



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild

August 2014

Greenville, Texas

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Jane Martyn, Editor

President's Letter

What makes a good show quilt? Of course, design, execution of technique, and color balance are the most important points, but I learned, as a scribe for the Plano Quilt Show, that the ribbons were won or lost by the details. Plus, all other things being equal between two quilts, the quilt with the most techniques or handwork won the ribbon. The following points were repeated by the judge over and over as she carefully inspected each quilt. These are good rules to remember for every quilt we make:

- Stitch in the ditch should stay in the ditch.
- Mitered borders should meet mitered corners (of binding).
- Strive for consistent quilting stitch length.
- Look for tension trouble in the back of the quilt.
- Machine quilting starts and stops should not be visible.
- Measure each block and border to achieve flat edges.
- Binding should be filled and even.

We can learn from our experienced quilters, too, and some of them shared their "mantras" with me.

- Slow and sure is better than fast and sloppy.
- Measure twice; cut once.
- If you don't have time to do it right, you must have time to do it over.
- Your imperfections will not show as much as you think.
- Be creative!
- You will make it work.
- When shopping without a project in mind and you like the fabric, buy 1 yard. If you really like the fabric, buy 2 yards, but if you really, really, like it, get 3 yards!

Actually, all the quilts we make are "show" quilts, because someone will see them besides ourselves, right? Even the quilt you make to give

away as Community Service, is a show quilt, and should be worthy of your pride to put your name on it and the joy in the giving and receiving your work of art.

The better you become, the more you enjoy the process! ~ Linda Franklin



August Program

At last.....a program that addresses all of us! On August 28th, Martha Wolf of Frisco, Texas, will give a presentation entitled, "DONE IS BETTER THAN PERFECT". This is a humorous look at how so many of us quilters struggle with the unfinished project. The (5) main stumbling blocks to quilt completion include examples of quilts that illustrate solutions to those stumbling blocks. Do not miss this program unless you are content to let your quilt room fill up with 'UFO'S'.

Virginia Johnson, Program Chairperson



CPQG July 2014 Meeting Minutes

Pres. Linda Franklin called the meeting to order, thanked the food committee and welcomed guests. Food captain for August will be Kay Allen. Box tops for Educ. will go to the Greenville Christian School. The June meeting minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Announcements:

The Uptown Forum quilt display will be Sept. 13th to the 20th with quilts being hung on Sept. 12th. Quilts for the display will need to be brought to the August Guild meeting. Many volunteers are needed to hang quilts, monitor the quilts, and sell tickets for our raffle quilt and to dismantle the display. Contact Linda Franklin to sign up and volunteer your time.

Committee Reports:

2015 Raffle quilt design committee – Jane Martyn Wood will chair with assistance from Many Weaver, Laurie Anderson and Becky Medlock.

Correspondence: Kathy Vestal announced information on the Sewing, Quilting & Embroidery Expo in Ft. Worth (Oct 16 – 18) will be on the membership table.

Community Service:

Volunteer Service Pins were announced by Sherry Worley for the years 2011, 2012 & 2013. Bronze Awards – Linda Franklin, Sara Bobbitt, Kathy Brandstetter, Lanell Bundick, Mandy Weaver & Sherry Worley; Silver Award – Kathy Brandstetter; Gold Award – Beth Winn TAQG – Jane Asberry thanked the members who so generously donated fabric for Rally Day and to those who assisted in preparing “goody bags.” CPQG won a \$25 gift certificate for the most Nickel quilts made in our Guild category. Mandy Weaver was recognized for her work as coordinator of the “mini quilt” silent auction. Kathy Dunigan, expert appliquer will be the 2015 Rally Day speaker.

BOM – Pamela Hansen announced the “Churn Dash” as the next block followed by a demo of the block by Mandy Weaver.

Birthday and door prize drawings were held.

Program: JoAnn Cross presented a wonderful talk on “My Quilt Box Treasures” with a display of quilts and fiber arts. Everyone enjoyed the presentation and learned a valuable lesson in preserving family heirlooms.

August Program: Martha Wolf will be presenting “Done is better than Perfect.”

Two more presenters are needed for the October “skills” night program. Contact Virginia Johnson if you can assist.

Show and tell was presented.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Vestal, Sec.



Skill Building BOM

Churn Dash - what a beautiful block and so many beautiful quilts have been made using this block! We look forward to seeing the Churn Dash block that each of you have created!

Now please don't fly away! This month's block, the Flying Geese, adds an awesome design element to any quilt. There are so many different

ways to make flying geese and everyone has their favorite way, please feel free to use your favorite method or try a different method! I heard one Guild member state recently that she needs some practice on flying geese. Here's her chance! The pattern for this block will be distributed at the August meeting.

