



The Scrap Bag

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Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild
Of Bella Vista, Arkansas

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Calico Cut-Ups Celebrate 30th Anniversary in 2021

For more information check out the website

<https://calicocutups.com/our-history>

Weather permitting, our next guild meet-up will be on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 1:00pm at the Tanyard Creek Pavilion. Bring a chair for a good time and a short talk by Alice McElwain titled "A Case of Curiosities".

From the President:

When I took over as president this year, I inherited a set of Calico Cut-Ups scrapbooks and photo albums that were created over the past 30 years. They fill three large boxes, and chronicle our history in pictures, newspaper clippings, and Scrap Bag articles. I already knew how creative and generous our current members are, but looking through these historical records brought home how amazing our guild has been over the years, with special programs, quilt shows, and, most of all, the thousands of quilts and other items that have been donated to community groups. It makes me feel quite humble to see what those early members began. In that light, each month this year I will present to you a little sample of our guild's history over the years, covering about 4 years at a time.

Early in **1991**, Ardith Winters, an enthusiastic quilter, offered some quilting classes to be held at Riordan Hall. These classes resulted in many new excited quilters, eager to learn more. Friendships grew and it was decided to form a club called the "Quilting Compatriots." Within a year, they decided to form a guild, and named themselves the "Bella Vista Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild," with Ardith leading the group and Margeann Ahnquist as her assistant. The following year, Betty Schmidt took over the reins, keeping the group together, meeting regularly, and teaching each other as the group grew.

Mary Pumphrey was the first elected guild President in **1993**, and by the end of that year, the Guild had a total of 77 members. Gloria Nelsen was the 1994 President. In both 1993 and 1994, the guild donated many baby quilts to Gravette Medical Center (still a recipient of donations in 2021!) and created beautiful hand made quilts to raise money for the new Bella Vista library building fund.

We still have at two active members who first joined the guild in 1992: Kay Gaudian (later president in 2005) and Shirley Weed! Thanks to both of you for your steadfast support over the years! (And let me know if I missed anyone else.)

Happy Quilting, Rebecca



Community camera photo
Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild is teaming up with the Bella Vista Library fund-raising campaign in an effort to bring the new library to reality. The 77-member guild is making this quilt that will be given away during a fund raising effort, with proceeds going into the library building fund. Shown during the quilt work session are, kneeling left to right, Winifred Simmelink, Betty Forsyth and Joan Groves, and standing, left and right, Alice Smith and Mary Pumphrey. The guild has been working on the quilt since July and hopes to finish it by the end of the year.



Special Projects



You did it again Calico Cut-Ups!

35 quilts

5 totes

24 pillowcases

3 quilt tops

21 baby comfort squares

2 suitcases

I will deliver to Ronald McDonald House, Children's Shelter and Children's Advocacy. I'm so proud of our guild. Thanks to all!

Cathy Beaver

Quilters On The Go

Items delivered to Mercy Preemies in 2021

Receiving Blankets	20
Burp Cloths (one layer of flannel & one layer of corduroy or terry cloth)	0
Burp Cloths (2 layers of flannel)	0
Hearts	27
Quilts (2 layers of fabric and 1 layers of polyester)	0
Quilts (2 layers of flannel)	37
Pillowcases	37
Diaper changing pad 3 (small 2 layers of flannel)	

Mary Kalin took items to Mercy in January and will take more after our March meeting. She launders the items and checks items to see that seams have not ripped out. She currently has 9 three-layer kits ready for members to take home to complete.

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.

Quilts of Valor



**Quilt of Valor Presentations On February 22
By Shirley Jenkins**

Michael Davis received the Floating Ohio Star and George Manning received the other one. Mike kept saying I don't deserve this and George wanted to pay me.

Note from Brenda Askland

The first Saturday in February is traditionally a National Sew Day for Quilts of Valor. Due to the virus we had to come up with another method for group sewing for Quilts of Valor. A message was sent out to guild members asking if they wanted to participate in sewing a quilt top or block for the annual event. We had 25 members volunteer. So, on January 25th we passed out patterns and fabric kits. On February 22nd, we gathered up the "goods". We are thrilled that we had 6 completed quilts, 18 quilt tops and 80 blocks turned in. All together, this comes out to 28 quilt tops for our veterans.

I am getting quilt tops ready to quilt now, so if you can take some to quilt, please let me know.

A special shout out to Wendy Stephens for her donation of 10 quilt kits and Atkins Designs for donating 20 Lucky Stars patterns. What an awesome group.



