



COTTON PATCH QUILT GUILD



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Happy New Year! Year of the Sheep!

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Since guild meeting I have been wondering what would be the theme of my letter this month. As it is February I am drawn to the theme of love. What does love mean? According to the dictionary –“an intense feeling of deep affection or a great interest and pleasure in something”. Yet I believe the true meaning of love varies depending on the individual, culture, and life experiences.

How do we demonstrate our love? How else but with the fruits of our labors and spirit--encouraging and supporting others, rallying their spirits and sharing their moments of joy, pride, and sorrow, sharing laughter and tears, compassion and empathy. I believe quilters have a unique talent for demonstrating love. We use our sewing talents to make quilts and other crafts that we give to others. The people we share with may be acquaintances, dear friends, colleagues, or family members. Often we share with people we do not know at all but have a desire to help in any way we can. Our community service projects are an example of sharing with those we do not know. Whether as an individual, a small group, or the guild at large, we share our prayers, hopes, compassion and empathy for others. What better example of love than a quilt. I don't know about you but when I curl up under a quilt I feel a variety of emotions and feelings depending on my mood and how my day went. At any given time a quilt can provide warmth, shelter, joy and healing. A quilt can cover us with the prayers, hopes, and dreams of the maker and those who have used the quilt. A quilt captures our tears, giggles, and laughter. Wrapped in a quilt that has been made or used by someone we love, we feel a connection with that person often long after they have parted.

This year I commit that I will imbue my quilts with love, prayers, blessings, and dreams that will envelop the persons sharing or receiving my quilts so they know the true meaning of love, a love that is given to us under the Grace of God. Let's use this year to recognize the many emotions, feelings, and benefits of love our quilts offer to others and ourselves.

--Roberta Vanderburg



PAST PRESIDENT'S THANK YOU!

Although a gift certificate may be a tradition, I didn't remember it and thought the envelope contained only a thank you note, which just that alone would have pleased me. What a surprise, and a humbling one, when I found the gift certificate and read the kind note. Thank you, all, very much!

--Linda Franklin



TREASURER'S REPORT

1/31/2015

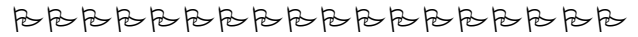
Previous balance	2623.86
Deposits/credits	1745.00
Checks/debits	<u>1017.57</u>
Current Balance	3351.29

--Laurie Anderson



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February Program

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Outgoing President Linda Franklin called the meeting to order, thanked the members for providing dinner, welcomed the guest and introduced new members.

February food captain is Marie Smith.

The December minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Linda thanked the outgoing officers for their service, then installed and welcomed the new officers:

Pres. - Roberta Vanderburg

V.P. - Virginia Johnson

Treasure - Laurie Anderson

Recording Sec. - Melinda Van

Membership - Pamela Hansen

Newsletter Editor - Carol Dodd

Librarian - Robby Rather

Outgoing President handed over the meeting to new Pres. Roberta Vanderburg who thanked Linda and the other officers for their service.

The 2015 Budget was presented and discussed.

Motion was made to accept the budget by Jane Wood, seconded by Kathryn McCaw, and approved by a show of hands.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Jane Wood will research having a Quilt Show in 2016. Members were invited to the Paris Quilt Retreat to be held on March 18 at the Holiday Inn Express in Paris. Wichita Falls is having the Texhoma One Stop Shop Hop March 27 & 28, 2015.

Dues are due in February.

Connie Cawthon and Jane Wood hope to have the Raffle quilt ready to be quilted by March. Community Service square for February is a scrappy nine patch. Kits were available to take home and prepare for February meeting.

Box Tops for Kids will go to the Boles Children's Home

2015 BOM - Linda Neal showed samples of do-it-yourself borders.

Jane Martyn will have a book sale in February. Birthday and Door prizes were held, followed by show and tell.

The meeting was adjourned.

--Melinda Van

Lynn Farested of McKinney, TX will present "My Story," on the evening of February 26, 2015. Lynn recently opened "Stitched With Love," west of McKinney on Custer Rd. Lynn has a variety of fabrics you will not see at other quilt shops in the area. (I have been there 3 times.) Lynn moved to Texas from Wisconsin, and is fulfilling a lifelong dream - "to have my own fabric store," complete with a lovely location--MANY windows to south and east for that bright, airy look!. She also offers a variety of classes at her store. Lynn will be bringing some of her fabrics for sale and maybe other "goodies", so bring your extra \$\$\$ and your big Texas Smile to welcome Lynn.

--Virginia Johnson

Programs for Remainder of 2015

- March 26: Mary Lou Jones, History of Kansas City Stars (Quilts and Patterns)
- April 23: Dave Lieber, Stories of his Quilt
- May 28: Connie Litfin, Scrap Quilts
- June 25: Community Service and Garage Sale
- July 23: Martha Lindberg, My Quilt Journey
- August 27: Lisa Erlandson, Northern Lady or Southern Belle?
- September 24: Suzanne Labry, Texas History—Texas Women
- October 22: Skills Night (5 volunteers needed)
- November 19: Jackie Brown
- December 17: Christmas Party



Website

You may view photos and newsletters at the guild's website:

www.cottonpatchquilt.com

Login: Texas

Password: Star

Note: case sensitive.

Do- It-Yourself Round Robin Mystery

Here are the sample pieced borders that Linda Neal showed at the January Guild meeting. This is presented for inspiration, if you need it. Remember, we have two months to complete each border.

