



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

July 2008

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

President's Letter

Quilting is a tough sport. To an outsider it appears to be a relaxing, sedentary hobby, but to those of us on the quilting front lines, a battle is taking place with our bodies. I have the scars to prove it.

As I write this the newest burn on my arm is healing, next to several other scars. I have been working very hard on a Baltimore Album appliqué quilt for a monthly class I am taking. I have been juggling 3 different irons in the preparation of my latest block. Apparently I don't juggle very well. I am always bumping into a searing hot iron as I reach across for another iron that I want. The electrical cords get tangled as I press. I'm lucky I haven't electrocuted myself. As I work hour after hour, the pinched nerve in my neck starts to tighten, but I have a class deadline to make and I forge on.

One of my favorite parts of quilting is hand appliqué. I like to prepare my fabrics at home and then take them with me on my travels. I always have something to work on. Airport delays are much easier to handle when you keep busy doing something you love. My latest block started in California and then came home to Texas. It then went to Miami, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, back to Miami and home to McKinney. My fingers were completely worn out by the time I returned home. They had sustained numerous needle sticks, blisters, and calluses. I think my finger prints may have worn off.

But, my Baltimore block looks great. And I forget about all of the torture I have gone through in the process (reminds me of childbirth). I love our "sport" and it excites me. The more I see, the more I want to sew. I went to TAQG rally day yesterday and saw all of the beautiful mini quilts. I know what those women have gone through and I am sure they would all agree that it's worth it. The speaker, Michelle Watts, was inspiring.

Congratulations to JoAnn Cross for making the TAQG viewer choice mini quilt. A big thank you to Sherry Worley, Jane Asberry, Carolyn Burt, and all of the CPQG volunteers who helped make rally day great.

Happy sewing- Linda Neal

GRANT WRITERS NEEDED

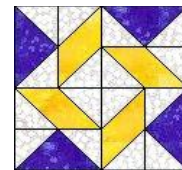
We are looking for 2 people to write a grant proposal with Sherry Worley this fall. The money would be used for community service. If interested please contact Linda Neal.

July Program

“Quilt Tips & Shortcuts”

by Alice Wilhoit

We are pleased that the popular Alice Wilhoit is going to speak to our guild, sharing quilter's wisdom from many years of experience. She will also have quilts to show us. Bring paper and pen to take notes!



July Birthdays

Carolyn Burt	7/12	Becky Medlock	7/23
Connie Cawthon	7/7	Priscilla Moore	7/1
JoAnn Cross	7/1	Maejean Nixson	7/14
Gladys Guthrie	7/4	Shirley Shaw	7/17
Margie Hendrix	7/25	Gladys Trammell	7/3
Linda Hevron	7/31	Sherry Worley	7/11

Happy Birthday and may your seams not be ripped!

Next Executive Board Meeting

August 28, 5:15 PM
Kavanaugh's Small Dining Room

July Refreshments

Phyllis Moynihan (Captain)

Gini Keith,	Becky Medlock,
Maxine Leverett,	Sue Miller,
Mary Alice MacDonald,	Donna Moon,
Jane Martyn,	Priscilla Moore,
Katherine McCaw,	Georgia Morgan,
LaVonne McCaw,	Pat Jonz

August Refreshments

Nancy Nall (Captain)

Linda Neal	Sue Ross
Maejean Nixson	Wanda Roy
Sue Nixson	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.

WE HAVE A PROBLEM!

Recently we have run short of refreshments at guild meetings. We voted for finger food and desserts. When it is our turn, we should bring something to place on the table, just as we have enjoyed what others have brought.

- ◆ When it is your turn to bring food, please have it there before 6:30 PM.
- ◆ If you cannot make it to guild, find a replacement and notify the captain in a timely manner.
- ◆ If you bring a guest (friend, family member) please bring food also.
- ◆ Bring enough to serve many (12 or more). Our attendance is usually around 60 - 70 people.
- ◆ Leftovers are fine.
- ◆ Simple is fine.
- ◆ Don't assume there will be enough without you doing your part.
- ◆ Check the newsletter to know when it is your turn.

If you are the food captain, please contact each committee member. You can balance the type of refreshments, check the member is coming, and ensure there will be enough for all. **IF** you are willing, a non-attending member can pay you \$10 to bring something in their stead.

Eating together is a fun part of the meeting when everyone cooperates.

May 2008 Minutes

submitted by Linda Neal

Linda Neal, President, presided over the meeting. Everyone was welcomed and the guests were introduced. The food committee was thanked.

