



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Carol Dodd, Editor

President's Letter

LaVonne McCaw

I hope everyone had a wonderful July 4th, personally, I was glad to have the extra day off. Yeah!

The exciting news that is going on with the Guild is that we're planning a Quilt Show in 2011. The dates are October 14th and 15th, 2011 at the Hunt County Fairgrounds. Kathy Dickens is chairing the show, so please contact her and volunteer to be on a committee. It's going to take everyone working together to make our 20th anniversary quilt show the best ever.

Now to answer the age-old question: "Do we wash our fabric before quilting or not?" I have researched this topic extensively. Do we pre-wash?

The two most common reasons for pre-washing are to avoid shrinkage and bleeding of fabrics. Bright colors (reds, blues, blacks, etc., batiks and hand dyed) are among those fabrics that should be either pre-washed or pre-tested. When it comes to shrinkage, a quick rule of thumb is to hold the fabric up to the light--if you can see light between the threads, that is where it will shrink. If you are going to pre-wash, don't forget to pre-wash every fabric including backing so it will shrink evenly. Make sure you always wash in cool water with a phosphate-free detergent or mild soap like Ivory Dishwashing Soap or soap made especially for washing quilts which can be found at your local quilt shop.

When pre-washing, it is best to put the fabric in a laundry bag or pillowcase so it doesn't fray too much. There are several suggestions to help stop the raveling. One is to use pinking shears on the edges of the fabric. Another is to snip a triangular cut from each corner of the fabric piece.

When do we not wash? There are several reasons for choosing not to pre-wash. For instance, you might not pre-wash if you are making an art quilt that is going to be hung on a wall and not subjected to normal wear and tear. You do not have to wash the fabric if you are going to use fusible. Iron-on

fusible web stabilizes your fabric and prevents it from shrinking; however it does not stop it from bleeding so you may want to test it first. Another time is when you purchase a pre-cut fabric kit. Washing and drying might distort the shape of your pieces and make it hard to assemble properly.

Last but not least, is if you want an "antique" look, washing a finished quilt will shrink the fabrics and batting to create a slightly puckered look that's perfect for this purpose.

So what is a quilter to do? All in all the bottom line is that it's a personal thing, some pre-wash and some do not. As for me—hmmmmmm, it's a secret.

Have a great month and I look forward to seeing you all Thursday, July 22, 2010.

JULY PROGRAM

Jackie Brown

Denise Bartosh

Why I should have my quilt appraised



Denise Bartosh is an AQS certified appraiser of quilted textiles, award-winning quilter, quilt lecturer, quilt historian, quilt collector, quilt restorer, and has served as a quilt show judge. Denise with her Mom, Joan Howes, has also published a storybook quilt pattern, "Cover Your Child With Love", based on the children's book, *That's How Love Is!* by Joan Howes. In addition, Denise and Joan have published the "Simply Unique Jackets By Joan" pattern. Denise will speak on "Why Have Your Quilt Appraised?" which includes a trunk show of very special quilts.

June 24, 2010 Minutes

Mandy Weaver

President Lavonne McCaw opened the night by welcoming members and guests.

She thanked JoAnn Weatherby and the food committee for the meal. Next month's captain is Cathy Brandstetter.

We are continuing to take up a \$1.00 per person donation for the Kavanaugh Church; basket is located at the sign in table. A check in the amount of \$381.89 was mailed to the church.

May meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Box tops collected this month will go to Phoenix School.

TAQG Rally Day is on July 10. Several members signed up to help sell tickets for the guild raffle quilt during the day.

Community Service announced they need completed stockings and military blocks to be turned in. There are 2 twin quilt tops that need to be quilted. New quilts kits are available to be picked up. Please record your hours spend working for the guild in the notebooks.

The guild voted yes to have a quilt show in October, 2011. Kathy Dickens will be the head of the organization committee. The Hunt Co. fair grounds is a possible location for the event.

The Cranky Treadlers hosted a live demo of their hand crank and treadle machines at the Hunt Co. Fair and it was a huge success. They had alot of interest and completed 136 blocks that will be made into donation quilts.

The Cranky Treadlers will be hosting a retreat at Eufaula, Ok. On Sept. 30 – Oct. 3. The cost is \$45.00. See Sue Childers for more info.

The program was Eileen Urbanek presenting "Stack-n-Whack, One Block Wonder and Wonderful 1-fabric Quilts".

