



The Scrap Bag

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Weather permitting, our guild meet-up will be on Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 between 1:00-1:30, outdoors in the lower parking lot of the First United Methodist Church.

The Feb. meeting will feature QOV show-and-tell. Anyone who has blocks, completed tops, etc that need to be finished should bring them so we can get them distributed.

What to do on a cold day in February:

As I write this, we are looking at a frigid weather forecast, which brings the opportunity (excuse) to spend some extended quality time in our sewing studios. Some of us will work on intricate paper-piecing, others on perfectly pointed flying geese, and still others on hand sewing projects from applique to stitching down bindings. Some will work on traditional quilts while others explore a modern vibe. Some will use new high-tech tools, while others focus on simplicity. Quilting speaks to us all in different ways, and quilters create an astounding variety of finished projects. One thing we all share is a love of making things with our hands, and of using our skills to enhance the lives of others.

If you find yourself in need of a break, a chance to get out of the house in a safe and well-regulated environment, a new source of inspiration, I highly recommend a trip into Bentonville to visit Northwest Arkansas' premier art museum, *Crystal Bridges*. Even if you have been there recently (maybe to see the "After the Last Supper" exhibit, comprising 20,736 spools of thread arranged to duplicate Leonardo di Vinci's famous painting in a whole new way), you need to get back to visit the new special exhibit "Crafting America." I had a chance to visit last weekend, and highly recommend spending an afternoon there. The exhibit focuses on craft in the United States from the 1940s to today, featuring roughly 120 objects by over 90 artists from diverse backgrounds working in ceramics, wood, metal, fiber, glass, textiles, and more. Seeing the range of fiber arts on display (including several quilts and objects representing quilts) was thought-provoking and energizing. I highly recommend a field trip, and I'm sure that I'll go back several times to see it again. A visit to the general collection at the museum (including After the Last Supper) is free, but reservations are required, to regulate the number of people in the museum. The special exhibit is free if you are a museum member, veteran, or are under 18 years of age, and if not it's well worth the \$12 admission fee.

Finally, on February 22, in the church parking lot, I hope to see many of you, with finished or unfinished projects to share. In particular, I look forward to seeing the Quilts of Valor that many of you have been working on this month, participating in National QOV sew-day. I'm sure to see examples of how we may start with the same materials and patterns and still end up with beautiful quilts that are as varied and unique as the crafters who create them.

REBECCA

Officers and Committee Chairs for 2021

And Other News

Executive Committee	2021
President	Rebecca Logsdon
Vice President	Terri Duhon
New Members	Judy Boese
Secretary	Mary Bredl
Treasurer	Vicki Donnell
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Programs	Sharon Moravits, Laurie Davis
Scrap Bag	Myrlene Zimmerman
Special Projects	Cathy Beaver

Upcoming Events:

3/16—3/20	18th Annual
3/21– 3/27 2021	Spring Fling
6/17—/19 2021	KC Regional Quilt Festival
9/17—9/18 2021	Visions of Quilts in 2021 Quilt Congress



Committee Chairs	2021
Ambassadors	Sylvia Bechinsky
Challenge Quilt	Kim Ellis
Fabric Exchange	Tong Sproul
Hospitality	Verna Bottjen, Karen Moore, Elaine Sick
Kids Kamp	Gail Storm
Librarian	Allison Totten
Properties	Open
Retreat	Wendy Stephens
Parliamentarian	Jeannene White
Publicity	Myrlene Zimmerman
Quilts of Valor	Brenda Askland
Scholarship	Mary Kalin
Small Groups	Open
Socials	Ava Harrold
Sunshine & Shadows	Allison Totten
Web Coordinator	Myrlene Zimmerman
Quilt Congress	Susan Richmond

Message from Ronald McDonald Family Room

Those quilts and pillowcases that were donated are absolutely beautiful! What a blessing it is to have you! Thank you so much for all you do for our families and program!!

Kind Regards,



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at Mercy NWA

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Calico Cut-Ups Advertiser Rogers Sewing Center



Laura Star Ironing System

Dan Adams and Kathy Petersen

The first Rogers Sewing Center was located in the old town of Rogers. It was started in 1973 by the grandparents of Dan Adams. At that time, they sold Singer sewing machines. That store existed for 7 years. Dan Adams the current owner/manager of the store now was 14 when he first started working there. In 1980, his uncle built the current building where the store is located. Dan's Uncle Joe Baker just happens to be the person who will repair your machine when you take it into the shop. With the pandemic and everyone digging out their machines to sew masks for friends and family many more sewing machines have come to the store for service or repair. He has been busy.

Rogers Sewing Center has focused on the sales and service of the Bernina line of sewing machines. Bernina corporation is still owned by the Gegauf family that founded the brand. Bernina celebrated 125 years in business in 2018, and a 4th generation of the family is still managing the business. The machines are manufactured in Switzerland and Thailand. In recent years they have begun to work toward a line of well built but more economical sewing machine like the Bernette but they continue the line of improving the newer models by adding push button presser foot lift and a larger bobbin system. They have in turn moved to a seated model for Quilting, the Q20. It has 20 inch neck for quilting larger quilts and they also have come out with Q16 with a 16 inch throat for smaller quilting pieces and more economical. New is the Overlock L890, a serger that will thread itself.

The focus of the Bernina company has been quilting and fashion clothes sewing but over the years they have added sister companies and their products to their business for example the Benartex fabric line, the new Laura Star ironing system, Oklahoma Embroidery Supply and Design known as OESD, and Brewer Quilting and Sewing Supply.

