



# COMMON THREADS

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## Newsletter of the Quilters Guild of Plano

Hi everyone—

Happy New Year! Hope all of you had a very happy and healthy holiday season. I trust you are also looking forward to all the fun things we can do in 2009. Plus this will be the year of our quilt show.....always a special time. Get your "tennies" on as we need to get a running start.

Thank you all for your great generosity during the December meeting for all the food you brought. After we got there, I found out that Parkway Hills Baptist Church really needs the very large size cans of food as they cook there, then take the food out to the homeless on the streets. So we took the food collected to God's Food Pantry who was very grateful for the donation from the guild. I later asked the executive board to approve a \$150.00 donation to Parkway for their food needs. It passed and we mailed them a check.

At the January meeting, I'll ask for a nominating committee to come forward to prepare the slate of new officers for the new fiscal year. (Time really flies when you're having fun.) Several of us plan to stay in our positions, if the membership approves. But we will have several positions needing to be filled in both the executive board and committee chairs. I have found that it really helps to have a couple of people fulfilling some of the duties. It also helps if you can be an assistant to the office you are wanting for a year, and then move into the position the next year. For example, Shirley Weaver has been the assistant treasurer this year. She will replace Joan Wilson as the nominee for the next term. Then she will need an assistant to help her and learn for the next round. You learn the workings of the guild and are able to step right in without having so much of a beginning learning curve. Please be thinking of the job you would like to know more about and how you can contribute to the guild.

The next thing we need to think about is the size and use of our library. I've asked Nanette to make up a survey about the library use for all of you to answer and offer comments. The library has grown greatly in size and is very hard for one person to handle all of it. This job needs a committee working it. We need to find a way to use the library more efficiently. Our new members probably need it most of all. And the rest of us can always find something we had been planning to do and just need a reminder of "how to". Nanette will also be asking for suggestions for new books. Getting to help pick the new books would be a great reason to work on the library committee. Maybe the committee could also help with storage so it wouldn't be such a burden to one person. Think about it...we need some help.

Happy Quilting!  
Donna

Here's a New Years Resolution that would be great for all of us— quilt a community service quilt each month for the guild. See Sheri's article about needing tops quilted.

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President Donna Petrick called the general meeting of the Quilter's Guild of Plano to order at 7:05 p.m. Members were asked to quietly go to the food tables and fill a plate at any time during the meeting. Sherry Worley explained that samples from the *Cotton Belles Cookbook 2007* were being offered as examples of recipes available on a CD that was available for purchase. Karen Hawkins moved to approve the minutes of November meeting as written in the guild newsletter, seconded by Sheri Smith. The motion passed unanimously. The treasurer's report as written in the newsletter was approved in the same vocal vote manner with a motion by Debbie Skorepa and a second by Aggie Maszaros.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business:** The next board meeting will be January 5<sup>th</sup> at Haggard Library on Coit starting exactly at 7:00 p.m. The next general meeting will be on January 8<sup>th</sup>. A grand thank you was expressed for all the canned food that the membership donated. Parkway Hills Baptist Church makes the food for the needy "in house" and only uses the very large cans. Therefore, the food will all be taken to another church that has a food pantry. All of the money collected will be given to this church. We need responses back on questions and requests that are made in the newsletter. Quilts from the 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> guild anniversaries were on display. We do not have quilts made for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We need to make commemorative quilts. Donna issued a challenge for this to be done. Anniversary pins are available for those who haven't picked them up yet. Judy Johnson noticed that her name was in the newsletter and received a black and white fat quarter. Treasury books were re-audited by Marla Bradberry, Karen Hawkins and Donna Petrick. The previous committee included a board member that was not permissible per the bylaws. The owner of *The Quilter's Workshop*, Sam Lamoreaux, is honoring the Plano guild each Friday following the guild meeting with a 10% discount. Service bars will be awarded in December 2009 for at least 30 hours of any volunteer time during 2009 that promotes the Plano guild activities. Members need to start counting their hours and turn the information in to the VP of Community Service. The bars will be attached to a special pin that will be available. A quilt related charm that can be attached to the bar will be given for 8 hours of quilt show volunteer time.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Community Service:** Sheri Smith reported that \$183.37 was collected from the membership to buy items to put into the Christmas stockings. Most of the funds were spent to help fill 410 stockings for toddlers and teens. The agency voiced a need for plastic baby bathtubs and wash clothes. \$60.00 was spent on these items. The Parkland and VA hospitals give every newborn a stocking during December filling them with needy items. The 900 stockings we made that were not filled will be given to these hospitals. Karen Christoffer does a marvelous job with the Community Service sewing group getting quilt tops made. Two people who have recently contacted the Guild are giving a lot of fabric that can be pieced into quilt tops, so we have plenty of fabric. At the present time we have at least 100 tops that need to be quilted. During the months January through April we will have a contest for members taking a community service top, batting and backing home to be quilted. Every time a quilt is turned in to Community Service the quilter's name will be placed in a "hat." The quilt does not have to be bound. In May names from the hat will be drawn for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards. One of the awards will be a quilt kit by Alex Anderson called "Baskets of Romance." An article in the *Turning Point Newsletter*

