



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

October 2008

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

President's Letter or

If I'm in Oberammergau it must be Friday.....

I just returned from the McCall's Quilting Magazine's trip to Austria with the editor, Beth Hayes, and quilt teacher Kaye England. For 10 days we traveled together to Switzerland, Germany and Austria. Our group consisting of 34 women and 4 husbands all met at Dulles Airport in Washington DC. We identified each incoming member of the group by the ID name tag hanging around our necks, making new friends as the time neared for our 7 hour flight to Zurich.

We landed in Zurich, grabbed our luggage, and toured the city before checking into our hotel. With a 6 hour time change we were exhausted. The next morning we traveled to Bern with our local guide, Peter. We did a brisk walking tour of the main street. Along the way Kaye England pointed out a small quilt shop. Kaye had known the owner for several years. For the rest of the walk the quilters could think of nothing else but getting back to the shop. The store, Stoff-Keller Patchwork and Quilts, was located in an old coal storage cellar under the stores on main street. The charming cellar doors were open and a stairway lead into the shop. The small shop was filled to the brim with fabrics, patterns, and fat quarters. Almost all of the fabric was the same as what we can buy in the US at double the price. The exception was some Swiss fabric that was red with small white plus signs (like their flag). Within minutes the entire bolt was divided into fat quarters of a meter and sold for \$7.00 each.

The next day we visited the textile museum in St. Galen. We had been told that the museum changes all the exhibits periodically, so one never knows what the museum will be showing when you come. It was light rain outside and cool. We hurried in and didn't even notice the HUGE bra and pantie pictures on the outside of the building. It seems that the focus of the museum this year was the history of bras, corsets, and undergarments! 3 floors of antique corsets, stockings, bras, and lacy panties. We thought the 4 men in the group were going to be bored at the textile museum. Were we wrong! It was beautiful, interesting and educational. Did you know that a bra has 52 different parts?
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October Program

Trunk Show!

by Bettie Hammock

Bettie Hammock from Sulphur Springs will be speaking at our October meeting and doing a trunk show. Known for her teaching, miniatures and tie quilts, she has just created a new pattern called "Strip Tease". The pattern was so popular that a quilt store in Louisville, KY, made a quilt and it was published on page 49 of the Quilt Sampler magazine. I know you will not want to miss this meeting to see some of her quilts and hear her talk about her new pattern.

- LaVonne McCaw

Treasurer's Report

submitted by Pam Shuman

Aug 2008 Ending Balance	4402.29
September 2008:	
Checks:	
1771 Linda Franklin, newsletter	(9.53)
1772 L. E. Quilts, program	(294.77)
	(304.30)
Deposits:	
Membership (August)	12.00
Ending Balance for September 2008	4109.99

EARN CASH FOR SCHOOLS

Earn cash for your school every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Tops from **hundreds of your favorite products**. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10¢ to your school—and **that adds up fast!** We'll have a basket on the welcome table to collect the Box Top coupons and each month we'll give them to a local school. (Let Linda Neal know if your school is collecting them.)

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	



October Birthdays

Monica Denny	10/5
Shirley Herman	10/8
Debbie George	10/16
Kathy Vestal	10/8
Beth Winn	10/16

Happy Birthday to you! May you have many more!

For a full list see www.boxtops4education.com

October Refreshments

Jan Ainsworth (Captain)

Beth Winn	Janice Whitt
B. Wood	Betty Allen
Sherry Worley	Laurie Anderson
Carolyn Wright	Jane Asberry
Carol Adams	Joan Biggs
Kaye Adams	Sara Bobbitt

November Refreshments

Dorothy Boettcher (Captain)

Anna Borrer	Connie Cawthon
Rene' Boudreau	Susan Childers
Cathy Brandstetter	Jackie Clark
Jackie Brown	Judy Clark
Lanell Bundick	Lisa Coker
Carolyn Burt	Kay Colcleasure

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

We send deepest sympathy to Pamela and Ray Shuman at the loss of Ray's mother. Each guild member is saddened by this news. Our prayers and love are extended to Pam and Ray at this difficult time.

It is important that each member lets me know when there is news to report about 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.

Nominating Committee

We need volunteers for the nominating committee of the 2008-2009 slate of officers.

According to the bylaws, section 6.03, we will need 3 members and 2 alternates. The committee should be made up of circle and non-circle members and will present a slate of officers at the November meeting with elections to be held at the December meeting.

Please consider being a member of this committee.

November newsletter deadline will be **early - November 9 - early** the second Sunday of the month.

Directory Update

Carolyn Wright

Please correct the following email addresses:

Shirley Herman, graMdmama10@msn.com
Carol Adams, carol.adams@quinlanisd.net

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

COTTON STRIPPERS

Kay Colcleasure

Cotton Strippers had 26 members and 2 guests at their regular meeting. The guests were Katherine McCaw's daughter, Kelli, and Pam Shuman's friend, Gisela Gold, from Berlin, Germany. We were served a wonderful meal. We discussed whether we were more interested in doing a stay at home brown bag or whether we would rather do a pass-around brown bag exchange.

