

THREAD TALES

from TQG

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Quilters,

Happy Upcoming Holidays! I hope you enjoy whichever ones you choose to celebrate, in small ways, big ways, public and private ways. My family has an overabundance of birthdays this time of year, so we are busy with those as well.

As most of you know, I was at the Houston International Quilt Festival, taking a small foray into teaching at an incredible, overwhelming, quilting celebration. And I was purely delighted to discover that in Houston, our very own Tucson Quilters' Guild had vendors, teachers, and winners, at this very highest level of competition. Our guild is a real powerhouse, and I am amazed and delighted at the level of quilting that our guild community continues to support.

I am looking forward to seeing all of the president's challenge quilts that have been turned in—there are over twenty. I will be organizing them for all of you to vote on at the December meetings. And I've just thought it might be fun to award an extra ribbon for the person whose quilt has the most buttons. Of course if someone goes completely berserk with buttons, as I tend to do, they will be tough to count accurately! I do already know there is quite a size and style range, so they will be fun for all of us to see. And because I will be president for another year, I will have the fun of coming up with another challenge for 2021! I do have some ideas, but you will all have to wait until next March!

See you all in December, and as you get ready for the end of one

year, and the beginning of a new one, take good care of yourselves and your loved ones. Happy Holidays, or as my doctor's office has posted, Happy Christmahanakwanzika! Yours in Quilting, Karen G. Fisher

President



DECEMBER GALENDAR

Business Meeting:

Wed, December 4, 9:30 am

General Meetings:

Tues, December 11, 7 pm Wed, December 12, 9:30 am

December Workshop:

No workshop this month.



Business Meeting:

Tues, January 7, 5:30 pm

General Meetings:

Tues, January 7, 7 pm Wed, January 8, 9:30 am

November Workshop:

No workshop this month.

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TQG PROGRAM SCHEDULE



DECEMBER PROGRAM

My Crazy Life - Quilts and Otherwise

Cindy Brick

Cindy Brick is an editor, designer and writer who travels the world teaching about quilting and quilt history. A former editor for Quilter's Newsletter, she is also a textiles appraiser and professional quilt restorer.

Cindy is a frequent contributor to various magazines, is an avid blogger on topics of quilting, frugal ways to save, quirky events, lost (and found) treasures and shipwrecks, politics and whatever else pops up in her head! Cindy is an experienced personal property appraiser with AQS (American Quilter's Society) and ASA (American Society of Appraisers).

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 7 and 8, 2020

Swan Sheridan

Lecture: Quilt the World

Friday - Sunday, February 21-23, 2020

Quilt Fiesta 2020

March 10 and 11, 2020

Jan Krentz

Lecture and Workshop

April 7 and 8, 2020

Charlotti Angetti

Lecture and Workshop



Visit the Guild website to learn more about these workshops. One day classes are \$50 and 2-day classes are \$100. We can now accept credit cards. The classes are from 9 am -3:30 pm each day and are held in the large multi-purpose room at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd. These workshops are a great opportunity for you to learn new quilting skills at a very reasonable price from professional quilters from all over the United States!

If you have any questions or suggestions about speakers or workshops, please contact our Program Directors:

Joline Albaugh, Joline@dbelltech.com

Guild News



The Tucson Quilters Guild is proud to be presenting Quilt **Luminarium by Ricky Tims** on March 14 and 15, 2020 at the Casino Del Sol, 5655 W Valencia Road, Tucson, AZ 85757. See page 15 for more information.

Our guild benefits directly from the attendance at this event. For our assistance in promoting this event our Guild will receive \$10 per registered participant. Please spread the word and encourage everyone you know to sign up.

Sign up early and Save - the **Early Bird Registration** deadline is February 1, 2020 and the last day to register is February 29, 2020.

Hotel Accommodations:

Casino Del Sol Resort agrees to provide a courtesy room rates for the symposium as follows:

Thursday, \$179+12.1%; Friday and Saturday, \$195 + 12.1%; Sunday, \$179+ 12.1%. These rates will be provided based on availability until January 12, 2020.

