



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

JULY 2009

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

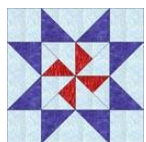
President's Letter

Well, this is going to have to be a short letter this month for several reasons. First of all, the last letters have been too long causing Linda Franklin to use tiny, tiny font. Secondly, it is 105 degrees outside and I am trying to water my backyard before everything dries up and blows away. Lastly, I am actually only at home on a "layover." I just got back from visiting my daughter, Katie, in Georgia. My new dog, Madison, was my co-pilot. After driving home on Saturday (16 hours), I am leaving for New York on Thursday and Paris on Friday. I figured out that within 7 days, I will have been in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, New York, and Paris, France. That might even be a new record for me.

But, I am happy to report that I have been keeping up with my quilting. I have been in a bluework phase lately. Some people like redwork, apparently blue is my color. I just can't get enough of it. After finishing "Winter Wonderland" by Crab-Apple Hill I immediately started a bluework project I bought in Alaska. It is called "Parka Pals Bluework" by Quilt Alaska. Now that I am facing 2 long flights to get to Paris and the return flights, I quickly had to prep another pattern. So, instead of taking care of things around the house, I have been tracing "Over the River and Through the Woods" by Crab-Apple Hill. I can't bear to think of flying to France or sailing down the Seine River on the River Baroness without a needle, hoop, and blue thread in my hand.

So, as I end this letter I am reminding everyone that I will not be at guild this month. LaVonne McCaw will be running the meeting. Thank you, LaVonne. I know Pebble Rehm will give a great program. I hate to miss it, but Paris is calling me and the temperature is to be in the upper 70's. Good bye Texas heat!

Until next month, "Happy Quilting!" --- Linda Neal



July Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Carolyn Burt	7/12	Connie Cawthon	7/07
Jo Ann Cross	7/01	Gladys Guthrie	7/04
Margie Hendrix	7/25	Ann Hood	7/26
Beckie Medlock	7/23	Priscilla Moore	7/01
Maejean Nixson	7/14	Shirley Shaw	7/17
Gladys Trammell	7/03	Sherry Worley	7/11

REMINDER!
2009 UFO CHALLENGE ENDS IN AUGUST

JULY Program

"Appliqué Today Reflections of Yesterday"

Pebble Rehm will be our guest speaker for the July 23, 2009 meeting. Winner of several "Best of Show", "Best Hand Quilted," and numerous blue ribbons, Pebble is going to share with us some of her tips on appliqué, featuring reflections of the past. She is an avid teacher and I am sure no one would want to miss this program. We hope to see you there on the 23rd.

— LaVonne McCaw



Carpenter's Star by Debbie Maddy August 28 Workshop 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (Bring a sack lunch)

Learn the "No Diamonds/No Y-Seams" technique while making this beautiful lap quilt. This is a great quilt for fat quarter lovers. The center is made with 8 fat quarters and 1-1/2 yards of background fabric then add two borders for a 70" x 70" quilt. This is a beautiful quilt with any choice of fabric. The workshop is great for all skill levels.

The price of this workshop is \$20.00 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Please fill out the registration form found at the end of the newsletter and return it to LaVonne McCaw with your payment on or before the July meeting.

WHO IS DEBBIE MADDY?

Debbie was featured on "Simply Quilts" episode 1112. She had a quilt featured in Quilter's World magazine. Check out her quilt designs at her website: www.calicocarriage.com

REFRESHMENTS COMMITTEE

July 23

Gladys Guthrie (Captain)

Debra Hager	Rena Hale
Margie Hendrix	Shirley Herman
Jeanie Herring	Pam Hodapp
Alice Isham	Virginia Johnson
Pat Jonz	Shawna Kelsey
Connie Kline	Maxine Leverett
Lydia Lewis	Mary Alice MacDonald
Jane Martyn	

August 27

Katharine McCaw (Captain)

LaVonne McCaw	Trudy McNish
Becky Medlock	LeeAnn Miller
Sue Miller	Beth Mills
Donna Moon	Priscilla Moore
Phyllis Moynihan	Nancy Nall
Linda Neal	Maejean Nixon
Huey Nobles	Barbara Powell
Lynne Power	

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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Debbie Uphoff

Please update your directory with the following changes:

NEW MEMBERS:

Hood, Ann, 328 Jamie Way, Greenville, TX 75402, spouse – John, ann.hood@hoodclan.com, birthday 7/26, 903-450-0860 (h), 903-456-1807 ©.

