



The Quilting Press

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President's Message

Hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and quilting away. Hopefully, everyone is not bored to tears.

We put new floors in the whole house, so I am putting rooms back together. My sewing room is coming along. I do not know how I will get everything back in there. I am discarding things that have not been used in a while. Hopefully, I will have this room finished soon.

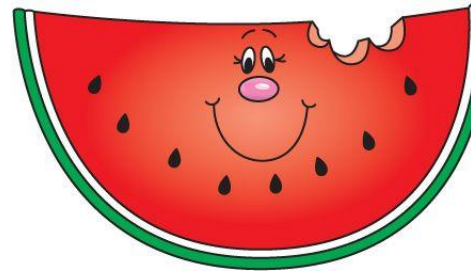
We are not sure about the August meeting; Dallas County had that rule about no large gatherings. So we probably will not meet. The cases are still high for testing positive for the virus, so it is probably a good idea not to meet. We should have a big party when we do meet and show and tell only.

If anyone is having any health issues let us know so we can pray for you. Also, if there is any good news let us know, we would love to know about that also. My family have all been healthy and we thank the Lord for that. Keep us informed and if you need anything do not hesitate to call.

Everyone have a healthy and productive August and keep those machines stitching.

Happy Quilting,

Linda Scott



National Watermelon Day

When: Always on August 3rd

This big fruit deserves its own big day. And, so we give pause to celebrate watermelons on National Watermelon Day. Sweet and tasty, watermelons are one of summer's favorite fruit. It's standard fare at picnics. While watermelon is over 90% water, its sure tastes good. And, what picnic would be complete without a seed spitting contest?

Our research was unable to establish this day as a true national day (which requires an act of congress). We also have not uncovered the origin of this day. we suspect it originated by an agricultural organization, or perhaps a wild and crazy watermelon fan.

Please don't limit your consumption of watermelon to just this month. Stores carry watermelon twelve months of the year.

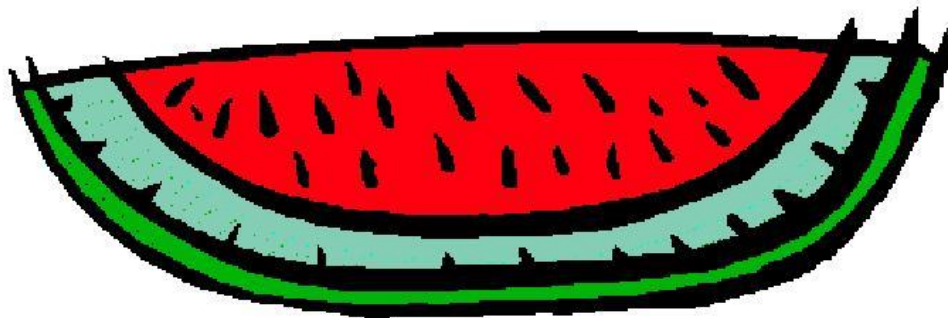
2020 Fall Retreat

The Fall Retreat is full, and we have 16 retreaters reserved. There is a waiting list so if you are interested in going, please let me know and I will put you on the list.

Red Boot has also offered us to come down Wednesday for \$30 more but does not include any meals. We need a minimum of 6 retreaters who are interested of the initial 16 retreaters who are going. Stay tune for more information as time approaches.

As always, stay safe and Happy Sewing!

Susan Turk



Middle Child's Day

When: Always August 12th

Middle Child's Day gives a little well-deserved recognition to the wonderful and special middle child in the family.

For parents of three children, you likely know the "Middle Child Syndrome" all too well. If you grew up the middle child with both older and younger siblings, you know the feeling a from a very personal perspective.

The first child is the first child. Beyond a doubt, the first born is a very special occasion. And he, or she, has all of mom and dad for a while before the second child comes along. The final child is and always will be the baby of the family.

This author knows what its like to be a middle child. We won't go into a dissertation about what Middle Child Syndrome is. Rather, we will focus upon one aspect. Older and younger children tend to be more outgoing, or extroverted. The middle Child tends to be more introverted, quieter, perhaps a bit of a loner.