Reservation Instructions:

You can make reservations by phone at 1-855-765-7829. To receive special rates you are requited to mention you will be attending the Quilt Luminarium 2020.



Have some extra time? Interested in helping your Tucson Quilters' Guild? Char Gasker is still looking for someone to shadow her as Opportunity Quilt Ticket Chair. If interested, please contact her at (520)419-4453 or cgasker@gmail.com.



Thank you each and every one who adopted, dressed and returned your bear(s) this year. You are amazing the beautifully outfitted bears; AND those super special ladies who knit/ crochet sweaters for our bears and the lovely fleece blankets with crocheted edges.

1 have 30 bears designated for Family First Pregnancy Care Center and Diaper Bank located in Oracle AZ . . . the director, Clare, is so excited because 15 bears (to be delivered by the end of November) will be given to children at their Christmas party in December. Fifteen bears will be set aside for the first responders and given to children in adverse situations.

This plan will become a year around program so that bears can be provided, not just at the holiday, but whenever we have them available and they are needed. These children come to these shelters/crisis centers all year long. Won't it be special to have one for a child in April or August or whenever?

Thank you again, Joyce Bott, TQG Dress a Bear Chair

2020 OFFICERS/GOMMITTEE



Consider becoming more involved in YOUR Quilt Guild! We are seeking Board Nominees for Recording Secretary, Treasurer, One Quilt Show Co-Director and two Program Co-Directors. This is a two year term beginning in the spring of 2020.

Additionally, we are seeking to build volunteers for the Hospitality and Finance Committees (if you have a financial background and/or are interested in assisting with the finances of the Guild we need you!)

Please contact Connie Rank-Smith, TQG Vice-President, to volunteer!

More Guild News

QUILTING DESI

FROM THE SHELVES -

Last month the Guild received several books on hand quilting: Perfecting the Quilting



Stitch, Fine Hand Quilting, Flawless Hand Quilting, and Tiny Stitches. All have good advice and interesting patterns. As I was looking through the category of "Quilting-Hand" l discovered another book we already had in our

collection, 250 Continuous-Line Quilting Designs for Hand, Machine and LongArm





Kim Votava and Shellie Whitman are your Member-At-Large advocates and are here to provide support to all of you, either anonymously or directly. If you have questions you'd like answers to, please signin to the webpage, click on Resources tab, then click *Member-At-Large.* This will bring up a fillable form that can submitted on line or you may approach us directly at the general meetings!





Business and Non Guild Member Prices

Do you have a quilting service you provide?

Quilt related-business/service:

\$10/issue - Business Card - 3.5" x 2" (Horizontal or Vertical)

\$15/issue - 1/4 Page Ad - 4.25"w x 5.5"h

\$30/issue - 1/2 Page Ad - 8.5"w x 5.5"h (Horizontal) or

1/2 Page Ad 4.25"w x 11"h (Vertical)

\$60/issue – Full-Page Ad 8.5" x 11"

Non-Guild members may place a plain text ad with photo to sell personal quilting /sewing machines, supplies and/or fabrics for \$15 per issue.

For additional information and/or to reserve space in the next newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor at <u>newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com</u>.





EACH IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PICK UP YOUR TICKETS

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HANG QUILTS

We need your help hanging quilts to make the 2020 Quilt Fiesta happen. We will hang the quilts on Thursday, February 20. Contrary to what you were told at the October meeting, you DO NOT have to climb a ladder to hang quilts. There are plenty of jobs for those who don't climb ladders.

To volunteer, please email Beverly Reiter at delft54@ cox.net or Kathy Zimmer at kapplique@aol.com. You can also sign up at the November General meetings with Kathy Zimmer at the back of the room.

SUPPORTS EMERGE



Here is one last reminder that your entry form for the 2020 Vintage Quilt Turning is due by December 1, 2019. Just print the form from the website, fill it out and send it in. Everything you need to know is on the form. The committee is looking forward to sharing the story of your vintage treasure with our quilt show guests. If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Miller at kmmmiller@hotmail.com.

