



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Greenville, Texas

Carol Dodd, Editor

President's Letter

LaVonne McCaw

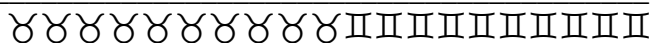
May is here and I hope everyone is enjoying the spring-like weather and the onset of blooming flowers and planting. I have not put my tomato plants in the ground this year but hopefully will get them in REAL soon. This is such a great time of the year and I would encourage you to get out and soak up some of this wonderful weather.

I just got back from the Mathews retreat sponsored by the Cranky Treadlers sewing circle. I'm sure you will read more about our retreat in their column. Although I was absent for half of the retreat I must admit that I had a blast when I was there. Retreating with Cotton Patch Guild quilters is the best fun in the world.

Speaking of quilters and awesome friendships, we are having our Cotton Patch Guild New Members Roundup May 20, 2010. If anyone from the guild would like to come and meet our new members you're more than welcome. The roundup will be held at Kavanaugh in the small meeting room from 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. This will be an informal gathering to give the new members and existing members a chance to get to know one another, answer some questions and tell them a little about our guild.

Our quarterly Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the small meeting room at Kavanaugh, if anyone has anything they'd like to address to the board or would like to observe our meeting you are more than welcome to come and join us.

Have a great month and look forward to seeing everyone at our Guild meeting this month.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| Linda Franklin—May 11 | Joy Gregory—May 20 |
| Pat Jonz—May 11 | Lee Ann Miller—May 20 |
| Donna Moon—May 15 | Debbie Uphoff—May 20 |
| Terri Tyree—May 17 | Carolyn Wright—May 20 |
| Ruth Butcher—May 27 | |



MAY PROGRAM

Jackie Brown

Every Quilt has a Story

We are delighted to tell you that Sally Ashbacher from the Quilter's Guild of Dallas will be with us as our May Speaker. Her topic will be "Every Quilt Has a Story." She will be bringing real live quilts and no slides so be ready to sit back and be entertained in style!

Sally was born and raised in Chicago and started her romance with the needle at the age of 5 when she learned how to embroider at her mother's knee after morning kindergarten. Like us all, she progressed thru all stages of crafts and needlework until she took a quilt making class at her local quilt shop and the rest is history!

Sally's award winning quilts have been seen in many quilt magazines and she is able to brag about her winning quilt at the Houston Show, and in fact will have that quilt with her for us to see.

Sally and her husband, Elmer, moved to the Dallas area in 1982 and she hit the ground running and has barely stopped. She and Elmer have three grown kids and 6 growing grandchildren. They make their home in Rowlett along with their rapidly growing puppy Spotty.

This is one program you will definitely not want to miss!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| JoAnn Weatherly—June 2 | Janice Whitt—June 9 |
| Pamela Hodapp—June 3 | Cathy Brandstetter—June 10 |
| Joan Biggs—June 6 | Jeanie Hearing—June 12 |
| Vickie Dees—June 9 | Anita Gaudreau—June 20 |

May 27 Refreshments

Wanda Roy, Captain

Dee Saye	Jennifer Tenney
Gwen Schroth	Gladys Trammel
Shirley Shaw	Terri Tyree
Pam Shuman	Debbie Uphoff
Barbara Stephens	Kathy Vestal
Mary Lou Strohm	Debra Warmke
Madeline Sullivan	

June 24 Refreshments

JoAnn Weatherly, Captain

Mandy Weaver	Jane Asberry
Janice Whitt	Joan Biggs
Beth Winn	Sara Bobbitt
Sherry Worley	Dorothy Boettcher
Carolyn Wright	Gail Bohmfalk
Kaye Adams	Anna Borrer
Jan Ainsworth	

*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.

Recipe by Request

Caramel 'n Chocolate Pecan Bars (from Land O Lakes Butter)

CRUST	2 C. flour 1 C. firmly packed brown sugar 1/2 C. softened butter 1 C. pecans
CARAMEL LAYER	2/3 C. Butter 1/2 C. firmly packed brown sugar 1 (6 oz.) package semi-sweet real chocolate chips

- Heat oven to 350 degrees.
- Combine all crust ingredients except pecans in large mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed and particles are fine (2 to 3 minutes.)
- Press mixture onto bottom of ungreased 13 x 9-inch bakingpan. Sprinkle pecans evenly over unbaked crust.
- Combine 2/3 C. butter and 1/2 C. brown sugar in 1-quart saucepan.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until a candy thermometer reaches 242 F or small amount of mixture dropped into ice water forms a firm ball (about 1 to 3 minutes.) Pour evenly over pecans and crust.
- Bake for 18 to 22 minutes or until entire caramel layer is bubbly.
- Remove from oven. Sprinkle with chocolate chips; let stand 2 to 3 minutes. Swirl chips with knife, leaving some whole for marbled effect.
- Cool completely; cut into bars.