It is very fair and fitting that we celebrate, and place into the limelight, the middle child today. Go out and enjoy this day to the fullest. Tell the world about it. Be a little outspoken, and let the world know how great it is to be the middle child. You truly are a wonderful, talented, and special person!

Happy *Middle Child's Day* to all of my fellow middle children!

Angel Quilts

Scottish Rite Hospital isn't open fully yet. When they're ready to except our beautiful quilts, I'll load the car and take the ones I have. You've given me 50 so far. I'll know things are good when the popcorn stand opens. Not yet but soon, I hope. Thank you, ladies.

Remember add one length and one width to get the size. A 90" quilt is small worth 4 points while 120" is large for 8 points. Just because we haven't been able to have meetings doesn't mean we can't reach the 300-quilt goal. Not counting the wonderful pile I have here 55 quilts have been turned to Scottish Rite. We all want to socialize but we need to be safe. Wear your face mask and wash your hands. Clean hands are good for our fabric as well.

Thank you.

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LOVE THY BABY... need to get your Volunteer hours done?

Would you consider doing some small quilts and or Receiving blanks for us?

Love Thy Baby provides all the fabric so if your stash is short and you want volunteer hours please consider doing blankets for us.

We provide all the fabric needed all you have to do is surge or a rolled hem on the 36 x 36 flannel. Small quilts 36 x 36 are completely put together all you have to do is do the quilting on top in the ditch or meandering.

*Small quilts are 1 for 1 Point

*Surging or rolled hem on the receiving blankets 10 for 2 Points

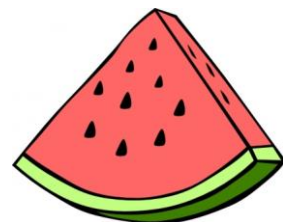
*Hats, diaper shirts and booties are 10 for 2 Point

Please remember to bring all your Receiving Blankets, small quilts and hats back to our next meeting. Please make sure you return them in the white bag that you took them in along with the tag on the bag

If you have any questions, please contact me.

I thank you – and Love Thy Baby thanks you.

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2020 Mystery Quilt Challenge – Unit 5

Susan Turk
(label unit)



Summary:

Make 36 Half Rectangle Triangles (18 Right and 18 Left) - $6\frac{1}{2}$ " X $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

****IF this unit is too difficult to make, then substitute this unit with
Fabric 1 and cut 36 – $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X $6\frac{1}{2}$ "

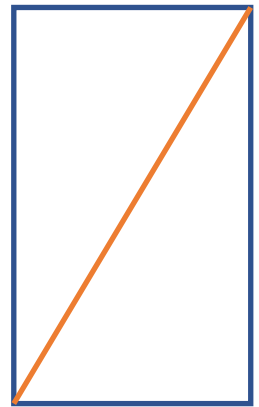
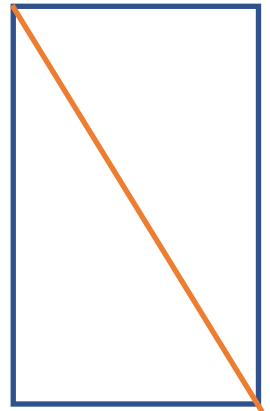
Detail Instructions

Cutting Instructions:

