



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

February 2009

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

President's Letter

This is going to be a short newsletter. I had some eye surgery done, and the world is still a blurry place. Hopefully, by the guild meeting, I will be seeing better or it's going to be real interesting....

I just returned home from a retreat at Lake Texoma. It was wonderful to sew with friends and enjoy the services at the spa in the same weekend. It was my birthday, so I treated myself to the spa services. I highly recommend the lavender body wrap. The sewing part of the retreat was great too, even if I couldn't see well. I got quite a bit of piecing done. Thank God for a quarter inch foot with a guide!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help the guild last month. I know some of the tasks aren't fun, but they must be done to keep things running smoothly. I appreciate each one of you. I attended the TAQG meeting last month with the other area presidents. Many of them were complaining about trying to get members to volunteer. I LOVED bragging about our guild and telling them how our members are willing to volunteer--even with cleaning out a messy closet! Thank you everyone and happy sewing!

- Linda Neal

February Program

Scrap Quilts: Family, Friends & Fabric

Our February program will be presented by Ann Brooks from Richardson, Texas. Using scraps and different fabrics she manages to turn her quilts into works of art. She has won several awards at the Dallas and Plano shows, juried into Paducah, and has been published in the Quilters Newsletter magazine.

Do not forget to mark your calendar for this exciting program.

- LaVonne McCaw

Community Service Challenge!

HAVING FUN WHILE HELPING OTHERS

At the February guild meeting, choose from the CS challenge bag of fabric and block sets. Make a quilt or top no less than 36" a side, adding fabric from the CS stash (required) and some of yours (optional). Turn in at the August guild meeting. There will be fun prizes and a gift certificate from a local quilt shop. Winners will be chosen by secret ballot.

Executive Board Meeting

February 26, 5:00 PM

Kavanaugh's Little Dining Room

Come Help Cut Fabric! Sew a Kit!



Date: February 26

Time: 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Place: Kavanaugh Main Dining Room

Community Service has lots of fabric that needs to be cut. Bring your own mats and cutters, please. You can bring a sewing machine and put a kit together. Lots to do!

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES THIS MONTH.

Dues are \$24.00. Checks should be made out to "Cotton Patch Quilt Guild". Please pay Debbie Uphoff with the membership form.

You are now considered inactive until your dues are paid.

February Birthdays



Jane Asberry	2/6	Anna Boror	2/6
Dorothy Boettcher	2/17	Jackie Brown	2/27
Maxine Leverett	2/24	Lydia Lewis	2/21
Linda Neal	2/11	Barbara Ratcliff	2/5

Happy Birthday to You! And many more!

Storage Space Needed

or

Can You Get Rid of Mice?

The guild needs a place to store our quilt racks. Space required is 8 x 12 ft; stack is 5 ft high. Or present a solution to Jo Ann Cross for a mice problem that does not include cats or poison that can harm dogs.

February 26

Virginia Johnson (Captain)

Pat Jonz	Katherine McCaw
Gini Keith	LaVonne McCaw
Linda Lasher	Trudy McNish
Mimi Lawrence	Becky Medlock
Maxine Leverett	LeeAnn Miller
Mary Alice MacDonald	Sue Miller
Jane Martyn	Donna Moon
	Priscilla Moore

March 26

Phyllis Moynihan (Captain)

Nancy Nall	Delinda Saye
Linda Neal	Gwen Schroth
Maejean Nixon	Shirley Shaw
Huey Nobles	Pam Shuman
Barbara Powell	Marie Smith
Barbara Ratcliff	Barbara Stephens
Sue Ross	Frances Stinnett
Wanda Roy	

*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.



January Door Prize Donors

Quilt Asylum, McKinney – 1
Quilt Country, Lewisville – 1
Quilt Mercantile, Celeste – 2
Quilter Bees, Princeton – 1
Quilters' Guild of Tyler - 1

Thank you very much!

March newsletter deadline will be
Sunday, March 15,
two Sunday's before guild meeting.

January 2009 Minutes

Mandy Weaver, Secretary

President Linda Neal opened the meeting. The program for January was canceled due to the speaker's daughter being in a car accident.

December meeting minutes were approved by the members.

2009 officers and committee chairmen were introduced.

Lisa Coker announced that she will be sending off the Quilts of Valor next month and if anyone has any quilts to donate bring them to the next meeting.

Sherry Worley gave a report about the donations that were given to the Victory House and how appreciative they were to receive them.

Guild membership dues and forms need to be turned in to Debbie Uphoff by the February meeting.

The guild quilt show racks that are stored in Jo Ann Cross' barn are in need of a new home. The barn has mice and the racks are being damaged. If anyone has a location that they can be stored safely, please contact the guild.