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

Next month's meeting on July 22 will be Denise Bartosh presenting "Why I should have my quilt appraised".

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June

Door Prize Donors

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Thank you very much!

We are fortunate to have generous friends supplying our door prizes. Be sure to send thank you notes to them for adding to the fun of our meetings.

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GENTLE REMINDER

Please *do* update your directories with new members and changes in address, as they are printed in the newsletter each month. If you are lucky enough to be a Refreshment Captain, you will need the information. If you can't find a name, check with Debbie Uphoff or Carol Dodd.

July 22 Refreshments

Cathy Brandstetter, Captain

Jackie Brown	Susan Childers
Lanell Bundick	Jackie Clark
Carolyn Burt	Lynn Cogswell
Ruth Butcher	Lisa Coker
Pat Cate	Kay Colcleasure
Connie Cawthon	JoAnn Cross

August 26 Refreshments

Allen Day, Captain

Betty Day	Debbie Emard
Vickey Dees	Janice Evans
Monica Denny	Linda Franklin
Lou Devenport	Anita Gaudreau
Kathy Dickens	Debbie George
Carol Dodd	Joy Gregory

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.

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

TAQG NEWS

Jane Asberry

I know those of you who went to Rally Day had a wonderful day! There were some outstanding donation quilts (of course ours was the prettiest! and I'm not biased!)

Our next TAQG meeting is July 27 in Gladewater. The secondary meeting will be about fund raising. I hope someone will want to go with me! Please, please!

RALLY DAY REPORT

Linda Franklin and Carol Dodd

The Rally Day speaker was Cynthia England, whose award-winning pictorial quilts are simply awe-inspiring.

Cynthia England is a very funny, entertaining and informative speaker. She showed several of her pictorial quilts as well as a few traditional quilts, and her new Pansy pattern.

She was very forthcoming about her techniques. For pictorial quilts the Cynthia England way, there are no circles or curves, only straight lines that give the illusion of curves. If there is an element in your picture that will be too difficult to reproduce, or something that you just don't like, remove it or modify it.

Nearly everything is pieced because you can piece finer lines than you can applique. She even pieced the eyelashes on a child's face. However, if there is something that you can't piece, find a fabric with elements that suggest what you need, and paint or draw on the fabric. Use novelty fabric with the design elements that you need, such as squirrels, bugs, or a vase of flowers.

She plans and makes the quilts in sections. Her piecing technique is similar to paper piecing, but she irons her freezer paper on the top of her fabric. Check out her website for 13 short videos that clearly show how to do this:

<http://www.englanddesign.com/>

Finally, she machine quilts pictorial quilts with monofilament thread, top and bobbin, following the flow of the picture.

Here are some random tips gleaned from her talk:

FABRIC

1. Start your quilt by taking from your stash every color you think you will need. Make a

swatch chart sorting by tone, light to dark, leaving blanks for missing tones. Shop for what you need with the chart in hand.

2. Remember to look at the wrong side of your fabrics. It might be the light shade you need to go with the right side of the fabric.

3. Look at the pattern print from different directions. The vertical flow may give you a different use than the horizontal flow.

4. Ugly fabric brings out the beauty in your good fabric.

5. You need high contrast so be sure to include darks.

6. Sneak in fabric with fun designs in your quilts. They will add interest and surprise the owner of the quilt when they chance upon them.

7. Look at the pattern of the fabric differently. Think outside of the box. She used little junk cars in shading her boulders; black and white screaming heads became tree trunks covered in snow.

8. When dealing with perspective pay attention to the scale and value of the fabric.

9. Be brave. Use fabric for effect. Try upholstery fabric (tree bark!), organza, satin, metallics. Washability is not a factor in pictorial quilts.

STASH CONTROL

1. Sort and store by color.

2. Sort novelties separated by subject.

3. Keep usable scraps with the larger piece they came from. They will be easier to find later if you don't have to search through a pile of scraps.

QUILTS

1. Use white or light 1/4" twill tape to keep your quilt straight. She measures the center, top and bottom, cuts the twill tape to the average length, and sews it on to the edges of the quilt (all four sides) just before binding. The binding will hide the tape and the quilt edges will be stable.

2. Instead of a single fabric backing, she likes to piece the quilt backs. The design of the backing should have some relation to the front, but simpler, of course. Back art may give you the extra points with the judge at a quilt show.

