

Life in Stitches

Newsletter of the Rio Grand Valley Quilt Guild

Published in August, 2018

PRESIDENTS THREADS THAT BIND

"Everything you every wanted to know about Machine Embroidery but was afraid to ask?" was the August Program topic presented by our own expert Lila Helm. So much information presented and many comments and questions from attendees. The samples were outstanding and as with all projects, that rear view mirror look as to whence we started then progress to date is awesome. Thank You Lila.

I am still beating the bushes for a 2021 QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON: Would you like to be the 2021 Quilt Show Chairperson? Now is the time to volunteer and walk hand in hand with Debi and Marcia learning all the ins and outs of behind the scenes of a Quilt Show. Think it over seriously. We all want our Quilt Shows to continue so there cannot be a Quilt Show without a chairperson.

Be sure to begin gathering those items for the rummage sale in October. Ones no longer needed items are another's treasure. We all love to find bargains and treasure hunt.

Judy Brown has done a phenomenal job schedule speakers for the season and Karen Dill has arm wrestled members to teach schoolhouse classes, do not forget to sign up for classes via the website - www.rgvqg.com... The guild is so fortunate to have talented members willing to share their talents with fellow members. Thank you to all who share.

REMEMBER – September 8th is Friendship Day – 10AM and October 13th is Rummage Sale – 9AM.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone for Friendship day – 10AM - so mark your calendar.

We are all bound together by a common thread – quilting!
See Ya!
Kathe



Calendar

Guild Meeting:

Saturday Sep 8 , 2018,
9:00 am to noon

Alamo Recreational Vehicle Park
(Alamo Rec-Veh, Main Hall
1320 W Frontage Road
Alamo TX 78516

September meeting:

Program: Friendship Day
(Food involved, yes!)

Carpooling is encouraged.

Board Meeting:

Wednesday Sep 5, 2018, 9:30am
at Renee's Fiber Art Quilting
School.

1623 N Tower Rd,
Alamo, TX 78516

Military Service Quilts:

60" x 72" finished
Red, white and blue
combinations, Contact Carla
Mewhinney or Renee Darkis
for more information.

Programs:

Oct: Rummage Sale

Nov: Karen K Stone
Current Trends in Quilting

Dec: Carly Mul

Feb: Marci Baker
Landscape Quilts



REMINDER:

As of the **November** 2018 general meeting,
anyone that attends without a name tag will be charged a
fee of **.50 cents** !

Income and Expeditures RGVQG Checking Account	
JULY 2018	
Balance Forward	\$ 677.61
INCOME	
Administration	
Community Service	
Fabric Drawing	
Guests & Fines	
Library	
Membership	
Military Service Quilts	50
Newsletter (advertising)	
Other Income - Checks not cashed (lost/voided)	3000
Programs (fees)	
Quilt Show	216.97
Quilter's School House (fees)	
Youth Education	
Total Income	\$ 3,266.97
EXPENSES	
Administration (Sectry, Treas), Gift Certificate	
Bank Service Charge - checks, fees	
Bee Keeper	
Biz Utilities - building use (not classes), PO Box, Web	455.39
Community Service	33.9
Fabric Drawing	329.03
Friendship Day	
Guests & Fines	
Library	40.96
Membership	
Military Service quilts (storage)	369.54
President - (door prizes & gifts to departing officers)	
Professional Fees - Legal, Accountant, Insurance	
Programs, (includes Bldg use rent)	150
Publicity	577.66
Quilter's School House (includes bldg use rent)	
Scholarships - Officers (6 officers & show chair)	600
Scholarships - Quilt Show (3 members)	600
Scholarships - (College)	
Sunshine & Shadows	
Youth Education	203.26
Total Expenses	\$ 3,359.74
Account Balance Forward	\$ 584.84

RGVQG General Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2018

Kathe LeTulle, President, opened the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Lila Helm presented a talk on "Machine Embroidery Basics".

Secretary – Joy Paugh: The July Minutes were printed in the July newsletter. There was one correction. Instead of a "Next month, a .50 cent charge will be requested from those that come without their name tags", the correction is: A .50 cent charge will be requested from those members attending the general meeting without their name tag beginning in November 2018.

Treasurer – Karon Jacobson: The current bank balance is \$584.84.

