



# Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

April 2008

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"See one. Do one. Teach one." When I became an RN and got my first job at Children's Medical Center in Dallas this was the phrase we all used. Children's Medical Center was a teaching hospital for Southwestern Medical school and several area nursing schools. Everything we saw and did was a teaching and learning opportunity. It could be teaching parents, children, or other healthcare professionals. To me, quilting has that same philosophy - See one. Do one. Teach one.

When I first started quilting I wanted to take a class, but as usual, I was too impatient to wait for the class. I started off on my own and figured things out as I went along (I'm sure many of you started out the same way). As my skills and confidence improved I started looking for some classes to enhance what I had figured out on my own. Wow! I was so surprised to see what was out there. Machine quilting, hand quilting, paper piecing, and hand piecing. The list was long. I was like a hungry woman in a chocolate store--with a 90% off sale in the window!

Since then, I have grown to take week long seminars with nationally known speakers. I have enjoyed learning new techniques, old techniques, short cuts, and gadgets. The list of things I want to learn and improve upon is infinite. I look back at how much I have improved and I realize how many times my fellow quilters have given me tips and demonstrations at retreats, sit and sews, and guild meetings. Sharing your knowledge with your fellow quilters one on one is the perfect way to strengthen your skills and the skills of quilters around you. Skills night is a wonderful time to show off some of your special talents and encourage members to try something new. Our next meeting, April 24, will be a skills night. Come and learn something new--or come and teach if you want to share your knowledge. See one. Do one. Teach one.

P.S. I will not be at the guild meeting this month. This is the last meeting I plan to miss this year. I had made plans and prepaid for a retreat 6 months ago--before I became President, but, like always, I am sure we will be having our own "skills night" at retreat. Thanks, LaVonne, for running the meeting one more time. You're terrific! If anyone has any concerns please feel free to email me.

Happy Quilting, Linda Neal

## PROGRAM FOR APRIL MEETING

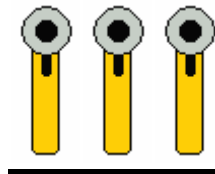
### SKILLS NIGHT

There will not be a speaker for the April meeting; this is "Skills Night". You do not want to miss demonstrations from Pam Shuman (Coffee Filters Quilt); Donna Moon (9th degree Wedge Ruler); Jo Ann Cross (Attaching the Ends of Your Binding); and Sherry Worley (Disappearing 9 Patch).

We still have a couple openings if anyone would like to volunteer to demonstrate a technique. If so, please email me at [mccaw2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mccaw2@sbcglobal.net) or give me a call at 903-217-4624 before April 21st.

Come prepared to walk away with some new techniques, shortcuts or just perfecting those existing skills. We look forward to seeing everyone on April 24th.

- LaVonne McCaw



## Calling all Helping Hands!

We're cutting kits one last time this spring for Community Service.

Time: 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Date: April 24, day of guild meeting

Place: Kavanaugh's main dining room.

Bring your cutting equipment. Snacks and good company will be provided.

## MARCH 2008 MINUTES

Submitted by Anita Gaudreau

President, Linda Neal, opened the meeting by thanking Sue Miller and the food committee. Guests were introduced and welcomed by the members. The minutes from last month's meeting were approved. Dallas Quilt show winners were announced. They included Mary Lou Strohm, Lisa Coker, Linda Neal and Jackie Scarber Brown.

Jackie Scarber Brown presented ideas for the 2009 raffle quilt. The patterns included a bird house quilt and an Irish chain with appliquéed flowers. Members voted to approve the bird house quilt.

Jane Asberry, TAQG representative, suggested we give a quilt pattern as our contribution to the give-away bags for Rally Day. She also announced the guild needs to contribute two mini quilts to the auction. The teacher for the July 11th Rally Day is J. Michelle Watts. Forms to register for her class are available from Jane.

Pam Shuman announced that a discrepancy in the budget has been found and corrected. Carolyn Wright reported we have sixty-six members and work on the directory is going forward.

It was announced by Sherry Worley that fifteen quilts were ready to be donated to the Pregnancy Crisis Center. She asked that the baby quilts for Fisher House be returned by September. The Cotton Belles have also made a twin size quilt for the Fisher House.

