



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

November 2009

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

President's Letter

Linda Neal

I am finally home (for 3 days) after being gone on and off the last 2 weeks. I have been to the Houston International Quilt show, the AQS show in Des Moines, and then to the Purley Gates retreat with the Strippers. I feel so inspired and excited about quilting.

I saw many beautiful quilts at both of the quilt shows, but, without a doubt, my very favorite was Karen Kay Buckley's quilt entitled "Arabesque." I was at the show for 4 days and each day I looked at that quilt in awe. How did she do it? Each day I saw something new in the quilt that I had not seen the day before. It took her 3 years to complete and has over 1000 perfect circles on it. She won Best in Show and received \$10,000. If you have the opportunity to look at Karen's website, you can find it in her gallery. I can't even imagine how to design such a beautiful quilt, much less construct it. But for now, I will just have to continue to improve my skills one block at a time.

This week I am off to Alex Anderson's retreat in Livermore, CA, and following I am going to a retreat at the Compass Centre in Mt. Calm, Texas. At Alex Anderson's we each bring our own project and Alex has mini break out sessions of classes. Paul Reid, a machine quilter, also teaches some classes. I plan to work on my "Ohmygosh" quilt that I started this past weekend at the Purley Gates. It is a simple quilt with a few nine patch blocks. Well, actually it has 550 nine patch blocks that finish at 1 1/2 inches. Oh, and it also has 440 four patch blocks that finish 1 inch. It's a good thing I am refreshed and inspired!

Until next month--Happy quilting!

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS
AT 5:00 P.M. BEFORE THE
GUILD MEETING.**



November Birthdays

Happy Birthday!
And Many More!

Carol Dodd	11/17	Debra Hager	11/16
Rena Hale	11/01	Phyllis Moynihan	11/03
Barbara Stephens	11/26	Jennifer Tenney	11/18
Carolyn Jo Wear	11/20	Sandra Yates	11/22

NOVEMBER Program

"Crazy Patchwork"

by

Alice Wilhoit

At the last minute last month we had a change in plans and Jackie Brown graciously stepped up and gave our program. This month our keynote speaker for our November meeting will be Alice Wilhoit. Most of us know and admire her work, teaching and contribution to the quilt world. She has a new book out called *Crazy Patchwork* and has agreed to come give us an insight on the techniques found in this book. There will be displaying of quilts, selling of patterns and a book signing, so mark your calendars as you do not want to miss this fun and exciting meeting.

- LaVonne McCaw

**Slate of Officers will be announced at
the November meeting.**

Community Service



**November 19
before Guild Meeting**

FUN! BARGAINS! GOOD STUFF!

If you have items to donate to the garage sale,
please price them and bring them to the building
between 3 - 5:30 PM.



Get Ready!

- Get your Christmas quilt finished for the December Show and Tell for prizes.
- Find/make a gift for the December gift exchange.
- Find/make a small square for the quilt scrap book and give it to Priscilla Moore.
- Dues for 2010 are due in January. Early payment can be made at the Dec meeting to Debbie Uphoff.

REFRESHMENTS COMMITTEE

November 19 (THIRD THURSDAY)

Carol Adams (Captain)

Kaye Adams	Jan Ainsworth
Betty Allen	Jane Asberry
LaVonne Bennett	Joan Biggs
Sara Bobbitt	Dorothy Boettcher
Betty Borden	Anna Borrer
Cathy Brandstetter	Jackie Brown
Lanell Bundick	Ruth Butcher
Carolyn Burt	

December 17 (THIRD THURSDAY)

Christmas Potluck Party – Everyone brings a dish

*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.

Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

The Cotton Belles met at LaNell's home on November 2. We spent the morning checking in items for the FISH auction. The circle will have a variety of items including quilts, hand knitted items, bean mixes, jigsaw puzzles, purses and much more. We look forward to another successful auction/donation for FISH. After lunch the group learned to make a cute small purse that would be suitable for either adults or children.

