



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

August 2008

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

President's Letter

I just returned home from an Alaskan cruise with my husband, Bob. I worked on my Baltimore blocks all the way from Dallas to Alaska and back. Bob played computer games. In Alaska we saw glaciers, icebergs, mountains, and I visited 3 great quilt shops. It was a wonderful trip, with a cabin steward to clean my room, several chefs to cook my food, and great quilt stores within walking distance from the ship. For a quilter, this was as good as it gets (did I mention the wonderful desserts?).

I love visiting quilt stores when I travel, meeting shop owners and seeing what unique patterns they have designed or new fabrics they carry. While in Alaska, I met quilters from all over the world. It is fun meeting people that share the same passion for quilting. They always want to know if I have been to the Houston Quilt show and what it is like. Sometimes I meet people from Texas. In a quilt shop in Skagway, Alaska, the owner said the last 8 customers had been from Texas. I told her that it was supposed to be 106 degrees the day I flew to Seattle and our only choice was to flee the state in search of cooler weather. (And did you notice I brought some cooler weather back with me?)

A big Texas thank you to everyone who has submitted their birdhouse blocks so far. I love looking at the blocks at each meeting. The blocks have been a creative outlet for many members. They are going to make a great raffle quilt when they are put together.

Happy sewing - Linda Neal

August Program

"Seams It's a Mystery"

by Lori Shelton

Our program speaker this month is Lori Shelton from Mesquite, Texas. Lori has combined her love of quilting and storytelling with a little mystery thrown in for a night of fun and intrigue. You will not want to miss this exciting meeting. So, come hear the story, help solve the mystery and be the lucky winner who walks away with a free quilt kit with completed blocks.

See you there!

LaVonne McCaw

NEEDED!

Quilt angel with strong wings

Would you like to see and touch the quilts during guild meetings?

Linda Neal is looking for several members to help hold up quilts during meetings. If you are interested, please see her before the guild meeting.

Next Executive Board Meeting

September 25, 5:00 PM
Kavanaugh's Small Dining Room

NOTE: There will be no Exec Board meeting in August.

Treasurer's Report

submitted by Pam Shuman

June 2008 Ending Balance 4302.05

July 2008:

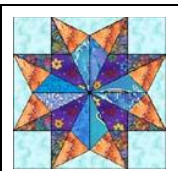
Checks:

1550 Lisa Coker, Comm Serv	(78.00)
1551 Berry Day, Donation Quilt	(75.54)
1552 Linda Franklin, Newsletter	(16.67)
1553 Jane Asberry, TAQG	(216.23)
1554 Alice Wilhoit, Programs	<u>(182.50)</u>
	(568.94)

Deposits:

Membership	12.00
Raffle Quilt 08	352.00
Advertising	15.00
Library	<u>17.00</u>
	396.00

Ending Balance for July 2008 4129.11



August Birthdays

Jackie Clark	8/11	Mary Alice MacDonald	8/6
Alice Cooney	8/14	Dee Saye	8/1
Kathy Dickens	8/20	Marie Smith	8/8

Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you!

August Refreshments

Nancy Nall (Captain)

Linda Neal	Sue Ross
Maejean Nixon	Wanda Roy
Sue Nixon	Dee Saye
Huey Nobles	Gwen Schroth
Barbara Powell	Shirley Shaw
Barbara Ratcliff	Pamela Shuman

Please advise your captain if you cannot attend the meeting and **swap** with someone else.

Captains: Contact each person by the Monday before the guild meeting.

"Refreshments" is responsible for clean up, too.

September Refreshments

Barbara Stephens (Captain)

Henrietta Smith	Shelly Jo Trammell
Marie Smith	Debbie Uphoff
Mary Lou Strohm	Kathy Vestal
Madeline Sullivan	JoAnn Weatherly
Jennifer Tenney	Mandy Weaver
Gladys Trammell	Mary Welch

JULY Minutes

Anita Gaudreau
Secretary

President Linda Neal opened the meeting by welcoming guests and new members. She also read the names of the food captain and team for the month of August. The May minutes were approved and she announced that the June minutes will be presented in the next newsletter.

TAQG representative, Jane Asberry, thanked members for their attendance and help on Rally Day. She asked for a member to go with her to the TAQG wrap-up meeting the following Tuesday.

