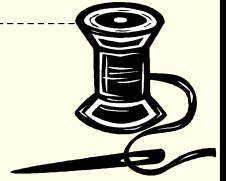


Common Threads

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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Newsletter Deadline

For Ads and Articles

is

ALWAYS

Saturday Midnight

**AFTER the Guild
Meeting**

Please don't be late!

Membership to the Quilters Guild of Plano is open to anyone interested in quilts or quilting.

Annual dues are \$25. Membership is from June 1-May 31. If joining after January 1, new membership dues are \$15.

President's Message

Emily Armstrong



Hard to believe we're at the start of a new year already. I guess it's time to start thinking about all those ridiculous "New Year's Resolutions" again. You know the ones. All of the "This is the year to get in shape and lose weight, finish all of those UFO's in our quilting rooms, etc..." It seems more like an exercise in futility than motivation. How often do we really accomplish those goals, anyway?

What do you think would happen if we dropped all of those unreasonable expectations on ourselves? Would the world come screeching to a halt and stop spinning? Probably not. If I make any resolution this year, it will simply be to develop patience. I resolve to develop patience with myself, my kids, and the psychotic drivers around me. There you go. That's it. No more getting upset with myself for not finishing all of my UFO's this year. I would rather take my time and enjoy the process rather than treat quilting like a race. I'd rather know that for my kids, the bug they just found in the yard is infinitely more interesting than the toys on the ground. As long as the toys are picked up before dinner, I'll sleep well that night. I'm going to do my best to stop getting mad at the nuts on the road because I'll get home just the same. And maybe I'll laugh quietly in my car because they're working so hard to get to the stop light before me. Somehow those already sound better than losing 20 lbs. How can you be happy if you're depriving yourself of chocolate, anyway?

I wonder what you're "New Year's Resolutions" will be. And nothing silly now. No one will believe you when you say that you'll not buy another stitch of fabric until you use up the stash you have. That's not a resolution, that's fibbing. You'll buy more fabric just like I will. And you'll start more projects before you have all of those UFO's finished, too. I know I'll have more projects beginning this year while I whittle away at my ongoing works as well. That's reality. So enjoy the break from the holidays before the 2008 festivities arrive. They'll be here before you know it.

Are you Online?

This newsletter was sent as an e-mail attachment. Let us know if you like it. Many guilds are going paper free these days. For the next few months, the newsletter will be sent both by mail and by e-mail to see what works for our guild. If you did not get the e-mail and thought you should, check with membership to see if your e-mail is up to date. You can e-mail membership@quiltersguildofplano.org. Be sure to include your name!

Board Highlights

Emily Armstrong

Executive Committee Meetings are held monthly the Monday following our general membership meeting. **The next meeting is scheduled for January 14th, 7:00 pm at the home of Kemberly Wilshire—2420 Timbercreek Dr. Plano, TX 75075.**

Guild members wishing to attend are welcome and requested to email president@quiltersguildofplano.org with the topic they wish to discuss so it can be included on the agenda.



Library

Nanette Gaskey

I hope everyone had a Wonderful Holiday Season, and will have a fabulous New Year! With all the new member ship, I think it is time to have a book sale. So I will be bringing book marked for sale to the January meeting. There are quite a few out of print or hard to find books in this group of books. They range from \$7 to \$75....so if you receive money for Christmas and do not have the slightest idea on what to spend it on, this might be a good thing! If you would like to know what all we have, you can call me at 972-231-3907 or email me for a list of "for sale" books.

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AD RATES

Size	One-Time	3 Issues*
Business card size	\$15.00	\$35.00
Quarter Page	\$25.00	\$60.00
Half Page	\$40.00	\$90.00

*Must be three consecutive issues.

Send PC compatible ads or copy to: Donna Petrick at media@quiltersguildofplano.org

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Make checks payable to: Quilters Guild of Plano

Mail to: Donna Petrick
3816 Dutton Drive
Plano, TX 75023

Quilters Guild of Plano

Officers for 2007-2008

Please welcome our new officers and committee chairs!

