



# Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

## June 2008

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

### President's Letter

Years ago when I was new to quilting, I remember learning a new and secretive word used amongst quilters. The word could cause even the most experienced quilter to exhibit sweaty palms, stammered speech, and a look of horror upon their faces. Was it needle turning? Ruching? Mitered corners? No, no, it was something far more mystical and sinister. It was the dreaded...UFO, UnFinished Object for those newbie's amongst us.

As I innocently inquired to what a UFO was, the group of quilters quietly snickered to themselves. I felt like a tender, young lamb being given a secret tour of the wolves' sacred den. Their eyes met mine as they told me the sordid tales of their own UFO's. Frightful tales of running out of background fabric, mismatched points, and ...and ...the dreaded Y-seam. Some UFO's were stuck in a kind of quilt purgatory awaiting quilting or binding. The stories went on and on.

I learned that I should avoid UFO's. I shuddered at the thought of my quilt tops landing in the purgatory closet. I vowed to try my best to avoid making UFO's, and for the most part, I do pretty well.

I wonder about the UFO's out there. Do they ever get finished? Ever so often I heard about someone's quilt finding its way from the purgatory closet into the light. A fellow quilter, Martha Peterson in the McKinney guild, started a blue and white quilt as an anniversary gift for her husband. She finished it 12 years later at a retreat we attended together. Martha not only finished "Anniversary Pinwheels", but entered it into the Dallas Quilt Show this past March. It won an honorable mention ribbon in the 2 color quilts category. This is the fairy tale ending all UFO's want.

Happy sewing everyone! If you get inspired to finish a UFO be sure and bring it to guild to show everyone.

- Linda Neal

P.S: Don't even ask me about my blue and white blocks.

### June Birthdays

Joan Biggs	6/6	Tracy Greenlee	6/10
Cathy Brandstetter	6/10	Jeanie Herring	6/12
Vicki Dees	6/9	Pam Hodapp	6/3
Anita Motley-Gaudreau	6/20		

Happy Birthday and may you enjoy many more!

### JUNE MEETING PROGRAM

#### ***"Color & Fabric Play"***

Our program this month is about color and its relationship to fabric. Fran Snay from Burleson, Texas will be giving us a lecture on color combinations that more effectively present our quilt creation as a work of art. She will be doing a show of colors and fabrics using the old simple traditional patterns. It will be a fun and humorous lecture so you will not want to miss our program this month.

- LaVonne McCaw

### Hunt County Fair Winners

Best of Division:

Purple Rosette 1st place - Katharine McCaw  
Pink Rosette 2nd place - Margie Hendrix

Ribbon Winners:

Margie Hendrix - 4 blue ribbons  
Katharine McCaw - 3 blue ribbons  
Madeline Sullivan - 3 blue ribbons  
Georgia Morgan - 2 red, 1 blue ribbons  
Mary Welch - 1 red, 1 blue ribbons

Blue Ribbon - Superior

Red Ribbon - Excellent

Congratulations!

- LaVonne McCaw

### Executive Board Meeting

**June 26, 5:15 PM**

Kavanaugh's Little Dining Room

### Donation Quilt

The following guilds will allow us to sell tickets at their meetings. Please volunteer to take the quilt to a meeting and sell tickets (plus enjoy their program!)

September 4 - Dallas Guild

Open dates - McKinney, Mesquite, Sulphur Springs, and more.

Please see Mary Welch after the June Meeting.

May meeting minutes might be read at the June meeting.

## June Refreshments

Allen Day (Captain)

Vicki Dees,	Margie Hendrix,
Monica Denny,	Jeanie Herring,
Anita Motley-Gaudreau,	Linda Hevron,
Debbie George,	Pamela Hodapp,
Gladys Guthrie,	Belva Isham,
Debra Hager,	Virginia Johnson

## July Refreshments

Pat Jonz (Captain)

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

*Bring finger food or dessert. Please advise your captain if you cannot attend the meeting and swap with someone else.*

## Treasurer's Report

submitted by Pam Shuman

<b>April 2008 Ending Balance</b>	5145.69
<b>May 2008:</b>	
Correction:	
Check #1763 in March understated	-20.00
Checks:	
1542 Lake Printing – '08 Donation Quilt	-120.64
1543 LaVonne McCaw – Programs	<u>-111.73</u>
	-252.37
Deposits:	
Advertising	12.00
<b>Ending Balance for May 2008</b>	<u>4905.32</u>

## GARAGE SALE!

### June Guild Meeting

Sponsored by Community Service  
Bring \$\$\$ and donations for the sale.

Fun and bargains for a good cause!

