



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

March 2008

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I just returned from the Dallas Quilt show. I hope many of you were able to attend. It is always so inspiring to see another quilter's work. I love wandering up and down the aisles looking at the quilts. I like it even more when I look at the names of the quilter on the tag, and recognize the person who made it. And just when I think it can't get any better, I see a ribbon next to the name of someone I know. This happened several times to me today when I saw quilts made by our guild members and friends I have made since I started quilting. Congratulations to our guild members who won ribbons, Mary Lou Strohm for her 1st place ribbon and Lisa Coker, a 2nd place and an honorable mention. I also received an honorable mention for my quilt, which was quilted by Jackie Scarber.

Congratulations to all of our members who entered quilts!

This has been a very fun month of quilting for me. It started out with several retreats (and ended with another retreat!). I love spending time at retreats with my quilting friends. It's amazing how much sewing you can get done when all you do is sew and sleep. No cooking, no cleaning, husbands, or children to distract you from your quilting mission. I attended the Eufaula retreat with the Cotton Strippers. It was a wonderful weekend. Thank you to Jane Martyn (who was there in spirit), Connie Cawthorn (who ran the entire retreat), Elena (for the one site store) and Beth (for her organizational skills).

Last weekend I attended a week long class with Debbie Caffrey near San Antonio. It's fun spending 5 full days with one instructor with unlimited sewing time. She is a wonderful teacher with lots of helpful tips. I hope that each of you found time to get away on a retreat or retreated to your sewing room for some uninterrupted quilting time.

I am really looking forward to our speaker this month. Cynthia Bennett will be talking about organizing your quilting space. Since I presently quilt in my kitchen, I figure I can organize that space at the same time! Hope to see you there!

Happy Quilting,
- Linda Neal

PROGRAM FOR MARCH MEETING

"Organizing Your Quilt Space"

This month we are honored to have Cynthia Bennett from Richardson, Texas who will present a program on organizing your quilt space. With sewing rooms as her specialty, Cynthia will show us how to utilize the tools and space available. She will present slides of before and after pictures.

As a professional hand quilter since 1976 she will include a trunk show showing some of her fabulous quilts. This program is a must see for the "fabicholics" who have more notions and fabric than space and who do not plan on slowing down.

- LaVonne McCaw, Vice-President



THANK YOU!

As the newsletter editor I goofed and forgot to assign a February refreshment committee. With just a day's notice, the following members stepped up and helped me put together the February refreshments: Kaye Adams, Jane Asberry, Sara Bobbitt, Dorothy Boettcher, Lanell Bundick, Carolyn Burt, Jackie Clark, Debbie Uphoff, Joann Weatherly, Mary Welch, B Wood, Sherry Worley, and Carolyn Wright.

Special mention goes to Jeanie Herring, who brought the meatloaf and a cake out of the kindness of her good cook's heart without being asked.

You are wonderful!

- Linda Franklin

FEBRUARY 2008 MINUTES

Submitted by Anita Gaudreau

The meeting was called to order by LaVonne McCaw. Guests were welcomed and Linda Franklin was thanked for organizing the food for the meeting. LaVonne also thanked Linda for her first newsletter and asked members to let Linda know if they would like to receive the newsletter by email. The minutes from last month were approved, motion by Sherry Worley and seconded by Carolyn Burt.

Members were reminded to pay their dues to Carolyn Wright so that their names may be put into the directory.

Sherry Worley reported on TAQG and Rally Day plans. The theme for this year is "Quilts of the Southwest" and the date is July 12. Lisa Coker volunteered to help with the organization of the class, and ordering the food. This year's class will be Amish Stars and will be held on July 11.

Guild members that helped cut kits for donation quilts were recognized. Door prizes were given away and birthdays were announced. Following a great Show and Tell, Anita Bradshaw presented a wonderful program, "Stained Glass Quilts Without Bias Tape".

