



# Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter



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## President's Letter

*LaVonne McCaw*

Easter is here! I remember when I was young going shopping with my mom and getting the perfect Easter dress, shoes, purse and hat. Now I'm just excited if I can fit into the dress I wore last year. I was not going to rub this in, but for those of you who do not know, I don't get very many days off from work .....annnd we're closed Good Friday!!! Yeah! A whole day off to quilt!

Better than quilting by myself all day is taking quilting classes. For our new or sustaining members it is a great way to get to know people better in the guild. We are so busy during the meeting that it is hard to sit and visit. In a class or workshop you are usually in a small group and everyone gets to visit while eating lunch and encourage each other while piecing. I just took a class a couple of weekends ago and had a blast. When finishing up at home the most uplifting thought was remembering what my teacher said "it's a forgiving pattern." Yep, Yep, Yep, music to my ears!

We have several workshops planned for this year from some of our speakers. If they are doing something that you like, I encourage you to take the class. You will learn more than you think. Everyone has different ways of doing the same thing and you might learn a shortcut or two.

I know you are all wondering where I'm going with the class thing. Well, there is a Block of the Month class that is coming up and will make if there is enough participation. The quilt is called Baltimore Liberty. It is a gorgeous quilt and is going to be taught by none other than Alice Wilhoit. She will be teaching it sometime this summer at the quilt store in Celeste. If you're interested, please call to sign up at Quilt Mercantile. My intention is not to advertise for Quilt Mercantile, it is just that I really want to make this quilt and there have to be enough participants in order for the class to make.

Moving on and changing gears slightly is another equally fun way to get to know our fellow quilters....retreats! The guild is very generous about having 4 to 5 quilt retreats every year. They are a blast! You don't have to wear make-up, you can quilt in sweats and tee-shirts, and it is totally relaxing. If laughter is good for the soul then you want to attend one of these events. There is usually a massage therapist at every retreat, food is either provided or you get to go out to a local restaurant or bring your own. There is always something for everyone. Oh, and one must not forget the trips to the local quilt stores.

I hope that I have given you some ideas for our new members and reminded and encouraged others.

I know that our numbers will probably be down a bit at our April meeting because there are some very lucky quilters who are going to Paducah for a week. I'd love to be a fly on the wall on that trip. I know they are going to have an absolute blast. Okay, okay, I know what happens in Paducah stays in Paducah. Nevertheless, we will miss you all and hope you have a safe and marvelous time.

I'm looking forward to our April 28th meeting so don't forget to bring your quilts as Debra Hager our Program VP has something fun in store for all.

Have a safe and blessed Easter!

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## March Door Prize Donors

Quilt Asylum-1  
Quilt Mercantile-1  
In Stitches—Cathy Brandstetter-5  
Dee Saye-2  
Anonymous-9

**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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## APRIL PROGRAM

Debra Hager

We are going to have a very special program for April. To document our quilters and their craft, I will be videotaping an extended version of Show & Tell.

We would like for every member to bring previously shown quilts, family quilts, estate sale finds, award winning quilts and their ribbons, first quilts, "Dog" quilts, etc. Bring as many as you like!!! Tell any special story that may go with the quilt's history, or share a lesson you may have learned while you made it.

ALSO, "Teachers Among Us", if you have a great technique, gadget or new idea to share, you will have the spotlight! If you are a teacher and would like to share a quick preview of a class you are currently teaching, please, take advantage of this offer.

Longarm quilters, bring us a sample of your work. Let us know if you quilt for the public.

As long as you contribute to the program, you may bring handouts for prices, locations and schedules.

Thank you in advance for sharing your creations with our membership.

Remember that during May's guild meeting we will take a group photo for The 2011 Harvest of Quilts show program.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK SESSION

At Guild while Debra is filming quilts, Community Service will have several work tables set up to prepare kits. We'll have an ironing station, 3 cutting stations and a packaging table--people can rotate in and out and still enjoy seeing all the pretty quilts.

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### April 28 Refreshments

Betty Day, Captain

Allen Day	Janice Evans
Vickey Dees	Linda Franklin
Monica Denney	Anita Gaudreau
Kathy Dickens	Debbie George
Carol Dodd	Joy Gregory
Debbie Emard	Kelly Greiner
	Debra Hager

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### May 26 Refreshments

Gladys Guthrie, Captain

Pamela Hansen	Virginia Johnson
Margie Hendrix	Maxine Leverett
Jeannie Herring	Beverly Lowe
Pamela Hodapp	Christine Lucas
Ann Hood	Mary Alice Macdonald
Alice Isham	Jane Martyn
	Katharine McCaw

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.

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### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2011

Kelly Greiner

LaVonne McCaw called the meeting to order.

Debra Hager distributed a list of the programs for the remaining Guild meetings and informed the Board of several changes. Adjustments were made as needed.