The list of officers is as follows:

President	Emily Armstrong
VP-Membership	Lorraine Morse
VP-Programs	Ann Brooks
VP-Comm Serv	Sheri Smith
VP-Guild Act	Margaret Schafer
VP Media	Donna Petrick
Secretary	Brooks Wilson
Treasurer	Tina Connolly
Librarian	Nanette Gaskey
Quilt Show 2009	Kemberly Wilshire

Committee Chairs

Assistant - Programs	Marvel Link, Suzanne Larsen, Julie Schaefer
Assistant - Treasurer	Beverly Geise
Bee Keeper	Cathy LaManna
Block of Month	Sewciety Women - Tracy Spruell
Christmas Stk Project	Ladawn Dalley
Directory	Jeanne Parker
Door Prizes	Diane Crandell
Education	Teresa Knode
E-mail/Web Master	Beverly Geise
Facilities	N/A
Fat Quarter Lotto	Marla Bradberry & Sandra Goeke
Guild Products	Elaine Taylor
Historian	Rhonda Kuntz
Hospitality	Terri Mendelow
Inventory	Sharon Schenke
Newsletter Editor	Tracy Spruell
Nine Patch	Peggy Marshall
Publicity	Rose-Clair Fletcher
Retreat 2008	Quilt Soup - Gail Schwartz
Service Quilts	Karen Christoffer
Show 'n Tell	Daniel Mills
Texas Area Quilt Guilds	Nanette Gaskey

Fat Quarter Lotto

Marla Bradberry

Winners for last month are listed in the minutes. Thank you to all who participated! All fat quarters will need to be 100% cotton and measured on the new fat quarter board at the table. We love the new measuring board!

Next Month's Categories are:

- 1) **Nostalgia/time**
- 2) **Black & White**
- 3) **Anything Goes (your choice)**



December 13, 2007 Minutes

Brooks Wilson

In the absence of President Emily Armstrong, Vice President Donna Petrick called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. She announced that the treasurer's books had been audited and they were found to be in order. It was noted that the By-laws in the current directory are an outdated version – the current version is on the website for your use. Brooks Wilson moved to approve last month's Minutes, with the addition of the name of Janet Plotkin as a volunteer for the auditing committee. This motion was seconded by Karen Hawkins. The Minutes were approved as amended. Donna reminded members that the Nominating Committee will be forming in January and encouraged members to consider serving on this important committee. Donna introduced Nancy LaVerdure, coordinator of the *Prayer Quilt Ministry for Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church* in Plano. Nancy invited those interested to attend a conference to be held at her church on January 19, 2008 at 10:00 am.

LaDawn Dalley announced that 240 filled stockings and 800 unfilled stockings were donated to *Parkland Hospital* as well as 40 filled stockings to *Hope's Door*. She thanked all who participated.

Tina Connolly, Treasurer, gave her report. She also mentioned that a small group in the guild, in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts to each other, donated the amount they would have spent to *The Children's Advocacy Center*. She also reported that it was learned at a recent TAQG meeting that all money earned on a raffle quilt must be spent on charities. She jokingly added that there should be no fun associated with the design and construction of the quilt or selling of the raffle tickets. Julie Schafer then moved to approve last month's Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Aurora Jansen seconded. The report was approved.

There was a question from the members about opportunities to make quilts for soldiers and their families. Several members offered suggestions, including the *Dallas VA Hospital* and *The Fisher House*.

The next Board meeting will be held at the home of Kemberly Wilshire on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 pm.

Sheri Smith, VP of Community Service, introduced the new Education Chair, Teresa Knode. She was welcomed with warm applause. The next "work-a-thon" will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at the Parr Library. All work will benefit *Project Linus*. Sherry asked for volunteers to sign up for an ongoing contact list for future educational events. She also thanked those who contributed to the extremely successful stocking drive this year. She also reported that 37 quilts were given to *The Children's Advocacy Center* and 35 quilts to the *Newborns in Need* project this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fat Quarter Lotto – Marla Bradbury announced this month's winners: Mary Lou Worthen won six Valentine fat quarters, Sheri Smith won 5 pink fat quarters; and Rhonda Kuntz won 5 "anything goes" fat quarters. January selections are nostalgia/time, black & white, and "anything goes."

Retreat – Gail Schwartz reported that our retreat will be held from February 28 to March 2, 2008. You may sign up until January 9, as long as space is available.

Block of the Month – Tracy Spruell announced that the winner of 9 "mansion" blocks was Susan Mankus, who has moved to Georgetown. Next month's block is the "teapot" block. Patterns were handed out.

Membership – Lorraine Morse announced that there were 40 members and 2 guests present. Door prizes this month were donated by *Quilmakers, Carriage House Quilt Shoppe, The Quilt Asylum, Quilt Country, The Old Craft Store, Quilt Connections* and an anonymous donor.

Service Quilts – Karen Christoffer announced that the next sew-in would be on January 8, 2008 at the *Plano Sewing Center*, beginning at 10:00 am.

