



# Sew On and Sew On

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## PROGRAM NOTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2015

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Bear Creek Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Drive, Houston, Texas 77084

**Speaker:** Deb Karasik

**Program:** Her quilting journey

## 2017 GUILD CHALLENGE

Did you enjoy the string quilt challenge? Now is your chance to help decide on the Guild challenge for the next quilt show in 2017. Deadline for suggestions is May 1. Send your suggestions for the challenge to [pcook43@gmail.com](mailto:pcook43@gmail.com) to be considered. Your idea could be the one selected!

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## CELESTE'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members,

“Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers.” ~Byron Caldwell Smith, letter to Kate Stephens

When the weather is wet and cold, or Houston hot and humid, it's easy to sit down in my sewing room and get to work. But on these beautiful spring days, with enough sun to be warm but not so much as to melt my spirit, I feel the need to be outdoors (allergies be damned). I'm not really a gardener. In fact, I have a black thumb, but I love to plant a few things – some herbs in my kitchen garden, a lily that can no longer be sustained indoors, maybe try to introduce a few new flowers to add a little color. Perhaps it's a good thing that I can appreciate a beautiful yard or flower bed but not have the talent to create either. I am left to be creative with fabric and thread.

Additionally, spring is the traditional time to clean, get rid of the old stuff of winter and start fresh. Boy, can my sewing area use this! My stash of fabric looks like it's been hit by a tornado, and the desk in the room where I keep it is piled so high that things are starting to fall off. My discretionary time is so precious that

I'd rather use it for actually sewing than cleaning. Besides, doesn't cleaning only come before quilting in the dictionary?

So, now that our quilt show is over, what are your new projects? Are you planning that masterpiece to enter in our 2017 show? Making charity quilts? Catching up on gifts for family and friends? In my case, I have three projects that are must do before the end of July. One is a quilt that will be a wedding present for one of my nieces. She and her fiancé are big Baltimore Ravens fans, and I think I've come up with the perfect quilt for them. I found a block called the

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## BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR

Any member of the Guild is welcome to attend our board meetings, but the Board reserves the right to hold a closed Executive Session if needed. Board meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Following is the schedule:

May 6 – Café Express, Town and Country

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**PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS****PROGRAMS**

April 15	Deb Karasik	Her quilting journey <i>Meal/Trunk Show Thursday Night Bee</i>
May 20	Gyleen Fitzgerald	Art of Color Blending or the Shape of Things to Come <i>Meal/Trunk Show Nifty Needlers Bee</i>
June 17	Marci Baker	To be announced <i>Meal/Trunk Show Cutups Bee</i>
July 15	Ranae Merrill	To be announced <i>Meal/Trunk Show Ladies of the Night Bee</i>
August 19	Paula Barnes	Civil War Quilts <i>Meal/Trunk Show Katy Rotary Club Bee</i>
September 16	Maggie Ball	Innovative Quilts, Traditional Values <i>Meal/Trunk Show Material Girls Bee</i>
October 21	Brenda Henning	The Life and Times of an Accidental Quilter <i>Meal/Trunk Show OPEN</i>

**2015 WORKSHOPS**

April 16	Deb Karasik	“Arizona Sunrise” <a href="http://debkarasik.com/classes-detail.php?ID=10">http://debkarasik.com/classes-detail.php?ID=10</a> link to the project and the Class Supply list
May 21	Gyleen Fitzgerald	“Starstruck”
June 18	Marci Baker	Binding Techniques
July 16	Ranae Merrill	“Magic Mirror Mandala Quilt” <a href="http://www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/160">www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/160</a>
August 20	Paula Barnes	A civil war pattern
September 17	Maggie Ball	Bargello with a Twist

**2015 RETREATS**

May 15 – 17	Retreats by Margie in the Schulenburg/La Grange area. Minimum of 15 persons; cost to be arranged and depends on meals.
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**Program**

Patti Hempen's trunk show was bright and colorful. Patti's applique designs from her book were fun, whimsical and were well designed. I hope everyone enjoyed her quilts. She had a few very nice door prizes as well. Congratulations to those who won one of them. If you want to purchase her book, her Website is [www.pattihempen.com](http://www.pattihempen.com).

