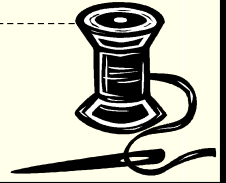




Common Threads

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Newsletter of the Quilters Guild of Plano

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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



It's hard to believe that spring is almost here, and retreat is right around the corner. I'm really looking forward to retreat. This will be the second one I have attended. My first one was a lot of fun. I loved the sense of accomplishment from finishing a couple of projects and making a serious dent in a third one. Now I have a personal rule that I try to follow for retreat: bring a project to bind, a project to quilt and a project to piece. I have this rule because I know that if I only bring one project, my ADD will kick in and I'll have to invent something else to work on. That must be why I always have so many projects going on at one time.

This year, I'll have another baby quilt to piece and quilt, a project that I can do some hand quilting on, and a block of the month that I started... some time ago. Some of you may even see it and think, "That looks a little familiar." With luck, however, memories will have faded enough that the number of years will not be mentioned. I really think that the biggest problem I'll have with retreat is narrowing it down to just a couple of projects to take with me.

I'm actually hoping that this will be the year that I will begin work on my dream of having my seasonal/holiday/monthly wall hangings. I know, I know... I'm probably one of the only quilters without a home filled with quilts and wall hangings. And I would have all of those quilts if I didn't keep giving them away. There are just too many babies being born among my friends.

Another reason this will be a fun year is that my almost 5 year old son and I picked out the fabric for his big boy quilt. I'm going to keep it as very simple, big large print blocks so that he can participate in the process as much as possible. This one will also probably be a pillow-cased quilt so there won't be a need for binding it. He's picked out a fleece backing for it. I may even see if he can help me tie it. That's one I look forward to bringing to Show and Tell!

So happy quilting everyone, and I look forward to seeing many of you at retreat!

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 Lorraine at sylveroz@tx.rr.com. 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 February 18th, 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

Upcoming Events

February 28-March 2, 2008

Retreat! - Tanglewood Resort

March 14-16, 2008

Dallas Quilt Celebration 2008

Market Hall

Dallas, TX

[Http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org/quiltceleb.org](http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org/quiltceleb.org)

April 11-12, 2008

Miller-Bowie Quilt Show and Sale

Fair States Fairgrounds

3700 E. 50th St. Texarkana, TX-AR

<http://www.miller-bowiequiltshow.info>



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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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Quilters Guild of Plano

Officers for 2007-2008

Please welcome our new officers and committee chairs!

The list of officers is as follows:

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 fat quarter board at the table.

Next Month's Categories are:

- 1) Spring
- 2) Shades of Green
- 3) Anything Goes (your choice)





January 10, 2008 Minutes

Brooks Wilson

President Emily Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Aggie Meszaros moved to approve the December Minutes as published in the newsletter. Rhonda Kuntz seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved. Donna Petrick moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter. Rhonda Kuntz seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Emily asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Those members who volunteered are Mary Lou Worthen, Joan Wilson, Gail Schwartz, Terri Anderman and Diane deFreitas, with Sally Hamilton and Melody Perez serving as alternates.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kemberly Wilshire.

Emily read thank-you notes from both Hope's Door and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for the guild's recent donations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library - Nanette Gaskey encouraged members to buy up the books and magazines that the library is offering for sale.

Retreat - Gail Schwartz announced that approximately 60 members have signed up for this year's Retreat and that this was the last night in which to sign up.

Quilt Show 2009 - Kemberly Wilshire announced the first quilt show meeting will be held this coming Sunday at her home. She is looking for two volunteers - one to head up Quilt Angels and one to organize the sale of raffle tickets. The show quilt is already in progress.

Community Service - Vice President Sheri Smith announced a sewing day at Schimelpfenig Library on Saturday, February 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kits will be provided and the quilts will be given to the Linus Project.

Small Groups - Rhonda Kuntz announced that she is starting a daytime small group and had invitations for several members who attended the New Members' Tea.

Treasurer - Tina Connally gave the Treasurer's Report (for details, see the article in the newsletter) and announced that

there is a raffle quilt that is nearly complete for 2008 ticket sales.

Fat Quarter Lotto - Marla Bradberry announced the winners of this month's drawing: Marlene Dreyer won the black & white fat quarters; Mary Lou Worthen won "Nostalgia" fat quarters; and Eva Tusa won "anything goes" fat quarters. The three categories for next month's lotto are "Spring," "shades of green" and "anything goes."