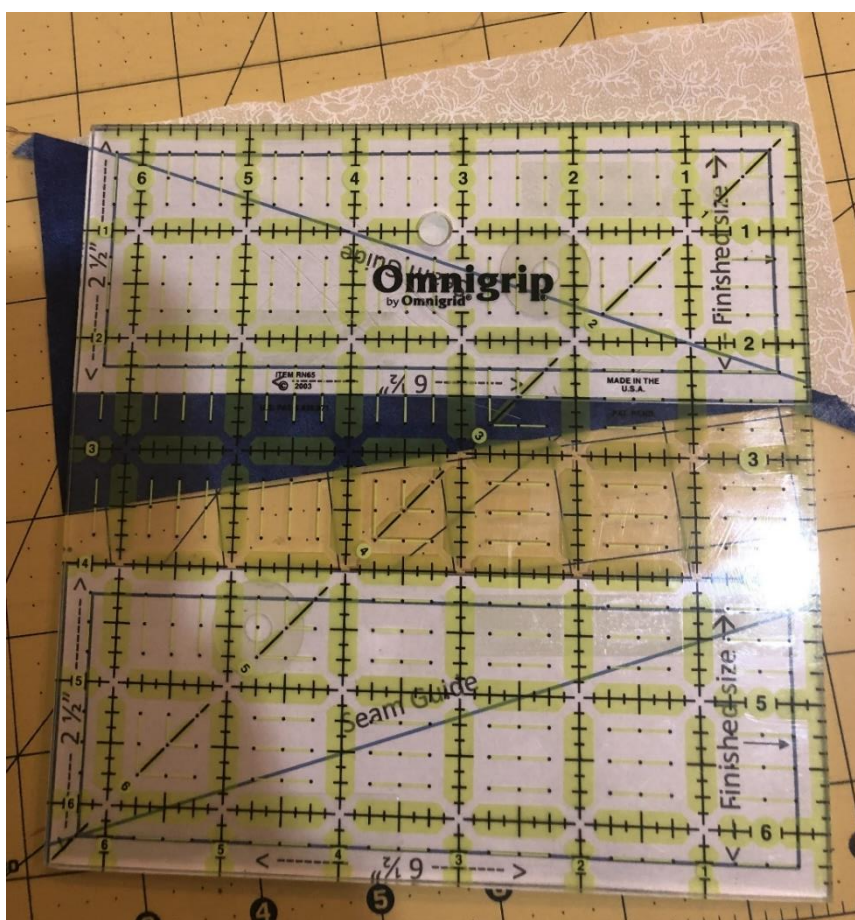
- Fabric 1:
Cut 36 - 4" X 8"
- Fabric 7:
Cut 36 – 4" X 8"

Assemble:

- Divide Fabric 1 in two piles (18 in each pile).
- For one pile, draw a line on the wrong side of Fabric 1 from the upper left hand corner to the lower right hand corner. (See diagram)
- For the other pile, draw a line on the wrong side of Fabric 1 from the upper right hand corner to the lower left hand corner. (See diagram)
- Pair Fabric 1 and Fabric 7 right sides together and align the drawn line crossing the adjacent corners on Fabric 7. See Photos below. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the drawn line and cut on drawn line, open and press.

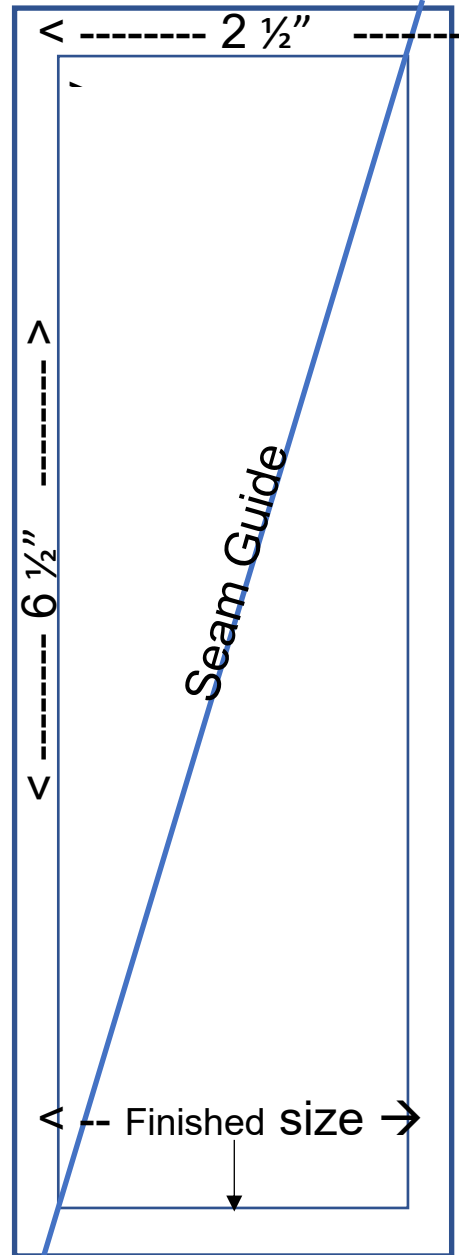
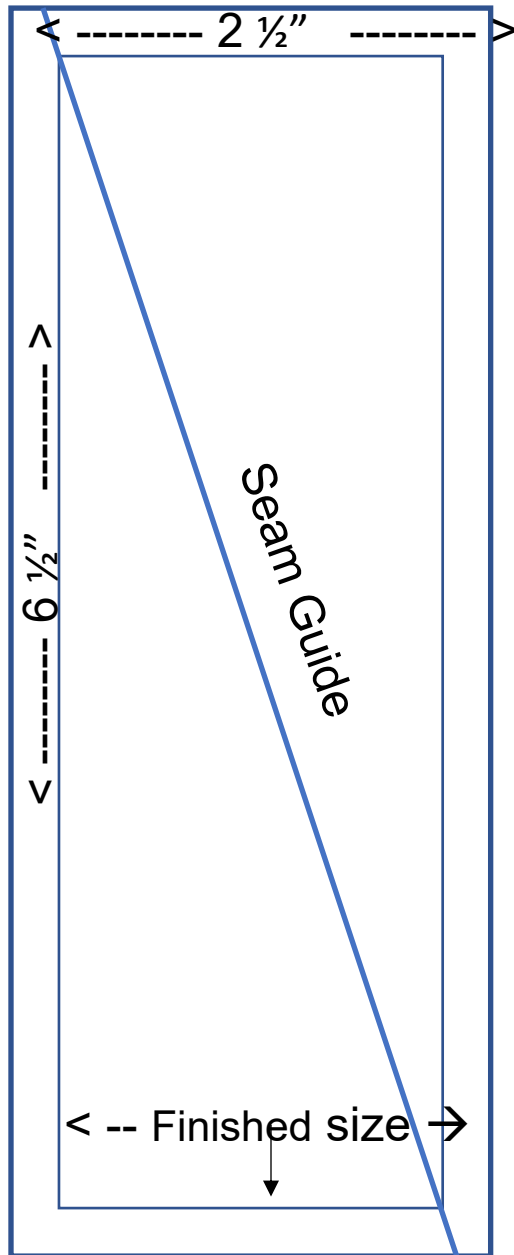