Deb Karasik is our speaker for April. She is a designer, fiber artist

and teacher. She is especially known for her paper piecing and intricate designs. Deb's book “QuiltMavens Perfect Paper Piecing” was a big success and sent her on her way in the quilting world. She also has another book “Quilts with Attitude” which is one of my favorites.

We have room for 9 to 10 more members in Deb's workshop on April 16, 2015 beginning at 9:30 am at Quilt 'n Sew in Katy on Mason

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Maryland block and used it to design a quilt in purple, gold, black and white with a Ravens fabric as backing. Just to tease them a bit, I think I'll put the Houston Texans' bull logo on the quilt label.

Another big project with a deadline is making 180 3 1/2" blocks for an exchange. It seems like I've been cutting the pieces for forever, but I'm finally ready to start the assembly process. Our bee has adopted the very apt name of "Beastie Blocks" for them.

Finally, my other bee is making paper-pieced blocks that will be combined for a charity quilt. I haven't even started this project yet, but I do look forward to it, as I enjoy paper piecing. I am waay behind on making charity quilts (gosh, do you think I was a little busy?), so I really look forward to this project. In addition to this, I want to make a nursing home quilt and one to drop off at Quilt 'n Sew for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

We have a number of new members so far this year, so let's make them all feel welcome. The Board has been revising the "New Member's Handbook" and turning it into a "Member's Handbook". We hope to have it available to all of you by the April meeting.

Happy quilting everyone,

*~ Celeste Fritz, President*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Gloria Ware	April 18	Ann M Ammons
April 4	Renee' Gately	April 21	Sarah Doty
April 7	Sharon Gordon	April 22	Jennifer Thacker-Torline
April 8	Marian Stange	April 24	Lauren Fatato
April 10	Cathleen Brothen	April 25	Robin Hunter
April 10	Ellen H Norton	April 27	Lyndol R Taylor
April 11	Marijo Williams		
April 13	Phyllis Rucker		
April 16	Shirley Buckley		

**Please bring a door prize.**

## COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

And the quilts keep coming in. The March guild meeting brought in another 11 quilts of comfort. Looks like we need to make a delivery to Sally Burns for Linus in the next couple of weeks. Now that all the quilt show stuff was sold at the market, we have lots of room for quilts, IV covers, premie blankets, stockings and Beanie Babies. It is too early to make things for the 2017 show, so why not make an extra quilt or two for a resident in a nursing home or a teenager at Texas Children's Hospital.

We will show some new ideas for quilts and have kits for them available at the April guild meeting. When you pick up a kit at a guild meeting,

all you have to provide is the batting when you complete the kit and love in putting it together.

How about coming and sewing with the Comfort Quilters some Tuesday from 8:30 until noon. We meet at the Krogers on Hwy. 6 between FM 529 and W. Little York and you just need to bring your sewing machine. Everything else is provided for you. You are welcome to come every week, once a month or whenever you have a spare Tuesday to sew for others. We are a fun group of ladies and get a lot done in 3 1/2 hours each week. Hope to see you soon.

*~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard  
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen*

## CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Lori Richter on the birth of her first granddaughter

If you know of a guild member who has suffered a loss, is coping with surgery or illness, or needs to be congratulated, please contact Cathy Beck with the informa-

tion so the rest of the guild can be informed. We would like to be supportive of our fellow guild members.

*~ Cathy Beck, Secretary*

## 2015 QUILT SHOW

It was a very successful quilt show. The new venue seems to have been a hit with most people.

Just a few hi-lights for your information:

- Total paid attendance – 1,150 up from 959 from the 2013 show
- Income from our two new items, the auction – \$2,200, and appraisals – \$285.
- Insured value of all of the quilts in the show – \$185,000
- Total income at the show – \$24,310.55, which includes \$7,387.80 in credit card sales.

It takes a lot of arms and legs to put on a quilt show. I've worked on a lot of committees over the years, both in volunteer organizations and in my career. I can honestly say that this committee and these chairmen are the best of the best.