Newsletter - Tracy Spruell took a quick poll to see how many members would be willing to receive their newsletters electronically and print it themselves. It seemed that a majority of members would consider this cost-saving measure.

Block of the Month - Tracy Spruell announced that the winner of the teapot blocks was Diane Crandall. Next month's block is a pieced martini glass block.

Texas Association of Quilt Guilds - TAQG rep Aggie Meszaros announced that Rally Day '08 would be held on Saturday, July 12th at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite. She asked that members consider making a mini quilt to donate for their fund-raising efforts. Last year, the Quilters Guild of Plano donated no mini quilts and she encouraged us all to make a better showing this year. She also said that she would be discussing with the Board an appropriate gift item for the "goodie bags" that are handed out to each attendee.

Hospitality/Membership

Terry Mendelow, Hospitality Chair, welcomed our newest member with a small gift. Lorraine Morse, Vice President of Membership, announced the attendance at 70 and that the guild has 1 new member and 3 guests tonight.

Door Prizes - This month's door prizes were donated by *Quilter's Connections*, *Carriage House Quilt Shoppe*, *The Quilt Asylum*, *Suzy's Quilt Shop*, *Quilt Country*, *The Old Craft Store* and *The Quilter's Workshop*.

Show & Tell - Dan Mills, who had recently "retired" from the guild, announced that he was "his substitute's substitute" and was welcomed back with a round of applause. He read the quilt names, makers and histories of tonight's show & tell quilts (listed separately).

Program - Ann Brooks highlighted some of the upcoming speakers and urged small groups to be ready for the July program - "Salute to the Bees." She then introduced the speaker, Karen Stone, who delighted the audience with her lecture and slide show of her stunning pieces, along with many tops and quilts that she brought along for a closer look.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Brooks Wilson
Secretary

Retreat 2008

Gail Schwartz

Are you ready?! Leap Into Retreat 2008 is just a few days away. Tanglewood is ready for all 63 of us...I haven't cut a thing but I've been thinking about and planning what to bring, probably things I haven't worked on since LAST retreat!

Below is some general information.

Where: Tanglewood Resort

903- 786-2968 or 800-833-6569

When: Thursday, February 28 through Sunday, March 2*

Time: Doors will open at 8:00 AM on Thursday (check-in 4pm) and we can stay through 3:00 PM on Sunday (check-out 11 am).

*Note: Above date range covers the entire period of time, not necessarily when you are personally attending.

I've been told that the happiest quilters are those who plan their project(s) and do some, if not all, the cutting at home. I would cut & organize as much as you can before you leave your home. Try to think through everything you will need and pre-organize to maximize your time. Personally, I think it's a time for you to do whatever you want, but enjoy what you choose to do...quilt, visit, laugh, enjoy the outdoors, stay up late, sleep in. This is YOUR retreat after all so enjoy!!



Show and Tell

Joan Wilson *A Trip Down Memory Lane*, the Quilters Guild of Dallas 2007 Keeper Quilt

Theri Dufour *Unblue Quilt*

Linda Slump unnamed gift for oldest daughter
unnamed baby quilt

Emily Armstrong *Ugly Old Scrap Quilt*

Dan Mills *Last (bleep) Pinwheel Quilt*

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Quilt Plano 2009

Kemberly Wilshire

Hello All from Quilt Plano 2009!

We are looking for a couple of people to fill 2 positions still open on the Show Committee. We are in need of a caring individual that can head up the Quilt Angels for the show. Also, we are looking for a very energetic person to be responsible for the Raffle Quilt starting in January of 2009. If you are interested or need more information please give me a call or email me. Kemberly Wilshire / 214-244-4324 / kemberson@msn.com



