



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild



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Jane Martyn, Editor

President's Letter

This month one of our guild friends turned 50 and suffered "fifty-itis", the shock of realizing one has lived longer than expected future years of life. We welcome our young friend to the "50 and Plus" club. Life just gets better from here on. In her honor, I asked the quilters at the Paris Retreat what was on their bucket lists.

Most want to travel, Hawaii being top destination, along with Germany, and Madagascar (to see the lemurs hopping under the trees). One would like to live in Alaska for 6 months, another plans to climb the Eiffel Tower (the one in France).

Adventurers plan to one day parachute, scuba dive, and hitch a ride in a Stealth jet. Crafters would love to make beautiful cards, knit, crochet, and put together all those scrapbooks they want to do.

Since we're quilters, many bucket items involve our stash, completing projects, buying a long arm machine, etc. Using up our stash in quilts? I think a ride in the Stealth is more realistic, don't you? One quilter is getting closer to completely organizing her sewing supplies, and moving all her stuff in the same acre of land. The delay is costing her because when she can't find something, she must buy another one to use in the meantime. Another quilter wants to clean out her garage. If you saw her garage, you would understand why that is a bucket list item.

Carol Adams intends to publish a book and make her mark in the art world. I say get her autograph now, because I believe she is going to realize this goal.

We can learn from the two who haven't put off doing their dreams. Phyllis Moynihan is currently in the pastry program she had wanted to take for years. Connie Cawthon has done pretty much what she's wanted to do with the exception of retirement. She has accomplished this by not stressing about the small things, like cleaning and cooking.

Have you got a dream? Audrey Hepburn said, "Nothing is impossible; the word itself says, 'I'm possible!'" Don't give up; get going!

~ Linda Franklin



March Cotton Patch Quilt Guild Program

March 27 – Terri Vogds "Trunk Show & Specialty Ruler Spinning Star" - Lecture features over 20 quilts, sharing lots of tips and tricks along with personal quilting tragedies and triumphs. A demonstration of her specialty rulers to make spinning star or twisted frame quilts fast and easy.

Virginia Johnson, Program Chairperson



CPQG Feb. 2014 Meeting Minutes

Pres. Linda Franklin called the meeting to order and thanked the food committee. Guests were welcomed and introduced.

Box tops for educ. will go the Caddo Mills ISD.

Program – Virginia Johnson introduced Gay Young who gave an interesting presentation of landscape and abstract quilts.

The January meeting minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Correspondence – Kathy Vestal presented information on date changes (April 24 – May 4) and entering items in the Hunt County Fair.

Anyone interested in participation in the Texas Heritage Expo, Saturday April 26, contact Shirley Norris (903-382-3610) or the Hunt Cnty. Ext. Office (903-455-9885).

2014 Raffle Quilt – Connie Cawthon reported the quilt is being quilted by Cathy Brandstetter.

TAQG – Information was presented on Rally Day raffle baskets, t-shirts and mini quilts. Donations of 5 inch WOF strips for use in the goody bags are being collected. Contact Jane Asberry for details.

Membership – See Pamela Hansen to pay your Guild dues in order to be included in the 2014 directory.

Community Service – Susan Childers reported on the CS circle, aprons for Alzheimer's patients, collecting Hobbs' batting labels and the beginning quilting class. Carol Dodd won the CS BOM drawing.

Pamela Hansen showed a sampler quilt using the blocks that will be presented in the BOM and presented a demo of the next block, the 9 patch snowball.

Announcements:

Anyone interested in forming a machine embroidery circle contact Pamela Hansen.
L. Franklin announced the Church is requesting that the trash be taken out after each meeting and asked for assistance in setting up and taking down the rectangular tables used by the program presenters.

A volunteer is needed for the position of door prize coordinator, contact Linda Franklin.

Birthday and door prize drawings were held.
March program – Terri Vogds “Trunk Show & Spinning Star specialty ruler.”
Show and Tell was presented.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
K. Vestal, Sec.



DEADLINE

Information for the next Newsletter will be due April 14!!!!



TAQG UPDATE

We're gearing up for Rally Day! Have you looked at Pat Speth's web page (patspeth.com) yet? Are you cutting your "nickels" (5inch squares) yet? At Guild, I'll have what you need to order or buy in preparation for Rally Day, July 12, 2014.