from the *Rape Crisis Center* was read. It expressed gratitude for the generosity of the Guild in providing 491 quilts. *The Samaritan Inn* needs big quilts as does *My Friends Place* that will be opening soon.

**Programs:** The January meeting program will feature Linda Reynolds, a research librarian from Stephen F. Austin University. She will speak on the history of East Texas Quilts. The January workshop will be on beading taught by guild members. The cost is \$25.00 for the beading workshop and kit. Any money collected will be given to the Guild for future programming. If you sign up at least 35 days ahead of time for a workshop you will get a \$5.00 reduction in workshop cost. The February program will be Sara Moe speaking on curved piecing. She also designs fabric. Her workshop, originally scheduled for the 20th and 21st, will be rescheduled at a more convenient time for members who are also attending the guild's retreat. *The Plano Art Center* is now presenting *Quilt Mania*.

**Membership:** Helen Wilems and Terri Mendelow announced that there were 51 members present as well as 3 guests (Mary Beal, Sanda Staggs and Susan Hudspeth). Amanda Dierling is a new member having just moved from Pennsylvania. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 the guild will host a New Member Tea. The invitation will include Joan Stevenson's email and phone number to RSVP. Door prizes were awarded from *Quilt Asylum*, *Quilt Country*, *Quilters Connection*, *The Old Craft Store*, *Suzy's Quilt Shop* and an anonymous donor.

**Retreat 2009:** Terri Anderman urged everyone to get her retreat enrollment information to her by January 10, 2009. How to email the enrollment is on the form.

**Quilt Plano 2009 Show:** Kemberly Wilshire reminded members that they need to complete the quilts they intend to enter in the show. The registration form for this will be available in February or March. There is going to be a focus on community service at this show. Information regarding the concept is forthcoming. Germaine Reconnu told us that she now has about 7 purses and 7 mini quilts for the show auction and we need many more of each.

**Fat Quarter Lotto and Block of the Month:** Marla Bradberry and Diane deFreitas have postponed these activities to next month. The categories for December fat quarters were "batiks," "black and white" and "anything goes." Block of the Month will be available in the newsletter.

**Show and Tell:** Since the program for the evening was on T-shirt quilts the emphasis of quilts shown was various quilts made from T-shirts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 for the program.

## **NEW SERVICE AWARDS - Donna Petrick**

You deserve a reward for all the time you spend helping the guild accomplish its goals. I have been thinking about this for sometime and Kemberly Wilshire was thinking along the same line for volunteer time at the quilt show. So the board has come up with the following plan. I talked about it at the December meeting and will again in January.

The guild will award a service bar with the year on it each year that you serve 30 hours in volunteer time for the guild at no cost to the member. That includes community service sewing, selling raffle tickets, taking the raffle quilt to various places, working the events the guild has, doing lectures/presentations at various groups about quilting, etc.... anything other than just attending the monthly meetings. Then each show year, the guild will have a charm attachment for working 8 hours for the show. The numbers of hours required for the award are subject to change in future years at the boards' discretion.

The hours will accumulate from January of each year until the November guild meeting only and will not carry

**New Member:**

**Dierling, Amanda**

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over to the next year. Each member will be responsible for keeping his/her own hours and turning them into community service each month. The bar will be awarded at the December meeting after hours are turned in at the November meeting.

The guild will offer for sale a pin to attach the bars. Currently we are planning on a sewing machine replica pin. This first year, you can earn your quilt show charm before the annual bar is available.