Guild members enjoyed a program, "Ordered Spaces", by professional organizer, Cynthia Bennett.

Following the program, guild members voted to continue the same arrangement with the food.

## April Birthdays

Gini Keith	4/29
Huey Nobles	4/9
Mary Lou Strohm	4/6

Hope your birthday was a "sewful" one!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Pam Schuman

The following is a summary of changes in the newsletter reported balances. The changes were discussed with the Executive Board and brought up at the March guild meeting.

Dec 07 Balance as published	6,379.18
Adjustment prior to Dec 2005	-189.89
2006 Adjustments	-50.80
2007 Adjustments	-839.35
Dec 07 Balance after corrections	5,299.14
Jan 08	
Checks written	-1,075.73
Deposits made	1,047.00
Correction ck#1757 (Allen Day- Donation Quilt, add'l \$)	-111.69
Jan 08 Balance after corrections	5,158.72
Feb 08	
Checks written	- 325.71
Deposits collected*	651.00
*\$3.00 deposit made in March	
Feb 08 Balance after corrections	5,484.01
Mar 08	
<u>Checks</u>	
1762 Jackie Scarber -Donation Quilt	-365.11
1763 Katherine McCaw-Solid Rock	- 64.74
1764 Linda Franklin-Newsletter	- 47.02
1765 Cynthia Bennette-Program	-165.00
1766 VOID	<u>0.00</u>
	-641.87
<u>Deposits</u>	
Donation Quilt 2008	<u>25.00</u>
	25.00
State checks written prior to 12/05 written-off:	
#1383 O/S prior to 1/06	50.00
#1593 O/S prior to 1/06	<u>61.55</u>
	111.55
Mar 08 Ending Balance	4,978.69

## BOARD MEETING REMINDER

Next Executive Board meeting will be  
**June 26, 5:15 PM**  
Kavanaugh's little dining room.

## **April Refreshments**

Sue Ross (Captain) - See note below.

Wanda Roy, Dee Saye, Jackie Brown, Gwen Schroth, Linda Sewell, Henrietta Smith, Marie Smith, Greta Starnater, Barbara Stephens, Mary Lou Strohm, Madeline Sullivan, Jennifer Tenney, Gladys Trammell, Shelly Jo Trammell.

Note: There are 2 persons in the April list who have not renewed their membership, so you have more assigned to the committee than usual. Please call all persons on the list.

## **May Refreshments**

Kathy Vestal (Captain)

Mandy Weaver, Carol Adams, Jan Ainsworth, Joan Biggs, Anna Borrer, Rene' Boudreau, Cathy Brandstetter, Connie Cawthon, Susan Childers, Lisa Coker, Kay Colcleasure, JoAnn Cross, Betty Day

## **Cotton Blossoms**

by Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms met on Monday, April 7, 2008. We had 12 members present. It was decided that we would do a Disappearing Nine Patch in autumn colors for the Harvest of Plenty bazaar at the First Presbyterian Church in Commerce. We took out our big box of fabric and sorted out all the light and dark autumn colors and started cutting them up in 5 1/2 inch squares. The members who did the cutting were Belva, Lindy, and Nancy. They did a splendid job. The other members sorted squares, ironed wrinkled material, and in a short time everything was ready to sew the large nine patches at the next meeting. There was Show and Tell and much talk about many upcoming quilt shows.

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle meets every first and third Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Commerce, Texas. Everyone can attend. If you quilt or want to learn how to quilt, this is the place to be.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

by Sherry Worley

We will have our last cutting party of spring before the April 24<sup>th</sup> guild meeting. We will be cutting fabrics so bring your cutting supplies and join us. We will start about 1:30 PM and work till whenever. Snacks and conversation supplied! Our last cutting party turned out 17 complete kits and parts for many more!

I have gotten several reports that some of our recent kits have a few fabrics that are not wide enough (width of fabric) to complete the top as directed. Thank you for the notification. We are always happy to hear from you! In this case the fabrics are not as wide as we usually see. You may also have some backs that are not wide enough. Any time you have a problem, feel free to let us know, or solve it yourself. We always try to provide extra pieces so you can use those, or ask for replacements. We may not be able to provide the same fabrics, but will find something that works! Sorry for any problems that you may have encountered!

