

Pieces & Patches Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

AUGUST 10TH 2026 "POTLUCK DINNER"

6:00 PM DINNER TIME / 6:30 PM MEETING TIME

RIDGEMONT BAPTIST CHURCH - 4857 BUFFALO GAP RD

With the summer heat upon us it is time to stay inside and get extra quilting done. If you haven't finished the Challenge this is a good time to get it finished before the August 10th meeting. The Challenge is to finish a UFO-unfinished project—that has been sitting around for years. You still have 2 weeks to finish it. You will feel so good about yourself to get it finished! At the General meeting in July I mentioned we'd be voting for officers (Secretary) at the August meeting. I was wrong, as Patsy Biggs resigned, the new Secretary will be fulfilling her 2 year term so no vote is necessary. Thanks to Pat Kirk for volunteering. All officers' terms will be up in August 2027 so we will vote a year from now for all positions. Volunteer positions needed this year are Program Chairman plus several for the Quilt Show. The Program Chair plans the program for each meeting and classes. Whoever volunteers will help with ideas. Maybe 2 people can be co-chairs. Thanks to Shanna Durrett, Charlotte Allen and Wendy Gatzke for volunteering to head up the Projects. They will have a lot of good challenges and plans for projects for us.

Another change for the August meeting is the sew day. We will not be making CPS bags (we will make those another day) but will have Wendy Gatzke teaching a class on Door Bows which are popular right now. Instructions for that class will be in the newsletter.

The Fabric Garage Sale will be October 16 and 17 at the church. On the 15th we will be setting up. Volunteers will be welcome and needed all 3 days. Starting August 4th and every Tuesday after we will meet at Claranell's garage, 2410 Palm, from 9- noon, to sort and price the donated fabric. You may come by and pick up a box or 2 to take home to price also. If you have fabric or items at home you want to donate, you can measure and price them, wrap masking tape around them and bring them to the sale ready to sell. All fabric will be \$2 a yard. For a breakdown of prices see insert in this newsletter.

I am pleased to announce that the church is resurfacing the parking lot! It will be so nice. If you should see anyone from Ridgemont be sure to thank them.

Since moving to Texas 4 years ago, I have heard this phrase so many times, **STAY HYDRATED!** In this heat.

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Suzanne Kirk
President



Potluck Dinner

This month bring
your favorite foods
to share with everyone



AQG Meeting July 13, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:44pm by Suzanne Kirk President.

Minutes from previous minutes were printed in newsletter. A motion was made to accept minutes by Wendy Gatzke. Seconded by Susan Fontaine. All voted in favor of accepting minutes.

Guest Becky Nail was at meeting and explained what New Beginnings does. Deb Stewart presented her with a check for \$1400.00 from proceeds of raffle baskets. Guest Mark Young from BCFS was at meeting. He explained what BCFS does. He was presented with a check for \$4000 from the sale of raffle tickets from the quilt at the quilt show. Sharon Handy who gave a class today on Easy Mountains. She showed the members quilts she has made from this pattern.

13 members attended her class today. They showed what they made at the class today.

Treasurer Report: Pam Aulerich reported General Fund- \$10746.71 minus outstanding check of \$546.48, available balance \$10,200.23. Quilt Show Fund: \$24150.68 minus outstanding checks of \$5507.26- available balance \$18643 minus vendor fees paid for 2027 \$2600 equals actual balance of \$16045.42. Money Market account \$15174.63. Wendy Gatzke made a motion to accept treasurer report. Shawna Durrett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of accepting the treasurer report. Pam explained reasons for increases on expenses on proposed budget for 2026-2027. Wendy Gatzke made a motion to accept proposed budget as it was written. Denise Bruner seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting proposed budget.

Membership: Patty Bundick reported 42 members were present and 2 visitors. Suzanne Kirk President stated we will vote on new officers at next meeting.

These positions are open: Program Chairman, Project Chairman- Wendy Gatzke volunteered to take this position. Secretary- Pat kirk has agreed to take this position for the rest of the term.

Quilt Show: Suzanne Kirk stated we will have a meeting first Thursday of each month here at the Church. Everyone is invited to come. Theme for 2027 show will be "Block Party.

Patty Bundick stated our Fabric Sale will be third weekend in October, here at the church.

Tuesday August 4, will be the first meeting from 9-12 here at the Church.

We need help marking fabric at \$2/yd.

August sew day will be pillowcases for CPS children. It will be on August 10,
it takes $\frac{3}{4}$ of a yd. Quilt Guild will furnish ribbon.

Sept.- October: Program will be Becky Pickard teaching us how to make a sweatshirt jacket.

Nov: Stitchless Applique

We had drawing for door prizes and Penny Mini.