Members were encouraged to sell more raffle tickets by Mary Welch. Jackie Brown asked that all the bird house blocks be finished and turned in by the August guild meeting. Several finished blocks were on display at the meeting.

Virginia Johnson, Librarian, reminded members to sign out for the library books and to let her know when they return them.

Alice Wilhoit presented a delightful program and displayed many of her quilts for guild members.

TAQG News

Jane Asberry

Next month's secondary meeting is on Community Service. I hope several of you will be able to go with me to the TAQG meeting on September 30 to get new ideas for our guild.

Our TAQG president's trip to Iowa with the donated items for the flood victims was a huge success!! We (TAQG) sent 5080 pounds of quilting supplies! The recipients expressed disbelief that so many others so far away would think of them in such a helpful way!

Directory Update

Please correct the following email addresses in your directories:

Jane Asberry	asberryjm@hotmail.com
Linda Franklin	lcftexas75402@gmail.com
Janice Whitt	stitchinmemories@att.com

Let Carolyn Wright know corrections to your data.

Donation Quilt News

Our donation quilt, "A Christmas Fanfare", is hanging in the quilt shop of member, Janice Whitt. She is the owner of "Stitchin' Memories" in Rockwall, and has volunteered to sell tickets for us at her shop. Plus, the mail shop next door to "Stitchin' Memories" is selling our tickets. If you are in the area be sure to thank Janice for her help.

The tickets that we sell will pay for our programs in 2009.
- Betty Day

Sunshine and Shadows

Madeline Sullivan

Donna Moon's husband, Bobby, is recovering from surgery and is in pain, but seems to be doing fine. Heather, her granddaughter, had a gastric bypass August 19.

Becky Medlock had hernia surgery on August 19.

Pam Shuman's husband, Ray, has life threatening illness, but they are facing it day by day with courage and faith.

Our prayers go with our friends as they go through this trying time. May all mend quickly and be well in no time.

It is important that each member lets me know when there is news to report about members or extended family or news of happenings with other quilters. Contact me: Madeline Sullivan, 903-886-7591, 903-461-4096 (cell), email = fivebarsranch@aol.com.

QUILT SHOWS IN TEXAS

September 19 – 20, Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild, Sulphur Springs. See www.sulphurspringstxquilts.com

September 19 – 21, “*Shades of Texas*”, Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild, Killeen Conference & Civic Center, 3601 S W S Young Drive, Killeen

September 19 – 21, “*For the Love of Quilting*”, Trinity Valley Quilters’ Guild, Amon Carter Exhibit Hall - Will Rogers Complex, 3400 Burnett Tandy Road, Fort Worth, Friday and Saturday 10 - 5, Sunday 11 - 4. Displays include many quilts, an exhibit by 19thC Patchwork Divas, and Quilting Potpourri of quilted items, e.g. bridal wear. Vendors, scissors guy, silent auction, door prizes, free parking! Admissions \$6. See www.tvqg.org

September 20, “*Quilts Around Town*”, Fairfield Elementary School, Hwy 75 & Hwy 84, Fairfield. Includes special display of “The Last Supper Quilt”, vendors, jewelry, clothing. Admissions \$3. Call 903-389-6528 or 214-724-0355.

September 26 – 28, “*A Legacy of Quilts*”, Austin Area Quilt Guild, New Crockett Center, 10601 N. Lamar, Austin

September 26 – April 1, 2009, **QUILT MANIA II**, Dallas area. See July newsletter for listing or www.quiltmania.org

October 10 – 11, *Material Girls Quilt Show*, Mineola League of the Arts, Mineola. Deadline for quilt entries is August 15. See www.mlota.org or call the league office at 903-569-8877 for entry forms and fees. A picture of the completed quilt or the top is needed for submission. For any additional information, contact the show chairperson, Peggy Arbuckle, at peggyarbuckle@att.net or call 903-569-6174.

October 17 – 18, Heritage Quilt Guild of Van Zandt County, Canton Civic Center, Canton. Friday 9- 5; Saturday 9-4. Email Joparrott@aol.com for more information.

October 30 – November 2, *International Quilt Festival*, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston

Community Service

Sherry Worley

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the June Community Service Garage Sale such a success! We raised a total of \$136.70! A special thanks to my husband John, I couldn't have done it without him!

