



# Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

February 2008

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am honored and excited about being the new President for the Cotton Patch Quilt Guild. I love quilting. I love meeting people who quilt, listening to speakers, and learning new techniques. CPQG is the perfect setting for all of those things. I have never met a group of people that embrace the love of quilt making as much as this guild does. Their passion for quilting excites me and challenges me to do more. Guild members are always willing to share their knowledge –and sometimes their stash.

For those who don't know me I am a first generation quilter who turned 40 and went through a mid-life crisis. I took up quilting. I thought it would be cheaper than my brother who bought a new car, but now I am not so sure. I met Gini Keith at a Pfaff class in Richardson. She encouraged me to go to Eufaula with her and the guild. I went and I had the best weekend ever. The cold weather, "outdoor" toilets/shower, and group sleeping arrangement could not dull the excitement, friendship, and 24 hour sewing marathon that was going on in the main cabin. I was hooked! A few months later at another Eufaula retreat I again was asked to join the guild. I didn't think I was good enough since I was new to quilting, but again with encouragement from Gini, Betty, Jane, Donna, Connie (too many to list here) I joined the guild. Sometimes people just need a little push from their friends.

Since I started quilting, exactly 4 years ago, I have attended lots of retreats, classes, and quilt shows. I have been called a "professional retreator", a name I can't deny. I love traveling to different places and learning things from different instructors. Over the last few years I have taken classes in Greenville, Houston, California, and even China. This year will be similar. I am excited about the classes I am taking and about this year and the places I plan to travel. I am excited about the speakers we have lined up for the guild this year, (thanks to Gwen and LaVonne), the community service, (thanks Sherry) and being president (thanks to everyone- especially Betty in "passing the torch" and telling me it really is an easy position.....) Let's have a great year and if you meet any quilters in classes or retreats- give them a little push and encourage them to visit our guild.

- Linda Neal

## PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

### *Stained Glass Quilting without Bias Tape!*

Ms. Anita Bradshaw will be speaking on stained glass quilts. She has developed a non-traditional method of construction that makes her unique designs a snap to assemble. This technique is quick, easy and inexpensive. She will also have patterns for sale at the meeting. I am sure you would not want to miss this exciting presentation.

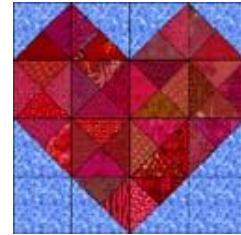
### Schedule of Programs for the rest of the year:

Mar 27	Cynthia Bennett, "Organizing Your Quilting Space"
Apr 24	TBD
May 22	Jacque Hensel, "If Quilts Could Talk"
Jun 26	Fran Snay, "Color and Fabric Play"
Jul 24	Alice Wilholt, "Quilt Tips and Shortcuts"
Aug 28	Lori Shelton, "Mystery Quilt on Love and Friendship"
Sept 25	Lisa Erlandson, "The Fabric of Time (Quilt History)"
Oct 23	TBD
Nov 20	Game Night or Community Service
Dec 18	Christmas Party

- LaVonne McCaw, Vice-President

## HELP AND HAVE FUN TERRELL QUILT SHOW April 19 - 20, 2008

We need to enter five quilts from our guild to sell raffle tickets for our guild quilt. Betty Day has volunteered to turn in your quilts and to pick them up. For rules and entry forms go to [www.terrelltexas.com](http://www.terrelltexas.com), scroll down to "Annual Terrell Heritage Jubilee", and click on that. Then click on "Quilt Show Entry Instructions" and "Quilt Show Entry Form". The entry forms must be turned in by April 4, 2008. Only the first 125 entries will be accepted, no exceptions.



A Note from Our Past President:

Thank you so much for the kind words and the thoughtful gift. I appreciate the help of the members in the last two years.

Betty Day

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

*submitted by Sherry Worley*

We will be having a work session beginning at 1:30 PM before the February Guild meeting. This session will be mostly for cutting, but if you would like to sew, kits are available. We have a few cutting mats and tools, but if you can, please bring your own. This session is come-and-go as you please. We appreciate any help you can offer!