## From the LIBRARIAN

Virginia Johnson

The inventory of all of our books is done. We have quite an impressive library! We have 78 fiction books and 463 non-fiction, quilting & quilt related books. The majority of the hardcover books are in the large metal cabinet. The thin books are in boxes which will be sitting on top of the piano at meetings, and the fiction books are on the Bamboo Cart, purchased for that reason. You will be receiving a list of all of our books with your new membership directory for 2008.

Please read Rule #5 under "Standing Rules" in the CPQG Bylaws regarding library checkout and return.

## Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms met on June 2, 2008. There were 4 members present and then in thirty or so minutes there were 6 members and then in another thirty minutes there were 8 members present. I guess it was too early in the month to keep everyone on time. We talked about future plans and programs. Priscilla had put the two borders on the quilt we are giving to the "Harvest of Plenty" auction in October for the First Presbyterian Church in Commerce. It has autumn colors and yet it is bright. Lindsey has it and will quilt it for us. Our next meeting will be on June 16, 2008.

## Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

We met at the home of Sue Miller on Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. An \$85.00 donation was taken up for FISH. \$17.00 of that donation was from cookbooks. We voted to have no meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup> at Sue's. We will be having a sit and sew and LaNell is bringing dessert. LaNell showed her Cowboy Turning 20 Quilt and her Folk Art Flag Quilt. Jeanne shared one of the Granny Square afghans that she is making for each grandchild.

Sandy led us through making soft stuffed bears that will be donated either in the Greenville area or Mesquite (where Sandy's son is a police officer). We devoured her wonderful lemon bars, and were very grateful for the chance to visit with Jeanne and Ollie.

# COTTON STRIPPERS

*Kay Colcleasure*

We had 27 members present and FIVE visitors. Our visitors were Rebecca Rial, Betty Allen, Kathy Dickens, Alice Isham and Wanda Wilson. The food was outstanding as usual. We had a lot of wonderful Sunshines to share with our group. Katherine gave updates on the Cleek Retreat in July. Debra gave more info on the Purly Gates retreat in November. Lisa Coker told us about the Quilts of Valor and said that they would take help from anyone wanting to participate. Then we had show and tell and saw some wonderful work from our members and several of our visitors.

July 10 Refreshments: Carolyn Wright, Maxine Leverett, Sara Bobbitt, Kay Colcleasure, Maejean Nixon, Vonnie Valdez, Barbara Powell, Pam Hodapp, Jan Ainsworth

## TAQG News

*Jane Asberry*

Bring money to guild for Rally Day lunch tickets (\$7), pins and class registration. Also the sewing machine in the raffle basket has been upgraded to a Janome Gem Gold 2. Sherry will be taking care of Rally Day at guild since I will be out of town. Our guild is also planning to gather items for a small basket to give as a door prize at Rally Day. We have a large piece of brown and gold fabric and need fat quarters in those colors and other items to go in this basket, please.

Volunteers should report in at Rally Day 8 - 8:30AM that morning. There is more info available on the TAQG website, [www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org](http://www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org).

We currently have 57 beautiful mini quilts for the TAQG auction. This number does not include several quilts we expect to be turned in at the June guild meeting. This will be a great bidding opportunity, bring money or checks!

July newsletter deadline will be  
**July 13**  
the Sunday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

## Community Service

*Sherry Worley*

We will be having a Community Service Garage Sale at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. I will be arriving early to set up and receive donations for the sale. Please bring your donations already marked with a sale price. There are some interesting items for sale! Be sure to shop, you never know what you will find!

The effort to get quilts for Fisher House has taken on a life of its own! Since I spoke to the McKinney Guild, I have been invited to speak at the Van Alstyne Guild and the Quilters Guild of Plano. Our involvement and your decision to involve McKinney have led to promises of at least 9 more quilts! If any long arm quilters are interested in quilting, I will probably need some help getting some tops from Plano quilted. Interesting how this has all worked out!

## TAQG RALLY DAY

**July 12, Saturday**

**9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**(9:00 AM - Registration**

**10:00 AM - Program Starts)**

Volunteers report in 8 - 8:30 AM

Quilt donations from 8:30 - 9:00 AM

Mimosa Lane Baptist Church  
1233 North Beltline Road  
Mesquite, TX 75149

Speaker: J· Michelle Watts

DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLE, MINI QUILTS AUCTION

Lunch catered by Applebee's (pre-ticket sales only)

Bring: CPQG membership card, lunch ticket, money for auction and raffle tickets, address labels for raffle tickets.

Driving from Greenville area:

Take I-30 West. Exit #59 Beltline Rd/Broadway Blvd. Go left on Broadway which becomes Beltline and then becomes North Beltline Road. 1233 N Beltline is on the your right.



