

## Remember Me Meeting Notice - for March 2011

3rd Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p.m. FYI – dinner plans, 5 o'clock, at La Madeline's

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.....*"The air conditioning is fixed at St. Paul's Church, Hurray!"* ~~suzi

### **From the President..... Rebecca Stringer**

*There was wind, rain, and lightning going on outside, but the Patch No Work class members were cozy inside St. Paul church last Saturday, sewing away on the most beautiful quilts. Thanks to our teacher, Beth Jessup and her assistant, Jo Paula Lantier, who were so helpful and patient. It was a group effort with many bringing equipment and food for everyone to share.*

*Don't forget your floating star lotto blocks. We will be drawing at the March 15 meeting. I've been told that there are enough for 2 prizes. Also, bring pillowcase kits to be made at The Giving Quilt exhibit. Please consider volunteering to help in that area or another one on May 7. We will pass a list at the meeting. Candy will be on hand to give us ideas on where volunteers are needed. Challenge quilts are due in April.*

*Iris has promised a great program with Margie demonstrating a new ruler, and Candy has a surprise for us also.*

*And of course, bring your Show N Tell. I am especially looking forward to seeing again your quilts or (their parts) from our very successful Patch No Work class. See you all on Tuesday! Becky*

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☆ – Tonight's program - **A Double Header** ....

- 1) **Margie Bumm** demonstrates several of *Deb Tucker's Rulers*, and
- 2) **Candy Bergeron** will demo *Pineapple block construction* in a new way.

☆ **Giving Quilt Fundraiser** - BRING YOUR Pillowcase KITS – the guild will donate kits to promote "quilting/sewing" at the GQ show on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Simple directions for kits: cut a 27"x WOF for tube, a 11"x WOF for hem, and a 2"x WOF for insert piece. Coordinate fabrics. Bring at least one kit. - Place in a ziploc bag, donations will be made to "Grace Camp," a camp setting for kids whose parents are incarcerated.

☆ Bring your project from **Patch-No-Work** Class and your other **Show & Tells**.

☆ **Fat Quarter Lotto** - "**Pink & Apple Green**"- Pretty Spring time colors. See Suzi. Bring either or both colors. Once again, bring as many as you like, get that many chances to win.

☆ **Lotto blocks** -Drawing for lucky winner(s) of the Floating Stars. New lotto presentation.

**About Lotto this month, from Lillian Dann,.....**

If we get most of the star blocks back, then it will be enough for a DOUBLE drawing. I hope you have completed your blocks. If not, please return the pack so we can share them with the lucky winners. Unless, of course, you have a special use for that block.

Also, at the March meeting, we will have the next Lotto block. The lotto committee will provide the background fabric. \$.50 per pack. Go Cutters will cut the triangles needed for the block.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, ☆ **please also bring your FALL BATIKS**, fabrics in deep, subtle colors...So peek through your fat quarters and yardage and bring several to use with your background fabric. Bring them to the meeting and we will "punch out" triangles.

Several people have offered to bring their GO CUTTERS to make triangles for this next block. Thanks to all of you who volunteered to do this job for us. Another chance for you to see these things in action and experiment with making triangles. Background kits are \$.50, so plan to buy several. Daisy demonstrated different ways to make half-square triangles. ☆ Volunteers, please bring your 2 1/2" triangle die cutters with you. ...Thanks a million, Lil

☆ **Auction Donations** - The committee would like to begin collecting handmade items, coordinated fabrics, and fat quarters for the July auction. All donations are deeply appreciated.

☆ **Wear Your (fiber) Name Tag** - Only members who wear their fiber name tags are entered in a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate or \$10 cash to spend as you wish.

☆ **Giving Quilt (Remember Me) Guild Challenge.** Challenge piece is due in April - one more month. Quilted and bound. Remember,\*\*You can place a quilt in the Giving Quilt Exhibit and donate it to any of the non-profit that you wish without taking part in the RM Guild Giving Quilt Challenge.

☆ **Refreshments** - ??

**Happy Birthdays for March**

Caroline Derbes - 5<sup>th</sup> Jo Paula Lantier - 11<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Moates - 25<sup>th</sup> Suzi Montague - 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sandy Saurage - 3rd

***Out and About - Miscellaneous.....***

**A helpful hint with *Scotch Bright scour pads*.** Green Scotch Bright scrubbing pads have been used for years to scape fabric lint out of the crevices that develop on rotary cutting mats. Now, use the pads to wipe off "threads" that stick to your fabric or clothing (how embarrassing!). It catches those little cling-on threads that stick to scraps as you try to cut and store them. Just keep a pad near your ironing board or cutting table. Maybe one for the car for when you go somewhere and notice threads all over your black shirt and pants!!!!

