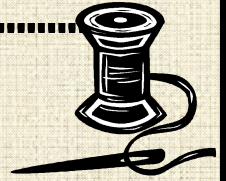


# COMMON THREADS

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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*



I don't know about anyone else, but I love spring. I enjoy the new spring lines of fabric at the quilt shops; I love the warmer weather and the world turning green again (even if they are just weeds coming out right now). I don't like spring cleaning. I'd much rather be out in the sun or making a new top with fabric I just bought. Now is when I want to make some of those soft, romantic-looking blended quilts. It just seems so appropriate.

I've also started seeing the bunny rabbits hopping around. Now that's a sure sign of spring if there ever was one. Even the toads & frogs are starting to come out. The kids, husband and I were out walking around the neighborhood pond, and there were these tiny little baby frogs or toads all along the water's edge. Alec and Evie had so much fun seeing them. Last year we had three baby bunnies in our backyard. They were there for about two weeks.

Now I just want to make some sort of floral quilt, or maybe one with bunnies and frogs and bugs. I'll have to raid my stash and see what I can bring to retreat. And I thought I was all packed and ready to go. It's always like that, isn't it? Just when you think things are settled and done, here comes something to make life "interesting".

Along those lines, please think about some of the positions we have open when some of our Board and committee members leave this May. I know it probably seems like a long way off, but it's not. And serving on the Board (and the committees – I've done both) is really very fun and rewarding. So please don't just run and hide when members of the Nominating Committee come around. They really are doing a service to our Guild. Having officers and committee members is what keeps our Guild going.

Thanks, and have fun quilting! We need them for Show and Tell!

### 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](mailto: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 March 17th, 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](mailto:president@quiltersguildofplano.org) with the topic they wish to discuss so it can be included on the

## Newsletter

### Tracy Spruell



The Newsletter is coming both by e-mail and by regular mail. To give you some idea of how much paper the newsletter generates, I am replacing the printer that was purchased less than 3 years ago specifically to print the newsletter. The printer has printed over 125,000 pages in the last 2.5 years.

Renewal time will be when we try to go paper free. With your renewal, you will need to either choose to go paper free or submit a book of stamps with your membership to continue to receive the newsletter in the mailbox. Thank you for the great response on the newsletter!

### COMMON THREADS

#### 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](mailto:media@quiltersguildofplano.org)

**ADS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE**

**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

#### The list of officers is as follows:

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

#### Committee Chairs

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

**Time to think about what position you would like to work at next year!**

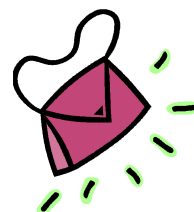
## Fat Quarter Lotto

*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) 'Girlie' things
- 2) Pastels
- 3) Anything Goes (your choice)





# February 14, 2008 Minutes

Brooks Wilson

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

Mike Chambers moved to approve last month's Minutes as published in the newsletter. Julie Schaefer seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

Donna Petrick moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter. Linda Slump seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The guild received two thank-you notes. The first was from our church liaison for the Christmas gift we gave her for her service to the guild. The second was from Parkland Hospital, thanking all of us for the donation of the Christmas stockings.

Emily encouraged the Nominating Committee to meet prior to Retreat.

Sherri Smith, VP of Community Service, announced that February is the last month that the guild will be collecting quilts for Project Linus. Contact Sherri if you have a quilt to donate.

Rhonda Kuntz picked up a pattern called "Enticement" by mistake at the last workshop. She wondered if someone has picked up her similar pattern also.

Donna Petrick announced that The Dallas Quilt Guild is offering free admission to anyone who is willing to serve for two hours at their show. Call her at 972-571-0083 to set up a time. She also has \$1 off tickets and is selling tickets to their raffle quilt.

Teresa Knode asked for volunteers for the Blackland Prairie Festival to be held at Haggard Park on May 11<sup>th</sup>. They are also looking for quilts from the 1880-1920 era (or reproductions) to display. Volunteers are needed to demonstrate hand quilting, embroidery and hand piecing techniques. There is also a Mini Quilt Challenge. For more information, log on to [www.rubyjane.com](http://www.rubyjane.com).