**January Birthdays**

- Jo Wong 1/1
- Sue Sydow 1/4
- Ginny Kenney 1/8
- Shirley Weaver 1/9
- Barbara Martinez 1/14
- Nicole Montenegro 1/16
- Maudie Auvenshine 1/17
- Tina Johnson 1/17
- Gail Schwartz 1/17
- Diane deFreitas 1/20
- Kathy Bradbury 1/22
- Helen Wilems 1/23
- Janice Wyant 1/25
- Golda Griffin 1/27

A number of the area guilds do this same type of award and we are using some of their rules for awarding the service bars. However, we are certainly open to suggestions for improvement. I hope you will enjoy this bit of recognition for all the work you do. As always, I also hope to encourage you to do more.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE - Sheri Smith**

Our year ended with a successful delivery of Christmas stockings to Parkland Hospital. Two volunteers were waiting for us at valet parking and we unloaded two carloads of items for them. One of the hospital volunteers thanked us profusely and stated that they really look forward to our contributions. It doesn't get much better than that. LaDawn had collected \$183.37 at our guild meetings and spent the majority of the money on items for the toddlers and teens stockings. She also spent \$60.00 on 3 plastic baby bath tubs, wash cloths and soaps. In addition to our filled stockings we donated 900 empty stockings. Parkland stated that they deliver 100 babies a day, so this donation will be for 9 days during the holidays. Many, many thanks to all that participated over the year making these stockings. This month we also delivered 23 quilts to the Children's Advocacy Center and 10 to the Rape Crisis Center.

**Elise SansSouci** is the recipient of the January black and white fat quarter if she will speak to President Donna Petrick before or during the business meeting.

The next Community Service Sew Day will be held at Plano Sewing Center on January 13, 2009. Again it will be an open house, so pick your time between 9:30 and 4:00, but please let Karen Christoffer know when you will be there.

In January we are beginning a quilt reduction contest. For every quilted top you turn in your name will go into the basket. The contest will run through April and at the May guild meeting we will draw 3 names. A third place prize, a second place prize and the grand prize will be a black and white kit by Alex Anderson, called "Never Enough Romance." The quilt size is 65 1/2 inch square. So get those tops that need to be quilted at the Community Service table and start quilting.

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF QUILT GUILDS (TAQG) - Aggie Meszaros**

At the November meeting of the Texas Association of Quilt Guilds (TAQG) the representatives from the member guilds set up the new year schedule for 2009. Please note that all meetings will be held at the regular meeting place, the Garden Ridge Church of Christ, in Lewisville EXCEPT the January meeting, which will be held in Mineola, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Donna Petrick will be driving the first group, so please contact her at 972-618-4081 and I will be driving the rest, call me at 214-495-0241. You will be sent a form to fill out describing your position. Please make 40 copies for distribution at the meeting. The Guild will reimburse you if you bring your receipt for the copies to the meeting.

## OFFICERS OF THE GUILD - 2008-09

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 Directory	LaDawn Dalley 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

Jan. 27, 2008 - (Sat) Art League Building, Mineola, Texas.  
Topics: the roles of President, Secretary, Treasury, and Volun-  
tary hrs./Community Service

March 31, 2009 - Newsletters, Website, Publicity

May 26, 2009 - Fund raising, Grants

July 28, 2009 - Library, Quilt shows

Sept. 29, 2009 - Membership, Social, Block exchange

Nov. 17, 2009 - Programs, Retreat

## NEW MEMBER TEA set for February 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Each year the guild hosts a tea to welcome new members, greet existing members and work on forming new small or friendship groups. We all know that these groups are one of the best parts of belonging to a guild. You make lasting friendships, share good times and bad and have a group of "sisters" that share your love of quilting.

This year the tea will be held on the second floor of the Legacy Bank at 3512 Preston Road. The bank is on the S.E. corner of Preston Road and Charles Place just north of Parker Road. This is a casual affair - no hat or gloves required! We will hear from a few officers about the guild but spend most of our time getting to know each other. It really is a fun party.

If you would like to attend just let me (Joan Stevenson) know at [plano.quilter@verizon.net](mailto:plano.quilter@verizon.net) and I will put you on the list. We want to make sure we have chairs for all. See you then.....

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Wilson

Cash Flow - November 2008

11/1/2008 through 11/30/2008

Category Description	11/1/2008- 11/30/2008
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
Administrative Income	
Interest Income	\$4.49
TOTAL Administrative Income	4.49
Membership Income	
Guest Fees	45.00
Membership Dues 2008-2009	150.00

**RETREAT - Terri Anderman  
Last Chance!**

What's Fun, Festive (as Festive as the season!), Fabulous and Filled with Friends? Well, RETREAT 2009, of course! Retreat is just around the corner (February 19-22) and now is the perfect time to remind loved ones that the best gift of all, this year, would be 2 or 3 fun-filled days with your quilting friends at Retreat! After all, it's easy to wrap and one-size fits all! Sign-up ends in January so now is the time to get your registrations in!