E-mail Notes from the Patch-No-Work Class: 11 attendees

"Just wanted to drop a line to a great group of women! I thoroughly enjoyed sewing with y'all yesterday. It reminded me of why I keep rejoining Remember Me. It was so much fun and I'm inspired by all of your productivity!

AND isn't Beth Jessup a great teacher? I love going to retreats with her because she ALWAYS has a little project where we learn to do something we ordinarily wouldn't attempt. She is so patient and so willing to explain even the most minute detail of a pattern. I'm proud to call her my friend! Now, we just have to work at getting her to join Remember Me!

Anyway, just wanted to say I look forward to more activities with Remember Me and hope that we can continue to sew together. Becky knows that we are having difficulties getting commitments from the church for use of the facility. I encourage each of you to come out and sew on 2nd Saturday Sew-Ins with River City. We need to get more folks coming out, even if you don't want to lug your machine, bring your tops to baste or fabric to cut. We always have tables on risers and room to spare.

Looking forward to seeing all of those Patch-No-Work tops on Tuesday. Oh wait, not THIS Tuesday. I sure hope I'm back from Texas by then!

Best regards to a great group of like-minded individuals!" *from Jo Paula,*

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I could not say it better, really enjoyed the class, and look forward to more with Beth and a big thank you to you, Jo Paula, for all your help u gave us. *from Kay*

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Can't wait til our meeting to see them all. I have 2 halves done and will join them today and do borders tomorrow. Thanks Beth. *from Noreen*

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Oh man, I am soo jealous. I still have to rip but at least had enough fabric to re-cut. Can't wait to see it finished. *from Lillian*

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...had a great time and was really glad we had Beth show us the intricacies of the pattern. I had the kit sitting for 2 years before I tackled it!! Thanks again, Beth. *from Bonnie Moates*

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What a wonderful class. I am actually looking forward to completing the quilt. Beth, you are a great teacher and Jo Paula, a terrific assistant. It was a perfect day for sewing with your best buds, raining, chilly, and lots of food. Again, thank you all for a perfect day. *from Iris*

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I agree! Thanks, Beth. *from Lisa Peacock*

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Just wanted to say that I enjoyed the class and meeting all the ladies. Once I got over the issue of sewing my first strata on the wrong side, it all clicked and went together smoothly. I hope to have the top together for S&T at the next RCQG meeting. I left earlier than the rest because of back pain (I'll remember to take my meds before another class!) Thanks, Beth, for a great class and showing us your tricks to having it all make sense! *from Ellen Baldrige*

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Beth and Jo Paula, as you can both see, everyone enjoyed the class and the project. I had a great time, was challenged, and can't wait to see the end result. I am so pleased with the participation of Remember Me in this workshop. Well done, everyone. See you on the 15th and bring your stuff! *from Becky*

**Membership applications** Please send your application along with \$20 to the treasurer:  
Bonnie Moates 16848 Jefferson Highway Baton Rouge, LA 70817

**Calendar of Events More Things to See & Do.....**

- Mar 16/20** **GSQA Seminar** held in at the Marriott. For details [www.gulfstatesquilting.org](http://www.gulfstatesquilting.org) Classes are still available.
- Mar 20/27** **Lost Heroes Art Quilt** will be exhibited on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the State Capital. The link with information is <http://www.heart2hand4art.com/losthheroesartquilt/firstpage.htm> There are photos of the quilt and the exhibit schedule. Free, open to the public. Legislature is in session.
- Apr 7/9** **Judy LaQuidara "lecture/trunk show"** River City, at St. Paul's, open invitation to all. 2 classes. check her website [www.patchworktimes.com](http://www.patchworktimes.com) to schedule class, contact Beth [bethjessup@cox.net](mailto:bethjessup@cox.net) (h) 667-8667 or (c) 773-1272
- Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** - "*Connect the Dots*" at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (9-3) \$40. (67" x 85")  
There are a few half square triangles, but otherwise, mostly squares and rectangles and QUICK! The border is quite simple, quick to make, and adds a nice frame to the center of the quilt.
- Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** - "*Morning Splash*" at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (9-3) \$40. (84" x 100")  
You'll be surprised at the ease of the blocks and you'll want to use this border over and over again.
- Apr 17** **American Quilt Study Group** (Sat.) Marsha Dardenne and Marie Montalbano, co-chairs, at St. Margaret's 1-3 p.m. The group is now recognized by the national organization. The focus is to develop an appreciation for the history of fiber and for the study of cultural and technological advances have affected the quilting and needle arts culture. Interested?? Contact Marie at 225-276-4913 or [malynem@eatel.net](mailto:malynem@eatel.net)
- May 7** **Giving Quilt Exhibit** - St. Gabriel Community Center. Ribbons, prizes, pictures, items for sale. More details later.
- Jun 30 (Thurs.)** **Jodi Narrows lecture/trunk show** (River City) at St. Paul's, open invitation.
- Jul 1** **(Fri.) Jodi Barrows workshop** - (Rem. Me) "Prairie Claw", at St. Margaret's, \$40
- Jul 2** **(Sat.) Jodi Barrows workshop** - (River City) class TBA, \$40
- Sep 22-26** Retreat, Thursday until Mon. at 10 a.m.

