild members. We welcome members of the community and invite your friends to join us.

The workshops will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1:00 – 3:00 in room 28 lower level at **First United Methodist Church**. Each month students will add to their quilting knowledge.

If you have questions or plan to attend please contact: Sharon Caton - sccaton@cox.net



Quilt Care and Cleaning Tips

- * Climate - a stable temperature range is best - avoid hot or cold extremes, and around 50% humidity is preferred, to avoid drying out the fabric, or having mold grow on your quilts.
- * Display - The best display for a quilt is spread out over a bed. With quilts that are intended for display as a wallhanging, the best way to reduce wear on the fabric is to sew a rod pocket to the back of your quilt and slide through a rod or dowel and hang your quilt that way, so the weight is distributed as evenly as possible to reduce stress on any particular part of the quilt. NEVER staple or tack a quilted wallhanging up, as this will put holes in the fabric and lead to damage.
- * Light - Both natural and artificial light fades the colors of your fabrics. To slow this process down, avoid exposure to direct light and try and use indirect lighting sources instead.
- * Cleaning - BE CAREFUL when cleaning your quilts as you can damage them if it's done incorrectly. Quilts that you have in storage only need an occasional airing to remove any dust or odors. You can vacuum if required, but tie a nylon stocking over the end of the nozzle or use an appropriate upholstery brush to reduce the suction, so you don't damage the quilt at all. Gentle hand washing and air drying are the best options for a complete quilt clean.
- * Storage - How a quilt is stored can affect its lifespan. The best way to store unused quilts is flat, without stacking. Put in a container or tub is a good option, but do not use an air-tight container, as you may find you end up with mold problems. Also, acid-free tissue should be used between the folded areas of the quilt, or alternatively cotton fabric such as a sheet may be used instead. Importantly too, you should take your folded quilts out every so often and refold them in different ways to avoid deep crease marks in your quilts. Repeated folding in the same way can cause the fabrics to weaken and deteriorate over time.

Local Guilds to Visit And Maybe Join.



Pieces 'N Patches

Meets 1st Monday at 12:30 PM (lecture) and 3rd Monday at 10:00 AM (workshop) at First Presbyterian Church, 1901 South 26th Street, Rogers, AR.

Modern Quilt Guild

Meets 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at Southside Church of Christ, 919 S. Dixieland Road, Rogers, AR.

Dogwood Quilters Guild

Meets 1st Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM at Grace Episcopal Church, 617 North Mt. Olive Street, Siloam Springs, AR

Quilters United in Learning Together (Q.U.I.L.T)

Meets 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM January through October at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2898 S. 48th Street, Springdale, AR. November and December meetings are combined on the 1st Thursday of December.

NWA Up in Arms Longarm Guild

Meets 2nd Wednesday of ODD months at 1 pm at Southside Church of Christ, 919 S. Dixieland Rd., Rogers AR.

Loose Threads

Meets 1st Wednesday at 9:30 AM at Washington County Extension Office, Fayetteville, AR.

Sew Happy Quilters

Meets 2nd Saturday at 10:00 AM at Harris Baptist Church, Elkins, AR.

A listing of other guilds in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas may be found at calicocutups.com/quilt-guilds/



Do you know of any local guild not listed here? Please let the editor know.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Our newsletter reaches our current members on a monthly basis, except December, with news pertaining to our guild. We are currently sending over 160 copies of each issue. Your advertisement can reach them too. Your ad in the Scrap Bag will also be displayed on our website at www.calicocutups.com/commercial-advertising for the same length of time chosen for the Scrap Bag. The ad must be quilt related. The Scrap Bag editor reserves the right to decline ads deemed to be inappropriate.

Below you will find the various ad sizes and their associated costs. You may send your ad copy by email as an attachment in .jpg or .pdf formatting to terriduhon@gmail.com. Ads will not be published until receipt of payment. Send checks made out to *Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild* to Terri Duhon, 52 Eddleston, Bella Vista, AR 72715. You may also send a high quality scan-able paper copy of the ad. Your email address will be added to the distribution list.

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STASH FOR CASH!

Back by popular demand! This coming January we will once again be holding our in-house rummage sale, also known as "Stash for Cash".



Search through your valuable quilting and sewing related items, price them to sell and display them at our January meeting where members will descend like a swarm of locusts to devour your treasures! There is no fee for a table and no cut is taken by the guild. It's pure profit for you! Set up will begin at **11:00 am**, with sales to begin at **11:30 AND NOT A MINUTE SOONER!** Our regular business meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Save your Christmas cash to spend this January at our "Stash for Cash" sale.

There will be a Country Store table for donated items and excess books from our library. Money from that table will go to the guild for the scholarship fund. Bring any items you would like to donate to the Country Store. Please price each item.

**CALICO CUT-UPS QUILT GUILD IS
HOSTING OUR THIRD ANNUAL**



Quilt Retreat!

Join us **February 21-24** at the
Ozark Camp and Retreat Center
(South of Joplin, close to Bittersweet Quilts)
For three-and-a-half days of nothing but quilting!

Lodging and meals included for only
\$165! (\$190 for non-members)

**Registration deadline is February 1st.
Fee must be paid in full at time of registration.**

**Contact Sharon Moravits
417-434-6943 or sharonmoravits@gmail.com
To register or for more information.**