Show 'n' Tell – Karen Hawkins read the quilt names, makers and histories of tonight's quilts:

Immediate Past President Joan Wilson thanked Mary McNalley, a representative of Parkway Hills Baptist Church, who is so helpful to our guild, giving of her time in serving our needs. Mary was given a gift card to Saltgrass Steakhouse. Joan also gave a gift card thank-you to Mary to extend to the janitor who sets up and takes down our meetings.

In the absence of Ann Brooks, VP of Programs, Marvel Link spelled out the rules for the cookie exchange to take place after the program. She then introduced Darlene Williams from Cleburne, Texas, who (with the help of her husband, George, and their son, Greg) showed us her many appliquéd quilts to the delight of all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 by the President Pro Tem.

Upcoming Events

January 10-12, 2008

Oklahoma City Winter Quilt Show
Cox Convention Center
www.prairiequilt.com



January 25-27, 2008

Jefferson Quilt Show—*Quilts on the Bayou*

Retreat 2008

Gail Schwartz

**Deadline for Retreat sign up is January 9, 2008.
Don't miss the fun. Get your reservation in now.**

Retreat will be held from February 28 - March 2, 2008 at Tanglewood Resort about an hour north of Plano. If you have attended in the past you know what a good time it is. If you have yet to attend, spend leap day weekend with us and see why people come again and again. You may choose either a 2 or 3 night package, with arrival on Thursday or Friday no earlier than 8:00 AM in the main quilting room and departure time on Sunday prior to 4:00 PM. Room check in time is at 2:00 PM and check out on Sunday is no later than 11:00 AM.

Room Rates are per person as follows:

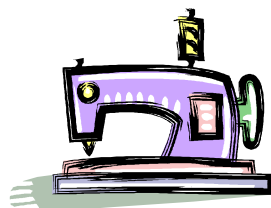
Occupancy	Rate for 3 nights	Rate for 2 night
Single	\$432.50	\$290.80
Double	\$323.00	\$217.80
Triple	\$284.50	\$192.15
Quad	\$268.25	\$181.30

All rooms at Tanglewood have two queen size beds so if you opt for triple or quadruple occupancy, be aware that you will share a bed. All meals and snacks are provided you will not go hungry! In fact, you may want to try a nice walk around the grounds or a visit to the fitness center! We have a wonderful space in which to quilt. Feel free to quilt all day and all night if you'd like.

The best part of Retreat is once you get everything unloaded at your table in the sewing room you don't have any reason not to quilt. I used to laugh when I heard people say it's the only time all year that they actually quilt. I've become one of those people. Seems at home that life always gets in the way. At Retreat you can't help but have a good time, be inspired and get into the quilting groove.

So, consider spending your extra day this year just for you. Come join Retreat 2008..

Questions? Contact Gail Schwartz at gail_schwartz@verizon.net or 972-608-0286



Show and Tell

November

Marlene Dreyer Moon Glow
Joan Wilson Journal Quilt 2003
Diane Crandell Gamma Phi 2003 Chicago Reunion
Dayna Ragland Loving Ties That Bind
Tina Connolly unnamed
Sheri Smith Esmerelda
Karen R. Wood Colorful Black and White Quilt
Pam Patton Turning Point
MaryLou Worthen Group Project
Rhonda Kuntz Bengals Baby
Baby's Dots

December

Sharon Zeiner Christmas table runner
Lucy Sherman *Christmas Town*
Germaine Reconnu *Birds in the Snow and Five Hearts*
Lorraine Morse *UFO to the Rescue*
Rose-Clair Fletcher *Red, Black and Fun*
Donna Petrick 2 small wallhangings from the *Gingerbread Lane* collection

Barbara Collins and Germaine Reconnu and their small group showed a variety of community service quilts they had made to donate.



Block of the Month

Tracy Spruell

This month is the Teapot block. The colors can be done in your choice of colors with all blocks using a **white on white** background. All blocks for this year measure 12.5" x 12.5" (12x12 finished). The teapot has 2 small paper pieced sections but is otherwise a fairly simple block to make.

If you missed the instructions, you can find it on the guild website www.quiltersguildofplano.org or call me at 972-396-2949.

Charity Quilt News

Tina Connolly

The Plain'o Piecers want to thank everyone who made blocks for the Charity quilt for 2008. A special thank you goes out to MJ Filek who made blocks while recovering from serious back surgery.

All we have to do now is sew all the blocks together!

Leap Into Retreat 2008 Registration Form

February 28 - March 2, 2008 at Tanglewood Resort

Terms and Conditions:

- You must be a current member
- Checks will be deposited upon receipt.
- Include your e-mail address; future details will be forwarded electronically.
- Registration CLOSSES **January 9, 2008**. Space is limited.
- No refunds will be made*. If you find that you cannot attend, it is your responsibility to 'sell' your space to another current guild member. You must work out all details.

