



COMMON THREADS

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Newsletter of the Quilters Guild of Plano

Hi Everyone

Well, Thursday, Jan 8th was certainly a strange day. It's not often that we cancel a meeting. The church was having electrical work done, when the electricians blew a transformer. The church had no electricity at all. There were 3 meetings to be held there that night that had to be cancelled or moved. Donna Lobelson will try to re-schedule Linda Reynolds from East Texas Research Center for a future program. I know several people were looking forward to seeing the historical quilts. I was hoping it would generate interest in us taking on a Collin County quilt history event.

We needed to appoint a nominating committee on Thursday. If any of you are willing to serve, please contact me. We need 5 members along with 2 alternates. Alternates should attend the nominating committee meetings but will not have to participate unless one of the nominating members volunteers for a position. The slate of officers needs to be introduced at the April meeting and posted in the newsletter. Election is held at the May annual meeting. New officers take their positions as of June. If we don't get a committee together before the February meeting, we will get one that night. I would like to meet with the nominating committee for the first meeting to let you know what positions need to be filled.

Working with the board and the guild has been a very rewarding experience for me. It's amazing to realize how much work takes place behind the scenes so that the meeting runs smoothly and that we get our objectives accomplished. Individually the hours are not great, but collectively, we spend a number of hours getting our favorite work done. Communication and teamwork make it work so much better. And I believe that we are communicating better. You learn a great deal about the guild and quilting in general if you serve as a board member or committee chair. Friendships multiply as you get to know more people in the guild. Please consider accepting a position with the guild if you are contacted by the nominating committee. Better yet, volunteer to take a position. Let me know and I'll pass it on to the committee.

Several positions seem to work better with a team of people working together. For example, membership, library and treasurer. Helen Wilems does the meetings and Joan Stevenson does the computer records for membership. They also have several people helping out at the sign-in area. For library, Nanette and I have talked about the need for someone helping her with checking-in/checking-out, working the magazines and sorting the books back into order after the meeting. It's a lot for one person, but several would make short work of it. Joan Wilson and Shirley Weaver have worked together this year to make it easier to take care of that position. I'm sure several other positions could use the help of two or more people. Some are great for small groups to take over.

Missed seeing you all this month and look forward to seeing you in February.

Donna

Don't forget the "Get Acquainted Tea" on Feb 1, 2009. You don't have to be a "new" member to attend. Come and meet some of the nicest quilters around.

Contact
Joan Stevenson at
plano.quilter@verizon.net

Prez Sezs

Are you working on your quilt to enter in our show in August? Please do so. Hopefully a lot of work will get done at retreat in February. We also need mini quilts for our auction. Help make Germaine a happy woman by turning in minis each month.

Annette Andersen will be the winner of a black & white fat quarter if she attends the February meeting and speaks to Donna Petrick. Since we didn't have a January meeting, Elise SansSouci will also get her black and white fat quarter if she speaks to Donna.

Common Thread Advertising Rates:

Business card:
1 month = \$15
3 months = \$35

Quarter Page:
1 month = \$25
3 months = \$60

Half Page:
1 month = \$40
3 months = \$75

Please make ads in "jpg" files and email to Brooks Wilson at media@quiltersguildofplano.org

JANUARY 8, 2009 MINUTES - Julie Schaefer

The meeting was cancelled due to the lack of electricity in our meeting room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13-15, 2009 - Dallas Quilt Guild presents *Playful Pinwheels*, Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway (I-35) at Market Center Blvd, Dallas. For more information: www.quiltersguildofdallas.org.

