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# Wildflower Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/4            **We Care Bee at Covenant Lutheran Church**
- 3/10          **Board of Directors meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church**
- 3/17          **January Quilt Guild Meeting at FUMC in the Family Life Bldg.**
- 3/18          **Invisible Machine Applique workshop at Grace Presbyterian Church**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mother Nature just can't seem to make up her mind. Do we have winter, spring, summer, or fall? Every day brings a new weather surprise. My coat has gotten a little use but not that much. I've had my umbrella out a couple of times and short sleeves several days. It does leave a lot of time for quilting. I hope you are all getting a lot done.

Happy Quilting,  
Cindy Moore, President

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## PROGRAM INFORMATION

March: Kim Gaddy trunk show and workshop on applique' technique using your own domestic machine  
April: Laura Winckel will give her Trash to Treasure trunk show. No workshop  
May: Allison Bayer will give lecture on vintage machines with workshop following day on how to care for your own vintage machine: cost \$40

Karen Spencer, First Vice President



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## MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 111 members who either renewed or joined the guild in 2020. Our annual WQG Yearbook will be available to all members at the March guild meeting, so stop by the sign in table and pick one up! We want to welcome our new members who joined in January and February –

Sarah Beard

Martha Chappell

Diane Cissna

Rita Fuentes  
Lisa Gallup  
Barbara Ishikawa  
Elaine McSpedon  
Gabriela Morgan  
Deb Orleans  
Judy Smith  
Kate Snyder

Lisa Martin, Membership Director

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## NEW OFFICERS

Janet Mezger has taken on being the 2nd Vice President and the task of planning programs for 2021 and has already booked some. Denise Farquhar has offered to lend a helping hand to Janet when she can.

Pam South has taken on the position of Secretary. She survived her first board meeting and is willing to keep the position.

Many, many thanks to these wonderful members. It takes a lot of willing workers to keep the quilt guild running smoothly. We can always use more willing workers. If there is any job you would like to take on, please contact a board member and let them know.





## MARCH REFRESHMENTS

The refreshment team for March will be the Loose Threads Bee.

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## A-B-C ACTIVITIES TO BAG IT!

I listened as a truthful friend said, **“There’s too many activities”** and I agreed. WQG offers more activities than can be accomplished each month and still conduct sanity with family, church, and other events that do not involve fabric. It’s a wonderful thing that WQG presents a variety of projects that fit into our daily life style. Therefore, now is the time to choose those that involve only 1-2-3 hours weekly or a challenge for a year. Not one-too-many. Deal with those choices now and don’t wait until they may get worse and become an UFO in a closet. In addition, I hope you enjoy the **bumper sticker quotes!**

### **A-ny time is stitchin’ time**

B-lock of the Month, designed by Coordinator Cindy Peterson, was thrilled that 40 spools of thread for February lined the BOM design wall. Let’s do it again with **sewing machines** for March. (pattern at back of this newsletter.)

C-harm Squares in March will come in any shade of **solid colored aquas**. ‘Welcome back home from Israel Coordinator Carol Duriskos.

D-on’t forget to show Coordinator ‘me’ your interest to participate in the **Challenge Quilts**. (Note divisions and instructions at the back of this newsletter.)

### **E-very quilter has a masterpiece inside.**

F-irst stop at WQG is table #1. Everyone is encouraged to bring Birthday Fabric to Coordinator Martha Smith. We’re praying for a quick recovery.

G-rab an UFO and commit to its completion. Coordinator Betty Sodek is eager to check off your Un-Finished Object so that you can begin your second.

### **H-ug your sewing machine.**

### **D-on’t needle the quilter!**

I-magine how beautiful your Row by Row quilt will look when (5) others add their blocks and stitches.



(Note: Leader Michelle Weller has printed directions at the back of this newsletter.)

K-eeep this under your hat, but I heard Secret Pals are having fun in giving and thrilled at receiving their secret gifts.

Vickie Morgan, Activities Director

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## ATTENTION to Your Sweet Blossom Quilters:

Please forgive us if instructions, directions, and rules were not clear before the beginning of the first block. The WQG is giving a free pattern and a free white background square. In exchange and In order to govern the cost of each of these items (pattern/fabric) \*the first square must be returned to Coordinator Stacy Clady at the following month's Guild. If you are going on a scheduled trip, or at home due to illness, ask a friend to be your carrier to show your block at Guild and receive your next one. No delivery fee applies because there is NO delivery. \*A fee of \$5.00 will be paid before getting the next block if a month is skipped.

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## WILDFLOWER QUILT GUILD BEES!

