



# Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

## March 2009

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

### President's Letter

I just returned home after spending 12 days in the Texas hill country with Quilting Adventures, where I took a week long class with Sally Collins and another week with Carol Doak. I thought I would share with you some of the tips they recommended.

Sally Collins is a nationally known instructor who specializes in precision piecing. She makes miniature quilts with unbelievable accuracy. She recommends designing freely without worrying about how you are going to sew it together or how long it will take. To audition her fabric, she makes a small sample mock up of her pieces (actual size) and uses mirrors. When cutting WOB strips, she cuts the first strip over an inch wide to even up the edge. She then checks the strip to make sure it is on grain and doesn't have the "V" in the middle. She then cuts each strip and checks it before cutting the next.

For Sally's tiny quilts sewing a 1/4 inch seam accurately is a must. Quilters usually make a mistake by sewing wide when starting a new piece and then correcting it to a 1/4" as they continue down the seam. Another mistake is made when ending a piece. Quilters tend to let the fabric drift off crookedly the last few stitches while getting the next piece ready for their chain piecing. To correct these errors, she says to have a piece of scrap fabric under the presser foot and start with the needle in the down position. Then place your fabric with the 1/4" seam on the right and the back of the fabric against the needle. That way when you start to sew, it will be a perfect seam. When ending a seam, use a stylus or a point of a seam ripper to make sure the fabric goes under the presser foot straight.

Sally recommends pinning your pieces together with the Clover 0.4 very fine pins. Pin from the left to the right. Her pin is located in the seam area. The pointed side of the pin stops at the edge of the fabric. She then uses her finger to press the pins down flat and remove any ripples where the pins are. She sews VERY slowly and over the pins. After sewing, she measures each piece to make sure they measure correctly. She also irons most of her seams open and then trims the seam allowances to 1/8 inch. Most of Sally's quilts are 18-36 inches with LOTS of pieces. In class I started the Sedona star and my center block was 4 1/8 inch with 68 pieces!

Carol Doak's class was lots of fun. Whenever someone said that's a great way Carol does something, she would reply, "Well, I wrote the book." She has an infectious laugh. Carol recommends sorting your fabric into piles of "cool" (blue, purple) and "warm" (red, yellow, orange) colors then placing the "warm" opposite the "cool" in your block. In the  
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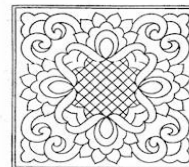
### March Program

### "Journey in Quilts"

This month Trish Stuart from Emory will be doing a program on different styles and techniques learned and developed for the quilting industry over the past 20 years. This will include piecing techniques, art quilt techniques, as well as thread painting and embellishing methods.

Hope to see you at this meeting. - LaVonne McCaw

### Machine Quilting Class Part 1 of 3



**Date: March Guild Meeting**

**Time: 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM**

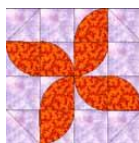
**Price: FREE, but call Sherry Worley to reserve a spot.**

Sherry Worley will teach quilt preparation, stop and start methods, and straight line quilting to anyone interested in learning. Bring your own machine, regular sewing thread, a walking foot, a free motion foot, a basic sewing kit. You can practice on Community Service quilts.

After class she will teach freehand quilting with the free motion foot.

### Don't Forget the 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.



### March Birthdays

Debbie Emard	3/8	Belva Roberts	3/1
Katharine McCaw	3/18	Trudy McNish	3/29
Sue Miller	3/1	Wanda Roy	3/14
Frances Stinnett	3/22	Madeline Sullivan	3/15
Mandy Weaver	3/17	Beth Mills	3/19

Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday to You!

## REFRESHMENTS COMMITTEE

### 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	

### April 23

Mary Lou Strohm (Captain)

Madeline Sullivan	JoAnn Weatherly
Jennifer Tenney	Mandy Weaver
Gladys Trammell	Janice Whitt
Terri Tyree	Beth Winn
Debbie Uphoff	B Wood
Kathy Vestal	Sherry Worley
Carolyn Jo Wear	Carolyn Wright
	Carol Adams

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.

## TAQG News

Jane Asberry

I still need a couple more good people to go to Lewisville with me on March 31 for the TAQG Secondary Meeting. You'll get to visit with people from other guilds and find out how they're doing their groups' newsletters and web sites. We'll visit Quilt Country and have a fun lunch somewhere!!

If you're interested in being the newsletter editor next year, come join us!

