

# Going to Pieces

## LAND O'LAKES QUILT GUILD

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### President's Message

BY MARIA HALL

Happy Fall! I love this time of year! Cooler temps, changing colors in nature, and usually lots of festivals. Fortunately this year I've had some other distractions come my way this fall.

My eldest gave birth to a beautiful girl around 11pm August 22 (I'm so happy she's a Leo!). Her name is Aurora Rose Hudson. The young parents are enamored with her, as I have been anytime I visit. They're in Austin so I'm just close enough to make an overnight trip pretty frequently.

And I fell in love with someone else that came into my home this past Sunday. Her name is Lina and she is a blue Great Dane puppy. She's almost 10 weeks old and goofy and loving. I've never had a dog before so this is quite the ride. The only drawback is that all this training isn't helping me get my work done.

All that said, I still love my quilting. I've been doing a bit of everything lately - hand binding, quilting and piecing (for other folks). I do have a few quilts in process of my own.

So despite 2020 being 2020, I am getting out, wearing my mask when required and enjoying what life has to offer. It could actually be worse. I hope you are finding time to connect and enjoy what you have going for you.

We're going to do a zoom meeting again in October - it's super easy to join and you can even leave your camera off if you want. Try to join us - it's fun to see the show and tells and some faces, and hear the voices of our friends and it is minimal effort!

Keep your chin up and a smile on, even if it's behind your mask. 2021 is almost here!



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**FREE TABLE**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28,**

**4:00PM-7:00PM**

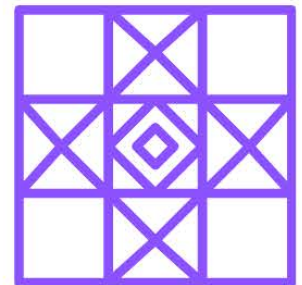
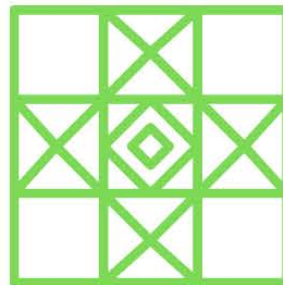
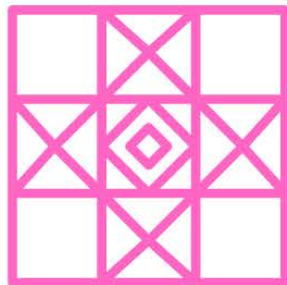
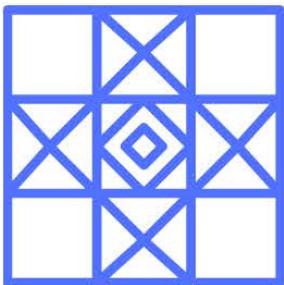
**ARRIVAL TIMES ARE STAGGERED IN 15 MINUTE INTERVALS**

**SIGN UP FOR A TIME BY EMAILING**

**LIZMOYER@LIVE.COM**

*We will spread out all over the large, shady yard.  
2201 Morriss Court, Flower Mound  
Wear your mask and social distance,  
visit with your friends and take home  
free fabric, patterns and do-dads!*

**BYOB! (BRING YOUR OWN BAG!)**



# Community Service Update

by Liz Moyer

## "World Longest Quilt Retreat" Produces Big Results

I can tell many of you are really enjoying the World's Longest Quilt Retreat! As one who has often longed for more time in my sewing room, I'm finally finishing some long-standing UFO's and getting a good number of smaller projects out of the way. I even cleaned out my stash, as I know many of you have too!



These are the beautiful quilts headed over to Rainbow Room this trip. Having already delivered 69 quilts this year, I wasn't sure how many more we would have.



Without our wonderful meeting Show 'n Tells to rely on for inspiration and the free table for fabric and patterns, I thought we might slow down or stall out..



**Nothing keeps a good quilter down!**



Y'all overcame all obstacles using the fabric donations that have come in, and I suspect a good bit of stash reduction.