Bumblin' Bees - meets every 2nd & 4th Monday, contact [Pam Edwards](#)

Diamond Bee - meets every 2nd & 4th Monday, contact [Michelle Weller](#)

Loose Threads - meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday, contact [Nancy Halbrook](#)

Claremont Girls - meets every 2nd Tuesday, contact [Mary Wenberg](#)

Sew Creative - meets every 2nd & 4th Friday, contact [Cindy M.](#)

Busy Bees - meets every 1st & 3rd Friday, contact [Peggy Mathis](#)

All of our bees are open to new members, please call the contact person if you wish to know more. Or if you would like to start a new bee, just email [Lisa Martin](#).

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Elaine Novak	Mar 1
Elaine McSpedon	Mar 3
Kay Lewis	Mar 4
Cindy Petersen	Mar 9
Pearl Fellingham	Mar 10
Joyce Steglich	Mar 10
Judy Smith	Mar 11
Sarah Beard	Mar 15
Sandi Brakemeier	Mar 15
Dianne Ege	Mar 17
Ruth Ellen Fise	Mar 20
Diane Hall	Mar 24
Janice Walker	Mar 25

Polly Clawson	Mar 28
Cindy Moore	Mar 28
Kate Snyder	Mar 28
Michelle Mears	Mar 29

### **Happy Birthday!!**

Birthday fabric winners for February were Birthday Girl: Pat Thompson, Kathy Jordan, Inge Tschoerner, Kate Snyder (x2), Sarah Dauro, Sandi Brakemeier, Betty Sodek (x2), Judy McMahon, Kay Lewis (x2), Erlene Fritz, Becky Roper, Jamie Williams

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT January 1st-31st**

### **OPERATING ACCOUNT**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$26,423.50</b>
Membership	2,700.00
We Care Bee	100.00
Charm Square Drawing	17.00
Birthday Fabric	29.50
Programs	-472.25
Christmas Party 2019	-741.71
Storage Unit	-520.00
Facility Building	-1,200.00
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>-87.46</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$26,336.04</b>

### **SHOW ACCOUNT**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$4,126.76</b>
Vendors	360.00
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>360.00</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$4,486.76</b>

## **FEBRUARY DONATIONS**

Chemo Quilts: 17

Project Linus: 9

Pillow cases: 13

Hats: 3

Bags: 13

Quilts of Valor: 2

Loose Threads Bee created 2 King, 8 Queen,  
78 Twin Blankets and 1 Salvation Army  
Queen

## 2020 "OPPORTUNITY" QUILT RAFFLE



We will be holding a quilt raffle this year as our guild fundraiser. We have two amazing quilts to choose from, both donated by our member Kim Gaddy, and raffle tickets will be available to sell at the March guild meeting. We hope all members will take raffle tickets to sell to all your friends and family, and they get to choose which quilt they would like to try for. The prize drawing will be held at the October guild meeting.

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## WE CARE BEE

The We Care Bee will meet on the first Wednesday in March. Please come on March 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Covenant Lutheran Church, 4202 Hickory, to make donation items for people in need. As always, we will have some new kits for you to choose from as well as fabric. Batting will also be available.

Several of our willing workers got together at the February meeting and got a third top made for Salvation Army. We have one more Salvation Army quilt to put together but we will need some more willing workers to lay it out and sew it up.

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## SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Vickie Morgan graciously agreed to take on Sunshine and Shadows. If you know of any guild member that has been sick or had a loss in their family, please let Vickie know. If you know of a guild member that has had some special sunshine (like a big anniversary or a new baby) in their life, please let Vickie know. She will have a sheet at the guild meetings for you to list the information or you can call, text, or email her.

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## UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS AND HOPS

Mar 13 & 14 – [Seeing Stars Quilt Show](#) – Golden Triangle Quilt Guild - Beaumont

Mar 13-15 – [Quilters' Guild of Dallas](#) – Market Hall, Dallas, TX

Mar 18-21 – [Greater Houston Shop Hop](#) – 8 shops

Mar 19 – Jun 21 – [Fun With Fractals & Other Mathematical Quilts:](#)

[My Mexico by Quilters de Mexico: Texas Grand Masters, Timeless Quilts](#) –

Texas Quilt Museum, La Grange

Mar 27 & 28 – [Dancing Stars!](#) – Harvey Hall Convention Center – Tyler

Mar 27 & 28 – [Quilt Guild of Victoria](#) - Victoria

Mar 27 & 28 – [America the Beautiful Quilt Show](#) – Georgetown – The show is a fundraiser for Handcrafts Unlimited, a non-profit on the square where senior citizen artisans can sell their crafts.

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## YEARBOOK

We're working really hard to get the 2020 Yearbook ready to hand out at the March guild meeting. Be sure to get yours.