Kathy Dickens reported on membership. To date, there are 75 members of the CPQG. Directories will be available for members-in-good-standing at the April meeting. Extra copies will be available for those who pay dues at following meetings.

Debbie George presented the financial report.

Virginia Johnson informed the Board of the new additions to the library.

Meeting adjourned.

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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Cogswell—April 5  
Mary Lou Strohm—April 6

Huey Nobles—April 9

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Franklin—May 11  
Pat Jonz—May 11  
Joy Gregory—May 20  
Lee Ann Miller—May 20

Debbie Uphoff—May 20  
Carolyn Wright—May 20  
Ruth Butcher—May 27

# March 24, 2011 Minutes

*Kelly Greiner*

Lavonne McCaw called the meeting to order.

Guests were recognized and introduced.

LaVonne thanked Cathy Brandstetter and the food committee for the meal. Next month's chairman is Betty Day.

Feb. minutes were approved.

Box Tops this month will go to the Phoenix School.

Kathy Dickens thanked those who helped complete Cindy Hamilton's quilt.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ✓ Community Service--Sherry Worley reported that a die-cut machine has been purchased by Community Service. She also reminded the membership of the quilt that will be auctioned at the Knights of Columbus Hall, with proceeds benefitting Community Service.
- ✓ Sherry also showed us a crocheted doll dress and hat that were found in a fabric donation that was made to Community Service. Sherry is asking for suggestions as to what to do with this doll dress.
- ✓ Jane Asberry reported that TAQG is Tuesday – the topic is newsletters and websites. Also, see Jane for lunch tickets for Rally Day.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ✓ Jane-E Martyn informed the membership that all forms for the quilt show, along with rules and categories will be at the sign-in table and are also on the website.

## OLD BUSINESS

- ✓ Trudy McNish presented the Relay for Life quilt made by the Pearly Gates retreat group. Tickets for "Colors of Life" will be sold at the Commerce relay and in Georgia. Tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5 and 6 for \$10. See Trudy for tickets.
- ✓ Linda Franklin needs 6 volunteers to sell business card ads to place in the quilt show program.
- ✓ Debra Hager has Anniversary totes, t-shirts, bags, pins, coffee mugs and pen/screw drivers for sale. All have the quilt show motif. Also see Debra for the aprons to embellish for quilt show.
- ✓ Priscilla Moore brought scrapbooks from 2005 for membership to see.

- ✓ Group picture of membership in Anniversary t-shirts is set for the May meeting.

## PROGRAM

Skills Night was a rotation of the membership to view demonstrations by some of our very talented ladies. Thanks were extended to these presenters: Pam Hodapp, Jane-E Martin, Kathy Dickens, Linda Neal, Connie Cawthon and Mandy Weaver.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ The Terrell Quilt Show is April 16th
- The meeting concluded with Show and Tell, Birthday Drawings and Door Prizes, and the announcement of next month's meeting.

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## CALLING ALL LONG-ARM AND PROFESSIONAL QUILTERS!

Members, here is your opportunity to have first chance to place your ad in The Harvest of Quilts Show Program!

### ADVERTISING INFO

The program will be 8½" x 11".

Inside advertising will be in black and white.

Cover pages will be in color.

Front cover banner 3" x 8 ½" \$100

Back cover \$150

Back inside cover \$125

Front inside cover \$150

Full inside page \$100

Half inside page \$50.00

Quarter inside page \$25.00

Business card inside \$15.00(1/8 page)

Door Prize Donor- You will be mentioned in program and receive an audio advertisement during quilt show when your prize is drawn.

### SPONSORSHIPS INFO

Each quilt category sponsorship is only \$100.

20% discount on inside ads of program is offered to you.

You will receive two free admission tickets to Harvest of Quilts Show

Your business name will appear on signage of every quilt in the category you select.

Your business will receive special recognition on Sponsor Page of our program.



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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Sherry Worley*

Please remember to bring cash and address labels so you can buy raffle tickets on the Grandmothers Flower Garden Community Service Raffle Quilt! The winner will be drawn at the April Guild meeting. We hope to have brisk ticket sales before the drawing. During the showing at the Plano Guild meeting one woman liked the quilt so much she walked all the way back to her car for cash to buy tickets. We hope that the Cotton Patch members also appreciate the work of Beth Winn, LaNell Bundick (and the Cotton Belles Circle), and Cathy Brandstetter. The Community Service Committee would like to say many thanks to those who worked on the quilt and those who have sold and bought tickets!

The CPQG now owns four dies for the die cutter. We will have the first kits available at the April meeting. The accuracy of cut is amazing. We hope you will enjoy working with these kits. The dies we own include Take 5, tumbler, and two dies for Indian Hatchet or Signature block. Kits for all will be available soon.

Thank you to The Cotton Strippers for having a Community Service work session before their last meeting.

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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

All members in good standing (i.e., paid up) will receive their CPQG Directories at the April meeting.