## From the Librarian

Virginia Johnson

Now that our storeroom has been cleaned, including a new light bulb, we can actually find things in there!

Everyone, please note: We have a white closet in there that now contains our "REFERENCE books". These are books about quilt history, techniques, quilt patterns, quilt fabrics and anything else the committee considered under the heading 'reference'. These books may also be checked out, same rules as the other books in metal cabinet and on the cart. PLEASE feel free to go in there and browse! If you are looking for something in particular, please ask and I will try to help you.

The videos we have for your use are also in that closet. I added three books on Texas quilts and quilters because I felt that these books should be in a Texas quilting library. I have also added some children and babies quilting books because many of us are grandmothers and aunts and now we have the time to make these quilts.

The NEW books that have been added from August 2008 to February 2009 are as follows:

Winding Ways Quilts

Time For a Chain

Mastering Precision Pieces

Bargello Quilts with a Twist

Lone Star Legacy Vol. I & II

Keepsake Quilts For Babies

Quilts for Babies and Kids

Fat Quarter Small Quilts

Victory Quilts

Bindings, Borders, & Edges

Texas Quilts and Quilters

Those Crazy Kids

Irish Chain in a Day

We will be having a basement sale in April of books and other materials we removed from the library during our clean out and reorganization. If any of you have quilt books or magazines or other quilting items to add to this sale, please have them priced and brought to the sale by April 23. All proceeds will go to the library. When I receive requests for certain books, I try to fulfill them but it is also necessary to have the money to pay for them. Donations are always welcome. I ENJOY this job! I love 'messaging with books'.

## Help the Historian

Make a 4" x 4" (or smaller) patchwork block of fabric or paper for the scrapbook. It can be appliquéd, crayon colored, pieced, embroidered, etc. Please keep it flat. She'll need them all year long.

🌸 You can do this! 🌸



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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!

# "QUILT SHOWS IN TEXAS"

## Texas Quilt Shows:

- Mar 27 – 28 "Flights of Fancy", Quilters' Guild of East Texas, Harvey Convention Center, 2000 West Front Street, **Tyler**; 10 – 5 PM, \$5 - \$6 admission fee; [www.ggetx.org](http://www.ggetx.org)
- May 1 – 2 "Peacemakers of the Heart", Kingwood Area Quilt Guild, Humble Civic Center, 9233 Will Clayton Pkwy, **Humble**, \$5 admission fee, 300 quilts, vendors, cafe, special exhibits, [hedgesstuff@peoplepc](mailto:hedgesstuff@peoplepc)
- May 2 "Airing of the Quilts", Tall Pines Quilt Guild, **Huntsville**, [www.tallpinesquiltguild.com](http://www.tallpinesquiltguild.com)
- May 8 – 9 "Annual Festival of Quilts", Quilter's Guild of Arlington, Bob Duncan Community Center, 2800 S Center St, **Arlington**, 175 quilts, appraiser, 20 vendors, [sabinth@aol.com](mailto:sabinth@aol.com).
- June 12 – 13 "Bloomin' Crazy for Quilts", Woodlands Quilt Guild, Trinity Episcopal Church, 3901 S Panther's Creek Dr., **Woodlands**, \$10 entry fee, demos, vendors, scissor sharpening, appraisals, "Last Supper" quilt, [www.waqq.org](http://www.waqq.org).

## Popular Out of State:

Apr 22 – 25 AQS Quilt Show, Paducah, KY, [www.americanquilter.com](http://www.americanquilter.com)

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remaining blocks, place different colors, but still in the warm and cool categories. We had 15 people in class doing the same quilt and everyone's quilt was different and interesting to look at.

When paper piecing blocks together, first pin them. Then place them under your presser foot and take one stitch. Remove from the presser foot and check. The stitch should be on the line on both sides. If not, adjust and re-pin. If correct then use a very long stitch and baste at the beginning and all matching points. Check again. If they don't match, the basting seam is easily removed and you adjust the seam, pin, and re-baste. If it matches well, then sew together with a short to very short length stitch. The 90/14 needle and very short stitch length will help with the paper removal. Also, when taking out the paper pull your block corner to tear the paper, then pull the pieces out. Any leftover paper in the block is considered "insulation" in Carol's quilt.