The Fisher House quilts are pouring in from all directions. Two of the Cotton Patch quilts are back from the quilters. Thank you to Sue Tennill of McKinney and Sue Miklos-Champion of Gunter for such great work. Sue Tennill even donated two of her own finished twin size quilts. We have had quilts, tops, fabric and batting donated from members of the Plano Guild, the McKinney Guild and the Van Alstyne guild. When this is all finished I will provide a complete list. There are several twin size quilts that need to be quilted. I will have some available at the August meeting. Just stop by the Community Service table if you are interested in quilting. For us this project really took off when you allowed me to include the McKinney Guild. Thank you all for that decision!

As always, we have many baby size quilt kits available! Just stop by the Community Service table. You can choose a kit and complete any part of it before returning it.

COTTON STRIPPERS

Kay Colcleasure

September 11th Refreshments: Connie Cawthon, Donna Moon, Jane Martyn, Kay Colcleasure, Pam Hodapp, Virginia Johnson, Mary Lou Strohm, Barbara Powell, Jackie Brown

Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms met on August 4, 2008, at member Lindsey Priest's home to try out her Gammel quilting machine. Lindsey gave a program about the Gammel and all its functions. Then she let us try quilting on that huge machine. It was fun and different from our usual meetings.

We will go to Boles Home on August 25, 2008, for our next meeting. We will deliver our four quillows and one child's quilt to the two mothers and their three children. The mothers are now working so we will meet them at 5:30 P.M. Since it will be nearly time for dinner, we will go to the Cracker Barrel and enjoy ourselves immensely.

Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

The Cotton Belles met on August 4th at the home of Sue Miller. Thanks go to LaNell for the dessert and Sherry for the home grown melon. The program was a sit and sew and we had wonderful Show and Tell. A collection of \$83 was taken up for FISH. It was reported that the bears we made a couple months ago were donated to Salvation Army in Greenville. The projects we have pending for the rest of the year include stockings for Salvation Army, binding the Fisher House quilt, and the FISH Silent Auction. Show and Tell included Kaye's Bunny Hop quilt and Autumn Breeze. Autumn Breeze is a quilt from a class Kaye took at last year's Quilter's Pow-Wow. Sherry showed the Fisher House Quilt which was quilted by Sue Miklos-Champion of Gunter, TX. Sue showed a great selection of older tops and blocks made by a former neighbor in Richardson. One top was of great interest to the group. It is a large Grandmother's Flower Garden set in an arrangement that we had not seen before.

The next meeting will be September 8 at the home of Sherry Worley. The program will be given by Kaye. She will be demonstrating a basket liner, made using two woven place mats and some ribbon. If you would like to participate bring your place mats. You may bring matching ribbon or make a selection from Sherry's ribbon stash. Please feel free to bring another project as the basket liner will not take long. Bernice will bring a dessert to share. If you would like to visit with us, please contact Sherry for directions and plan to bring a sack lunch.

Bulletin Board

Backing tips from Alex Anderson:

- ✓ Think of the back of your quilt as the top. Choose fabric you like, not something that "won't be seen".
- ✓ Use an extra block for the label.
- ✓ Piece the back out of your stash. Think of it as a place to use up fabric for as wide as you bought it.
- ✓ Don't use a dark backing behind a light front. If you do, test for color fastness, and also check that it will not show through.
- ✓ Have fun with it!

June Minutes

President Linda Neal welcomed members and eight guests to the June 26, 2008 meeting at Kavanaugh Methodist Church, Greenville, Texas.

Thanks were expressed to Allen Day and his committee for the food served.

President Neal announced that last month's minutes and treasurer's report would be printed in the newsletter. Neal also reminded members attending the TAQG meeting in July to pick up membership cards from Carolyn Wright.

President Neal congratulated Hunt County Fair Quilt Show ribbon winners. Kudos go to Katherine McCaw, Margie Hendrix, Madeline Sullivan, Mary Welch and Georgia Morgan.

Committee reports:

Connie Cawthon reported sales of \$350 on the 2008 raffle quilt, and reminded members to pick up their tickets to sell.