*Michael Young and CFAL...*

***A Walk Through the Swamp***, the Quilt-the-Swamp Exhibit, is on a road tour to Jean Lafitte State Park in Thibadaux until April 6<sup>th</sup>, then on to the LA State Arboretum in Ville Platte.

***The West Baton Rouge Museum*** <http://www.westbatonrougemuseum.com>

*April 2-May 29: Civil War Quilts:* Local Quilt contestants will display present-day quilts based on the theme of the American Civil War. (Sorry, deadline has passed for entry.)

### **Bonnie Hunter Lecture -**

“The Best Things in Life are Quilted!” This is the motto of nationally-known author and scrap quilter, Bonnie Hunter, of South Carolina. She delighted us with her wit and wisdom. She educated us in her "cut and store" system of scrap management. She confirmed that we all find worth in scraps, otherwise we would not have such a difficult time throwing them away.

Her mission was to teach us how to manage the scraps we have. If your scrap stash is just a tangle mass of loose threads, then it is useless, you are not using them up, just hoarding. Her thread economics are based on the \$9/yard theory, that your scraps are worth just as much as the yardage it was cut from, so make it work and get your money's worth.

Her "Scrap Saver's" system makes scraps continually work for you. Sort and Store. Plastic bins that are transparent or translucent and stackable make for easily identifiable scrap storage. Her simple method is to sort by color characteristic, that is neutral (white, creme, tan, gray) or not a neutral (color of some sort). This is a simple, easy sort, not hard on your brain.

*If your fabric is still ugly, you have not cut it small enough.* Her daily mantra is "cut it up." Use basic shapes such as strips (anything longer than 12"), bricks (2"x3.5", 2.5" x 4.5", 3.5"x 6.5"), or squares. Beginning with "strings," that are 1.5" width or less, then cut fabric at widths of 2", 2.5", and 3.5". Her cutting sizes are combinations of 12. She does not recommend 3" cuts, because it does not combine easily with the other sizes (that quilt math = 5" finished). Then, utilize cuts of 4" to 6.5" in one-half inch intervals. These Uniform, Usable Sizes make your scraps "user-ready" and user-friendly. Great for paper-piecing, too. (*caveat - Cut it in shapes or sizes that You use or plan to use*)

Now, to get started, first, pick a project design,: ex. log cabin, braids, 4-patch, 9-patch, God's eye, pineapple, just about anything, but something you want to try right now. Cut scraps for the size(s) or shapes that you need for that particular project. Sort by color or value. Store as you cut. Congratulations --You have started your Scrap Saver's" system with just a few containers! Begin sewing and assembling your project, then when you have finished, tidy up, and cut up any leftover fabrics. Magically, you are always organizing scraps for another project.

*The 15 Minutes Rule.* When you are convinced you have no time to sew. Take just 15 minutes to cut stripes or chain sew some units. Set the timer if you have to. After a while, you have a multitude of 4-patches or Flying Geese stockpiled to create another project.

Her books, *Lenders and Enders and Scraps and Shirttails - I and II*, reflect her imaginative, yet frugal nature. Lenders and Enders is a way to make 2 quilts at once. If you get tried or discouraged with one project, you can switch to another right away. (And not feel guilty.) Bonnie explained how a \$2 thrift store cotton shirt (*recycling and quilting green*) can render over one yard of usable fabric.

She details what to discard and how to glean extra fabric from collars and cuffs. She also haunts garage sales and remnant bins for inexpensive prey.