Next AQG meeting is August 10.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 - Minutes by Patsy Biggs, Secretary

Projects



Summer Project 2026
Be sure to bring in your previously undone project - **DONE!**
We are excited to see what was packed away and completed.
Thanks to everyone who has participated in the projects
this year! We have seen some wonderful creativity from you.
Good job!

Penny Mini FYI

Always looking for volunteers to help with Penny Mini!
See Susan Fontaine for details

The money earned from Penny Mini is to help those who have a need to pay for classes or dues.



Treasure Report

As of 7/13/2026

General Fund	\$10,200.23
Money Market	\$15,174.63
Quilt Show	\$16,045.42



Penny Mini

Please bring small bills to purchase
tickets for Penny Mini drawing

Contact Susan & Sue



Mary Payne	Aug 4th
Emily Millican	Aug 8th
Wendy Allen	Aug 9th
Cheryl Passmore	Aug 14th
Carolyn Davis	Aug 15th
Beth Hotchkin	Aug 30th

Happy
BIRTHDAY

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Upcoming August Sew Day

Our next guild day, August 10, Wendy Gatske will teach a class about making a fabric bow. You can sign up with qgabilene@gmail.com drtucker25@gmail.com or 325-669-2695

Upcoming Classes and Programs this Year

September - Quilted Jacket from a Sweatshirt by Beckie Pinckard Day 1

October - Quilted Jacket from a Sweatshirt by Beckie Pinckard Day 2

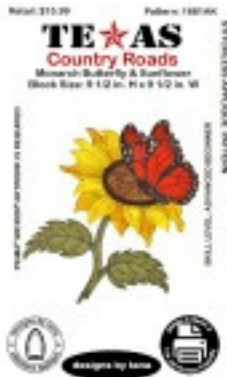
November - Stitchless Applique by Tana Mueller

Ineed names and the pattern you want to make by October 14!

Remember Debbie Tucker 325-669-2695 or drtucker25@gmail.com to sign up.



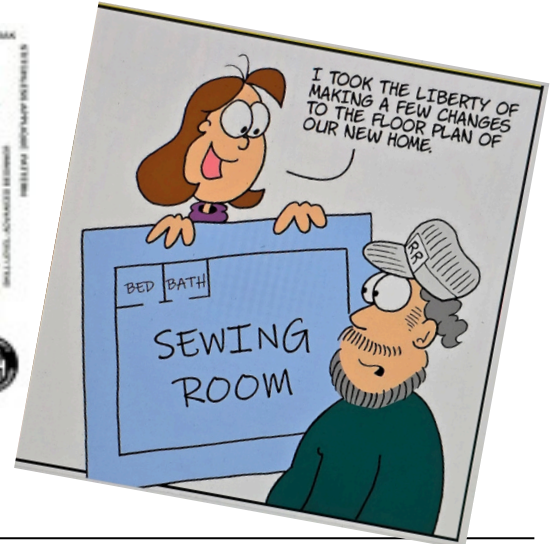
\$40 kit



\$41 kit



\$30 kit



December - Christmas Party

2026 Lone Star Heritage Quilt Show "Threads of Freedom"



September 18-19, 2026

"Threads of Freedom"

115 Putnam St.
The ROC
Sulphur Springs, TX

September 18-19, 2026

Fri. 9 am-5 pm;
Sat 9 am to 3 pm

Free Parking On Site
Admissions \$5
Under 12 Free

100+ quilts on display

Raffle tickets:
one for \$1 or
six for \$5

Show Chair: Lisa Sprague

Our beautiful raffle quilt:
"Celebrate USA 250!"
was designed and quilted by guild
member, Wilma Moss and stitched
by members.

We are a 501 c-3 charitable
organization. Annually, proceeds
are generously donated to several
worthy facilities, organizations and
charities.

Come spend the day in our great
community!

We have a wide assortment of
restaurant venues and interesting
shops to stroll through.

During the show, shop, visit, and
enjoy our amazing vendors,
demonstrations, and door prizes!

Entry deadline
July 27, 2026

For entry forms, instructions and
contacts, see our website:
sulphurspringsquilts.com

Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild
Quilt Show
PO Box 2024
Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

See us on Facebook:
Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild

Sponsors and Donors enable us to
produce and outstanding event,
award beautiful ribbons as well as
cash prizes to winning entrants.
Restrictions and rules apply.

