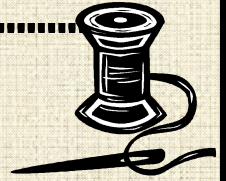


COMMON THREADS

MAY 2008

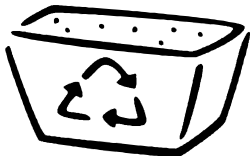
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Newsletter Deadline

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.



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Tracy Spruell

LAST PAPER ISSUE !



It is time! After all the pushes to be eco-friendly, all of the recycling pushes, all of the cloth grocery bags at the store, it is time we as a guild do our part in saving the planet. The guild is ready to start a paperless newsletter. We have worked out most of the kinks that we have found to date.

IF you have an e-mail on file, your next newsletter will be in e-mail format **ONLY!!!** We could be mailing as few as 20 newsletters next month, instead of the 291 that were sent this month. If you would still prefer to get the newsletter in the mail, you will need to see the back page and renew your membership this month and include stamps. The forever stamps are the best because they will be 1st class stamps "forever" and will not need those penny stamps that are never available at the post office.



We love our great speakers but the cost of speakers keeps rising and so do printing costs. If we can trim the printing costs, we hope to be able to save enough to add one extra paid speaker per year.



Board Highlights

Emily Armstrong

Executive Committee Meetings are held monthly the Monday following our general membership meeting. **The next meeting is scheduled for May 12th, 7:00 pm at the Plano Chamber of commerce.** All incoming and outgoing board and committee persons are ENCOURAGED to attend.

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.

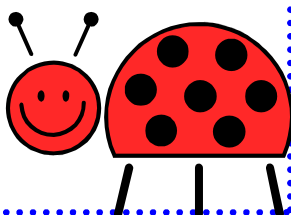
Block of the Month

Tracy Spruell

This month is the Ladybug Block. The pattern is found in this newsletter.

The ladybug looks cute with black buttons for the spots and some antennae! This block is fun to embellish.

We will be drawing for both the vanity and ladybug blocks at the next meeting due to Trash to Treasures. Use this as a catch-up month if you care to.



COMMON THREADS

AD RATES

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

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3816 Dutton Drive
Plano, TX 75023

Quilters Guild of Plano

Officers for 2007-2008

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

We did not have Fat Quarter Lotto last month due to Trash to Treasures. We shall just continue with the choices from last month. They are:

Next Month's Categories are:

- 1) **Manly Things**
- 2) **Oriental Designs**
- 3) **Anything Goes (your choice)**





April 10, 2008 Minutes

Brooks Wilson

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

MJ Filek moved to approve last month's Minutes as published in the newsletter. Donna Petrick seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

La Dawn Dalley moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter. Sharon Zeiner seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Emily announced that the Treasurer's books had been audited by Judy Johnson, Joan Wilson, and Donna Petrick. Treasurer Tina Connolly and President Emily Armstrong also were in attendance.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kemberly Wilshire. Emily stressed the importance of making a quorum for this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block of the Month – Beverly Geise announced that no winners were chosen tonight – that the winners "Vanity" block and the "Ladybug" block will both be chosen next month when there would be greater attendance. They had copies of the "Ladybug" block for members' use.

Nominating Committee – Joan Wilson thanked those who had stepped up into new guild positions for the upcoming year. Two openings remain: VP of Programs (which she suggested would be an excellent position for a Small Group to take on) and Treasurer.

TAQG Rally Day – TAGQ Rep Sherry Worley announced that the upcoming Rally Day speaker would be Michelle Watts. Next month, Sherry will be selling tickets for the *Applebee's* catered lunch, Rally Day pins, raffle tickets. There also will be a workshop open to guild members – it is an all-day class for \$40. Call Sherry for more information. Germaine Reconnu has donated two mini quilts, but Sherry asked for other members to consider donating to this TAQG fund-raiser.

Community Service – VP Sherry Smith asked for volunteers for the *Blackland Prairie Festival* to be held in Plano on Mother's Day. She especially

needs people who can do redwork or hand quilt.