Library

Nanette Gaskey

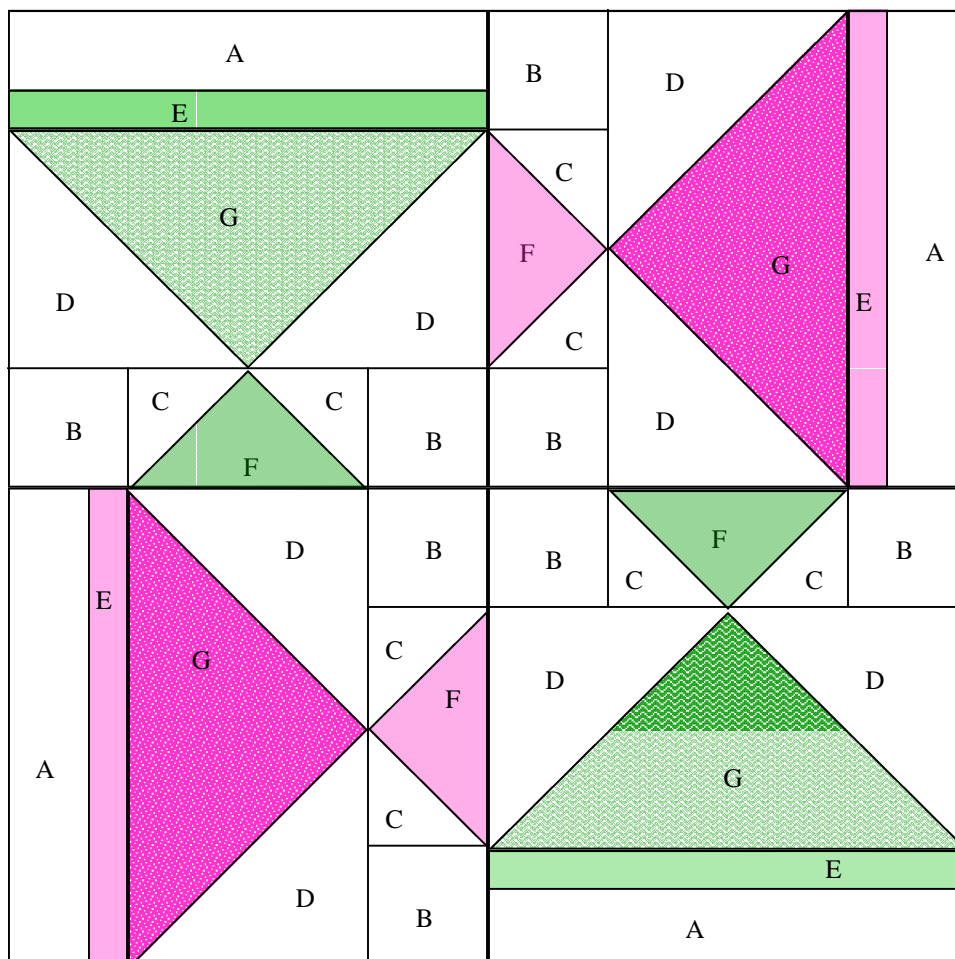
The Book Sale at our last guild meeting was a great success in my view. We collected over \$200 for the guild. Because there are still many books left, and some additional books brought to me from Marla (our previous librarian), I plan to have books for sale again at the Trash To Treasure event in April. Thank you all for looking and making purchases. I hope you treasure and enjoy your new "again" books. Next month I will bring books for you all to check out again.



The Newsletter will continue to be printed and e-mailed for the next few months while a few kinks are worked out. Initial response to going paper-free has been great! Our newsletter is one of our biggest expenses by the time you cover printing costs, mailing costs, and a bulk mail permit. Keep reading the newsletter for updates in this area of our guild!



Martini Block
 12.5" block (12" finished)



Cutting Instructions

White on White

- A—1.5" x 6.5" - 4
- B—2" x 2" - 8
- C—2" x 2" - 8
- D—3.5" x 3.5" - 8

Martini Rims and Bases

- E—1" x 6.5" - 4
- F—2" x 3.5" - 4

Martini Glass

- G—3.5" x 6.5" - 4

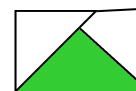
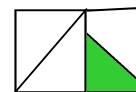
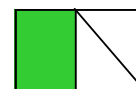
Piecing Instructions:

Flying Geese units for the Martini Bases

Place a 2x2 background piece on a 2x3.5 base piece, right sides together. Draw a line down the center of the background fabric. Sew on the line. Cut 1/4" away from the sewn line and press, Repeat for the other side.

Martini Glasses

Repeat steps for the Bases but with the 3.5 x 3.5 squares of background and the 3.5 x 6.5 pieces of martini glass.



Optional Embellishments Ideas: Appliqué an olive or onion in the center or in each glass. Use embroidery floss to create toothpicks.

This month is the Martini 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). This block is made up of 4 smaller blocks that are put together to form a friendship gathering of martinis!

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

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.

February 15 – 16th: Ginny Eckley

- Fri, Feb 15th – Thread Painting, Legacy Bank Community Room
- 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 – Piping Hot Binding, Plano Chamber of Commerce Community Room

June 13th: Laura Wasilowski

- Fri, June 13th – Woodcut Quilts, TBD

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

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Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelop 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.

