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Houston Quilt Show by Sally Wall, Fairhope Rotary Club



I went to the show for 3 and 1/2 days and never saw it all. I have been a few times so I knew not to really try even . Half the place is shops with every sort of sewing notions and connected items like lotion that won't hurt fabric , heads , sewing cruises and tours! So there is a great deal there for anyone that does other things besides quilting. There was a booth of beautiful Alpaca wool for instance. Sewing machines were well represented, craft tables and antique sewing notions and antique quilts were there also. I did not attend any of the classes offered although there were ones you can sign up for ahead of time with well known teachers and then last minute ones you can jump into after it begins also. (Bring a sweater for those.)

There were many places to eat this time. Some restaurants have been added to the building so you can skip the food court if you wish a different setting. One of my favorite parts is the people you get to talk to during lunch though. This year one lady told us about evacuating for a large fire in the town and another lady was from Switzerland the next day and told me that quilting was not well known there and people often thought she was saying she made men's " kilts".

Houston Continued

Standing in line for the bus to the hotel was one of the winners in the Van Gogh challenge. She had on a giant ribbon and had also other quilts in the showI kinda wished she lived next door to me so I could get her advice!

I have gone to this show several times but I have not done a great deal of finished quilts. It is a wonderful art show to see even if you do not sew at all. In Houston it is the largest event in the convention hall each year! Not cattle or oil but quilting! That's what got me curious to go in the first place. I live 8 hours east and like to drive there more than fly. This time I included a Louisiana swamp tour on the ride back that I always wanted to try , and I usually get to eat in Cajun country at some local place on my trip . Found a nice B and B in Hammond La. this time very near I-10 . I have even camped on the way there in Ocean Springs Ms. at a federal campground. (28\$/ a night.)

You want to have plenty of cash for some shopping when going.

I stayed in one of the hotels that has the free shuttle this year and that was nice. The parade for winning the World Series went right past it so it was a hot spot to be in this year.....we all went to the show though as it was kinda the world series game for US to be at. I am sure some of the husbands were happy to watch it though.

I am going to let you edit this information. I am not writing it as I expect it to be in the news letter...just trying to give you enough to work with.

It was a whole lot of fun . Everyone there is always loving the show it is so good and interesting.

Chocolate runs off quilt at bottom if you look close. :)



This quilt from Bern Switzerland was in the show a few years back and returned with a quilt it inspired Mexico quilters to make a similar one. The two seem to be traveling around a good bit together now. I think going to France next. Mexico one is many different " Magic cities " in All of Mexico whereas the Switzerland one is about Bern only I think with a church in Bern in the middle. A nice man gave talks about it all during the show and his wife had worked on the Mexico one. Some of my ancestors are from Bern and so I am especially interested to get to see this again.



I took this little cane/ chair. It's super light and I was asked several times a day about it and where to buy it. Great for resting bags and purse strap on it when I stopped to look and shop also. (Came from Dicks sporting goods). Nice for these huge convention centers although Houston has added many more places to sit outside and inside.



Hever Castle Quilt Show Kent UK

By Helena Daniels, Vice Chairman RFQFA

They hold an annual Quilt Show at Hever Castle in Kent UK and I aim to visit every year. The castle dates back to the 13C and it was once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn who was the 2nd wife of Henry VIII and mother of Elizabeth I. As you can imagine the surroundings lends itself beautifully for showing off the quilts. They have an array of mixed abilities and styles, large and small - all exquisitely crafted and a joy to see. If ever you come to England in September it is well worth a visit!



To our fellow quilters and stitchery artists around the world - welcome to 2018 and our first newsletter of the new year.

As I sit at the computer trying to decide what to write about this time all I could think of what a year 2017 was. Between the fires in California, the hurricanes on the east coast and Texas all I could think of was how many crafters lost all their supplies.

So the question was what could I do to help out somehow. I ended up going thru my yarn stash and have donated a considerable amount of yarn to synagogues and churches in the devastated areas. I also contacted a synagogue in Puerto Rico and offered to send them books that could be used to start a library or book club. I have not heard back from them so will keep the books safe until I do. If you know of knitters/crocheters or quilters try reaching out to them and start a stash for them. Knitting is easy and some yarn, needles and magazine can offer them hours of pleasure and take their minds off of what they are facing. If you have other ideas please let us know and we can share it with others.