- You now have 2 Half Rectangle Triangles for every unit you sewed together. You need to cut each unit down to the size you need for this pattern. The 2 templates are located on the next page. Cut the paper templates on the outer rectangle which is your unfinished size. (2 ½" X 6 ½"). Place the template on each Half Rectangle Triangle aligning the Seam Guide. You will notice that the seam guide does not hit the outside corner of the template and that is to adjust when you sew your ¼" seam together to get a perfect point.
- **Tip:** Pinning the templates 36 times became too time consuming and I ended up cutting the template sometimes. To reduce time and not mess up the template size, I used double sided tape and taped the template (print side up) under my 6 ½" square ruler being careful to lineup with measurement on the ruler. Place it on top of the unit aligning with the seam guide. I cut 2 sides, turned the unit 180 degrees and cut the last 2 sides. And because I'm lazy, I put the second template on the other end of the ruler, so I could flip the ruler around depending on which unit I was cutting. (see photo below)



*** If you have any questions, please email Susan Turk (susanturk182@hotmail.com)

Outside Rectangle is the cut line,
Inside Rectangle is the finished size.



Face Mask requests

I received calls from the Salvation Army and Saint Vincent DePaul asking if the IQG could make masks for those who are in need. They actually asked if my friends could help. You are my friends and you are helping. Thank you! The Salvation Army has a shelter in Dallas for the homeless. The masks will be handed out there. Saint Vincent DePaul has a chapter working thru Holy Family Church. SVdP helps those who can use a little help to get on their feet.

When I told the lady at Salvation Army you were making masks using your own fabric, she asked how much would it cost. I told her nothing. The homeless belong to all of us. If you need elastic I have it. With the masks promised I'll have around 150. Thank you and yes, I need more.

SVdP truck hands out food to anyone who signs up. Never any judging. This food includes something fresh like fruit, milk or juice and frozen meat. If you or someone you know could use this service please join us. The truck sponsored by Catholic Charities is at Holy Family Church the third Saturday of every month between 9 and 10:30. Maybe someone could use the boost always and maybe just during this crazy time that's affecting jobs. Spread the word.

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All Irving Quilt Guild Members:

I wanted you know that the great speakers we have signed up for this year will be re-booked for next year. If we end up getting together this Fall, I will put together something for Programs that will be fun.

