



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greenville, Texas

Carol Dodd, Editor

President's Letter

LaVonne McCaw

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope each and every one of you had a marvelous and memorable day spending time with someone you love or doing something you love to do.

I am very proud to be the President of Cotton Patch Quilt Guild ("CPQG") and I consider it a privilege. The Executive Board is elected to serve its membership and in order to do that, there has to be communication. Without communication and participation from you we would not be a successful guild.

In the coming year, please consider giving a few hours of your time for various projects. This could be just as simple as greeting a visitor, mentoring to a new member or picking up door prizes at a quilt store as we search for that special piece of fabric.

Signing up as a volunteer on a committee is a great way to get to know your fellow quilters and learn more about the guild hands on. We have several committees coming up which could use your help. If you want to get involved and don't know where to go or who to ask, give me a call and I'll be more than happy to assist you.

Speaking of committees, Phyllis Moynihan and the design committee have done a wonderful job in creating and piecing our 2010 Raffle Quilt. However, we need a chair person who would be willing to oversee the duties of getting the quilt out to the public. Someone, with the help of volunteers, needs to take on the responsibility of entering it in shows and taking it to various places to sell tickets. We are also looking for a new design committee for the 2011 Raffle Quilt. This will be one of the most important quilts as it's the 20th Anniversary of CPQG, so start thinking about what you would like from this guild and what part you might like to play.

The Executive Board meets once every quarter at

Kavanaugh, with our first meeting on February 25th at 5:15 p.m. The meeting is open to the membership, so if you have something you would like to address to the board or if you would just like to come and listen, you are invited.

I would like to thank a few people: Kay Colcleasure for agreeing to be our Parliamentarian; Jane Asberry for agreeing to stay on as the Texas Association of Quilt Guilds ("TAQG") representative; Madeline Sullivan for Sunshine and Shadows; Priscilla Moore as Historian and Sherry Worley for Community Service.

I hope in the coming months to use my column to disseminate information about what is going on in the world of quilting in Texas and throughout our community. I look forward to 2010 and hearing from you.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM



MATCHLESS STAR
by Becky Jackson

Becky Jackson will talk about her way of making a Lone Star quilt without matching all those pesky little diamond points.

Becky has been sewing since she was eight years old. She has had training in color and design and has experimented with many forms of art, but quilting has become her favorite. She's an award winning quilter, a designer and a teacher. Her latest quilt design is the Matchless Star.

She will present a workshop on Friday here at Kavanaugh.

Past President's Letter

Linda Neal

I would like to thank the guild for the card and gift certificate. It was a wonderful, and unexpected surprise. The gift certificate is burning a hole in my pocket as I write.....

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the last two years. I would like to thank my board members: LaVonne McCaw, Pam Shuman, Debbie Uphoff, Linda Franklin, Mandy Weaver, Virginia Johnson, and Carolyn Burt. You have each done a great job in your office which enabled me to run the guild efficiently. I would also like to thank Sherry Worley for her many hours of work with community service. And lastly, I would like to thank Jackie Brown and Phyllis Moynihan for chairing the raffle quilt committees. It was their hard work and dedication that allowed the guild to afford the wonderful speakers we have had the last two years.

Madeline Sullivan has done a great job with Sunshine and Shadows. And Priscilla Moore has been the historian. Priscilla has been working on a great scrapbook for the guild showing all of our activities. Jane Martyn has been the door prize coordinator- we all appreciate her hard work! Also, Jane Asberry has been our TAQG representative. She has done a wonderful job keeping our guild up to date with TAQG activities.

Best wishes to LaVonne McCaw and the new 2010 officers. I know they will do a great job. I am looking forward to my "retirement" years and spending more time sewing with all of you.... and more retreats!

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2010

Mandy Weaver

President Linda Neal opened the meeting by thanking previous board members for their dedicated service, and welcomed new board members. The new board members are Lavonne McCaw – President; Jackie Brown – Programs; Rene Hale – Treasurer; Carol Dodd – Newsletter. Lavonne McCaw presented the list of upcoming programs for 2010. There will be two workshops this year with the first coming up in February.

Pam Shuman presented the December 2009 and Annual treasurer's report. The 2010 proposed

budget items were discussed. Some changes were proposed. The revised budget proposal will be presented at our next meeting. A vote needs to be brought before the membership at the next guild meeting about the interest on the CD—whether it should be rolled over or transferred into the checking account. The signers on the accounts need to be changed to the new president and treasurer.

Carol Dodd has set up an email address just for the newsletter. All newsletter contributions should be sent to this address: cpqgnews@gmail.com. This should make it easier for the transfer of editors from year to year.

A change in recording community service hours has been made. In addition to the hours spent working on community service quilts, all hours spent on any guild business need to be recorded. These hours will be kept in a separate notebook. There will now be two notebooks set out on the community service table during the regular guild meetings.

The Library has zero dollars in the 2010 budget for buying new books. The money allotted for the 2010 budget has gone to repay Virginia Johnson for her purchase of a new book cart. It was decided any future book orders shall be brought before the executive committee and approved before they are purchased.