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## FOOD PANTRY

This month, the Church would like to focus food pantry donations on canned meats. If you can donate, please bring tuna, vienna sausages, potted meat, Spam, or similar.

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## Wildflower Quilt Guild introduces the ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR ..... MYSTERY QUILT

Get ready for a lot of fun and the opportunity to turn on your creativity. We will have a show and tell of row quilts at the February meeting so you can be inspired.

Groups of six quilters will complete rows for the basic quilt top which can then be expanded by adding borders after being returned to the owner of the quilt. You may get your own group or I will randomly put groups together.

Each row will finish at 45 ½ inches long by 9 ½ inches high which means you make 5 (9 ½ inch) blocks per row. The first block will be made using fabrics of your choice. You will then pass that row to the next person in your group along with as many fabrics as you choose. This fabric may be background, accents, or main colors. You can include sashing if you wish to use it or instruct that the rows be sewed together without sashing. Don't be too restrictive so everyone can use coordinating fabrics from their stash.

Include a small journal or notebook to pass along information to your group. Tell what colors you like or dislike. You might want to ask for a specific theme. You may not want your rows sewed together or you may not want embellishment. You may want to include a pigma pen and square of fabric so that each



person who works on your quilt can sign it to use as part of your label. In other words, make suggestions to help your fellow group members choose what they will do. ***Read your team member's book before you start your row.***

Try something new like blocks with curves or paper piecing or English paper piecing. In June and July your row must contain some appliqué. The row may be one background fabric with appliqué or a combination of blocks and appliqué. You have two months to complete this row. It can be needle turn, raw edge, machine appliqué, etc. Don't be afraid of it. At the April meeting let me know if you would like an appliqué workshop.

Groups will be announced at the March meeting. Make your first row and put it with your journal in a sturdy bag with handles. Attach your name to the bag and bring it to that meeting to pass it to the next person on your list. It is very important that you complete your row each month and bring it to guild so the process doesn't bog down. Send the bag with someone else if you are not going to be at the meeting. The bag will be passed each month and returned to the original quilter at the September meeting. Hopefully your top will be finished with borders and quilted for show and tell at the November meeting.

Use your best cutting and piecing skills especially your quarter inch seams. Measure well to be sure the rows are 45 ½ inches long.

Match thread to fabric. Stitch the ends of the rows with an eighth of an inch seam before sewing the row to the quilt. The rows will be handled a lot and seams can come undone or bias edges can stretch. Lock your stitches on the edges.

**Ask for help if you get stuck.** The main thing is to let the creative juices flow and have fun. Remember that you do not show the finished rows to anyone before giving them to the owner in September.

Contact me if you have questions. If you get a group of 6 people, let me know so I can start working on the groups.

[Michelle Weller](#), Round Robin/Row by Row Coordinator

[Vickie Morgan](#), Activities Director

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## WILDFLOWER CHALLENGE QUILTS OF 2020

### 1. The category of *Old Fashion Pattern or Self Created Quilt with a Twist*

- a. **Due and voted on by the WQG members on June 16, 2020**
- b. Must be completed to include batting and quilted.
- c. Will range in size and yet as close to 50"x60" as possible.
- d. Choose (1) traditional block that must be used in (3) different sizes throughout the entire quilt

### 2. The category of *Old Fashion Pattern or Self Created Quilt with a Twist*

- a. **Due and voted on by the WQG members on November 17, 2020**
- b. Must be completed to include batting and quilted.
- c. Will range in size and yet as close to 50"x60" as possible.
- d. Participants will use a group of (4) corresponding fat quarters that can be placed anyplace on the front of the quilt in addition to other fabric as needed.
  - i. One FQ will create (20) postage stamp size blocks. Note: measured 1.5 by 1.5 inches before seams.
  - ii. One FQ will create (20) two inch blocks
  - iii. One FQ will create (10) four inch blocks.
  - iv. One FQ will create (5) eight inch blocks.

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### 1. The category of *Quilts of Art*

A quilter's insight into art quilting techniques using dyes, paints, silkscreens, raw edge applique, paper-piecing, embellishments.

- a. **Due and voted on by the WQG members on May 19, 2020**
- b. Quilt must have outside dimension larger than 15"x 15"
- c. It must have a top, backing, and batting.
- d. Can be machine or hand quilted (not tied).
- e. Theme: Anything Goes! Use your favorite technique about your favorite subject (i.e. family, sport, hobby). Create as if you are not competing, just creating.

### 2. The category of *Quilts of Art*

OMBRE, the gradual blending of one color hue to another, usually moving tints and shades from light to dark.