Odds & Ends. For you quilters who cannot throw away the least amount of "weave" that still looks like fabric - there is always paper piecing. Don't try to match plaids – it will make you crazy. Keep two boxes of scraps near your sewing machine at all times ready to chain sew. Pick up 2 pieces of fabric, right sides together, and SEW. Read more about it at her website [www.quiltville.com](http://www.quiltville.com)

*When does collecting become hoarding? Just look around my sewing room. AUCTION*

*Let 2011 be "A Year of Charity" Give a little, get a lot.*

Rules/Directions for Giving Quilt -- **the Remember Me Challenge** -

Completed quilts are returned at the April guild meeting. A small ribbon is pinned to the "exchanged" block that inspired the quilt. Vote for viewer's choice. The guild will present a challenge award for the winning quilt.

The donor declares which charitable organization shall receive the quilt. Fills out forms.

May 7<sup>th</sup> is the Giving Quilt Show to be held at the St. Gabriel Community Center. A viewer's choice cash award is presented by the organization.

Quilt donation forms and the charitable org. recipients list may be found and downloaded from <http://www.thegivingquiltinc.org/donations>

## **The Usual Stuff.....**

***Birthday Bonanza Raffle*** – Participation is voluntary

- On your birthday month, please bring a small unwrapped item.
- Purchase raffle tickets. (\$.25 each)
- Write your name on each ticket. Place tickets in corresponding receptacle. Guild members and guests may buy an unlimited number of chances. Hint: Use adhesive address labels.
- A separate drawing for each gift. Monies go to guild education opportunities and functions.
- You may bring something at any time, even if it is not your birthday.

– **DO NOT PARK IN THE FRONT LOT** - St. Paul's church officials state that we cannot fill up the front parking lot that faces Old Hammond Hwy. Handicapped parking only, however, you may drop off your stuff at the front door, but please re-park your car in the back lot, asap, on meetings and sew days.

**a few words about GSQA .....** who - what - when - where

Gulf States Quilting Association was organized in 1984 in New Orleans by Marion Maerke

(hence the scholarship). Mission statement, "to create, stimulate, maintain, and demonstrate all things relating to quilts and the art of quilting with community service endeavors such as quilting shows, seminars, workshops, and lectures." Members number over 1300 women and men located throughout the USA. GSQA's region includes a network of chapters located in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and the Florida Panhandle. Annual dues are \$20.

[www.gulfstatesquilting.org](http://www.gulfstatesquilting.org) Four meetings per year, newsletters, seminar, and biennial quilt show.

#### **about the GSQA 2011 Educational Seminar.....**

A four-day seminar each Spring (March 16-20, 2011) held in Baton Rouge at the Marriott. Seminar affords members as well as non-members the opportunity to learn from some of the best nationally-known teachers in the world of quilting. Non-members pay a higher class fee.

#### **about GSQA circuit teacher classes.....**

Circuit Teacher classes are scheduled by your guild. A list is located on website - Cost is \$20 per member. \$40 for non-members (of which \$20 is used to pay for GSQA one-year membership.)

#### **about GSQA Super Seminar in 2012...**

A 3-day lecture/seminar given by Ricky Tims, Alex Anderson, and Libby Lehman will take place in the New Orleans area in January 2012. Details as they become available.

Registering as a large group guarantees the lowest individual rate = \$179. A group of 2-9 people costs \$194 per person. Single registration = \$219. See detailed explanation at [www.rickytims.com](http://www.rickytims.com)

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**Sit & Sew Days** - *You are cordially invited to attend any of these Sit & Sew days.*

- **Second and Fourth Tuesdays** - St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 12663 Perkins Rd, from 9- 3p.m.  
Work on your own projects or Giving Quilt activities. Contact Noreen or Sherry.
- **Second Saturday** - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, same hours. Contact Jo Paula.
- **Wednesdays** - - **Hand Sewing** - *an invitation extended by Gayle Soileau - you are invited to...*  
**the Cross-Stitch Corner** on Coursey Blvd. - an opportunity for any type of handwork, i.e., knitting, cross-stitch, embroidery, etc. Bring a sack lunch. Sewing from 10:15 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

#### **List of committee chairs/ contact info**

- Auction, Ways & Means, Birthday Bonanza - Pat Neal 753-2407 or [sewhappy1@cox.net](mailto:sewhappy1@cox.net)
  - Fat Quarter Lotto - Suzi 342-6186 [montagues@legis.state.la.us](mailto:montagues@legis.state.la.us)
  - Internet/Website - Bonnie Moates (c) 892-6743 [bonnie.moates@cox.net](mailto:bonnie.moates@cox.net)
  - Lotto Blocks - Lillian Dann (h) 296-0871 [lilliandann@cox.net](mailto:lilliandann@cox.net)
  - Name tag drawing - Suzi
  - Programs - Iris Comeaux (c) 936-7249 [ibalmond@cox.net](mailto:ibalmond@cox.net)
  - Publicity - Carolyn Tidovsky 752-3853 [ctidovsky@cox.net](mailto:ctidovsky@cox.net)
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  - Teachers/Classes - Becky Stringer 753-6934 [rebeccastringer@cox.net](mailto:rebeccastringer@cox.net)
  - Welcome/Greeter - (open)
  - Welcome Packet/New Members - Robin Waller 971-7827 [rwaller@alumni.lsu.edu](mailto:rwaller@alumni.lsu.edu)
- \*\*E-mail Robin Waller with ideas for road trips, too.

