



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

January, 2010

Greenville, Texas

Carol Dodd, Editor

President's Letter

Linda Neal

Well, it's January 2010 and this will be my last newsletter as President. I have enjoyed the last 2 years as President and writing the newsletter column. I have often written about the joys of quilting and traveling--the fun of finding the right fabric, a challenging pattern, and sewing retreats with friends. Quilting has brought me great comfort over the past 5 years.

Many of you know my mother was diagnosed with a brain tumor 1 week after her knee replacement surgery, which was on December 14. She spent 16 days in ICU, including Christmas Day. As I sat beside her bed feeling sad and hopeless, the only thing I could do was to place a Christmas quilt over her. It was a pretty pieced green and red quilt that I made a year ago, for no particular reason. It was never going to be in show. And even after I completed it, I didn't know what to do with it. So it went in the pile of completed quilts to sit, until Christmas Day.

I don't think Mom knew it was Christmas, but I did. We had made other plans for that day, but they had been cancelled days before. I had purchased a Christmas present for her, but she was too sick to open it. Earlier that day as I got ready to leave the house to go to the ICU, I remembered that Christmas quilt sitting in a pile upstairs. I got it and took it with me to the hospital. As I put it across her, I felt calm and at peace. She opened her eyes briefly and touched the quilt. Then she grasped it tightly with her hand and did not let go. I sat by her bed for most of the day. And as I left to go home, I knew that every time she opened her eyes, she could look and the quilt and know she was not alone. I hope the quilt brought her comfort. I know it brought comfort for me.

Linda Neal

JANUARY PROGRAM

The Good the Bad and the Ugly

It's that time of the year when we install our new officers for 2010. Please try and come to the meeting to say thank you to the 2009 officers for a wonderful year and get to know the new officers for 2010. Shortly after the business meeting, those who would like to participate will be showing off their first quilts or their blooper quilts or an extraordinary quilt that they have created and tell a short story about each. Where it came from, how it came to be and what's it all about. Please come and join the fun.

TAQG NEWS

Jane Asberry

January TAQG meeting will be in Garland on January 23. The secondary meetings will be for President, Secretary and Treasurer. I hope that our new officers will be able to attend with me.

2010 Officers

President: LaVonne McCaw
Vice President: Jackie Brown
Treasurer: Rena Hale
Membership: Debbie Uphoff
Secretary: Mandy Weaver
Librarian: Virginia Johnson
Newsletter: Carol Dodd
Parliamentarian: to be appointed

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT THE JANUARY MEETING

Annual dues, \$24, are due in January and renewing now will help the Membership Chairperson get the directory ready on time.

Bring your check made out to "Cotton Patch Quilt Guild" and give it to Debbie Uphoff. Also fill out the Membership Update form available at the welcome table. This form is required for all members. Pictures will be taken, so wear your best smile.

January 28 Refreshments

Pat Cate (Captain)

Connie Cawthon	Susan Childers
Jackie Clark	Lynn Cogswell
Lisa Coker	Kay Colcleasure
Jo Ann Cross	Allen Day
Betty Day	Vickey Dees
Monica Denny	Louise Devenport
Kathy Dickens	

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.

February 25 Refreshments

Carol Dodd (Captain)

Debbie Emard	Debra Hager
Janice Evans	Rena Hale
Linda Franklin	Margie Hendrix
Anita Gaudreau	Shirley Herman
Debbie George	Jeannie Herring
Kelly Greiner	Pamela Hodapp
Gladys Guthrie	

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Betty Day	Jan 6	Gail Bohmfalk	Jan 8
Janice Evans	Jan 10	Sue Ross	Jan 20

IT'S ALL ABOUT FOOD Recipes by Request

From Gladys Trammel:

BAKED CUSTARD

Eggs:	2	4	6	8	10	12
Sugar (C):	1/3	2/3	1	1 1/3	1 2/3	3
Milk (C):	1 1/3	2 2/3	4	5 1/3	6 2/3	8

Beat eggs and sugar. Add scalded milk. Pour into pan that is set in another pan of hot water. Sprinkle nutmeg on top. Bake 25-30 minutes at 425° or until knife inserted into custard comes out clean.

My mother said to always rinse scalded milk pan out with cold water before adding milk.