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## **TAQG NEWS**

*Jane Asberry*

The secondary meeting in May will be quilt show publicity and quilt shows. Hopefully several of you will take advantage of this resource since we're having a quilt show in October this year!

If you committed to furnish a "mini" quilt for Rally Day, please bring it to me at guild.

**RALLY DAY, JULY 9, 2011**

I have Rally Day pins, lunch tickets and pre-Rally Day raffle tickets available. Bring your cash! There are still a few spots available in Terry Clothier Thompson's classes before Rally Day.

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## *Sunshine & Shadows*

*Madeline Sullivan*

This is a Sunshine Day that Madeline Sullivan's granddaughter, Jourdan, will graduate from TCU, May 7, 2011.

If any member of the Guild has news--new babies, marriages, anniversaries, illness, surgeries or deaths--please let Madeline know so it can be reported in our Sunshine and Shadows section of the Guild newsletter.

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## *Cotton Belles*

*Sherry Worley*

The Cotton Belles met at Sue Miller's home on April 11th. Show and Tell consisted of LaNell's Pinwheel baby quilt and a quilt made from a No Y-seams pattern called Recess. It was a lovely handquilted 8 point star! Sherry showed her sculpted flower name badge (for the Plano Name Badge Challenge), printouts for the Henrietta Whiskers pattern from bunnyhilldesigns.com, and the lovely floral Log Cabin Quilt that she won at the Quilt Country 15th Anniversary Open House. We enjoyed a lovely lemon pie, courtesy of Kaye and Weight Watchers! Our next meeting will be on May 2nd at Kaye's and Sherry will bring dessert.

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## **CRANKY TREADLERS**

*Sue Childers*

The Cranky Treadlers met in the small dining room of the Church for our last meeting before our TOGA. Many last minute items were taken care of and excitement is running high. Mary Lynn showed the Gum dispenser gifts she has been working on. Kay gave the report on the whereabouts of our quilt, and dinner was discussed. All in all it was a busy meeting. BOM blocks were exchanged. Sue told about going to the TX Roundup and the machines she saw there--just a preview of what we hope is to come at our TOGA.

Next meeting we will be exchanging blocks again and doing a wrap up of our TOGA.

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

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## Cotton Blossoms

*Madeline Sullivan*

The Cotton Blossoms Quilt Circle met Monday April 4 and 18. On the 4th they got their 14th BOM. Jo Ann made it a lesson in paper piecing. Most of the group had not experienced paper piecing or had not done it in a long time. It makes points hit perfectly. There are a lot of points in this BOM. The next BOM will be the large center square.

Then on the 18th, Margie Hendrix had a new quilt to show. It was for her grand, and it had squares that depicted the different things that he grandson is interested in or enjoys doing. It is a special gift and he will love it. The rest of the group talked about paper piecing or worked at trying to master it.

If anyone wishes to join the Cotton Blossoms to quilt or learn to quilt, it is on the first and third Mondays at the First Presbyterian Church, 1207 Monroe, Commerce, TX, they are welcome.

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## Cotton Strippers

*Mandy Weaver*

For the April meeting, we held a sit-n-sew day. We started at 2:00 at the church. We worked on community service quilts, piecing kits and quilting tops. Our regular meeting was held at 6:00.

We exchanged our brown bag blocks and had a fat quarter drawing. Jane Martyn made an announcement about the Cleek Retreat, which is July 14-17. See Jane to pay the \$40.00 balance due.

Next month we will be having a hand sewing night--everyone bring their hand sewing project to work on. The theme for the fat quarter drawing is Flowers.

The food committee for the May meeting is Becky Medlock, Kay Colcleasure, Pat Jonz, Barbara Ratcliff, Maxine Leverett, Maejean Nixon & Jackie Brown.

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## CHECK LIST OF ITEMS TO BRING TO THE QUILT MEETING

- ✓ **LOTS OF SHOW AND TELL!**
- ✓ Name tag
- ✓ Money for Guild anniversary/quilt show items
- ✓ Money for Community Service raffle quilt
- ✓ Money for Cleek Retreat
- ✓ Money for membership renewal (you know who you are)
- ✓ Money for Rally Day raffle tickets
- ✓ (Oh, just bring your checkbook!)

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## JUST ONE STAR



## REMINDER

Moda's "Just One Star" deadline of May 1 is fast approaching. Their goal is to make 100 quilts for injured service men and women. They ask that each participant make "just one star." If you want to participate, go to:

[http://www.unitednotions.com/LA\\_just\\_one\\_star.pdf](http://www.unitednotions.com/LA_just_one_star.pdf)

There you will find instructions and a block pattern

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## UPCOMING QUILT SHOW

Quilters' Guild of Arlington

**2011 Festival of Quilts**

*Floral Fantasy*

May 6-7, 2011

Bob Duncan Community Center

Arlington, Texas

10 am - 5 pm

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