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Treasurers Report

Tina Connolly

The Guild fund balance is \$42,804.09 as of December 31, 2007.

INFLOWS (12/07)

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Interest Income | 34.96 |
| Membership dues 2007-2008 | 25.00 |
| Programs - Workshop Fees | 140.00 |
| TOTAL INFLOWS | 199.96 |

OUTFLOWS (12/07)

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Liability Insurance | 1,032.00 |
| Storage | 140.00 |
| Supplies, Postage, Printing | 71.93 |
| Guild Meeting Facilities Rent | 50.00 |
| Guild Meeting Setup Fees | 72.91 |
| Speaker Fees | 258.30 |
| Supplies and Equipment | 303.20 |
| Workshop Advertising | 60.00 |
| TOTAL OUTFLOWS | 1,988.34 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | (1,788.38) |

Community Service

Sheri Smith



As this goes to press we have 15 members signed up to sew for Community Service at the Schimelfineg Library on February 2, 2008, from 10-4. The quilts that we make in the months of January and February are donated to Project Linus at the Plano Sewing Center.

A big thanks goes out to all who have participated in this worthy event. The next Community Service meeting at the Plano Sewing Center is on Tuesday, February 12 at 10:00. Please call or e-mail Karen Christoffer if you plan to attend.

Our Education Chair, Teresa Knode still needs volunteers for her Education Committee. If you are interested please give her a call. If you know of anyone interested in learning the basic quilting concepts, or would like to hear a talk on quilting, please give her a call.

Thank you all for your contributions to Community Service projects!

Programs

Ann Brooks

Karen's lecture and workshop were lots of fun! You should see some lovely silk quilts soon.



Ginny Eckley is coming this month from Kingwood to show us lots of ways to embellish quilts with thread painting, painting, printing and silk screening. She is a professional artist and has many ways to encourage creativity.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH – TBD

Look at our website for more information soon.

APRIL – Trash to Treasures

Garage sale. Need I say more?

MAY – Susan Cleveland <http://www.piecesbewithyou.com>

Learn to make perfectly beautiful bindings and cordings.

JUNE – Laura Wasilowski <http://www.artfabrik.com>

A founder of the Chicago School of Fusing, Laura will sing her way into your quilting hearts!

JULY – Salute to the Bees!

Time to strut your stuff. Go ahead, show us what your bee is all about.

AUGUST – Cynthia England www.englanddesign.com

Beautiful landscape quilts pieced completely with straight lines are Cynthia's specialty. She is a delightful quilter and excellent teacher. One workshop only, so sign up soon.

SEPTEMBER – Lisa Erlandson Quilt historian and appraiser.

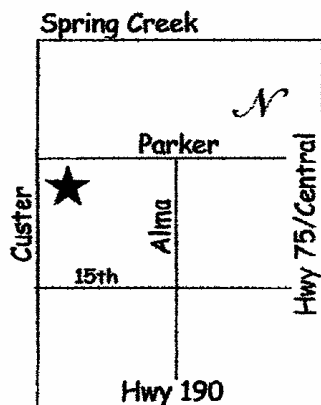
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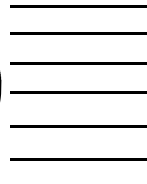
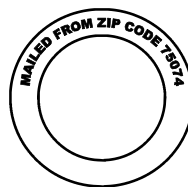
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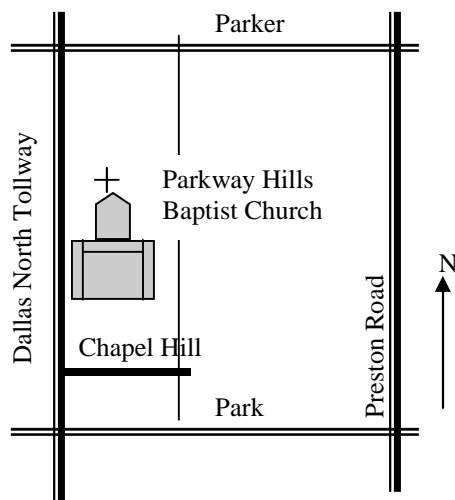
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Items to bring to the meeting on February 14:

Martini block for Block of the month drawing
Fat quarters for Fat Quarter Lotto
2007-2008 Membership Card
Show and Tell items



Visit our website:
www.quiltersguildofplano.org



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

Quilters Guild of Plano

February 14, 2008

Ginny Eckley
“Understanding Creativity”

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