March 27-28, 2009 - Quilt Guild of East Texas presents the Azalea Quilt Show, *Flights of Fancy*. For more information: www.qgetx.org/quiltshow.htm

May 1-2, 2009 - Kingwood Area Quilt Guild presents *Peacemakers of the Heart*, over 300 quilts, Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, Texas. For more information: www.KingwoodAreaQuiltGuild.com

RETREAT 2009! - Terri Anderman

There is still space for you at Retreat 2009 *if* you can get your registration forms and checks to me before **Wed., January 14, 2009!** I have a feeling that some of you were planning to deliver your registrations in person at the January meeting. Obviously, that didn't work! I had even printed some extra registration forms to bring to the meeting for those of you who just "couldn't decide"! I was as surprised as everyone else when the meeting had to be cancelled! The best I can do is extend the deadline a little. I have to have all the registrations and dollars ready for Tanglewood and the Guild board by the 19th of January so the 14th is really cutting it close and doesn't allow much extra time for anything!

Talk to anyone who has attended Retreat in the past and they'll tell you what a wonderful time we have. It really is FUN with FABULOUS FRIENDS and FABRIC! So, get your registrations in the mail or even drop it off at my house so you can join your friends as we sew quilts for our SHOW, for CHARITY DONATION, and for friends, family, and maybe, for you! We all deserve a break from home so make Retreat 2009 your break!

Information for Retreat attendees will be emailed to you the first week in February (or mailed if you don't have email access) so you have directions to Tanglewood and "Retreat Guidelines." SIGN UP! It will be the best weekend you've had in at least a year!

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS - Donna Lobelson

It was a shame we had to cancel January's meeting. Joan and I tried to find an alternate facility but every location we knew of was already booked. Linda Reynolds was very understanding and agreed to reschedule.

At the February meeting several local quilt shops are coming to show us what they offer. The program at very first Quilters Guild of Plano meeting I at-

tended was "Meet the Shops." I was taking an introduction to quilting class at the shop on East Plano Parkway; I think the name was *Country Calico*. The teacher told the class about the guild and suggested we go to the meeting. As a new quilter I thought the "Fat Quarter" was something only available at that shop, and a quilters guild must be unique to Plano. After all, how many of those could there be in the world? I joined on my way into the meeting thinking I was very fortunate to be at this time and place. You can imagine my amazement when I found out there were several quilt shops in the DFW area and they all sold fat quarters.

That was over ten years ago. We have several new quilt shops in the area. Come to the February meeting and let the shops do the driving to you. See shop samples and demos: pick up class schedules, a couple coupons, and last but not least, at least two shops are bringing *free stuff*.

P.S. Even though I was wrong, Plano isn't the only quilters guild on the North American continent. I was right thinking I was very fortunate to be joining this wonderful guild.

Workshops are: \$40/day for members
\$45/day for non-members
Hours: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Bonus!! Advance Registration Discount

Prepayment of registrations **received 35 days** prior to the scheduled event, entitles enrollees to take a \$5.00 discount with each prepaid workshop.

April – Valery Guignon

- Friday, April 10 – Fabric Dyeing and Design Workshop being offered at Creative Arts Center of Dallas. To register, call 214-320-1275 or click on <http://www.creativeartscenter.org/pages/workshops.aspx#FIBER%20ARTS>

May – Wendy Butler Berns

- Friday, May 15th – topic TBA
- Saturday, May 16th – topic TBA

June – Alice Wilhoit

- Friday, June 12th – Hand Appliqué Workshop
- Saturday, June 13th – Crazy Quilting Workshop

September – Sara Moe

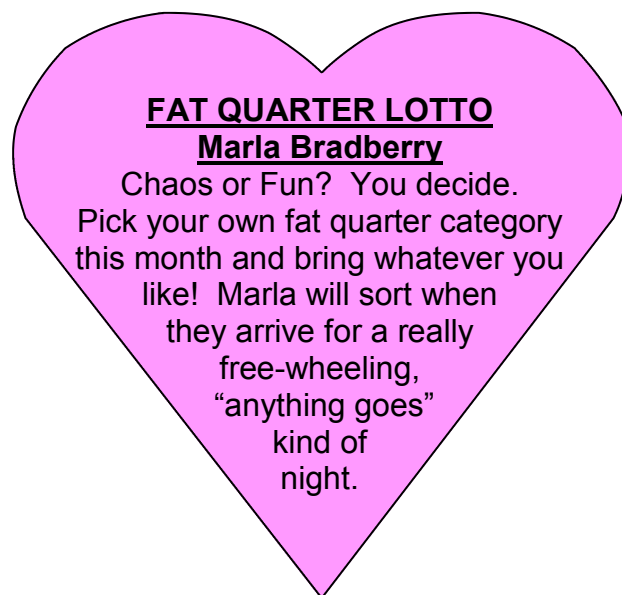
- Friday, September 20th – Winding Curves Workshop
- Saturday, September 21st – Spinning Pinwheels Workshop