Upcoming Events:

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

Tip of the Month

Like most of you, I have used several different methods to make a Half Square Triangle, Quarter Square Triangle, and Flying Geese units. They each required cutting out a square, marking, sewing, and trimming up. They have worked but were time consuming. But, I continued to search for another method or ruler until now. I have found "THE ONE". The BONNIE K. HUNTER ESSENTIAL TRIANGLE TOOL. This uses a method of simply cutting a predetermined sized strip of two colored fabrics, cutting with the marked triangle, and then chain piecing the cut triangles to make the HST, QST, or FLYING GEESE unit. This is so much more efficient, accurate, and time saving than my previous methods. My triangles and/or flying geese sew together exactly to complete each block. I have completed two quilts using this ruler. There is a short learning curve to turn the ruler as you cut down the strip. But after doing one, you will be comfortable in using this ruler.

Bonnie Hunter has several you tube instruction videos using this method, as well as, having step-by-step written and picture instructions with the ruler. This is now my choice to make HST and FLYING GEESE units.

If you have a quilting tip, ruler, pattern, or website you would like to share, please send it to tottens2@yahoo.com and it will be included in our Scrapbag newsletter next month. I have been quilting for only 6 years and know the members of this guild are a wealth of tips and quilting know how. I encourage you to share with the guild your quilting experience and knowledge.

Thank you,
Allison, Guild Librarian

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Joplin, MO 0012

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Lowell, Ar 72745

Quilt Sampler
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Springfield, Mo 65804

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Advertiser for March is Sew N Sew



Harold Roberts at work.



Jean Rodgers ready to measure some fabric.

The Sew N Sew quilt shop is located at 346 LeeTown Road in Pea Ridge, Arkansas. The shop was originally opened by Linda McKinsey in 2004. Linda was a beautician and had her shop in Pea Ridge and added fabric for her quilter friends. Linda was an avid quilter as well as a beautician. She preferred the piecing of the tops. She decided to try long arm quilting. She moved to the location the shop occupies now and Linda's beauty shop was in the room which is now the entrance. She filled the rest of the house with fabric. Harold Roberts (Linda's friend later husband) learned how to run the long arm quilting machine when Linda decided it was not her thing, and he is still at it! At present they have 2 computerized long arms and one free motion long arm. Harold can keep 2 of them going continuously and he enjoys it. He loves doing the quilting and presently with the pandemic has a 12 week back up.

Jean Rodgers runs the quilt shop, does some of the long arm quilting, and does some custom quilts by request. She is Harold's daughter and left being a stay-at-home mom when Linda passed away in 2009. She is getting the shop ready for the crowds expected during the Shop Hop coming soon in March. We met Randy, Jean's husband who recently retired. Maybe we will get to see him in the shop more often.

Jean's biggest goal for the shop is to get caught up on all their long arm quilting projects and on the custom-made quilts Jean does. T-shirt quilts are among her more numerous requests. Eventually she would like to rent out the one of the long arms. This means extensive training for the student but the end satisfaction that they completed the whole process of making the quilt themselves.

Miscellaneous

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Helen Davis

Tami Moore

Notice

Ads may be purchased in the Scrap Bag for upcoming for-profit classes or for quilt-related items for a fee of \$10

SAVE THE DATE!

Quilt Congress

Sept. 17 and 18, 2021

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.

Scholarship Announcement for 2021

The Bella Vista Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild is pleased to announce the Mary V. Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship. Mary was the first President of our Guild in 1993. The guild was formed in 1991. This scholarship will be offered to Benton County Arkansas students and residents who are pursuing a degree or certification in the area of Textile Arts. This is an on going scholarship which will be presented each year to a deserving student/s.

For information and to apply please visit our website at calicocutups.com or contact Mary Lange Kalin, Scholarship Chair, marylangekalin@gmail.com.



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Vicki

Show and Tell



I found a four inch charm square in my collection. I use many strips to make each square an individual quilt. There were one hundred squares in the package. One hundred twenty in the quilt. The three shoe boxes of stripes will now close. It certainly made a bright quilt.

Quilts by Joyce Reid

I started with a picture from Fons & Porter. It showed lots of yellow which I did not want. I did put lots of tans and creams. I do believe I can make army stars now in sleep. I am glad I made it.



Quilt by Bidy Pyle

I used a photo from the computer website for famous streets. This is in Portugal. I just used the photo and started cutting pieces of fabric to build the buildings and to make the windows.

The hardest part was to make the sidewalk on the left of the rails go the correct direction to make them look like they are going uphill.



Quilt by Bill Croft

Made for a friend from his neckties.

Quilt of Valor by Shirley Jenkins

This is what happens when you run out of one fabric and have to switch to something else. It is called Lucky Stars. It is one of the quilts made for the QOV Sew In.