- TAQG t-shirts \$15
- TAQG pins \$5
- Rally day lunch tickets (Panera Bread) \$10
- pre Rally Day raffle tickets \$1 each or \$5 for 6

TAQG GOODIE BAGS

In keeping with our Rally Day program, our contribution to the "goodie bags" is going to be several 5 inch squares. If you would like to contribute to this effort, **please bring as many 5 1/2 X WOF strips as you can**. Be sure to peruse the Rally Day info board that will be near the food line!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Sue Miller March 1
- Rachel Cramer March 11
- Wanda Roy March 14
- Mandy Weaver March 17
- Katharine McCaw arch 18
- Beth Mills March 19



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Lynn Cogswell April 5
- Mary Lou Strohm April 6
- Huey Nobles April 9
- Tammy VanderAa April 14
- Carolyn Wright April 19



Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 2/28/2014

Previous balance	\$4112.44
deposits/credits	534.00
checks/debits	41.11
Current balance	\$4605.33

Laurie Anderson
Treasurer



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.

February Door Prizes

- Anonymous 1
- In Stitches – Cathy Brandsetter 2
- 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.



Community Service Update

We had a total of 315.25 hours donated by Guild members during the month of February. A huge thank you is not enough to express the gratitude I have for all the work donated. We had a total of 21-9-patches turned in that will be made into quilts starting at our CS Circle meeting in March. We had 13 completed quilts turned in.

Gail Bohmfalk has been busily embroidering labels for our quilts so recipients will know who donated them. It reads "Cotton Patch Quilt Guild 2014" and has a border around it. They will be machine sewn to the backs of the quilts.

Kits were also cut and are ready for pick up. Four of the quilts cut were for larger quilts.

Community Service Circle

Due to the ice storm we had to cancel our regular meeting, but those that were available did meet the following Monday. We worked on our sting quilts and paired tops with backing and batting. Several of these are already being quilted but many are left for members to pick up at the next meeting.

It was decided that the quilts finding new homes would be going to Women in Need, area fire departments, Veterans and Ronald McDonald House. These were the most requested recipients on the questionnaire filled out by members in December.



March Refreshments

Julie Craig – Captain

Wanda Craig
Rachel Cramer
Jo Ann Cross
Isabel Davis
Jane Davis
Allen Day
Betty Day

Jo Dieterich
Carol Dodd
Leslie Erickson
Janice Evans
Linda Franklin
Anita Gaudreaux

April Refreshments

Debbie George – Chairman

Joy Gregory
Kelly Greiner
Debra Hager
Betty Hansford
Jeanie Herring
Patricia High
Pamela Hodapp

Robbie Hoelscher
Virginia Johnson
Maxine Leverett
Jan Lewis
Mary Alice MacDonald
Annette Marshall



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



Sunshine & Shadows

Lynn Cogswell is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Anita Gaudeau is recuperating from hip replacement surgery.



Skill Building: BOM

How did you do on the Nine Patch Snowball block? We can't wait to see it!

Please remember to bring your "one to give" and be entered into a special drawing that will take place during the guild meeting. If you forgot to bring your block last month please bring it this month, it's not too late.

The block for the month of March is the Pinwheel. Watch out! Your pinwheel might blow away with the wind we've had this month.

How does it work? The instructions for the Skill Building BOM will be attached to the CPQG newsletter each month. A short instruction will be given during the guild meeting and then you go home and sew! All the blocks will finish at 12-inches. We will start out with a couple of easy blocks and build from there. At the end of the year you will have completed twelve blocks which you can turn into a beautiful sampler quilt

We have one request for you! Each month please make two blocks, one for you to keep and one to give to the CPQG Community Service Program. Then each month when you turn in the prior month's block to the CPQG Community Service Program, you will be entered into a drawing.



Cotton Strippers

March 2014--The March meeting was held at the Paris retreat, and everyone had an awesome time. If you have never been to a retreat before I highly recommend it. We had great demos of the lottery block from Jane Asberry and a heart pin cushion from Phyllis Moynihan. We all sewed on community service quilts and finished 3 tops. Two evenings we played a 5" charm square dice game and everyone went home a winner!