November – Bonnie Browning

- Friday, November 13th – topic TBA
- Saturday, November 14th – topic TBA

January 2010 – Bonnie McCaffery

- Friday, January 15th – topic TBA



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February Birthdays

Pam Patton	2/01
Marie Zaczkowski	2/05
Wendy Ray Duerr	2/11
Joyce Rutherford	2/13
Sheri Smith	2/13
Sue Hurth	2/19
Julie Schaefer	2/22
Terri Anderman	2/25
Jan Potts	2/25
Elise SansSouci	2/26
Lucy Sherman	2/28
Dorma Waltrip	2/28

Visit our website:
www.quiltersguildofplano.org

□ Saturday, January 16th – topic TBA

See the guild website at www.quiltersguildofplano.org and go to the programs page for more information. Fees are refundable only in the event the speaker cancels her appearance. Questions may be directed to the workshop coordinator. Refer to our website for current email.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive the supply lists via USPS. Supply lists may also be printed from the website. Your telephone number and email are particularly important so we can reach you in the event of any last minute changes.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Copy or Clip and Bring Completed Form to a Meeting, or mail to:

Rhonda Kuntz
1552 Aylesbury Lane
Plano, TX 75075

BEADING WORKSHOP REVIEW - Donna Petrick

Two very talented members of our guild taught a workshop on beading on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Seven members and one non-member had great time learning new techniques from Donna Lobelson and Rhonda Kuntz. They were very organized and knowledgeable, presenting the workshop and teaching some of the things they have learned.

I'm trying to talk them into doing this again. We had a great time and of course, I love embellishment work.

If any others of our membership are interested in teaching a workshop for some technique you really like, talk to Donna Lobelson. She will work it in for some month that we don't have a speaker with workshops. This helps fill our education requirement for our organization as well as promoting interest and friendship.

OFFICERS OF THE GUILD - 2008-09**TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Wilson**

President Donna Petrick
 VP-Membership Helen Wilems
 VP-Programs Donna Lobelson
 VP-Community Service Sheri Smith
 VP-Guild Activities Emily Armstrong
 VP Media Tina Connolly
 Secretary Julie Schaefer
 Treasurer Joan Wilson
 Librarian Nanette Gaskey
 Quilt Show 2009 Kemberly Wilshire

Committee Chairs

Assistant - Membership Joan Stevenson
 Assistants - Programs Rhonda Kuntz
 Sherry Worley
 Assistant - Treasurer Shirley Weaver
 Bee Keeper Cathy LaManna
 Block of Month Diane deFreitas
 and Knotty Girls group
 Stocking Project LaDawn Dalley
 Directory Lynne Fritsche
 Gail Schwartz
 Door Prizes Diane Crandall
 Education OPEN
 E-mail/Web Master Beverly Geise
 Facilities N/A
 Fat Quarter Lotto Marla Bradberry
 Sandra Goecke
 Historian Nanette Gaskey
 Hospitality Terri Mendelow
 Inventory Sharon Schenke
 Newsletter Editor Brooks Wilson
 Nine Patch Terri Anderman
 Publicity Rose-Clair Fletcher
 Retreat 09 Terri Anderman
 and Quilt Soup group
 Service Quilts Karen Christoffer
 Show 'n Tell Karen Hawkins
 Texas Area Quilt Guilds Aggie Meszaros