My two right arms, Vice Chairmen Celeste Fritz and Debbie Adami were there throughout the planning and execution of the show. Both were invaluable to me and to the committee and each took on additional duties. Celeste handled Entries and

Signage – accepting, logging, sorting, transporting, labeling, and then distributing them once the show is over. In between, she designed and printed all of our signage needs. Debbie worked with our featured artist, made sure we had beautiful Awards Ribbons, and secured our Judges along with overseeing the off site judging.

Jean Fleming was our secretary and was in charge of working with Jane Hancock in getting the quilts appraised.

Ellen Norton served again as treasurer for the show. Debbie Huebel stepped in and assisted with this vital function.

Carolyn Cordes took on the Admission and Ticket sales. We had our challenges there, too, as this was the first show where we took credit cards for tickets.

Elaine Mason was in charge of decorations and spent six months hand drawing all of the blocks that were on display in the aisles.

Door Prizes / Donors was handled by Amy Matthias. Lots of fun stuff to pick from there.

Guild Boutique was chaired by Carol Ann Maurer and Jane Newsome. It truly was like shopping in a boutique as we wandered down the tables of the many unique items for sale there.



Chris Friesen and Ann Ammons handled vendor hospitality and the Awards Party. We had a grand time at that party.

Layout / Floor Plan chairman was Annette Hawley. She had her work cut out for her this year as we moved to a different venue for the show. She worked closely with our Vendor Chairman, Nita Beard, to make sure that the vendors had their space assignments, and then laid out the location for every single quilt entered in the show.

Publicity was handled by Linda Whetsell, and I think every possible publication in the State of Texas was covered.

Gloria Ware chaired Set-up / Take Down. Another tough, physical job

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## THANKS TO OUR MARKET AND BOUTIQUE VOLUNTEERS

TIME... is a gift

Quilting is our way of life, our passion

Volunteering is a selfless act of kindness.

What am I saying?

I am saying Thank you! Had it not been for the member's of WHQG's generosity of time, donations and money, Jane and I would not have had the resources necessary to be able to orchestrate such a successful market this year. I sure wanted to share the success with you as well

as so many guild members who really went above and beyond. We exceeded the expectations in raising funds for the guild this year, and most of all we made new friends and enjoyed every minute of working on the Market and Boutique. Money was made—but most importantly, friendships were “forged”.

I am grateful to all of you!

Thank you—a million times, Thank you!

~ Carol Ann Maurer

What an opportunity you have given me to share in the joy of helping our WHQG. You brought smiles, laughter, and energy to power us through this daunting journey, all in the name of quilting. Thank you for sharing your time and talents on this adventure. It is because of you that I can declare “The Quilted Roads of Texas” market a success. I look forward to seeing you soon and continuing our new found friendship.

Best of stitching to all of you,

~ Jane Newsome



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that takes organizational skills to get the quilts to the correct booths for hanging and then back into their bags along with judges comments and out to where the quilts can be picked up.

Basket and Quilt Raffle was taken on by Jean Fleming and Lori Richter. The baskets were great and it was obvious they spent a lot of time putting the items together.

Nita Beard chaired the vendors committee. She’s already got 25 of the 29 signed up for the next show – how’s that for efficient!

Debbie Huebel got our Volunteers signed up for every function where they were needed. This is another tough job that was well done.

Last but not least were you the members. We asked for items for the boutique and the raffle and you stepped up. We asked for items for the auction and you stepped up. We asked for volunteers and you stepped up. We had a total of 90 guild members volunteer who worked 626 hours just during the show. That doesn’t include the time that members put in at judging, or quilt entries, or making their own donations to the show.

Now it’s time to start looking toward the 2017 quilt show. We’re already on the schedule at the Berry Center for the first weekend in March 2017. Vendors are already signing up, and we’ll be looking for committee chairmen and volunteers to help. We have a great time, and you’d really enjoy working on the next show.

Now, go quilt something for yourself!

~ Patricia Cook  
2015 Quilt Show Chairman

## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is looking to serve the community of our membership in the pursuit of eliminating a few UFOs. Help will come in the form of motivation and rewards. What do you need to do?

