



The Scrap Bag

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Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild Of Bella Vista, Arkansas

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COME To A GARDEN Party

CALICO CUT-UPS
May Luncheon

Monday, May 20, 2019

Kit Walk and Vendor at 11:00

Lunch at 12:00
Speaker 1:00

Come to a garden party to reminisce with old friends, a chance to share old memories and reconnect again. When you get to the garden party, some might not know your name, introduce yourself and make a friend. You'll be glad you came.

Please help us with refreshments.. If your last name starts with an A - O ...please bring a salad. Names beginning with P - Z...we would love you to bring a dessert.

Also, don't forget about our "Kit Basket Walk". Buy a donation ticket for \$1 or 6 for \$5. We will have 15-20 kits available. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.



From the President:

I was trying to think of something to get my Mom for Mother's Day when it dawned on me that she had given me several of her old handkerchiefs. If you were at the last Guild meeting, you probably saw the quilt I made for her out of those hankies. I am so excited to give it to her this week when we travel to Iowa for a visit. I am sure there is a story behind all of the hankies, which she will fill me in on.

This month we will be recognizing Bill Croft as our Unsung Calico Cut-Up member. Bill is always eager to share his knowledge/talent with other members of the guild. One example is where he recently helped a new member (and quilter) at New Bees turn her jelly roll into a quilt plus showed her the proper way to use her rotary cutter and sew a proper 1/4" seam. Bill also went home and brought back some tools to show her as she is collecting items to sew with. Thanks Bill Croft, our Unsung Calico Cut-Up member for May, for going the extra mile and making a difference in our guild.

I was able to get a couple quilts completed this last month and trying to finish up another that has been in the works for a 1 1/2 years. I think I have it on the run.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there. Enjoy your day!

And Sew it Goes.....*Brenda Askland*

Upcoming Events:

6/17-21 Bob's Quilting Kids
Camp

9/11 & 12/2020
Visions of Quilts in 2020
Quilt Congress

May Fat Quarters STRIPES

Please bring
GOOD QUALITY STRIPE
fat quarters from your stash
to the May meeting. You
will get one chance for each
fat quarter you enter up to 3
entries. You may win!



MAY Food Pantry Donations PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

Bring your donations to the guild meet-
ing and receive an extra door prize
ticket.

Bus Trip to Kansas City Quilt Show -

We are sorry to announce that the Bus Trip has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

SAVE THE DATE!
QUILT CONGRESS
SEPT 11 & 12, 2020

Assistance Needed

We need some helpers for New Members to our Guild. Volunteers are needed to show our New Members around our room, example where are the restrooms, where coffee or water is located, where the free table is, where donation quilts and food donations are located and explain how our Guild helps others. We want our New Members to feel welcome. Your help would be appreciated. Please call Sharon Caton at 479.319.4789 or email at arquilter1962@gmail.com.

Thank You,
Sharon Caton,
New Member Chair



Welcome New Members:

Cathy Chanin
Barbara Francis
Donna Kelly
Lisa Sullivan
Peggy Thompson



Quilt Donations

Thank you so much Calico Cut Ups Quilt Guild! You will make some people feel very happy, secure and loved. 21 quilts, 4 pillowcases, and 1 quilt top.

CATHY BEAVER IS LOOKING FOR A MINT AND GRAY COLORED CHEVRON QUILT SHE MADE FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. IT WAS IN A KIT TO BE QUILTED AND BOUND. PLEASE BRING IT TO THE NEXT MEETING.

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.

Cathy Beaver
cathy72352@gmail.com
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Dog Beds

Dog Beds will NOT be meeting in May but will be meeting again in June. We will not be collecting scraps at the May or June Guild Meeting. We have a large backlog of scraps that we will try to get under control at the June 26 Dog Beds. Please come join the fun at Dog Beds. We start about 9:00 in the lower level of the Church. You only need to bring your rotary cutter and your sense of humor. It's a fun group doing a good thing for our 4 legged friends.

Bob's Kids Kamp

Is in need of the following items:

1 1/2 yards of 45" wide fabric to be used for backing
2 1/2" wide strips to be used for strip sets
orphan pieced blocks
1 yard cuts of 45" fabric to be used for pillowcases/
drawstring bags
rope to be used for drawstrings

Please bring your donations to the May 20th meeting. If you have any questions, please contact:

Randa Hasen
randahansen@gmail.com

or Gail Storm
gljnstorm@gmail.com

May Program

Join us for a trip back in time, to the War of 1812, as Diane Giannini describes the design and making of the “Star Spangled Banner Quilt.” Diane, a certified genealogist and expert quilter, lives in Bentonville, AR. She and a group of like-minded individuals recognized a need to digitize historical records documenting the lives of soldiers who fought in the War of 1812. To raise funds for this effort they combined their genealogical and quilting skills to create a group “opportunity” quilt depicting the lives and times of these soldiers, and when they drew the winning number, Diane won the quilt! She will bring it to our meeting, along with a Power Point presentation describing both the history of the War of 1812 and the making of the quilt.



