



# THE PATCHWORK GAZETTE

## Livingston Piecemakers Quilt Guild

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### BUNMOM'S HOPPY THOUGHTS

The new year for Livingston Piecemakers Quilt Guild is off to a good start. The batting program by Sherry Mark was very informative. Who knew about scrim before now? I haven't done much hand quilting but will remember my batting for such projects will need scrim, a thin layer of fabric that stabilizes the punched cotton.

I came across this poem in honor of a lost loved one. This is dedicated to the members of our military who are fighting for our freedom.

### MEMORIAL DAY POEM

We thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new,  
We thought about you yesterday  
And days before that, too.  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name.  
Now all we have is memories  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping---  
We have you in our heart.

-Rose de Leon

Until we meet again, stay hoppy.

Your President,

“Won't You Be My Neighbor” is the September Challenge

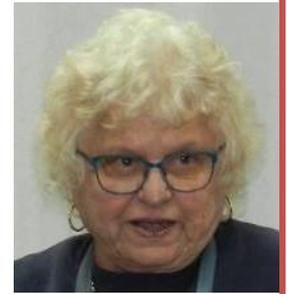
Make a small quilt or wall hanging up to 30x30 inches. Your entry **MUST** include a house block and a friendship star.

### First Vice President — Sharon Jeans

The Quilt Guild had a nice presentation from Sherry Mark on “Because Batting Matters”. She gave us the top and bottom on cotton, bamboo, and polyester battings. Her presentation was full of good information. She explained how batting is made, and I learned a new word—“scrim” - and what it means.

On another note, a Big Thank You to Jeanie Noble for giving us a class in paper piecing. Eleven of us stayed to paper piece name tags for the Quilt Guild. It was a fun class. Thank you, Jeanie, for once again giving us your time.

In June we will welcome Amy Tamez from Sweet Magnolia Quilt Shop in Coldspring. Her program will be on templates. July 8 will be a presentation from Mary Jo Yackley on hexagons. On July 29 we will have a 5th Monday workshop where Mary Jo will hold the class on hexagons. I can't wait!!



## Minutes May 13, 2019

President, Patty Drewett, opened the meeting at 9:30 AM and gave the prayer.

A short presentation was given by Mary Jo Yackley concerning information about her 5th Monday class in July on "hexagons". She will present more details in the regular July program.

Sharon Jeans, Program Chairman, introduced the speaker. Sherry Mark and her husband David own Loft Supply Batting, and gave an overview of choosing batting.

Patty asked for approval of April Minutes in the April Newsletter. Approved by Kathy Thompson and seconded by Sondra Sterling.

Jeanie Noble, Membership Chairman, reported that 44 members were present and no visitors. 613 volunteer hours and 25 members attended Bees.

Treasurer, Kathy Thompson, reported that our current balance is \$11,515.61. She also presented a balanced budget which Patty asked the membership to approve. The motion was made by Bitsy Barr and seconded by Karen Godfrey. Passed. A motion to approve the March Treasurer's report which appeared in the newsletter was made by Sondra Sterling with Sharon Jeans seconding. Passed.

Bees reported: Escapees Bee every Thursday at the Club House. 9 to 3 for the summer

Blessing Bee in Trinity canceled due to building damage.

Square in a Square Bee at the Red Barn May 22, 10 to 4

Mary Parrish, Exchange Table asked everyone to retrieve their items that were not sold at the show. Those not retrieved will be sold on the table next month.

Bitsy Barr, Community Service, reported 124 items made. Please bring Patriotic Bibs and pillowcases next month. She gave stars from a tattered flag to those wanting to sew them to their Quilt of Valor.

Claudine Hasting won the paper piecing pattern from Bonnie Hunter.

Kathy Thompson, ticket chairman, asked for money to be turned in, and volunteers to take the quilt to show, and sell tickets.

Kay Hardy, Historian, asked everyone to view current activities on the Facebook page.

Joanie Anderskow, Librarian, asked for someone to take over the position.

Sharon Schubert, Secret Pals, passed out gifts.

Joyce Trojan, Special Projects, said that FAITH sent 130 boxes of treats to our military. She needs coloring books, crayons and colored pencils to distribute to the veterans.

Naomi Creech, Sunshine and Shadows, reported that Verda Bland is in Hospice care, Judy Stephenson broke some ribs, and Sylvia Sills' son was in a car accident but is back to work.

No unfinished business or New business.