The SEW Expo and North Texas Quilt Festival is cancelled .. very sad 😞 ... but the good news is it gives you an entire year to get more quilts ready for next year's show! Oh, and don't forget Angel Quilts for Donna!

The Houston International Quilt Festival has been cancelled. Also, very sad 😞 ... save your money for next year so you can buy new fabric and projects! After all, 1 entire year of sewing – your stash is bound to be used up and gone! Maybe we could a few cars together and drive? Think about it.

I spent the last 12 weeks with a herniated disc and pinched nerve in my neck (6 weeks not fun) and then had surgery to fix it which required 6 weeks of recuperation. It also required wearing a neck brace for 6 weeks! That was not fun at all. I am back to work from home – our company is not sure we will go back to work in our office building anytime soon but I have a job and benefits! Yea!

Even though we have not had a Guild Meeting since February and everything in our world has changed, there will be a time that this virus will be a thing of the past and we will all enjoy getting together again!

Wear a mask, wash your hands a lot and stay safe until we see each other again! Call a friend and check on them!

Shawn Carr
1st VP Programs
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Friendship Groups

Guild members are cordially invited to join a sewing group for fellowship, growth and stitching.

Most groups have room for new members.

Threadpickers

Threadpickers meets at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church which is at the corner of 6th St. and O'Connor on the second Thursday of each month, from 10 am to 2 pm.

If you are looking for a friendly daytime group, please meet with us at St Mark's! You can "Brown Bag" your lunch and bring your drink or choose one of the restaurants in downtown Irving.

Bring a project to work on and be ready for a couple of hours of friendship and good conversation.

For more information, contact me!

Cynthia Gladden

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Material Woman

(Second Monday - 6-9 pm – Holy Family Church)

We've changed the time of Material Women. Our meetings are at Holy Family in the Gym building now from 3-6 or when we get tired of socializing. We work on new patterns usually making an Angel Quilt but not a requirement. You can bring something you are already planning to do. Holy Family campus is closed. When they open, we're ready to sew. All are welcome.

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Frayed Knots

(Second: Monday 4:30PM – 6PM)

We meet at Jaycee Park Large Room on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00pm to sew and around 4:30 we have a meeting, and we usually leave by 6 unless someone wants to continue sewing until 11PM. The next meeting will be in August, co-vid virus permitting, and Irving City opens the building for use. I will send out an email when we are able to meet.

I hope everyone is working on their frayed knots exchange blocks. I plan to start mine at retreat. Procrastination is my biggest problem. I have cleaned most of my sewing room, found a quilt top from 2011 from Quilters Dream block of month that just needed borders to finish and I even found the finishing kit that I had bought. It is now finished and ready to go to the quilters. Now I just need to get busy on all the quilts that I need to do bindings on.

Feel free to join us if you can. If you have any questions about Frayed Knots, please feel free to call me.

Sue Gray

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Some of the clubs at Quilters Dream have resumed meeting and since I go to 3 of them I was extremely glad. When we got there, early as always, we had time to visit with Beverly about all of her trials and tribulations that she is and has gone thru. She has such an uplifting attitude about all of her medical problems and says she is well on the way to recovery. Bi-weekly visits to change the dressing but so far no infections and hopefully no more hospital stays. She is a person that seems to greatly enjoy life and takes great pleasure in helping others enjoy her favorite past time, sewing.

Strawberry Spinach Pasta Salad w/Orange Poppy Seed Dressing

Sweet and tangy strawberry spinach pasta salad with orange poppy seed dressing is the perfect potluck side dish for every backyard BBQ, party, and get together.

