



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild March 2013



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Jane Martyn, Editor

President's Letter

While in Okinawa, Japan, this February, I had an unexpected treat. I met Barbie Knickerbocker, president of the Okinawa International Patchwork Guild. She exudes enthusiasm for all things patchwork, teaches quilting out of her home, has 5 sewing machines (not counting the hand crank which is only for show) and a long-arm.

The Okinawan guild (30 members) has a different approach than ours for activities. They do not have speakers, but take turns teaching a block or technique, sometimes taught straight from a book. They plan what they will do each month, and then meet on the third Saturday for the day with machines, fabric, and patterns. Some months they work on their community service quilts, and they have an annual retreat in a resort located in the woods of northern Okinawa. Because so many of them own Bernina machines, the retired president of Bernina Japan taught at their retreat this year.

This is wonderful but I noticed that most of the work and teaching is done by Barbie and perhaps 2 other members. If Barbie were to leave, I fear the guild would sputter to an end. This is the drawback to a guild that is dependent on just a dynamic few to get all the work done. What happens when their energy is drained or they are unable to carry on?

In any group all, or at least most, members should be involved in some way, sharing the work as well as the entertainment. In our guild there are so many of us, it should only mean a few volunteer hours per person during the year, and we can have fun doing it, because we are fun to be with people. We will also get to each other better. A patchwork buddy is one of the best friends you can have.

From now on when you hear the question, "Will you?", answer, "Yes." Go for it! We will try to group experienced with newbies, but really, anything needing to be done, I know any of us can do.

Remember, say "Yes!"

~ Linda Franklin



CPQG Meeting Minutes Feb. 28, 2013

Vice Pres. Mandy Weaver called the meeting to order, welcomed guests and thanked the food committee. The March food committee captain is Trudy McNish.

Box tops for education were given to Lone Oak Schools.

Jane Martyn reported a correction to the newsletter treasurer's report to read prepared by Carol Adams. January meeting minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Donation Quilt - Connie Cawthon reports the layout is ½ completed.

TAQG – Jane Asberry requested 3 quilts for the Rally Day mini quilt auction, Debbie Hager, Anita Motley, Lisa Reader and Mandy Weaver volunteered to make quilts.

Asberry announced 2014 Rally Day speaker is Pat Speth author of Nickel Quilt books. Members were asked for input on preference for a 2 day workshop or 2 individual classes. Contact Jane Asberry

Community Service – Jane Asberry a workday will be scheduled in the near future.

Pam Hansen will be coordinating a class to teach a group of home-schooled girls to quilt. Anyone wishing to assist can contact P. Hansen.

Old Business – Proposed amendment to bylaws to include a guest fee for certain meetings was read by Weaver followed by discussion from members. A ballot vote was taken of the 63 members present with 21 – yes, 34 – no, 8 – abstain. The proposed bylaw change was not accepted.

New Business – none presented

March Program – Judy Steward presenting "Tips & Tricks that help make quilting fun and easy"

The slideshow program of quilt barns was presented by Marilyn Watson followed by door prizes and show n tell.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Vestal, Secretary



March Program

March 28 – Judy Steward is presenting “Tips & Tricks that help make quilting fun and easy”. She has experimented with many techniques and tools over the years and will be sharing how to use these to make quilting fun and easy. She is also bringing patterns and a DVD to sell.



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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Cogswell	April 5
Mary Lou Strohm	April 6
Huey Nobles	April 9



DEADLINE

Information for the next Newsletter will be due April 15.



Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Carol Adams

Statement Dates: 2/01/13 thru 2/28/13

Previous Balance	\$4,455.49
Checks/Debits	312.70
Current Balance	\$4,142.79



February Door Prizes

Anonymous	2
In Stitches	2
Quilt Asylum	1
Quilt Country	2
Minding My P's & Q's	2
Marilyn Watson (speaker)	4

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.



March Refreshments

Trudy McNish - Captain

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

April Refreshments

Barbara Ratcliff – Captain

Lisa Reeder	Marie Smith
Sue Ross	Barbara Stephens
Wanda Roy	Shirley Shaw
Linda Russell	Trish Stewart
Gwen Schroth	Connie Stockleman
Ellen Shipley	Mary Lou Strohm

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

There was no March meeting due to the retreat at Paris. April's food committee is Sara Bobbitt, Maxine Leverett, Becky Medlock, Sue Childres, Kelly Greiner, Katharine McCaw, Barbara Ratcliff.

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 February lottery block called Green & White Pinwheel and the March lottery block called "S" block will be given away at 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.

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.

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.



Sunshine & Shadows

Shirley Shaw is well on her way to recovery after her knee replacement surgery.

Kevin Adams, husband of member Carol Adams, is finally rebuilding his shop after the devastating fire last November (this will keep him out of her hair for a bit).

Linda Olivera's cousin passed away in California. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please contact Roberta Vanderburg if you know of anyone who has something to celebrate or who needs our prayers.



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Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Programs for 2013

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 Morschauser & 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



Letter from the Librarian

When you receive your library book list at the March guild meeting, you will notice that the list is somewhat smaller than the previous year. In December I contacted several guilds asking them about their libraries. A few guilds answered back that they had gotten rid of their library but the majority said they still had one. Many of the librarians told me that they periodically go through the books and get rid of the old ones to make room for new ones. Most said they do not keep magazines. If members donate magazines, the magazines are sold for \$.25 each.

In 2012 there were only 29 books signed out of our library, 8 of them being signed out by the librarian. There are so many books that are outdated and I also felt that it was difficult for members to locate a book in the very crowded cabinet.

In January I approached Linda Franklin with the idea of downsizing the library. She sent out a list of questions to every executive board member and they were all in agreement that thinning out the