2020 SMALL ZUILT AGUCTION

We have many wonderful

entries for the small Quilt Auction but we need more to make a meaningful donation to EMERGE!, a provider of support to victims of domestic abuse. Emerge provides an emergency hotline, emergency shelter and access to counseling, education and lay legal advice. You can find more information online at www.emergecenter.org. Please consider creating or finishing a small quilt to benefit this critical agency! Quilt entries need not be complicated. Requirements are a perimeter 100 inches or less, a two inch hanging,,,,,,,, sleeve and a completed entry form, see page 7. Quilts can take a variety of forms-wall hangings, table runners, doll quilts or any form you can imagine. Quilters have submitted original designs, pieces made from leftover blocks, blocks of the month, unfinished projects, practice studies for larger quilts, and completed "lamentable" blocks which are available at guild meetings. Making small quilts can be considered "plactice"- a combination of play and practice! (Term coined by Jenny Lyon). We will accept

More Quilt Fiesta 2020 News



small quilts through December so you still have time to complete a donation! Donated small quilts will be available for purchase through a silent auction at the 2020 Quilt Fiesta. Each quilt will have a beginning bid amount as well as a "buy it now" price. Quilts will be priced reasonably so they will sell during the three day show. Winners of the auction will be contacted if not present at the close of the auction, but quilts purchased at the "buy it now" price can go home at time of purchase! If you have any qustions, please feel free to contact Wendy Anderson at aksk8wmn@gmail.com.



The deadline for newsletter articles and ads is the **3rd Tuesday** of the each month.



If all the kids get their projects completed, I'm excited to share with you that I anticipate 23 entries for Kids Row Quilt Fiesta 2020! From the photos 1 received we have some very talented kids and patient grandmothers (or moms, or aunts)!! Even if you do not have a youngster in your family... please encourage and assist the neighbor child or a child in your church to become tomorrow's quilt makers

Also, I am excited to have Sue Franklin join me as cochair of this program.

Joyce Bott

TQG Kids Row Chair

2 OF A KIND QUILTING

Cara Campbell (520)490-7484 Nancy Ferreria (515)778-4421

PANTOGRAPHS
EDGE TO EDGE
CUSTOM QUILTING
SPEEDY TURN
AROUND

10203 E Calle Estrella Clara, Tucson, AZ 85747 10467 S. Boothill Way, Vail, AZ 85641

OPPORTUNITY QUILT



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DONATION FOR THE TUCSON QUILTERS GUILD SMALL QUILT CHARITY AUCTION 2020

Proceeds from this year's auction will go to EMERGE!, a nonprofit devoted to providing services to victims of domestic abuse.

Guidelines:

- Quilt size is limited to a maximum of 100" around the perimeter.
- Quilts should have a 2" hanging sleeve across the top of the back.
- Quilts may be turned in at any meeting at the TQG Membership table or TQG Library or mailed to the address provided below.
- Quilts are due by the December meetings.
- Please, include a separate entry form for each quilt you donate. (Included below.)

ENTRY FORM

Quilter's name(s)			
Address:			
Email:		Phone #	
Quilt Title:			
	Quilt length:		
Artist's statement about t	his quilt: (50 words or less)		
If needed, please mail Sm	all Quilt Entries by December 15	, 2019 to:	

Office use only: Quilt number: _____

Wendy Anderson 5024 N Via Velazquez Tucson AZ 85750

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TQ.G.

ARIZONA ZUILT DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

Tucson Team, Susan Franklin PhD

The Tucson team conducted a Public Documentation on November 9. Twenty-three quilts were documented; the oldest owner, accompanied by her daughters, was over 100 years old! She was wonderful and very attractive. I told her I'd like to be like her when "I grew up." Her quilt, called Whigs' Defeat, made between 1800-1849, was made by Ellen Jane Thatcher who was born in 1831. This beautiful quilt showed its age, but the quilting was impeccable.

The most popular pattern documented, to no ones' surprise, was Grandmother's Flower garden. One of the Flower Gardens had beautiful "fussy cutting" for its hexagons. Those hexagon wonders, extremely popular in the 1920s and 30s actually began in the first quarter of the 19th century. There were modern quilts, too, like the beautiful quilt made by Guild member, Christine Nelson, that she calls Fun and Fantasy.