The work that goes into these quilts continues to amaze me. Just look at those adorable flowers quilted into this one!



**Since CASA is not in need of any more stockings this year, Please turn that lovely fabric into scrub caps, placemats, pillowcases, quilts or whatever strikes your fancy.**



**Scrub caps should be delivered directly to:**

**Patsy Scott**

**1606 Crosshaven Drive**

**Lewisville, TX 75077**

**or to Quilt Country**

**Patsy's daughter and her co-workers at Grapevine Hospital are still in need of caps. See pattern included in the email used for distribution of this newsletter.**



Smile! Your Quilt is going to a child who needs more love!





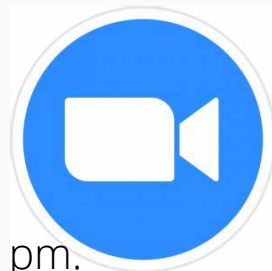
How about this beautiful crocheted baby blanket, and all these super-duper pillowcases?!



Nothing makes my day more than doing something for someone who needs it, and I am sure that the members of our Guild feel the same way. When I see all the beautiful work being donated to children in the foster system, it just makes me smile from ear to ear!

Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talent, and thank you for letting me help.

# October's Zoom Meeting



Next Month's Zoom Meeting : October 12 starting at 6:30 pm.  
Look for your emailed meeting details that will be sent out sometime during the week of October 4th