Kathe LeTulle – Today we had 50 members and 3 guests in attendance. RGVQG brochure is available today at pick up. The guild will be looking for a new librarian. Perspective librarian needs 10 feet of wall space and preferably be a year-round resident. Committee people, please provide Karon Jacobson with 2 budgets. One for October, November, December of 2018, and the other one for January through December of 2019. Any members with guild inventory in their homes, please make a list and provide it to Karon Jacobson.

Membership – Mike Hall for Bonnie Hall: Membership numbers have not changed since July. Those planning on becoming a member in 2019 may pay in October 2018 and receive 3 months free. Membership cards will be provided at the November meeting.

Military Service Quilts: Carla Mewhinney: 95 quilts were presented to the VA Center in McAllen. An article was printed in The Monitor. Sew day planned for November 30, at Winter Ranch, Tower and 495. MSQ has quilts ready to be quilted. Harlingen VA Hospital will be the next VA to receive quilts. It was noted that the Harlingen VA Hospital will gladly receive regular pillowcases, (non-quilted).

Programs – Lila Helms for Judy Brown: February Quilt Show classes with Cathie Geier are now on line. Watch the newsletter for more program information.

Sunshine and Shadows – Maggie Putney: Cards were sent to Judy Brown and her husband. It was noted that Sandy Siehr passed away. Sandy was in charge of the fat quarter draw for many years.

Friendship Day – Maggie Putney: The Friendship Day will be at Alamo Rec-Veh on September 8. Beachy theme. Sign up to bring a salad or dessert. Please bring friends.

Newsletter – Diana Wolf: Deadline for August newsletter articles are August 15.

Community Service – Rick Redd: July Numbers: Total Items – 144, Total Hours – 3304, Total Value \$23,954.00. Year to Date Value: \$175,000.

Youth Sewing Classes – Subie Redd: Members that would like to contribute 60" tape measures, please bring them to the September meeting. At this time, sewing classes are set for once a month with 10 per class.

School House Classes – Sandy Gurney for Karen Dill: All the School House Classes for 2018 – 2019 are on-line. There are a few openings in each class.

Retreat – Bev Kramer for Karyn Heaney: This year will mark our 20th year of retreats. Emerald represents 20 years. Green shirts are being sold for \$15.00, for those attending the retreats.

Quilt Walk – 2019 Quilt Show – Linda Haderer: Linda shared bags donated to the Quilt Walk. A South of the Border, Texas Bag, and a child's bag were donated. The Quilt Walk Committee wants bags/totes for the raffle at the quilt show in February. The committee is also asking for items to place in the bags.

Scholarships – Evelyn Fincher: Rosario and Eric, the 2 scholarship winners, have registered at their respective schools.

Garage Sale – Evelyn Fincher: October 8 is the final day to request a table for the October 13 meeting/ Garage Sale. Doors will be open at 7:30 A.M.

Other Business:

The guild's annual elections are held at the November meeting. Kathe LeTulle, Joy Paugh, Karyn Heaney, Maggie Putney and Jan Baethke are on the election committee. Positions open: Community Service, Membership-1st Vice President, and Treasurer.

Block Draw – Bonnie Cassidy: November block draw will use the December 26 – Shooting Star pattern. See the newsletter for more information.

There will not be any Show and Tell at the September and October meeting.

Fabric Draw – Rick and Subie Redd: Today was their last day to oversee the fabric draw. They have enjoyed 2.5 years of providing fabric for the draw. Sandy Gurney and Esther Schmidt will begin the draw responsibilities in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully, Joy Paugh, Secretary

RGVQG Program News - Judy Brown

Summer is nearing an end and soon we will all be back together. In September there will be another fun Friendship Day, followed by our annual Rummage Sale in October.

Our national speakers schedule begins in **November** with **Karen K. Stone**. Karen is one of 3 teachers selected as a Progressive Class Teacher at the Houston International Quilt Festival. There her classes are each \$93 plus materials fees — over twice what you will be charged less than a week later with RGVQG. Such a deal! (Remember that the November classes and lecture are one week later due to the late dates for the Houston Show.) Thursday's class for an improvisational technique which can offer up big drama in little time has openings, however, Friday's embellishment class is nearly full. Sign up online soon.

In **December** we will be welcoming **Carly Mul** who will be showcasing news and samples from Quilt Market. She will be sharing lines and products with us that we won't be seeing in our local quilt shops for 6 months or more. Plus on Friday Carly will be sharing with us fun collage skills (similar to Laura Heine's work) in what looks like a very fun and interesting class. Spots are open for registration.