From Gladys Trammel:

EASY STICKY BUNS

18 frozen dinner rolls	¼ C. butter, melted
3 ½ pkg cook & serve	½ C packed brown sugar
Butterscotch pudding mix	1 tsp. cinnamon

Arrange frozen rolls in a greased Bundt pan, sprinkle with pudding mix and set aside. Combine butter, brown sugar and cinnamon and pour over rolls. Cover tightly with greased aluminum foil and let rise overnight. Uncover and bake at 350° for 30 to 40 minutes. Carefully invert onto a serving platter. Serve warm.

From Gladys Trammel:

EASY COCONUT CAKES

4 large egg whites	1 ½ C shredded coconut
2/3 C sugar	½ C flour
½ tsp. vanilla extract	¼ tsp. salt

1 stick unsalted butter, melted

Whisk the egg whites until smooth and a little foamy. Add the remaining ingredients one by one. Be especially light-handed when stirring in the butter and flour.

Butter two 12 cup mini-muffin pans or fit them with liners.

Divide batter among 20 of the cups and bake at 350° for 20 minutes. The cakes should be puffy, springy, and easy to pull from the sides of the pans. Makes 20.

Each muffin: 110 calories, 12g carbs, 1g protein, 10mg cholesterol, and 6g fat.

Next month: SWEET 'N SOUR COLE SLAW

Calling all Machine Quilters!

The 2010 Raffle Quilt Committee will be accepting bids from our machine quilters at the January meeting.

February newsletter deadline will be **February 14,**
the second Sunday of the month.

>>>>>New email for submissions: cpqgnews@gmail.com<<<<<<
(You may need to put this address in your address book so the newsletter will not end up in SPAM)

December 17, 2009 Minutes

Mandy Weaver

President Linda Neal opened the night by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and welcoming members and introducing guests. She thanked everyone for the wonderful meal. Next month's food committee chairman is Pat Cate.

November meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Pam Shuman, treasurer, announced that the end of year report would be out in January. Any receipts that need to be paid are due now so she can close out the books.

Community Service held a quilt raffle during the meeting as a fundraiser. The quilt was made and donated to Community Service by Kathy Vestal. Sherry Worley won the quilt. Everyone who completed a quilt during the last year for Community Service was entered into a drawing for door prizes. The winners were Joan Biggs, Kay Adams, JoAnn Cross and Mary Alice. Thanks to everyone who helped out with Community Service this year.

Phyllis Moynihan announced that the progress on the 2010 Raffle Quilt was going well. She hoped to present it to the group at the next meeting. She will be taking bids from anyone who wants to quilt it. See her for more information.

A special election was held to allow the current Librarian, Virginia Johnson to continue to hold her office for another year. The motion was passed by the members.

The 2010 slate of officers was brought before the guild. Carolyn Burt moved we accept the officers and Trudy McNish seconded the motion. The membership passed the vote. The 2010 officers are as follows. LaVonne McCaw – President; Jackie Brown – Vice President; Rene Hale – Treasurer; Mandy Weaver – Secretary; Debbie Uphoff – Membership; Virginia Johnson – Librarian; Carol Dodd – Newsletter.

The 2009 Raffle quilt drawing was held and won by Tecla Tybor. The quilt raised \$3,715.00

Minutes – *con't.*

The Christmas quilt show was shown by members and judged by the officers. Prizes for the quilts were awarded as follows: Most Whimsical - Jeanie Harris; Best use of Christmas Fabric in a traditional pattern - Katharine McCaw; Christmas Tree Skirt - Pat Jones; Best use of gold fabric – Anita Gaudreau; Most Bling – Sherry Worley; Judges Choice – Jan Ainsworth; Tis the reason for the season – JoAnn Cross; Best Snowman– Donna Moon; Best hand quilting – Maejean Nixon; Best Backing – Janice Whitt.

The guild presented Debbie Emard with the quilt blocks for the Marine Comfort Quilt organization. It was decided to make this an on-going project. We will continue to make the 12-1/2” blocks and give them to Debbie throughout the year. Everyone is invited to participate.

The Birthday drawing was held and door prizes were awarded followed by show and tell.

Next month's program will be “The good, bad and ugly” quilt show and tell. Everyone bring their quilts to show.