The guild needs to decide if we are going to redesign the guild logo. Debra Hager has offered to do it.

Lavonne McCaw will ask Anita Gaudreau if she will continue to pick up the guild mail.

Linda Neal discussed the status of the 501 C (3) Incorporation issue. All the forms are completed and ready to be sent to the state, a new contact person is need since she will no longer be president.

There was discussion about the 2010 raffle quilt pertaining to getting it quilted, having tickets printed, and ideas around marketing the quilt to maximize ticket sales. It was noted that the raffle tickets need to have a numbering system. Jackie Brown will find out if that will raise the printing costs.

The budget for the TAQG gift bags was increased because TAQG wanted us to provide 500 items to fill the gift bags.

The meeting was closed by Linda Neal expressing a heartfelt thank you to all committee members and executive board members for their contributions.

January 28, 2010 Minutes

Mandy Weaver

President Linda Neal opened the night by welcoming members and guests. She thanked Pat Cate and the food committee for the meal. Next month's captain is Carol Dodd.

December meeting minutes were approved by the members.

See Debbie Uphoff, membership officer, to renew your membership, dues are \$24.00. She will be taking photos of everyone to put in the directory. Members can make their own name tag, which can be hanging from a cord or a clip/pin one. Your name tag will still be stored at the church as always. She also has pins with the guild logo for sale for \$5.00.

Carol Dodd, newsletter editor, announced a new email address for newsletter submissions; cpqgnews@gmail.com.

Debbie Emard presented the Home of the Brave quilt program to the guild. This is an organization that makes quilts for the family of fallen soldiers from any war. They are requesting quilt tops be made from a cross block. See her for more information.

Sherry Worley, community service officer, announced the following organizations that we are partnered with and asked all guild members to help support them in any way they can. Women in Need, A Woman's Heart, Cynthia Lane's organization, Circle S Ranch, Bead Bags of Courage, and Christmas Stockings for Salvation Army. She brought a signature quilt for all guild members to sign that will be given to Linda Neal's mother, Mary Lee Northhouse, to help comfort her as she recuperates from brain surgery.

Connie Cawthon showed the 2010 Raffle Quilt to the guild. It is a beautiful blue and white double feathered star. We are asking for suggestions on a name for the quilt. The committee will be taking bids from long arm quilters for the quilting and will be making a decision on Jan 30.

The 2010 Officers were installed as President – Lavon McCaw, Vice President – Jackie Brown, Treasurer - Rene Hale, Secretary - Mandy Weaver, Membership – Debbie Uphoff, Newsletter – Carol Dodd, Library – Virginia Johnson.

Pam Shuman, treasurer, presented the 2010 budget to the guild. After questions and discussion, it was accepted by a vote of the members.

Sue Childers announced a retreat the People

Powered Peddlers will be hosting. The retreat will be September 30 at Eufaula, Ok. The cost is \$45.00 and you will provide your own food. See her for more information and to sign up.

The incorporation of the guild is almost finalized and when this is done the by-laws have to be rewritten. A committee was formed to handle this including Katherine McCaw, Sherry Worley and Margie Hendricks.

Kathy Dickson replaces Jane Martyn as the door prize chairman. A birthday drawing was held and door prizes were awarded followed by show and tell.

The speaker for February's meeting will be Becky Jackson. She will show her Matchless Star Quilt technique. She will be hosting a workshop on Friday Feb. 26 from 9:00 – 4:00. The cost is \$25.00 see Jackie Brown to sign up.

TAQG NEWS

Jane Asberry

The secondary meetings at the next TAQG meeting will be membership and publicity. If you have an interest in either of these areas, I'd love to have you represent our guild at the meeting and bring back information to help our guild. The meeting will be March 30 in Lewisville, you may ride with Sherry and me and we'll have a fun time!

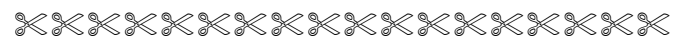
We need a couple of people to step up to the plate and make mini quilts for the Rally Day auction. The outside borders may not total more than 100 inches. See me if you think you might want to do this.

Cynthia England will be our speaker at Rally Day this year. You might want to visit her website to see if you're going to be interested in taking either of her classes.

Keep up with Rally Day plans by looking on the TAQG website:

www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org

Workshop sign up forms will be available on the website beginning March 1st



DEADLINE

Information for the March Newsletter
will be due

March 15

“Beware the Ides of March.”

HOME OF THE BRAVE QUILTS

Debbie Emard

This is another opportunity to honor our military heroes. You are asked to make a quilt (might be a good group project) with a simple X-shaped nine-patch.

Information about the program can be found at:

<http://www.homeofthebravequilts.com>

The pattern can be found by clicking on the "Quilts" tab.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS



Dallas Quilt Celebration

"Log Cabin Odyssey"

March 12-14

Dallas Market Hall

Dallas, TX

More info: www.quiltersguildofdallas.org

Bear Creek Quilt Guild

"Remembering a Simpler Time"

April 9-11

Will Rogers Memorial Center

Fort Worth, TX

More info: www.BearCreekQuiltGuild.org

Cotton Strippers

Mandy Weaver

The Cotton Strippers met January 16 at the Cleek Retreat. We discussed many ideas for projects during the upcoming year. Some of the ideas were a sit & sew to make bead bags and community

service quilts, a garage sale, a strip exchange, and a mystery quilt.