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Tips and Tricks

1. Utilize your fabric grain. You can improve your piecing immensely by simply understanding the grain of the fabric you are using. The crosswise threads in a piece of fabric are the ones that run perpendicular to the selvage. The lengthwise threads are the ones that run along the selvage and are actually much stronger than the weft threads. You'll find that there is little to no give along these stronger warp threads, but if you give your fabric a tug you'll see there is much more stretch along the weft threads. So what does that mean for quilting? Any time you're cutting strips, make sure to cut along the lengthwise grain (same direction as the selvage) to ensure stronger and more stable strips.
2. Understand your machine's stitch length. Stitch length is gauged in two different ways. On older machines you'll typically see stitches per inch. On newer machines you'll likely have metric measurements (you'll see number like 1.8, 2.0, or 2.2 on your machine). Not many quilters know what this means! If you take a look at a ruler you'll see that there are about 25 millimeters in one inch. So, if you set your metric stitch length to 1.0 for example, that means you will be getting about 25 stitches per inch. Keep this in mind when sitting down to a new quilt as a lot of machines have their default stitch length set too long for piecing. On a metric machine, you'll want to change your setting to 1.8 or 2.0, which is about 12 to 15 stitches per inch. This will keep your piecing nice and secure!
3. Know the ins and outs of your thread. Understanding how your thread is wound on the spool will help you determine how it should be used with your machine. Stacked thread spools, where the thread is spun onto the spool in straight, stacked lines, is meant to be used on vertical spool pins so that the thread winds off the back of the spool while the spool spins in place. Cross-wound thread spools on the other hand, are spun so that the thread runs diagonally across the spool, forming a series of Xs with the thread. This type of spool is intended to be used on horizontal spools pins so that the thread winds off the top of the spool while the spool remains motionless. If you ever run into a situation where you need to use a stacked thread spool on a horizontal spool pin, simply add a spool cap that's a little bit wider than the spool itself. This will keep your thread from getting tangled as it's winding off the spool.
4. Remember your dead ends. Do you always forget which way to sew diagonal seams when joining two long pieces of fabric end to end? Here's an easy trick to remember so you never have to second-guess yourself again. Take your two strips and place them perpendicular to each other, forming an L shape. Let them overlap a bit so you have two short ends poking out. Kind of looks like a street intersection, doesn't it? Imagine the short ends are two dead-ends and your longer ends are the through streets. No one wants to drive down a dead-end, so you can block those off. Sew your seams diagonally from the outside corner of one dead-end to the outside corner of the other dead-end, open your strips, and you have a perfectly joined strip!

May Meeting

Monday, May 20, 11:00 am
First United Methodist Church
(Enter around back in Becker Hall)
20 Boyce Drive, Bella Vista, AR

Vendor: **Becky' Rag Bag Treasures**

Workshop: Luncheon

Program: **Diane Giannini—The Star-Spangled Banner Quilt**

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

NOTE: **Becky does not accept credit cards. She is happy to take Checks or cash. She will begin selling at 11:00.**

12:00 Luncheon

1:00 Program: Diane Giannini—The Star-Spangled Banner Quilt.

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 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 you visit. **No charge for your first visit.** Membership of \$25 is half price July through December.

Small Groups

There are several small quilt groups that meet monthly. They include both new and experienced quilters and would love to have **you join them**. If you are interested, please contact Roxiann Dwyer (479) 426-4902 or by email at Roxi050150@hotmail.com. She would like to talk to you and get you connected with a group that best suits you.

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 by email at peacelady@cox.net. Thank you for your help.

Treasurer's Report

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/.

Newsletter Submissions

The Scrap Bag Newsletter is published each month (except December) by Calico Cut-Ups Guild of Bella Vista, Arkansas and may be viewed on the guild website; www.calicocutups.com. Contact Editor Terri Duhon at Calico Cut-Ups Quilt Guild, PO Box 5481, Bella Vista, AR 72714.

Please submit newsletter items to Terri Duhon at terriduhon@gmail.com by the second Monday of the month for inclusion in that month's Scrap Bag.

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