Once the pandemic is over, Rogers Sewing Center will resume holding in-person classes in the store. They have 3 instructors with a variety of talent. At present they are only teaching one on one instructions particularly the new machine and embroidery functions. To my surprise when I visited their website (www.rogerssewingcenter.com) I discovered a free virtual class presented by OESD and immediately signed up. Check them out on Facebook, their website, and drop by the store to sign up for a newsletter. Oh, and you need to look at that new Laura Star ironing system. It plumps and lightly steams fabric without leaving it wet. Amazing!!!!

Quilts of Valor Presentations

The Calico Cut-ups quilt guild awarded 27 quilts to residents of independent living at Concordia. The veterans loved the quilts and were so appreciative. There were at least 2 veterans from World War II who talked about their experiences in service. We appreciate our sewers and quilters so much who make such a difference in the lives of our veterans.



A Thank You From Brenda Askland

Thanks to everyone who is participating in the National Quilts of Valor Sew Day on behalf of Calico Cut-Ups. We were able to distribute 18 complete quilt kits and an additional 35+ blocks to be put together. We have other members who have offered to quilt and bind them. We are looking at gathering the completed tops and blocks at our next "parking lot" get together on February 22. A special thanks and shout out to Wendy Stephens who donated 10 kits. Thanks again and Happy Sewing.



Special Projects from Cathy Beaver



Calico Cut-Ups you are the Best!

24 quilts

12 Totes

11 burp cloths

12 Receiving blankets

I'll be delivering to Ronald McDonald House, Children's Shelter, Children's Advocacy and Brooks Memory Care.



Special Projects Notice

Please bring your Hobbs batting Barcodes to Cathy Beaver so we can get a discount on the future purchase of batting.

When you donate items on behalf of Calico Cut Ups please make sure you give Cathy Beaver the information as to the items and the count.

Card above from Colleen at Brooks Memory Care.

Thanks for all you do to make these individuals feel love and support especially now when this virus is running wild

Cathy

Scrap Bag Tips

Because our guild is unable to meet inside at this time and we do not have access to our guild library, I suggested in our last newsletter, that we could pass along quilting tips, new quilting web sites we have found, or recommend new rulers, patterns, etc. we had used. I have not received any quilting member tips yet, so I'll share a couple of mine I've found.

This again is a tip that you need to visit your neighborhood hardware store. I bought three 12x12 tiles and that's all you need. Their purpose is to provide weight when needing to flatten a quilt block or quilting block piece. During this past year, I made about 60 three-inch flying geese for a quilt. After a very quick press with the iron, I put those I had completed between my tiles when I finished for the day and removed them the next day. They would be flat the next day without having used the iron to press longer that may have distorted the shape or size. (I still haven't finished that quilt. But my flying geese are flat)

A favorite website of mine is jordanfabrics.com. They highlight a pattern and show step by step instructions to complete it. Many of the patterns she completes are free download. (It is like a mini workshop) They also showcase other quilter's finished quilts using her tutorial patterns. And, of course, they have other patterns and fabric for sale.

If anyone has a tip, ruler, pattern, or website to recommend, please email me at tottens2@yahoo.com so I can pass it along to the rest of our guild members in our newsletter. Your tip may help a fellow quilter to work through a quilting problem or make quilting a block easier.

Allison
Guild Librarian

Miscellaneous News

SAVE the DATE!

**18th Annual
SPRING FLING**

SHOP HOP

March 16-20 and 23-27, 2021 (excludes Sunday and Monday)

Tue-Sat. 9am-5pm

Register and pick up your FREE PASSPORT at any participating shop. You have 10 days to visit all of the participating shops. Be sure to have your passport stamped at each shop.

Our special projects for this year will feature the charming Spring Brook print by Corey Yoder from Moda Fabrics. Each quilt will include block patterns from all participating Spring Fling Shops. Each shop will have kits for their block available for purchase. Collect all of them for your Spring Fling project!

Hop, Hop, Hop



Passports stamped at ALL participating shops will be eligible for the drawing for the Grand Prizes!

LOTS of GREAT Prizes!

Calico Cut-Ups wants to thank Atkinson Designs (formerly Simple Pleasures Pattern) for supplying us with free patterns for our Virtual Quilt of Valor Sew-in the first week of February. The pattern was “LUCKY STARS”. To access other patterns by Atkinson Designs go to: www.atkinsondesign.com

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 Allison Totten at 501-912-8808 or email tottens2@yahoo.com. Thank you for your help.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Quilt Congress

Sept. 17 and 18, 2021

Deb

Show and Tell



Quilt by Terri Duhon

It's a pattern from Sew Kind of Wonderful "Metro Rings" It uses the large Quick Curve Ruler. There is a wonderful UTube tutorial that was extremely helpful in making the blocks.

The quilt is made for my husband's brother who is getting married for the first time at 62 years of age. I'm so excited about having a sister-in-law.

Quilt by Carol Bourque

This was my interpretation of Art Nouveau for my son's girlfriend. No pattern, just a little picture blown up on to MANY sheets of paper! The ombre batiks I had in my stash were perfect for this project.



Quilt by Margo Webb





Quilt by Barb Ostermeier

The name of this quilt is “My 30 Year Quilt” because I thought it would take 30 years to finish.

In reality it took about 17 or 18 years. I had to put it away because I could not trace one of the blocks accurately enough to stitch it. When I was introduced to a product I was able to complete it in a reasonable amount of time. I will share that product and other hints at Quilt Congress in September.

Quilt by Sharon Moravits

This was a Christmas gift for my grandson.



Quilts by Sharon Moravits

These have been completed in the last 6 months.

