

April 26 Refreshments

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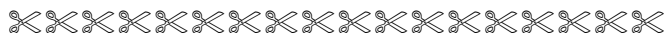
Please advise your captain if you cannot attend the meeting and **swap** with someone else or offer the captain money to cover your share.

Captains: Contact each person by the Monday before the guild meeting.



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DEADLINE

Information for the next Newsletter
will be due April 14



February Door Prize Donors

Anonymous - 3
In Stiches - Cathy Brandstetter - 2

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.

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

Sunshine & Shadow

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pam Shuman in the loss of her mother in Colorado Springs. Services were held March 8th.



Cotton Strippers

Mandy Weaver

March: Our thanks go out to the food committee for their wonderful meal. Next month's food committee is Debra Hager, Joy Gregory, Beth Mills, Katharine McCaw, Trudy McNish, LeeAnn Miller, Mandy Weaver.

The winners of the fat quarter drawing this month were Mandy Weaver and Becky Medlock. The theme for the April fat quarter drawing is Easter or pastel.

The pattern exchange game was fun and had lots of cool patterns to choose from.

The winner of the sweetheart chain blocks for the monthly block give-a-way was Kathy Vestal. This month's block, the uneven 9-patch was chosen by Sue Childers. It is to be made with white and black fabric only. The pattern will be emailed out to everyone. 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.

Paris Retreat is coming up March 14–18. See Debra Hager for more info.

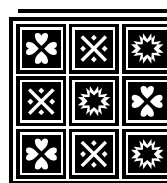
The Marvelous Matthews Memorial Day Retreat (3M for short) is planned for May 25-28. The cost is \$50 and includes all meals. A \$5.00 deposit is required to hold your spot. See Mandy Weaver for more info.



Cotton Belles

I am sad to report that the Cotton Belles are no longer meeting.

Submitted by Sherry Worley



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Community Service

We collect several types of bonus points to pass on to local schools or donate to charity. The following is a brief description of each. You can bring your labels or bottle tops to any meeting and turn them in at the registration table. They will then be distributed to that month's designated school or will be picked up by Community Service (in the case of Coke rewards bottle tops and codes).

Boxtops for Education will be collected for a different local school at each Guild meeting. You can find all pertinent information at www.boxtops4education.com. Once there click on box tops products then print a list of participating products. This is a huge list, but some of the highlights are Betty Crocker, many Cereal products, Nestle, Pillsbury, Ziplock, Kleenex, Scott, Old El Paso, Progresso Avery office products, Yoplait, Totino's, Hanes, Hefty, Britta, Land o' Lakes, and Nature Valley. You need to bring in the small coupon marked Boxtops for education from the packaging of each product.

Labels for Education will be collected for a different local school at each Guild meeting. You can find all pertinent information at www.labelsforeducation.com. Once there click on how to earn then English Participating Products Page. Pdf. In a nutshell you need to clip coupons that include the UPC from participating products, or in some cases save the bottle caps from drinks and sauces. Some of the participating products are Campbell's soups and juices, V-8, Post cereals, Pepperidge Farms Products, Pop Secret, Glad Storage, Bic, Dannon dairy products, and Emerald Nuts.

My Coke Rewards

We are still collecting points and have not made a donation yet. We have over 1,400 points and will make a donation before the end of 2012. Donations can be made to local schools or to National Charities. The website is www.mycokerewards.com. For a full overview of the program go to how it works then brands and packages. Bring in the bottle caps or the codes printed on the inside of cardboard packages of all Coke products. Some brands you might not know are Coke products include Minute Maid, PowerAde, Nestle, Seagram's, and Dasani. If you will take a few extra minutes in your day to

clip out and bring in all of these reward labels and caps we can make a difference for our local schools and a national charity. Please take a moment to separate the labels and caps.

