



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2009

Greenville, Texas

Linda Franklin, Editor

President's Letter

Greetings to everyone from the Compass Centre in Mt. Calm, Texas. I am attending a retreat with several fellow guild members and getting lots done.

The first project I competed when I arrived was my Carpenter's Star from the Debbie Maddy workshop. We had 22 members take the workshop the day after our last guild meeting. Everyone had a great time sewing together. We all worked on the same project, but you could choose from 2 different sizes. It was wonderful seeing all of the different color fabrics people brought for the class. I decided to use some old fabric left over from a UFO I was never going to finish. I happily cut up the fabric and thought about Debra Hager and the UFO challenge. This was one UFO that was never going to be made--instead it was "morphed" into a new quilt. I am happy to say it is done! LaNell Bundick also completed her Carpenter's Star quilt, and it looks great with a totally different color palate. I know of several other members who have finished theirs also. We plan to have a "reunion" at the next guild meeting to show off the beautiful quilt tops we completed. Thank you LaVonne McCaw for arranging the workshop. You did a great job. LaVonne is planning more workshops for next year.

We have lots of things going on in the guild as we head into the fall. Raffle ticket sales are in full swing. I have been taking the quilt to lots of area guilds and selling tickets. Please keep selling the raffle tickets to help cover the costs of our speakers. If you would like to show the quilt, please contact me and I will arrange to bring it to you. Also, Priscilla Moore is working on the guild scrapbook. She needs approx. 3-4 inch blocks to help decorate the pages. At the December guild meeting we will again have our Christmas quilt contest, so be working on your entry. And last, but not least, we have lots of community service going on: bead bags for the Children's Hospital, quilts to be sewn, and soon we will be working on holiday service projects.

September's meeting will feature Sharon Schamber. Remember we will only be serving desserts and beverages due to the increased number of guests we expect. Please feel free to invite friends to the meeting, but be aware of the \$5 non-guild member fee. It should be a great trunk show. Until then--happy quilting!
- Linda Neal

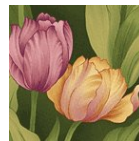
SEPTEMBER Program

"My Quilting Experience"

Our keynote speaker this month is renowned quilt artist, teacher and multi-media author Sharon Schamber, an accomplished hand quilter and appliqué artist who frequently uses the machine to create her quilts and is the originator of the "piec-lique technique". Winning best of show in 2006 and in 2007 at the AQS Paducah quilt show and once at the International Houston show, Sharon has shared her knowledge with quilters through CDs, DVDs, on-line quilting classes and lectures all over the country. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

There will be a \$5.00 charge for all non-members.

- LaVonne McCaw



September Birthdays

Happy, Happy, Birthday!

Kaye Adams	9/06	Jan Ainsworth	9/28
Lanell Bundick	9/11	Susan Childers	9/13
Allen Day	9/25	Alice Isham	9/28
Virginia Johnson	9/15	Connie Kline	9/22
Jane Martyn	9/04	Nancy Nall	9/15
Gwen Schroth	9/29	Pam Shuman	9/25

A Request for Your Help

from Betty Day

My daughter-in-law, Rose, is teaching her first class in Home Economics at Pewitt High School in Omaha, TX. Omaha is east of Mount Pleasant. Her students would like to learn to quilt. There have been no sewing classes in years. There is no fabric and the thread is rotten. Some of her students will not be able to purchase fabric and thread. I have cleaned out my stash and sent it to them. If you have fabric, thread, rulers or other things that you would donate, please bring it to guild. The students are male and female. I had no guy fabric.

**October newsletter deadline
WILL BE EARLY!
Friday, October 9**

What every quilter knows to be true:

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together." - Vincent van Gogh

REFRESHMENTS COMMITTEE

September 24

Light Refreshments and Desserts only

Belva Roberts (Captain)

Barbara Ratcliff	Sue Ross
Delinda Saye	Gwen Schroth
Shirley Shaw	Pam Shuman
Faye Smith	Marie Smith
Barbara Stephens	Frances Stinnett

October 22

Mary Lou Strohm (Captain)

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

*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.