Pick three (3) of your CURRENT UFOs. As you finish them, bring your finished project to one of the designated turn-in meetings, complete and deliver the form for “turn-in” to Jan Mathews, and show your finished UFO during Show and Tell. (The required form will be available at each turn-in meeting and needs to be completed and delivered BEFORE the Speaker’s portion of the meeting begins.) At each turn-in meeting there will be a drawing of those showing their finished project at that meeting. At year-end there will be a “Congrats You Got It Done” drawing for all members who turned in three different finished UFOs. So, ultimately, you have four (4) opportunities to receive a reward for your efforts to clean

out your UFO closet. The “turn-in” meetings will be June, September, and December. So, dig through your UFO projects, choose one, and get to work. Finished means you can give it away because it is DONE.

Side note: for those who do not quilt their own projects and feel “done” is really a completed top, you can also participate. You will have a separate reward opportunity reflecting the “done” level you have achieved at each turn-in meeting but will not qualify for the final December drawing for completing (as in “finished and giftable”) all three UFO projects timely. The important goal is to get three UFOs out of your UFO closet.

Looking forward to seeing all the beautiful work that will be completed, finished, done. Ladies, start your sewing machines.....

~ Jan Mathews  
Director of Community Service

### APRIL 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 ☾ Full Moon
			Guild Board Mtg 6:30 PM			
5 ☽ Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11 ☽ 1st Quarter
		Quilt Show Mtg 6:30 PM				
12	13 ☽ Spring Equinox	14	15	16	17	18 ☽ Full Moon
			Guild Mtg 6:45 PM		Workshop 9:00 AM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 ☽ 1st Quarter
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



## BEE NEWS

### Cut-Ups

Our bee was very proud of the display of our challenge quilts at the quilt show. Each member who participated did a great job making a wall hanging to fit with a holiday. Now, we are on to our charity project. We've selected a really cute paper-pieced block and Phyllis Rucker was kind enough to provide the foundation papers and black background fabric. The Houston Shop Hop bumped us from our March sew-in, but four intrepid members took a road trip to Giddings (Around the Block and Gerlene's), then on to LaGrange (Quilted Skein and Texas Quilt Museum). Gloria Ware is back to working on her Farmer's Second Wife blocks while Sallye Hodge showed us the beautiful floral applique blocks she has been working on. Sherrie Good has us all beat when it comes to the number and cuteness of Linus quilts turned in. Linda Stewart has been working on a darling quilt for her little granddaughter. We've

had lots of laughs and sharing at our Friday meetings.

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Katy Rotary Club

Wow! Our bee did very well at the quilt show, winning a number of awards. We have some awesome quilters. We're not resting, though, as we've already scheduled completion of our charity quilt this month and then a workshop in June to get us in the mood to work on Christmas projects. Members will be traveling to Canyon Lakes for a fun retreat at Debbie Huebel's lake house—a fun way to start the summer.

*Beekeeper: Patricia Cook*

### Ladies of the Night

The Ladies were well represented at the quilt show. Nine of our members entered quilts and 6 of us got ribbons. Barbara W received an honorable mention for Links. Gale received 2 honorable mentions, 1 for Chicken Feathers and 1 for Little Tweety Tree. Kathy received second place for Itty Bitty Block Exchange. Mary received second place for Snowman Fun. Donna received second place for Three Vessels and third place for Bali Star Struck. Cindy was the big winner of our group! She received 4 ribbons, a second place for Mosaic Medallion, First Place and Judge's Choice for Little Red Mini and Viewer's Choice for Tonga for Two. After the show on Saturday our bee went to Carrabba's to celebrate.

*Beekeeper: Debbie Huebel*

### Monday Night Divas

The Divas used their March meeting to discuss plans for the remainder of 2015. We made plans for our next tin can raffle or auction entry, charity stockings and our personal

quilting goals. We were glad to welcome Mary Beaulieu back from her 3 month visit to Australia. March Birthday: Kim Baird. We wish Kim good health and miss her.

