

Wildflower Quilt Guild Activities

Here's How We Share the Fun

This is a list of the things we normally do at our guild meetings but we may have other activities from time to time. Be prepared.

Door Prizes

Members who wear their name badges are invited to enter their name into a drawing for door prizes. Door prizes may have been obtained from local vendors or may have been donated by current members.

Refreshments

Each month, members take turns providing the refreshments. The Refreshment Coordinator is responsible for ensuring refreshments are available at each meeting.

Sew & Tell (or Show & Tell)

Each month, members are given the opportunity to show off what they have been working on or to show something that would interest other members. Participating members line up and in turn, tell their name and information about the item(s) they are showing.

Community Service

The Wildflower Quilt Guild is very active in Community Service Projects. We make and donate quilts and blankets to Project Linus and Vasicek Cancer Treatment Center. We make colorful pillowcases for McLane's Children's Hospital. We donate baby items to Hope Pregnancy and we donate other items to Ronald McDonald House. Sizes for quilt and blanket donations can be found in the monthly newsletter or obtained from the Community Service Donation Coordinator. Kits for donation quilts and pillowcases are provided as long as they are available.

Birthday Fabric Raffle

Each month, members may bring ½ yard, jelly rolls, or layer cakes of good quality 100% cotton fabric to raffle off to other members. Members who want to buy raffle tickets may do so for 25 cents per chance. Members who have a birthday that falls within that month will receive one free ticket to enter the drawing. There is no limit to the number of raffle tickets a member can buy. Winning names are drawn during the business portion of the meeting. Money raised by selling raffle tickets on the birthday fabric is used to buy batting for donation quilts made by guild members.

Block of the Month

Each month, the Block of the Month Coordinator will present a pattern for a pieced or appliqued quilt block. The blocks are usually 12 ½" unfinished, 12" finished but may be different sizes. Participants can pick up a paper pattern at the guild meeting. The pattern will also be published in the monthly newsletter. Participants can construct one or more quilt blocks following the printed instructions and color guidelines and using good quality 100% cotton fabric. Each participant is encouraged to make at least two blocks, one or more blocks

for the drawing the following month and keep one block to make a personal quilt at the end of the year. When the participant turns in their block(s) they also enter their name in a drawing (one entry for each block entered) to win all or part of the blocks entered. The number of winners will be determined by the number of blocks entered. The purpose of the Block of the Month is to encourage members to learn new techniques or perfect old ones and to share the love of quilting with each other.

Charm Square Swap

Each month, members who want to participate in the Charm Square Swap should bring a plastic zipper bag with their name on it and twenty-five, 6 inch squares, of good quality 100% cotton fabric (size and amount are subject to change). Squares should be stacked in a staggered manner to ease sorting. The color/theme of the fabric squares will be announced at the meeting for the following month and will be included in the monthly newsletter. This is a great way to add variety to your stash of fabrics.

Quilter Pals (Secret Pals)

Members who wish to participate may complete a questionnaire at the end of each year and return it to the Quilter Pals Coordinator. Participants draw a questionnaire in return. Each month, Pals bring a small gift, note and/or card to leave for their "Quilter Pal." During the Christmas Celebration, pals are revealed to each other.

UFO Challenge

UFO's are Un-Finished Objects (projects) and are a part of many quilters' lives. Each year, the guild has a UFO Challenge to encourage members who want to participate to finish their projects. The UFO Challenge Coordinator will present the rules for the challenge which will include the deadline for completion of UFOs, the level of completion required, the entry requirements, the penalty requirements for non-completion, and the prize for winning.

Annual Challenge

Each year, the Challenge Coordinator will present the color scheme, theme, fabrics and/or other specific directions for one or more challenges. Guidelines must be followed. At the designated guild meeting(s), the quilts will be displayed and members will vote for their favorites. Prizes will be awarded.

How to Know What's Going On

We have a monthly newsletter that is sent to each paid member by email. If a member does not have email, a paper copy will be sent. An all-member email will be sent in the event news needs to be sent outside of the newsletter. We have a Facebook page where we share pictures and news. We also have a website <https://wildflowerquilt.webs.com/> which contains items of interest and copies of our forms, Bylaws, and Policies & Procedures.

Bees

Bees are small groups of members who meet on a regular basis outside of guild meetings. Bees can meet in homes or other settings, can just talk or sew or whatever they agree to do. A guild

member can be a member of one or more bees as long as the bee has an opening in their membership. New bees are welcome as many of the older bees are full. The Wildflower Quilt Guild currently has 8 bees. The We Care Bee is our bee dedicated to making items for our Community Service recipients. It is open to all members and meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

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