Germaine Reconnu announced that she had an extra space in the workshop.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Block of the Month** – Tracy Spruell announced that the winner of the 6 martini glass blocks was Brooks Wilson. Next month's block is a high-heeled shoe block.

**Fat Quarter Lotto** – Marla Bradberry announced the winners of this month's drawing:

Marlene Dreyer won "anything goes" fat quarters AND "spring" fat quarters; and Rhonda Kuntz won shades of green fat quarters; The three categories for next month's lotto are "girlie things," pastels and "anything goes."

**Membership** – Lorraine Morse announced the attendance at 66 and that the guild has one returning member – Robin Tolbert. There were 4 guests tonight.

**Door Prizes** – This month's door prizes were donated by *Quilters Connection*, *Happiness is Quilting*, *Carriage House Quilt Shoppe*, *The Quilt Asylum*, *Suzy's Quilt Shop*, *Quilt Country*, *The Old Craft Store* and seven gifts from an anonymous donor.

**Program** – Ann Brooks announced that in lieu of Alice Wilhoit's planned program (who can't speak due to a non-compete clause with her former shop, *Happiness is Quilting*), Connie Lipton will speak on Redwork Quilts at the meeting in March. In April, our Trash to Treasures set-up will be different: a table will be available at a cost of \$10. You may have one person at a table or a group. Each table sets its own prices, handles the sales, and at the end of the evening donates 10% of their sales back to the guild.

Ann then introduced the speaker for the evening, Ginny Eckley, who gave a fascinating program/slide show on her art quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brooks Wilson Secretary

## Upcoming Events

### February 28-March 2, 2008

Retreat! - Tanglewood Resort

### March 14-16, 2008

Dallas Quilt Celebration 2008

‘Timeless Traditions’

Market Hall

Dallas, TX

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

### March 28-29, 2008

“Hats off to Quilting”

Quilt Guild of East Texas

Harvey Convention Center

Tyler, TX



### 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>

### April 25-26, 2008

Mayfest 2008 Quilt Show

Lakeview Quilters Guild

Alvin, TX

[Http://www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org](http://www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org)



### May 9-10, 2008

“Black and White and Read All Over”

Quilters Guild of Arlington Annual Quilt Show

Bob Duncan Center, Arlington, TX

[Www.qgoa.org](http://www.qgoa.org)

### May 11, 2008

Blackland Prarie Festival

Haggard Park

Plano, TX

### June 7-8, 2008

Abeline Quilters Guild 14th Annual Regional Quilt Show

Abeline Civic Center

Abeline, TX

[Www.abelinequiltguild.org](http://www.abelinequiltguild.org)

### July 15-19, 2008

Quilt Guild of Greater Houston Quilt Show

Houston Baptist University

[Www.qggh.org](http://www.qggh.org)



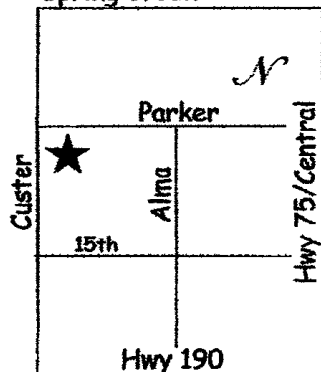
[www.carriagehousequilts.com](http://www.carriagehousequilts.com)

972-758-9916

[Emailshoppe@hqshoppe.com](mailto:Emailshoppe@hqshoppe.com)

3000 Custer Rd., #170,  
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Spring Creek



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



We have joined forces with several other shops around the country. Visit each of the shops online and purchase their block/s. Then choose a finishing kit for your quilt. Each of the shops has designed a unique quilt from these blocks, so you will have plenty of choices.