April 22, 2010 Minutes

Mandy Weaver

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

She thanked Trudy McNish and the food committee for the meal. Next month's captain is Wanda Roy.

We are continuing to take up a \$1.00 per person donation for the Kavanaugh Church; basket is located at the sign in table.

March meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Box tops collected this month will go to Greenville Christian School.

Debbie Uphoff, membership officer, has membership cards available, see her to get one.

The question of donations to charitable causes on behalf of Guild members has come up. The Guild Bylaws do not allow for giving money to any charitable organization at the request of an individual Guild Member. However, any member can announce their participation in an event and ask that members donate if they would like. Anyone can make a voluntary, individual contribution as they see fit. The Quilt Circles are a different matter. If any group decides to donate money or a quilt to raffle, then that is their prerogative, separate from the Guild as a whole.

Jane Asberry discussed the TAQG Rally Day on July 10. She has tickets for admission, lunch & a raffle for sale. There are still openings for the classes and you can sign up on-line. See her for more information. She is also accepting mini quilts to donate to Rally Day.

Community Service has several quilt tops that need to be quilted. Kits for bead bags, pillowcases and quilts are available to be picked up. Please record your hours spend working for the guild in the notebooks.

The 2010 Raffle Quilt tickets are available to be picked up. See Lisa Coker to check out the quilt to take to any event where you want to sell tickets.

Katharine McCaw and the Bylaws Committee answered questions about changes to the bylaws. The amended bylaws were voted on and accepted by the membership.

The board of directors will be hosting a New Members Roundup on May 20th at 6:00pm at the church. Invitations will be sent out to all new members. The board will be having a questions and answer session about our guild. This will be a fun time of fellowship.

Tonight's program was Richard Larson presenting "Machine Quilting".

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

Next month's meeting on May 27 will be Sally Ashbacher presenting "Every Quilt Has A Story".

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sherry Worley

Again, I am dashing this off on my way to Oklahoma to help with Mom. Sadly, things are not any easier. She is having a difficult time in the Nursing Home.

Having said that, I will try to be back for the Guild Meeting. If I am not, I will be leaving the Community Service work session in the capable hands of Jane Asberry.

I know that one of the things that needs to be done is cutting and packaging the fabrics for the TAQG goodie bags. We also need to cut kits. Please bring your cutting equipment and be prepared for a busy afternoon.

Work session

Thursday May 27th

Large Dining Room Kavanaugh Methodist Church

1:30 p.m. till...?

Thanks to the Strippers, we should be able to make a donation after the May meeting. If you have nearly finished quilts, consider getting them done so they can be included.

You may pick up kits for Christmas stockings at the May meeting. The Stockings are for The Salvation Army in Greenville. As many of you know the Cotton Belles have made stockings for them for many years. Last year the Captain informed us that they needed the stockings in June so they would have time to get them stuffed by Christmas. We were also told that they needed about 1,000! While we cannot make that number this year, any that you can sew would be appreciated. The Stockings were die cut (thanks to the Quilters Guild of Plano) and are packaged 6 to a bag. Instructions are included. Please consider helping out, just remember that the completed stockings need to be returned at the June meeting.

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 starting at 1:00. They had 7 people attend and completed 11 quilts for community service.

Mandy Weaver handed out the next 2 steps of the mystery project. Several people brought their completed blocks to show. Contact her if you want to participate.

Kay Colcleasure showed us an easy way to make flying geese.

We collected \$27.00 to be donated to the church to cover utilities. This amount will be added to the money collect the 2 previous months and given to the guild treasurer who will write a check to the church.

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, and Becky Medlock. The menu is spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. We collected \$120.00 to fund the event. The money was given to Debra Hager to purchase food.

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.

July meeting we will be having game night.

August meeting we will be having a skills night.

Katharine McCaw is taking \$40.00 due for the July 15-18 Cleek Retreat. See her for more info.