Some quilts were made from scraps, such as from old dresses and skirts. Others from whatever happened to be at hand. Some were tied; some were hand quilted, while others were machine quilted. The fun of a public documentation is that no one knows what will come out of those bags, sheets, or pillowcases until they're put on the documenting table.

A beautifully machine pieced and hand quilted lris quilt offers a huge contrast to the tied multi colored and fabric Squares with a small floral print strip across its top. A Friendship quilt provided lots of interest to many. Made by the Gavin County, Oklahoma, Home Economics quilters, the names were embroidered by varied individuals. Of personal interest, many of the women had the last name of Franklin!

A Yo-Yo top also joined the group, photographed on the table due to its frailty. Lovely design with yo-yos to create large diagonal squares across its top. One darling Kitty crib quilt, hand quilted, with small kittens in alternate blocks doing various tasks.

There were other quilts done, but these are a few for you to get the "feel." Public Documentations for 2020 will be at the Arizona History Museum, the first on March 21st, and the second on November 14th. Please call Kate Clark, at 520-742-1000, if you have a quilt you'd like documented.

For more information on the Tucson team, please either contact Sue Franklin at *suevette63@comcast.net* or 520-490-4721 or Terry Grzyb-Wysocki at terry-gw@mindspring.com or 520-904-2218.

The next documentation training session will be in early January. A date hasn't been set.



Quilt for a Cause also sold quilts and opportunity quilt tickets for our new quilt, *Treasures of the Southwest*, at the *Chris Bubany Holiday Market* at Harlow Gardens. We also sold opportunity tickets at the *Tucson Quilt, Craft, and Sewing Festival*, and raffled three gift baskets.

Have you made your reservations for the bus trip to *Road to California*? There is space left on the second bus! Don't wait and miss out on a great adventure. Fill out the request form at www.traveladventuresbymichelle.com/roadtocalifornia. Michelle will send you an invoice that can be paid by credit card. (She does not need a passport number!)



We will be selling tickets for our quilt Treasures of the Southwest, at the guild meetings in December and January.

Be sure to bring your money to help support a great Cause. Tickets are 1/\$2 or 3/\$5.

Finally, we have a new quilt donation form that is available on our website, *quiltforacause.org*, and at the Quilt for a Cause table at Tucson Quilt Guild meetings. Please use this for quilt donations. Thank you so much!

Tucson Quilters Guild Bees



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Lisa Fryxell - (575) 590-5472 **Columbus Library** 4350 E 22nd Street 1st Monday, 10 AM to 2 PM OPEN to new members

EAGLE WINGS OOV BEE

Char Gasker — <u>cgasker@gmail.com</u> TUCSON ART QUILTERS: **Quality Quilterz** 8421 E Broadway Blvd 4th Thursday of the month OPEN to new members

EASTSIDE QUIET BEE

or vmoore7331@hotmail.com Ask Vicki for location 1st Thursday, 6:30 PM OPEN to new members

Vicki Moore - 748-7219, 241-7290,

HIMMEL QUILTERS

Ruth Campbell - (520) 792-1639 or sruthie@cox.net

Himmel Park Library 1035 N Treat Ave 3rd Wednesday, 6 - 8 PM OPEN to new members

NORTHEAST 9 PATCHERS

lanice lones tomjan620@msn.com

Members Homes 1st Friday, 9:30 AM **CLOSED** to new members

PACIFIC RIM QUILTING BEE:

Shelby Meyer shelbvmeveraz@cox.net The Quilt Basket

6538 E. Tanque Verde #130 1st Tuesday, 10 am OPEN to new members

SIESTA BEE

Shellie Whitman - (520) 850-0810 Members homes 3rd Tuesday, 1 - 4 pm**CLOSED** to new members

SUNSET BEE

Members homes CLOSED to new members

No contact person at this time Eastside City Hall 7575 E. Speedway, 3rd Wednesday, 10 am - Noon OPEN to new members