LaVonne McCaw, vice president, was thanked for running the April meeting and for arranging teachers for skills night. JoAnn Cross, Katherine McCaw, Kay Colcleasure, and Sherry Worley were thanked for teaching on skills night.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Phyllis Moynihan was given flowers and a round of applause for her recent college graduation.

Gayle Gordon, from the Greenville public library, spoke and thanked the guild for its contribution of children's books.

Connie Cawthon reminded everyone to pick up their tickets to sell for the 2008 Christmas donation quilt.

Jackie Brown, design committee chairperson for the 2009 quilt, handed out packets of instructions and fabric. Blocks are to be turned in by the August guild meeting.

Jane Asberry updated everyone on TAQG Rally Day. Lunch tickets were available for purchase. The CPQG will be running the admissions tables and the mini quilt auction. Volunteers are to be there by 8 AM for set up.

Carolyn Wright is working on the directory. Everyone is to check the rough draft for accuracy. The directory will be handed out next month along with membership cards.

The Professional Long Arm Quilters Guild have canceled their August show. They will however still have classes. Karen McTavish is teaching and spaces are available. See Lisa Coker for information.

Jacque Hensell did a wonderful trunk show of her quilts.

QUILT SHOWS IN TEXAS

July 25 – 27, “*Threads from Our Past*”, Civic Center, 380 S Seguin St, New Braunfels

August 7 – 9, “*Deep in the Heart of Texas*”, Professional Long Arm Quilters Guild- **CANCELLED**. Classes only. See Lisa Coker if interested in classes.

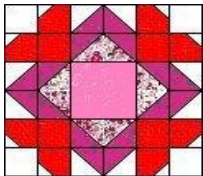
September 19 – 21, “*Shades of Texas*”, Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild, Killeen Conference & Civic Center, 3601 S W S Young Drive, Killeen

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

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



Sunshine and Shadows

Madeline Sullivan

Shelly Trammell is a grandmother! It is a boy! He was born June 28, 2008. Say “Hello” to Robert Dillon Jackson. He will be called Dillon. Congratulations to the Trammell family!

Wow! Wedding bells will be ringing for Belva Isham on November 1, 2008. More about her plans next month.

Margie Hendrix had a thyroidectomy on July 7, 2008. She is doing well. Yes, she can talk and will be at the next guild meeting.

Debbie Warren had neck vertebrae surgery in June 2008. We wish her the best and a speedy recovery.

Marge Salo, sister of Mary Lou Strohm, has been in ICU in Waterloo, Iowa. Stripper friends may want to send a card. Address: Marge Salo, 709 Hartman, Waterloo, IA 50701

Linda Hevron had foot surgery and is doing well. She hopes she will be back soon and we hope so also.

Shelly Trammell had her gall bladder removed in late June. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Pam Shuman's husband Ray has been very ill. We must pray for both of them daily.

Pam Hodapp's mother is ill and Pam has gone to New York to visit with her. We wish her a speedy recovery, and hope she and Pam can enjoy their time together.

Jane Martyn's mother-in-law, Pansy Martyn, has been ill. We send her best wishes for a complete recovery.

It is important that each member lets me know when you have news to report about our 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 MANIA II

September 26, 2008 - April 1, 2009

Dallas area cultural venues join together to bring you the largest collaboration of quilt exhibits! This may not be repeated next year, so be sure to go this time. For further information go to www.quiltmania.org

Arlington Museum of Art(817) 275-4600, www.arlingtonmuseum.org*Piece by Piece*

Sept. 27, 2008 - Dec 13, 2008

Art Centre of Plano(972) 423-7809, www.artscentreofplano.org*Blackland Prairie Quilts: Then and Now*

Nov. 7 - Dec. 31, 2008

The Crow Collection of Asian Art(214) 979-6231, www.crowcollection.org*Stitching the Seasons: Contemporary Japanese Quilts*

Jan. 24, 2009 - Apr. 12, 2009

Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park(214) 421-5141, www.DallasHeritageVillage.org*No Hand Idle: Domestic Arts in the 19th Century*

Feb. 16, 2009 - June 14, 2009

Half of the institution's 19th century quilt collection exhibited throughout their historic structures.