The fee covers your room (Fri. & Sat. nights and Thurs. night if applicable), private bath, meals, daily beverage and snack service, our meeting/sewing/dining rooms and setup.

·Any additional services (i.e., telephone charges, alcoholic beverages, extra night(s) accommodations, etc.) must be paid directly to the resort at check-out.

·Arrival time for the main quilting area is no earlier than 8:00 AM Thursday or Friday; and departure time is prior to 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 2, 2008.

·Room check in time is at 2:00 PM and check out on Sunday is no later than 11:00 AM.

·**Make Check Payable to: Quilters Guild of Plano and mail to:**

**Gail Schwartz
5613 Crowndale Dr.
Plano, TX 75093**

·Roommates please send your forms and payments in the same envelope.

·Groups who wish to sit together please send your registrations and payments in the same envelope. Every effort will be made to honor requests. Tables hold up to 6 people.

Questions? Email me at gail_schwartz@verizon.net or phone at 972-608-0286

Name: _____

Address _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Roommate(s): _____

Table mates: _____

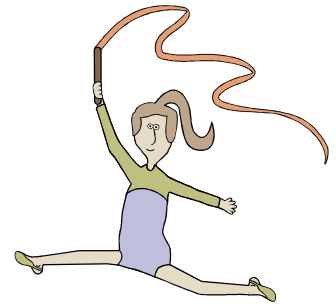
Check appropriate accommodations. Price is per person. Include your check number.

Occupancy	Rate for 3 nights	Rate for 2 nights	Check Number
Single	___ \$432.50	___ \$290.80	_____
Double	___ \$323.00	___ \$217.80	_____
Triple	___ \$284.50	___ \$192.15	_____
Quad	___ \$268.25	___ \$181.30	_____

___ Check here ONLY if you want a smoking room.

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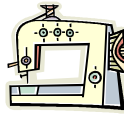
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Workshop Registration Form

Marvel Link

Workshops are: \$35/day for members
\$40/day for non-members
Hours: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm



Bonus!! Advance Registration Discount

Prepayment of registrations **received 35 days** prior to the scheduled event, entitles enrollees to take a \$5.00 discount with each prepaid workshop.

January 12th: Karen Stone

Sat, Jan 12th – Un-tie-tled

NOTE: Karen's workshop is \$40/members and \$45/non-members.

February 15 – 16th: Ginny Eckley

Fri, Feb 15th – Thread Painting, TBD

Sat, Feb 16th – Print & Paint, Plano Chamber of Commerce Community Room

May 9 – 10th: Susan Cleveland

Fri, May 9th – Piping Hot Curves, Macaroni, Legacy Bank Community Room

Sat, May 10th – Plain and Perfect Binding, Plano Chamber of Commerce Community Room

See the guild website at www.quiltersguildofplano.org and go to the programs page for more information. Fees are refundable only in the event the speaker cancels her appearance. Questions may be directed to Marvel Link through email: link_family@bcglobal.net or call her at 972-931-1594

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive the supply lists via USPS. Supply lists may also be printed from the website. Your telephone number and email are particularly important so we can reach you in the event of any last minute changes.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Copy or Clip and mail your registration form to:

Marvel Link
6910 Blue Mesa Drive
Dallas, TX 75252

OR

Bring Completed Form to a Meeting



Treasurers Report

Tina Connolly

11/1/07 - 11/30/07 Guild income/expenses

INCOME

Administrative Income	18.33
Media Income	25.00
membership dues 2007-2008	80.00
Programs Income	70.00
FROM Grant Account	60.00
TOTAL INCOME	253.33

EXPENSES

Administrative Expenses	55.50
Community Service Expenses	600.00
Guild Activities Expenses	7.50
Media Expenses	350.00
Membership Expenses	123.78
Programs Expenses	389.06
TO Guild Checking	60.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,585.84
OVERALL TOTAL	(1,332.51)

Community Service

Sheri Smith

We completed the year delivering 30 baby quilts to Newborns In Need, 14 lap size quilts to the Rape Crisis Center and 21 quilts to the Children's Advocacy Center. These 65 quilts were all turned in by you in the month of December. Awesome job everyone! You make my job so rewarding. Our donations for the months of January and February go to Project Linus.