UFO BEE

Mary Meserve -

dragonquilter54@gmail.com The Quilters Market 7601 E Speedway Blvd Every Tuesday, 9 - 11:30 am OPEN to new members



MATERIAL GIRLS

Cindi Huff - (623) 225-6109 or quilteronthego57@gmail.com members homes 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1 - 4 pm

MONA LISA BEE:

BY INVITATION ONLY

Denise Withrow (520) 429-3936 **Foothills Community Church** 3301 W Overton Rd 3rd Monday, 9:30 - 11 am BY INVITATION ONLY

PICTURE ROCK BEE:

Denise Withrow - 429-3936 Members homes 1st Monday, 1:30 - 3:30 PMINVITATION ONLY

PIECEPATCHERS:

Char Gasker — <u>cgasker@gmail.com</u> Evelyn George — <u>auilter4ever@cox.net</u> Members homes Ask Evelyn **CLOSED** to new members **NORTHWEST NEEDLERS:**

Evelyn George - quilter4ever@cox.net

Where: Members homes When: verify **CLOSED** to new members



MONDAY NIGHT QUILTERS:

Marie Morris – 403-6208, 623-0123, or mimawsquilting@hotmail.com **GracePointe Church** 2555 W Valencia Rd. 3rd Monday, 6:30 - 8 pm Sept - Nov and Jan - March OPEN to new members



NORTH OF THE BORDER:

Babs Phillips — 393-6557 Ask Babs for Location Every Thursday - 9:30 AM - Noon OPEN to new members



Elizabeth Sonnenfeld, epsonnenfeld@gmail.com

Tucson Quilters Guild Basics

The mission of the Tucson Quilters Guild is to perpetuate the art of quilting, encourage the practice of quilting, and to stimulate interest in this art form.

Who:	All Members
What:	Business Meeting—First Wednesday of every month in the Church Classroom. General Meetings - Second Wednesday of the month in the morning or the Tuesday evening preceding the second Wednesday - in the Parish Hall.
When:	Business Meeting – 9:30 AM ~ 10:30 AM General Meetings: Tuesday Evening –7:00~9:30 PM Wednesday Morning –9:30 AM~12:00 PM
Where:	St Frances Cabrini Church 3201 E. Presidio Near Fort Lowell and Country Club
(How): Parking	Guild members are asked to refrain from parking in the spaces in front of the Parish office; the Church wants these spaces to remain open for Church members who have business to attend to in the office. This is the small building to the east of our meeting room. PARKING NOTICE: Tuesday evening attendees: The Church's Family Classes are in session again, so PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FRONT LOT. Use the side or back lot.
Why:	Come to get involved with all aspects of the Guild, to make new friends, learn new quilting skills, share, but most of all, to have <i>FUN</i> .
Cost:	Members — \$30/year (due in March) Guests — \$5/meeting

USE OF CAMERAS AT GUILD MEETINGS

Due to copyright concerns, photos may be taken before the meetings, during the breaks, and after the meetings.

No photography or videos are permitted during the guest speaker presentations.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Submission deadline for the October Newsletter is **Tuesday, October 15**. Please send you articles/ads to the Newsletter Editor at <u>newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com</u>.

TQG MEETINGS ARE FRAGRANCE FREE

Please remember to be kind to fellow members with allergies to scents and perfumes. Please attend the meetings fragrance / perfume free. It means another member can attend.

SHH-HH PHONE APP FOR TQG MEETINGS

http://shushapp.com The shush app allows you turn the volume of your ringer off for whatever amount of time you want. At the end of that time your phone's ringer will be turned on again. It is handy for those of us who forget to turn on the ringer again.