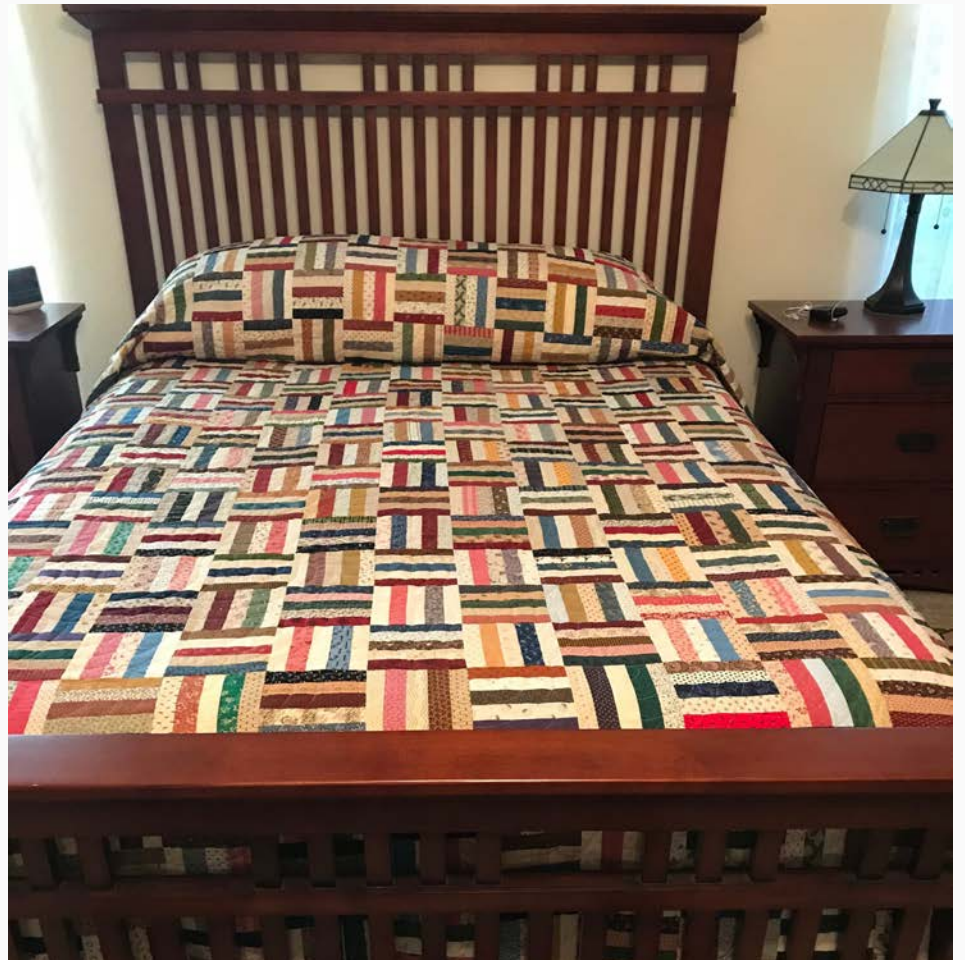
## Show and Tell



From Jackie Kissel:  
This is a T-shirt quilt she made for her son in California



From Connie Litfin:  
Rail Fence is 95 x 110"  
and was quilted by  
Cleo Carroll and the  
two small ones were  
pieced and  
handquilted by  
Connie.