We have arranged for another sewing day on Saturday February 2, 2008, at the Schimelpfenig Library from 10:00am to 4:00pm. for this project. Everyone is welcome as they have capacity for 75, but we would like you to sign up with Karen Christoffer at karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com. Remember that our next regularly scheduled Community Service workshop will be on Tuesday January 8, 2008, at 10:00 am at the Plano Sewing Center. Again please contact Karen if you are planning on attending. Our education chair, Teresa Knode is trying to form a list of volunteers interested in helping with our education programs. People needed include those with time to help at an event as well as those who could donate quilts for the events or finish projects from such events at a later time. Please contact Teresa at bearhugquilts@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping. You can also contact her if you know of anyone or a group that would be interested in hearing about quilts and our guild.

Programs

Ann Brooks

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JANUARY – Karen Stone

Karen's trunk show mixes the widest variety of fabrics – from calicos to paisleys to wildly-patterned large scale prints in an elegant interplay with curves, triangles and other shapes. Known for contemporary interpretations of traditional blocks such as Orange Peel and New York Beauty, her quilts are influenced by Southwestern and Mexican influences and her urban Dallas lifestyle.

Saturday, January 12, we will offer “Un-tie-tled,” her newest workshop designed to showcase your wild fabrics. Bring lots, including ties if you want and practice paper piecing, discuss design and embellishments with this local artist. Sign up soon – only a few slots left.

FEBRUARY – Ginny Eckley

<http://www.fabricpainting.com>

Ginny, a delightful and extremely talented teacher from Kingwood, TX, will show her specialties including elabo-

ately detailed machine embroidery, printing, painting and silk screening. Personally inspired by nature, she has found it a bountiful source of ideas. As a professional artist, Ginny knows many ways to spur creativity which she will share in her lecture and workshops. Sign up early as her classes always fill.

On Friday February 15, “Print and Paint” we'll learn to quickly create layers of imagery by dyeing, painting and printing to create depth and mystery. Techniques with dye will show us how to achieve a variety of textures, and how to get even colors. Using paint and silk-screens, we'll add detail and imagery.

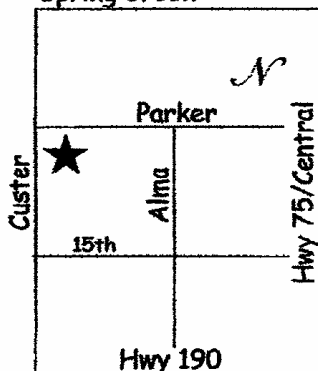
Saturday, February 16, we'll be “Thread Painting”, a technique valued for its freedom of movement and the rich texture it adds. It is stunning when combined with applique. Any machine that has a darning or free motion foot, and zig-zag capabilities can be used to create techniques which include beading by machine, cord making, fused patchwork, machine embroidery, lace making



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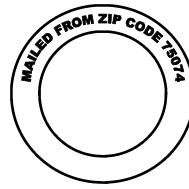


Come visit us and browse our Shoppe. We are located at the intersection of Parker and Custer Roads, on the Southeast Corner in Plano.

- ◆ All punch needle patterns are to be sold, so buy them 50% off!
- ◆ Our new lines include Laurel Birch Cat Fabric, Love Is by Nancy Halverson.
- ◆ Two new block of the months start in the new year, come in to the store or check out our website for details. Space is limited in each, so sign up quickly in store or online.
- ◆ Check out our website our new class schedule.

Shoppe Hours: Mon 10–6 Tues - Sat, 10–5, Sun. 1pm–5

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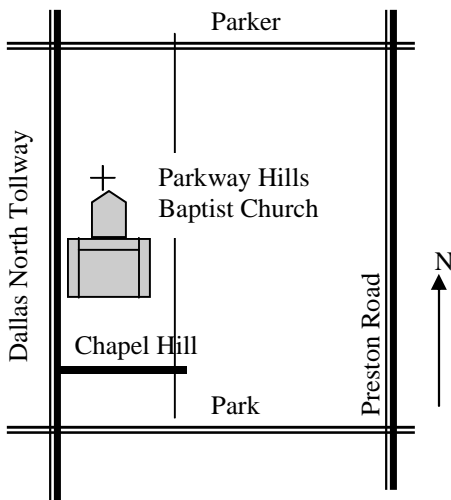
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Items to bring to the meeting on January 10:

Teapot block for Block of the month drawing
Fat quarters for Fat Quarter Lotto
2007-2008 Membership Card
\$\$ for library sales
Show and Tell items



Visit our website:
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SOCIAL TIME - 6:45 pm
MEETING TIME - 7:15pm
(Only board members
will be admitted
before 6:45pm)

Quilters Guild of Plano

January 10, 2008

Karen Stone
Trunk Show

Parkway Hills Baptist Church
2700 North Dallas Tollway
Corner of Chapel Hill
on the east side of the Tollway

\$5 GUEST FEE

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