Jeanie Noble gave door prizes to Mary Parrish, Brenda Hopson, Sharon Jeffries, Cathy Tullos, Lisa Fontenot, Deb Allen, Sharon Jeans, Nancy Brinton, Sharon Schubert, Meg Rybicki, Sylvia Sills, Lisa Jeffries, Bobbylee Ruskis, Sondra Sterling and Karen Lee.

Karen Lee, Block of the Month, awarded the May blocks to Debbie Baca.

Kathie Hilton, Stash Builder, presented fabric to Lyla Wenneker, Patty Drewett, and Bitsy Barr.

Brenda Hopson, Birthdays, presented fat quarters to Naomi Creech, Pauline Spurlock, Rita Orban and Alice Bland.

Fat Quarter of the Month was won by Alyce Bland.

A motion was made by LyLa Wenneker to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Naomi Creech. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Submitted by Bobbylee Ruskis, Secretary.

#### May Board Meeting 2019

President, Patty Drewett, opened the meeting and called it to order at 12:12PM

#### **Old Business:**

There was discussion on whether or not to have an outside committee to audit our books. It was decided that 3 guild members would perform the audit and would use tentative guidelines.

Next month the penalty for not having a name tag would be reinstated, with a 50 cent fee paid by those not conforming.

A phone committee will be re-activated to contact those not having email. A volunteer will be solicited at the June meeting.

#### **New Business:**

The grant money that LPQG received will go for batting to be used for Quilts of Valor. Each quilter submitting a request will receive \$25 to pay for their batting in the QOV.

Sharon, Program Chairman, was asked how the program line-up was going, and she has many leads for speakers.

Jeanie said some pins were sold at the sign in table.

Sondra will contact Doris Caughman about renewing her ad in the newsletter.

Debbie Cox, webmaster, will be asked to keep at least 6 months of newsletters on open web site.

The \$25 gift certificate to Jean's for completing a Block of the Month quilt in 6 months or less will continue.

Patty asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so motioned by Sondra and seconded by Sharon. The meeting closed at 1PM.

Members attending: Sharon Jeans, Kay Hardy, Kathy Thompson, Sondra Sterling, Patty Drewett, Bobbylee Ruskis and Jeanie Noble.

Submitted by Bobbylee Ruskis, Secretary.

### **2nd VP Membership Chair — Jeanie Noble**

There was a good turnout for our May, 2019 meeting. 45 members attended with 613 total volunteer hours. 25 members attended bees during the previous month.

There were twelve renewing memberships, nine Full Memberships and three Associate Memberships. Please note that all renewing dues must be paid by the June meeting to keep memberships current and in good standing.

Our door prize winners at the May meeting were:

Karen Lee, Cathy Tullos, Sharon Jefferies, Lisa Jefferies, Nancy Brinton, Mary Parrish, Sharon Jeans, Sondra Sterling, Brenda Hopson, Sharon Schubert, Meg Rybicki, Sylvia Sills, Deb Allen and Lisa Fontenot.

Thanks to all who stayed after the meeting for our Sit and Sew to make name tags for new members. We had eleven participating. I am including the pattern with instructions for anyone that wants to make additional nametags. You can turn these in at the June meeting. Thanks again.

Jeanie Noble  
Membership Chair

### **Sunshine and Shadows—Naomi Creech**

It has been reported that Verda Bland is now in hospice. Judy Stevenson fell and broke several ribs. Sylvia Sills son was in an auto accident and broke 2 vertebrae in his neck. He will be in a brace for the next 2 months, but is back at work . Naomi had a cardio-version, which has restored a regular heartbeat.

Keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

sks

Brenda Hopson brought stars cut from a United States flag that was no longer useable. It was suggested a star be sewn to a Quilt of Valor, with the following saying printed out and pinned to the quilt beside the star.

I am a part of the American flag. I have flown over a home or business in the USA. I can no longer fly as the sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn.

Please carry me as a reminder—**YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!**



**Livingston Piecemakers Quilt Guild**  
**2019-2020 Officers**

**Officers**

President ..... Patty Drewett  
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**Committee Chairs**

Bee Keeper ..... A member of each Bee  
 Bus Trip ..... JC Gafford  
 Community Services ..... Bitsy Bar & Debbie Baca  
 Donation Quilt Design ..... Kay Hardy & Sue Glick  
 Donation Quilt Tickets Printing ..... Kay Hardy  
 Donation Quilt Ticket Sales ..... Kathy Thompson  
 Donation Quilt Scheduler ..... Kathy Thompson  
 Education ..... Karen Godfrey  
 Electronic Communications ..... Sondra Sterling  
 Exchange Table ..... Mary Parrish & Rose Miller  
 Historian ..... Kay Hardy  
 Hometown Christmas ..... Kathie Hilton  
 Hospitality, Debbie Bourgeois & Diana Chambers  
 Librarian ..... **NEEDS A VOLUNTEER**  
 LPQG Memorabilia ..... Mary Parrish & Rose Miller