There is an upcoming workshop planned for February 26, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. It is called the Matchless Star by Becky Jackson. The cost of the workshop is \$25.00 and only 15 people can attend. See Jackie Brown to sign up.

Treasurer's Report

Pam Shuman

Balance as of November 30, 2009 **4,831.82**

December 2009

Checks

1858 Madeline Sullivan, Sunshine & Shadows	(27.10)
1860 Trudy McNish, Programs, Wkshop ref	(20.00)
1861 Linda Franklin, Newsletter	<u>(9.09)</u>
	(106.19)

Deposits

Raffle Quilt 2009	824.25
Community Service **	<u>150.25</u>
	974.50

1821 Void check	14.35
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Balance as of December 31, 2009 **5,764.48**

1859 TAQG 2010 Dues	(50.00)
(check written in 2009, given to TAQG in 2010)	

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Treasurer's report—continued

**Total 2009 Income and Expenses
(excluding CD Interest)**

	Actual '09	Budget '09	Difference
December '08	6,374.66		
Expenses	(6,809.38)	(7,088.00)	278.62
Income	6,199.12	4,750.00	1,449.20
December '09	5,764.48		
Cash flow	(610.18)	(2,338.00)	1,727.82
CD Balance 01/17/09		\$11,554.27	
Mature date 01/17/10			
Interest rate 1.80 APY			
Estimate of interest at maturity	\$207.98		

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP



February 26 Workshop
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
at Kavanaugh Methodist Church
(Lunch is on your own)

“Matchless Star” by Becky Jackson

Would you like to make a Lone Star quilt but don't want to match all those little diamonds? This is the quilt for you – using random width strips this pattern eliminates the need for matching! Fun and fairly easy to make, use up your scrap strips and make a star. This is a beautiful quilt made with any choice of fabrics. This workshop is great for all skill levels.

The price of this workshop is \$25.00 for members and \$30 for non-members, please fill out the registration form and return it to Jackie Brown on or before the February meeting.

Application form is at the end of the newsletter.

From the Librarian

Virginia Johnson

For you Jennifer Chiaverini Fans, I have added: A Quilter's Holiday and The Quilter's Kitchen. The Quilter's Kitchen had so many interesting and different recipes that I also bought a copy for my own library.

Two other new books will be added this month: Machine Quilting Primer by Cynthia Martin (A Quilt in a Day Publication). The instructions are very detailed and many pictures so I think this is a book for those who always have wanted to try machine quilting BUT needed some extra help. I also purchased Wheel of Mystery Quilts by Helen Marshall. This book is very colorful and full of bright designs.

Last year we added 22 new books; and 60 books were donated to the library. We have some duplicates and there does need to be some sorting.

Last year a group of us met at KUMC one afternoon and sorted. Then we will put the extras up for sale to CPQG members and donated any that did not sell to local libraries. I will ask for volunteers at our January 28th meeting. KUMC closes at 3:00 PM, so if you could help, keep that in mind.

I would like to begin at 11:00 and be done by 2:00 PM. I will check with KUMC to see if Wednesday, February 3rd, could be available to us. Let me know if you can help.

If there are any quilting books that you would like to see in our library, please write the name of the book and the author on an index card and give it to me. I will make every effort to acquire the book. I know where all the Half-Price Bookstores are in the Dallas-Plano-McKinney area. I also check Amazon.Com, Keepsake Quilting Book Sales, and Nancy's Notions Book Sales as I try to get as many books for our dollars as I can.

FOR SALE

People Powered Pedalers (or, in this case, Peddlers) have a few hand-crank machines for sale. If you have a hankerin' to crank one of these machines, give Debra Hager or Sue Childers a call.

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

December Door Prize Donors

7 prizes
from

2 anonymous donors

Thank you very much!

We are fortunate to have generous friends supplying our door prizes.

Sunshine & Shadows

Madeline Sullivan

Debra Hager fell and broke her right arm just after the start of the New Year. She had surgery and is now at home. Let us pray for her swift healing. Our love and the very best to Debbie.

Linda Neal's mother, Marilee Nordhaur, had knee replacement surgery in Dec. and in Jan. they found she had a brain tumor. The tumor was benign, but large. It had to be removed immediately. It was a rough go for awhile, but at last email from Linda, Marilee was doing some better and was to go to rehab. It is still a slow climb back to being well. Many prayers for her complete recovery.