Our scheduled Quilts of Valor workday has been postponed. Betty Day and Virginia Johnson agreed to head up our project for the veterans at the VA Hospital in Bonham. We were told they would like to have packages of snack crackers and cookies, socks, shirts (both t-shirts and flannel shirts) size L, XL and 2XL, sweat pants and shirts in sizes L, XL, and 2XL, and small quilts like lap robes.

Jane Martyn talked to us about the Spring Eufaula retreat (February 26 – March 1) and passed out a survey concerning this retreat.

The dates for the Winter Cleek retreat are January 8-11.

We ended with a wonderful show and tell by several members.

November's food committee: Captain Lisa Coker, Maejean Nixon, Kay Colcleasure, Sara Bobbitt, Carolyn Wright, Maxine Leverett, Barbara Ratcliff, and Huey Nobles.

Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms met October 6, 2008 at "Mary of Puddin' Hill" for a party for Norlyn Quinn. It was Norlyn's birthday. Each member presented her with a birthday card and a red fat quarter. It was a great time for guests and honoree.

Donation Quilt

We want to thank Vickie and Jennifer of Quilt Mercantile for allowing us to sell tickets during their open house. We had a great day!

Thank you to Kavanaugh Methodist Church for allowing us to sell at the Fall Bazaar.
- Betty Day

QUILT SHOWS IN TEXAS

September 26 – April 1, 2009, **QUILT MANIA II**, Dallas area. See July newsletter for listing or www.quiltmania.org

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**October 25**, *Miniature Quilt Show & Exhibits*, Johnson County Quilting Guild, Joshua Independent School District, Community Room, 907 S Broadway, off Hwy 174, Joshua, TX. 10 Year Anniversary Celebration, free admission, 10 AM – 2 PM. Contact: Bonnie Chovantez (817) 426-6882.  
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October 30 – November 2, *International Quilt Festival*, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston

September Minutes

Anita Gaudreau, Secretary

President Linda Neal opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests. She thanked Barbara Stephens and the food committee for the delicious meal and announced that Janice Whitt was October's food committee captain.

It was announced that orange cones will be placed in the parking place reserved for our guest speakers so that members will know to keep the spot open.

Members were asked to bring Box Tops coupons for our area schools. There will be a basket at the meetings to put them in and they will be distributed to different schools.

Betty Day asked for volunteers to work at the Commerce Bois d'Arc Bash selling tickets for our 2008 raffle quilt.

Librarian Virginia Johnson displayed two new books purchased for our library, Texas Quilts made by Texans and Lone Star Legacy. She also announced that Lindsey Priest had donated a box of books for the library.

Sherry Worley, Community Service chairman, told members we have thirty baby quilts that need quilting and they were distributed to willing members. The quilts that were finished for Fisher House were delivered this week. Jane Asberry encouraged members to make strip-pieced blocks to be put together in quilts for the Women In Need shelter. Thirteen inch blocks should be left untrimmed and brought to guild meetings. They will be put together and quilted for the Women In Need shelter.

Sunshine and Shadows chairman, Madeline Sullivan, delivered several baskets to members.

Lisa Erlandson presented an interesting and informative program entitled, "Fabric of Time" and displayed many of her wonderful antique quilts.



This became a credo of mine...attempt the impossible in order to improve your work.

Bette Davis

TAQG NEWS

Jane Asberry

The November TAQG meeting will be a forum for lecturers, teachers, and retreat locations to present their outlines of programs to TAQG members of 35 guilds.

If you are interested in either finding programs or retreat locations for the guild or in presenting programs to other guilds, you should attend this meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 12:30 P.M. at the Garden Ridge Church of Christ, Northwest corner of Main Street and Garden Ridge Blvd in Lewisville.

Members interested in advertising their programs in this forum will have 5 minutes for a presentation, as well as a table for display of handouts and materials. You must RSVP by November 10th to reserve a spot. Contact Jean Goodfriend (940) 535-2170, jegood6@hotmail.com. If you are unable to attend, you may get your brochures to her.

Anyone interested in going may carpool with me.

Fall Quilt Retreat

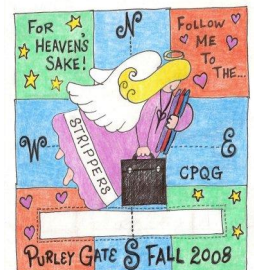
Debra Hager

The Cotton Strippers are headed toward "The Purley Gates" for their first retreat at this facility. The event will begin on November 6th and wrap-up on November 9th. Do not forget your sewing-related garage sale items, and fat quarters for games, if you wish to participate in these activities.

Participants may voluntarily bring door prizes to share!

As a reminder, bring bedding, towels, toiletries, etc., for those sleeping in the lodge. Those with cabin rental do not need to bring bedding. You may bring cookies, cakes and snacks to share, but, please bring them in a tightly sealed container. No pets are allowed.

For questions and hopefully, answers, call Debra Hager, 903-883-4230 or 903-450-6004.



Executive Board Notes

Linda Franklin

It was decided to resume publishing a short version of the executive board meeting minutes in the newsletters again starting in October. This is informatory only.

