



February 2005



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

Greenville, Texas

A Non-Profit Organization

Editor Debra Hager

This month's Program is:

FEBRUARY 24, 2005

Perfect timing prior to our quilt show in the fall!

"What Judges are Looking for"

Brenda Jeschky from Buffalo, Texas

6:30 P.M.

*Kavanaugh United Methodist Church
At 2516 Park Greenville, TX*



Refreshment &

Clean-up Committee:

**Chairperson, please remind the names on the following list:*

- *Katharine McCaw
- Doris McManus
- Sue Miller
- Donna Moon
- Nancy Nall
- Maejean Nixson
- Sue Nixson

*Alphabetically, each month, a group of members is asked to bring **desserts**. Coffee & tea are provided by Guild. **If you will be unable to attend, PLEASE call another member to fill your position AND notify this month's chairperson of the change.** Thank you for sharing your goodies!*



CPQG 2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD

From Your President...

I like to think of February as ...give a hug month, a time of showing our love to others we care about. Some do it with cards, others flowers, and even that wonderful thing called candy; but often we quilters do it with a Valentine quilt. Whatever way it is for you, be sure to express that love to those that mean something to you. This action will make them feel so warm inside and the love will return multi-fold. I think it would be so much fun for members to bring in Valentine quilts they own for show and tell. What do you think? I know from the time I take off my Christmas quilt until spring has sprung, I love sleeping under the Valentine quilt my mother made for me.

You are going to hear the word "Show" from me quite often this year. I feel confident that you will like the results from the developments of the show committee. I believe it is a show that you will make you very proud, so proud that you will want to enter at least one of your quilts. There are 13 categories so you should find just the right place for your quilts. With that thought in mind, our program this month will be interesting and beneficial... "What Judges are Looking for". Come and learn; you can be the next big winner! We have so much talent in our guild we need to share it with the world.

Make sweet loving stitches,
Pebble

CIRCLE NEWS

The Cotton Belles met in the small dining room at Kavanaugh Methodist Church on February 7th. The Fish donation for the month was \$48. Everyone brought a yard of Christmas fabric and had a great work day on making snowman candy containers for the Fish auction on November. Jeanne Kirby had talked with the Salvation Army about the number of Christmas stockings needed at Christmas time. A work day to make them will be scheduled next month. Jeanne Kirby showed the placemats she had made for the Fish auction. Kaye Dunn showed a small quilt top made from donated squares to be sold at her guild auction. Desert was brought by Kaye. Plans were made to continue to work on the snowman containers at the March meeting.

The Sunbonnets Sues met at the home of Maejean Nixon. Maejean treated us to a wonderful dinner and fabulous desserts. Don't forget there will be no March meeting due to retreat. The April meeting will be at the home of Sue Childers.

Jane Martyn

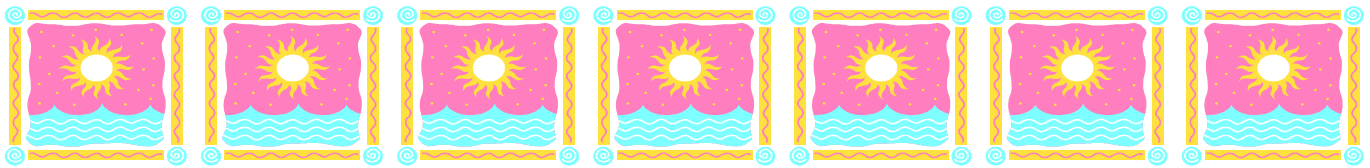
The Cotton Strippers met at Kavanaugh on February 10. We feasted upon baked potatoes "with the works" and scrumptious salad. Several members brought their challenge blocks to show and tell. If you were unable to attend, you may still bring them to Tracy during the next few months. Members are busy packing their tassels and g-strings for the semi-annual Stripper retreat in Eufala, OK. Sue Childers made a couple of announcements regarding retreat. If you have not already paid or you have any questions regarding rules or requests, contact Sue. Strippers meet the second Thursday of each month at the church, in Greenville at 6:30 P.M.

