



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

November 2008

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

President's Letter - Part 2

McCall's Germany/Switzerland Quilting Adventure

In the last newsletter, we had just finished a wonderful day at the Textilmuseum St. Galen. After a great "show and tell" of laces and projects we slept and dreamed of fabric and lace. The next day we awoke and went to the beautiful city of Lucerne. It was a sunny and crisp, clear day. The city is breathtaking with the Swiss Alps in the background and a scenic river running through it. A long wooden covered walking bridge with colorful flowers in wooden boxes on the sides is one of the city's best known landmarks. It was Sunday, and families had come into the city to walk along the river. A traveling carnival with rides provided the happy blond children with entertainment. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch of salmon, spinach, potatoes and vegetable soup before boarding a small train and taking a guided tour of the town. As we left Lucerne, our bus was passed by 5 Lamborghini sports cars in rapid acceleration.

The next day we left our hotel in Zurich and started traveling to Germany. About an hour out of Zurich we came to the town of Steckborn, Switzerland. As the bus neared the town, we drove into a beautiful valley with a lake in the middle. The town of Steckborn sits on one side of the lake. White church steeples and colorful fall trees adorn the sleepy, quiet town, and if you look closely, near the edge of it, you can make out the large red letters: B-E-R-N-I-N-A. Yes, this is the home of Bernina, the birthplace of many sewing machines. The bus seemed to take forever, as it wound through the roads in town past Swiss styled homes with perfectly manicured flower gardens. Finally, after days of traveling, we had arrived at the crown jewel of the quilting world.

After a quick photo stop in front of the factory, we were guided past the exhibits of historic Bernina sewing machines and into a large education/shopping area. We were greeted by 3 Bernina tour guides, coffee and croissants, and the owner of the company, Hanspeter Ueltschi. I got my picture taken with Mr. Ueltschi and then the tour began. We were divided into groups and taken into the factory where the new Bernina 830 is being produced. No photos allowed. DRATS! We were shown how the parts are put together, how the electronics are installed, and the 4 hours of testing every machine passes before it is packaged and shipped. The U.S. purchases 65% of the machines made by Bernina, so the new machine are for us first! The work areas are amazingly clean and quiet. Actually a lot smaller than I expected. No wonder it takes so long to get a machine. We went to several buildings that were making Bernina sewing feet and parts. We could take pictures here. We watched a hilarious video--a James Bond type thriller, where the Bernina Bond man is taking the new Bernina 830

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November Program

IF It's Red, It's Pretty!

by Jo Parrott

Our speaker for November is Jo Parrott from Mabank, Texas. An author of five quilt books, teacher for over twenty years, and former owner of "NOT JUST QUILTS" in Dallas, she will bring us an exciting lecture discussing the approach she has on color and quilt making. Her love for newer fabrics and bright colors will make this program very colorful and entertaining. Don't forget to mark your calendars because you do not want to miss this program.

- LaVonne McCaw



Calling All Helping Hands!

WHEN: November 20, 1:30 PM


WHERE: Kavanaugh Dining Room

There will be a work session to cut and sew quilt tops for Women in Need the day of the guild meeting at 1:30 PM. Please bring your own equipment for cutting or sewing.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Save the Box Top coupons from General Mills products and bring them to the guild meeting. We'll collect them at the welcome table. Last month we had a great response and donated them to Boles Middle School. November they will go to the Christian School. This is an easy way to support our schools. Keep up the good work!

Here are some participating products:

Betty Crocker	Green Giant		
Kelloggs	Pillsbury		
Yoplait	Cottonelle		
Scott	Ziploc	Old El Paso	Hefty
Huggies	Depend	Kotex	Viva
Hamburger Helper		General Mills cereals	

For a full list see www.boxtops4education.com

Nov & Dec Meetings are **THIRD Thursday!**

November 20th Refreshments

Janice Whitt (Captain)

Anna Borrer	Susan Childers
Rene' Boudreau	Jackie Clark
Cathy Brandstetter	Judy Clark
Jackie Brown	Sue Nixon
Lanell Bundick	Kay Colcleasure
Carolyn Burt	Alice Cooney
Connie Cawthon	JoAnn Cross
	Allen Day

December 18th Potluck Dinner

Everyone brings a dish, either savory or sweet.

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.

Sunshine and Shadows

Madeline Sullivan was hospitalized. Please continue to pray for her.

Christmas Charity Items

Spread the Christmas cheer by bringing to the next two guild meetings any of the following:

- ✓ **The VA nursing home:**
snack crackers, men's shirts, t-shirts, flannel shirts, sweats, socks: sizes L, XL, 2X.
(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 Nov and Dec meetings. It would be helpful to mark the name of the intended charity.