Smith, Faye, 4700 Sunset Dr, Greenville, TX 75401, spouse – Wesley, faybiebaby2003@yahoo.com, birthday 10/20, 903-453-4898 ©, 903 454-7153 ext 2211 (w).

Warmke, Debra, 6999 CR 1048, Celeste, TX 75423, spouse – Kenny, debrawarmke@aol.com, birthday 2/05, 903-568-4559 (h), (214) 502-2292 ©, (214) 502-5595 (w).

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM PREVIEW

Mark your calendar! We have a special guest speaker for our September 24 guild meeting, Master Quilter Sharon Schamber, who will talk on "My Quilting Experience." She's had "Best of Show" twice at AQL's Paducah show, and once at the Int'l Houston show. She's an author and loves to teach. She is the originator of the piec-lique technique.

LAST MONTH!! Community Service Quilt Challenge!

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.



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

www.cottonpatchquilt.com

Login: Texas Password: Star

Note capital letters – case sensitive.

Bulletin Board

QUILT SHOWS – Near Us

FORT WORTH: August 7 – 8, 10 AM – 5 PM, "Friendship Under the Stars", Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts, 3901 S Hulen St., \$5, free parking, Fort Worth Quilt Guild.

PLANO: August 14 – 15, 9 – 6 Fri, 9 – 5 Sat, "Quilt Plano 2009", The Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, \$6 advance, \$7 at the door, Quilters Guild of Plano, www.quiltersguildofplano.org

Will do housekeeping. Reasonable rates!
Call Jo Ann Weatherly or leave a message, 903-454-2228. Give yourself more time for quilting!

August newsletter deadline will be
Sunday, August 16
the third Sunday of August

Treasurer's Report

Pam Shuman

The July treasurer's report will be in the August Newsletter.

RECIPE BY REQUEST:

Chicken Pot Pie

Debbie George

Butter or oil
½ onion, chopped
1 can chicken chowder, chunky style (I use Campbell's)
1 can cream of chicken
Chicken broth to thin as desired
1 package of mixed frozen vegetables
1 can 10 count biscuits (I use Grand Biscuits usually 5 ct)
Salt/pepper to taste
1 or 2 chicken breasts, cut up
¼ cup half & half -- I often use evaporated milk or regular milk

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt butter or oil in pan.
Add onions and sauté until tender.
Add chicken and sauté until cooked.
Add vegetables, soups, & chicken broth--cook about 20 minutes on medium heat.

Put mixture into a baking dish and season to taste.
Stir in half & half.
Cover the top of mixture by pulling the biscuits apart and dotting the top of the mixture.
Put into the oven for time to cook biscuits (about 20 min.)

The pot pie I brought to guild, had garlic roasted potato soup substituted for the chicken chowder soup. Try what you like or "have in the cabinet".

Enjoy!

Cotton Strippers

Jane Martyn

The gang arrived early at Strippers Thursday and under the direction of Jane Asberry everyone got to work on the community service quilts, cutting, basting, tying and quilting. It was a very productive afternoon and evening. Katharine updated everyone regarding the Cleek Retreat. Pam Hodapp was back, recuperating well from her surgery. Keep Kathy Ross in your thoughts as she undergoes surgery next week. Bricks were exchanged and it was decided that we would continue with our brick exchange at least until December.

The refreshment committee for August is Sara Bobbitt, Maejean Nixson, Carolyn Wright, Kay Colcleasure, Vonnie Valdez, Sue Childers, Maxine Leverett, Pam Hodapp, Shirley Shaw, and Alice Isham.

June 25, 2009 Minutes

Mandy Weaver, Secretary

President Linda Neal opened the night by welcoming members and introducing guests. She thanked Jo Ann Cross and the food committee for the meal. Next month's captain is Gladys Guthrie.

May meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Sherry Worley announced the ongoing Community Service challenge; quilt tops or finished quilts are due in August. Prizes will be awarded. She asked everyone to bring the UPC codes from Hobbs batting packaging they might have at home. There is a new cute dog pattern available to make. Please pick up the kits and let her know if you like the pattern.

