



FIESTA NEWS!

2015 Calendar

Business Meeting:

Wed, Dec. 2, 9:30 AM

Holiday potluck party:

Tue., Dec. 8, 700 PM

Wed., Dec. 9, 9:30 AM

Submission deadline for the
December Newsletter:

Wed., Dec. 16. Articles
should be sent to Newslet-
ter Editor Joey Nakagawa
at

newsletter@tucsonquiltersguild.com

2016 Calendar

Business Meeting:

Wed, Jan. 6, 9:30 AM

General Meetings:

Tue., Jan. 12, 700 PM

Wed., Jan. 13, 9:30 AM

Turn in quilts at meetings

Feb. 9 and 10

2016 Quilt Fiesta!

Feb. 19-21, 2016

2016 Quilt Fiesta! Quilt Show meetings

are at
10:00 AM at the Tucson Po-
lice Substation on the NW
corner of Alvernon and 22nd
Street. Everyone is welcome
to attend.

December 18, 2015

January 29, 2016

December 2015 President's Message

It's the most wonderful time of the year! It's also the busiest time of the year. I'm referring to all the events that take place leading up to Hanukah and Christmas. There are gifts to make (we're quilters after all) and many to purchase. There's the house and yard to decorate. Perhaps you're traveling for the holidays so there is stuff to pack or, you have to prepare for the "invasion" of family and friends coming to your home. Don't forget the gifts to wrap, parties and social events to attend and food to prepare. Sometimes we get so busy that we find that these holidays come on so fast that we miss the meaning of these special days. Remember that what we are celebrating are the miracles which happened long ago. Oil that was only expected to last one day to light the Temple in Jerusalem actually lasted for eight days. A beautiful boy child was born in a stable who would become our Saviour. These are the things that we should remember and share with our family and friends. My family and I would like to wish you and yours a peaceful, joyous Happy Hanukah and Merry Christmas.

Roberta Sipes

HOLIDAY BLOCK EXCHANGE!

It's almost here - our Holiday Block exchange to take place at our December meetings. It's not too late to get started if you haven't made your block yet!

All members are encouraged to participate and join in the fun.
The more the merrier!

Make a 12 ½ " x 12 ½ " unfinished block with a holiday theme. It can be appliquéd, pieced, embroidered, fused - you decide. On the back, attach a muslin scrap marked:

Made by _____ [your name]

Owner _____ [leave blank]

Date _____

Roll it around a paper towel or similar tube and wrap it in colorful paper. When you bring a block you get to exchange yours for another. You will vote for your favorites.

Winning blocks will be hung at the Quilt Fiesta! Join the fun!

2016 PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Member Name _____ Guild Membership # _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Description: Please do not use more than 40 words in your description.

Your quilt will be at: Tuesday 12 January 2016 evening meeting _____

Wednesday 13 January 2016 morning meeting _____

Quilting For Others

Your extra efforts were AWESOME!! Quilting for Others received enough pillowcases and stockings (and then some) to give to Candlelighter's.

We distributed:

230 Stockings, 250 pillowcases and 5 quilts to Candlelighters (supporting the families of Pediatric Cancer) I remember when this started we only needed 150 pillowcases...look how much it has grown!

27 Quilts and 100 Pillowcases to Peppi's House (TMC Hospice for all ages)

45 pillowcases, 45 stockings and 5 quilts to Family Loving Kare (6 local Adult Care homes)

6 bags of toiletries were distributed to Emerge! (Domestic Abuse Shelter)

Our efforts are going to head in a slightly different direction this next year. The stocking size for Candlelighters will be smaller, so a new pattern will be uploaded to the website, and new kits will be available.

We DO ask for the following prints for the stockings and pillowcases for the kids: ALL age youth prints, novelty prints, and bright colors. Think cheerful and fun!

The stockings do not need to be out of Christmas or holiday prints.

Peppi's House has also asked for Red/White/Blue 'Patriotic' Pillowcases. They go through approximately 100 a year. Kits for those will be available.