Cash Flow - December 2008

Category Description 12/1/2008- 12/31/2008

INFLOWS

Uncategorized..... 0.00
 Administrative Income
 Interest Income 4.98
 TOTAL Administrative Income 4.98
 Guild Activities Income
 Retreat Fees 8,685.32
 TOTAL Guild Activities Income 8,685.32
 Media Income
 Newsletter Advertisements 60.00
 TOTAL Media Income..... 60.00
 Programs Income
 Other Programs Income 402.47
 Workshop Fees..... 125.00
 TOTAL Programs Income 527.47

TOTAL INFLOWS 9,277.77

OUTFLOWS

Administrative Expenses.....
 Donations Quilt Foundations & Groups 150.00
 Liability Insurance 1,032.00
 Storage 210.00
 TOTAL Administrative Expenses 1,392.00

Community Service Expenses
 Supplies 37.50
 TOTAL Community Service Expenses 37.50

Programs Expenses.....
 Guild Meeting Facilities Rent 50.00
 Speaker Honorarium..... 45.00
 Supplies and Equipment..... 7.22
 TOTAL Programs Expenses 102.22

TOTAL OUTFLOWS 1,531.72

OVERALL TOTAL..... 7,746.05

Guild Net Worth 56,516.74

BUDGET DISCUSSION - Donna Petrick

At the January board meeting, we discussed the income and expenses of our guild in comparison to the budget. Not always a fun thing to do, but certainly necessary. Considering that our membership is down to 240 members or so, we are doing pretty well. Our income is down because of the lower membership, but we are holding down other expenses to compensate. We are still hoping to pick up another grant along with the one from the City of Plano.

We do have enough money to fund our quilt show. Now we need to raise as much money as we can from the sale of raffle tickets on the quilt and show admissions. Be sure to encourage as many people as you can to attend our show August 14th and 15th. Vendor deposits are doing very well but they only fund the building rent. We make our money from admissions and raffles.

While we have money set aside for community service, we never have enough to cover everything. Several people spend their own money to keep it working so well. So if you have extra rotary cutter blades, good thread or bed size batting that you can spare, please consider donating it to community service. We will certainly continue to make our community service quilts and fund them through the guild. But the current economy may have an effect on money available.

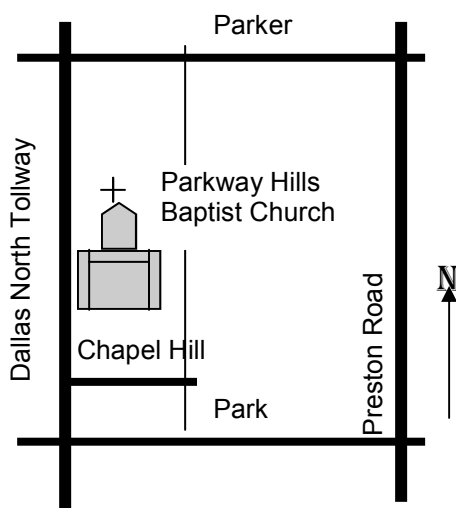
If you are interested in seeing the budget and actual money comparison, please contact Joan Wilson or me. The records are open for all to see, but are normally only presented to the membership at the May meeting.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Julie Schaefer

The January 2009 board meeting of the Quilters Guild of Plano was held on January 5th at Davis Library starting at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the December 8th meeting were approved after a motion and a second by Emily Armstrong and Helen Wilems, respectively. The February board meeting will also be held at Davis Library in the small room, starting at 7:00, on the 9th.

Discussion:

- Openings on the board for the 2009-2010 year
- Lone Star Awards
- Budget 6/1/2008 through 5/31/2009 Using Budget Proposed 2008-09
- QGP 25th Anniversary quilt needed
- Stocking Project
- Library Survey
- Retreat



Those in attendance:

Donna Petrick
Donna Lobelson
Joan Wilson
Kimberly Wilshire
Brooks Wilson

Helen Wilems
Julie Schaefer
Shirley Weaver
Emily Armstrong

COMMUNITY SERVICE FEBRUARY– Sheri Smith

Our next Community Service Sew day is on Tuesday, February 10. Everyone is welcome, we just ask that you contact Karen Christoffer and let her know that you are coming. She makes up the kits that we work on based on the number of people that say they are coming. The 'open house' system seems to be working very well. You pick your time and come and sew anytime between 9:30 and 4:30.