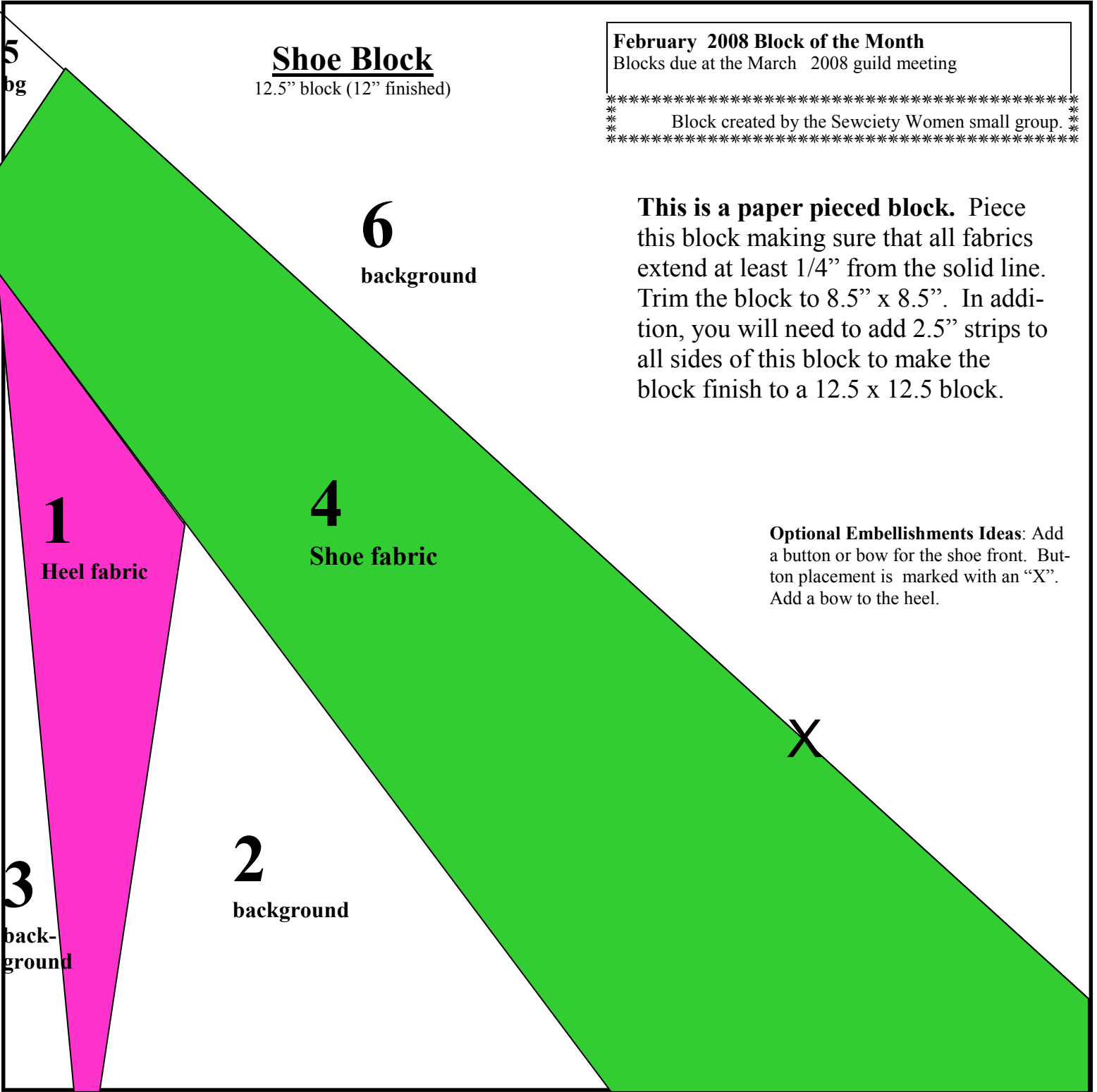
**[www.websamplercelebration.com](http://www.websamplercelebration.com)**

Carriage House will be closing its doors at the end of May when our lease runs out.

We would like to thank the members of the Plano Guild for their support over the years.