Due to busy voting for Quilt Show initiatives, we have not scheduled classes in January, but are still awaiting a potential industry lecture. Stay tuned for any announcements.

February is oh so exciting with our program speaker, **Weeks Ringle** and our **Quilt Show** teacher **Cathy Geier**. Week's Thursday and Friday classes are filling as are Cathy's Friday and Saturday classes at the Quilt Show. We expect all these classes to fill, so sign up early to guarantee yourself a spot.

March offerings bring us **Judy Gauthier** and both here umbrella classes and tips and patterns from her two scrap quilt books. Because of the large amount of interest expressed when posting umbrellas on Facebook this summer, we have scheduled two umbrella classes.

Programs for April through August 2019 will be given by scholarship recipients and other local experts. If you would be interested in volunteering or recommending someone, please email programs@rgvqq.com. There is a stipend for non-scholarship presenters.

Contracts have been signed for 2019-2020 classes with some great surprises. They will be announced soon.





Get Your Show Pin Early!



Have you picked up your Opportunity Quilt tickets for the 2019 Show?
Have you seen this years Show pin? It's named "This Land is our Land"

Beautiful! Well, you can get your Show pin, Now! before the show! Just by selling your tickets!
Return your ticket stubs, \$20.00 and receive your 2019 Quilt Show pin!

Also....with each book sold you will receive a ticket for a drawing of a \$150.00 gift certificate to either GOB Quilt Shop or A Block Away Quilt Shop.

Opportunity Quilt Ticket sales are an important part in supporting our Guild. Please help by stopping by the ticket table and picking up your envelope of 4 books of tickets.
Each book is 6 tickets for \$5.00 or they are \$1.00 individually.

If you are not able to pick up your tickets let me know, we will make arrangements to get them to you so you can get your show pin and gift certificate drawing tickets.

October 13, 2018 Program: RGVQG Garage Sale

Fall clean up, clean out time. This is your opportunity to sell your "treasures" you cleaned out from your quilting/sewing/craft stashes! YES! You may reserve your table (s) if you contact me at 956-358-1460 (call or text) or befincher@aol.com by October 8, first come, first served. There is no charge for the tables, the Guild does not receive a percentage, and you may take home all your \$\$\$\$. Bring or invite friends to shop because the guest fee is waived for this sale.

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER, BRING YOUR OWN CHANGE AND BAGS AND TAKE ALL YOUR "LEFTOVERS" HOME WITH YOU. The sale will be held at the Alamo Rec-Veh Park (ADDRESS ON THE WEB PAGE) so there will be ample room for a "craft sale" type set up. The doors will open at 7:30 a.m. (names will be on tables shortly after that time) and you may set up before the short business meeting at 9 a.m. The number of remaining tables available is limited, so HURRY!

(IF YOU HAVE BOOKED MORE TABLES THAN YOU NEED/HAVE BOOKED TABLES AND WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS YOU KNOW SO I CAN ACCEPT MORE SELLERS.)

Thanks and Happy shopping! **Evelyn Fincher**

Friendship DAY THEME: Island Time
September 8, 2018 10AM – 3 PM
Alamo Rec Veh

Maggie Putney has been diligently working to ensure all attendees will have a fun time for Friendship Day. BRING A GUEST!

If you were not able to attend the August meeting – please phone or text Maggie to get your name on the list and which luncheon item you will be preparing to be served – Salad or Dessert.

This year all attendees are requested to come dressed in Island Beachy Attire and design a Beachy themed hat to be worn as an accessory to the Beachy Attire. This will be so exciting to see the variety of thought processes that have developed the dress for the theme: Island Time.

Thank you for your time and effort –

Maggie Putney – Chairman – (956) 342-2667.

Superb Achievement by a RGVQG member - TWO quilts hanging in Houston

Texas Guilds' Award-Winning Traditional Quilts

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Give Kathleen Dombi your congratulations!