The Cotton Blossoms met Monday, February 7. Margie Hendrix gave a great program on a special way to do "Attic Windows". The second part of the Mystery Quilt was issued. Several member are already going strongly on the next batch of the Ronald McDonald Quilts. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 3:00 P.M. in the Presbyterian Church on Monroe Street, in Commerce.

Up-coming Events

- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
- ★ FEBRUARY 25-26
"GONE TO TEXAS"-PLANTATION
QUILTING GUILD SHOW
LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS
- ★
- ★ MARCH 11-13
DALLAS QUILT CELEBRATION
DALLAS MARKET HALL
- ★
- ★ APRIL 1-3
AZALEA QUILT SHOW
HARVEY CONVENTION CENTER
TYLER, TEXAS
- ★
- ★ ARIL 8-10
INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL
CHICAGO, ILLINIOS
- ★
- ★ APRIL 22-23
KAQG QUILT SHOW
"SOUTHERN COMFORT,
NORTHERN LIGHTS"-HUMBLE
CIVIV CENTER
HUMBLE, TEXAS
- ★
- ★ APRIL 25
AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY QUILT
SHOW
AMERICAN ROSE CENTER
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
- ★
- ★ MAY 7 - "AIRING OUT THE QUILTS"
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
HUNTSVILLE, TX
- ★
- ★ JUNE 4-5 "STARS OVER ABILENE"
REGIONAL QUILT SHOW
1100 N. 6TH
ABILENE CIVIC CENTER
- ★
- ★ SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1
COTTON PATCH QUILT GUILD'S
HARVEST OF QUILTS
GREENVILLE, TEXAS
- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★





Sunshine & Shadows

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Tracy Greenlee's 12 year old niece, Morgan Sowell, is in Intensive Care in Midland. Tuesday afternoon, Morgan was thrown from her horse, dragged and kicked in the head. She underwent emergency brain surgery last night. Doctors removed her skull to allow the brain to swell and not be constricted. Morgan made it through the surgery and for right now, all they can do is wait and see what happens. Please keep Morgan, Tracy and all of the family in your thoughts and prayers. (UPDATE) Great news...my niece is going home today (Sat. 2/12)!! She was well enough to have her cell phone and friends kept coming to the hospital, so the dr. said she was well enough to go home. She is only taking Tylenol w/codiene and will have to wear the helmet until the swelling goes down (maybe a month) then the dr. will reattach the skull piece. God is AWESOME!!

Thanks for all the prayers! On the other hand, my mother-in-law has a low-grade infection which keeps causing her lung to fill with fluid. She had part of her lung removed right after Christmas. She was at the emergency room when my niece went to the hospital, and the oncology nurses had a fit! Germ factory, duh!! She needs to stay in bed and rest before she goes back for another chemo treatment in 16 days. Please feel free to share with others who have been praying and thinking of me and my family. We all appreciate it so much!

Sunshine news: Barbara Booth has a showroom for her quilting business. There is also a workroom. It's in downtown Terrell.

Several members have fallen ill to the flu. Get well, Eufala Retreat is just around the corner.

Carolyn Burt is ailing with a bruised arm. Do not poke her or she will bite. Debra Hager is ailing from a mysterious bite.

Joy Gregory's place of employment, Flower Land, was awarded Small Business of the Year in Sulphur Springs. Her talents are truly a gift from God.

To submit information, please contact Alice Cooney 903-527-3649 or email alicecooney@argontech.net

New feature:

A door prize will be awarded each month to someone who has had a birthday that month and is present at the meeting. The January winner was Betty Day.

Each month we will have a basket at the reception table to collect your donated Sunshine and Shadow fat quarters. 2004 was a year with lots of shadows requiring over 12 fabric bouquets to be delivered. We pray that we don't have a repeat this year but need your help so these baskets can be filled with fabric flowers. Cards and other items will also be accepted.



Happy
Birthday
To You!



February	
1	Shelly Childers
5	Barbara Ratcliff
6	Jane Asberry
17	Dorothy Boettcher
24	Maxine Leverett
25	Letha Bost
March	
1	Belva Isham
1	Sue Miller
8	Sue Nixon
15	Madiline Sullivan
18	Katharine McCaw
22	Frances Stinnet

JANUARY DOOR PRIZES

Be certain to visit these shops, soon!