From the Librarian

Virginia Johnson

Every time I am near a "Half-Price Books" store I look in their quilting section for books that are interesting, not in CPQG Library, and are cheap! That is my criteria for book selection. I recently bought:

The Standard Book of Quilt-Making and Collecting, by Margaret Ickis

This book was first published in 1949. It is one of the most interesting and informative books I have ever read so I immediately bought one for myself. It has a condensed version of "The History of Quilting" at the back.

Wine-Country Quilts

This book is for people who love purple and its various shades. It is also a book published in the wine country of California. The quilt pattern that I used to win my first blue ribbon is in this book.

Big 'n Easy (Quilts for Queen-size beds)

Since most of the quilts that are made for raffles are queen-size, this book may be very helpful if you need to know exact measurements of fabric, etc.

CPQG Dictionary

Procraftinating: Quilting or sewing or knitting when you are supposed to be doing something else!



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DIRECTORY UPDATES

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sherry Worley

I am so proud to be a part of such a talented, giving group of people! Many thanks to all of you who participated in the Community Service Challenge. The quilts were beautiful and will be greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

We plan to begin cutting new kits soon. Spot the dog will be available in October. Also available in October will be a few kits called Chunky Flowers. We have permission from the designer to use it for Community Service. I think you will like it! If anyone has a suggestion of a pattern you would like for us to cut, please let us know.

We are still collecting items for the Community Service Garage Sale. If you have items to donate please bring them to the September Guild meeting.

Cotton Belles

Sherry Worley

The Bells did not have a meeting in September. Plans have not been determined for the October meeting. Visitors are always welcome! Please call Sherry Worley for information.

August 27, 2009 Minutes

Mandy Weaver, Secretary

President Linda Neal opened the night by welcoming members and introducing guests. She thanked Katharine McCaw and the food committee for the meal. Next month's captain is Belva Roberts, and we will be serving only desserts at this meeting.

July meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Bettie Hammock announced a community service project of making bead bags for ill children who receive beads for their medical procedures. She will give the guild the pattern and requested we make some.

Sherry Worley ended the Community Service Quilt Challenge. Quilts were put on display and voted on by everyone. The winners were: 1st – Kathy Vestal, 2nd – Mandy Weaver, 3rd – Debra Hager, 4th - Wanda Roy, 5th – Linda Neal, 6th - Kathy Vestal. Prizes were awarded for their efforts. The guild is donating 20 quilts to a community health organization. She will be teaching a machine quilting class in September. The class will be free and you will be practicing on the community service completed quilt tops.

Jackie Brown announced that the 2009 Raffle Quilt won a 3rd place ribbon at the Plano Quilt Show. She ordered 1000 more raffle tickets. See her to turn in any money or get more tickets. Rena Hale is the coordinator for the 2009 raffle quilt, see her if you have a location to take the quilt.

Phyllis Moynihan showed the progress on the 2010 Raffle Quilt. It is a beautiful blue and white feathered star pattern.

Debra Hager announced the end of the UFO Challenge. A prize for the most UFO's completed went to Alice Isham, and the remaining fat quarters went to Anita Gaudreau.

The 2009 Raffle Quilt will be on display at the Commerce, TX, Bois D'Arc Bash on September 26th. Help is requested for selling tickets on that day. See Connie Cawthon for more info.

The Canton Quilt Show is in need of quilt entries for their show. If they don't get some more quilts the show will be canceled. Go on-line to find out more information.

TAQG requested a vote from our guild on the question of whether or not to continue the gift bags at Rally Day next year. Our guild voted yes on the question.

Sue Childers announced she is starting a new group for hand crank or treadle sewing machines. Anyone interested in joining the group see her for more info.

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

Connie Cawthon announced the Cleek Retreat on September 3-6. See her to sign up.