*Beekeeper: Carol Blumentritt  
Submitted by: Helen Recane*

### Nifty Needlers

Now that the quilt show is over, we are ready to plan some new activities for our bee, but first congrats go to Connie, Kathy C. and Pam who won ribbons in our quilt show. This was the first entry for Kathy and we are so proud of her winning efforts.

Several of us went on the Houston quilt shop hop in March and kept the economy going with some beautiful fabric purchases. We even won door prizes in some of the shops and Kathy O. received a \$25 gift certificate from Cactus Quilts in Texas City! What a fun time we had! Looking forward to the next shop hop in the hill country.

Welcome back to Lauren who travels in her RV all over the States. Lauren will be celebrating a big birthday this month and we, of course, will be treating her to a special day! Stay tuned...

*Beekeeper: Teresa Rossman  
Submitted by Pam Heine*

### Thursday Night Bee

As I write this article retreat at Camp Allen is just around the corner. Our twice a year retreat is anticipated weeks in advance and some of us have been packed for a month or longer. Others will throw things in the car on Thursday morning and wonder how we could leave part of what we planned to bring sitting on the kitchen table. But we manage to work with what we brought and have

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## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Drive is officially over, but dues can still be renewed. There are several members whose dues have not been renewed; please check and see if you want to get it done before I clear the Roster after the next meeting. If you wait to renew later in the year the dues will be the same price as they are now, the partial year discount only applies to new members. If you haven't already gotten one—the new 2015 membership forms are available in the newsletter, on the Website, or on the membership table.

Dues are \$30.00 a year if you elect to see the newsletter online or \$40.00 a year if you prefer to have it mailed to you. Dues can be paid by mail with

a check or cash. You can also pay in person at the meeting with cash, check, or with your debit or credit card.

Please check the online Roster to verify that your information is correct, and then if there are no changes, a form with your name and 'SAME' will work with your dues. I do ask that everyone submit a form with their dues to help me keep track of all of the renewals.

As of the March meeting our membership drive has had 152 renewals of active members, and 22 new and inactive returning members.

We'd like to welcome the following ladies who joined in March: Janice

Broussard, Shirley Buckley, Sarah Doty, Sandra Gerner, Patty Haefele, Sarah Richter, and Kathy Wagner. Welcome!! We hope you enjoy our Guild as much as we do.

The Member Badges are green for 2015. Green stands for prosperity and growth and is what I hope for our Guild. You will find your white Membership card behind the badge in the holder.

This brings the total number of members on the February Roster to 225.

Happy Quilting!

~ Karen Coffey  
First Vice President - Membership

## LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS...

From time to time, the Guild gets information via our website that may be of interest to our members. Following is the latest:

The Friendship Force is seeking local quilters who would like to have an e-pal [like pen pals] between now and this year's IQF. They are expecting 16 guests from several states, Ontario, England and

Scotland who would love to meet Houston quilters. The organizer also thought they could have a big, fun potluck party with Show & Tell after IQF is over.

These ladies are all members of The Friendship Force, and the local members will be hosting them in their homes for a week. If any of our members would like to partici-

pate by being e-pals and coming to the show and tell they would greatly appreciate it. They would do it themselves, but they are not quilters.

If you wish to participate, contact Sidney Formanek at [sidcover@yahoo.com](mailto:sidcover@yahoo.com) or 281-821-9876.

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a great time spent with some of our closest friends. The food will be wonderful, desserts fattening, laughter contagious, learning spontaneous and sometimes unexpected. Most of us bring twice as many projects than we could ever finish and others will sew like they are possessed and complete everything—I just don't understand it. More information coming in the May newsletter with maybe a picture of two.

Our March bee meeting was held the Thursday after the quilt show and of

course we discussed our entries, the judging sheets, what we bought and congratulated the winners and we had several. Carolyn—1st plus 2 HM, Connie—2nd, 3rd, Gail S—HM, Gale D—2 HM, Betty—HM, Nita—3rd, HM—a total of 11 ribbons. Maybe we can double that for 2017—lets get busy girls.