Hosting the church's Solid Rock dinner was set for April 29. The food committee chairperson is Phyllis Moynihan and the committee members are Jane Martyn, Barbara Ratcliff, Jeanie Herring, Carolyn Burt, Connie Cawthon, and Carolyn Wright.

It was decided to form a committee to reorganize the library. The committee members are Anita Gaudreau, LeeAnn Miller, Carolyn Wright, Jane Martyn, and Pat Jonz.

The 2009 Budget was presented and discussed. Priscilla Moore moved that it be accepted, Trudy McNish seconded and the budget was approved as submitted.

The 2010 Raffle Quilt Committee was announced. The chair is Phyllis Moynihan. Recommendations for the 2010 Raffle Quilt will be given to the guild at the March meeting.

Katherine McCaw was presented with the Lifetime Member award for 18 years of dedicated service to our guild.

Linda Neal asked for suggestions for guild activities. Betty Day suggested a dog show (everyone brings their worst or ugliest quilt to display). Sherry Worley suggested having the members bring their first and last quilts to compare progress made. Connie Cawthon suggested having Richard Larson as a program. Jane Martyn suggested a UFO challenge.

It was decided to have a UFO challenge this year. Debra Hager is the chairperson and will report to the guild all the rules of the challenge at the next meeting.

Debra Hager handed out forms for the next retreat at Purley Gates, March 19-22, and advised us of plans and deadlines.

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

www.cottonpatchquilt.com

Login: Texas Password: Star
Note capital letters – case sensitive.

"QUILT SHOWS IN TEXAS"

Texas Quilt Shows:

- Feb 27 – 28 "Best Little Quilt Show of Texas", includes a special exhibit of crazy quilts from Karey Bresenhan, Commercial Exhibit hall, Fayette County Fairgrounds, Hwy 77N, **La Grange**, cvquiltguild.com
- Mar 6 – 7 Plantation Quilting Guild, "Celebrating the Threads of Friendship", \$5, includes quilt wearables, quilt appraiser, Civic Center, 333 Hwy 332, **Lake Jackson**, 979-299-3390, dsmulloy@prodigy.net
- Mar 13 – 15 Quilter's Guild of Dallas, "Playful Pinwheels", Dallas Market Hall, **Dallas**, www.quiltersguildofdallas.org
- Mar 27 – 28 Quilters' Guild of East Texas, "Flights of Fancy", Harvey Convention Center, 2000 West Front Street, **Tyler**; 10 – 5 PM, \$5 - \$6 admission fee; www.qgetx.org
- May 2 Tall Pines Quilt Guild, "Airing of the Quilts", **Huntsville**, www.tallpinesquiltguild.com
- May 8 – 9 Quilter's Guild of Arlington, "Annual Festival of Quilts", **Arlington**, sabinth@aol.com.

Popular Out of State:

- Apr 22 – 25 AQS Quilt Show, Paducah, KY, www.americanquilter.com

2010 RAFFLE QUILT

The following are on the 2010 Raffle Quilt Committee:

Phyllis Moynihan (Committee Chair)
 Linda Neal Connie Kline Carolyn Wright Lydia Lewis
 Carolyn Burt Mandy Weaver Becky Medlock Lisa Coker
 Terri Tyree LaVonne McCaw Connie Cawthon

The Committee will meet on Saturday, March 7, 2009, place and time to be determined. Anyone wishing to join the committee can contact Phyllis Moynihan at forbeingme@yahoo.com.

Sunshine and Shadows

Beth Winn had knee surgery in January. Recovery is going well and she's sewing in the main house.

Jane Martyn had carpal tunnel surgery in January. With strapped hand she took care of door prizes at the January guild meeting and still sends emails!

Kay Colcleasure is slowing improving since her shoulder replacement surgery.

Pam Hodapp had a mastectomy on January 27. It was first planned for radiation, but found too many cancer cells. She is home now. Her husband, John, had his last radiation treatment in January. Please include both of them in your prayers. Cards would be nice to let them know you care. Pam did not want phone calls or visitors just yet.

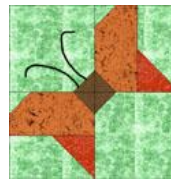
Treasurer's Report

Pam Shuman

Dec 2008 Ending Balance 6374.66

No financial activity in January. Expenses incurred and income received will be reported in February.

January 2009 Ending Balance 6374.66



THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone in the guild for the outpouring of love I have received since my accident. I have been over whelmed by all of the guild members that have brought in food, came by for visits, have called and have sent cards. I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for my recovery.