Members were reminded that the issue of what type of food to bring to meetings will be voted on at the March meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Pam Schuman

January 2008 Ending Balance *5863.02

Feb 2008

Checks

1758 Anita Bradshaw – Programs	(172.00)
1759 Anita Gaudreau – P O Box	(56.00)
1760 Mary Alice McDonald - Historian	(39.98)
1761 Linda Franklin – Newsletter	(57.73)
	<u>(325.71)</u>

Deposits

Membership Dues	648.00
Ads	<u>3.00</u>
	651.00

February Ending Balance 6188.31

*Difference with last month's report will be discussed at the March Board Meeting.

REFRESHMENTS VOTE IN MARCH

At our March meeting we will vote on the type of refreshments to serve at our meetings:

- 1) finger foods and desserts
- 2) desserts only

Calling all Cutters!

We'll be cutting more kits for our community service lap quilts

from 1:30 PM to start of guild meeting

on March 27

at Kavanaugh's main dining room.

Bring cutting equipment.

Snacks and laughter will be provided.

March Birthdays

Belva Isham	3/1
Katherine McCaw	3/18
LaVonne McCaw	3/25
Sue Miller	3/1
Sue Nixon	3/8
Wanda Roy	3/14

Hope your birthday was a special one!

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BOARD MEETING REMINDER

There will be a board meeting on
March 27 at 5:15 PM
in Kavanaugh's little dining room.

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.

Cotton Blossoms

submitted by Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms are doing a project that is different from the usual at Boles Home. The project is for mothers and their children who live together at a Boles Cottage for a few months. The mothers are being equipped in the art of successfully living alone with their children, with work, and daily living. It is a type of intervention program. The Blossoms decided to make quillows and one quilt for the mothers and their children. One mother has two children, 1 and 2 years old. The other mother has one child, 4 years old. The 4 year old will get a quillow with cute Dalmatians pups dressed like firemen with trucks, ladders, etc. Both mothers and the 2 yr old will get quillows. (Material not decided for the quillows as yet.) The 1 year old will get a quilt. The Blossoms are so excited about the project that they got started right away.

The next meeting of the Cotton Blossoms will on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2008, so everyone will be seeing green and looking for a pot o'gold.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

submitted by Sherry Worley

The second quilt top for Fisher House has been completed and I hear that the third is well under way! These two tops are similar (they will be on twin beds in the same room), but different. They should be great together. We hope that you have been enjoying the Disappearing Nine Patch Kits. They have been disappearing at an amazing rate. We will continue to cut kits in this pattern...I hope we can keep up the pace!

We have reserved the large dining room at Kavanaugh Methodist Church for 1:30 PM 'til the guild meeting on March 27. We will be cutting kits so bring your cutting equipment and join us! Snacks and conversation provided!

For those who are new to the guild...We provide kits to make baby sized quilts for local charities. You can pick up a kit at any meeting, work on it and return it at any time in any stage of construction. If batting is not accessible, please ask. We do try to keep track of the hours you work for documentation of community involvement. Please remember to sign up your name and hours worked at the Community Service table at every guild meeting. Community Service volunteers qualify for a special door prize drawing at the end of the year, but only if you have remembered to sign up! All of your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Cotton Strippers

submitted by Jane Martyn

Hail all Hail our new Dictator! Kay Colcleasure has graciously taken over the reins from LeeAnn Miller.

Many thanks to Jane Asberry for heading up the Fisher House quilt project. The Fisher House is used as a place for family members to stay while their loved ones are at the VA Hospital in Dallas. Lots of progress was made and thanks to everyone who sewed, cut and designed the top.

Don't forget we will be playing Bingo at the April meeting. The instructions for making the card were in last month's newsletter. Everyone should bring pennies, buttons, or chocolate kisses for covering the bingo card. Also, please bring a fat quarter or anything else that could be used for prizes. The blocks will be made into quilts for community service.

Congratulations to Phyllis Moynihan for winning the "Surprise 9 Patch" that was given away by the Critters at Kavanaugh. Katharine thought about \$900 had been raised for the church group.