Our toiletries will now go to Emerge! Sadly the size we have provided in the past is no longer wanted by Youth On Their Own.

Every organization we distribute to is so thankful and humbled by our donations! You can all be proud that Tucson Quilters Guild supports our Community in such a giving way.

Kathy Harris

Co-Chair, Quilting for Others

Advanced Notice for Gallery Exhibit

At the meeting of the Visual and Textile Arts of Tucson on October 30, Jeff DaCosta of the Tucson Pima Arts Council advised the group that there will be an exhibit in the Mayor's Gallery from May to October 2016. This exhibit is on the 10th floor of City Hall and the Mayor is encouraging local artists to submit a recent textile art for possible exhibit. Jeff will be handling the entries, and the general public will be informed of the call for submissions in January. We are being given an advanced notice. For more information, contact Jeff DaCosta at jdacosta@tucsonpimaartscouncil.org.

2016 Quilt Fiesta!

From the Quilt Fiesta Show Co-chairs

If you have a design for the 2018 Raffle Quilt, December 7th is the deadline for turning it in. We will vote on the designs at the Holiday Parties on December 8th and 9th. Designs should be sent to Betty Anderson. Email: bettyca@comcast.net or regular mail at: 3067 W Avenida Cresta, Tucson, 85745. Phone: 743-3209. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Bobbie Aug will have a booth at the Quilt show for quilt appraisals. She is also willing to do appraisals on quilts displayed in the show. Information and appraisal request forms are found on the public page of the Web site. On the Left side of the page, under the Sign In Box, there is a column of Headings: Home, Quilt Show, Small Quilt Auction, Future Speakers & Programs, etc. Click on the Quilt Show heading, then scroll down and you will see the paragraph about Bobbie Aug. Click on the words, two page form, which are highlighted and underlined to find the forms. There is also a form for appraisal of antique quilts, also highlighted and underlined. The completed forms and checks, made out to Bobbie Aug, can be given or mailed to Betty Anderson, see above for contact information.

To everyone, Happy Holidays.

Joan Swanson jbswanso@gmail.com

Betty Anderson bettyca@comcast.net

Vintage Quilt Turning

We have 16 exciting quilts! Thanks to each of you who submitted entries for *Quilt Fiesta's* 2016 *Vintage Quilt Turning*. The committee made some difficult choices as more entries were received than could be used. However, the quilts that didn't get chosen might get in next year; owners please consider another submission. Quilt owners will be notified by email when and where to take their quilts for the 2016 *Vintage Quilt Turning*.

The quilts range from the earliest, circa 1840 to one from the 1950s. Committee members are working busily on quilt narratives. That, too, is a labor of love as the owners' stories will be included with some quilt history. Each narrative is allowed about 150 words! When committee members complete their drafts, they are submitted to me for a final edit and "flow" assessment.

Former narrators and turners soon will be contacted by Sheryl Verts. However, *newcomers always are welcome*. If you'd like to join the fun for the first time, please notify Sue or a committee member.

Please contact Sue Franklin, chair, at 520.490.4721 or suevette63@comcast.net, or committee members Judy Breneman at judyanneb@cox.net, Eileen Mechling at jemech@comcast.net, Kathie Miller at kmmiller@hotmail.com or Sheryl Verts at ksherylv@yahoo.com with questions.



2016 Quilt Fiesta!

Hanging Committee

We will not be taking sign-ups at the December meetings, but will again in January if needed. If you have returned to Tucson after the November meetings, and want to sign up, email either Betty or Paulette that you would like to help and we will get you on the list.

Sign-ups for Thursday, February 18th, Hanging Day, are going well. We could still use some more help on Wednesday the 17th. Please see the notice in the October Newsletter for details about what we do on quilt show set up days and why your help is so important.

Information about job assignments and when to report to TCC will be sent out in January.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far.

Betty Anderson bettyca@comcast.net; Paulette Worman lavenderlady@centruylink.net, Chris Nelson, Jennifer Reynolds, Dianna Weeks, Reilly Zoda

Take Down Committee

We will not be taking sign-ups at the December meetings, but will again in January if needed. If you have returned to Tucson after the November meetings, and want to sign up, Email: bettyca@comcast.net.

