



# Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

## December 2008

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

### President's Letter

It's hard to believe it's December, but the Christmas tree is up and I am sitting on my heating pad to keep me warm. I have already survived my husband's office Christmas party, so it should be smooth sailing through the holidays. Santa Claus is checking his list and so am I. I still have several gifts to get, including my husband's, but I am ahead on wrapping this year. As I write, my dog Bentley has cuddled up close for warmth. Yup, it's December.

I have survived my first year as guild President with a little help from my friends. And other than a few new gray hairs, I think I have come through it OK. I have learned a few things: Meat balls, mac and cheese, salad, and pudding are considered finger food according to the CPQG. When at the microphone speaking- don't ask if the back row can hear you. And always let LaVonne McCaw introduce the guest speaker--she does a fantastic job and actually reads what she writes.

Thank you to everyone who help make the CPQG a wonderful guild. I am honored to be your president. I am humbled by the amount of talent and willingness to help your fellow guild members and citizens. Thank you to all of the committee members and executive officers who do so much to make this guild run smoothly. Thank you to the retiring executive committee members and God bless the new ones coming on!

I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. I hope you and your families have a magical holiday season together. Making lots of wonderful memories and LOTS of wonderful Christmas cookies. (Have I mentioned my fondness of Christmas cookies?!!) I hope Santa brings you lots of fat quarters, rotary blades, and gift certificates to your favorite quilt store or dare I say--a new sewing machine! Personally, Santa is my only hope since my husband is not known for his holiday shopping ability. (That's a story saved for another day) Time to turn off the heating pad and go to bed. Merry Christmas to everyone!

-- Linda Neal

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

December 18, 5:00 PM

Bring 2009 budget requests

### December Program

**'Tis the Season**

Christmas Party! Gift Exchange, Holiday Quilt Show-n-Tell, and Donation Quilt Drawing!

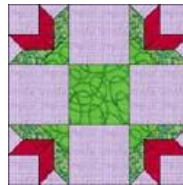
Everyone, bring a potluck dish, either savory or sweet.

If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift costing between \$5 - \$10, preferably be quilt related, with an optional tag with your name on it so the member will know who to thank. Give it to Santa's helper (the member wearing the Santa hat) to get your number.

Bring your best (just one) Christmas or New Year's quilt to Show-n-Tell. There will be prizes! Surprise categories to be announced at the meeting.

So remember, gift exchange, holiday quilt and most of all, your Christmas spirit to share with everyone

- LaVonne McCaw



### December Birthdays

Carol Adams	12/01
Sara Bobbitt	12/05
Rene' Boudreau	12/27
Kay Colcleasure	12/31
Linda Edwards	12/18
Barbara Powell	12/05

Many Happy, Happy Birthday Wishes for You!

### Treasurer's Report

Pam Shuman

<b>Oct 2008 Ending Balance</b>	<b>4670.60</b>
Checks:	
1773 Jo Parrot, Programs 08	(188.50)
NOTE: Deposit for \$258 made on Dec 5th	
<b>NOVEMBER 2008 Ending Balance</b>	<b>4482.10</b>

January newsletter deadline will be **January 11**, the second Sunday of the month.

Dec Meeting is **THIRD Thursday!**

## December 18th Potluck Dinner

Everyone brings a dish, either savory or sweet.

## January 22 Refreshments

Betty Day (Captain)

Vicki Dees	Debra Hager
Monica Denny	Margie Hendrix
Kathy Dickens	Shirley Herman
Linda Edwards	Jeanie Herring
Jackie Brown	Linda Hevron
Anita Motley-Gaudreau	Pamela Hodapp
Debbie George	Alice Isham
Gladys Guthrie	

*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.

## Christmas Charity Items

One last chance to spread the Christmas cheer! Bring to the December guild meeting any of the following:

- ✓ **The VA nursing home:**  
snack crackers, men's shirts, t-shirts, flannel shirts, sweats, socks: sizes L, XL, 2X, wheel chair lap quilts  
(The director will divide them according to need. Some of the vets do not have families to provide Christmas presents.) - for more info see Betty Day
- ✓ **Disciples of Christ Outreach Ministry (half way house for women):**  
small luxury items for Christmas gifts for women, e.g. lotion, perfume, nice soaps, for a bit of encouragement - for more info see Sherry Worley
- ✓ **The Veteran's Volunteer group:**  
fabric – for more info see Betty Day  
(It does not have to be patriotic fabric. Bring that fabric that you bought and will never use. They can use it!)
- ✓ **Community Health Center (Cynthia Lane will pick up at Dec meeting)**  
children's gifts – for more info see Sherry Worley

Please bring all your charitable gifts unwrapped to the Dec meetings. It would be helpful to mark the name of the intended charity.

## Lest You Forget What to Bring to Guild

1. Donation ticket stubs and money
2. \$24 Dues and Membership Form
3. Box Tops for Education
4. Christmas Charity items (see list on this page)
5. Library books that are due
6. Potluck dish
7. Gift Exchange
8. Show n Tell – Christmas/New Year's Quilt for prizes!