Please remember Joan Biggs and family in your prayers for the loss of Joan's mother on Sunday, January 17, 2010.

Cotton Strippers

Jane Martyn

The Strippers met for their Christmas meeting. The new leaders for the Strippers for next year will be Debra Hagar and Mandy Weaver—they will split duties. Be thinking of projects you'd like to do for next year. There will be one more brick exchange at the January meeting which will be held at Cleek Retreat. Bring your bricks out to the facility for the exchange and enjoy refreshments there. If you have made any bead bags, please get them to Jane Asberry. Katharine reminded everyone not to double park outside the entrance to the church. Street parking is ok. Refreshments for the February meeting will be brought by Debra Hagar, Pam Hodapp, Shirley Shaw, Donna Moon, Jane Martyn and Mandy Weaver.

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.

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

People Powered Pedalers met at the studio of Monica Denny to pick up our new Antique Sewing Machines. After an hour preview we determined the order in which we were going to pick out our machines. With the chatter among us, we almost worried about disturbing the neighbors, but since Monica's home was the nearest neighbor we did not worry over much. We shopped until our wallets were empty, several bought more than they planned and we all went home broke but excited over our next tasks of cleaning and getting these wonderful machines in perfect sewing shape again. Plans are shaping up for our retreat in the spring and we are all looking forward to hearing the sound of a room full of hand cranks sewing away. We would like to especially thank Debra Hager for finding this great opportunity of obtaining these machines and Monica for making her studio available to us for display and meeting. Also, thanks to Betty and Vernon for helping unload the trailer. (Betty is one of those who went home with at least 2 more than she planned on, it is a good thing someone owed her some money so she could buy her 4th machine!) The BUG has bitten us all!!!!!!

Anyone interested in the history, use or repairing of these wonderful People Powered Machines is more than welcome to attend. We have many new projects in the planning stage to increase our knowledge of these machines. Owning or using one of these machines is not required to be a member, (though we do hope that you will get bitten by the bug. Hope to see you there.

Due to parking space limitations carpooling is recommended if possible.

"May your seam ripper gather dust"

Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Cotton Blossoms!

The Cotton Blossoms had a fun and delightful Christmas party on December 14, 2009. We had more food and desserts than we could eat, but the members sure tried to do justice to it. Next, we had a gift exchange of Christmas Ball ornaments. They all were different and everyone enjoyed the exchange. Norlyn made the party. Everyone was delighted that she was there.

December 21, 2009, the Blossoms had a road trip to the New Ronald McDonald House in Dallas. They took 19 quilts with them to present to the new facility. Anna, an employee of RMcD house, looked at all of the quilts and took pictures of each one. After that she took the Blossoms on a tour of the beautiful new house. It is totally different from the old house. It is double the size and is two story. It has marble, granite, wrought iron, and cabinets, tables and desks of bamboo. The chandeliers were very unusual. It was state of the art in every way. Some things were still being moved from the old house to the new one.

After their tour, the Blossoms went to have lunch at a little restaurant called the Original Market Diner on Harry Hines Blvd. The food was very good and it was full of customers. It is not far from the Dallas Quilt Show.

One the way home, the Blossoms went by Suzy's Quilt Store in Garland. They enjoyed looking, but only Carol bought something. Next door was a coffee shop with all the special kinds of coffee plus hot chocolate. That was a delightful treat for all.

The Blossoms going on the excursion were: Carolyn Burt, Carol Dodd (she was the driver), Margie Hendrix, Lindy Hammons, Priscilla McFarland, Madeline Sullivan and JoAnn Cross.

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Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Workshop Registration Form

Mail the completed registration form and your payment to:

Jackie Brown, 4085 CR 2216, Caddo Mills, TX 75135.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Upon receipt of your registration and payment, a confirmation and supply list will be mailed to you.

Matchless Star
by
Becky Jackson

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*Matchless Star, Friday, February 26, 2010 9:00 AM -4:00 P.M. at
Kavanaugh Methodist Church, Greenville, TX 75403
(Lunch is on your own*

\$25.00 (members only)
\$30.00 (non-members)