

Cotton Patch Quilt Guild August 2012

Greenville, Texas

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Jane Martyn, Editor

President's Letter

Well, the “Dog Days” of summer are here, but I keep reminding myself it’s not as bad as last year.

The end of summer also means back to school and rearranging of schedules for parents and grandparents for childcare and all those school activities. Hopefully, many of you will still be able to find the time to work on a church block for our next donation quilt.

We’re also coming up on two events in September to sell tickets for our quilt, “Rally Round Greenville” the 15th and the “Bois d’arc Bash” on the 22nd. Please volunteer some time, if you can.

I’ve been watching some of the Olympics and am very proud of the athletes from all over the world and especially from the USA. Such hard work and dedication is something to admire. Quilting is like that too, the hard work and perseverance is rewarded in the end. We are all winners when that last stitch is completed and we cross the finish line.

Until next month,
Kathy Vestal



August Program

Trish Stewart

Designer, author, artist and quilt maker, she shares her creative ideas and techniques with us.



Guild Minutes

Meeting date July 26, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Vestal.

Guests were greeted and welcomed to the meeting.

Thanks were given to the food committee – Jane Martyn and Virginia Johnson, we had a wonderful meal of Thanksgiving in July.

Correction to the June Meeting minutes, the name of Carol Dodd was misspelled. After correction noted, minutes were approved.

Box tops were given to the Greenville Christian School.

Vice President of Programs Mandy Weaver announced a workshop with Trish Stewart on Saturday August 18th. The cost is \$40 plus \$12 for the pattern and use of inks. This will be the last workshop this year. The first part of the workshop from 9-12 will be ink painting. The second part will be thread painting and will be from 1-5.

Librarian Virginia Johnson announced the purchase of Spice of Life a book by Miss Rosie. It is now available for check out.

Jane Asberry - Community Service has more kits to quilt. If you want to practice quilting take a kit home with you.

TAQG meeting is Tuesday July 31st. The topic is grant writing and fundraising.

Design Committee passed out packets for the next Raffle Quilt. If you need a packet call Debra Hager at 903-450-6004.

Old Business

A booth has been secured for Rally Round Greenville on Saturday September 15th. Please make sure and sign up to volunteer.

Mark your calendars for Saturday September 22nd is the Bois darc Bash in Commerce. We will have a booth from 8-6. Please see Connie Cawthon to volunteer.

Leann Miller announced that Odyssey Hospice would like volunteers. If you are interested see Leann.

Sunshine and Shadows

Sunshine – Beth Mills is graduating from Northeast Texas Community College as a new nurse!! Join us in congratulating Beth in her accomplishment.

Shadows – Please keep member Beverly Lowe in your prayers. Beverly is very ill and on Hospice.

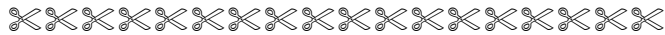
Jane Davis won the birthday drawing this month.

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Information for the next Newsletter
will be due September 17



Website

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

August Meeting

Our thanks go out to the food committee for their wonderful meal. Next month's food committee is Mandy Weaver, Connie Cawthon, Jane Martyn, Sara Bobbitt, Katharine McCaw, Pam Hodapp, Phyllis Moynihan.

The winner of the fat quarter drawing this month was Debra Hager. The theme for the September fat quarter drawing is back to school or primary colors.

The winner of the 18 flag lottery blocks was Jane Asberry.

Next month's lottery block was chosen by Jane Martyn called Salt Water Taffy. It is to be made with any color brights (tone on tone) with a bright yellow (tone on tone) center and white (tone on tone) background. If you want to participate, make the block and bring it to the next meeting. You will be given a ticket for each block turned in. A drawing will be held and someone will win all the blocks.

We will be starting a round robin quilt swap next month. If you want to participate, bring your center block, any size (measurements must be divisible by 2) in a container. You may include any coordinating fabric, any instructions, do's and don'ts you want in your quilt. We will exchange partners monthly for 6

months. Connie Cawthon will assign the exchange partners each month. If you sign up please commit to finish your border each month and bring it back to the meeting.



UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS & Stuff

"Quilts for All Seasons"

Vereins Quilt Guild
Aug 31 – September 2, 2012
Fredericksburg, TX

<http://www.verainsquiltguild.com>

The 13th Annual
Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild Show
"Women of Influence"
September 14 & 15, 2012
Hopkins County Civic Center, 1200 Houston Street, High School Gym, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

http://www.sulphurspringstxquilts.com/quilt_show.htm

Capital of Texas QuiltFest: Wild Texas Flowers
Austin Area Quilt Guild
September 14-16, 2012
<http://www.captxquiltfest.org>

Bois D'Arc Bash
Commerce, Texas
September 22, 2012

Remember When ... Quilted Memories
of Days Gone By
Trinity Valley Quilters' Guild of Fort Worth
30th Annual Quilt Show
September 28 - 30, 2012
Friday & Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-4
Amon Carter Exhibit Hall-Will Rogers Complex
Fort Worth, Texas
www.tvqg.org

Quilts: Recycling Our Past Into Our Future
September 30-October 2
Fort Worth TX
Website: www.tvqg.org



"Alzheimer's Illustrated: From Heartbreak to Hope" is a traveling quilt exhibit about Alzheimer's. It will be exhibited at venues throughout the United States through 2015. It features 236 quilts. Long, narrow "Name Quilts" are made from 55 purple patches, each marked with the name of a person who has/had Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

The "wrong" side of the fabric patches are showing. The color looks faded. The bright side of the cloth, full of the color and pattern of life, has been turned to the inside of the quilt, never to be seen again.

The Name Quilts create a wall more than 10,000 names, representing and honoring the 5.4 million people in the United States who have this horrid disease.

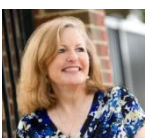
Hanging among the Name Quilts are 54 small format art quilts that tell the story of Alzheimer's from a variety of perspectives

Read more:

<http://www.alzquilts.org/alil.html#ixzz234xqxGXO>



Personal Quilt Stories



Do you have a quilt with a story in your family, perhaps one that belonged to a special family member, or was passed along to you by a special aunt or made by your grandmother? We would be privileged to share your quilt's story. To start off our news I will share my quilt story. Jane Martyn

I have been quilting over 20 years. I didn't take a class until I moved to Greenville in 1991. I had done almost every conceivable craft there is but always wanted to make a quilt. My mother barely sewed and I did manage to pass Home Ec. My first mother-in-law taught me macramé, embroidery, crewel and shared her love of quilts but she lived too far away to teach me. I saw the Cotton Patch Quilt members at the Hunt County fair and began attending meetings. Prior to joining I had hand quilted (with very large stitches) a stamped embroidery quilt that I had done. Then I put a bed ruffle around it (which I've since taken off). I used store bought binding too. It's still a favorite since its lavender roses! My first classes were with Debra

Hagar and Anna Morris, both charter member of the CPQG. I will never forget the time I went to the Greenville Mall and Debra Hagar made me sit down on our donation quilt and "quilt"! I was so nervous and just knew she would take those stitches out. I did get over my fear of hand quilting after that. In the past 20 years, I have since completed over 80 quilting projects since I started tracking them, not counting the 25 tops I have that need to be quilted or other unfinished projects. I do like to start new projects. It's a bit overwhelming at times since there are so many quilts I still want to make.

I'm not an award winning quilter nor do I aspire to be but I have lately decided to do more projects that are "outside" the box of my regular quilts, like attempting a Judy Niemeyer paper pieced pattern.

Suggestions to new quilters: 1. Don't buy a lot at first until you really know what you like and want to do. I have a huge stash and hardly use it. Secondly, take pictures of your work. I think it's important to document all that hard work.

My basic philosophy about quilting involves two things:

If you can't see it from a galloping horse, it's ok.

As long as it doesn't fall apart in the wash and as long as it makes some one feel warm and loved, it's doing what I want it to.

If you are interested in sharing your story, please email cpqgnews@gmail.com



**Quilt Across Texas
September 1, 2012 – September 31, 2012**

Statewide Shop Hop!
<http://quiltacrosstexas.com/>

2012 will bring the 2nd Annual Quilt Across Texas Hop! This statewide event will be held during the month of September, 2012 and will include over **90 quilt shops** located throughout the state of Texas. During the month, visitors are invited to stop at each shop participating in the event to take advantage of special **Texas-themed** quilt designs, quilt block patterns, giveaways, and prizes both on statewide and regional levels.