Newsletter ..... Sondra Sterling  
 Publicity ..... Kay Hardy  
 Quilt Show 2019 ..... LyLa Wenneker  
 Quilts of Valor ..... Bitsy Barr  
 Special Projects/Troop Support ..... Joyce Trojan  
 Sunshine & Shadows ..... Naomi Creech  
 Telephone Committee ..... **NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS**  
 Challenge ..... Kathie Hilton & Nancy Brinton  
 Website ..... Debbie Cox

**Fun Stuff Chairs**

50/50 ..... Brenda Hopson  
 Birthdays ..... Brenda Hopson  
 Block of the Month ..... Karen Lee  
 Door Prizes ..... Brenda Hopson  
 Fat Quarter Stash Builder ..... Kathie Hilton  
 Fat Quarter of the Month ..... Judy Stevenson  
 Gifts to Visitors ..... Brenda Hopson  
 Secret Pals ..... LyLa Wenneker  
 Show & Tell ..... Nancy Brinton

**2019 At a Glance**

**June - Amy Tamez from Sweet Magnolia Quilt Shop in Coldspring on templates**

July - Mary Jo Yackley, Member, Hexagons

*Fifth Monday 7/29* — Mary Jo Yackley—hexagons, continuation of July program

August - Hayward Erwin, The Scissor Man from Riverside, TX, Care and Sharpening of Scissors (will sharpen scissors before the meeting?) His wife sells Scentsy and would like to set up a display, she will not be presenting

September - Challenge, TBA

*Fifth Monday 9/30* — Patty Drewett - using a serger

October - Jackie Hillman from Two Creeks Quilts, Break Out That Box of Crayons (an interactive presentation)

November - QOV

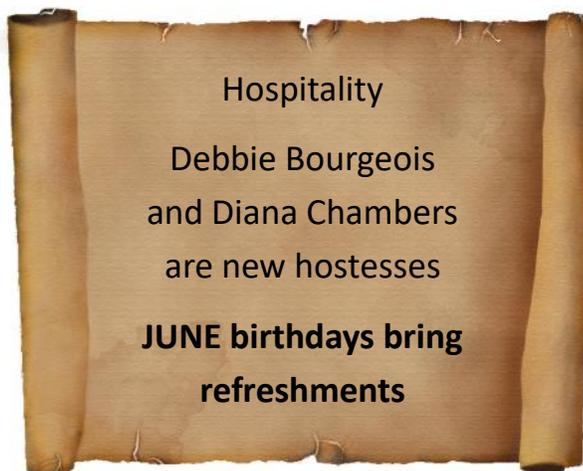
December - Holiday Party



**Fat Quarter of the Month**

*Judy Stevenson*

The winner of the April FQ of the Month was **Alice Bland**. She received batiks. The FQs for June will be **batiks**.



**Hospitality**

Debbie Bourgeois  
and Diana Chambers  
are new hostesses

**JUNE birthdays bring  
refreshments**

**Fat Quarter of the Month**

**Winners**

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JAN 2019— Judy Stevenson     | JULY 2018—Sharon Schubert |
| FEB 2019- Norma Christensen  | AUG 2018— Debbie Cox      |
| MAR 2019 — Jeanie Noble      | SEPT 2018—Carol Crosby    |
| APR 2019— Donna Garland      | OCT 2017 — Alice Bland    |
| <b>MAY 2019— Alice Bland</b> | NOV 2017— Cathy Tullos    |
| JUN 2018—Sondra Sterling     | DEC 2018— Karen Lee       |

**Community Service — Bitsy Barr and Debbie Baca**

Twelve people turned in 124 items—that included 17 jump ropes going to Africa and 70 TBBB going to local hospitals. I *love* this support for everyone! Thank you so much! Tickets will be distributed next month. Our Raffle item is several yards of fabric and vacuum attachments to clean your sewing machine.

The 70,273 quilt will be mailed in May. Thank you to all who participated.

**Quilts of Valor**

Thank you to the Guild for directing grant monies to Quilts of Valor. Stars that were cut from YS flags were distributed to be sewn onto QoVs. Flags were given by Brenda Hopkins.