Directory Update

Carolyn Wright

Please update the following in your directory:

Virginia Johnson - email: JinnyJohnson915@yahoo.com
phone: 903-456-6594.

Linda Franklin - email: lctexas75402@Gmail.com

Give corrections to your data to Carolyn Wright or Linda Franklin.

COTTON STRIPPERS

December's food committee: Everyone!



November Birthdays

Laurie Anderson	11/15
Debra Hager	11/16
Phyllis Moynihan	11/03
Barbara Stephens	11/26

Many Happy, Happy Birthday Wishes for You!

FOR SALE **FOR SALE** **FOR SALE**

BERNINA ARTISTA 730E, used about 2 hours.
Computer updated. Sold for over \$8000, asking \$3500

BERNINA 1200DA Serger, selling for \$600, not sure if it was ever used.

CALL: Mary Risinger @ 214-762-9357 after 3 PM

Thank You to Our Purley Angel, Debra Hager!

We appreciate the work you did in organizing the retreat at the Purley Gates. Forty-four attended and had a wonderful time. Thank you, too, to all those who helped with the many tasks involved in organizing this fantastic retreat.

- Linda Neal

TIPS: From Fons & Porter Show

Group Shopping: When shopping with a group, get a box for each person and write their name in LARGE letters on it. As you shop, each person puts their purchases in the box. When the trip is over, everyone just takes their box.

Template: Need a plastic template fast? Cut up a flexible cutting mat.

December newsletter deadline will be
early - December 7 - early
the second Sunday of the month.



“QUILT MANIA” IN DALLAS!



Current venues:

- Sept 27 – Dec 13 Arlington Museum of Art, “Piece by Piece”, (817) 275-4600
- Nov 7 – Dec 31 Art Centre of Plano, “Blackland Prairie Quilts: Then and Now”, (972) 423-7809
- Sept 26 – Apr 1, 2009 Dallas Historical Society Hall of State, “Quilts of the Unsung Heroines of North Texas”, (214) 421-4500, call for location.
- Sept 26 – Apr 1, 2009 Farmers Branch Historical Park, “A Stitch Back in Time: Farmers Branch Quilts”, (972) 406-0184
- Oct 11 – Dec 13 Historic Mesquite, Inc., “Common Threads: Quilts That Preserve the Florence and Lawrence Family Histories”, (972) 216-6468
- Sep 27 – Mar 30, 2009 International Museum of Cultures, “We’re Covering the World”, (972) 708-7406
- Sept 13 – Nov 9 Irving Arts Center, “Blending the Old and the New: Paul Pilgrim Quilts”, (972) 252-7558
- Sept 13 – Nov 30 Irving Arts Center, “Quilts by Irving Quilt Guild Members”
- Sept 26 – Apr 1, 2009 Irving Arts Center, “New Beginnings: Quilts by Texas Artists
- 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 newsletter for complete listing or www.quiltmania.org

October Minutes

Anita Gaudreau, Secretary

President Linda Neal opened the meeting with a big thanks to Jan Ainsworth and her food committee for the excellent meal. The guild members voted to increase the recipes made for the meetings to serve at least 16 people so that all members will be served. Members also voted to increase the number of people on the food committee by three to a total of 16. The food committee for next month was announced.

September Guild minutes were approved by members. The Box Tops that were collected will go to Boles Middle School this month. It was decided that November’s collection will go to the Christian School and December’s to Quinlan School.

Connie Cawthon announced that over \$400 worth of raffle tickets for this year’s raffle quilt were sold at the Bois D’Arc Bash in Commerce. The total amount of tickets sold so far is \$1846.00.

Details for the Eufaula Retreat were announced by Jane Martyn. A sign-up sheet was passed to members. Dates were set for workdays to make items for the VA Hospital and fabric donations were requested.

Jan Ainsworth asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. LaNell Bundick and Margie Hendrik volunteered. Jan Martyn and Sherry Worley will be alternates.

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Oct Minutes con’t.

Virginia Johnson told members that Fisher House will host an open house later for guild members that worked on the donation quilts. She will send an email when she has the date. Over 100 quilts were donated by area guilds. These quilts are given to children to take home with them.

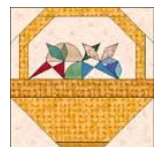
Community Service chairman, Sherry Worley, proposed that 15 baby quilts be donated to the Community Health Center; members approved her proposal. A large stack of string blocks, made by members, were donated for quilts to be made for Women In Need. It was also suggested that members bring small Christmas gifts for women in an area Prison Ministry home. Gifts of lotion, perfume, etc. may be brought to the December meeting.