I am still working on the delivery of quilts to A Woman's Heart Pregnancy Resource Clinic. Will let you know final numbers later.

## Cotton Strippers

by Jane Martyn

Here is the refreshment committee list for our May meeting:

Connie Cawthon  
Gini Keith  
Jane Asberry  
Joan Biggs  
Debra Hager  
Betty Day  
Allen Day  
Barb Powell  
Pam Hodapp  
Mary Welch  
Pat Jonz  
Sue Childers

Editor's Note: No report for April meeting.

## Sunshine and Shadows

Madeline Sullivan, Reporter

A special thanks to all who have prayed for Marie Smith's granddaughter, Elena, who is 18 months old and has Lymphoblastoma cancer. Elena is doing quite well now. Keep her in your prayers daily. It helps so very much.



## COTTON BELLES

by Sherry Worley

The Cotton Belles met at Harvest Bible Church on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Show and Tell included 3 Disappearing Nine Patch quilts from our January program. Kaye showed two and Jeanne showed one. Kaye also showed off her completed Clown quilt. LaNell showed two finished quilts, Tattered Pioneer and Diamond in the Rough. Sherry showed the top of the Cotton Belles Fisher House Quilt. Vickie showed a patriotic mini quilt and a border bash. Karen showed her first quilt. \$80 was taken up as the monthly donation to FISH. After the business meeting Sherry presented a program on a floating star block. Several of the circle members are making the floating star blocks with their collections of state flower fabrics...watch for some really nice quilts in the future! Our next meeting will be a sit and sew on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. at Harvest Bible Church, 4915 Hwy 34S, Cash TX. Bring a lunch and your project and join us!

## Bulletin Board

**TIPS:** from "Simply Quilts"

Using pinking shears:

- Cut corners of fabric with pinking shears before washing. This avoids unraveling and marks the fabric as prewashed.
- When working with appliqué using the fusible interface technique, trim curved seam allowance with pinking shears instead of clipping.

Machine Quilting: Cut off the finger tips of rubber gloves that fit you. Wear the tips on your fingers when you do free motion quilting for better control of the quilt.

Ergonomic sewing: Put 2 door stops, one at each corner, at the back of the sewing machine. This tilts the machine towards you and you get a straight on view without hunching over.

*Send notices you would like posted in the "Bulletin Board" to Linda Franklin by the due date. Make this your bulletin board.*

# QUILT SHOWS IN TEXAS

**April 25 - 26**, "Fabulous Florals", Mayfest 2008, Lakeview Quilters Guild, Victory Camp, Living Stones Church, 1407 Victory Lane. Additional information is available at [www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org](http://www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org). SASE: Lakeview Quilters Guild, ATTN: Quilt Show, P.O. Box 580365, Nassau Bay, TX 77258

**April 26 - 27**, "Texas Heart of Texas Quilt Show", 500 E. Baker, Brownwood

**May 3**, "Airing of the Quilts", Tall Pines Quilt Guild, around the courthouse on 11<sup>th</sup> street, Huntsville

**June 7 - 8 (corrected date)**, "It's Great in 2008", Abilene Quilters' Guild, Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Abilene. Classes (Tom Russell), vendors, snack bar, demonstrations. Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 12-5. Admission \$5. For more info: [www.abilenequiltguild.org](http://www.abilenequiltguild.org) or call 325-695-5585 or 325-673-9440.

**June 13 - 14**, Nacogdoches Quilters Guild, "Blueberry Festival of Quilts", Fredonia Hill Baptist Church, 1711 South St, Nacogdoches

**June 13 - 14**, "Irving Blooms at Lindero Ranch", Irving Quilt Guild, Inc., Lindero Ranch, 101 North Rogers Road, Irving. June 13, 10 AM - 7 PM, June 14, 10 AM - 5 PM. For more info: 972-986-7890.