Saw some wonderful quilts on FB done by our quilters and so happy that they are sharing their talent with us. Feel free to visit us on FB and share whatever you are doing. If you are in search of a specific pattern check with us and see if one of us has it in our stash.

Looking ahead to quilt shows in 2018 means that there is an opportunity for us to explore new ideas and techniques. Here is a list I took off the internet.

Mancuso Show Management - 215.862.5828 for detailed info on the following regional shows: Florida - World Quilt - January 18-20 In Orlando; February 22-24 - mid-Atlantic in Hampton, VA; Quilt and Sewing Festival in Edison, NJ April 26-29; August 16-18 World Quilt New England in Manchester, NH (in time to see the colors of fall); PA National Quilt Extravagance - September 12-16 - Oaks, PA; Pacific International Quilt Festival in Santa Clara, CA will be October 11-14.

Paducah, KY has two shows planned - April 18-21 and September 12-15. Just think of being able to go to one of these shows, visit the quilt museum, and enjoy either delightful spring weather or colorful fall weather.

Vermont Quilt Festival is June 22-24 in Essex Junction, VT and Houston, TX International is set for November 8-11.

We'd love to hear of shows in your area. It will help planning when traveling for pleasure or work.

I look forward to seeing you in Toronto, Canada or along the trails. Happy quilting and stitching.

Esther Arlan, co-editor



Diana Barden, Secretary of RFQFA shared this darling cap made by Kay Woods of Three Rivers CA, USA. She was inspired by her 4 year old granddaughter who loves rainbows. She used a pattern for a simple beanie with one hole for a 'messy bun' and modified it to make 2 holes. The size is pure guesswork! The edge is a fuzzy yarn with 2 double crochet and a slip stitch in each single crochet around the rim.



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HobbySew from Tony Castley

Tony sent at note saying "Anyone wanting to learn what [Hobbysew](http://www.hobbysew.com.au) Australia or [SewAid](http://www.sewaid.com/) is doing these days should just check into our website. Plenty happening !" So I had to check it out. I was intrigued by a new idea that even I might be able to do.

www.hobbysew.com.au

www.sewaid.com/

A special thanks to all who responded to our pleas. We have a few very nice pieces.

http://quiltingdigest.com/these-whimsical-pouches-are-so-m... / Instructions for cut little pouches

From the Chairman

Happy New Year! Less than six months until we meet in Toronto, Canada for the Rotary International Convention. (June 22-27)

Just beginning to read up on Toronto since I haven't had the opportunity to visit. I found out it's a foodie paradise, non-stop shopping, a hip and happening city located on the waterfront. There are also quilting and knitting shops. Several very close to the convention center, which is located near the downtown area. And of course the Rotary Clubs in Toronto are putting together a fantastic schedule of events to keep us busy. Be sure to check out a Toronto City Pass. It's good for nine days and eliminates standing in lines for the places you're interested in such as museums, the CN Building, the Zoo and Science Center. Also, during the June and into July are several festivals including Art and Jazz Festivals. Don't forget the ferry ride to the Toronto Islands.

With your help we'll have a booth brimming over with quilted, crocheted and knitted items available to bidders. Each year our 'Best Little Rotary Fellowship Ever' has raised at least \$8000.00 US to support the End Polio Now Campaign. I'm hoping this will be our best year yet. Wouldn't it be fantastic to make the \$9000 mark? Last year we had a wonderful selection of items, both large and small. Children's sweaters, caps, small blankets, booties, and mittens are popular. Tote bags were a favorite of convention shoppers as well as quilts. (Smaller ones seem to be most popular because of shipping restrictions) Table runners, place mats, scarves, socks, etc.

The next newsletter will include booth information, participation opportunities, and for those who will not be able to attend, where to mail your donations. Marilyn, Diana, Helena and I look forward to seeing you in Toronto. Happy Crafting! Cheryl