How does this program work? Each month please make two blocks, one for you to keep and one to give to the CPQG Community Service Program. When you give one block to the CPQG Community Service Program, you will be entered into a drawing for that evening. Remember that your block should finish at 12”square that means what you turn in should measure 12 ½” square. It's been fun putting the blocks together into quilt tops! Come to the Community Service Workshop on the first Monday of the month and help us sew them together.



Community Service

We had a fun meeting and interesting meeting. The most unique part is we never got around to even sewing a stitch. There was not a sewing machine in sight!

We iron, folded, discussed etc., but no actual sewing was done. So if you are one of those who think that you're sewing is not up to Guild standards, do not let it stop you from coming and giving an extra pair of hands. More donated fabric was brought in from our "Stash" and added to the cupboard. Jo made quick work of getting it put away and we looked at boxes of non-cotton fabric to see if we could find a way to use them to help someone else. Dorothy took several pieces home to make shawls for Senior citizens. Pam worked on quilt blocks of the month and was well on her way to getting two ready to sew. Others worked on various projects.

The day was topped off with John and Shirley Turner arriving to accept a donation of 35 quilts for the Disabled Veterans Chapter on Greenville. They have many in need and told of one return Veteran who had been sleeping in his car this winter with no blanket or quilt to help ward off the cold. They fed him, and gave him a blanket for the cold. Do wish it should have been one of our quilts keeping him warm.

We have some new projects coming up. We have several Alzheimer aprons cut out and some bead bags kitted up. We made several kits for the more adventurous quilters that have donated blocks and fabric for you to use your own imagination on. We also have easier kits that you can do the whole quilt or just the parts you want to before you pass it on.

Thank you for all that you do and see you at guild.

Sue Childers



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dee Saye	August 1
Marie Smith	August 4
Mary Alice MacDonald	August 6
Linda Olivera	August 12
Jo Dieterich	August 14
Linda Russell	August 20
LaVonne McCaw	August 25

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jane Martyn Wood	September 4
LaNell Bundick	September 11
Susan Childers	September 13
Virginia Johnson	September 15
Nancy Nall	September 15
Leslie Erickson	September 20
Janice Pitt	September 20
Pamela Hansen	September 21
Pam Shuman	September 25



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

As of 7/31/14

Previous Balance	\$3,468.36
Deposits/credits	233.40
Checks/debits	743.35
Current Balance	\$2,958.41

Laurie Anderson
Treasurer



Membership Update

New email for Pamela Hansen is
PJPEK@icloud.com

Please welcome new members:

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Website

The list of programs for 2014 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.



DEADLINE

Information for the next Newsletter will be due September 15!

July Door Prizes

Anonymous	4
Quilt Asylum-McKinney	1
Quilt Country-Lewisville	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.



August Refreshments

Kay Allen - Captain

Laurie Anderson	Anna Borrer
Jane Asberry	Cathy Brandstetter
Joan Biggs	Phyllis Buchholz
Sara Bobbitt	LaNell Bundick
Dorothy Boettcher	Carolyn Burt
Gail Bohmfalk	Ruth Butcher
Teri Boney	Jan Byrd

September Refreshments

Connie Cawthon - Captain

Sherry Chennault	Isabel Davis
Susan Childers	Jane Davis
Lynn Cogswell	Betty Day
Kay Colcleasure	Jo Dieterich
Julie Craig	Carol Dodd
Wanda Craig	Leslie Erickson
Jo Ann Cross	Janice Evans

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.

Everyone, please remember to help clean up afterward and take care of your dishes.



Sunshine & Shadows

Congratulation to Linda Neal for Best of Show, First Place and Viewer's Choice at the Plano Quilt Show. The Machine Quilting Award went to our own Jackie Brown

Please continue to keep Jim Bobbitt, husband of Sara Bobbitt in your prayers.

Also, our thoughts and prayers are with Trish Stewart and her husband.

Betty Day is now home and recuperating nicely from her hip replacement surgery.

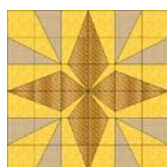
After September1, please contact Jane Martyn (newsletter editor) at either the cpqgnews@gmail.com or jane_martyn@hotmail.com. She is retiring from A&M-Commerce on August31.



FRIENDSHIP GROUP UPDATES

Cotton Blossoms

The Cotton Blossoms are now meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2 PM at the Presbyterian Church in Commerce. We are meeting regularly, though somewhat diminished in numbers. We have recently gotten our Ronald McDonald challenge fabrics.



Cotton Strippers Meeting

August 2014 Meeting minutes

A big thanks to the food committee for another great meal. The food committee for next month is Debbie Hager, Joy Gregory, Wanda Wilson, Mandy Weaver, Roberta Vanderburg, Linda Olivera.