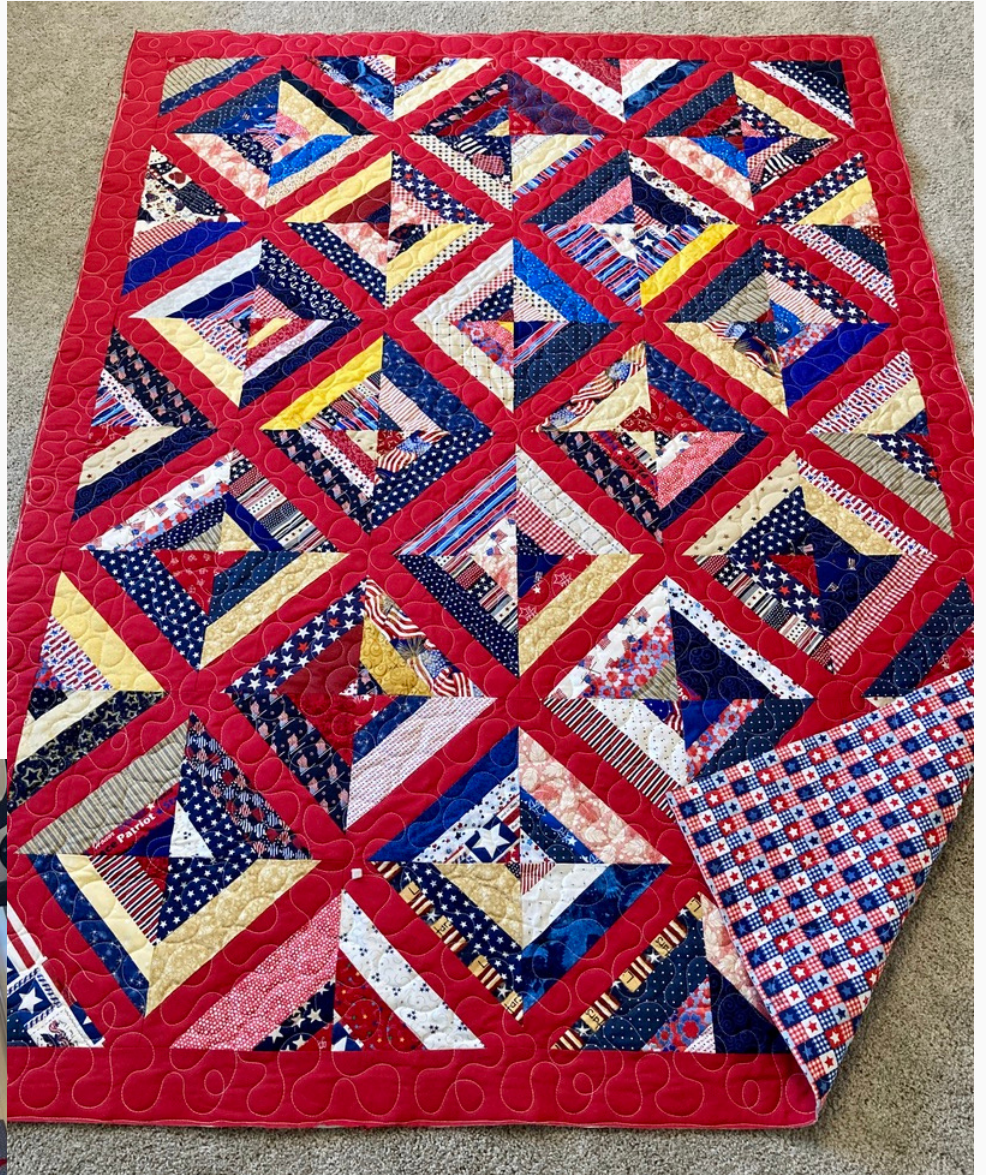


From Patsy Scott: This is from her first applique class where over four weeks she learned different methods for applique. She took the class in 2000. quilted it in 2018, sewed the binding on in 2019, and hopes to have the binding sewn down 'soon'.

Do you have a long-term project like Patsy's? If so, please share them for next month's newsletter!

From Dawn O'Banion: Working on Quilts of Valor for our veterans.







# Finished Is Better Than Perfect

by Cherry Freudiger

I am cursed with the need to achieve perfection and many years of therapy have lessened the burden but have not yet been able to obliterate it! When I piece, I realize that perfection runs very much ahead of me, only a blip on my horizon. When I quilt, I must remind myself that all pieces are "practice" pieces.

I specifically got rid of my first quilting computerized system and made the conscience decision not to buy another one when I moved from my Husqvarna system to my APQS Millie because I hated the coldness of the computerized designs. Yet, when I quilt, I keep striving for the perfected lines that the computerized system would give me, beating myself up that I just cannot get there.

In one of Angela Walters' YouTube videos I heard her say "Finished is better than perfect!" That, now, has become my new mantra. As I falter when attempting to pick my colors at the beginning of a project all the way through to trying to decide how best to bind or face my quilt, I keep that advice in the forefront of my thoughts to help me move past ruminating on the choices or the stoppage that occurs when I criticize my work. That is the only way I can complete my project.

So, if we share this same trait, even a little, please remember Angela's advice: Finished is better than perfect!

## Facebook Private Group

If you have not yet become a member of this by-invitation-only group, please contact our Facebook Coordinator - Nancy Gaudette at [threads1337@gmail.com](mailto:threads1337@gmail.com) and she will send you the necessary link to get you started. Here's two recent posts:



# eConnect Resources

If you need inspiration, or just some virtual company, here's a few resources that you may find helpful. If you have others to recommend, please send that information to [lolqgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:lolqgnewsletter@gmail.com)

## **YouTube**

You can download an app on your phone, tablet or smartTV or just access through your web browser on your PC ([www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)) and access a wealth of free information, instruction, etc. You can subscribe (at no cost) to "Channels" and keep up with their postings or explore their archives. Here's some suggestions on where to start:

The Quilt Show  
Just Get It Done Quilts  
Power Tools With Thread  
Angela Walters  
Adria Good Longarm Quilting Coach Chick  
Cristy Fincher  
Equilter.com  
Fons & Porter  
Helen Godden Quilts  
Jamie Wallen  
Jordan Fabrics  
Lorena's Quilting  
QuiltTV  
Sparrow Quilt Co  
Sugarido  
Jennifer Sampou  
Joe Cunningham Quilter

## **On-Line Events**

Without quilt shows to go to, some venues are putting on their events on-line. I'm sure there's many more out there than these, but here's a couple to investigate:

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show (Free) Sept 10 - 12 [www.quiltShow.Com](http://www.quiltShow.Com)

QuiltCon from the Modern Quilt Guild (Prices Vary according to activity levels) Feb 18 - 22 <https://www.themodernquiltguild.com>