



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

December 2009

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

President's Letter

It's 4 A.M. here in Georgia at my daughter's house and the house is finally quiet enough for me to write my article for the newsletter. My daughter is doing great after having surgery four days ago. I have been helping to care for her children--ages 2 1/2 and 3 months. No time for quilting here!

It has been a wonderful two years serving as guild President, but it is time to move on. One of my favorite sayings has always been "When one door closes, another one opens." For me lately, it has meant "As soon as I finish this quilt, I can start another one!" or "This retreat has ended and I really hate to leave, but I have to go home and pack for another retreat." For me, quilting has provided an opportunity to create one-of-a-kind treasures, to travel and meet new quilters, to serve my community, and sew all night with friends who have the same enthusiasm as I do.

Best wishes to the incoming board. The nominating committee (Jan Ainsworth, Margie Hendrix, and Trudy McNish) has done an awesome job. I know it will be a smooth transition and 2010 will be another great year for our guild. I have also seen the speaker list for next year and it is great!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas this year, filled with family, friends, fabric, and cookies with hot chocolate.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – Linda Neal

CHRISTMAS QUILT SHOW N' TELL

For our December guild meeting each member may bring one (1) Christmas quilt to show. All sizes are welcome. Christmas tree skirts will also be included this year.

The members of the executive committee will be the judges. Ten secret categories will be decided upon by the judges and will be announced before the quilts are shown. Each category will have a Christmas prize.



December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to You!

Carol Adams	12/01	Sara Bobbitt	12/05
Kay Colcleasure	12/31	Kelly Griener	12/01
Barbara Powell	12/05		

DECEMBER PROGRAM

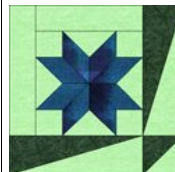
'Tis the Season

**GIFT EXCHANGE,
CHRISTMAS QUILT PRIZES
DONATION QUILT DRAWING!**

We will not be having a speaker for our December meeting. Everyone who would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift, valued at \$10. Also, don't forget to bring your Christmas quilts to show and tell. Each quilt will be judged depending on the category (which will be disclosed at the meeting) and prizes will be awarded to the best quilt in each category.

So remember, gift exchange, holiday quilt and most of all your Christmas spirit to share with everyone.

- LaVonne McCaw



Marine Comfort Quilts

If you are interested in making a block (12.5 X 12.5) to send to the Marine Comfort Quilts project, you can bring it to the December meeting and give it to Debbie Emard, who will mail them all together. Be sure to put a message of comfort for the grieving family on the block and sign your name and state so they will know that people all around the USA care.

Thanks so much for helping with the project. Any questions? Call Debbie Emard at 972-524-5049. Also see their website: www.Marinecomfortquilts.us

2010 Slate of Officers

The nominating committee presents the slate of officers for 2010:

President:	LaVonne McCaw
Vice President:	Jackie Brown
Treasurer:	Rena Hale
Membership:	Debbie Uphoff
Secretary:	Mandy Weaver
Librarian:	Virginia Johnson (*extra term)
Newsletter:	Carol Dodd
Parliamentarian:	to be appointed
	- Jan Ainsworth, Committee Chair

*Extra term, special majority vote required.

Dec Meeting is **THIRD Thursday!**

December 17- Potluck Dinner

Everyone brings a dish, either savory or sweet.

January 28 Refreshments

Pat Cate (Captain)

Connie Cawthon
Jackie Clark
Lisa Coker
Jo Ann Cross
Betty Day
Monica Denny
Kathy Dickens

Susan Childers
Lynn Cogswell
Kay Colcleasure
Allen Day
Vickey Dees
Louise Devenport

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.



'N Stitches

"Turning your stitched art into a masterpiece"

FABRIC & BATTING FOR SALE

Cathy Brandstetter

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Greenville, Texas 75401

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We're collecting gifts for newborns to give to A WOMAN'S HEART

Bring unwrapped items for a newborn and show your heart during this holiday season. No need to carry them down the stairs as Sherry Worley's husband, John, will be accepting them in the parking lot next to our entrance.