Our program for May featured Sherry Mark from Loft Supply in the Woodlands. She discussed both natural fibers and synthetic. **Natural fibers** include **cotton**: will shrink 3%-5%, has low loft but is heavy. Use cotton to emphasize piecing. **Wool**: warm in winter, cool in summer, has a medium to high loft, use to emphasize stitches. Some people may have wool allergies. Can be air dried in dryer, but do not use for things which require frequent laundering. **Silk**: light weight, low loft, good for wearables. **Bamboo**: has anti-bacterial properties, very soft, drapes well. It will shrink 3%-5% but it *beards*. **Synthetics** include **polyester**: does not breathe, works well on projects not bedding related. **Dream Green** is 100% recycled plastic bottles, has properties of polyester.

Low loft—less than 1/4". Scrim—thin layer of fabric used in manufacturing, goes on top to keep fibers under control. Bearding—when tiny pieces work their way through the outer layer of the quilt. Can be caused by using cheap batting, having stitches too far apart, or from over-drying.

All batting works on machines, while hand-quilting is best done of batting without scrim. Quilters Dream has 70% cotton and 30% polyester and is made specifically for machines.

Ask yourself:

1. Do you care if it's natural or synthetic. Dream Angel is made of wood products (it's rayon).
2. How do you plan to quilt it. If you are tying, batting must have scrim.
3. Tee shirt quilts are already heavy, use wool for less weight...flannel, likewise.
4. How do you want it to look? Cotton will give a vintage, crinkled look after laundering.

If you are new to quilting—try wool batting

5. How (where) will it be used. If it is to hang, needs a little weight.
6. Does weight matter? Yes, if it is for autistic person or one with PTSD weight helps.
7. Who are you making it for?
8. Does batting color matter? Batting is available in white, natural, pink and black among others. Black batting made colors pop on previous raffle quilt.
9. Do you have a preference?

Sherry can be reached by email at [sherry@LoftSupply.com](mailto:sherry@LoftSupply.com), or 832-675-1143 to answer any questions you might have or to place an order. The web sit is [LoftSupply.com](http://LoftSupply.com)



Alice, Pauline, Naomi, and Rita are all May birthdays and each received a fat quarter



Mary won the 50/50



LyLa, Patty, and Bitsy were winners of Stash Builders



Door prizes were won by: 1) Cathy, Mary, Brenda and Sharon J. ; 2) Lisa, Sharon, Deb, Sharon S. and Nancy; 3) Sondra, Bobbylee, Meg, Sylvia S., Lisa, and Karen.



Mary Jo brought 3 samples of the hexagons she will be teaching at our 5th Monday in July. Cost of the class is \$15.

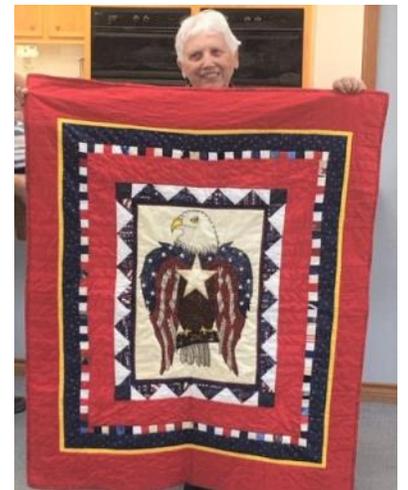
### *Show and Tell*



Claudia, Bobbylee, Sharon J., Norma, and Karen L. show the flower blocks they created in the 5th Monday class on April 29, taught by Karen Godfrey



Cathy shows "Island Hosta" which was pieced by a Kingwood customer, and then quilted by Cathy. The exquisite thread work can be seen on the back. It took approximately 10 days to quilt.



Patty shows a Quilt of Valor made for a church member

Sue brought "Diamond Double" which is a wedding present for her niece. It is a half-block log cabin

LyLa shows a QoV made for a cousin



Marty made a mini quilt to accompany the book "Red Eyed Tree Frog"