Kay Colcleasure

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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 or 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!



Entries Due July 9th
Entry form available at
www.quiltersguildofplano.org

QUILT PLANO 2009 August 14th and 15th

*It would be great to
see your quilt in
our show!*

For more information phone or e-mail
Joan Stevenson 972-618-8188
plano.quilter@verizon.net

Cotton Strippers

Connie Cawthon

With Kay out of commission, a new leader or "unofficial dictator" is needed. If you are interested in helping us out this year, please contact either Jane Martyn or Kay. Jane Martyn will fill in during the interim.

Our next project will be a stacked brick swap. Mary Lou brought her quilt to show what a great scrap quilt this will be. You can either cut your strips individually out of different fabrics or make just one kind out of a fat quarter. The bricks will be a dark fabric 6½" by 2½". Sew 2 light fabrics (these do not have to match) that are cut 2½" square on the end of each brick. The two ends of the bricks do not have to match in fabric color, just use a light fabric. Press to the 2½" square. Make as many as you want to swap for. Jane M. will bring samples to guild if you want to see them since a pattern was unavailable at deadline time.

Mark your calendar for April 8th as the date that the Strippers will host Solid Rock at the church building. Carolyn Burt is in charge. Please let her know if you can help. We need to collect \$5 from each member to cover the cost of food.

A November Eufaula retreat was discussed. The dates would be November 12-15. No food would be provided except maybe coffee, milk and tea. The cost would depend on the number attending. We need an absolute minimum of 20 to attend to make it work. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jane Martyn.

Refreshments for March include Jane Asberry, Anita Gaudreau, Kathy Dickens, Pat Jonz, Kathy Vestal, Katharine McCaw, Virginia Johnson, Debbi George, Lydia Lewis. If you haven't signed up yet please contact Jane M to get your name added to the list.

FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE

Janome 9500 sewing/embroidery machine, less than 1-yr old, basically brand new! Asking \$1000. Call Debbie Emard, 972-524-5049.

TIP: Sue Miller had a lot of Shoofly blocks left over from a project and used the same technique on them as the disappearing nine patch. She got some very interesting blocks from her Shoofly's.



COTTON BLOSSOMS

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms Quilt Circle had their first meeting of the New Year on January 5, 2009. President Carolyn Burt started the year with a President Challenge. She wanted each member to decide on an old project and have it finished by the end of the year. It could be any type of quilting UFO. Each member wrote down what they were to accomplish, placed it in an envelope, sealed it, and gave it to Carolyn. She will open the envelopes and the member will show their finished product. Carolyn then gave a "little" challenge called a "Firecracker." This was any tiny quilt thing that needed done and have it done by July 4, 2009. We went on to our next challenge which was our long time commitment to do quilts for the Ronald McDonald House in Dallas. The challenge is to give two fat quarters of two colors to each member. They will make a quilt with their two fat quarters and other material from their stash. The difference in this year's challenge is we gave two fat quarters instead of three as we have done in years past. The two fat quarters will be distributed at the next meeting.

The Blossoms met on January 19, 2009 and it was a Personal Shower for Belva and her upcoming marriage on February 21, 2009. She received some lovely gifts. Everyone enjoyed her gifts, cake and punch. It was an extraordinary day.

February 2, 2009 the Cotton Blossoms had a "Sit and Sew" day. Jo Ann Cross was making a large quilt that was unique in its construction. It was a quilt by the block on the machine. One side was like squares and the top was in stripes. It had batting and as she sewed, it is fully quilted. Everyone had to watch Jo Ann and try to comprehend this unusual style of making a quilt. Other members did some hand work. Nancy Amburgey proposed that the Circle do another dog quilt for "Patriot Paws." This is the organization that trains dogs for use for disabled veterans that can help them in their everyday lives. It was approved and everyone will look for dog patterns.

TAQG News

Jane Asberry

The March Secondary Meeting is about publicity, newsletters and websites. Linda Franklin is going, but we'd really like to have others that might be interested in serving our guild in some of these capacities next year! You can ride with me and I promise you a fun day!

It's time to start thinking about Rally Day! Our speaker this year is going to be Sharon Schamber. Please go to her website to see her work, www.sharonschamber.com. She'll be teaching 3 classes and I'll have the registration sheets at guild. We anticipate a large number of people wanting to take her class so you'll need to get your registration in by March 15th if you're interested.

Advertising Rates

Monthly Rates: ½ page = \$12, ¼ page = \$6, business card = \$3.