BRING TO GUILD LIST

1. Raffle ticket stubs and money
2. \$24 Dues and Membership Form
3. Box Tops for Education
4. Marine Comfort Quilt block
5. Library books that are due
6. Potluck dish
7. Gift Exchange, \$10 limit
8. Christmas Quilt for Show n' Tell (10 prizes)
9. Newborn infant items for A Woman's Heart.
10. Cash for Christmas quilt raffle (Community Service)



Recipe by Request: from Sara Bobbitt

Mexican Casserole

4 to 6 chicken breasts cooked, boned and cut up
1 medium onion chopped
2 cups grated cheddar cheese
8 oz. package of tortilla chips crushed (Calidad is the brand Sara used)

Mix the above ingredients and place in a casserole dish that has been sprayed with cooking oil.

Mix, heat, and pour over chicken and chip mixture:

- 1 can of cream of chicken soup
- 1 can of cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can of Rotel tomatoes and chilies
- 3/4 cup chicken broth

Bake at 350 for 35 to 45 minutes or until bubbly.

Recipe by Request: from Jan Ainsworth

Big-a-Mama's Casserole

- 2 lb. ground beef
- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 large can chopped green chilies
- 1 can tomato puree
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 package egg noodles (cooked)
- 4 cups grated cheddar cheese

Cook noodles as directed on package and drain well. Brown together the ground beef and onion with salt, pepper, and cumin. Add the other ingredients reserving 2 cups of grated cheddar to sprinkle on top. Bake in a casserole dish at 375 for 45 minutes.

Big-a-Mama, my grandmother, was a little bitty thing, but because she was older than my mother my older brother called her Big-a-Mama. She was a very good cook and loved to try new recipes. She made the first pizza I ever ate. She would be pleased that so many of you enjoyed her recipe.

November 19, 2009 Minutes

Mandy Weaver

President Linda Neal opened the night by welcoming members and guests. She thanked Carol Adams and the food committee for the meal. Next month everyone brings their favorite dish.

October meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Debbie Uphoff, Membership, announced that next month she will be taking photos of everyone to put in next year's directory. It was also decided to replace the existing name tags. Everyone can make their own name tag, which can be hanging from a cord or attached to a clip/pin. Your name tag will still be stored at the church as always.

Debbie Emard presented the Marine Comfort Quilt Program to the guild. This is an organization that makes quilts for the family of fallen soldiers. They are requesting 12-1/2" blocks any design, with a personal note of thanks and comfort to the family and your name and location be on the block. She will be collecting the blocks at the December meeting and mailing them to the organization.

Sherry Worley, Community Service, announced the donation of 12 quilts to Cynthia Lane of Children's Closet. Joan Biggs made 2 quilts that will be donated to Women in Need. A Woman's Heart organization needs donations of newborn items, which can be brought to the next guild meeting.

Jackie Brown announced that the 2009 Raffle Quilt ticket money needs to be turned in to her as soon as possible. To date \$2,089 has been turned in. The drawing will be at next month's guild meeting.

Jan Ainsworth from the 2010 Officers nominating committee announced the slate of officers as follows. President – Lavon McCaw, Vice President – Jackie Brown, Treasurer - Rene Hale, Secretary - Mandy Weaver, Membership – Debbie Uphoff, Newsletter – Carol Dodd, Library – Virginia Johnson.

Pam Shuman, Treasurer, will be doing an end of year audit next month and a committee was selected to help. The committee members are Ann Hood, Margie Hendrix and JoAnn Cross.

Pam Shuman presented a traveling feed bag as a "go green" option for saving money on paper/plastic goods the guild has to buy. This is a tote bag to hold your personal plate, bowl, silverware and cup. She is writing the pattern and will have it available to guild members next month for anyone who wants to make one. They will be useful for guild meetings and retreats.

Thanks go to Debra Hager for organizing the Purley Gates Retreat, and thanks go to Jane Martyn & Connie Cawthon for organizing the Eufaula, OK Retreat.