STARS, STRIPES AND STITCHES



13th Biennial
Vereins Quilt Guild
Quilt Show
Fredericksburg, Texas

Friday & Saturday
Labor Day Weekend
September 4-5, 2026

www.vereinsquiltguild.org

Stars, Stripes and Stitches 2026 QUILT SHOW

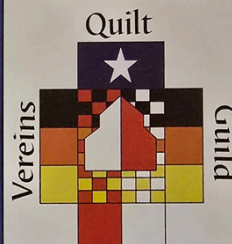
Labor Day Weekend - September 4 & 5, 2026
Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
1800 N. Llano St, Fredericksburg, Texas

- * 150+ Quilts
- * Bed Turning
- * \$10 Admission
- * Scissor Man
- * Vendors
- * Donation Quilt
- * Silent Auction
- * Holiday Shoppe
- * Quilts for Sale

Tickets \$1 or 6/\$5

On the Cover: Our beautiful
donation quilt, Stars and
Stripes Forever (97" x 97")



of Fredericksburg

www.vereinsquiltguild.org

Quilt Shows

August Ribbon Day Class

To make sure we have the most productive and joy-filled session possible, a little bit of prep work from our participants beforehand will go a long way! Our goal is to get those main ribbon assemblies sparkling during our time together, leaving plenty of time for creative flairs, individual touches, and delightful chats!

Please let me know if you will be attending the class ASAP!

Knowing how many lovely crafters will be joining helps me immensely with material prep, and even planning a little welcome goodie or two! Thanks a bunch!

Let's talk batting! Participants have a few flexible options for grabbing their 2.5-inch batting:

Online Magic: Snag it from places like Michael's online for around \$14.95. Easy peasy!

Local Treasures: Pop into a local quilt shop! Prices might vary, but it's great to support local businesses.

Savvy Strips: For the budget-savvy, cutting your own 2.5-inch strips from a larger batting roll is totally doable!

Trust me, it's quicker than you think and a fantastic way to use up those scraps!

When workshop day arrives, we're asking everyone to bring their fabulous fabric rug ropes already prepared!

This super important pre-work means we can dedicate our precious class time to the most exciting part:

sewing those ropes together! I'll be bringing a few hot glue guns for shared use – perfect for those final assembly flourishes.

And don't forget a trusty hand sewing needle for those beautiful finishing touches!

To help everyone get ready, I've outlined the essential steps and materials needed below.

The main mission before class is to craft those rug ropes, so everyone arrives ready to jump straight into the assembly phase!

Pre-Class Preparation: Fab Fabric Rug Ropes!

Participants will need to gather and prepare these goodies **before** our workshop begins:

Materials to Obtain:

Fabric: One Jelly Roll of their favorite design, OR 31-35 unique 2.5-inch WOF (Width of Fabric) strips.

Pick something that sparks joy!

Batting:  A roll of 2.5-inch batting, OR 31-35 pre-cut 2.5-inch WOF batting pieces.

(Quick tip: I've actually fallen in love with batting cut to 2 1/4" – it fits even cozier!

Optional Tools (but highly recommended for happy crafting!):

Kwik-Klips: These are life-savers for speed during rope-making!

Jellyroll Jig: A super helpful gadget to make fabric folding a breeze!

Instructions for Making Your Gorgeous Fabric Rug Strips:

Take your time with these steps before class – no rush! If my written words get a little tricky, remember there are tons of fantastic video tutorials on YouTube! Just search for "fabric rug strip tutorial."

1. Prep Time! Lay your chosen fabric strip right side down (wrong side up – think sleepy side!) and lovingly center a batting strip right on top.

2. First Fold: Gently fold the fabric strips together in half lengthwise for a short little segment. It's like giving them a hug!

3. Edge Magic: Now, fold each long edge of the fabric inwards towards the center.

Make sure those folded edges meet **perfectly** in the middle! This is where your Kwik-Klips or pins can become your best friends for securing those folds. Seriously, Kwik-Klips are a game-changer for speed!

4. Stitching Success: Once everything is folded and secured, sew your strip 1/8 to 1/4 inch from the double-folded edge. An 1/8-inch seam will give you a wonderfully puffy, more dimensional project!

A 1/4-inch seam (or a center seam) will result in a flatter, denser piece.

It's super important to catch all layers of fabric and batting, keep them tightly tucked, and maintain perfect evenness along that double-folded edge.

Use a slightly longer stitch length (around 3mm) for this stitching for the best results!

Workshop Day Supplies!

Please remember to bring these essentials to our class:

Your very own personal sewing machine

Coordinating thread for both top and bobbin (ideally matching the thread used for rope prep!)

Rotary cutter and cutting mat (if that's your preferred method!)

Fabric scissors (sharp ones make a happy crafter!)

A positive attitude ready for a wonderfully creative and engaging session!

The workshop fee of \$30.00

An optional yummy snack to keep those energy levels up throughout the afternoon!

Be prepared to showcase your finished ribbons at the evening meeting's "Show-n-Tell" session!

It's always so inspiring to see everyone's creations!

I'm eagerly looking forward to a successful and immensely enjoyable Ribbon Class with everyone!

Warmest regards, Wendy Gatzke 970-560-4221

I forgot to put a time for the class. How about we start around 10:30 til 5:00.

Remember we want to show off those lovely ribbons! I'm so excited that we are getting to do this!