Debra Hager reminded members about the Purley Gates retreat in November.

LaVonne McCaw introduced speaker, Betty Hammock, who shared her wonderful quilts with members.

Lest You Forget What to Bring to Guild

1. Raffle ticket stubs and money
2. \$24 Dues and Membership Form
3. Box Tops for Education
4. Christmas Cheer items (see list on page 2)
5. Library books that are due
6. Refreshments, if you are on the committee



PRESIDENT'S LETTER - con't.

to the USA and the bad guys in "Viking helmets" try to keep him from his mission. I heard the video can be seen on the Bernina website--it's really funny if you can find it. Next, Gayle Hillert, senior product manager of Bernina took us through a demo of the new Bernina 830. It was amazing. After a wonderful lunch in the Bernina cafeteria we boarded the bus and traveled to Ruppolding, Germany.

Our hotel in Ruppolding was the small family owned Hotel Zur Post, that has been owned by the family for 200 years. The town is charming and I took lots of pictures. After a good German meal, we were off to bed. The next day we traveled to the town of Prien. After a short boat ride on Lake Chiemsee, we arrived at Herrenchiemsee Castle built by Ludwig II. It's a beautiful castle that was never completed. Horse drawn carriages are available to take people to the castle if they do not want to walk the distance. Inside, the rooms are amazing and the textiles are outstanding. Blue was his favorite color, so his bedroom and dressing rooms are done in blue. A blue crystal ball, that holds candles inside, is used to illuminate the room in blue. Another room, the Great Gallery, has 2000 candles held by numerous crystal chandeliers and candelabras. I wonder what it looked like when they were lit.

The next day we traveled to Salzburg. Our tour guide, Jim West, had brought a CD of the Sound of Music and we sang "Do-Re-Me" as we headed towards the city. It was a magical moment. We met our guide and saw the fountain and steps where the film was made as well as other areas of the city, including where Mozart lived. Salzburg was wonderful and I see why people always say it is their favorite place. There are lots of historic buildings, quaint cafes, and a river flowing through the town. Again, I took lots of pictures.

The last 2 days we went to Neuschwanstein castle (I could write tons about this castle--the Disneyland castle was inspired by this castle--but I won't due to the length of this already) and then to Oberammergau, where the residents perform a Passion Play every 10 years. For 400 years this tradition has continued to thank God for sparing their town from the Black Plague. We visited a quilt shop, and the owner was happy to show us her fabrics and notions. Woodworking shops, souvenir shops with Christmas items, and open air cafes adorn the streets. My mom and I split a Margarita pizza--you can tell we are close to Italy--as the pizza was cheap and wonderful.

We flew home to Texas by way of the Munich Airport. I stitched my "Winter Wonderland" snowman all the way home. It's amazing how much one can get done when you have nothing to do but sit and sew. I have kept up with several friends I made on the trip. One friend, Jeane from Nevada, has already ordered her Bernina 830. I wonder if it was one that we saw being made in Steckborn....hmm....

Until next month happy sewing! I am off to Alex Anderson's retreat in Livermore, California and then onto Alice Wilhoit's retreat at the Compass Centre. Never a dull moment (except for today--I'm doing laundry!) - Linda Neal

Community Service

Sherry Worley

We still have not delivered the Fisher House Quilts. I hope to have more information by November 13th. We have been waiting for the Media Relations group at the VA Hospital to arrange a media opportunity. You all know how it is to wait for the VA! We are currently thinking of arranging our own media event off site and then going ahead with the delivery. I will keep you posted as best I can.

Friday November 21st is the FISH Auction. It is being held at Wesley Methodist. Meals are served at lunch and supper. The auction closes at 7:00p.m. The Cotton Belles have donated many items to the auction. Please come out and support FISH, they are very important to our community!

We will be collecting items at our December meeting for Cynthia Lane at the Community Health Center and for Disciples for Christ outreach ministry (for women recently released from jail). For Cynthia Lane, bring items for children. For Disciples for Christ bring items for women (small luxuries). Please do not wrap gifts. They will be sorted and delivered by the Community Service Committee.



Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

What a nice meeting we had in November... can you say show and tell?

LaNell - Memory Quilt, from blocks made by circle members in the early 90's. Sunbonnet Sue, made from blocks won as a door prize at Compass Center and 4" squares exchanged by circle members in the late 90's. The State Flower quilt freshly back from the quilter! Lisa's (LaNell's daughter) Lasagna quilt.