- a. **Due and voted on by the WQG members on October 20, 2020**
  - f. Quilt must have outside dimension of 30" x 30".
  - g. It must have a top, backing, and batting.
  - h. Can be machine or hand quilted (not tied).
  - b. Theme: Stars. Use the blending art with fabric, threads, embellishments transforming stars with your imagination.
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# MARCH BLOCK OF THE MONTH - NATIONAL QUILTER MONTH

## SEWING MACHINE 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

### LABEL ALL PIECES AS YOU CUT!

**Background** - white fabric

A: 1 piece 2" x 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

C: 1 piece 2" x 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

D: 1 piece 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

F: 1 piece 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

H: 1 piece 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 2"

I: 2 pieces 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" squares

L: 2 pieces 2" squares

O: 1 piece 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 6"

P: 1 piece 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

Q: 1 piece 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" square

### Machine

B: 1 piece 2" square for spool - any color

E: 1 piece 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 4" for handwheel

N: 1 piece 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" square for needle base - same color as handwheel

Your favorite color for machine

G: 1 piece 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

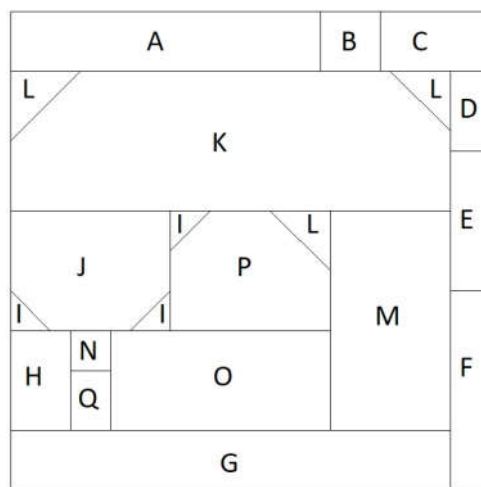
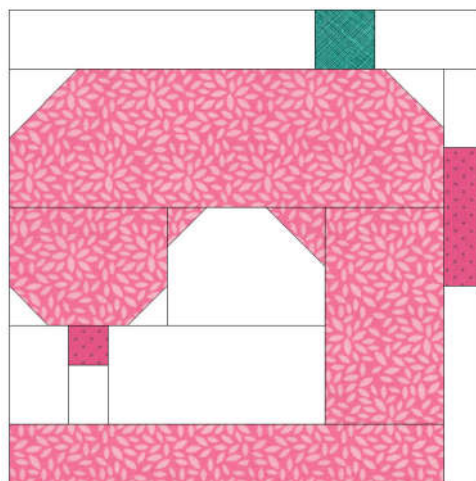
I: 1 piece 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" square

J: 1 piece 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

K: 1 piece 4" x 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

L: 1 piece 2" square

M: 1 piece 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"



Press to background throughout.

1. Stitch A to the left side of B. Stitch C to the right side of B.
2. Stitch D to the top of E. Stitch F to the bottom of E.
3. Draw a diagonal line on 2 white L pieces. Lay on upper corners of K. Stitch and trim.
4. Draw a diagonal line on 2 white I pieces. Place on lower corners of J. Stitch and trim.
5. Draw a diagonal line on machine colored I and L pieces. Place L piece on upper right corner of P. Place I piece on upper left corner of P. Stitch and trim.
6. Stitch J on the left side of the P unit.
7. Stitch N to Q.
8. Stitch H to left side of N/Q. Stitch O to right side of N/Q.
9. Stitch bottom of J/P unit to top of unit O.

10. Stitch right side of needle holder unit to unit M.
11. Stitch the bottom of needle holder unit to top of G.
12. Stitch the bottom of unit K to top of machine J/P/M unit.
13. Stitch handwheel unit D/E/F to right side of machine.
14. Stitch the bottom of spool unit A/B/C to top of machine.

Enjoy!

Winners of the February Block of the Month were Charlotte Massey, Cindy Moore, and Vickie Carter.

*The **WILDFLOWER QUILT GUILD** is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the art of quilting and providing an opportunity for sharing ideas and learning new techniques.*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS

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**WQG MEETINGS** are held the third Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church in Temple.  
102 N. 2nd St., Temple, TX

**QUILT GUILD MEMBERSHIP** is open to anyone interested in quilts or quilting. Annual dues are \$30, with special rates for Juniors. Members receive the Guild's newsletter, attend monthly meetings and special events and enjoy many other opportunities.

**SUBMISSIONS** to the newsletter are due the Friday after the monthly meeting.

Send submissions to: [sarah@handmadesaori.com](mailto:sarah@handmadesaori.com)