DAVIS' LOG CABIN CHECOTAH, OK
2 YARDS OF FABRIC

COUNTRY QUILT KOTTAGE QUINLAN, TX
6 FAT QUARTERS

QUILTS ON THE SQUARE COMMERCE, TX
2 FAT QUARTERS & \$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATES

QUILT COUNTRY LEWISVILLE, TX
\$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE

THE QUILT ASYLUM MCKINNEY, TX
\$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE

QUILT MERCANTILE CELESTE, TX
BEAUTIFUL FABRIC



Anyone may give a door prize.
Thank you for the goodies!!



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Library News

from Librarian- LINDA FRANKLIN

Not Your Grandmother's Flower Garden, Too, Marci L. Baker. Want to make a quilt of Grandmother's garden but do not want to do all that hand-piecing? Here is the answer, a strip-pieced method to make and sew all those hexagons. Honest! (Book was donated by Alicia's Attic, Fort Collins, CO. The library also has their catalog of products that aim to take the frustration out of quilting.)

Pass the Hat -- Thank you to all who dipped and dropped into the red hat for the library. We collected \$71.35 and I'm looking for the best books to buy for us.

To our Design committee :

We want to express our deep appreciation to you on the fine work that you all have done and the time you have given using your skills to develop and produce the lovely donation quilt to be sold in 2005. We were updated with its progress regarding the beautiful quilting by our Joan Biggs.

Also I want you to know how much I will treasure the gift of hand dyed fabric that you gave me. That act was so unexpected and so kind of you. I hope that you are proud of the results of the sales at the end of this year.

Sincerely,
Pebble & all



Community Service: "What can I do?"

Who knew how much disposable diapers weighed? Wow! At the December meeting members had the option of bringing baby items to donate to the W.I.N. shelter and Cynthia Lane of the Baby's Closet at the Community Health Center. The response was overwhelming. Sherry Worley sorted the items and delivered them with the help of Nora Whitehead over the next several days.

Donations to W.I.N. included: 6 new outfits, 3 packages of burp cloths, 1 package wash cloths, 10 pair of socks, 1 set of long johns, 5 body suits, fleece throw, 4 receiving blankets, nail clippers, ointment, 2 soaps, 3 bottle brushes, 8 (3 packs) bottles, 6 packages extra nipples, 1 package receiving blankets, and 1 bag of used clothing.

Donations to the Baby's Closet included: 8 packages disposable diapers, 3 packages burp cloths, 1 package wash cloths, 4 body suits, 4 receiving blankets, wipes, toy lamb, nail clippers, 2 ointment, soap, hair and body wash, 2 pediatric electrolyte, bottle brush, 7 bottles, and 3 bags of used clothing.

Having the ladies from W.I.N. attend our Christmas party was enjoyed by all. I propose that we invite them every year. They couldn't stop talking about how much they enjoyed themselves. When I delivered the baby items to them on Friday they were already talking about who would get to come next year! I will be talking to them about the possibility of volunteers teaching some beginning quilting classes at the shelter in 2005. If you would be interested in helping with this effort please contact Sherry, Lisa, or Sue.

Thank you for your generous donations throughout the year with your help we were able to make the following donations: 23 quilts, 34 Fort Hood Blocks, 486 Community Service hours worked by Guild Members, and nearly a Suburban full of baby items donated to W.I.N. and Baby's Closet. We also have 7 more quilts that were made in 2004 and made ready for donation early in 2005.

Submitted by Sherry Worley

Kathy Vestal issued a challenge to all of us to complete at least one crib quilt for Community Service during the year. Kathy completed 13 last year!

V.I.P. QUILTS--Our quilt show will be presented at the local National Guard Amory. A way to show our thanks to our all-volunteer-military is to devote a project especially to those who currently serve, or who have served in the past. VALORE, INSPIRATION, and PEACE, hence, V.I.P. quilts will be made from all donated fabric, blocks and, hopefully, quilting. Winners will be drawn during the quilt show. To be eligible to win, you or, someone on your behalf, must fill out an entry form and give it to the V.I.P. Committee. No fee is required. This is not a raffle. Entries for all of the reserves, stationed from the local Amory, will be submitted by the CPQG. Hand-outs available at guild. Contact Debra Hager for more info. at 903-883-4230; leave a message.