The program was presented by Alice Wilhoit. She gave a hands-on demonstration of crazy quilting embroidery. - *con't*

Minutes – *con't.*

The next meeting is on the 3rd Thursday, December 17. We will be having a Christmas gift exchange. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift, something quilt related. It can be handmade, valued at \$10.00. We will also be having a Christmas Quilt Show n Tell. Everyone can bring one quilt to be judged by the officers and prizes will be awarded.

A birthday drawing was held and door prizes were given, followed by show and tell.

November Door Prize Donors



Beth Winn – 7
Alice Wilhoit - 1

Thank you very much!

We are fortunate to have generous friends supplying our door prizes. Be sure to send thank you notes to them for adding to the fun of our meetings.

Treasurer's Report

Pam Shuman

Balance as of October 31, 2009 **4672.45**

November 2009

Checks	
1852 Alice Wilhoit, Programs	(250.00)
1853 Sherry Worley, Community Service	(93.95)
1854 Sherry Worley, TAQG	(82.50)
1855 Jane Asberry, TAQG	(137.50)
1856 Linda Franklin, Newsletter	(9.43)
1857 Virginia Johnson, Library	<u>(36.64)</u>
	(610.02)

Deposits	
Raffle Quilt 2009	459.00
Community Service **	25.00
Community Service Garage Sale	<u>384.50</u>
	868.50

Balance as of November 30, 2009 **4930.93**

**This is an honorarium given on behalf of Sherry Worley which she in turn gave to the guild's Community Service.

TAQG NEWS

Jane Asberry

January TAQG meeting will be in Garland on January 23. The secondary meetings will be for President, Secretary and Treasurer. I hope that our new officers will be able to attend with me.

Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

A combination of Cotton Belles and Wednesday Girls (a group of friends from 3 different area guilds that meets every Wednesday to work, socialize, and cure the ills of the world!) met at Sherry's on December 2nd. We had a great time eating cookies, drinking hot cider, catching up and exchanging gifts. We then carpoled to Van Alstyne for a great lunch at the Durning House Restaurant and quilt related shopping at Alford Inn. What fun!!! During the meeting we collected a donation of \$300 to be made in the name of Ollie Kirby to Hunt County Shared Ministries. We all miss Ollie and are better people for having known him.

Our next meeting will be a sit and sew at Sherry's on January 4th. Kaye will be bringing dessert! If you would like to join us, please call Sherry for directions. We would love to have your company!

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP EARLY

Annual dues, \$24, are due in January but renewing early will help the Membership Chairperson get the directory ready on time.

Bring your check made out to "Cotton Patch Quilt Guild" and give it to Debbie Uphoff. 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!

RECIPE BY REQUEST: from Carolyn Burt

Cherry Sweet Potato Casserole

Slice 4 large sweet potatoes and place in a 9 x 13 x 3 baking dish with a little less than ¼ c of water. The water will steam the sweet potatoes as they roast. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees until soft, about 45 minutes.

Remove foil and spread one (1) can of cherry pie filling over the sweet potatoes. Cover the filling with miniature marshmallows. Bake at 350 degrees until marshmallows toast. (You can't go wrong with this simple and good recipe.)



Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms met November 16, 2009 for their regular meeting. Each person had brought their Ronald McDonald quilts. They had each quilt photographed. There were 18 quilts to be given to the new Ronald McDonald House in Dallas. Our next trip will be to take the quilts to Dallas, sometime in December.

The Blossoms Christmas party will be December 14, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church in Commerce, Texas. They plan to exchange Christmas ball ornaments and a toy to give to a needy child. Each member will bring a covered dish. There will be festive eating and singing and a Merry Christmas to all.



Community Service

Sherry Worley

What a great garage sale!!! Thanks to everyone who participated. We not only met the requirement for our budget we banked over \$300 in excess! We have one last fund raiser for the year and ask for your participation again. Kathy Vestal made a lovely Christmas sofa throw size quilt for our Community Service Challenge and has graciously agreed to allow us to hold a raffle for her quilt. The funds will be earmarked (along with the garage sale excess) for a special Community Service project in the future. The raffle tickets will be on sale as soon as the guild raffle quilt has been given away, and the drawing will be held just before adjournment. Wouldn't it be nice to leave the meeting with a Christmas quilt? Bring your address labels and cash!