The next meeting will be on a different date...December 2nd which is a Wednesday rather than our normal Monday. We will have a joint meeting of the Cotton Belles and the Wednesday Girls Sit & Sew. Please meet at Sherry's by 10:00 AM on the 2nd. We will have a gift exchange (no more than \$10.00 value or homemade). After the exchange, cookies and a short meeting, we will carpool to Van Alstyne for shopping at The Alford Inn and lunch at the Durning House. It is hat day at the Durning House...wear a hat for free dessert. Please let Sherry know that you plan to attend as soon as possible so she can make the reservations.

To love what you do and feel that it matters—how could anything be more fun? — *Katherine Graham*

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Cathy Brandstetter

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Cotton Strippers

Jane Martyn

There was no meeting in November due to the Eufaula Retreat.



COTTON BLOSSOMS

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle had a very fun and informative meeting on October 19, 2009. The program was done by Sherry Worley. She is a good teacher, so relaxed that she made all the students calm and able to follow the instructions just right.

Sherry taught us Needle Weaving. She gave each student a sheet of Solvy. The sheet was folded in half where the bottom half was to put the mixture of threads all over it—at least three colors or more. Then each person used a fabric "appli-glue", dabbing little drops all around the bottom edge of the Solvy. Next, the top half of the Solvy was folded over the bottom half and the two halves were stuck together around the edges. This enclosed the threads so you could do your free motion work on the threads. It was an exciting time to see the threads take shape. You could do more threads and colors as you went along. Thanks so much to Sherry. Her time and effort gave the Blossoms a wonderful afternoon.

Three of our members were out ill. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle meets the first and third Mondays at 3:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Commerce, Texas. They have an open invitation for anyone who wants to learn quilting or loves to quilt.

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

www.cottonpatchquilt.com

Login: Texas Password: Star

Note capital letters – case sensitive.

October 22, 2009 Minutes

Mandy Weaver, Secretary

President Linda Neal opened the night by welcoming members and guests. She thanked Mary Lou Strohm and the food committee for the meal. Next month the captain is Carol Adams.

September meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Jackie Brown announced that the 2009 Raffle Quilt ticket money needs to be turned in to her as soon as possible, and she still has tickets to sell.

The 2010 Officers Nominating Committee was selected. The members are Jan Ainsworth, Margie Hendrix and Trudy McNish, alternates are Gwen Schroth and Debra Hager.

The guild voted to proceed with the 501C(3) incorporation. A motion was made by Lisa Coker, seconded by Margie Hendrix and passed by those present.

Debra Hager announced the Pearly Gates Retreat on November 5-8. See her to pick up your release forms and payment forms. Make checks payable to Debra Hager.

Donna Moon announced the Eufaula OK Retreat on November 12-15. An additional \$20.00 is due and can be paid to Jane Martyn or Connie Cawthon.

Community Service is having a garage sale fund raiser during the November guild meeting. If you would like to help donate items they can be brought up to the church after 3:00 PM on that day. See Sherry Worley. All money collected will go into the Community Service account.

The program was by Jackie Brown. She gave a trunk show and talked about machine and long arm quilting. Next month the program is Alice Wilhoit. The meeting is on the 3rd Thursday, November 19. A birthday drawing was held and door prizes were awarded followed by show and tell.

**December newsletter deadline
Friday, December 4**

Treasurer's Report

Pam Shuman

Balance as of September 30, 2009 3189.73

October 2009

Checks

1849 Jackie Brown, Raffle Q Tickets	(39.41)
1850 Linda Neal, Programs	(31.56)
1851 Linda Franklin, Newsletter	<u>(13.31)</u>
	(84.28)

Deposits

Raffle Q 2009	1441.00
Membership	36.00
Programs	<u>90.00</u>
	1567.00

Balance as of October 30, 2009 4672.45



October 2009 Door Prize Donors

Alford Inn, Van Alstyne – 1
Quilt Connection, Dallas - 1
Anonymous - 2

Thank you very much!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Debbie Uphoff

NEW EMAIL and NAME CORRECTION:

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PEOPLE POWERED PEDDLERS

Susan Childers

The October meeting was held at the home of Susan Childers. Demos were given on basic cleaning and lubricating of treadles and hand crank machines. We also had a demo on how to treadle and how to thread a shuttle. Refreshments were provided by Mary Lou Strohm and were delicious. Debra led us on a giggle march and after we were able to breath again we discussed where to buy these wonderful machines and prices.