I hope this helps your sewing. I know it improved mine. Happy quilting! - Linda Neal

## Sunshine and Shadows

**Belva Isham** married David Roberts on February 21 and is now **Belva Roberts**. Congratulations!

**Huey Nobles'** wife has been admitted to the Greenville Rehab Center. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Mary Welch's** husband, Bill, lost his courageous battle with cancer on March 4. She has our deepest sympathy.

April newsletter deadline will be  
**Sunday, April 12,**  
two Sunday's before guild meeting.



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

Entries Due July 9th  
Entry form available at  
[www.quiltersguildofplano.org](http://www.quiltersguildofplano.org)

**QUILT PLANO 2009**  
**August 14th and 15th**

For more information phone or e-mail  
Joan Stevenson 972-618-8188  
[plano.quilter@verizon.net](mailto:plano.quilter@verizon.net)

## Cotton Strippers

Temporary Dictator – Jane Martyn

A great crowd met Thursday night and had a fantastic meal. Debra gave an update on Purley Gates retreat. Everyone was so excited to be going. Huey's wife has been admitted to Greenville Rehab so keep her in your thoughts. Kathy V. had a very bad week so send cheerful thoughts her way.

Those interested in going to Eufaula November 12-15 need to sign up immediately and get a \$20 deposit to Jane. In order to keep our reservation we need to send a one night's deposit of \$315 to hold it.

Strippers will be hosting Solid Rock at the church on April 8. If you haven't already done so, please give your \$5 to Carolyn Burt.

The refreshment team for April consists of Kathy Vestal, Jan Ainsworth, Donna Moon, Jeanie Herring, Phyllis Moynihan, Barbara Ratcliff, Shirley Shaw, Debra Hager, Jane Martyn and Connie Cawthon.

The first round of Stacked Bricks was exchanged. Those bringing strips for next month need to only bring two groups of 16 bricks each so it won't be so confusing for the team to do the swap.



## February Door Prize Donors

Quilt Asylum, McKinney – 1  
 Quilt Country, Lewisville – 1  
 Cathy Brandstetter - 4

**Thank you very much!**

### Treasurer's Report

Pam Shuman

<b>December 2008 Ending Balance</b>	<b>6374.66</b>
January 2009	
<u>Checks</u>	
1808 Beth Winn, Membership	(24.00)
<u>Deposits</u>	
Membership	24.00
Membership	<u>629.00</u>
	653.00
<b>January 2008 Ending Balance</b>	<b>7003.66</b>
February 2009	
<u>Checks</u>	
1809 VOID	
1810 Anita Gaudreau, P.O. Box	(58.00)
1811 Priscilla Moore, Historian	(16.23)
1812 Virginia Johnson, library	(265.87)
1813 Sherry Worley, TAQG	(8.66)
1814 Sherry Worley, Comm Serv	(81.05)
1815 Jackie Brown, Raffle Quilt	(482.59)
1816 Ann Brooks, Program	(230.00)
1817 Linda Franklin, Newsletter	(58.02)
1818 TX State Controller, Sales Tax 09	<u>(63.80)</u>
	(1264.22)
<u>Deposits</u>	
Advertising	9.00
<b>February 2009 Ending Balance</b>	<b>5748.44</b>

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

[www.cottonpatchquilt.com](http://www.cottonpatchquilt.com)

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

## February 26, 2009 Minutes

Mandy Weaver, Secretary

President Linda Neal opened the night by welcoming members and introducing guests. She thanked Virginia Johnson and the food committee for the meal.

January meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Sherry Worley thanked the closet clean out crew and asked everyone to check the lost and found pile. The guild donated 203 quilts to Fisher House. The guild voted to donate 3 baby quilts to Boles Home. She announced a Community Service challenge to members. Select fabric out of tub and make a quilt top or finished quilt. Quilts are due back by August 2009.

Debbie Uphoff provided a directory check off list and asked that everyone do a final check of their personal information for any errors before it is sent to be printed.

The 2010 Raffle Quilt Committee will meet on March 7, 2009 at Carolyn Burt's house to discuss ideas and come up with a recommendation to the guild.

Pam Shuman, treasurer, announced that when purchasing anything for the guild we do pay sales tax.

Jane Asberry announced that TAQG Rally Day will be July 11. There will be 3 classes available. She has the applications forms if anyone is interested. There will be a mini quilt auction if anyone wants to make a mini quilt for that.

Virginia Johnson, librarian, told everyone about all the new books she has purchased and announced that she is out of money so no further books can be purchased. The hat will be passed around to replenish the budget.