***Dallas Historical Society Hall of State in Fair Park**(214) 421-4500, www.dallashistory.org*Quilts of the Unsung Heroines of North Texas*

Sept. 26, 2008 - Apr. 1, 2009

40 quilts made by women whose families, some of which are famous, contributed to the settlement of North Texas

*call to confirm location

Farmers Branch Historical Park

(972) 406-0184,

www.ci.farmers-branch.tx.us/ParksRec/Historicalpark.html*A Stitch Back in Time: Farmers Branch Quilts*

Sept. 26, 2008 - Apr. 1, 2009

Historic Mesquite, Inc.(972) 216-6468, www.historicmesquite.org*Common Threads: Quilts That Preserve the Florence and Lawrence Family Histories*

Oct. 11 - Dec. 13, 2008, and Jan 10 - Mar. 21, 2009

International Museum of Cultures(972) 708-7406, www.internationalmuseumofcultures.org*We're Covering the World: Quilts made under the direction of American Aid Workers*

Sept. 27, 2008 - Mar. 30, 2009

***Ice House Cultural Center**

(214) 670-7524,

www.dallascultural.org/icehouseculturalcenter.cfm*Men of the Cloth in Quilting*

January 10 - Feb 28, 2009

*call to confirm location

Irving Arts Center

(972) 252-7558,

www.irvingartscenter.com*Blending the Old and the New: Paul Pilgrim Quilts*

Sept 13 - Nov 9, 2008

Quilts by Irving Quilt Guild Members

Sept 13 - Nov 30, 2008

New Beginnings: Quilts by Texas Artists

Sept 26, 2008- Apr 1, 2009

Mesquite Arts Center(972) 216-6444, www.mesquiteartscenter.org*Mola: Quilts from the Kuna Indians of Panama & Colombia*

Jan. 20, 2009 - Mar. 15, 2009

49 Molas from a Dallas collector and a Mesquite collector

Museum of Nature and Science (In Fair Park)(214) 421-5555, www.natureandscience.org*Texas Natural History Quilts: The Quilts of Carol Morrissey*

Sept. 26, 2008 - Apr. 1, 2009

Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture(214) 745-1100, www.oldred.org*Best on the Block: Quilts from the Collection of the Quilter's Guild of Dallas*

Oct. 9, 2008 - Mar. 15, 2009

17 quilts of blocks from the annual block contest organized around a theme made by Dallas County quilters.

The South Dallas Cultural Center(214) 939-2787, www.dallasculture.org/SouthDallasCulturalCenter.cfm*Cloth Conversations: The Quilts of Carolyn Mazloomi*

Feb. 6, 2009 - Mar. 28, 2009

The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future(214) 915-0860, www.thewomensmuseum.org*Partisan Pieces: Quilts of Political & Patriotic Persuasion*

Nov. 6, 2008 - Mar. 29, 2009

Fifteen 19th and 20th century quilts lent by the International Quilt Study Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln through which women expressed their views before they could vote.

Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

The Blossoms planned their road trip to Boles Home. All the quillows and the baby quilt are ready. We will go on August 18, 2008, to visit with the "Together" group and give them our quillows and quilt. The "Together" program is single mothers and their children learning coping skills and every aspect to make a successful life for their family.

Our program was on photo transfers. Lindsey was the teacher. She was good and thorough as everyone did a photo to practice the art.

Our next meeting will be July 21 and we will be working on a Christmas Quilt that is red, white, and green. The white is the background so each person will bring scraps of red and green Christmas fabric to put in the quilt.

The Cotton Blossoms meet at the First Presbyterian Church, 1216 Monroe St, Commerce, TX, first and third Mondays of the month at 3:00 PM. Anyone who wishes to join the group is welcome.

Directory Update

Carolyn Wright

Please add the following members to your directories.

Alice Cooney

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Spouse: Nick, birthday: Aug 14

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cell: 903-450-7025, work: 903-457-4873

E-mail: katd1956@yahoo.com

birthday: Aug 20

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Alice Isham

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home: 903-455-4812

birthday: Sept. 28

Strippers

TAQG News

Jane Asberry

The secondary meeting at TAQG this month is for people interested in membership and publicity. I will be driving to Lewisville on July 29 for the TAQG meeting and would love to have several who are interested in these areas ride with me to attend this secondary meeting.

Marileah Mansfield announced a new project of hers at Rally Day. She's asking for TAQG members to donate notions, tools, and fabric to send to quilters who have lost everything in the Iowa floods. She's thinking the victims have so many more pressing needs, that some hobby supplies would be a real comfort to them. If you would like to be a part of this mission, please bring items to guild this month and I will take them to her at our TAQG meeting on July 29.

TAQG Rally Day Mini Quilt Winners

Winners received a \$20 gift certificate from Quilt Mercantile, Celeste.

VIEWERS' CHOICE – JoAnn Cross, CPQG

TOP BID QUILT (\$90) – Jane Goodfriend, Denton

2ND TOP BID QUILT (\$80) – Janie Merrill, Irving

We raised \$2004 (\$700 more than last year) with 68 quilts.

