



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greenville, Texas

Carol Dodd, Editor

**NEW BY-LAWS will be emailed separately after this Newsletter
READ THEM before the meeting on April 22 (please)**

President's Letter

LaVonne McCaw

Spring is here! Hopefully you have all been enjoying more sunny days than wet ones. Warm days and cool breezes have a tendency to get you in the mood to finish some of those UFOs (unfinished quilts or projects). I know I have a quite a few in my closet.

I know that it's this time of year when we start gearing up for Spring and Summer activities and that brings back memories of county fairs, carnival rides, turkey legs and exhibits. June 11th through 19th, 2010 is the Hunt County Fair and a wonderful opportunity to enter those quilts we have been working hard on in retreats, workshops and/or classes. The Hunt County Fair Creative Art Department is in charge of quilts entered at the fair here in Greenville. If you are interested in submitting a quilt you will need to enter your quilt on Tuesday, June 1st from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Creative Arts building on the fairgrounds. The entry fee is 50 Cents per quilt. If you have any questions you may call Leta Ayers at 903-527-3147.

For those of you interested in entering a quilt or just making one with a judge's opinion in mind, I did some research and found out that there are a lot of elements that the judges look for in judging a quilt. Following are a few basic examples of what judges look for: batting must fill the binding; corners should be 90 degree angles; edges should lie flat and smooth; quilts should lie flat; edges, border seams and sashing should be straight with no waviness; thin binding is preferred over wide binding and corners should be mitered and sewn close; and of course there should be no pet dander or hair on any quilts. As I said, these are just a few tips. If interested you may go on the internet and do a search to find more tips to make that special quilt into a blue ribbon winner.

It is official! We are now incorporated as a non-profit corporation and our new name is Cotton Patch Quilt Guild, Inc. Papers have been submitted to file an assumed name certificate to do business as Cotton Patch Quilt Guild. I will let you know when we receive that approval from the Secretary of State.

If you haven't already, please don't forget to pay your dues as soon as possible. Your dues help make the guild the success it is.

Until next month, happy quilting and I hope everyone has a wonderful Mother's Day whether you are a mother or know of someone special who is!



APRIL PROGRAM

Jackie Brown

Richard Larson will be the guest speaker on April 22, 2010.

Richard has been involved in sewing and designing for many years. He began sewing for his family at the age of six. During his junior and high school years, he earned money for college by making prom wear for the local school kids.

Richard graduated Wades Fashion Merchandising College and obtained a degree in Fashion Design and Textiles. In the early 70's and 80's, he worked in two different design houses in Dallas, Texas where he designed women's After Five Apparel.

With the encouragement of his mother, Joyce Larson, Richard has been quilting professionally since 1998 when he purchased a Gammill long-arm quilting machine and has been hooked ever since.

You may view photos and newsletters at the guild's website: www.cottonpatchquilt.com
Login: Texas Password: Star
Note capital letters – case sensitive.

Cotton Strippers

Mandy Weaver

The Strippers held a sit'n'sew day for community service on April 8. Bettie Hammock came and taught us how to make the bead bags of courage. We completed 43 bags and cut many kits.

May 13, we will have a sit'n'sew to make community service quilts. Everyone is invited, so bring your sewing machine and join us. We will begin at 1:00 with our regular dinner and meeting at 6:00.

June 10, we will have a garage sale with the proceeds being donated to Kavanaugh Church. Bring any sewing related items that you no longer want and your trash will be someone else's treasure. All guild members are invited to our sale.

Mandy Weaver handed out the next step of the mystery project. Several people brought their completed blocks to show. Contact her if you want to participate.

We collected \$22.00 to be donated to the church to cover utilities. Kathy Dickens is holding the money until we give the donation.

Kathy Dickens discussed the People Powered Pedalers retreat coming up April 29 – May 2. It is open to anyone who wants to go. See her for more information.

May 19 we will be hosting the Solid Rock dinner at the church. The food committee is Debra Hager, Jan Ainsworth, Kathy Dickens, Anita Gaudreau, Beck Medlock. The menu is spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. We collected \$63.00 at the meeting and will be collecting at the May meeting, \$100.00 min. is needed to fund the event. See Debra Hager if you would like to help.

Jeanie Herring will be having a Quilting Day Camp on May 29, 30, 31 at her house. Everyone is invited so bring your sewing machine and enjoy fun, food and fellowship. Please see her for more information and to RSVP.

Refreshments for the May meeting will be brought by Debra Hager, Jan Ainsworth, Shirley Shaw, Connie Cawthon, Huey Nobles, Mandy Weaver, Becky Medlock.



DEADLINE

**Information for the next Newsletter
will be due
May 16**

PEOPLE POWERED

PEDALERS

Sue Childers

The Pedalers met March 15 in the small dining room of the Church. Two new members and one guest were present. Refreshments were served by Donna Moon and Maejean Nixon. We continued our block exchange so now we can start on our quilts. The final chance for ordering books was taken advantage of by several members. We sorted out our group order of parts so now everyone can go home and spruce up their machines with new bobbin winder tires, needles and other goodies. BOM pattern was announced.

Several machines were in attendance so we all got to admire and watch them sew. A short program on the Graybar Sewing machine with 2 examples to look at was given by Sue Childers.

Show and tell was great! Sara Bobbit's granddaughter, Rebecca, was present with a show and tell of her latest finished quilt (her sixth) and she is only 9 years old. She did a beautiful job and we were all in awe that we are still struggling with a quarter inch seam and she has finished six quilts! Go Rebecca! She is also our newest member, though she can only attend when school allows.

As always we had a great meeting with a lot of ideas and learning that went well into the evening.

Everyone is looking forward to retreat at the end of April and hearing the music of a lot of treadles treadling and handcranks cranking.

New members are always welcome. Owning a people powered machine is not required, just an interest in the history and story of this fascinating part of our past.

Our next meeting will be at the Church on the 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm.

"May your seam ripper gather dust"

***DON'T FORGET!!
COMMUNITY SERVICE NEEDS
→YOUR← HELP!***

***1:30—APRIL 22 AT KAVANAUGH,
BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING.
BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED***

Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossoms Quilt Circle had their regular meeting on April 1, 2010. Members who finished BOM #2 received their third BOM, a lesson in Flying Geese. For a 2"x4" goose, one 5 1/2" square is centered on a 7" square, right sides together. Using successive diagonal stitching and cutting, the two uneven squares become Flying Geese. It is a lesson in math and concentration!

Another project was the crayola Sunbonnet Sue squares that most of the members are doing. It will be a delightful quilt. The Red Work quilt is ready to be bound. Nancy Amburgey is going to do the binding.

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle is open to everyone interesting in quilting. They meet twice a month, first and third Mondays at the First Presbyterian Church, Commerce, TX.

COTTON BELLES

Sherry Worley

The Cotton Belles met on April 5th at the home of Sandy Yates. Kaye Dunn showed us all how to make a fleece cuddle wrap for babies. They are adorable and easy! A \$40 donation was taken up for Hunt County Shared Ministries. We discussed the Grandmother's Flower Garden top (that was donated by Beth Winn), and formulated a final plan for finishing the top. We hope to have the project completed for a fundraiser for Community Service in 2011. Sherry Worley brought Pina Colada Cheesecake for Dessert.

UPCOMING TEXAS QUILT SHOWS

"America the Beautiful"

Quilters' Guild of Arlington Annual Festival of Quilts.
Friday and Saturday May 7 & 8, 10AM—5PM
Bob Duncan Community Center
2800 S. Center St. in Vandegriff Park
Admission \$6

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORIES

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