Be sure to pick up finished tops to be quilted at the next meeting. Our Top-Reduction-Contest is running through April. For every top that you quilt your name will go into a basket for a drawing of one of three great prizes. The grand prize will be a black and white kit by Alex Anderson, called "Never Enough Romance". The quilt size is 65 ½ inch square. So get those tops that need to be quilted at the Community Service table and start quilting.

Thank you everyone for your participation in our Community Service projects.

TAQG RALLY DAY 2009

The 2009 Rally Day will be on July 11th and the speaker will be the incomparable Sharon Schamber. Sharon won the 2008 Best of Show Award at the International Quilt Festival in Houston with her exquisite *Spirit of Mother Earth*. To view her work, go to www.sharonschamber.com. She will present two lectures at Rally Day.

In addition, three workshops are offered: Piec-liqué, Machine Appliqué, and Braided Borders. These workshops will be on July 8, 9, and 10, respectively.

Reservations for the workshops are required – 20 maximum per class. The fee is \$45 plus a kit. Go to the TAQG website www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org for more information on Rally Day or signing up for the workshops.

Granbury, TX

The Iron Horse Inn Quilting and Painting Retreat Center

We offer 3 and 5 day quilting and painting retreats, where you can immerse yourself in the medium of your choice in small groups of up to 14 participants. Retreats include bed, breakfast and lunch in our beautiful historic home, and professional workshops in our purpose designed art studio on the 1 acre grounds of the old house. We are proud of our nationally acclaimed teachers who offer workshops in hand quilting, machine quilting, hand and machine appliqué, fusing, and art quilts. All of our retreats include 24 hour access to our beautiful art studio, full use of our 2 living rooms, dining room, porch and gardens. We can also arrange a tour of the antique shops and art galleries in the historic town of Granbury. Only an hour's drive from Dallas Fort Worth Airport.



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www.theironhorseinn.com/retreat.htm

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - February - Diane deFreitas and the Knotty Girls Small Group

Batik Basket Bonanza—Basket #8

All the blocks this year will be pieced baskets made of a good quality batik and white-on-white as the background. All blocks will be 10 inches finished and 10 1/2 inches unfinished. Be careful with your 1/4 inch seams and your pressing so that the blocks that are won are uniform in size. Questions? Call Brooks Wilson or Diane de-Freitas

Cutting instructions:

Basket (batik—your color choice)

C—cut 2 square 4 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

F—cut 2 squares 2 7/8"

G—cut 1 square 2 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

Background (white-on-white)

A—cut 2 rectangles 2 1/2" X 6 1/2"