Take down is Sunday February 21, 2016 beginning at 4 pm. Please see the notice in the October Newsletter for more details about what you would be doing as a Take-down volunteer.

Information on job assignments and when to report to TCC will be sent out in January

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far.

Betty Anderson, Karen Fisher, Gretchen Galbraith, Char Gasker, Carolyn Lytle, Kathie Miller

ATTENTION ALL TQG WORKSHOP ATTENDEES!

There will be a display of quilt samples from Tucson Quilters Guild workshops at the TQG Quilt Show in February 2016. I am asking for the use of any completed quilt samples from TQG workshops to display at the TQG Show.

I had quite a few people who volunteered their quilt samples from our workshops last year and I am hoping to get more this year. If you have such a quilt that you could lend me, please e-mail me at maryblount2@gmail.com. I would like to collect them at the November and January meetings. You can turn them in to the current Program Chairs, Connie German and Riley Zoda, at their table. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from many of you!

Mary Blount

2016 Quilt Fiesta!

RAFFLE TICKETS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU!!!

Congratulations to Terese Danhoff who sold 60 RAFFLE TICKETS last month. Terese was given her prize at the November meetings.

We still have a long way to go to meet last year's total sales. I want to thank all of you who chose to purchase your own tickets and write QUILT FOR A CAUSE on the Name line of the stub. There are several members who do not want to sell tickets, and in past years some of these members chose to not participate in this very important effort. By paying for your own tickets and selecting QFAC as the name on the stubs, you are not SELLING tickets, but you are doing your part to support this guild, and if one of the QFAC tickets is drawn as a winner, QFAC will have a wonderful quilt to use in their next auction to fund their very worthy and important charity. Please give this idea some thought and do your part to support both of these efforts.

All ticket stubs and monies should be turned in to me by the Jan. 2016 meeting if possible. I try to keep pre-show sales records separate from show sales and those of you who turn your tickets in at the show make this a little difficult. Please try for January as your deadline. THANK YOU,
PATTY KRUSE 885-2069
krusequilter@yahoo.com

DVD's

A DVD of all the quilts in the 2016 Quilt Fiesta! Show will be available this year for purchase. You can pre-order your copy for \$10 at the monthly Guild meetings. At the Quilt Show the DVD will then be \$12 to purchase.

The DVD consists of high resolution pictures of all the quilts in the show plus slideshows (that can be viewed from your TV or Computer) that include Vintage Bed Turning, President's Challenge, New Member Challenge, and all the children's quilts in Kids Row.

See Alice Wilder to pre-order your copy.



Quilt for a Cause News

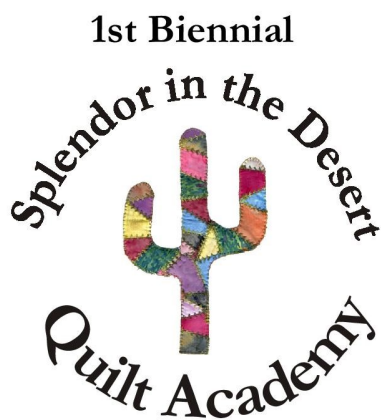
Quilt For A Cause

November was a busy month! We sold patterns, pillowcases and raffle tickets at the Tucson Quilt, Craft and Sewing Expo, and then presented a trunk show for the Pieciful Quilters Retreat held by Eagles Wings Quilting. We had a great time at both events, and were delighted to receive 4 beautiful quilts made by last year's retreat attendees, and this year they have started another one for the upcoming auction! Thanks, quilters and Tim and Dina at Eagle's Wings, for being so supportive of Quilt For a Cause!

As you put the final touches on your Quilt Fiesta show entry, if you're undecided about what to do with your beautiful quilt, you might want to consider donating it to Quilt For a Cause after the show. The auction coming up next year in October is our 5th one. We have raised nearly \$800,000 so far, and with your help, we're well on our way to a million dollars!