**June 27 - 29**, DeLeon Quilt Show, 125 S Texas St, DeLeon

**July 25 - 27**, "Threads from our Past", Civic Center, 380 S Seguin Street, New Braunfels

**August 7 - 9**, "Deep in the Heart of Texas", Festival of Machine Quilters, Professional Long arm Quilters Guild, The Plano Centre, 2000 E Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX.  
More details at [www.plaqq.org](http://www.plaqq.org) (Our Lisa Coker is one of the teachers. This is a judged show for all types of machine quilters with cash prizes.)

**Sept 19 - 21**, Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild, "Shades of Texas Quilt Show", Killeen Conference & Civic Center, 3601 S W S Young Drive, Killeen

**Sept 26 - 28**, "A Legacy of Quilts", Austin Area Quilt Guild, New Crockett Center, 10601 N. Lamar, Austin

**Oct 30 - Nov 2**, International Quilt Festival, George R Brown Convention Center, Houston

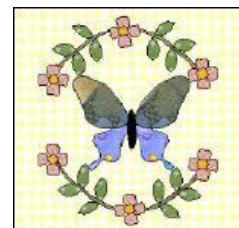
## \*\*\*\*\* DONATION QUILT NEWS \*\*\*\*\*

The committee has finished the donation quilt and what a fantastic job they did! Now the rest of the job is up to the members of the guild to sell the tickets. All we need to do is show the picture and most people will buy them. The tickets are \$1.00 each or \$6.00 for \$5.00. We are the only people who will make our ticket sales a success. Let's break the sales record. WE CAN DO IT!!!!

See Connie Cawthon to get your tickets. She will also provide extra tickets if you need them. The sooner we begin selling, the more we can sell. LET'S GET BUSY!!!!

- Mary Welch

April Newsletter deadline will be  
**May 11**, the Sunday after 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday.



# TAQG NEWS

By Jane Asberry, TAQG Representative

Rally Day 2008 will be Saturday, July 12 at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite. Those that attended last summer, will tell you that it is an excellent facility! The featured artist will be J. Michelle Watts (jmichellewatts.com). She will teach a class on Friday, July 11 at the same location. Lunches will be available both days from Applebee's for \$7.00. Raffle tickets are now available for the Pre-Rally Day raffle. We're going to have a power point presentation about our guild. If you have pictures we could use, please give them to Sherry Worley. The Rally Day pins are just stunning this year. The design is the quilt pattern that will be taught at the class on Friday. I also have a few Rally Day pins from past years available.

The secondary meeting in May is "Applying for Grants" I hope one of you will be able to go and learn about this for our guild!

If there is a class or skill that you would like to teach to other guilds, you can download a form off the TAQG website ([www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org](http://www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org)) to get this information out to other guilds.

- See me at guild for:
1. Class registration forms for July 11
  2. Lunch tickets for July 11, 12
  3. Rally Day pins
  4. Pre-Rally Day raffle tickets



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Laura Kay Houser

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS				
Sara Moe	Spinning Pinwheel	Sat, May 24	10 – 4	\$50
Carol Morrissey	Paper Piecing	Sat, June 7	10 – 4	\$50
Julie Craig	Crazy Patchwork	Mon, June 9 or Wed, June 11	1 – 5	\$25 + \$25 kit
Cynthia England	Picture Piecing	Wed, August 13	10 – 4	\$75 + pattern
Harriet Hangrave	Machine Quilting	Fri and Sat Aug 23 & 24	9 – 4 each day	\$150
Meg Hawkey	Hand Embroidery	Wed, Oct 29 or Thu, Oct 30	10 – 4	\$50

**PLEASE** register early for these events! Doing so guarantees you have a spot and ensures that the teacher will travel to our shop.

For more detailed event information, visit our web site and click on the "Current Newsletter" tab on the left of the screen, then select >> "May – Aug 2008 Newsletter".

The newsletter is now emailed in PDF format, easily downloaded with the free Adobe Reader software, which is on almost every computer. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, contact me at [lcftexas75402@gmail.com](mailto:lcftexas75402@gmail.com).

- Linda Franklin

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[www.cottonpatchquilt.com](http://www.cottonpatchquilt.com)

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