Debra Hager announced the Pearly Gates Retreat on November 5-8. See her to sign up.

Jane Martyn announced the Eufaula, OK Retreat on November 12-15. See her to sign up.

The program was by Debbie Maddy. She gave a trunk show of all her "No Y-Seam" pattern quilts.

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

Next month the program will be Sharon Schamber. Visitors are welcome and will be charged \$5.00 to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Pam Shuman

The August treasurer's report will be in the next newsletter.

QUILT SHOWS NEAR US

MINEOLA: Oct 9-10, 10 – 5 (Fri), 10 – 4 (Sat), "Quilt Celebration 2009", 200 W Blair, Mineola, \$3, 903-569-8877, www.mlota.org.

HOUSTON: Oct 15-18, 10 – 7 Oct 15-17, 11-5 Oct 18, International Quilt Festival, George R Brown Convention Center, Houston, www.quilts.com.

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August 2009 Door Prize Donors

Quilt Asylum - 1
Alford Inn, Van Alstyne – 1
Quilt Connection, Dallas - 1
In Stitches – Cathy Brandstetter - 1
Connie Cawthon - 4
Bettie Hammock – 1
Jane Martyn - 1

Thank you very much!

Cotton Strippers

Jane Martyn

Don't forget your bricks. We will exchange them until December.

OCTOBER REFRESHMENTS:

Mandy Weaver, Barb Powell, Jackie Brown, Mary Welch, Virginia Johnson, Sue Childers, Pam Hodapp, Debbie Uphoff, Lydia Lewis, Huey Nobles, Lisa Coker.

Sunshine & Shadows

Madeline Sullivan

Linda Powell's husband had surgery on August 28.

Joan Biggs's father passed away August 29. Graveside services were August 31 at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas, TX.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our members during their difficult times.



COTTON BLOSSOMS

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle met on August 17, 2009. They discussed the upcoming schedule then gave birthday cards to Kay Davis and Priscilla McFarland. Show and Tell was good. Helon Razniak and Priscilla McFarland finished their Ronald McDonald quilts. Both were colorful and unique. They reviewed the "Patriot Paws" Quilt and were very pleased with their work. The binding is just about finished and then it can be presented to the "Patriot Paws" volunteers for their fund-raiser. Nancy Amburgey had volunteered to do the binding and had it well along, but Carol Dodd helped her during this meeting.

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle next meeting was on September 14, 2009. It was a Sit and Sew Day.

Everyone is invited to join the group for a visit or to be a member. The First Presbyterian Church of Commerce is the place for the Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle meeting, first and third Mondays of each month at 3:00 P.M.

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

www.cottonpatchquilt.com

Login: Texas Password: Star

Note capital letters – case sensitive.

PEOPLE POWERED

New Circle
New Circle

PEDDLERS

Susan Childers

A new circle was started on September 1, 2009. Nine members were present. The group was started to learn more about hand crank and treadle sewing machines. The meeting was held at Sue Childers home. The group decided on the name of People Powered Peddlers and our meeting date will be the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be held October 19th at Sue Childers home. New members are welcome.

Many ideas for future topics were discussed. The next meeting's subject will be learning how to oil and thread a variety of machines. Members who own machines were asked to research them, finding out the make and model and any other information about their particular machine. They were also asked to photograph their machine. We hope to be able to share the photos on our guild website in the future.

If you have an interest in learning about hand crank or treadle sewing machines, feel free to come to our meetings. Ownership of a machine is not required. If you want to learn more about the group, contact one of the charter members: Sue Childers, Monica Denney, Jane Martyn, Nancy Nall, Kathy Dickens, Donna Moon, Mary Lou Strom, Sara Bobbitt or Debbie Uphoff.