Along with the usual time to quilt with friend(s) without thinking about cooking or cleaning or taking care of anyone else at Retreat we'll have Kaleidoscope Quilt Shop from Whitesboro supplying us with things we may have forgotten (or things that tempt us!). We'll have a masseuse available.

And, the LCR dice game will be back this year! Cut some 5" squares to play with... and for you "high rollers" we'll have a Fat Quarter table going with the game! All you need are three 5" squares or 3 Fat Quarters to get into the game!

Join us at Tanglewood for 2 or 3 days of the best fun a quilter can have!

TOTAL Membership Income	195.00
Programs Income	
Workshop Fees	410.00
TOTAL Programs Income	410.00
Quilt Show Income	
Vendor Fee Revenue	662.50
TOTAL Quilt Show Income	662.50
 TOTAL INFLOWS	 1,271.99
OUTFLOWS	
Programs Expenses	
Guild Meeting Facilities Rent	75.00
Lecture Fees	500.00
Speaker Lodging	337.92
Speaker Meals	97.02
Speaker Travel	551.51
Supplies and Equipment	42.98
Workshop Teacher Fees	1,300.00
TOTAL Programs Expenses	2,904.43
Quilt Show Expenses	
Glove and Apron Purchase	61.98
TOTAL Quilt Show Expenses	61.98
 TOTAL OUTFLOWS	 \$2,966.41
 OVERALL TOTAL	 -\$1,694.42
 Guild Net Worth	 \$46,306.85

**Membership Note of Thanks:**

I would like to thank the two wonderful ladies that have been helping me at the Membership table. Crisann Skinner and Maria Eakin have been wonderful with stepping in to help. When I could not attend the meeting at the last minute, they fill in for me and did a great job. So say thanks to these two ladies who have come to my assistance.

Helen Wilems

**PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS - Donna Lobelson**

In January Linda Reynolds of the East Texas Research Center will share with us her knowledge about the history of East Texas quilts. Saturday, January 10, 2009 Rhonda and I will conduct the "Valentines Day Beaded Button" workshop. The class is being given as a fund raiser for the guild. There is no charge for the class but we request that you purchase a supply kit for \$25.00. All proceeds will go directly to the guild. Stop by the programs table to see a class sample and sign up for the class.

**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.

**Jan 10 – Beaded Buttons**

□ Sat, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> - Beaded Button - \$25 supply kit fee – no charge for workshop

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - Julie Schaefer

President Donna Petrick opened the board meeting at 7:18 p.m. on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> at Haggard Library. (The next board meeting will be January 5, 2009 also at Haggard Library). Minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved after a motion by Sheri Smith and seconded by Julie Schaefer.

### Discussion:

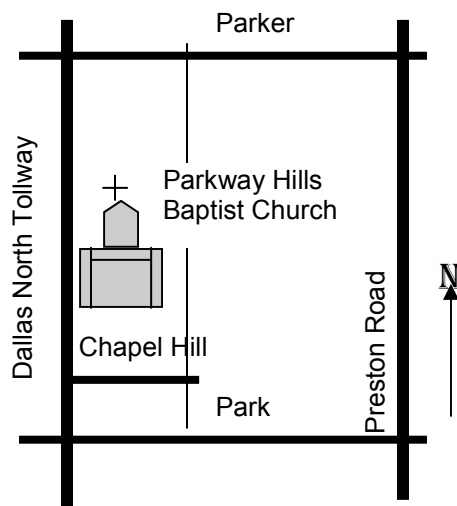
- There will be board changes for next year's officers. There will also be committee chair openings.
- Treasury books were audited on Dec. 7th and found to be in order.
- Samaritan Inn needs large quilts. One hundred Community Service quilts are ready to be quilted.
- Guild charms and awards.
- Next TAQG (Texas Association of Quilt Guilds) meeting will be Jan. 31, 2009 in Mineola. 2009 Rally Day will be July 11<sup>th</sup>. Website provides information [www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org](http://www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org). The Plano guild will be hosting the 2010 rally along with the guilds of McKinney, Allen and Frisco. Suggestions are needed for a presenter.
- 2009 Retreat at Tanglewood.
- Need for changing Guild bylaws.
- Easy availability of Guild newsletter to everyone.
- New Member Tea will be on February 1, 2009.
- Bring canned goods to meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> for Parkway Hills Baptist Church where our meetings are held.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