We already have a good start on our second donation of 2008! There are about 8 quilts ready to go and we have 4 baby quilts put aside for Fisher House. Two quilts were donated to the two young fire victims as discussed at the January meeting.

**HELPING OTHERS IS A WONDERFUL FEELING. COME AND CUT KITS!**  
**Drop in --- February 28, 1:30-5:30 --- Bring tools**

### March Refreshments

Sue Miller (Captain) -- see Note below

Beth Mills, Donna Moon, Priscilla Moore, Georgia Morgan, Phyllis Moynihan, Nancy Nall, Linda Neal, Maejean Nixon, Sue Nixon, Huey Nobles, Barbara Powell, Lindsey Priest, Norlyn Quinn, Barbara Ratcliff, Cathy Ross.

### April Refreshments

Sue Ross (Captain) – see Note below

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

**NOTE:** Captains, please contact each person on your list since by necessity names were taken from last year's roster and the quilter may not have renewed membership this year. Therefore an extra name has been added to your list.

# TAQG Notes

## Schedule of Secondary Meetings

TAQG will be having a secondary meeting per TAQG meeting for the rest of 2008. The secondary meetings are TAQG's way of sharing information among the guilds. They are as follows:

March 25 – Raffles/ Fund Raising

May 27 – Grants

July 29 – Publicity

September 30 – Community Service/ Reporting Hours

November 18 – Programs

## **PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE NORMAL DATE!**

If one of these topics falls in your area of responsibility, please make a note of your meeting date. Anyone who is interested is also invited to secondary meetings. There should be a questionnaire to fill out relating to each meeting. We are asked to complete the questionnaire and bring 40 to 50 copies to the meeting. It is important to have a representative at each meeting. It is also important to have the right questions on the questionnaires. If you have suggestions for questions please e-mail TAQG Vice President Jean Goodfriend (Denton) at [jegood6@hotmail.com](mailto:jegood6@hotmail.com)

We are discussing having a special Saturday meeting sometime in the first quarter of 2009. This would include secondary meetings for most elected Guild Officers. Many guilds have officers who work and cannot attend a regular secondary meeting. TAQG hopes that moving a meeting to Saturday will yield better turnout and allow better sharing of information.

## Fisher House Update

The Fisher House (V.A. version of Ronald McDonald) has been delayed. They are now requesting quilts to be completed by September. We have one queen sized top finished and the two twins are under construction. At this writing there are 4 crib size quilts. If you are interested in keeping up with progress, we were told to Google VA North Texas Health Care System.

## Rally Day 2008 – Speaker J Michelle Watts

J. Michelle Watts will be our Rally Day 2008 speaker. Go to her web site, [jmichellewatts.com](http://jmichellewatts.com), to see what she does. We are leaning toward having her teach her Amish Star (using the 9 degree circle wedge ruler) on Saturday July 11. Michelle will be a vendor at the Dallas Quilt Show this year, so stop by her booth and say "Hi!" We are still working on which lectures she will be giving. We will likely have a power point presentation and one lecture with real quilts. Michelle also has a new fabric line that will be released by Moda in April.

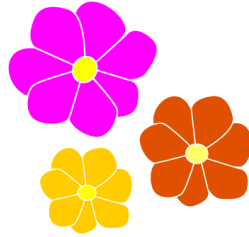
While we are talking about Rally Day 2008...Greenville is taking care of the Mini Quilt Auction again. Please consider making a mini quilt for the auction. Our guild was very well represented in 2007, raising over \$190.

Submitted by Sherry Worley, substituting for Jane Asberry

## February Birthdays

Barbara Ratcliff	2/6
Jane Asberry	2/7
Shelly Trammell	2/12
Dorothy Boettcher	2/18
Maxine Leverett	2/25
Jackie Scarber	2/28

Hope your birthday was a special one!



## Invitation to a Celebration!

Barbara Powell's Retirement Party  
March 29, 2 – 6 PM

Barbara Powell would like to invite the members of the guild to attend her retirement party at her home on Lake Tawakoni on March 29 from 2-6 P.M. Please call her at 214-824-4017 to RSVP so she will know how much food to bring and to get directions.