Lest I Shall Be Forgotten

Inscribed saying on an 1846 American quilt by Harriet Huston Whitcomb, Springfield Township, Montgomery County, PA

Harriet H. Huston is my name
America is my station
Springfield is my dwelling place
And Christ is my salvation
When I am dead and in my grave
And all my bones are rotten
When this you see
Remember me
Lest I shall be forgotten
A.D. 1846

TIPS From the Fons & Porter TV show

Quilting template: Use contact paper for your quilting template. No need to trace, just stitch around it. Pick it up and move to the next section.

Border idea: Try a "Blended Border" next time you design your quilt. This idea is from Pamela Mostick as seen on the Fons & Porter show. Basically it is broderie perse that crosses the seam that joins the border to the quilt center. Cut out a large motif that is not overlapped by another motif in the fabric. Leave a scant 1/4" from motif. Best effect when motif is from the border fabric. Round off fine sharp points. DON'T FUSE. Glue down or hand baste. Appliqué the motif. Non-appliqué idea is to attach it during the quilting process (in this case rough up the edges with a toothbrush to give a dimensional edge after quilting).

What is "Beads of COURAGE?"

Every child diagnosed with cancer or a serious illness is given a strand of beads with their name on it by the hospital. For every medical treatment they complete (injections, transfusions, clinic visits, hair loss, etc.) they are given a handmade bead, which provides therapeutic support for the difficult recovery process. The bags are used to hold their beautiful beads and are gifts of kindness from sewers all across America.

The proof that this works is seen in the children's pride in their beads and bags.

The Beads of Courage is a non-profit organization that makes and distributes the beads to hospitals throughout the USA. They ask quilt guilds and sewing groups to provide the bags.

Please join in and make some bags for these very sick children.

Instructions on how to make the bags has been provided by Bettie Hammock (reprinted below).

What To Do With the Bead Bags

Bettie Hammock is willing to sew the Beads of Courage logo on the bag for you. She will also see that the bags you make are given to Dallas area hospitals. You can give them to JoAnn Cross or Linda Neal, or leave them at the Quilt Mercantile in Celeste to be passed on to her.

For more information about the program, visit their website at www.beadsofcourage.org or call 520-331-1984.

Beads of COURAGE® "bead BAGS"

By Bettie Hammock, Sulphur Spring, Texas

Fat Quarters are great for this project. There will be a small scrap left over.

Focus Fabric - Cut 9" x 12" - With RS together sew a ½" seam on both long sides making a tube. Press seams open.

Lining Fabric - Cut 9" x 12" - With RS together sew a ½" seam on both long sides making a tube. Press seams open.

- Turn lining right side out and place inside of focus fabric (RS together).
- Line up seams and sew a ¼" seam around the top of the tube.
- Turn right side out. Press seam towards lining.
- Tuck the lining back inside and press the top seam flat.
- Place tube on the open arm of the sewing machine and sew a seam at 2" from top. When you get to the two seams, back tack about 4" across the seam.
- Sew another seam 2 ¾" from the top back, tacking again at the seams. (This makes the seams stronger for the cording to be pulled through.)
- Using a seam ripper, pop the seam between the two back tacks on focus fabric for cording to be pulled through.
- Turn project wrong side out and SERGE all layers together.
- Turn right side out and press bottom seam.
- Sew a Beads of Courage logo patch in the middle or right hand corner of the bag. (Bettie is willing to do this for you.)
- Cut two 26" pieces of cording. Using a large safety pin fold back about ½" of cording and pin through the folded edge.
- Starting at one seam, thread all the way around the bag. Tie ends of cording together in a knot.
- Do the same with the other seam.

For a SMALL BAG

Cut fabric 7" x 10" and proceed the same as above except when stitching the two rows at the top for cording, sew first row 1½" and the second row at 2 ¼". Be sure to back tack at seams. Cut cording 17".

NOW YOU ARE FINISHED. Please feel free to put a note of encouragement in the bag.

Thank you so very much on behalf of the children coping with serious illness at CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER OF DALLAS & MEDICAL CITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. Now they will have something to keep their "Beads of Courage" in as they travel back and forth to the hospital.