She received this letter: Texas Guilds' Award-Winning Traditional Quilts

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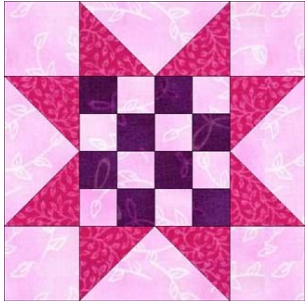
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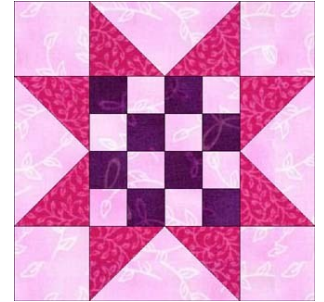


RGVQG MEMBERSHIP

You may now pay for your membership [online](#) using a credit card or PayPal. If you are not sure you paid your dues for 2018, you can verify by checking the sign-in sheet at the guild meetings. If you are no longer on the sign-in sheet, you have not yet paid your 2018 dues; you will have to pay the \$10 guest fee (or pay the \$25 membership) to attend any more meetings.



Quilt Walk



It is hoped the Quilt Walk will raise a significant amount of funds for the Guild. It will be a silent auction, one on Friday and another on Saturday. The bags are to be picked up the day they are won.

At the last Guild meeting, Linda Hederer presented a basket and a bag, each with their own theme. One basket was themed Texas, and the other with chili pepper fabric is themed as South of the Border. Each had several items inside relevant to its theme and there is room for more.

Several other bags, baskets and purses are being created both by individuals and Bees. Some themes suggested are baby bag for a new mother, men's travel bag, lobster feast, picnic, yarn and floss with needles and books with other supplies, travel, or wine and cheese, Maybe a bag for a youngun with a nap blanket, bedtime books, and appropriate toys, or a Lego storage bag - I wish I had one of those instead of stepping on a half dozen each night. What themes can you think up?

If you don't want to create a container, this is a great opportunity to go through your house for items which you have an extras, items that can be donated as part of downsizing or other things for a sewing or crafting interest you no longer indulge in. This is a great opportunity to regift something you would like to have but haven't gotten around to using.

I wonder who will come up with the most creative idea?



Austin Area Quilt Guild

The Austin Area Quilt Guild is hosting our bi-annual Quilt Show September 28 - 30, 2018. **The 2018 Capital Of Texas Quiltfest** will be held at the Palmer Events Center in downtown Austin. We are extending an invitation to your Guild members to join us for this three day event.

The 2018 AAQG Quiltfest will feature over 400 quilts created by members of AAQG for your viewing pleasure. Included in our show are:

Raffle Quilt	Boutique of handmade items
Silent Auction	Special exhibits
Over 60 vendors	Demonstrations daily

Individual tickets are \$10 at the door or can be purchased on Yapsody in advance for expedited entrance into the show.

If you will be arriving in a bus of 15 or more people, the price is \$8 per person. Contact Sandy Pigford (spigford@austin.rr.com) for payment and details about meeting your bus for rapid entry into the show.

We hope that you will give the information about our show to your members at your next meeting, in your newsletter, website and social media. You can also visit www.captxquiltfest.org to see our beautiful Raffle Quilt, "Infinity", created by members of our Guild. Pattern by Jacqueline de Jonge.

Sincerely,

Sandy Pigford
Admissions Chairman
Phone: 512-291-3220



Bee News



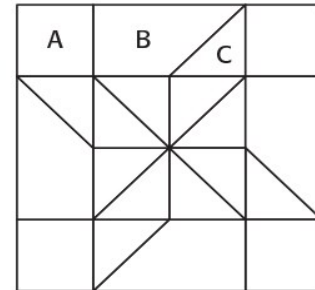
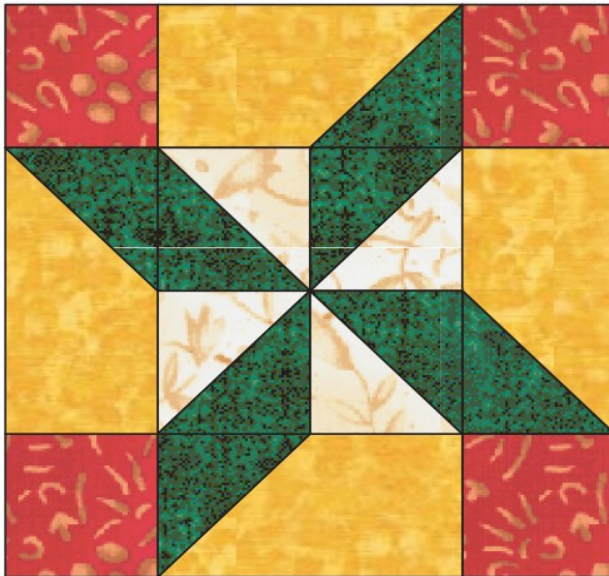
Killer Bees: We are enjoying our summer, doing a few projects and enjoying fellowship. We had a wonderful demo by one of our members of taking crayons and melting them on a hot plate and putting that on material. You can make unique designs or awesome monograms, It was something we all want to try when the days get cooler. We meet Thursdays at 9am at the Retzlaff Hall in Sunshine CC in Harlingen. Come visit.