## Cotton Strippers

submitted by Jane Martyn

Mark your calendar for March 12. The Strippers are hosting Solid Rock at the church. Sara Bobbitt needs helpers and also each member needs to give a donation to Sara. We need \$100 to cover the cost of the lasagna and garlic bread. Come at 4:00 p.m. if you can help. The church is also going to hold the drawing for the "Surprise 9 Patch" so if you have any tickets you have not sold, please get them to Sara or Pam Shuman. Sara will be taking money at guild meeting.

The March meeting will be a working meeting to work on quilt tops. Jane Asberry will have the information for you. Bring your machine or come help cut and iron.

We will be playing Quilt Bingo in April. Instructions on making your block were given out at the November meeting. Kathy Vestal had some cute samples at the meeting and will be bringing them to retreat if you want to make your block there.

Refreshments for March meeting are Jeannie Herring, Carolyn J. Wear, Lee Ann Miller, Carolyn Wright, Maxine Leverett, Phyllis Moynihan, Mary Lou Strohm, and Sue Childers.

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### Bingo Game Instructions

Each fabric must be chosen from one of the following categories: batik, floral, geometric, heart, leaf, metallic, holiday, novelty, paisley, plaid, solid, star, strip or 1930's print. Use a black (solid or print) for the center square.

- 5 (2 ½") squares, assorted yellow or orange prints
- 5 (2 ½") squares, assorted red prints
- 5 (2 ½") squares, assorted blue prints
- 5 (2 ½") squares, assorted green prints
- 4 (2 ½") squares, assorted purple and/or pink prints
- 1 (2 ½") square, black

1. Join 5 yellow/orange squares to make one column. In the same manner make 1 red, 1 blue, and 1 green row.
2. Join 2 purple/pink squares. Make 2 purple/pink pairs. Join one purple/pink pair to each side of black square to complete the purple/pink row.
3. Join rows beginning with the yellow/orange row, then red. The purple/pink row is the center row. Then add the blue row with the green row.

## COTTON BELLES

submitted by Sherry Worley

The Cotton Belles met in the small dining room at Kavanaugh Methodist Church on February 4<sup>th</sup>. We worked on the printed copies of our cookbook for Nora's Family and picked out fabrics for our retreat neck wallet / name badges. The Fish donation was \$33.00 with an additional \$14 for cookbooks. That brought our cookbook total to nearly \$500.00! Sue showed us some of the blocks that will go in daughter Christy's quilt. Sherry showed a small jeans quilt backed with OSU fabric that is for her niece, Christy.

The Belles will meet again at 10:00 A.M. on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bernice's house. We will be working on our twin size quilt for Fisher House. Please bring sewing machines with neutral thread and any scraps of mid to light pinks. Visitors are always welcome! Call Sherry (972) 734-2316 for directions.

## QUILT SHOWS IN TEXAS

**March 14 - 16**, Dallas Quilt Celebration, "Timeless Traditions", Market Hall, Dallas

**March 28 - 29**, Azalea Quilt Show, "Hats Off to Quilting", Harvey Convention Center, 2000 W Front St, Tyler

**April 4 - 5**, Ogallala Quilters Society, "Diamonds in Dimmit", SE 4th & E Lee, Dimmit

**April 11 - 12**, "Pieces of Paradise", Georgetown Community Center, Georgetown

**April 19 - 20**, Annual Terrell Heritage Jubilee Quilt Show, Ben Gill Park, Terrell

**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 6 - 7**, "Stars Over Abilene", Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Abilene

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

**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 Longarm Quilters Guild, The Plano Centre, 2000 E Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX.  
More details at [www.plagg.org](http://www.plagg.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

## JANUARY 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Jane Martyn for Anita Gaudreau

Betty Day thanked the outgoing officers for a job well done and also Katharine McCaw for opening, setting up and closing the meeting room each month.

Linda Neal introduced her new officers and committee chairmen.