Come in and take advantage of our closing down sale

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



**February 2008 Block of the Month**  
 Blocks due at the March 2008 guild meeting

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 \* Block created by the Sewciety Women small group. \*  
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**This is a paper pieced block.** Piece this block making sure that all fabrics extend at least 1/4" from the solid line. Trim the block to 8.5" x 8.5". In addition, you will need to add 2.5" strips to all sides of this block to make the block finish to a 12.5 x 12.5 block.

**Optional Embellishments Ideas:** Add a button or bow for the shoe front. Button placement is marked with an "X". Add a bow to the heel.

**White on White (background)**

Scraps for paper piecing  
 2—2.5" x 8.5" (A)  
 2—2.5" x 12.5" (B)

**Shoe Fabric**

App 5" x 9" (Piece 4)

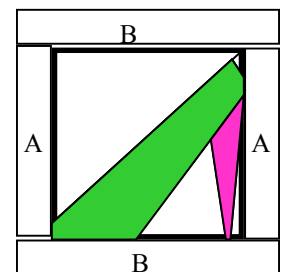
**Shoe Heel Fabric**

App 2.5" x 7" (Piece 1)

**Piecing Instructions**

Refer to basic paper piecing instructions if needed from a book or on the web. The pattern is full sized and reverse of the finished block.

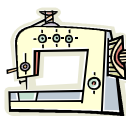
Once the paper piecing unit is complete, trim the block to 8.5" x 8.5". Assemble the remaining pieces as shown in the diagram.



# 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.

### May 9 – 10<sup>th</sup>: Susan Cleveland

- Fri, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Piping Hot Curves, Macaroni, Legacy Bank Community Room
- Sat, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Piping Hot Binding, Plano Chamber of Commerce Community Room

### June 13<sup>th</sup>: Laura Wasilowski

- Fri, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Woodcut Quilts, TBD

### August 15<sup>th</sup>: Cynthia England

- Fri, August 15<sup>th</sup> – TBD

See the guild website at [www.quiltersguildofplano.org](http://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](mailto: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:

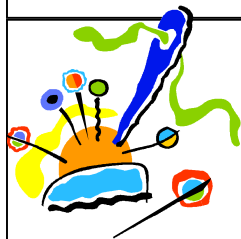
Marvel Link  
6910 Blue Mesa Drive  
Dallas, TX 75252  
OR

Bring Completed Form to a Meeting



# Community Service

Sheri Smith



Our 2-2-08 Community Service workshop at the Schimelfineg library was a big success. We had 13 participants, finished 12 pillow cased quilts completely, 7 tops and put together 2 kits. We received a little walk-in interest, and handed out flyers to those interested. We will try to schedule another workshop later in the year. Thank you all for participating.

We turned in 21 quilts to the Plano Sewing Center for their Project Linus drive.

We have been invited to participate at the Blackland Prairie Festival this year on May 11, 2008, 11am to 6pm at Haggard Park (on 15<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Plano .) We are looking for volunteers to demonstrate hand quilting and embroidery techniques. If there are enough volunteers we would also like to have some hand piecing. We have been asked to give a presentation on the history of quilting, especially as it applies to 1880-1920. We have a volunteer speaker, but there may be schedule conflicts, so we would appreciate a back up. We also need quilts to display, either from this era or replicas. We will have a north facing booth and there will be indoor space to hang the quilts if they need the extra care. Please contact our education chair Teresa Knode at [bearhugquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:bearhugquilts@yahoo.com) if you are available for any part of the festival. For those who might be interested in a mini quilt challenge at the Festival the information is on their website: [www.rubyjane.com](http://www.rubyjane.com).

**The next open Community Service meeting at the Plano Sewing center is on March 11, 2008. Please contact Karen Christoffer if you plan to attend.**

# Programs

Ann Brooks

**Connie Lipton** graciously stepped in to bring this month's program. She's bringing quilts and slides about redwork. Connie is a wonderful speaker and very knowledgeable about this type of quilting. We'll learn lots of historic information and see some lovely and very personal quilts.