Debra Hager announced the guidelines for the UFO challenge. She handed out a form to be completed and turned in along with a fat quarter for every UFO on your list. When you complete a UFO bring it to show and tell and draw for a fat quarter as your reward. The challenge ends August 27, 2009 and a final drawing will be held for all remaining fat quarters.

Debra Hager needs money and forms for the Purley Gates Retreat turned in to her by tonight.

Mandy Weaver announced that she will be hosting a mystery project at the Purley Gates Retreat. Contact her for list of supplies.

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

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## Community Service

Sherry Worley

We hope everyone is enjoying the challenge of designing a quilt for the contest! The fabrics will be available at the next meeting. If you haven't had a chance to pick fabrics yet, there is still a great selection! Remember the quilts (or tops) are due back at the August meeting! Good luck everyone!

We have many kits available. Some are larger, some smaller, some easier, some more difficult...There is something for everyone! Please look through the kits and select one. We have several larger kits (for WIN) that a friendship group might like.

We are looking forward to the beginning quilting class. It starts on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March (before the guild meeting). We could still have one or two more students. Please call Sherry Worley if you are interested.

You may also come early on the 26<sup>th</sup> to work on general community service projects. Please bring either cutting equipment or your sewing machine.

Thank you to everyone who worked before the last guild meeting! With your help, we accomplish great things!

### Recipe by Request- Beef Zucchini Casserole

*from the kitchen of Virginia Johnson*

6 small zucchini, (about 7" long, 1-1/2" diameter)  
Steam or cook until crisp/tender (do not overcook) then cut into 1/2" slices.

Brown 1 lb ground beef with 1/2 cup chopped onions. Stir in 1/2 cup cracker crumbs when ground beef is browned. Add salt, pepper, and oregano flakes.

Make a white sauce using 1/4 cup melted butter, 1/4 cup flour and 2 cups milk. When thickened, stir in 1 cup grated cheddar cheese.

In a greased casserole, layer zucchini slices, then 1/2 of the ground beef mixture, then 1/2 of the white sauce. Repeat the layers, ending with the white sauce on top of the 2nd layer.

Bake at 325 for about 30 minutes

**Wanted:** Recipe for the spinach casserole served at the February meeting.

### 2009 UFO CHALLENGE

1. List the UnFinished Objects you challenge yourself to complete by 8/27/09. Be specific when identifying the object (e.g. Jane's baby quilt) or task (e.g. get borders on, finish binding).
2. Turn in list to Debra Hager. Make a copy for yourself. Turn in one beautiful 100% cotton fat quarter for every item on your list.
3. Bring to show and tell when you complete an object and draw for a fat quarter as your reward.

## Cotton Strippers Spring Retreat 2009

Purley, Texas

At this very moment, there are three dozen quilters rattling The Purley Gates with laughter and joy. The Celestial Singers heard there are sewing machines!

Our hearts are with our loved ones at home, who could not attend!

As our fondest dreams come true, we will come back with heavenly works of art and blessed memories.

Want to come with us? Our next retreat is November 5-8, 2009.

For more information contact:

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## Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

The Cotton Belles met at the home of Sandy Yates in March. We had a very busy meeting. Lanell and Sandy showed 4 Candy Cane Lane quilts, then showed us how to make that pattern. What a great, easy pattern! Thanks for sharing! We collected \$45 for F.I.S.H.

Our next meeting will be held on April 6 at Harvest Bible Church (4915 Hwy 34S). Kaye will be showing us how to do a Stack 'N Whack quilt. Everyone bring your fabric, cutting supplies, machine, and basic sewing kit.

### TIPS for Controlling Binding

(Condensed from "Fons and Porter" TV show)

- a. Fold binding, place in a quart jar, and let it feed out of jar.
- b. Fold binding, place under your blouse, and let it feed up over your neckline.
- c. Roll up binding, hold end and throw it over your shoulder. Feed over your shoulder.
- d. Tape a little paper bag to the front of the sewing table. Put folded binding in the bag and feed from the top of bag.
- e. Place folded binding in a used tissue box, the type with a slit on top, and feed through opening.
- f. Roll neatly around an empty toilet tissue roll. You can even install a toilet tissue holder on the side of your sewing machine cabinet.
- g. Wrap binding around a small square ruler to keep it flat and neat. Unwind as you sew it on.
- h. Put binding in a plastic "ziploc" bag. Leave a small opening at the top and feed through.
- i. Fold binding accordion style, 6" lengths, set on floor and feed through table legs.