The VA Hospital in Bonham was very appreciative of our donation of items at Christmas and they really enjoyed the flannel shirts. If you want to go ahead and purchase for this year, the flannel shirts (sizes L and XL) should begin to be on sale now.

Mary Lou has a new great-grandchild (#7) and her Grandmother's Flower Garden was accepted into Paducah!!!

Don't forget to RSVP for Barbara Powell's retirement party on March 29. It will be from 2-4 P.M. and please call her for directions and to tell her you are coming. Jane Martyn thanked everyone for their help at the March Eufaula retreat. She will be sending out a survey to all asking for their input since attendance has been low at the last few retreats, plus issues with transporting the food. Any suggestions for improvements, etc. will be most appreciated.

Thanks to Jeanie Herring for heading up the refreshments for the March meeting.

Jane Martyn will be the contact person if anyone has any immediate information that needs to go out to the Strippers via email and she will be helping Kay with the minutes.

The refreshments committee for the April 10th meeting consists of Linda Neal*, Pat Jonz, Joan Biggs, Kathy Vestal, Jeanie Herring, Carolyn Burt, Virginia Johnson, Debra Hagar and Donna Moon.

COTTON BELLES

submitted by Sherry Worley

A small group of us met on the 3rd at LaNell's. We worked on the Fisher House Quilt top and nearly got the center of the top put together. We made a donation of \$50 to FISH. We also discussed the April 7th meeting. In April we will be starting our own State Flower Quilts. These can be the State Flower Fabrics or any floral that you want to use. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sherry for cutting instructions and directions to the meeting.

QUILT SHOWS IN TEXAS

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 18 - 19, Piney Woods Quilt Show, Busy Quilters Guild and the Panola Squares Quilt Club, Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, Carthage. Show times: April 18, 12-6 PM, April 19, 9 - 3 PM. Deadline for quilt entry is April 11.

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. 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 11th street, Huntsville

June 6 - 7, "Stars Over Abilene", Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N 6th Street, Abilene

June 13 - 14, "Irving Blooms at Lindero Ranch", Irving Quilt Guild, Inc., Lindero Ranch, 101 North Rogers Road, Irving. June 13, 10 AM - 7 PM, June 14, 10 AM - 5 PM. For more info: 972-986-7890.

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 Long arm Quilters Guild, The Plano Centre, 2000 E Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX. More details at www.plaqq.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

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, 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.

Sunshine and Shadows

Madeline Sullivan, Reporter

Shirley Shaw had knee replacement surgery on Thursday, February 21, 2008. We wish Shirley a speedy recovery and may she return to us at the March meeting.

Susan Childers has had a sinus infection, flu and a touch of pneumonia. She missed the retreat so she was really ill. Susan, get on your feet and come back to us soon.

Belva Isham had an accident and hurt her back. On March 10, 2008, she had a procedure done and the spinal discs were cemented so they would not push against each other. She is better, but not quite well. Belva, get much better daily. Hope to see you at guild this month.



Bulletin Board

Invitation to a Party! 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.

TIPS:

QUILT LABEL: Stitch label to back of quilt before quilting. Quilt through label thus ensuring the label cannot be removed. - www.BlockCentral.com

FREEZER PAPER:

1. Use freezer paper to protect your ironing board when fusing appliqué by ironing a sheet of freezer paper to your ironing board. Do your ironing on top of the freezer paper. When done with your project, simply peel off the freezer paper and store it for the next time. – Simply Quilts

2. Freezer paper templates are great, but if your pattern is larger than the width of the freezer paper, then tape two pieces of freezer paper with masking tape, not regular tape, because you will be ironing the tape and regular tape melts. – Simply Quilts

Don't forget to pay your dues! Checks should be made out to "Cotton Patch Quilt Guild". Fill out the info sheet on the check-in table and turn it in with your \$24 dues to Carolyn Wright as soon as possible.

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



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www.cottonpatchquilt.com

Login: Texas Password: Star
Note capital letters-case sensitive

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- Linda Franklin

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