Jackie Brown reminded members that blocks for the 2009 raffle quilt are due August 28 and that all packets of blocks have been distributed. (continued)

Excerpts from Alice Wilhoit's "Quilt Tips and Shortcuts"

Linda Franklin

The following tips from Alice Wilhoit were not included in the great handout we received, but are worthy of remembering.

Embroidery

1. Embroider on a large piece of fabric then cut down to the size for joining. It is easier to embroider a large piece of fabric.
2. To hide traveling thread, embroider two pieces of the same fabric together, then it won't show.

General

1. If you pieced together a very dark and a very light fabric, cut the seam so that more light is showing than the dark to avoid the dark fabric showing through the light.
2. Steam press the back side of your quilt to get out the wrinkles and your quilt will lay flat.
3. Try using several "Dye Magnets" when washing a quilt made from fabric not prewashed, especially red and white quilts.
4. To make multiple blocks look like whole cloth, put an x in the top right corner of each block so that the grain is in the same direction.

June Minutes con't.

Jane Asberry, TAQG rep, announced door prize tickets for sale and reminded workers for the rally day to report to work by 8:30 A.M. on July 12.

Members were asked to remember Debbie Warren who has had neck surgery.

Lavonne McCaw, vice-president, introduced Fran Snay, the program presenter for the evening.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Carolyn Burt for Anita Gaudreau, secretary



211 N. Kentucky St. - McKinney, TX 75069
972-542-8839
www.happinessisquilting.com

Hours: Mon - Sat 10:00-5:00
Thur -10:00-7:00

Owner:
Laura Kay Houser

Special Upcoming Events

Cynthia England	Wed, Aug 13 10AM-4PM	Picture Piecing \$75 + pattern
Harriet Hargrave	Fri & Sat Aug 22-23 9AM-4PM	Machine Quilting \$150
Meg Hawkey	Wed Oct 29 or Thur, Oct 30 10 AM-4 PM	Hand Embroidery \$50

PLEASE register early for events to guarantee your spot and ensure that the teacher will travel to our shop!

Don't forget to register on our website and select "Opt In" to receive our Newsletters and HappyGrams for great Coupons!!

Custom Quilting by Lisa

Award winning Quilter and Teacher

Studio located at:
8858 CR4903
Wolfe City, TX 75496

Lisa Coker
903-456-0124
gammillgirl@yahoo.com

Sept newsletter deadline will be
September 14
the Sunday after the 2nd Thursday

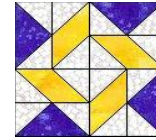
Advertising Rates

Monthly Rates: ½ page = \$12, ¼ page = \$6, business card = \$3.
Ads are printed if space is available. Ad text and payment must be received before the monthly deadline.
Send to editor: Linda Franklin, 2307 Rabb Dr, Greenville, TX 75402, email: lcftexas75402@gmail.com

You may view photos and newsletter at the guild's website:

www.cottonpatchquilt.com,
Login: Texas Password: Star
Note capital letters – case sensitive.

JULY Door Prize Donors



Happiness is Quilting, McKinney – 1
Quilt Country, Lewisville – 1
Quilt Mercantile, Celeste – 2
Suzy's Quilt Shop, Garland – 4
Alice Wilhoit – 1
Anonymous - 1

Thank you very much!

We are fortunate to have generous shop owners and donors supplying our door prizes. Be sure to send thank you notes to them and patronize their stores.



Where Quilters Get it!

9658 Plano Road
Dallas, TX 75238
214-343-1440
888-494-0291
214 343-2223 (FAX)
quilters-connection.com

Hello Quilters,

Quilters Connection is a full-service quilt shop in Dallas, Texas. We opened in Sept 2007 in the site of the former Quiltmakers of Dallas quilt shop. We carry high quality, all-cotton quilt fabrics from most of the major brands, including Brights, Batiks, Civil War, Traditional, 30's, Asians, Juvenile, Themes, Hand-dyed, and many new fabrics (3000 bolts of quilting fabric in 3000 sq ft of retail space!). Check out our website and watch for our new schedule of classes.

It's exciting to announce that Sharon Wilhelm has joined our staff as an employee and teacher along with Kim Whiteside, Suzanne Lindsay, Linda Alexander, Marianne Gildea, and Sharry Evans. We will look forward to you stopping by the shop to share a smile and help you with your quilting needs.

Shelley Chappell, Owner