## QUILT SHOWS IN TEXAS

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

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

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**August 7 – 9**, "Deep in the Heart of Texas" - **CANCELLED**. Classes only. See Lisa Coker if interested in classes.

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

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

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

### *Sunshine and Shadows*

*Madeline Sullivan*

Lindsey went on another trip to Baltimore. She took Gaye Furry with her. The reason for the trip was to be a cat sitter so her friend in Baltimore could go on vacation. The cats had a perfect sitter and Gaye and Lindsey had a great time.

Debbie Hager won tickets to the Arlington Quilt Show at our guild. That's the way to go "Lucky Debbie"!

Madeline Sullivan's granddaughter, Jourdan Sullivan, graduated from high school in May. She was salutatorian of her class and will enter TCU in the fall. Jourdan, her Aunt Rosemary and Grandmother Madeline are going on a trip (for Jourdan's graduation gift) to Cabo St. Lucas, Mexico for a week. It will be an exciting time for each of them.

Margie Hendrix fell over her front door sill and sprained her ankle, June 2, 2008. She is stepping lightly on that foot and we hope that it will heal quickly.

Belva Isham had a tonsillectomy on June 11, 2008. She will go to her daughter's home in Argyle, TX, to recuperate. She found that she had cysts on the tonsils. The doctor felt that it was better and safer to have them out. We wish Belva a quick recovery.

Gwen Schroth's sister passed away May 19 in Omaha, NE. She had Parkinson's disease. Our deepest sympathy to Gwen and her family.

Carolyn Burt had surgery on her shoulder. We send get well wishes and a speedy recovery to Carolyn from all of her quilting friends.

Some of the guild members will remember Debbie Emard. She visited the guild one time. It is to note that she and her husband, David, lost their son, John, in Iraq on June 4, 2008. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Emard family.

Tracy Greenlee's grandmother, Eunice Fulton, passed away May 24 at age 87 in Teague, TX. She came with Tracy to the Houston Quilt Show and met some of you. A few months before she died her failing memory went back to that show and she thought Tracy was coming to take her there. She must have had a memorable time and was a quilter to the end.

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](mailto:fivebarsranch@aol.com).

#### **Advertising Rates**

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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](mailto:lcftexas75402@gmail.com)

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

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

Login: Texas Password: Star

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# QUILTING!

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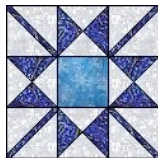
## Special Upcoming Events

<b>Cynthia England</b>	Wed, Aug 13 10AM-4PM	Picture Piecing \$75 + pattern
<b>Harriet Hargrave</b>	Fri & Sat Aug 22-23 9AM-4PM	Machine Quilting \$150
<b>Meg Hawkey</b>	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!!

## Door Prize Donors May



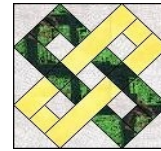
Quilt Country – Lewisville  
Jacque Hensell  
Jackie Scarber-Brown (2!)

Thank you for your generosity!

## Bring to the Meeting

- Garage Sale items, priced, please
- Money for TAQG and garage sale
- Library books to return
- Donation quilt ticket sales
- Fabric or items for Rally Day Basket

## Door Prize Donors March



The missing March list has been found. A belated but sincere Thank You to our donors:

**Quilt Asylum – McKinney**  
**Quilt Country – Lewisville**  
**Texas Quiltworks – Rockwall**  
**Stitchin' Memories**

## Bulletin Board

A tip from Sharon Schamber: " When pre-washing your fabrics (which she recommends), use safety pins about every 6 inches to pin together both selvages of the fabric. Wash and dry fabric as usual. Put fabric flat on ironing board, remove pins and iron. Using the safety pins keeps the fabric from pulling and stretching unevenly making it easier to iron. I tried it and it works great!

submitted by Linda Neal

Quilter's Connection opened up shop Sept 2007 in Dallas. See their ad in next month's newsletter.

### TIPS:

UFO's and Quilt Tops – Put curtain rods on the walls of your sewing room and drape the unfinished quilts on them. They will become a decorative reminder! - Quilting with a Passion

When sewing around curves use a smaller stitch on your machine. This works! - reddawn.net

If you use masking tape as a guide and some of the residue is left when you remove the tape, use a cotton swab and alcohol to clean up nicely. - reddawn.net

### QUILTER'S MATH:

Half square triangles: finished size + 7/8"

Quarter square triangles: finished size + 1-1/4"

1 yard of quilt fabric weighs approximately 4 oz.

1 pound of quilt fabric is about 4 yards.

A full size scrap quilt takes about 2 pounds of fabric pieces. - members.aol.com