## November Minutes

Anita Gaudreau, Secretary

President, Linda Neal opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests. She thanked Janice Whitt and the food committee for their delicious meal and reminded members that everyone will bring food to our December meeting.

The October minutes have been corrected to show Sherry Worley reporting about Fisher House instead of Virginia Johnson. Membership forms were available and the guild was asked to complete the forms as soon as possible.

Guild member, Jo Ann Cross, was congratulated on the article in the 903 Magazine featuring her quilts, as well as others in our guild.

Linda reminded everyone to bring their boxtops for schools, Quinlan ISD will be the recipient in December. Sunshine and Shadows chairman, Madeline Sullivan, has been in the hospital and is now home, members were asked to send cards to her.

Connie Cawthon requested that all raffle tickets for the 2008 quilt be returned before the December meeting. The 2009 raffle quilt was shown by Jackie Brown, it features birdhouse blocks made by guild members. She thanked members for their donations. She also thanked Connie Cawthon for her drafting help and Jan Ainsworth for sharing her studio.

Community Service chairman, Sherry Worley, asked for donations to buy a gift card for the church custodian and members responded generously. She announced that fifty quilts have been given to Cynthia Lane this year. She is also compiling a report on all community service works for the year and requested that all circles let her know what they have contributed.

Linda reminded members to bring food in December as well as a gift with your name on it, if you would like to exchange with other members. Also, bring one holiday quilt to show.

LaVonne McCaw introduced our guest speaker, Jo Parrot, who spoke on using color, especially red, in quilts.

There will be an executive board meeting at 5:00 before guild on December 18<sup>th</sup>.



# “QUILT MANIA” IN DALLAS!



- Sept 26 – Apr 1, 2009 Art Centre of Plano, “Quilts of the Unsung Heroines of North Texas”, (972) 423-7809
- Sept 26 – Apr 1, 2009 Farmers Branch Historical Park, “A Stitch Back in Time: Farmers Branch Quilts”, (972) 406-0184
- Sep 27 – Mar 30, 2009 International Museum of Cultures, “We’re Covering the World”, (972) 708-7406
- Sept 26 – Apr 1, 2009 Irving Arts Center, “New Beginnings: Quilts by Texas Artists, (972) 252-7558
- Sept 26 – Apr 1, 2009 Museum of Nature and Science, “Texas Natural History Quilts: The Quilts of Carol Morrissey”, (214) 421-5555
- Oct 9 - Mar 15, 2009 Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture, “Best on the Block: Quilts from the Collection of the Quilters' Guild of Dallas”, (214) 745-1100
- Nov 6 – Mar 29, 2009 The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future, “Partisan Pieces: Quilts of Political & Patriotic Persuasion”, (214) 915-0860

See July 2008 newsletter for complete listing or [www.quiltmania.org](http://www.quiltmania.org)

## 2009 Slate of Officers

The nominating committee presents the slate of officers for 2009:

- President- Linda Neal
- Vice President- LaVonne McCaw
- Treasurer- Pam Shuman
- Membership- Debbie Uphoff
- Secretary- Mandy Weaver
- Librarian- Virginia Johnson
- Newsletter- Linda Franklin
- Parliamentarian- Carolyn Burt

- Jan Ainsworth, Committee chairperson

## Sunshine and Shadows

Rosalie Presti, former guild member, lost her husband, Paul, Friday, November 21. If you wish to send a card, her address is 5493 CR 3208, Lone Oak, TX 75453-2143.

## Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms met on December 8, 2008 for their annual Christmas Party. The hostess was Carolyn Burt. Her home was decorated so tastefully, many antiques and many unique collections plus a lovely Christmas tree. Each member brought a covered dish and each one was delicious. Carolyn had us seated at two different dining tables set with her lovely china. She said, "No paper plates at my house."

After our meal, we played Chinese Christmas. Everyone had brought a gift and we drew names. First person took a gift from the tree, opened it so all could see, then the next name either took the first gift or went to the tree to select a new gift. It went around the room and some members tried to take a gift away from another person. Not too much stealing was done. Everyone liked the gift they got from the tree. Helen Rowe was directing the Chinese Christmas and donned her elf's hat to make everyone laugh and make sure that all were in the spirit of Christmas. It was a wonderful time for friends to be together and make our common bond of women stronger.

## TAQG NEWS

Jane Asberry

The January TAQG meeting will be held in Mineola on January 31 (Saturday). The secondary meetings will be for presidents, treasurers, secretaries and volunteer hours and community service. These workshops are for people who hold that office now or might be interested in holding that office next year and could benefit from talking with those officers from other guilds and exchanging ideas! It's a wonderful opportunity to expand our horizons and get to know people from other guilds!