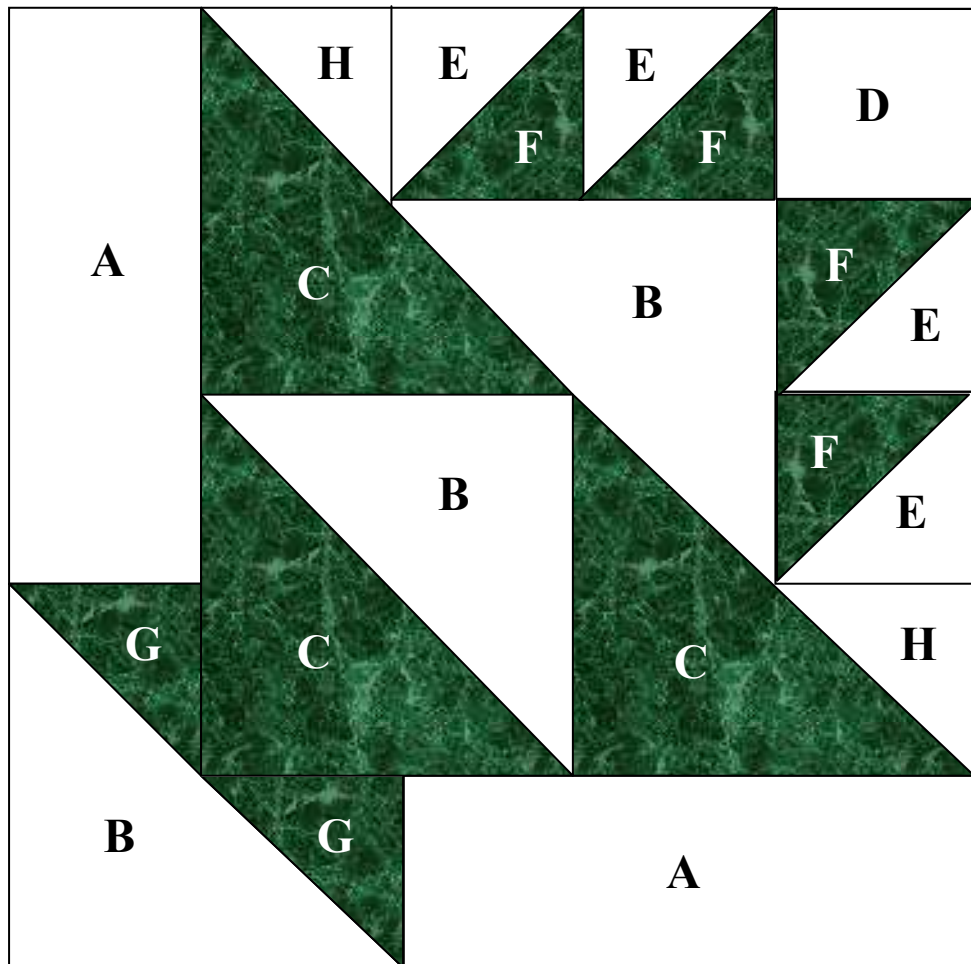
B—cut 2 squares 4 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

D—1 square 2 1/2"

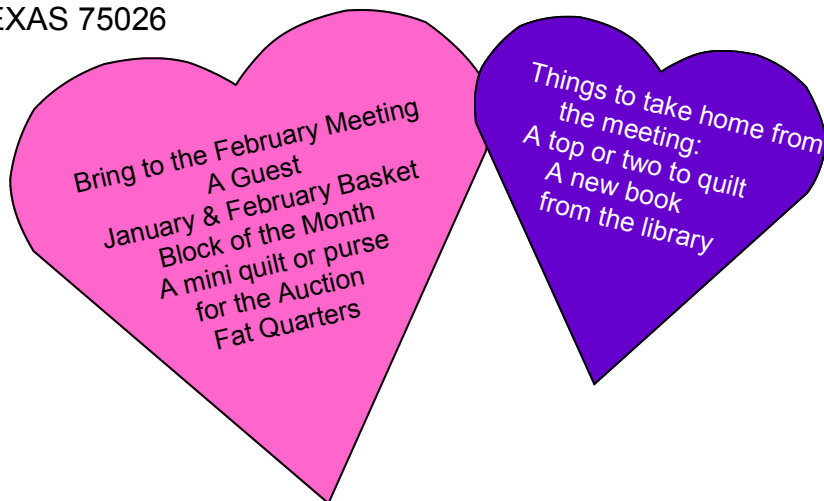
E—cut 2 squares 2 7/8"

H—cut 1 squares 2 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

To make E/F half-square triangles: layer E + F squares, right sides together. On back of lighter square, draw a diagonal line. Stitch a scant 1/4" on both sides of drawn line. Cut in half on drawn line. This will yield 2 half-square triangles (or you may use triangle paper or any other technique to yield 4 total half-square triangles that are 2" finished). Follow the diagram below to assemble the block.



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Quilters Guild of Plano

PRESENTS

Meet the Shops

February 12, 2009

Parkway Hills Baptist Church
2700 North Dallas Tollway
Corner of Chapel Hill
on the east side of the Tollway

SOCIAL TIME - 6:30 pm

MEETING TIME - 7:00 pm

(Only board members will be admitted before 6:30pm)