Join the QUILTS OF VALOR

I am involved with a group of ladies from all over the United States that are making Quilts of Valor (QOV) for wounded soldiers. There are a lot of groups that are doing QOV's, but the lady I am working with is in Kersey, CO, and she delivers the quilts to Ft. Carson, Colorado. Recently, the chaplain at Ft. Carson asked her if she could get 100 quilts together for the next presentation. He stated that there would be around 400 soldiers, and he was hoping to have at least 100 quilts. The group I work with didn't want to see the other 300 soldiers without a quilt, so we have made it our mission to have a quilt for every soldier at the presentation in 2009. You can read about the 2009 QOV Challenge at www.alyciaquilts.blogspot.com. There is also an updated count of the quilts received and by whom.

If anyone is interested in helping to make a quilt(s), completely finished or just tops, you can contact me at 903-456-0124 or email me at gammillgirl@yahoo.com. The quilts need to be throw size up to twin size, and they would also like the quilts to have a matching pillowcase if at all possible. Quilts need to be labeled and you are welcome to write a letter and send pics of you with the quilt(s) for the receiving soldier.

Also, if there is enough interest we could possibly schedule a day to get together and sew tops. If you would like more information on the Quilts Of Valor program you can visit www.qovg.org.

Thanks,
Lisa Coker

COTTON STRIPPERS

Kay Colcleasure

Aug 14th Refreshments: Monica Denny, Lisa Coker, Phyllis Moynihan, Jackie Brown, Jane Asberry, Mary Lou Strohm, Mary Welch, Huey Nobles, Sue Childers.

DID YOU MISS THIS?

Cotton Belles and **Community Service** will have articles in next month's newsletter.

June 2008 minutes might be read at the July meeting or be in next month's newsletter.

THANK YOU!

Allen and Betty Day – for mailing newsletters while Linda Franklin was away.

Carolyn Wright and Debbie Uphoff – for completing the directories and membership cards. - Linda Neal

Treasurer's Report

submitted by Pam Shuman

May 2008 Ending Balance 4905.32

June 2008:

Checks:

1544 Linda Neal – '08 Donation Quilt	-89.67
1545 Carolyn Wright – Membership	-19.26
1546 Virginia Johnson – Library	-210.41
1547 Linda Franklin – Newsletter	-43.86
1548 LaVonne McCaw – Programs	-258.07
1549 Fran Gray, Programs	<u>-399.00</u>
	-1020.27

Deposits:

Membership	72.00
Donation Quilt '08	309.00
Membership	<u>36.00</u>
	417.00

Ending Balance for June 2008 4302.05

Bulletin Board

LOST AND FOUND: A small clear mixing bowl was left after the June meeting. We placed it in our closet at the church. - Linda Neal

A Thank You Note: The guild received a thank you letter from Threesa Sadler, Pregnancy Resource Center's executive director, for the baby blankets.

TIP: Save that tissue paper! To avoid fabric going down into feed dogs when sewing a 45 degree diagonal seam, put a bit of gift wrap tissue paper under the first corner of the two pieces you are sewing together. It is easy to tear off. -- Donna Poster

Excerpts from Rally Day talk by J. MICHELLE WATTS:

1. All her designs start with graph paper and colored pencils.
2. Buys fabric project-oriented. Instead of buying fabric because she likes it and will figure out later what to do with it, she buys only if she has a purpose for it.
3. Favorite Batting: "Warm & Natural", but admits it might be because it is easy for her to purchase where she lives.
4. Only pre-washes fabric if she knows the quilt is going to be washed. She has her quilts dry cleaned (horrified gasp from audience), but after a quilt was accidentally caught in the rain and bled, she will start pre-washing hand-dyes.
5. All her appliqué is fused with *Wonder Under* and stitched down with zigzag or satin stitch.
6. TIP: When working with lamé, fuse first then cut into it.
7. Marks fabric with a hard #2 pencil or white chalk pencil for quilting.
8. Newest work is experimenting with paint pens. She drips the paint from the pen on to a plastic plate then stipples the design onto the fabric. She uses a homemade stencil cut out of wax paper ironed onto the fabric. No fabric shows through her coloring. Then she outlines the design with a triple stitch setting on her machine, giving it an appliquéd piece look. (Her black design outlined in black thread on blue fabric really did look like appliquéd. - editor)
9. Her definition of wearable art is "homemade clothes".



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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

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Note capital letters – case sensitive.

JUNE Door Prize Donors



Anonymous – 3
Lisa Coker – 2
Quilt Country - Lewisville – 1
Quilt Mercantile - Celeste – 2
Suzy's Quilt Shop – 3
Quilt Asylum – 1
Guest Speaker - 1

Thank you very much!

and to

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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