Rally Day will be July 11, 2009 with Sharon Schamber being our featured speaker

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

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# PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP EARLY

Annual dues, \$24, are due in January but renewing early will help the membership chairperson get the directory ready sooner. Bring your check made out to "Cotton Patch Quilt Guild" and give it to Carolyn Wright. Also fill out the Membership Update form available at the welcome table. This form is required for all members.

Early renewal helps the volunteer help you!

## Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

The Cotton Belles met on Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Quilt Mercantile for our Christmas Exchange. We had a great time shopping and would like to thank Jennifer and Vickie for allowing us run of the shop. From Quilt Mercantile we went to lunch at the Durning House in Van Alstyne. None of us want to remember how many years we have been going there for our Christmas lunch. After lunch we were treated by Cindy Alford to a guided tour of the soon to be opened Alford Inn. With a dozen workers frantically zooming around us, Cindy filled us in on the history of the house and her plans for a first class retreat center and retail store. We all look forward to their opening in January of 2009.

We will be back to our normal date for the meeting in January. We will be meeting on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sue Miller. Lanell will run the meeting and Sherry is bringing dessert. We will be having a sit and sew. It will be a good time to get started on our 12 step challenge lists!

If you would like to visit we would love to have you attend.

## Bulletin Board

**TIPS:** from "Fons & Porter" TV show

To keep a measuring tape from unrolling, clip it together with a binder clip, then you can also hang it up by the clip's handle.

Make a rotary cutter holder by folding a pot holder in half, and stitch two sides (the long side and one short side).

For sore fingers from hand quilting, try a liquid bandage product to toughen up the finger.

What to do with fleece scraps? Cut into 2" wide strips, roll up tightly to make a homemade pin cushion. Hot glue or stitch the end in place.

## Community Service

Sherry Worley

We have already had a good response to the call for donations for Disciples for Christ. With any additional donations at the December guild meeting we will be able to donate to them and also to WIN. We will also accept donations for Cynthia Lane at the Community Health Center. Sherry Worley's Suburban will be in the parking lot. Please place donations in the rear of the Suburban and do not carry them into the meeting. Donations for Veterans will still need to be brought inside!

The saga of Fisher House continues...it's a good thing quilters are patient people! On Thursday, December 4, Dorris Albin and I made a trip to the hospital. We met with representatives from Volunteer Services. Our questions about when it would open were met with we have no idea. Further into the conversation we were told that the current delay was because they had to do some rewiring. Please remain patient. Until the Fisher House is ready for use the quilts are being stored in the homes of fellow quilters across North Texas. When we get the word they will be delivered and put to use. I will keep you posted!

Thank you to everyone who has made our Community Service effort so successful this year. If you participated, please be sure to sign up at the Community Service table for our annual door prize drawing. Would someone from the other Circles please contact me with info on your Community Service projects for 2008. We will publish a report in the January newsletter.

## Donation Quilt News

Betty Day

The 2008 donation quilt drawing will be at the December guild meeting. Please have all of your tickets and money in to Connie Cawthon or Betty Day before the general meeting starts. We will call the winner from the meeting. Thanks to the 2008 Design Committee: Carolyn Burt, Connie Cawthon, Gloria Baldwin, Greta Strarnater, Jane Asberry, Joy Gregory, Mary Welch, Mary Lou Strohm, Phyllis Moynihan, Lisa Coker and Betty Day. Thanks also to all of the members who have sold tickets and showed the quilt at various venues. The money collected will help pay for the outstanding list of speakers we have scheduled for 2009.

The 2009 donation quilt top has been completed and is ready for quilting. Anyone interested is welcome to submit a bid by the January guild meeting. The top will be available at the December guild meeting for viewing.

## Keeping in Touch

Former member Jan Boren would like you to know her current address: 917 Chevy Chase Drive, Garland, TX 75043

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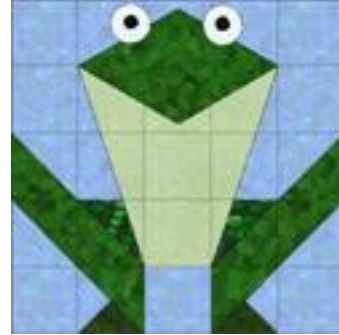
## 2009 - Special Upcoming Events

Penny Sturges	Wed, Mar 18 10 AM - 4 PM	Purses TBD
Margaret Bucklew	Wed, Jun 3 10 AM - 4 PM	Appliquéd Portrait Quilts \$50
Carol Doak	Mon, July 13 10 AM - 4 PM	Paper Piecing \$75
Meg Hawkey	Wed, Oct 14 10 AM - 4 PM	Hand Embroidery \$50
	or Thurs, Oct 15 10 AM - 4 PM	

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

Register on our web site and select "Opt In". You'll receive emails with info on Sales and important Shop news. Don't miss out!

## November Door Prize Donors



Quilt Country  
Stitchin' Memories  
Anonymous (3)

### Thank you very much!

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



# MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY 2009 QUILTING!