### Those attending:

Donna Petrick  
Tina Connolly  
Julie Schaefer  
Joan Wilson

Helen Wilems  
Sheri Smith  
Beverly Geise  
Kimberly Wilshire



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

**Batik Basket Bonanza—Basket #7**

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)

D—cut 1 square 6 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

F—cut 4 squares 2 7/8"

H—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"

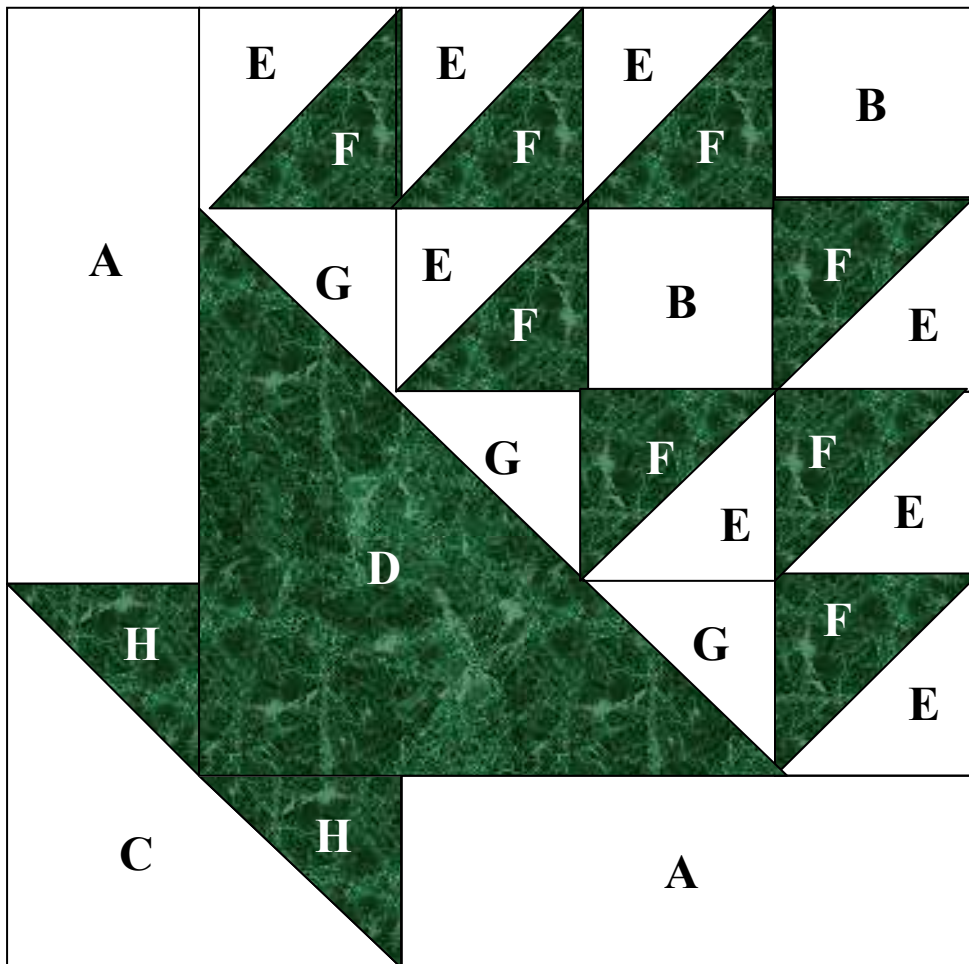
B—cut 2 squares 2 1/2" X 2 1/2"

C—1 square 4 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

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

G—cut 2 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 8 total half-square triangles that are 2" finished). Follow the diagram below to assemble the block.



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Bring to the January Meeting:

- A guest
- The Basket Block of the Month
- Fat Quarters
- A mini quilt or purse for the Auction

Things to take home from the meeting:

- A top or two to quilt
- A new book from the library
- A new appreciation for old quilts

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*The Quilters Guild of Plano does not discriminate on the basis of Race, color, national origin, sex or handicap.*



Quilters Guild of Plano

PRESENTS

Linda Reynolds

History of East Texas Quilts

January 8, 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)