The **Row Quilters** meet every Friday at Alamo Country Clubhouse to share ideas, sew and catch-up with members of the group. The summer is going fast and there has been a smaller group of ladies, but we still get some things done. Some ladies are working on the Monthly Challenge of completing a project that they had written down. Others are working on their own projects.

Sew Bee It quilt group meets each Tuesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Alamo County Clubhouse to work on their own projects. We will be starting a small program of tips and techniques for beginners in the fall, likely every other week. Show and Tell is fun too. Bring your lunch and a smile.

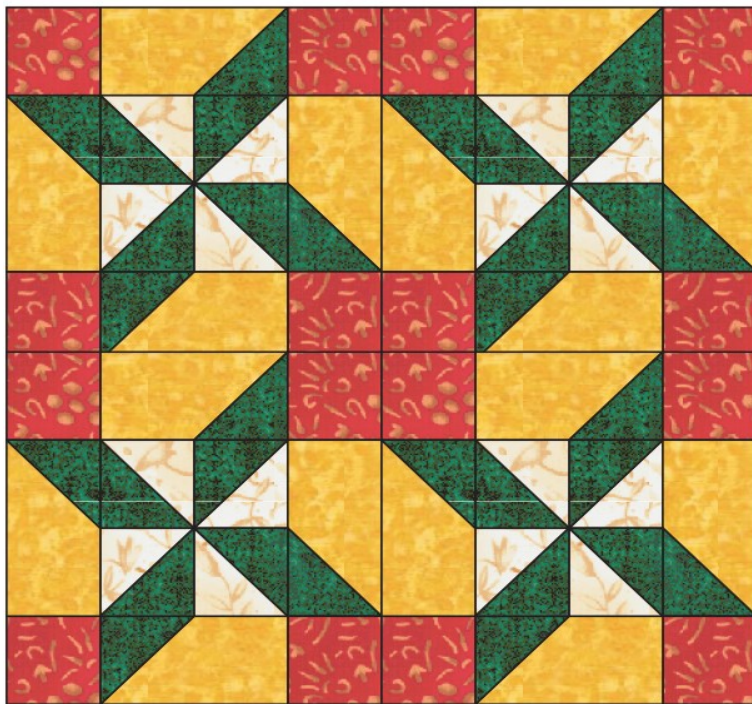
Block of the Month

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12" A  3½" B  Pattern on next page C  3⅞"