Kaye - Noah's Ark, another oldie but goodie. Some of the quilts that take the longest are the best!

Bernice - A Brag Bag with Joel's (great grandson) picture printed on it.

Jeanne - Baby sized Noah's Ark panel that she hand quilted. Disappearing Nine patch quilt, crochet afghan, kitchen items and a quilted table topper, all for the FISH auction!

Sherry - 2 disappearing Nine Patch quilts, just returned from the quilter.

The 12 step programs really seem to be working! We also collected \$78 for our monthly FISH donation. There were 137 Christmas stockings made by circle members that will be delivered to The Salvation Army with stockings made by Susan Cross's Home School group. Members checked in their FISH auction items so Sherry could fill out the bid sheets. We will deliver the auction items to the auction on Thursday, November 20 at 3:00 P.M. The auction and meal service is Friday, November 21, at Wesley Methodist. Come and eat, bid or make a donation to a very worthy cause.

Our next meeting will be December 3rd (Please note, this is not our normal meeting date!). We will meet at Quilt Mercantile in Celeste for shopping (9:00 or 9:30), a short meeting and gift exchange. We will then travel to Durning House in Van Alstyne for a lovely lunch (11:30).

Treasurer's Report

Pam Shuman

August 2008 Ending Balance 4402.29

September 2008 Corrected Report

Checks:

1558 Chamber of Commerce, Donation Quilt	-45.00
1559 Virginia Johnson, Library, written 8/28/08	-17.00
1768 Carolyn Wright, Membership, written 7/10/08	-274.96
1771 Linda Franklin, Newsletter	-9.53
1772 L.E. Quilts, Programs 08	<u>-294.77</u>
	-641.26

Deposits:

Membership (August)	12.00
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Ending Balance for September 3773.03

October 2008 Report

Checks:

1769 Bettie Hammock, Programs 08	-173.96
1770 LaVonne McCaw, Programs 08	-17.76
1801 Sherry Worley, TAQG	-33.90
1802 Linda Franklin, Newsletter	<u>-36.81</u>
	-262.43

Deposits:

Community Service (July)	10.00
Advertising	18.00
Raffle Quilt	1127.00
Pin	<u>5.00</u>
	1160.00

October 2008 Ending Balance 4670.60

First, let me thank you for cashing your checks promptly. It really helps with the reconciliation of the Bank Statement. **Second**, I need your **HELP!** Please have a "Request for Deposit" or a "Request for Reimbursement" completed and signed when you either give me a deposit or want a check. If you have receipts, please attach them to the request either by taping or stapling them to the form. When possible I will write checks at guild meetings, otherwise I will get them to you as soon as possible.

NOTE: That all being said I will not be at the November meeting due to family circumstances. If you would put your check request in the mail to me I will be back in town Nov 23rd, and will promptly mail you a check. If you have a deposit at the meeting, please put it in a sealed envelope and give it to the Vice President, LaVonne McCaw. I will get the deposits from her and take care of them. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. - Pam Shuman

RECIPE REQUEST:

Citrus Sunshine Cake

One box Duncan Hines Classic Yellow Cake mix
3 eggs
1/3 cup cooking oil
15 oz. can mandarin oranges, undrained

Topping:

Cool Whip (8 oz.)
20 oz. can crushed pineapple, well drained
One box instant vanilla pudding (4 serving size)
Optional* 1 8oz. pkg. cream cheese

To make cake – mix together all cake ingredients and bake to directions on the box using a 13x9 pan. Do not add any water to the mix. The mandarin oranges and juice replace the water!

To make topping – mix together all topping ingredients and spread on cooled cake. To save time, make the topping first. Store the topping in the refrigerator and make the cake in the same bowl you used for topping.

Recipe from Vickie Schuman, adapted by Sherry Worley

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!

You may view photos and newsletter at the guild's website: www.cottonpatchquilt.com
Login: Texas Password: Star
Note capital letters – case sensitive.

"In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular."
Kathleen Norris

Advertising Rates

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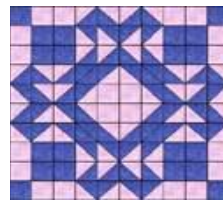
2009 - Special Upcoming Events

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 <i>or</i> Thurs, Oct 15 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!

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!

October Door Prize Donors



Quilt Asylum
 Quilt Country
 Quilt Mercantile (2)
 N' Stitches (2)
 Lisa Coker (4!)
 Quilter Bees

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 business.