Linda Neal was advised on how to form the nominating committee for next year's slate of officers. Current officers who will not seek re-election are Anita Motley-Gaudreau and Carolyn Wright.

It was decided that the fairest way to decimate sales rebate information to the members would be to ask the stores to advertise in our newsletter.

LaVonne McCaw requested a reserved parking spot for our out of town speakers. She will get a parking cone and make a sign "Reserved for Speaker" for a spot near the door. This will make for easier loading and unloading displays. The guild will reimburse her for costs.

The Vice-President's role in regards to programs was discussed. She is to be the sole point of contact for our speakers, handling contracts, and making all arrangements. The board will support her in selecting speakers and planning programs. Many possible future programs were discussed.

The next executive board meeting will be on Dec 18 at 5:00 P.M.

W.I.N. String Blocks

Please bring your finished string blocks for W.I.N. to the October guild meeting and leave on the Community Service table.

If you forgot how to make one:

STRING BLOCKS for Women in Need:

Cutout a 13 inch square paper block Newspaper is fine.

1. Place a strip of fabric, any width, that "reads" red diagonally across the center of the paper block.
2. Lay another strip of fabric (any width, any color) right sides together on top of the red strip, and sew a ¼ inch seam on one side. Press open away from red.
3. Sew another strip (any width, any color) to the other side of the red strip and press open away from the red.
4. Continue sewing and pressing open a strip to an outside strip until paper block is covered.
5. Do NOT trim block or remove paper.

QUILT TIPS (from Fons and Porter)

1. To temporarily mark a ruler for repeated cuts, use a "post it" note or plastic tape that uses static cling.
2. Use a small piece of double sided tape to hold fabric to foundation piecing template. Better than pinning it.

President's Letter con't.

After the escorted tour the guide at the textile museum asked us if we were interested in purchasing lace made in Switzerland. She knew that we were quilters, but was not sure if we were interested in lace. After a resounding "Yes" from the group, she proceeded to tell us about a special sale that is held twice a year at a local factory and today was one of the days! We had other plans for the rest of the day, but after a group vote the bus was headed to the sale. (I don't remember seeing the 4 men casting their votes.....)

Adriano, our cute Italian bus driver, put the address into the GPS system. The factory store was only open until 1:00 P.M., so we had to hurry. As we pulled up to the building, we were like Indiana Jones hunting for the holy grail. We followed the signs written in a foreign language with large arrows into a secret chamber. It was filled with fabric and lace remnants at bargain prices. A crazy patch quilter's dream. We discovered that the prices were not per meter, but for the entire piece of lace. I quickly filled my basket of goodies, while I cursed the airlines for their 50 lb weight limit. Did they not understand this was a once in a lifetime SALE??!! I quickly calculated how much I could bring back and how many days of shopping I had left on the trip. I bought as much as I could, as fast as I could, and got back onto the bus. Everyone was excited with their purchases and we planned a show and tell for that night at the hotel.

Next month: We travel to Steckborn, home of the Bernina sewing factory and then onto Germany. - Linda Neal

Community Service

Sherry Worley

I spoke with Dorris Albin, quilt coordinator for Fisher House, this morning. Quilters across North Texas have made or collected approximately 100 quilts for the new Fisher House. Quilts have not yet been delivered and may not be delivered in time for the dedication on October 23rd. The new Fisher House has been professionally decorated and the quilts were not taken into consideration. The current thought is to have the official dedication, then move in the quilts and have a separate ceremony for the quilts and quilters. This separate ceremony would probably take place sometime between October 23rd and the first of November (when families should begin using Fisher House). I will keep you posted as best I can. If you are interested in attending a quilter ceremony you may want to let me know so I can notify you when I get more information. I have 11 additional quilts from the Quilters Guild of Plano to deliver and expect to have more quilts from Cotton Patch Quilt Guild very soon. There are still approximately 15 quilts still with quilters across North Texas. The plan is to make a second donation of quilts in about 6 months, so if you are still working on a quilt you have plenty of time. Thank you all for taking part in such a wonderful project.

We have enough baby quilts for a donation. We would like to recommend donating quilts to Cynthia Lane at the Community Health Center. We will ask for a confirmation at the October Guild meeting.



Traci Greenlee sent this photo of the quilt she finished made of the signed quilt blocks we sent her a few months ago.

Nice job, Tracy!

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Penny Haren	Tues, Oct 28, 2008 10 AM-4 PM	Pieced Applique \$50
Sally Collins	Thurs, Nov 13, 2008 10 AM-4 PM	Precision Piecing \$75

Special Upcoming Events – 2009

Carol Doak	Mon, July 13, 2009 10 AM-4 PM	Paper Piecing
Meg Hawkey	Wed, Oct 14, 2009 10 AM-4 PM	Hand Embroidery \$50

Also coming in 2009, Harriet Hargrave and Penny Sturges!
Have you heard about our new Art Club and Scrap Club?

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!

September Door Prize Donors



Quilt Asylum
Zizzy's Quilt House
Happiness is Quilting
Cathy Brandstetter – (4!)
Betty Hammock
Anonymous

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.

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

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