I hope you all enjoyed Ginny Eckley's lecture on Valentine's Day. Her workshops were fabulous. Several of us are planning trips to Kingwood for more workshops in her studio. Look for lots of great show-and-tell... soon.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

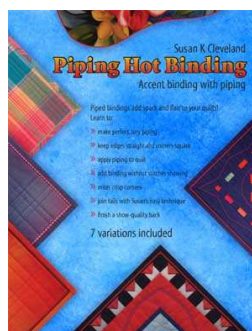
### APRIL – Trash to Treasures

We'll be handling the sale a bit differently this year. Basically, it's \$10 & 10%. This means you pay \$10 for a table. You can share tables with as many friends as you want but it has to fit on the table. At the end of the evening, write a check to the guild for 10% of your sales. You keep track; just hand the check to Tina. We think it will be more fun and friendly this way. Get your quilt-related stuff in order and gather your friends!



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

Learn to make perfectly beautiful bindings and cordings.



### JUNE – Laura Wasilowski

<http://www.artfabrik.com>

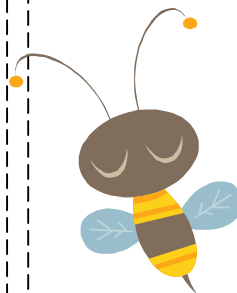
A founder of the Chicago School of



Fusing, Laura will sing her way into your quilting hearts! Laura's work is at many shows every year, including Houston. She usually garners several awards and this year was no different. You'll be amazed at this fast and easy method for making wall quilts.

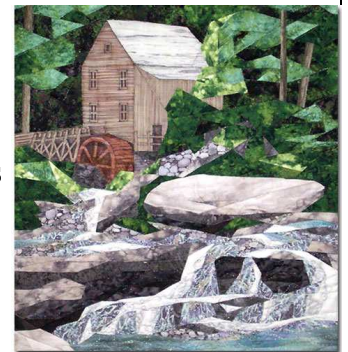
### JULY – Salute to the Bees!

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



### AUGUST – Cynthia England [www.englanddesign.com](http://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.

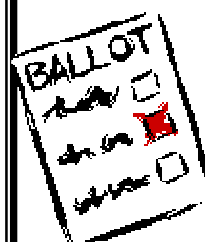
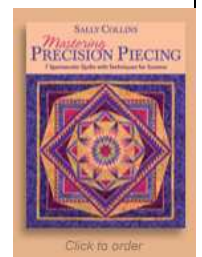


### SEPTEMBER – Lisa Erlandson      Quilt historian and appraiser.

### NOVEMBER – Sally Collins

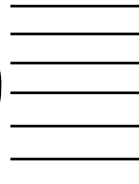
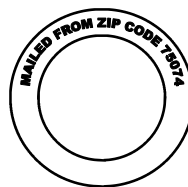
<http://www.sallycollins.org>

Miniature masterpieces. Sally is one of the best precision piecers around and a well-known author and teacher.



**There are still several spots open on the board. Please consider giving back to your guild and volunteering for one of the open positions!**

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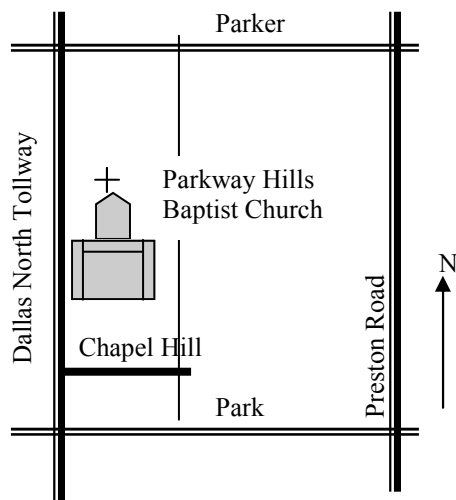


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**Items to bring to the meeting on March 13:**

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



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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**

*March 13, 2008*

**Connie Lipton**  
***“Redwork Quilts”***

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

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