ADVICE FOR BEGINNERS

Cynthia is a self-taught quilter. Her advice to beginners is to take a class. Save yourself time and frustration figuring it out yourself.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sherry Worley

We are planning to hold a Community Service Magazine Sale at the July meeting. Please be aware that the plan is subject to change depending upon the health of Jane Asberry's and Sherry Worley's mothers.

Intact quilting magazines will sell for \$1.00 each (sales tax included). If you have any magazines to contribute please bring them. Consider bringing an empty tote to carry home your purchases! Some great magazines have already been donated!

Pillowcase kits will be available at the Community Service table. Finished pillowcases are being donated to Quilt Asylum in McKinney for the Million Pillowcase challenge. Quilt Asylum donates the cases to Samaritan Inn which is the only homeless family shelter in Collin County.

Cotton Strippers

Mandy Weaver

The strippers had a great time playing quilting games at our June meeting. We played quilters Bingo, quilters Craps, and quilters Strip Poker! A fun time was had by all! Some of us are ready to go to Vegas Baby!!

Mandy Weaver handed out the final 2 steps of the mystery project. Next month she will show the complete quilt top and give out the finishing directions. Contact her if you want to participate.

We collected \$16.00 at the June meeting and \$24.00 at the July meeting to be donated to the church to cover utilities.

August meeting we will be having a skills night. Kay Colcleasure - easy flying geese, Mandy Weaver - circle blue jean quilt, LeeAnn Miller - coin purse, Carolyn Wright - pillowcase and Donna Moon - pillowcase dress, Debbie Uphoff - name badge holder. Everyone is invited and is sure to learn something.

Refreshments for the August meeting will be brought by Donna Moon, Connie Cawthon, Kelly Greiner, Katharing McCaw, Mary Lou Strohm, Maxine Leverett and Sara Bobbitt.

Sunshine & Shadows

Madeline Sullivan

Kay Colcleasure had surgery on her damaged hand and it was a great success. She is able to work her fingers with dexterity. It has been a long time coming to this point in her rehabilitation from her accident. All the Guild members rejoice for Kay.

This is an update on John Martyn's illness. John was first diagnosed with viral meningitis, but he had encephalitis. He is better, after four weeks in ICU, and is in a rehab hospital in Dallas. He will still have a long recovery. Let us continue our daily prayers and thoughts for John until he is well.

RECIPE BY REQUEST

Margie Hendrix brought this to the Cotton Blossoms meeting and 2nd quarter birthday party. She calls it "Chocolate Torte," but most of us will recognize it as "Better than Sex Cake!"

1 Cup flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup oleo (softened)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup ground pecans

Mix, press in bottom of 9x13 pan; bake at 350' for 12 minutes; cool.

8 oz cream cheese, softened

1 cup Cool Whip

1 cup powdered sugar, sifted

Mix, spread on cooled crust.

2 small pkgs. Instant pudding (1 chocolate & 1 vanilla)

Add: 3 cups milk, beat well.

Pour over cream cheese mixture. Let set in refrigerator at least 5 minutes. Top with the rest of the carton (8-oz) of Cool Whip. Sprinkle with nuts; refrigerate. Can be make a few days ahead.

Note: I always use 1 small pkg. of chocolate pudding, and 1 large pkg. of vanilla pudding. It makes more cake. Also, I add 1 extra cup of milk when mixing the pudding.

CRANKY TREADLERS

Sue Childers

The Cranky Treadlers met at the Kavanaugh Church and had a wonderful program given by Monica Denny on BSA machines. Next month's program will be given by Dru Ann Clark. Very tasty refreshments were provided by Carolyn Wright and Sue Childers

We passed out our new block of the month.

June is Hunt County Fair and the Cranky Treadlers had a booth in the Creative Arts building. We had a great time, (think mini retreat every night)! We made string piece blocks that will become lap quilts for the Veterans Home in Bonham. Many people stopped to help and told their stories about family treadles. Young and old

were all invited to sit and sew a while with us and for most it was their first experience on this type of machine. From the smiles I would say that the experience was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all those who came and sewed with us and made manning the booth a very smooth affair. We are already looking forward to next year's Fair!

One of the very nice advantages of working there was that we got to see all the beautiful quilts and other creative art projects up close. Congratulations to all the members who won ribbons and thank you for entering your prize quilts.

Cranky Treadlers meet at Kavanaugh Methodist Church on the 3rd Monday of the Month (July 19) at 6:30 pm. Debbie Uphoff and Kathy Dickens will be providing refreshments. New members are always welcome.

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