President	Linda Neal
Vice-president	LaVonne McCaw
Treasurer	Pam Shuman
Recording secretary	Anita Gaudreau
Membership secretary	Carolyn Wright
Librarian	Virginia Johnson
Newsletter	Linda Franklin
Parliamentarian	Carolyn Burt

### Committees:

Community Service	Sherry Worley
Sunshine and Shadow	Madeline Sullivan
Design	Mary Welch
TAQG representative	Jane Asberry
Historian	Mary Alice McDonald
Door prizes	Jane Martyn
Cookbook	Debbie George & Sue Childers
2009 Raffle Quilt	Jackie Scarborough

There will be a workday before the next guild meeting at 1:30 to cut kits for community service.

Dues are to be paid by the end of February.

Applications for quilting the donation quilt have been received and will be reviewed before the Stripper meeting in February.

Eufala retreat balance is due Feb 14. Retreat is 2/28 - 3/2.

Sue Childers made a motion to accept the budget and Priscilla Moore seconded. Motion passed.

We need 300 recipes in order to produce the cookbook.

Whether to have deserts or finger foods will be voted on in March.

Community service donated 7 quilts. We voted to give 2 quilts to the boys involved in the recent fire.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Carolyn Wright for Pam Schuman

December 2007 Ending Balance 6379.18

### Jan 2008

#### Checks

1748	State Comptroller S&U Tax	(74.81)
1749	Kavanaugh United Meth	(500.00)
1750	TAQG Yearly Dues	(50.00)
1751	Sherry Worley-Comm Serv	(66.00)
1752	Sherry Worley-Comm Serv	(186.83)
1753	Katharine McCaw-Paper Gds	(18.36)
1754	Gwen Schroth-Programs 07	(75.00)
1755	LaVonne McCaw-Programs	(51.01)
1756	Lisa Coker-Community Serv	(15.00)
1757	Allen Day-Newsletter	<u>(38.72)</u>
		(1075.73)

#### Deposits

Membership Dues	1032.00
Ads	<u>15.00</u>
	1047.00

January Ending Balance 6350.45

## REFRESHMENTS VOTE IN MARCH

At the March 27th meeting the guild will vote on the food to be served at guild. As discussed at the January meeting, some members would like to change to an easier desserts menu instead of serving a full meal. Either way is OK with me. I love all food. Majority will rule. I have decided to have a vote when the most members will be attending. In February many will be at Eufaula so I have decided to hold the election in March. When you sign in at the March meeting you will be given a ballot and an opportunity to vote. The ballots will be counted and the results made known that evening. Please feel free to discuss it with your fellow guild members at your convenience. I will not have an open discussion about it at the February meeting--other than to announce the vote will take place the next month. I think it has been discussed enough the last few years, but as President enough people have requested a change that I want the members to decide (instead of the executive committee) and then let it be the decision for the year.

- Linda Neal

Editor's Note: Menu last voted on was for finger food not a full meal.

# DUES ARE DUE!

Please print and fill out the info sheet below. Turn it in with your **\$24** dues to Carolyn Wright before Mar 1 in order to be included in the directory and receive your newsletters without interruption. Checks should be made out to "Cotton Patch Quilt Guild".

## Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Year 2008

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Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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I would be willing to serve as an officer and/or a committee member of the Guild.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

If there is a position that you feel that you would like to do, please feel free to tell us what it is for future consideration.

March Newsletter deadline will be **March 16.**

You may view photos or the newsletter at the guild website:

[www.cottonpatchquilt.com](http://www.cottonpatchquilt.com)  
Login: Texas Password: Star  
Note capital letters-case sensitive

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- Linda Franklin

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## Cotton Blossoms

submitted by Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms decided to do two workshops, one the last of January and one the first of February, since we have several fairly new people that were not familiar with many things that are just simple, but if not known to the new people, they were difficult tasks. In January, we made a nine patch square. The Blossoms furnished the material. Each person cut the nine squares and sewed them to be sure that the seams were 1/4 inch and that the squares met at the points. Then they did a star pattern in February. Precisely cutting out each part: 6 1/2 square, two rectangles, two 3 1/2 squares, and four 4 inch squares (two of them in a different color). The main exercise was to put the two different four inch squares together, mark them on the diagonal and sew them on that diagonal line, making two colors of a four inch square. It was a good lesson for all of us.