Quilters have found a wonderful way to make a difference in Tucson, by making quilts that are auctioned to help in the fight against breast and gynecologic cancers. Ninety-nine percent of the money raised by Quilt For A Cause is donated to help women's cancer programs here in Tucson. We are proud to be a 501c3 which keeps our overhead to 1%, which is a rare thing in the non-profit world. The generosity of so many individuals and organizations, including the Tucson Quilters Guild, is what makes this possible.

We have two buses going to Road to California next month -- they are full, but there is a waiting list if you missed the chance to sign up. Please call Terry Gallegos 749-3424 if you want to get on the wait list.



Presented by: Valley Quilters Guild
& Desert ScrapRats Quilt Club

March 19, 2016
Saturday 9am-4pm



Las Campanas Recreation Center
565 W Bell Tower Drive, Green Valley, AZ

Door Prizes
Complimentary tickets provided
11 Vendor Demonstrations
of innovative quilting techniques,
tools, and/or products

Grand Prizes - 3 Sewing Machines
Raffle Quilt 83" x 83"
\$1 ticket \$5 - 6 tickets
Drawing Saturday, March 19, 2016, 3:30pm
Must be present to win

Better than a Shop Hop, 11 Vendors in one place
\$40 includes Lunch
For more information and to register, go to www.vqgaz.com

Newsletter Editor wanted

Joey, our current newsletter editor, just resigned so we need a new volunteer editor. Her replacement must know how to use a word processor, email, and preferably a publisher program. Volunteer now and you will be able to rely on her to help you until the end of March. You will have access to the Guild computer with the necessary software already installed. Contact her at JoeyKiomi@gmail.com.

Advertising

Members: \$5.00 for small want ads for
Quilting/sewing related items
Quilt related businesses:
\$25 business card size
\$50 1/4 page
\$100 half page

Tucson Quilters Guild

PROGRAM NOTES

Program Co-Chairs Connie German and Reilly Zoda encourage you to go to the Guild website under Future Speakers to see all the exciting speakers coming to our Guild until early 2016. Listed are dates that each speaker will be lecturing and teaching at the Guild along with the workshops offered and their website. Just click on the website address to look at the workshops in detail. Most websites will also have the Supply Lists needed for the class. The 1 day classes are \$50 and the 2 day classes are \$100. The classes are from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM each day and they are held at the St. Francis Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio, Tucson, AZ 85716 in the large multi-purpose room (the same location as the lectures). 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!

Upcoming Programs:

2016

January 2016 - Rose Hughes

January 12&13 Lecture: "Embellishment Scavenger Hunt"

January 14&15 2-Day Workshop: "Dreamin' Up Landscapes" 8 openings

February 2016

February 9 & 10: last minute information about the Quilt Fiesta! - February 19-21, 2016

Quilts to be turned in at meetings

March 2016 - [Vikki Pignatelli](#)

March 8&9 Lecture: "Nurture Your Creative Spirit"

March 10 Workshop: "Crazy About Curves: The Basics" [Supply List](#) 17 openings

March 11 Workshop: "Adding Dimension and Manipulations to Quilts: The Basics" [Supply List](#) 16 openings

April 2016 - [Bonnie McCaffery](#)

April 7&8 Lecture: "Inspiration & Development of a Quilt Artist"

April 9 Workshop: "Painted Face for Beginners" [Supply List](#)

April 10 Workshop: "Doodle Zen Dot Z" [Supply List](#)

Sign-ups open December 2015

May 2016 - Rita Verroca

May 12&13 Lecture: "Travel Through Quilt History"

May 14 Workshop: "Flower Bouquet"

May 15 Workshop: "Monarch Butterfly"

Sign-ups open January 2016

June 2016 - [Gail Garber](#)

June 9&10 Lecture: TBD

June 11&12 Workshop: TBD

Sign-ups open February 2016 Business Meeting

Programs won't have a table set up at the December holiday parties, but you are still welcome to contact us for sign-ups. I will be at the Tuesday evening party.