Mandy Weaver will be hosting a mystery project. The first step will be handed out at the February meeting and will be completed in 6 months. This will be a scrappy quilt so you can use up that stash of scraps. Come join us in the fun of solving the mystery.

We have the Eufaula Retreat reserved for Nov. 18, 2010; see Kay Colcleasure for more details and to make a deposit.

Refreshments for the March meeting will be brought by Anita Gaudreau, Jeanie Herring, Kathy Vestal, Linda Neal, Jan Ainsworth and Pat Jonz.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sherry Worley

The start of a new year always brings new challenges and new opportunities to help others. We will continue to make some larger sized quilts. This year they will be twin size. The committee has decided to support the Circle S Ranch. It is a home for mentally challenged adults. Kits will be available starting in February. January kits include Spot the Dog and kits for the 12 ½" blocks for the military quilts.

When you pick up a Community Service kit you may complete any portion of the kit then return it to the Community Service table. When you return a kit please be sure to sign up in the Community Service notebook. We keep up with hours spent on Community Service to help document our efforts in support of our 501c(3). We will also begin recording hours that are spent in support of the Guild. Please record any hours that you work to keep the Guild running. These may include, but are not limited to board meetings, TAQG meetings, all hours spent performing your duties as a board member, working on any Guild project... There will be two labeled notebooks at the Community Service table, please make sure that you are signing up in the correct notebook.

You may view photos and newsletters at the guild's website: www.cottonpatchquilt.com

Login: Texas Password: Star

Note capital letters – case sensitive.

COTTON BELLES

Sherry Worley

The Cotton Belles met at Kaye's on January 4th for a Sit and Sew. We planned our circle programs for 2010 and discussed our Community Service projects. Twelve step challenge lists are due at the February Circle meeting. Kaye showed several finished projects including, a Christmas Package table runner, a snowman table runner, and a Christmas Tree wall hanging. The F.I.S.H. donation was \$100.

The next meeting will be at Kaye's on February 1st at 10:00a.m. Kaye will demonstrate the starch and freezer paper method of appliqué. Please bring a project to work on after the demo. Bring a sack lunch and Sue will provide dessert.

PEOPLE POWERED PEDALERS

Sue Childers

We met at the home of Sue Childers with refreshments served by Kathy Dickens and Carolyn Wright.

We had a demo on actually using a hand crank machine given by Maejean Nixson and Kay Colcleasure. A group order was gathered for extra needles and misc. parts for our various machines and a few were given first aid and are working fine now. We also discussed an upcoming retreat and manuals for our "new" machines.

The members discussed how they were progressing with the cleaning and use of their "new" machines.

We are exchanging 9 patches for a quilt that will be completely made on People Powered Machines. We showed our blocks that we have been making and 2 mystery attachments were shown and discussed.

This group is having a wonderful time rediscovering the machines that our Grandmothers and Great-grandmothers used to make clothing and quilts for their families.

You are invited to join our group for fun and fellowship. You do not have to own a machine to be part of this group, just an interest in the history of these machines. Participation in any of our projects is not required.

Our next meeting will be at the studio of Monica Denny on the 15th of February at 6:30 PM. For information call Sue Childers at 903 883 3578.

Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle met February 1 for their regular meeting. JoAnn Cross introduced her Block of the Month (BOM). The blocks are to extend over a year, plus. In typical JoAnn fashion, she had already designed and made each block. Everyone was excited and anxious to get the first block and get started. Each block will be done at home and with each person's choice of fabric and colors. We had three new people join the circle. None were beginners, so they could get started with the group on the first block.

The second February meeting was on the 15th. There were 16 people participating in the BOM. JoAnn is a good teacher, so when friends and quilters heard she was doing the BOM they wanted to join in. Some of the Blossoms had finished the first block. All were different in colors and backgrounds. It was remarkable that the same pattern could look so different.

Priscilla McFarland gave a tip on how to "Camouflage Your Mistakes" using quilting. She had a hand out describing some ways you can cover up your mistakes in piecing. It was a very good tip. Thanks Priscilla.

We had a visitor from Istanbul, Turkey. Nur asked if we would enjoy seeing her needlework from Turkey. Everyone said, "YES!" Next meeting, Nur will be our speaker. Also, the first block of the BOM will be due, and the second will be introduced.

Margie Hendrix had finished several baby quilts for her great granddaughter. Nancy Amburgey had finished her challenge quilt for the Ronald McDonald House. Rena Hale, a new member, showed her new jacket she had fashioned from pieces of fabric left from other things she had made in the past. The jacket was warm and very classy. Rena also showed a utility quilt in which the blocks were tied together.

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle meets the first and third Monday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church, 1216 Monroe Street, Commerce, Texas. The members extend an open invitation to anyone to come visit or join our group.