The New Suggestion Box

There will be a box on the entrance table with forms available for you to communicate to the board things that you would like to see done or things that you want changed. Please take one, fill it out, supply us with your suggestion of how to address the issue and sign your name so we can get back to you with any questions we might have. This is not intended to be a compliant box unless you support it with a solution and sign it. Know too, that no news is considered good news.



Welcome, New Members!

Lou Devenport

Pansey Martin

Lindsey Priest

Barbara Walls



COTTON PATCH QUILT GUILD
MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2005

Fifty-one members and five guests met at Kavanaugh United Methodist Church at 6:30 on January 27, 2005 for the annual business meeting and Skills Night. We welcomed Josephine Mitchell, Lois Mayfield, Alta Clarke, Dianna White, Trudy McNash and new member, Barbara Walls. A variety of delicious desserts was enjoyed by all.

President Pebble Rehm thanked all outgoing officers and chairs for their time and contributions to the guild, and expressed appreciation to incoming committee chairs: Audit, Monica Denny; By-laws, Katharine McCaw and Sherry Worley; Door prizes, Mary Lou Strohm; Historian, Sara Bobbitt; Photographer, Allen Day; Quilt Show, Pebble Rehm and Allen Day; Sunshine and Shadow, Alice Cooney; TAQG, Sherry Worley; Nominating, TBA; Design, Roberta Vandenburg.

New officers assumed their responsibilities by receiving a lighted candle from their previous counterparts. Officers for 2005 are President, Pebble Rehm; Vice-President, Betty Day; Secretary, Katharine McCaw; Treasurer, Carolyn Wright; Membership, Maejean Nixon; Newsletter, Debra Hager; Librarian, Linda Franklin; Parliamentarian, Jackie Clark.

1. Correction to December minutes: Alice Cooney was incorrectly listed as the winner of the UFO fat-quarter challenge. The actual winner was Donna Moon. Apologies to Donna!
2. Rehm expressed the hope that much of the guild information can be shared via newsletter. A dedicated e-mail address has been established for the convenience of members and will appear on the newsletter each month.
3. The first month of each quarter will continue to benefit the library; the second month is set aside for Community Service and the third month will remain open. Tonight's pass-the-hat (literally!) brought in \$71.35.
4. The final financial statement for 2004 reflected income of \$5,088.48 and expenses totaling \$3,387.56. This leaves a balance on 12/31/04 of \$1,700.92. Carolyn Wright presented the proposed budget for 2005. After a motion by Wright and second by Roberta Vandenburg, it was accepted unanimously. Income is projected at \$4,350 and expenses at \$4,700. The \$350.00 deficit is attributed to overdue expense vouchers for 2004 and to oversight in including the cost of having the 2004 quilt quilted. These two items will be paid from the 2005 budget.
5. As of 1/27/05 there are 66 new and renewed paid members of the guild. Final date for having a photo in the 2005 directory and being listed on the roster is February 1th. Late renewals may be mailed to Maejean Nixon.
6. Sherry Worley announced that the Community Service committee will sponsor a book and-magazine sale at the February meeting. A work session to cut kits is scheduled for Feb. 10 at Lisa Coker's home. Alice Cooney and Carolyn Wright are new members of the TAQG committee. The March 29th TAQG meeting will feature information on having an "honors and recognition" event within the guild. This year's Rally Day is July 16th in Richardson; we will cut and contribute fat quarters for the goody bags. Walk-in entry will be \$20.00; member entry is free. TAQG is assembling a resource packet for guilds; if you are a quilt teacher you are asked to complete a form and return it to Worley.
7. One of our own, Barbara Booth, has an original pattern featured on p. 28 of the latest *Keepsakes and Quilting* catalog. Congratulations, Barbara!
8. Carolyn Burt, 2004 Design chair, awarded fat-quarter recognition packets to four members who were especially instrumental in the completion of the donation quilt: Thanks to Pebble Rehm, Sara Bobbitt, Pat McCarroll and Beth Winn.
9. **Kathy Vestal issued a challenge to all of us to complete at least one crib quilt for Community Service during the year. Kathy completed 13 last year!**

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10. Eight lucky ladies held winning door prize numbers. **New feature: A door prize will be awarded each month to someone who has had a birthday that month and is present at the meeting.** The January winner was Betty Day.
11. Advance and senior tickets for the Dallas Quilt Show March 11-13 are \$7.00. At the door they are \$8.00.
12. The program on February 24 will be "What the Judges Look For".