The winner of the fat quarter drawing was Linda Olivera. The theme for next month is Back to School or primary colors. For every fat quarter you bring you will receive a ticket for a chance to win them all.

The winner of lottery block "Umbrella" was Anita Gaudreau. The lottery block for next month was presented by Mandy Weaver and is called "Turnabout" by Pat Speth. This pattern will result 2 opposite 7" blocks. It is to be made with 1 light and 1 dark color that coordinates, bright happy colors, no white, cream, brown, black, civil war, etc. For every lottery block you bring you will receive a ticket for a chance to win them all.

Mandy Weaver presented the instructions for a mystery quilt. We will start the mystery next month with the first step. This will be a 5 month mystery with the reveal on the last month.

Fun and friendship is what this group is all about. If you're looking for some quilting buddies, come join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the church.

Submitted by

Mandy Weaver



Cranky Treadler Retreat

Cranky Treadles are sponsoring a retreat at Mathews Sept 11, 12, 13, 14, 2014. The cost is \$50 per person. Though our retreats usually only allow people powdered machines, this time we have decided to allow VINTAGE electrics. This includes all Featherweights, Singer 101, 201, and 301 machines. Basically any machine with no plastic parts, no electronic machines or computerized.

It will be a bring your own food. Many bring food items to share. Those that have been before know how generous everyone is with food and we have never starved. Most do plan on one meal at Buffalo Grill. Someone, and I don't remember who, volunteered ice cream and Sue will be making hot fudge.

Space is limited as we try to keep our retreats small. Contact Kay Colcleasure if you would like to come. Payment is due by Aug 15th.



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Upcoming Quilt Shows & Retreats

8th Biennial Quilt Show

“Today’s Treasures - Tomorrow’s Heirlooms”

Friday, August 29 10am - 7pm

Saturday, August 30th 10am – 5pm

New Location: Fredericksburg

September 19 & 20

Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild

1115 Putman (the First Baptist Rec Center)

Sulphur Springs, TX

October 10 & 11

Mineola League of the Arts Guild presents the 24th Quilt Celebrations *Stars, Stars and more Stars*

Houston Quilt Festival

October 30-November 2, 2014

November Paris Retreat

November 6-9, 2014

Contact Debra Hager for more details.



King Ranch Chicken Casserole

- 2 cups finely shredded cheese
- 3 leg quarters – cooked, deboned, cut into bite size pieces. Reserve broth for soaking tortillas
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes – drained
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1 bell pepper chopped
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 4 flour tortillas

Pre heat oven to 350 . Spray 9x13 baking dish. Combine cooked chicken, all can items, 1 cup cheese, chopped veggies, garlic salt and chili powder in large bowl. Tear tortillas into pieces and soak in broth until softened, then line bottom of baking dish into single layer. Spread chicken mixture over tortillas. Sprinkle remaining cheese over top. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Let set 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

CPQG Quilt Display

September 13 – 20

Uptown Form

Downtown Greenville

We need more quilts, twin or smaller. Although we plan to have a member there at all times, we cannot guarantee they will not be touched. We would like the display to show a variety of techniques and styles. Please share a quilt or two.

Volunteers are needed to hang, take down, and be quilt angels (selling raffle tickets, at the same time). Sign up sheets for volunteering and/or quilts will be at the July and August guild meetings or contact Linda Franklin: lcftexas75402@gmail.com or 903-455-6123.

Hang quilts: 9/12 (Fri), 3:30 PM – done

Quilt Angels: 9/13, 9/15-20, Sat, M-Sat, 9:30 – 5:30, 2 hour shifts

Take down quilts: 9/20 (Sat, 5:45 PM – done)

Let’s show the public the wonderful world of quilting and let them know there is a guild in town!

Submit your photos for Faces of the Quilters!

Are you a quilter? Do you love quilts? Collect them? Do you know other like-minded folks? We're collecting photos to show the diversity of the quilting community. . .and some of their thoughts about life and quilting and the things that inspire them.

These photos will become part of a grand collage stretching down "Main Street" at International Quilt Festival this fall, a red carpet display of women and men whose passion for this great American art form has now circled the globe. . .all in celebration of Festival's Ruby Jubilee, its 40th anniversary!

For 40 years, people who love and value quilts have attended Festival and we want everyone to be represented in this great tribute to the needle artists who have kept. . .and are keeping. . .quilting alive and thriving!

But you don't have to limit yourself to current quilters! You can send in a photo of a grandmother who quilted, a great-aunt you inherited a quilt from, friends who love quilts, your favorite quilt shop owner, a daughter who is learning to quilt from you today. In short, we want the full range of our community to be on view, showing the diversity and inclusiveness of quilting.

Find all of the details about how you and your quilting bee friends, your quilt guild contacts, your art quilting buddies, your church group can be recognized for their commitment to fabric, needle, thread at the link below.

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