



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Carol Dodd, Editor

President's Letter

LaVonne McCaw

The year is moving along at a quick pace, quicker than I would like. There is always so much to do and so little time.

Did everyone go to the Dallas Quilt Show? Due to a prior commitment I was unable to attend. I can't wait to hear who won. If you did win something, please bring your quilt to the guild this month for show and tell.

Some of you may be getting into the Spring colors and thinking about doing something different with your fabrics. How about tie-dyeing? I read an article on a different way of dyeing. You use Kool-Aid! Mix two packages of each Unsweetened Kool-Aid powder flavor/color, ¼ cup vinegar, and stir until dissolved. Pull and twist your fabric into different shapes and secure with rubber bands. You can find detailed instructions and diagrams of cool tie-dye folding techniques at www.prochemical.com/directions/Folding.htm.

It is recommended you wear rubber gloves to keep from staining your skin. After you dip the fabric in the Kool-Aid dye you will need to allow the fabric to air-dry with the rubber bands in place. To set the colors, unwrap the dried masterpiece and iron it on high heat using an ironing cloth between the fabric and the iron. Wait 24 hours before washing then wash in cold water if necessary. Make sure you prewash your fabrics first and avoid using fabric softener as it will coat the fabric and make it harder to dye. Now I know why moms cringed at the thought of a Kool-Aid stain.

There will be an Executive Committee meeting at 5:15 p.m. prior to the March meeting.

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather and look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting on the 24th.

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

MARCH PROGRAM

Debra Hager

Our program for March is always a popular one--Skills Night! Members will share interesting techniques and important skills with each other.

As we rotate from one learning center to another, CPQG's 20 Years of Yearbooks will also be on display. I heard Priscilla Moore has done a great job!!! Take a few moments to explore our history of fabric trends, hairstyles, waistlines and fashion!!!

March 24 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	Rachel Cramer
	Jo Ann Cross

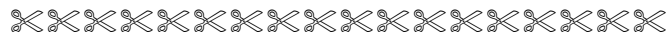
April 28 Refreshments

Betty Day, Captain

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

*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.



DEADLINE

**Information for the next Newsletter
will be due
April 18**

PURPLE APRON CHALLENGE

Our **Purple Apron Challenge** begins. Please bring payment (about \$10) for your apron. We would like all members to participate. The purple aprons will be worn at our quilt show and any other event when we are on duty as a representative of the CPQG.

Plan your embellishment, and decorate at home. During our September Guild meeting, we will have a fashion show to compete for awards. You must do the work yourself. Our members will vote for their favorites.



FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Virginia Johnson

Attention all Jennifer Chiaverini Fans:

I have purchased and read her latest release, The Union Quilters. The novel takes place in 1862. It is a tale of love and sacrifice during The Civil War. "While the women work, hope, and pray at home, the men they love confront loneliness, boredom, and harrowing dangers on the bloody battlefields of Virginia and Pennsylvania."

This book will be available for checkout on Thursday, March 24th, our regular CPQG meeting.



Terrell Heritage Jubilee Quilt Show

April 16, 2011

Herman Furlough Middle School Cafeteria

1351 Colquitt Road, Terrell, Texas

A Judged Show!!

Cash Prizes!!

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Purley Gates SPRING 2011 Retreat March 17th -20th

Please call Debra Hager if you would like to attend. Call 903-450-6004 or email buzzdebee@verizon.net

There are still a few openings for our members and their friends. You may arrive March 16th after 5:00 P.M! Bring your fat quarters and 2 ½ inch strips for games!!! You may also bring quilting items to sell or trade to each other.

There are a few changes:

- ✓ Everyone brings her own bedding, toiletries and towels.
- ✓ \$21 is the fee to spend each night.
- ✓ Lunch is \$9 Thurs-Sat at noon(no increase). Sunday- 9:30 brunch
- ✓ Everyone who uses an iron must bring a protective floor covering to protect from burns.
- ✓ No pins or needles can be left on floors for cleanup crew.

Cotton Strippers

Debra Hager

At the March meeting we did a show and tell for our brown bag block exchange and they are looking great!

The fat quarter door prize drawing was won by Kay and Debra. Next month the theme for the fat quarters is Easter--purple or green. Bring 1 fat quarter to be in the drawing.

At our next meeting we will be having a Community Service Sit-n-Sew starting at 2:00. We will be sewing kits so bring your sewing machine and supplies and come sew with us.

Refreshments for the April meeting will be brought by Anita Gaudreau, Jane Asberry, Pat Jonz, Alice Isham, Jeanie Herring, Debra Hager, Jackie Brown, Joy Gregory.

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

Login: Texas Password: Star
Note capital letters – case sensitive.

Sunshine & Shadows

Madeline Sullivan

Pat Jonz's mother-in-law passed away on Feb. 24. Please keep the Jonz family in your thoughts and prayers.

Community Service

Sherry Worley

I (Sherry) need to apologize to anyone who picked up one of the new kits at the guild meeting last month. Some pieces in the kit are the wrong size - and it is wholly my fault and not any of the wonderful volunteers who cut kits that day. Please return those kits to the next meeting and we'll get corrected versions of the kit as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and I'm sorry for any inconvenience that my error has caused.

Cotton Blossoms

Madeline Sullivan

The Cotton Blossom Quilt Circle met Monday, February 7, 2011 at Izzy's Bakery and Sandwich Shop in Commerce. There were 12 members present. Bonnie White had finished her Ronald McDonald challenge quilt and had also made two others for Ronald McDonald. Most of the other members had made wheelchair throws for residents at Country Estates in Commerce. There were a good variety of throws for men and women.

JoAnn gave us our new BOM. Different members showed the block they had just done. Everyone seems to be on track and will soon start putting the squares together to make a quilt.

Margie was home and well enough to be with the group.

Our next meeting was to have been on the 21st, but most had other commitments.

Our meeting on March 7, was at the usual time and place: 3PM at the Presbyterian Church in Commerce. We were pleased that two new prospective Blossoms attended--Nan Clay and Isabel Davis. Everyone again brought the wheelchair throws to the meeting and pictures were taken of them. JoAnn presented the next BOM and reminded us that our next block would be the last 12 inch block before we made the larger paper-pieced center.

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