On our next meeting date we had a revitalization of our projects for the rest of the year and, of course, "Show and Tell". Gaye Furry had a large beautiful string quilt in rich pastels. She said it would be her first quilt that she will keep for herself. Nancy Amburgey had made a "Cooty Cart" to pad the shopping cart for children. Also, she had the top for a "Disappearing Nine Patch" that was so interesting.

The Cotton Blossoms Quilt Circle meets the first and third Mondays at the First Presbyterian Church in Commerce, Texas. Everyone is welcome to come join us if you quilt or want to learn how to quilt.

### *Sunshine and Shadow*



It is with regret that I had no news for Sunshine and Shadow. I know that there are things going on with the Guild, but it is not sent to me to put it in the newsletter. Please call me or send an email so I will have it in the newsletter. My email address is: fivebarsranch@aol.com. My telephone number is: 903-886-7591. If you see me at the Guild, write the names and a brief note about the incident or happening and give it to me.

Let's keep current with our quilters' happenings.

- Madeline Sullivan. Reporter

## Bulletin Board

### **TIPS:**

**ORGANIZATION:** Use a nice long wire napkin holder (used for picnic tables) to hold all your rulers. Mount it on the wall and it will keep all your rulers in one spot. - [www.BlockCentral.com](http://www.BlockCentral.com)

**THREAD:** With a permanent marker, mark the slit in the spool that holds the end of the thread. Unwind thread from the opposite side so the thread doesn't catch in the slit, and it is easy to find the slit to slip in the end of the thread. -- "Simply Quilts" TV show

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

# Jackie's Machine Quilting

✂ **And more**

Jackie Scarber 903-527-4811  
Cell Phone 972-489-2648

**We appreciate YOU!**

Thank you to the following January 2008 Door Prize donors:

Quilt Mercantile, Celeste (2 items!)  
The Quilt Asylum, McKinney  
Anonymous (2 items!)  
Stitchin' Memories, Rockwall (2 items!)

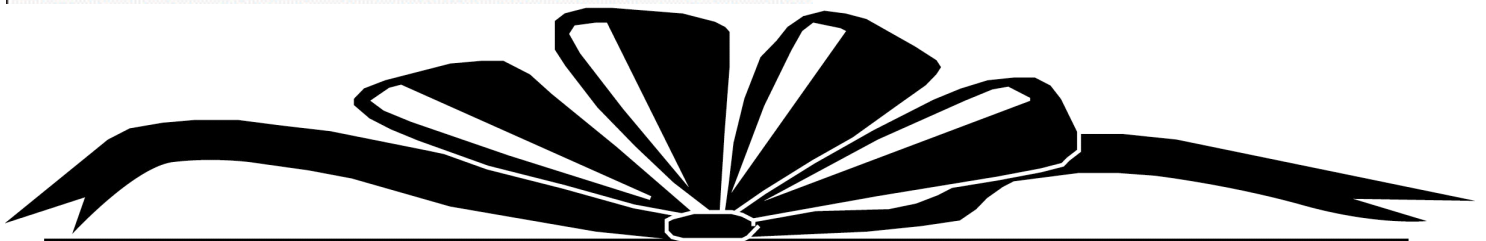
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## A Gift to Yourself

### Sign Up for a Quilter's Guild of Plano Workshop

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|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Karen Stone      | January 12, 2008 | <i>"Enticing Ties"</i> *            |
| Ginny Eckley     | Feb 15, 2008     | <i>"Thread Painting"</i>            |
|                  | Feb 16, 2008     | <i>"Paint and Print"</i>            |
| Susan Cleveland  | May 9, 2008      | <i>"Piping Hot Curves-Macaroni"</i> |
|                  | May 10, 2008     | <i>"Plain and Perfect Binding"</i>  |
| Laura Wasilowski | June 13, 2008    | <i>"Woodcut Quilts"</i>             |

Workshops are \$40 for nonmembers except Karen Stone who is \$45.\*  
Friday workshops are held at **Legacy Bank** on Preston north of Parker Rd in Plano.  
Saturday workshops are held at the **Plano Chamber of Commerce** building in downtown Plano.

Check out our website at [www.quiltersguildofplano.org](http://www.quiltersguildofplano.org)  
for times, supply lists, and more info about our teachers.  
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