Debra Hager announced the UFO challenge will end at the August meeting and a final drawing will be held for all remaining fat quarters.

Priscilla Moore, historian, would like some 4" square mini blocks for the guild scrapbook. Contact her for more details.

The 2009 raffle quilt money needs to be turned in to Jackie Brown. Rena Hale is the coordinator for the 2009 raffle quilt. See her if you have a location to take the quilt.

LaVonne McCaw announced a workshop by Debbie Maddy on August 28 from 9:00-4:00. The cost is \$20.00, a \$10.00 deposit will hold your spot. Debbie will be teaching the Carpenter Star.

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



June Door Prize Donors

**Sherry Worley – 3
Quilt Asylum - 1**

Thank you very much!

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"WHY I QUILT"

by Aunt Jane of Kentucky, ca 1900

Shared by Barbara McCraw,
speaker at June 2009 mtg

I've been a hard worker all my life, but most all my work has been the kind that "perishes with the usin'," as the Bible says. That's the discouragin' thing about a woman's work...

Why, if a woman was to see all the dishes that she had to wash before she died, piled up before her in one pile, she'd lie down and die right then and there. Now I've got the name of bein' a good housekeeper, but when I'm dead and gone ain't nobody goin' to think of all the floors I've swept, and all the tables I've scrubbed, and all the old clothes I've patched, and all the stockin's I've darned...

But when one of my grandchildren or my great-grandchildren sees one of these old quilts, they'll think about Aunt Jane, and, wherever I am then, I'll know I ain't forgotten.

Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

The Belles do not meet in July. Our next meeting will be August 3rd at Kaye's new house in McKinney. Her address is 4833 N. Meadow Ridge Circle. LaNell will be teaching us how to make purses. Kaye is providing lunch, and we will all have a good time! If you are interested in attending, you may contact LaNell or Sherry for more information.

At our June meeting we collected \$60 for FISH. Kaye showed her state flower quilt. It was just back from Sue Tennill for quilting, and Kaye is entering it in the Plano Quilt Show. Sherry showed a large knitted scarf that will be donated to the FISH Auction in November.

Sherry and Kaye hope that you will come to "Quilt Plano 2009" at Plano Centre on August 14 and 15. We will be around working the show and hope to see you. Also, be sure to stop by the Quilt Mercantile booth (#21) and tell Jennifer Tenney, "Hi!"

TAQG NEWS

Jane Asberry

Want to go to Quilt Country (neat quilt shop)? Want to take a day trip with FUN ladies and eat at MIMI's? Come with us to the TAQG meeting on July 28th! Secondary meetings are libraries and quilt shows. I have one person going to the quilt show meeting, but could use another, and I don't have anyone for libraries yet. This is an excellent place for you to learn from others' experiences!

"Every experience deeply felt in life needs to be passed along. Whether it be through words or music, chiseled in stone, painted with a brush, or sewn with a needle, it is a way of reaching for immortality."

Thomas Jefferson



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sherry Worley

We received a large donation of fabric! We will be sorting and putting it into kits very soon. You can look for new kits at the August and September meetings.

A new series of Beginning Machine Quilting Classes is being offered. Sherry will be the teacher. The classes are free, but you must sign up to take them. They are open to everyone, so if you know someone who is not a guild member, they may sign up too. Classes will be held during the day on Saturdays: September 19, October 17, the last class is to be determined. These classes will be taught at Highland Terrace Baptist Church, 3939 Joe Ramsey Blvd. You may sign up at the guild meeting or call Sherry at (972) 816-5507. The first class will cover basting, quilting with the walking foot, needles and thread. You will need a machine with a walking foot for the first class. The second class will cover marking and free motion quilting. You will need your machine and a darning foot for the second class. You may pick up a supply list when you sign up.

Don't forget the Community Service Challenge! You still have time to enter. You may turn in your quilt or top at either the July or August guild meetings. Please fill out the entry form at the Community Service table, pin it to your entry, and place the entry in the large plastic tub under the table. We have received some really cute entries!



