



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild February 2013



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Jane Martyn, Editor

President's Letter

The colors and free shapes of the quilts made by the Gee Bend, AL, quilters, fascinate me, because I am a planner, who has to organize my project, then when done, my desire for perfection makes me insecure about it being "right" and the flaws glare at me. The quilts of the Gee Bend group are beautiful for the art in their imperfections and fun for their freedom from rules. Quilting should be fun and express what YOU like and care enough to make, and not a perfect example of another person's judgment of what's good. Let's learn from some of the Gee Bend philosophy taken from American Patchwork & Quilting, 6/2012, Issue 116.

"With us, some of it be crooked. I can do straight lines, but have you ever traveled a road that has no curves? We get hung up on being perfect. I just want it to be free. That's how I feel when I do my quilts." ~ Stella MacPettway

"Hand stitching kinda smiles at you. Those stitches are like white teeth smiling back at you." ~ MacPettway

"I cut up a center square or triangle and put it where I want. Half the time a center doesn't end up where it was. And if I don't like the top once it's pieced, I just cut that quilt up and reattach it a different way." ~ Louisiana Bendolph

To those who are like me, let's not be so critical of our work. Life is not perfect and what we do, we do for pleasure. To you hand quilters, those stitches are the quilt smiling at you and teeth in a smile can be different sizes. That's life!

PS. This month we will decide if we will charge an admission fee to non-members. Please speak up during the discussion, whether for or against, so that we can fully consider the question. Your opinion counts and should be heard. After the vote, let's remain united as a patchwork-loving group of quilters. That's the most important thing, that despite our difference of opinions in small matters, we remain friends because of our common goal to grow and share as quilters. -- Linda Franklin



Guild Minutes Jan. 24, 2013

President Kathy Vestal called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and thanked the food committee. Vestal thanked the Guild members for their support this past year and installed incoming officers. Linda Franklin – President, Mandy Weaver – Vice President, Carol Adams – Treasurer, - Kathy Vestal – Secretary, Trudy McNish – Membership, Jane Martyn – Newsletter Editor, Pam Hodapp – Librarian.

The meeting was turned over to President Linda Franklin. Mandy Weaver presented Vestal with a gift certificate from the membership.

Box tops for education were given to Greenville Christian School.

Linda Franklin requested a correction to the Jan. 8, 2013 Executive Board meeting minutes to read "Sara Bobbitt did not decline the position of secretary, but stepped down due to family issues." Franklin asked the Dec. Guild minutes reflect the slate of officers was voted into office [sic] motion passed. December minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Donation Quilt – Connie Cawthon reported she has the quilt blocks and is working on a layout for the quilt.

Community Service – Jane Asberry reported kits are available

TAQG – Jane Asberry – Feb. meeting for presidents, secretaries and treasurers of Guilds

Old Business – Franklin reminded members to pay dues by the Feb. meeting in order to be included in the 2013 directory.

New Business – Franklin asked for questions or changes of the 2012 and 2013 budgets as distributed and printed in the newsletter. 2012 – no changes.

2013 – Jane Martyn explained expense for website due to changes in software requirements. Connie Cawthon explained professional fees would be for assistance in taxes, corporation or non-profit business, if needed. Gwen Schroth made the motion to accept the 2013 budget; Priscilla Moore 2nd the motion, motion carried

by majority "show of hands." Franklin asked for volunteer for Sunshine and Shadows, Roberta Vanderburg accepted. Franklin asked for consideration of Executive Board recommendation to amend bylaws to include a \$5 fee for guests at meetings that have a paid speaker and the description of membership officer duties in collecting these fees.

A motion to consider a \$5 guest fee was made by LaVonne McCaw, 2nd by Roberta Vanderburg followed by discussion from members, motion was carried. Katharine McCaw and Debra Hager will draft the bylaw change to be published in Feb. newsletter and vote at February meeting.

Mandy Weaver announced Feb. program will be Marilyn Watson presenting "A Clothesline of Quilts Across America" (quilt barns slide show).

Door prizes were awarded.

A skit written, produced and directed by Gwen Schroth "The Cotton Pickin' Retreat" was presented for the enjoyment of the meeting attendees followed by show and tell.

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Vestal

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Membership for 2013 now due. February Guild meeting is the last month to pay to get your information in the directory. A check is preferred. Pictures will be taken at the February meeting.
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February 28 Program

Marilyn Watson "A Clothesline of Quilts Across America" (quilt barns slide show) Come along with her and see a slide show of quilt barns across the country from California to North Carolina, Michigan to Texas. She has over 1,200 pictures of these wonderful American art treasures. She is bringing lots of goodies to show and sell.