Submitted by Sherry Worley

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS & Stuff

Terrell Heritage Jubilee – Quilt Show
Saturday April 21, 2012 from 9 – 5:00 pm
Furlough Middle School
1351 Colquitt Road
Terrell, TX

Azalea Quilt Show
Harvey Convention Center
2000 West Front Street
March 23-25, 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

North Texas Quilt Shop Spring Fling 2012
April 26-27-28 a.m. to 8 p.m.
For more information.
<http://www.blueribbonquiltshoppe.com/SpringFling2012.pdf>

In Memory of Kathy Dickens. You will be missed!
August 20, 1956 - February 20, 2012



When I'm An Old Lady

by Joanne Bailey Baxter

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid, And bring so much happiness just as they did. I want to pay back all the joy they've provided. Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

I'll write on the walls with reds, whites, and blues, And bounce on the furniture.....wearing my shoes. I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out. I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

When they're on the phone and just out of reach, I'll get into things like sugar and bleach. Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head, And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed. (When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat, I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat. I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table, And when they get angry...I'll run....if I'm able! (When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

I'll sit close to the TV., through the channels I'll click I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick. I'll take off my socks and throw one away, And play in the mud 'til the end of the day! (When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...)

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh, I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes. My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping, And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping!"



WANTED: TEXAS QUILTERS TO TELL THE STORY OF AGRICULTURE

COMMISSIONER TODD STAPLES
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Contact: [Bryan Black](mailto:Bryan.Black@tda.texas.gov) | (512) 463-7664

March 12, 2012

Deadline for quilt block submissions is June 5

AUSTIN – Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is asking quilters across the Lone Star State to participate in the Texas Department of Agriculture's 2012 quilt block competition. This year's theme, "Agriculture is Your Culture," was chosen to spotlight TDA's

educational campaign that demonstrates how agriculture impacts the lives of all Americans.

"There's no doubt farmers and ranchers are the backbone of Texas agriculture, but all of us are impacted by agriculture countless times each day in ways we may not even imagine," Commissioner Staples said. "From the clothes we wear to the food we eat to the construction of the houses we call home, agriculture is vital to our daily lives. I look forward to seeing how our creative quilters weave the 'Agriculture is Your Culture' theme into their quilts." As in previous years, each contestant will use Texas natural fibers – cotton, wool and leather – to create a quilt block to submit to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled in September at TDA's Food and Fiber Pavilion at the 2012 State Fair of Texas. At the conclusion of the Fair, the quilt will become part of TDA's popular quilt collection. As the country's leading producer of wool and mohair, Texas has earned a global reputation among international textile buyers for superior quality and durability. Texas also leads the nation in cotton production and is a major producer of hides for leather and suede. This year's contest sponsors include Hobbs Bonded Fibers of Waco, Quiltin' N Texas of Crowley, Tandy Leather Factory of Fort Worth and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. The final quilt will be designed and constructed by Terri Vogds of Denton, and quilted by Maria Davis of Lewisville. To help defray the cost of the contest, there is a \$20 fee for each participant packet. The packets contain the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design, along with tips and techniques for developing the block and additional information about the contest theme. To participate in the 2012 quilt block competition, call (877) 99-GOTEX or download a participant form by visiting the [TDA Quilt Collection](http://www.gotexan.org) section of www.gotexan.org. The deadline for submissions is June 5, 2012 and a limited number of packets are available. To learn more about the "Agriculture is Your Culture" campaign, visit www.TexasAgriculture.gov/culture.



Texas Quilt Museum
140 West Colorado
La Grange, TX 78945

The Texas Quilt Museum is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit entity. It is housed in two historic 1890s buildings, which provide a fine showcase for both antique and contemporary quilt art with their high ceilings, brick walls, and original hardwood floor. <http://texasquiltmuseum.org/txqm/home.html>

Cotton Patch Quilt Guild
P.O. Box 8953
Greenville, TX 75404

Lost & Found

If someone picked up from Cleek Retreat last year a large yellow round surge protector, please let Pam Shuman know. It has not yet surfaced.



Coats & Clark turn 200 years old!

Check out their timeline!

<http://www.coatsandclark200years.com/>
<http://www.coatsandclark200years.com/pdf/timeline.pdf>

Thank You

Thank you all so much for the wonderful gift certificate to Quilt Mercantile. I had just purchased a light box from them at Christmas and could not afford to purchase any more appliqué patterns. Guess what? I can now! If anyone needs me I'll be in Celeste shopping till I drop!

Again, thank you so much for the wonderful gift.

Sincerely,
LaVonne McCaw