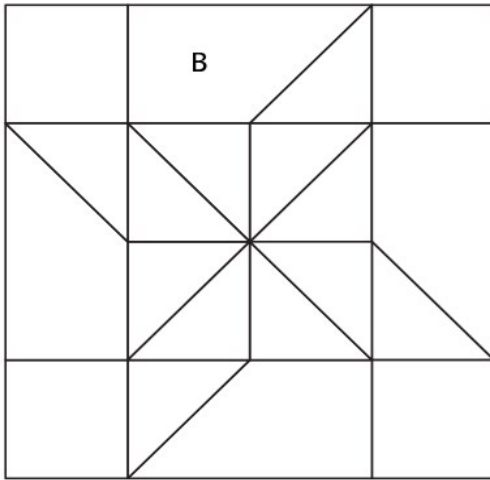
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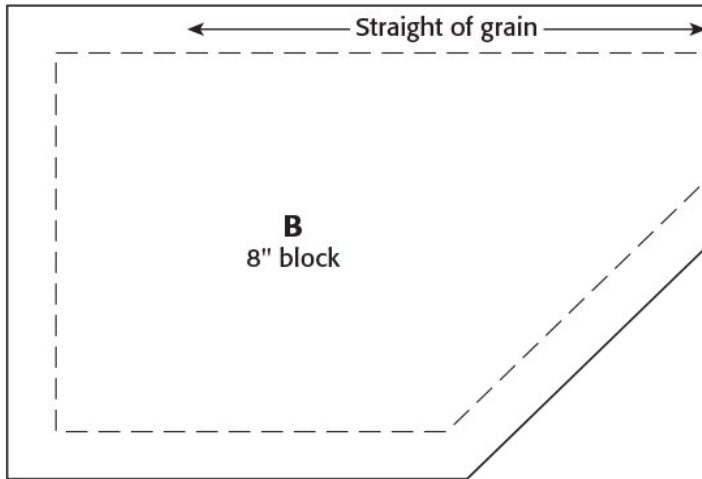
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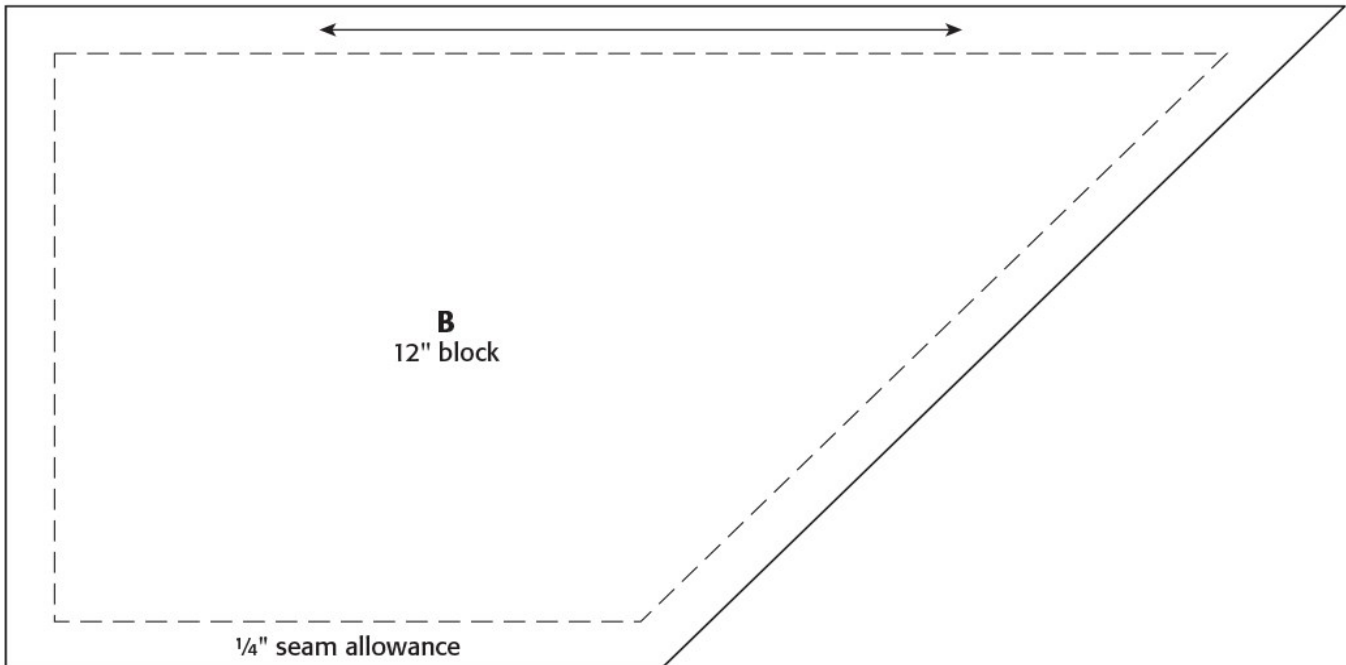
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July 2018

TOTAL ITEMS.....144
TOTAL HOURS.....3304
TOTAL VALUE.....\$23954.00



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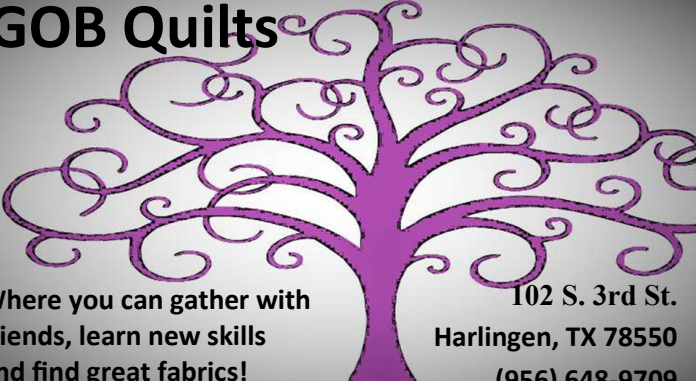
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