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BYLAW CHANGES

Only members that have paid their 2013 dues will be eligible to vote on the amendment.

STANDING RULES

(add)

- 10. A five dollar (\$5.00) admission fee applies to each non-member who is sixteen years old and above who attends a guild meeting for which there is a paid speaker/presenter.

BYLAWS AMMENDMENT 2013

Article VI

- 6.12 Currently stated: Collects dues from guild members and delivers such funds to the treasurer at each general meeting.

Amendment to read:

Collects dues from members and admission fees from guests/sponsors and delivers such funds to the treasurer at each general meeting.

Reason for change: Economic benefit

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Ratcliff	February 5
Jane Asberry	February 6
Anna Borrer	February 6
Beverly Lowe	February 8
Linda Neal	February 11
Dorothy Boettcher	February 17
Maxine Leverett	February 24
Jackie Brown	February 27

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sue Miller	March 1
Ann Groves	March 14
Wanda Roy	March 14
Madeline Sullivan	March 15
Mandy Weaver	March 17
Katharine McCaw	March 18
Beth Mills	March 19
Trudy McNish	March 29
Kathy Rahmanzadeh	March 31



DEADLINE

Information for the next Newsletter will be due March 18.



I wish to thank the members of the CPQG for the gift certificate I was presented at the January meeting. I was at a loss for words at Guild. Your support and encouragement means more to me than you'll ever know.
 Kathy Vestal



Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Janice Evans

Statement Dates: **01/01/2013-01/31/2013**

Current Balance		3,330.33
Deposits		1,251.16
Checks	USPS	76.00
Balance		4,505.49



January Door Prizes

- Anonymous - 2
- Quilt Asylum - 1
- Minding My P's & Q's - 1
- Maxine Leverett - 1
- Carol Sprague - 1

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.



February Refreshments

Pamela Hansen – Captain

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| Margie Hendrix | Mary Alice MacDonald |
| Jeanie Herring | Annette Marshall |
| Pamela Hodapp | James Marshall |
| Ann Hood | Jane Martyn |
| Virginia Johnson | Katharine McCaw |
| Maxine Leverett | Lavonne McCaw |
| John McGill | Marilyn McGill |

March Refreshments

Trudy McNish - Captain

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| Becky Medlock | Nancy Nall |
| LeeAnn Miller | Linda Neal |
| Sue Miller | Maejean Nixon |
| Beth Mills | Huey Nobles |
| Donna Moon | Linda Olivera |
| Priscilla Moore | Kathy Rahmzadeh |

*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.

Website

The list of programs for 2013 is now posted on the home page of the newsletter.

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

Our thanks go out to the food committee for their wonderful meal. There will be **no** March meeting due to the retreat at Paris.

April's food committee is Sara Bobbitt, Maxine Leverett, Becky Medlock, Sue Childers, Kelly Greiner, Katharine McCaw, Barbara Ratcliff.

The winner of the fat quarter drawing this month was Janice Evans. The theme for the April fat quarter drawing is Easter/pastel. You will be given a ticket for each fat quarter turned in to get a chance to win them all.

The winner of the Split 16 patch lottery

blocks was Kay Colcleasure. Beth Mills brought a completed quilt top from last month's red star lottery blocks. Jane Martyn came up with the idea to have one big lottery block show and tell at our December meeting. So the challenge has been put to all you past lottery block winners. Get those tops together for a big reveal in December!

The next lottery block was presented by Phyllis Moynihan and is called Green & White Pinwheel. It is to be made with any green and tone on tone white fabric. The block for March was presented by Connie Cawthon and is called "S" block. It is to be made with any 2 contrasting colors, light/dark. If you want to participate, make the blocks and bring them to the April meeting. You will be given a ticket for each block turned in to get a chance to win them all. April's presenter will be Linda Olivera.

The reveals for the round robin quilt were absolutely amazing, great job to everyone who participated. We exchanged partners and are excited to see the final round at the April meeting.

Jane Martyn talked about the upcoming July 11-14 retreat at Matthews Center.

Debra Hager talked about the upcoming March 14-17 retreat at Paris.

Sue Childers talked about the upcoming June 11-13 Grandmothers/Grandkids retreat at Matthews Center. They need some grandmothers who would like to come and help. See them for more info.