Don't forget in order to be a qualified sign-up, it needs a \$50/day payment, but only cash or check please.

Arizona Quilt Documentation Project – Tucson

By Sue Franklin

In November, the team welcomed newest member, Sara Rumbaugh to her first meeting. Linda Laird provided continuing education by reviewing her extensive collection of fabrics. She included woven fabrics that were solid, checked, plaid, and striped. The stripes and plaids included some very old, circa 1860, while the others ranged from 1880-1920.

Her prints included florals with some wide ombres circa 1830-1860 and others from as recently as century later. The geometrics were fun and included dots, circles, stars, commas, and eccentrics, ranging from 1860 to the 1960s. Linda freely shared her knowledge as she reviewed those as well as some shirtings, feedsacks (fabric must have the "holes" on the edge), and mourning prints. She also had examples of cheater cloth; something commonly used to-day as well as in the middle of the 19th century.

Sara was oriented to the documentation process and also aided experienced members in documenting four quilts. These included Sue's sister Carla's 60th Birthday quilt, a nine patch and redwork piece; Rachel's friend Gloria's quilt *The Girls* (they even wore earrings), Terry's appliquéd and trapunto *Daisy* medallion quilt that she purchased on eBay; and finally, Kate's 1939 *Nosegay*, a quilt made from blocks her mother made when she was 16 years old. Kate found the patches during a move and decided to put them together and then complete the quilt.

If you have questions about quilt documentation or would like to join the Tucson team, please either call or email Tucson liaisons Sue Franklin, (520.490.4721; suevette63@comcast.net) or Terry Gryzb-Wysocki, (520.749.9326; terry-gw@mindspring.com). New members are welcome. Also, if you'd like to just come to watch and view the process; that is possible, too. Training sessions are held monthly from 9:30 until 12:30 at the *Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center* on Ruthrauff Road.



Tucson Quilters Guild and Tucson's Quilt Fiesta! is now on Facebook! Since this is FREE publicity for our Guild and our show, ask your friends to 'like' the page. What can be better than free?

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tucson-Quilters-Guild-Tucson-Quilt-Fiesta/121887434544473>

BEES, BEES, BEES—Updated!

CENTRAL AREA:

Himmel Park Contact: Ruth Campbell, 792-1639

Where: Himmel Park Library; When: Third Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

EAST SIDE:

Art Quilters Contact: Laura Steiniger, 465-9100

Where: Quilters Market; When: Third Wednesdays, 10 AM to Noon

Charity Bee for more information call Susan 747-8458

Where: Quilters Market

When: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm

Evening Eastside Bee Contact: Connie Weigel, 760-7728 or xuxala@msn.com

Where: Unity Church of Peace, 1551 S Eastside Loop

When: First Thursdays, 6:30 – 9 PM

The Evening Eastside Bee does not meet during the summer.

UFO Bee (Bring your own UnFinished Objects) Contact: Mary Meserve, marymes@aol.com

Where: Quilters Market

When: Tuesdays, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Pacific Rim Quilting Bee Asian fabrics, donation quilts

Contact: Annette Meyer, shelbymeयरaz@cox.net; Susan Owara

Where: The Quilt Basket When: First Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – noon

East side Saguaro Needlers Bee Contact Joan Gilbert 722-3822.

Meets third Wednesday 1:00-4:00 in members homes.

GREEN VALLEY:

Hexies Bee English Paper Piecing, Contact: Carole Sullivan, 520-762-8652

Where: Friends Indeed Community Center, Green Valley, AZ

When: First Wednesdays, Noon – 3PM

North of the Border Contact: Babs Phillips, 393-6557

Where: M & I Bank, 270 W Continental, Green Valley; When: Thursdays 9:30 – Noon

NORTHWEST:

Quilting for Others Contact: Mary Meserve or Kathy Harris

Where: Cactus Quilt Shop; When: Third Wednesdays, 9:30 – Noon;

Theme: Tucson Charities

Mona Lisa Bee on the Northwest side is now open. They are looking for new members. They meet at the Foothills Community Church at 3301 Overton Road on the 2nd Mondays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who is interested can contact Claudia.