Ingredients

- 8 ounces penne noodles, cooked according to package directions
- 2 cups packed fresh baby spinach leaves
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1 cup pineapple chunks
- ¼ cup dried cranberries, or dried blueberries
- ½ cup salted cashews, or other nut like pecans or walnuts

Orange poppy seed dressing

- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- ⅓ cup apple cider vinegar
- ¼ cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 3 tablespoons honey
- ⅓ cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons poppy seeds
- optional: pinch of salt and pepper

Instructions

1. Combine all dressing ingredients in a jar, cover, and shake well. Set side.
2. Combine penne, spinach, strawberries, pineapple, cranberries, and cashews in a large bowl and toss with the prepared dressing.
3. Serve immediately or cover and chill for 1 hour before serving



Pillowcase Pattern

Fabric Requirements:

Body of Pillowcase $\frac{3}{4}$ yard regular size 27" x wof king size 34" X wof

Cuff of Pillowcase $\frac{1}{4}$ yard 10" x wof

Trim between pillowcase and cuff can be whatever size you want it to be, but I cut mine 2" x wof

You will need to bring pins

On a flat surface, lay out the Cuff fabric with right side up. After pressing the trim fabric in half, making it 1" x wof, lay it at the top of the Cuff with the raw edges together. Next, lay the body of the pillowcase on top of the trim piece with right side down and raw edges together at the top. At this point, you will have all the fabric layered and all raw edges matching at the top and all selvages on the sides. The selvedge edges will probably not be even, but that is OK for now.

Roll up the body fabric, from bottom to top. Bring the cuff fabric (raw edge) up to meet all of the other raw edges. You will now have a tube. Pin all the layers together. Sew all five layers together with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Take the tube of fabric and pull the inside out. Voila!!!! You should now have a flat piece of fabric with a folded cuff on one end and an accent folded piece in between them. Trim selvedge edges off so that the sides of the pillowcase will be straight.

Sew the pillowcase together with wrong sides together, with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Turn the pillowcase wrong side out. Sew another seam along the bottom and side with a larger seam allowance so that it encloses the other seam allowance. This is a "French Seam". Now all of your seam allowances are enclosed and there are no raw edges on your pillowcase. If you don't want to do a "French Seam", you can serge the seams or use a serge stitch on your regular sewing machine.



Muzzled

(2020) (Book 21 in the Andy Carpenter series)

A novel by David Rosenfelt

In David Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter mystery, Muzzled, Andy and his beloved golden retriever, Tara, are back on the case as a favor to a friend.

Andy Carpenter is a lawyer who would rather not practice law. He'd rather spend his time working with the Tara Foundation, his dog rescue organization, and being with his family and his two dogs, Tara and Sebastian. But when a friend asks him for a favor that involves both dogs and his lawyerly expertise, he can't say no.

Andy's friend Beth has found a stray that seems to have belonged to a murder victim--in fact, the man and two of his colleagues died in an explosion a few weeks ago. But when the murdered man contacts Beth, asking for his dog back, Andy knows there must be more to the story. The man claims his life is in danger, and that's why he disappeared. As much as Andy doesn't want to get involved--anything to avoid a new case--he can't help but come to the rescue of a man who'd risk everything, even his life, to reunite with his dog.

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Officer's Meetings

The Officers and Committee Members meet the second Thursday of each month at Oakview Baptist Church (north entrance) at 1004 South Story Road, Irving. We meet at 6:00 and everyone is welcome.

Membership

Current Members	73
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	0
Guests	0
Total attending	0

Dues Information

The Guild's annual dues are due at the November meeting for the following year. All members are required to wear their current membership card as their name badge. A 50¢ fine is charged if not worn at the meeting.

Dues are \$30.00 per year.

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August Birthdays

5	John Poole
7	Connie Angeles
10	Carol Cook
16	Wanda Rolf
27	Sarah Schacht
29	Virginia Glasgow
29	Chris Kauffman



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July 2020			
8/13/20	Officers Meeting	6:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
8/20/20	Guild Meeting	6:30 – 9:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
2nd Monday	Frayed Knots	4:30 - 6:00 pm	Jaycee Park
2nd Thursday	Threadpickers	10:00 am – 2 pm	Saint Mark's
2nd Monday	Material Women	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Holy Family Church

IRVING QUILT GUILD MISSION STATEMENT

Promote fellowship among persons interested in all aspects of quilt making.
Preserve our quilt-making heritage and traditions. Participate in quilt-related projects that are of service to our community.

**Please visit our website
to learn more about the IQG!**

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August 20 Meeting Reminders:

- Items for Show and Tell
 - ❖ Angel Quilts
 - ❖ Quilt of Valor
 - ❖ Love Thy Baby Items
- Food & Drink – Potluck Dinner