We will be collecting items for A Woman's Heart (crisis pregnancy center) at the December meeting. You may bring any item suitable for a newborn. Please do not bring them into the meeting. Sherry's Suburban will be in the lot by the stairway door. Sherry's husband John will be there until 6:30 P.M. to help you transfer your donation to her car.

Please remember to sign up at the Community Service table if you have worked on any Community Service project this year. We have several nice door prizes which will be given away to Community Service participants.

Sunshine & Shadows

Lisa Coker had neck surgery in November. We pray for her swift recovery.

"The only time to eat diet food is while you're waiting for the steak to cook." – Julia Child

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

www.cottonpatchquilt.com

Login: Texas Password: Star

Note capital letters – case sensitive.

From the Librarian

Virginia Johnson

The majority of our books are in three categories:

Patchwork Appliqué Quilting

We also have books in these other categories:

Scrap Quilting Strip quilting Babies & Children
Redwork 13 Eleanor Burns' books

Many of the thin books are in plastic containers so they stand upright. I hope you will find it easier to locate what you are looking for. We have a wonderful, versatile library with books on machine and hand quilting. We have a large collection of historical quilting books, books on the history of Texas Quilts, books on reproduction fabrics and quilt-making by Barbara Brackman, quilts from the 30's, Amish quilts, quilts and women of the Mormon migration, quilts of the Oregon Trails, quilts of the Underground Railroad, and four books of patchwork patterns, e.g. 501 Quilt Blocks and 849 Traditional Patchwork Patterns.

I completed a form for TAQG and other librarians did likewise and I received copies of their reports. In comparison with others, we are outstanding in number and variety of library materials. I want to also make everyone aware of notebooks of magazines. You can check out a notebook for 2 months which contains at least 6 magazines. I have a collection of Australian magazines, several notebooks of Fons and Porter magazines, and one notebook of baby quilt books.

There is one problem that I need to address. **Please be sure that you have checked a book out before you leave with it.** It is hard for me to remember who was looking at what, the last time I looked their way.

I am missing the book: Mystery Quilts---A Quilt Detective's Handbook by Billie Lauder. If you accidentally picked it up, please put it in the "Return Books" tub on top of the metal rolling cabinet.

It is ironic, or a mystery, concerning this book. It was lost so the person who could not find it, purchased a new copy, and I placed it in the library in September 2009. Now, two months later it has made a mysterious disappearance!

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January newsletter deadline will be
January 17,
the third Sunday of the month.

PEOPLE POWERED PEDDLERS

Sue Childers

Ten People Powered Peddlers met at the home of Susan Childers. We decided to do our 9-Patch exchange in December as some machines were awaiting parts and service. We now have an official song that we will be starting our meetings with and as usual we laughed throughout the song and the meeting.

We will not be having a December meeting at our regular time, instead we will have a special meeting to pick up our new sewing machines, time and place will be announced via email.

For 2010 we will be doing a BOM Mystery and are planning a retreat in September at Eufaula.

Refreshments were provided by Kay Colcleasure.

We welcome anyone who has an interest in treadle or hand crank machines to join us at our next meeting on January 18th at 6:30 P.M. at the home of Susan Childers. You do not need to own either one of these machines to be a member.

"May your seam ripper gather dust"

Don't Throw That Out! You Can Use That!

Empty detergent box – hold quilting magazines (smells good, too), and you can cover it.

24-pack Coke box – store/carry project pieces

Shoe box – store/carry project pieces

Empty tissue box – trash can. When full, throw box out.

Miniature M&M candy tubes – holds 5 bobbins

Prescription bottle and plastic baby food jar – punch hole in lid for storing a spool of thread with thread coming out the hole. Glue a small magnet on the lid for laying a needle down.

Magnetic bingo wand – pick up stray needles.

Plus many things will hold broken needles for safe disposal.



Merry Christmas
&
Happy 2010