Jeanie Herring is canceling the Quilting Day Camp on May 29, 30, 31 at her house due to a death in the family.

Refreshments for the June meeting will be brought by Trudy McNish, LeeAnn Miller, Terri Tyree, Jane Asberry, Shirley Shaw, Kathy Dickens and Carolyn Wright.

TAQG NEWS

Jane Asberry

May Guild meeting is the deadline to buy Rally Day lunch, admission and raffle tickets.

Mini quilts welcome!

May TAQG meeting is the 25th—let Jane know if you want to go.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORIES

Debbie Uphoff

Katherine McCaw has a new cell phone number: (903) 474-4443

Kaye Adams corrected email address: jokaadams@embarqmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Address	City	ST	Zip	E-Mail	Home-Phone	Cell-Phone	Work-Phone
Bettie Hammock	129 Stone-briar Dr. 3537	Sulphur Springs	TX	75482	cataberry@suddenlink.net	(903) 438-9032		
Marie Smith	County Road	Commerce	TX	75428		(903) 886-7662	(214) 621-8571	
Valorie Sutterfield	126 Red Cloud Dr	Greenville	TX	75402	valorie@geus.net	(903) 422-1040	(903) 422-1040	(903) 422-1040

New location for Stitchin' Memories

903 E. Lennon Dr., Ste. 106

Emory, Tx. 75440

903-473-5102

EMAIL: stitchinmemories@verizon.net

CRANKY TREADLERS

Sue Childers

The People Powered Peddlers have a new name: "Cranky Treadlers!" Much easier to say three times fast!

We had a great meeting at the Church with Kathy Dickens doing a program on the Fister-Rossman machines. We had several available to look at as well. Next month's program will be done by Betty Day. She will tell us about Jones machines. Again several members have agreed to bring their machines.

A whole lot of cranking' was going on at our first retreat in Lone Oak. Thanks to Kathy and Kay for all they did to make it a successful retreat! Most of us took a side trip to Janice's new shop in Emory (Stitchin' Memories) and visited the Frontier Days Quilt Show put on by the area Quilt Guild. Thanks to Allison a lot of learning and fixing of our machines was accomplished. A few problems were ironed out and those machines are now happily cranking out quilts.

Our next meeting will be on the 21st of May at the Church. Refreshments will be provided by Elizabeth and Debra. New members are always welcome!

Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

At the May 3rd meeting, the Cotton Blossoms showed their Third BOM's and received the pattern for the 4th BOM. It was to be a sit „n“ sew day but turned into a sit „n“ talk day instead.

The Cotton Blossoms had a fun trip on May 17, 2010. Five Blossoms went in one car and two came separately for lunch at Cracker Barrel in Greenville. The food was good and everyone enjoyed being together. The five went on their trip to see Belva Roberts and her new house in Caddo Mills. Belva and David have a lovely home with lots of Belva's quilting and many other treasures. The outside has a large vegetable garden and raised beds for special things like asparagus and herbs. The asparagus was up and looking good. The shrubs and trees were done tastfully. We marvelled at their hard work. They had put a bluebird box on their fence and they watched five baby chicks that all grew up and flew away. The Roberts gave us iced tea and very good cookies. We indulged as JoAnn gave an update and questions about the fourth BOM square. JoAnn also showed her very large quilt that had stars of different sizes. The border was stars that were spaced nicely in a staggered fashion. It was a beautiful quilt and one of her daughters will get her mother's labor of love.

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle meets the first and third Mondays at the First Presbyterian Church, 1216 Monroe Street, Commerce, TX. Everyone is welcome to learn to quilt or to join the group projects.

Sunshine & Shadows

Madeline Sullivan

Madeline Sullivan's, son, Mark, went for a check up after being home for Baylor Hospital for four weeks. There were some leukemia cells in his spine and in his bone marrow. He has been at Baylor Hospital Oncology Center since April 19, 2010. He has finished his harsh chemo treatments and his two injections into his spine. At this time, there are no bad white cells in this spine or in the bone marrow. He is getting all the necessary treatment to get him back to normal. If all goes well, a Bone Marrow Transplant is next. Please pray for Mark and his family.

NEW MEMBERS ROUNDUP

MAY 20

6-7:30 PM

KAVANAUGH

SMALL MEETING ROOM

New members can ask questions of the Board.
Long-time members welcome to come meet our recent joiners.



DEADLINE

Information for the next Newsletter will be due

June 14

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