We also celebrated our 1st quarter birthdays—Connie, Michelle, Linda G. Even though only one birthday girl was present, Linda G got to open cards containing fat quarters of many different shades of hot pink and lime green and read some pretty funny

cards. No birthday party is complete without cake and ice cream and Gail S. made sure we had plenty of that to top off a fun evening.

Most of the meeting was spent determining all the requirements for our next block exchange—6 1/2" hour glasses. We decided on a 2-color block, looked at samples of what will be the light fabric that can be used and basically said that anything goes for the dark part of the block. First turn in is June bee meeting—will let you know what I think of them later.

*Beekeeper: Nita Beard*

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Road. If you would like to sign up, please email me by April 8. Deb's class is a beginner/intermediate paper piecing pattern with some "Y" seams. If you have a friend that would like to attend feel free to invite them. The workshop cost is \$50 and it includes her pattern for the project "Arizona Sunrise". We will order lunch from a restaurant close by so be sure to have some cash available to pay for your lunch, or you are free to bring your own lunch if you prefer.



The May 21, 2015 workshop with Gyleen Fitzgerald is on her Butterfly Seam technique for "Y" Seams. We will be making her Star Struck table runner. The workshop will be held at Quilt n Sew beginning at 9:30, the cost is \$50 and includes 2 of her rulers and the pattern for the table runner. Be sure to sign up at the April guild meeting.

to take notes, a seam ripper, sewing machine needles (size 14 or 90 for Deb Karasik's class), bobbins, your power cord and foot pedal for your machine, small iron, and pressing pad or pressing roller.

*Please Don't:*

- Wear perfume or other sprays with scent as there are many persons allergic to or sensitive to scents and smells
- Talk while the teacher is talking or demonstrating a technique
- Argue with the teacher about how to do something. Attendees are there to learn the teacher's method. If you do not agree with it or know a better way, wait until the end of class to discuss with the teacher. You are always free to choose your method for creativity.
- Save seats for buddies, this is a time to get to know your fellow members, they may be your new best sewing buddy.

Most of all have fun and learn a new technique.

If you have a suggestion for a speaker or presenter who you think fellow guild members would find interesting, learn from and have fun, please

let me know. I am in the process of scheduling and contracting for the 2016 programs and would like to know what interests you all have. So far our lineup will include, Brenda Jeschke on getting quilts "quilt show ready", Rosie McCrady from Scarlett Today, and Becky Goldstein from Piece O' Cake Quilts. I have a few other inquiries out to other speakers but would like to hear from you the members about what you would like to learn.

The next retreat will be May 15-17 at Retreats by Margie in the Schulenburg/La Grange, area. Please contact Marie Robinson to let her know you would like to sign up. The cost of the retreat is \$130 and meals will be a joint effort and coordinated by Marie Robinson. Marie is offering a Batik block challenge at this retreat. Please bring a block made from any pattern and it must measure 12 1/2 inches square (a 12 inch finished block).

It is a minimum of 10 persons (changed from 15) There is a \$20 non-refundable deposit due at sign up.

Happy Quilting, Happy Quilting,

~ Debbie Adami  
Second Vice President -  
Programs and Workshops

### General workshop etiquette

*Please Do:*

- Be on time.
- Be sure to bring your sewing machine in working order, the manual, and basic tools and oil in case you need them.
- BYOSB (bring your own sewing basket), bring all basic sewing supplies including pins, a couple of rotary cutting rulers, a rotary cutter, an 18x24 cutting mat, scissors for fabric and paper, thread to match or blend with your project, a glue stick (Elmer's School Glue or the Sewline ones work well), paper and a pen or pencil

### CHARM SQUARES

We have 10 people signed up for April Charm Square exchange. Here are the choices for 2015. If you are interested in joining in the fun - sign up, then bring 6" x 6" cotton squares of the monthly design.

- April – Easter
- May – Birds
- June – Jungle Animals

- July – Farm Animals
- August – ABC/Numbers
- September – Balloons/Kites
- October – Structures (Barns, Houses, etc.)
- November – Shoes
- December – Toys

~ Brenda Marien  
Charm Squares





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