....*The Giving Quilt, Inc.* - [www.thegivingquiltinc.org](http://www.thegivingquiltinc.org)

The Giving Quilt group meets at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, 12663 Perkins Road.  
The two-fold mission of The Giving Quilt, Inc. is

- 1) To promote the creation of quilts that provide comfort to children and adults; and
- 2) To increase public awareness and support for numerous community service organizations.

Website [www.thegivingquiltinc.org](http://www.thegivingquiltinc.org)

- Website contains WW/GQ calendar of events for the current month and news notes. Quilt size parameters by organization name. Donation Forms.

- Sit and Sew Days: **Second and Fourth Tuesdays** 9 to 3 p.m.

Newsletter is available

- In addition to the lap-size and children's quilts donated for 2011, Wasted Women has a goal of four (4) double-size bed quilts for Habitat for Humanity. Got any blocks to donate??

- Bonnie Moates is your Remember Me guild liaison. [bonnie.moates@cox.net](mailto:bonnie.moates@cox.net)

other contacts: Linda Wiggins (h) 673-6621 (e) [linda.wiggins@englobal.com](mailto:linda.wiggins@englobal.com) or Candy Bergeron,

Noreen Mazzaroppi (h) 225-673-9847 (c) 715-6133 (e) [quiltroomnor@cox.net](mailto:quiltroomnor@cox.net) or Sherry Herringshaw

*2011 Exhibit Date - Sat., May 7<sup>th</sup> Exhibit Location - St. Gabriel Community Center*

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Minutes of the last meeting, Feb. 15th

38 members and 1 guests were welcomed.

- Introductions - Robin welcomed Sandy Suarage, back in the USA from Bahrain. Lynn Reamey joined.

- Iris introduced Daisy Comeaux, tonight's program, Accu-Go Cutters.

- Bonnie (treasurer's report) \$3300, purchased ribbons for contests

Ann Frazier - prep for Patch-No-Work class, bring sandwich, guild will supply drinks & snacks

- Pat Neal - collections for Country Fair, handmade items, FQ's, etc.

Giving Quilt blocks, Mary Woltmann and Connie Day, were judges. Bring finished quilts back in April.

Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Bonnie Moates, 2<sup>nd</sup> Becky Stringer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lillian Dann, others were honorable mentions.

Bonnie takes 3 blocks to make quilts.

- Alzheimer's Quilt site - if you are interested

- Bring a pillowcase kit (March) to contribute to the GQ Exhibit in May. - Place in a ziploc bag, donations will be made to "Grace Camp," a camp setting for kids whose parents are incarcerated.

- About POE - Mary Woltmann and Jo Paula Lantier attended. Learn a simple cutting plan for Arrowhead blocks. Makes different size blocks.

- Iris asked about an instructor to teach "curved piecing" Judy Holley was mentioned.

Tonight's program

Half-Square Triangles and Accu-Cutters - Daisy Comeaux demos different methods. Make fusible appliques with 2-paper fusibles like Floriani. Daisy's shop is a distributor for ECQ - Vanishing Design Wall. Most popular book sold is Wonderful 1 Fabric Book - uses stripped fabric or "border" design fabric, cut at different repeats, rearrange into medallions, pieced blocks, great visual effects. Popular containers are Media Boxes - 5 dozen for \$16. Daisy provided door prizes: a book won by Lois Lyle

- FQ winner -Jo Paula name tag winner - Bonnie Moates (20 participants)

- Lotto Blocks - 8 pointed stars (Floating Stars). Use Kona Snow for light fabric. Drawing in March.

SHOW & TELL

Candy - flannel quilt for grandson, Candy did the quilting

Jean - won a Mardi Gras quilt at Circle of Friends

Becky - enjoyed a quilt cruise

Shirley - 3 flannel preemie quilts. Her son is coming for Mardi Gras. She is making pillow cases for them.

Sandy had a picture of the civil unrest in Bahrain taken by her husband.

Lillian - her president's quilt from last year

Bonnie - (1) My Blue Heaven (2) Green/purple quilt (3) quilt made with Bali Pops (Zinfandel) adjourn