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: lftexas75402@gmail.com

Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

The Cotton Belles met at Sherry's home in February. We collected \$71 for FISH including \$21 from cookbook sales. Lanell showed us her Christmas quilt, while quietly commenting, "I should have just thrown those blocks away." It was started in about 1993 as a group project and she had to make a few extra blocks. It was from the Eleanor Burns book and turned out really nice! Kaye showed the top of her Railroad Quilt that was a block of the month for the Kiamichi Quilt Guild. It was similar to the donation quilt that the Cotton Patch Quilt Guild made many years ago, but Sherry redesigned the pattern to make quilting easier.

Our next meeting is on March 2nd at 10:00 A.M. at Sandy's home. Lanell and Sandy will be teaching us how to make Candy Cane Lane quilts. If you would like to participate you will need 1/8 yard of 12 different fabrics, 1/3 yard for the inner border, 5/8 yard for the 2nd border and 1 1/3 yards for the outer border. Bring your machines and cutting equipment and come have fun. Sherry will be providing dessert. If you need more information, please call Sherry or Lanell.

CARPOOL TO MEET ELEANOR BURNS

Anyone interested in carpool or caravan to Stitchin' Heaven to meet-and-greet Eleanor Burns, March 13th, 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.? She'll also be signing books. Contact LeeAnn Miller, 903-422-1116 or mswgrad49@yahoo.com.

From the Librarian

Virginia Johnson

On Monday, January 26th, Virginia Johnson and some of the library committee (Anita Gaudreau, Jane Martyn, Carolyn Wear) met at Kavanaugh to sort and rearrange the library books. We put some of the books in the white cabinet in our storage room and labeled them "History, Techniques, Quilt and Quilting Patterns, Reference". The doors of this cabinet will be open before and during guild meetings so people can go in there and browse. (This makes it easier to move the rolling library). By verbal agreement, the books were sorted by TOPIC: such as 'applique', 'strip-piecing', 'paper-piecing', "Redwork", 'patchwork', 'baby and children's quilts', 'Eleanor Burns' (we have 13 books by her), 'Borders and Bindings', and 'Christmas'.

We plan to have a sale of items we removed at some later date.

New books that have been purchased or donated recently will be on display. Also on display will be a small quilt top using the "winding ways" quilt pattern and I will give a short explanation of how to use the new technique when cutting and sewing these curved pieces. Vicki Dees gave me a mini-lesson on how to cut and sew these quilt pieces at Quilt Mercantile.

An updated list of all library books and videos will be in our 2009 Directory.

Purley Gates Spring Retreat March 19-22

Attention all quilters:

- Spring retreat at the Purley Gates still has openings for 5 people. Debra Hager will be at the February guild meeting with info and forms.
- Please have your balance paid before the end of February. Checks made out to Debra Hager.
- Do not forget to bring your items for sale or trade.
- Door prize donations will cheerfully be welcomed. Mandy Weaver is chairman of our door prize committee. Please see her upon arrival at retreat.
- Purley Gates website = www.purleygatesretreat.org

Any questions? You may contact Debra Hager at:

903-883-4230, 903-450-6004

4cpqgnews@verizon.net, buzzdebee@verizon.net



Community Service

Sherry Worley

The Community Service Committee (Sherry Worley, Jane Asberry, Lisa Coker, and Sue Miller) met at Sherry's home to sort fabric and make plans. We separated out two tubs of fabric to pass on to another group for community service. Several bags of fabric (some of our uglies or difficult fabrics) were selected for a Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Challenge. We also made some goals for the year. We would like to continue to make as many baby size quilts as we can, but also add additional larger size quilts. We already have about 6 full size quilts started for W.I.N. We would like to have a few quilts (in several sizes) available in case of community need (fires, storms, etc.). There will be many kits in many sizes available for pick-up at guild meetings. We are cutting several kits for use with the Yellow Brick Road pattern, but because of copyright issues you will have to own your own copy of this pattern. Many of us already own this pattern, so we hope someone will want to make one (or several) more.

Beginning in February the large dining room at Kavanaugh has been reserved for the afternoon before the guild meeting (from 1:30 P.M. until the meeting). At the February meeting we will have fabrics available for you to cut, or you can bring your machine and start on a kit. Please bring the appropriate equipment.

We will start a **basic machine quilting class** (taught by Sherry) in the afternoon before the March meeting. Please stop by the Community Service table and pick up information. This is a free class covering just the basics of home type machine quilting. You will be required to sign up for the class so we will know how many to expect. If you would like to come and work in March (but not take the class) you are welcome...we can always find something for you to cut!

Later in the year we are trying to arrange a weekend quilting class to be taught by Lisa Coker. We are still looking for a place. If anyone knows of a great space (flat and free!) let us know.