Sondra shows a Quilt of Valor made for November's presentation





Mary shows the barn quilt block she painted in class taught by LyLa's sister



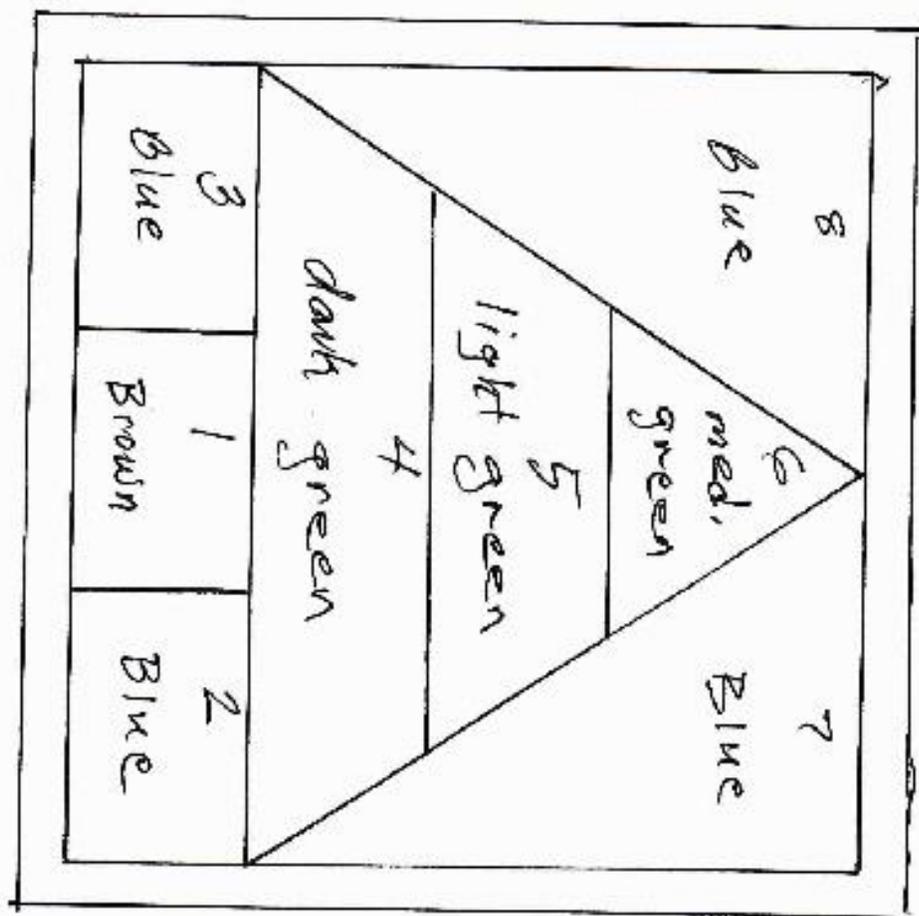
Nancy made a traveling mat for a baby, which allows the mom a good place for changing



Glenda brought last year's Bonnie Hunter mystery quilt which is "Good Fortune"



Glenda also showed "Sparkle and Shine" made with sparkly fabrics



This is the paper-pieced pattern for the Guild name badges. Make it the colors shown, back with any color using batting in between. It is probably best to leave an opening for turning on bottom seam. Jeanie will have clasps to sew on. Some of you may have misplaced your badges, so you can make a new one. We will begin enforcing the name badge rule — ***wear them or pay 50 cent fine.***



**Debbie Baca** won the Block of the Month which was **Weathervane** .

The block for June is **Tea Rose**.

**Editor's Note:**  
A quilting related business can advertise in **the Patchwork Gazette** with a business card ad for a fee of \$20/year.

**Communications— - Sondra Sterling**  
If you are not receiving your LPQG emails, send an email to Sondra at [sondras@eastex.net](mailto:sondras@eastex.net) or text or call her at 936-520-1119. That way, she will have your email address and can make corrections to her list if it is necessary. If you need telephone notifications, let Sondra know at 936-520-1119.

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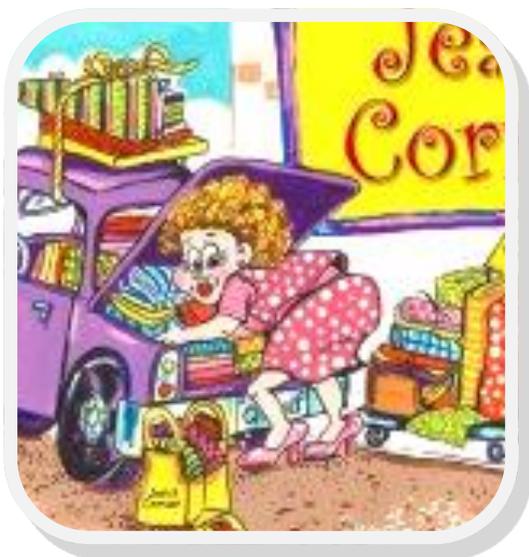
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