After a brief intermission, eight presenters demonstrated their special skills as groups rotated to tables around the room. A warm thank-you goes to Alice Cooney, Gwen Schroth, Belva Isham, Kathy Vestal, Sara Bobbitt, Pat Jonz, Linda Franklin and Kay Colcleasure. Following Show-and Tell, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully,
Katharine McCaw

LOOKING FORWARD TO:

Submitted by Betty Day

EUFALA MARCH RETREAT

Contact Sue Childers with your questions. Need to carpool? You may inquire at guild if others wish to carpool.

MARCH

"MINI QUILTS"

Debra Perkins of Richardson, TEXAS

APRIL

"TRUNK SHOW"

Richard Lawson, owner of Quilting Design Studio

Treasurer's Report Submitted by Carolyn Wright

January 2005 beginning balance
\$3,372.64

Check #1591 12-30-04 (38.84)

Check #1592 12-30-04 (48.00)

Deposit 1-14-05 768.00

Miscellaneous charges (29.00)

Current Balance as of 1-27-05

\$4,024.80

Excerpts from TAQG letter to members:

(for the complete letter go to our website: www.cottonpatchquilt.com)

...When the TAQG reps were surveyed in November, so many topics were suggested that it was decided to double our educational meetings. In January, two very productive meetings on the topic of presidents and librarians were well attended by your guild officers. Upcoming meetings will include forums on the following topics:

March 29 – Volunteer Hours/Recognitions and Community Service

May 3 – Membership/Publicity and Websites

July 26 – Fund Raising/Raffle Quilts/Guild Stores and Retreats/Workshops

Sept. 27 – Programs and a Vendor Forum (more on this event later!)

Nov. 29 – IRS/Legal Issues for Quilt Guilds

...Rally Day-- Our yearly event is always a special treat for our members. This year's speaker will be Joen Wolfrom, a color and design expert. Check out her work at www.joenwolfrom.com. Her book, *Color Play*, is a classic in the use of color in quilting. Joen has also designed some incredible impressionistic landscapes in her book, *Landscapes and Illusions*. This year's Rally Day is hosted by the four guilds of Collin County – Allen, Frisco, McKinney and Plano – and will be held on Saturday, July 16th at the Eisemann Center in Richardson. Make plans to attend now – lots of prizes, freebies and a mini quilt auction will be part of the fun.

Annual Skills Night at the CPQ Guild



Barbara Ratcliff and Jackie Clark (right) say “WOW!” as Pat Jonz makes prairie points look so easy!



Belva Isham instructs Beth Winn in the art of invisible machine appliqué.



Alice Cooney shows Jane Martyn the way to make the perfect yo yo.



Tracy Greenlee (right) listens carefully as Gwen Schroth (center) show her technical expertise with the quilting needle.

Skills Night continued: ...As We Share Our Knowledge



Linda Franklin teaches the Chopkey Flower embellishment technique.



Connie Cawthon(left) learns English paper piecing from Kathy Vestal.



Celebrity Alan Day (left) listens to his instructor, Sara Bobbitt, on the topic of premarking your quilt for precision and convenience.



Kay Clocleasure share her favorite method for making flying geese.

To: Alice C., Pat J., Linda F., Kathy V., Belva I., Kay C., Sara B., Gwen S.

You must all be feeling all kinds of warm fuzzes coming from all your guild friends because I have not heard anything but great comments about the results of our Skill Night and that all goes to you. You did a great job of presenting the information with good examples especially for those of us that are visual people. I personally want to thank you again for the time and hard work it took to pull off a wonderful program. Thanks for volunteering it is people like you that make the guild what it is.

Former VP of programs
Pebble