Contact: Claudia Colton [520 395-2628](tel:520-395-2628) cwcolton@comcast.net

SOUTH:

Quilts of Valor Bee Contact: Beth Glass, 241-0359

Where: Eagles Wings Quilting, 3949 E. 29th Street, Tucson, 85711

When: Third Thursdays, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

SOUTHWEST:

Southwest Side Bee All are welcome. Contact: Marie Morris, 520-403-6208 or 520-623-0123.

Fall schedule is Sept 21, 2015 to Nov 16, 2015.

Where: GracePointe Church, 2555 W. Valencia Rd., Tucson

When: Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Please contact the Guild Beekeeper, Laurie Mullins at MLauriel@hotmail.com to add, change or correct information about Bees. Open Bees are listed in the newsletter. The closed Bees list is on the TQG member website.



Tucson Quilters Guild

The Guild Basics

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 FUN . But please, do not wear fragrance to meetings .
Cost:	Members (\$30/year, due in March) and Guests (\$5.00/meeting with guest speaker)

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Tuesday Evening Meetings: The library will be closed in December.

Wednesday Morning Meetings: The library will be closed in December.

To renew books:

Call Donata Pfisterer the day before the meeting at 733-9557 or email her at:

donatap@photonengr.com



EMAIL LIST: The Guild now has an email list for easy communication with the members. Please log into the protected area of the website and put your name and email address into the box at the top of the page. After doing this, you will receive an email. You must click on the link after making the link into one long line. If this works, you will receive another email saying you were successful. If you have any problem with this, email me at quilter@tucsonquiltersguild.com.
Meg Silvern

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Pattern of the Month - December 2015

By Evelyn George

How To Create a Snowy Tree Block

Here's a tutorial on how to free-cut a fusible-backed fabric triangle into several "tiers" for a whimsical tree to applique onto your holiday block or quilt. You can make a charming tree from just one fabric, or you can combine several different greens or holiday prints to make it even jollier, like the scrappy table runner/wall hanging shown. Instructions are for making several blocks -- they're so much fun, you might want to make a bunch!

12½" background squares of white snowflake print (or other tone-on-tone white)

3 or 4 8" squares (**or 6" x 8" rectangles**)* of assorted green prints

6" square of brown for tree trunks

Wonder Under® or other paper-backed fusible of your choice

Fusing: To protect your ironing surface, cover it with an applique pressing sheet or a piece of baker's parchment paper. Cut paper-backed fusible slightly smaller than selected green and brown fabric pieces for trees. Following manufacturer's instructions, iron fusible side of Wonder Under to wrong side of those fabrics.

Cut each green rectangle or square into a triangle, as shown.

--***A wide, squat triangle, made from a rectangle, stretches up to make a nice fat tree.**

--**A tall triangle, made from a square, stretches up to make a taller, skinnier tree.**

For scrappy look, use either all squares, OR all rectangles.

Starting at side of triangle, use scissors to make a wavy cut across the top of the triangle to the other side. This can be at a slight angle, for a more realistic effect. →

Make two or three more wavy cuts, dividing the triangle into several "tiers" of the tree; trim the bottom edge wavy, also. Repeat with all the green triangles.

Play with the assorted tiers, mixing up the greens, or match them, as you like, positioning them on the white background, with some white "snow" showing between the pieces, to make trees.

Round off the sharp corners, trim and reshape tiers as needed to make them look their best.

Cut stems from the brown to go with your trees. Round these off a little, too.

Remove paper backing from all the cut pieces, reposition them on background square (remembering to leave room for seam allowances), and fuse according to manufacturer's directions.

Stitch around all the shapes with a straight stitch 1/8" from raw edges, or use zigzag, blanket stitch or other decorative stitch by machine or hand. Add embellishments if you wish.

Combine blocks into a wall hanging or table runner by adding sashing and borders; make a pillow from one; or add some to a holiday quilt. (*Scraps with fusible on them can be used to embellish other projects.*)