COTTON BLOSSOMS

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossom Circle finished the top of the Patriot Paw quilt in June. It turned out really nice. All of our own dogs had good poses and were placed randomly with the red, white, and blue string squares. The quilt is being quilted by Lindsey and the Blossoms are donating the quilt to the "Patriot Paws" organization. It is a volunteer group that trains dogs to assist disabled veterans. They are based in Rockwall, TX. The quilt will be a fund raiser for the "Patriot Paws."

The Blossoms met on July 7, 2009. Our program was on Yo-Yo's. Joyce McCord was our instructor. She had templates of several sizes to cut around the material each person had with them. Even though most of the Blossoms had made Yo-Yo's before, some had never done one, so it was a good review or first lesson for all of the members. Joyce had good teaching skills that made the project enjoyable to everyone. Afterward, there was Show and Tell and a discussion about the next meeting which was on July 20, 2009. at the First Presbyterian Church of Commerce, TX.

Anyone that would like to quilt or learn how to quilt can join the Cotton Blossom Circle. They will welcome you.

HUNT COUNTY FAIR WINNERS!

The July 8, 2009 issue of Greenville's Herald Banner listed the winners of the Creative Arts Department of the Hunt County Fair's Quilt Division. The following CPQG members won ribbons:

Jackie Clark – Appliquéd, 1st Place, blue

Katharine McCaw – Machine Quilted, 1st and 2nd Place, two blues

Margie Hendrix – Machine Pieced Hand Quilted, 1st Place, blue, and Small Quilts, 1st Place, blue.

Congratulations! Well done!

Notes from TAQG 2009 RALLY DAY

Sharon Schamber, the speaker for the Rally Day, had some interesting things to share from her expertise.

This tip drew many questions from the surprised audience. Soak your thread in clear sewing machine oil for 1 hour or more. She soaks the whole spool of thread in the oil, sometimes overnight. Upon removal from the oil, she wipes off the excess with a paper towel then uses it as soon as possible. This lubricates the shuttle mechanism of the machine, prevents the thread from catching the fabric and batting, creates less lint, and gives smoother stitching. She soaks EVERY type of thread she sews, including mono filament and silk. The thread acts like a wick and soaks only what it will; there is no excess and therefore no stain on the fabric. You may need to re-oil the thread as you go deeper into the spool.

By the way, she said to use only clear sewing machine oil in our machines because the yellow type will turn rancid. The clear one is basically mineral oil and can be found at any store that sells long-arms or sewing machines.

Another tip is to store your stash of fabric by color, then sort the stacks of color by the color wheel. The color will flow from one to the next and make design choices easier.

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Sunshine & Shadows

Madeline Sullivan

Virginia Johnson has severely sprained her ankle and is doing a lot of sitting these days. Hope you are scooting about soon, Virginia.

Kathy Ross had surgery this month. We hope she is having a speedy recovery.

Say prayers for **Lindsey Priest**. She is not well due to new blood pressure medicine. It is making her very lethargic. Her legs do not hold her long enough to quilt. There is a stack of quilts waiting for her big quilting machine so by the time of this writing, Lindsey's medicine should be regulated and she will be doing well, but a few prayers are always needed.

Patricia Moore had a fall. She has a crack in two vertebrae. Please pray for her daily. Each member is pulling for her complete recovery!!

NOTES from TAQG 2009 con't.

She does at least 7 projects at a time, so when she gets bored or has no inspiration, she can move on to something else and go back to it later, but is always working on something. However, real UFO's should be put into a box and raffled off.

To get a nice satin stitch put more strands of thread through your needle (she uses 5 strands of YLI silk in a #90 needle), and not a thicker thread.

Starching the fabric helps the marking wash out.

QUOTES FROM SHARON SCHAMBER

"I give them (quilts) to people but I maintain custody."

"To win a show be courageous (with color and design)."

"For me it is just the same in importance to machine quilt as to hand quilt."

Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Workshop Registration Form

Mail the completed registration form and your payment to:
LaVonne McCaw, P.O. Box 1599, Greenville, TX 75403

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

Upon receipt of registration and payment, a confirmation and supply list will be mailed to you.

WORKSHOP: *Carpenter's Star by Debbie Maddy*

DATE & TIME: August 28, 2009, Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

PLACE: Kavanaugh Methodist Church, Greenville, TX

PRICE: \$20.00 CPQG members, \$25.00 non-members

Reservation closes July 23, 2009