TQG BOARD AND COMMITTEES

President	Karen G. Fisher	president@tucsonquiltersguild.com
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Programs Co-Director	Hester Rodgers	
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2020 Quilt Show Co-Director	Pamela Golliet	

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Bee Keeper	Elizabeth Sonnenfeld	
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Finance	OPEN	
Guild Pins	OPEN	
Guild Publicity	OPEN	
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Hospitality	Chris McCollum	
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Newsletter	Pilar Dougall	newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com
Pattern of the Month	Val Hintze	
Quilt-a-Thon	OPEN	
Quilting for Others	Kathryn Wald	
Opportunity Quilt 2020	Denise Withrow	
Record Keeper	Chris McCollum	
Website	Pilar Dougall	website@tucsonquiltersquild.com



PATTERN OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2019

"String Blocks"

A Design by Val M. Hintze

Scrap Buster Foundation Strip Piecing

(This block will-not be used as a block giveaway.)

Instructions

Use unbleached muslin, ugly fabric, or paper as a foundation for this block. Cut foundation 12.5" x 12.5".

The width of strips can be 2.5" wide or various widths using strips from your scrap bag. Strip layout for this block pattern is diagonal on-point.

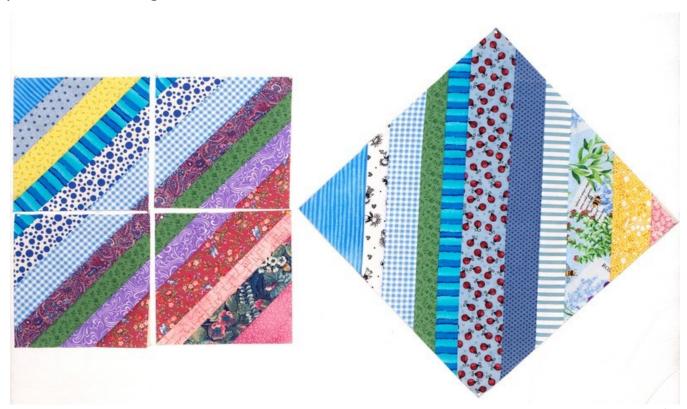
Place the first strip right-side-up on foundation from one corner to the next corner. All strips should be long enough to overlap the corners/sides (you'll trim later).

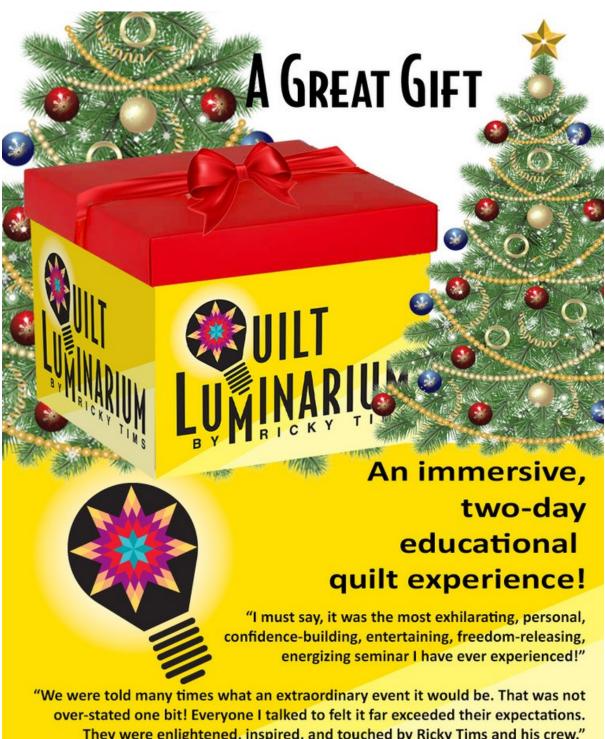
Place the next strip right-side-down on top of the first strip, aligning edges, sew with 1/4" seam. Open and press seam flat. Keep adding strips, sewing, pressing, until the right side of the foundation is filled. Repeat the process in the same manner to fill left side.

Turn your square over, use the foundation as a guide to trim dangling strip ends AND resize your square to measure 12"X12".

Cut large square in half and in half again to turn into (four) $6" \times 6"$ squares. Arrange to create interesting designs. Sew squares together.

Make a lot of these fun scrap buster blocks for quick and easy quilts tops, table runners, place mats, tote bags, etc.





They were enlightened, inspired, and touched by Ricky Tims and his crew."