Debbie Uphoff and Kay Colcleasure are hosting a quilt-a-long for our group. They will be presenting the instructions to make a Bonnie Hunter quilt and first fabric swap to the group at the April meeting.

We had an awesome show and tell from so many talented people.

Our group is open to anyone who wants to join and we welcome visitors. We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

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Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Programs for 2013

March 28 – Judy Steward “Tips & Tricks that help make quilting fun and easy”

April 25 – Connie Liftin “Penny Rugs and Wool Applique”
 Workshop – wool penny rug \$10.00 + kit cost

May 23 – Sam Winover “Templates, A Quilter’s Best Friend” bringing a mini store to sell quilting products at a discount.

June 27 – Brenda Perry “Confessions of a Quiltaholic”

July 25 – Cheryl Morschauer & Deborah Cooley “Sew Many Little Quilts”
 July 27 - Workshop, Courthouse Steps \$35.00

August 22 – Sandra Archer “Quilt Talks” (trunk show vintage quilts)

September 26 – Brenda Jeschke “Why I made this quilt”
 Workshop, Silk Ribbon embroidery \$25.00 + kit \$6.00

October 24 – Community Service Day

November 21 - Skills Night

December 19 – Guild Christmas Party



Upcoming Quilt Shows

March 8-10 2013
 Dallas Quilt Celebration 2013
 Quilt Guild of Dallas
 Dallas, TX

March 22 & 23, 2013
 32st Annual Tyler Quilt Show



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**National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame
Off the Wall: Maverick Quilts Exhibit**

<http://www.cowgirl.net/Exhibits.html>

The block entry ends March 1st, but the quilts are on display until the end of March.



Peanut Butter Trail Mix Bars

- 2/3 cup whole almonds
- 2/3 cup whole cashews
- 1 and 1/2 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1/3 cup ground flax
- 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup honey (or light corn syrup, or maple syrup)
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter, melted

Line an 8x8 baking pan with parchment paper. Set aside.

In a food processor (or blender), pulverize the almonds and cashews for about 10 seconds into small pieces, leaving some large chunks in tact. In a large bowl, combine the oats, ground flax, crushed nuts, chocolate chips, dried cranberries, and raisins. Mix thoroughly.

Mix together melted peanut butter and honey in a small bowl, pour over the dry ingredients, until fully coated. Press mixture into baking pan, using the back of a spatula to evenly press. Place bars into the refrigerator to set up for at least one hour. Cut into 16 squares. Store bars in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 10 days and in the refrigerator for 2 weeks.

Mandy Weaver



Quote

Jill Buttel....."I refuse to feel guilty about my stash. I take very good care of it. Wash it, fold it, separate it into colors, types and specialties, place it in drawers where it is safe from my rotary cutter."



My Quilt Story by Mandy Weaver



I started quilting in 2002 after moving to Greenville, Tx from New Mexico. My mother and I took a beginning quilting class at the quilt shop on the square in Commerce, TX. We were both bitten hard by the quilting bug. I made my first quilt, a red and blue cowboy print king size for my bed. I had been sewing for years since taking a sewing class in high school and I enjoyed making clothes for my daughters. I was invited to the Cotton Patch Quilt Guild in 2006 by member Carolyn Wright. I really enjoy the meetings because everyone is so friendly and helpful. The guild has so many opportunities for learning and serving. I have served the guild on many committees and as Secretary in 2009-10 and am currently Vice-President 2012-13. I went on my first retreat with Carolyn Wright to Eufaula, Ok and my eyes were open wide to the monster that is quilting! I have since become totally obsessed with all things quilting. I love attending retreats and go on at least 4 a year. I have made so many close friends and learned so much from them. If you have never gone on one I highly recommend it. Quilt shows are another of my favorite things about quilting. I get so much inspiration from going to them, I just want to run home and start sewing. My favorite show was going to the AQS National Quilt Show in Paducah, Kentucky July 2011 with 11 friends. Can you say Road Trip! Next on my list is the Houston show. I can't imagine my life without quilting and hope to continue down the path I'm on. I have a side business making T-shirt quilts and have made over 50 in the past few years. My dream is to one day buy a long arm quilting machine and start a business quilting for others. I just want to end with a thank you to all my friends for their love and support throughout the years. You have laughed and cried with me and I wouldn't give anything for your friendship. Love you all, Mandy Weaver