Triple P's will meet at the home of Susan Childers on Monday, November 16, at 6:30 PM. We will be exchanging our 9 patches. Refreshments will be provided by Kay Colcleasure.

New members are welcome. We have some exciting ideas for projects for the oncoming year that will get us using our People Powered Machines. Come join us for a great learning experience and a lot of fun.

"May your seam ripper gather dust."



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sherry Worley

The Community Service Committee will hold their annual Garage Sale at the November guild meeting. You may donate items prior to the meeting. Please bring all items priced for sale. We have already received some nice donations of books and fabrics. Many thanks to those of you who will donate and purchase! If, like many of us, you just don't need another thing...we will have a container for donations.

Sorry, we have not been able to provide new kits for Community Service! Since the holidays are so near, we will wait until after the New Year to bring new kits. Perhaps by then we will all be ready to get back to work! Don't forget to sign the notebook at the Community Service table and jot down your hours! We will have a special door prize drawing at the December meeting. To be entered in the drawing you must have documented your community service in the notebook.

Just a reminder...Hunt Counties Shared Ministries (FISH) will hold its annual Bar-B-Que dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, November 20, 2009. Several guild members have donated items for the auction. Stop by and take a look, you might just find that perfect Christmas gift. The auction will be held at Wesley Methodist Church, both lunch and dinner will be available, and the auction bidding closes at 7:00 PM.

At the November meeting we will decide if we are going to make a special December donation to a local charitable group. In the past we have donated to Women in Need, Cynthia Lane at the Community Health Center, and Disciples For Christ. Please bring your suggestions!



Sunshine & Shadows

Madeline Sullivan

We are delighted that Kay Colcleasure's hand is free of the wires and picks. Her hand is usable again after 10 months since her accident. Let us give a Big Cheer for Kay!

Katharine McCaw reported that her crushed and almost severed toe is on the mend. A new x-ray showed the bone that was put back together is starting to grow. What a miracle! All our prayers really worked.

Sue Miller had hip surgery on October 1, 2009. She is recovering nicely. Soon she will be back with us and winning the door prizes once again. Sue, we love you.

Becky Medlock and Carolyn Jo Wear had knee surgery. We are so glad that they are doing well. Maybe these gals will have a foot race before long. It is just wonderful that this ordeal is behind you both. We all say "Hooray!"



Pieces of the Past

Barbara Cramer, Public Relations & Mktng Specialist

The North Texas History Center is excited to announce its first ever exhibit of historic quilts.

The exhibit is titled "Pieces of the Past" and will feature quilts from the 1870's to the 1930's. Many of the quilts are from the History Center's private collection, but the exhibit will also include quilts loaned to us from the personal collections of local residents.

The exhibit will open on November 21, 2009 and run through January 16, 2010 with the grand opening on November 28. Starting with the grand opening, we will have special events scheduled every weekend during the exhibit that will include quilting demonstrations, collection care workshops, and other special events.

We are very excited to share these historic quilts with the public for the first time and would like to invite your guild to come and enjoy them with us. If you would like more information on the exhibit or would like details on the events scheduled, please contact us at 972-542-9457 or visit our website: www.northtexashistorycenter.org

NTHC is located in downtown McKinney in the historic 1911 post office at 300 E. Virginia. Admission for this exhibit is \$5. NTHC has space available if you'd like to schedule a meeting with your group during the run of this exhibit. For information about scheduling a meeting at NTHC or a group visit, please contact Sarah Hatcher at 972-542-9457 ext. 102 or sarah@northtexashistorycenter.org.

--shared by Jane Asberry

"Opportunities are usually disguised by hard work, so most people don't recognize them." – *Ann Landers*