Joan Wilson announced that a member of the Denton Quilt Guild was selling raffle tickets to their beautiful, appliquéd quilt, "Autumn in Baltimore."

VP of Membership Lorraine Morse and her helpers handed out door prizes from *The Old Craft Store*, *Quilt Country*, *Carriage House Quilt Shoppe*, *The Quilt Asylum*, *Quilters Workshop*, *Quilters Connection*, *Happiness is Quilting*, and *Suzy's Quilt Shop*.

The business meeting was adjourned and the "Trash to Treasures" sale ensued.

Respectfully submitted,
Brooks Wilson
Secretary

2008 Raffle Quilt

Tina Connolly

By now each of you should have received 24 raffle tickets to sell for the "Come Spring" 2008 Raffle Quilt. The tickets are 6 for \$5 which is why we sent you 24 tickets, hoping you would sell them in \$5 increments and wind up with \$20. Since this is a new fundraiser for the guild, having a quilt in a non show year, we hope you will work with us on selling tickets. The quilt "Come Spring" won an Honorable Mention in Dallas and has been appraised for \$1950.

The winner of the quilt will also receive the ribbon and the appraisal papers.

We hope you will be proud to sell tickets for the beautiful quilt that is made with YOUR nine patches. If you are unable to sell tickets for whatever reason, please return the extras to me so that I can give them to someone else to sell. We plan to use the money for Community Service and Education.

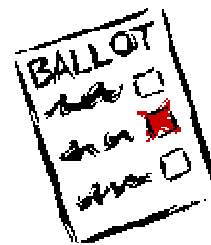


NOMINEES FOR '08-'09 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Joan Wilson

The Nominating Committee of the Quilters Guild of Plano is pleased to announce the following list of nominees:

President	Donna Petrick
VP Membership	Julie Brooks
VP Community Service	Sheri Smith (returning)
VP Guild Activities	Emily Armstrong
VP Media	Tina Connolly
Secretary	Julie Schaefer
Librarian	Nanette Gaskey (returning)
Quilt Show 2009	Kemberly Wilshire (returning)



We would like to thank everyone for their dedication and commitment to the success of our Guild by accepting these nominations. In addition, we need to thank those guild members who are either returning to or have volunteered for a committee chair position.

We do however, have two officer positions needing to be filled. One is that of **TREASURER**. As Tina Connolly says, "This is the best job in the guild! Everyone loves you because you have the money\$\$\$." Anyone with a knowledge of or a willingness to learn Quicken is someone we want to hear from. According to Tina, she had "no idea how to use the program when she started as treasurer, but it was real easy to learn." Tina is staying on as Assistant Treasurer to help train the new treasurer and be back-up whenever necessary, however, according to our By-Laws, she can't serve another term as she has already served two years as treasurer. With great support like Tina, an easy computer program that is provided to you, a position that can be done in the comfort of your own home and a minimal amount of meeting time, what better opportunity to serve your Guild could you ask for?

The other position needing to be filled is that of **VP OF PROGRAMS**. Sounds overwhelming doesn't it. But let's take a moment to break this down. First, we already have programs scheduled into 2009 which means you don't have to scurry around trying to get someone for June, July, August, September, October, November and December is always our Christmas Program. It's my understanding that we also either have speakers or are in contact with speakers for programs through 2009. So what we're saying here is, there is a lot of lead time to get your feet wet. Joan Wilson has said that she will be more than happy to sit down with whoever volunteers for this position, to show them the ropes. Now, let's look at the rest of what is done with programs. There's the Guild Meeting where the Programs Table is set-up with speaker sales stuff and scheduling members for workshops. Typically the VP has help from friends or volunteers to man the table. The VP makes the introduction of the speaker and may set-up a slide show or something like that. The Guild owns and provides the slide projector. The VP also coordinates the arrival and departure pickup of the speaker at the airport, getting them to and from the hotel for the meeting and workshops, sets up the workshops and ensures the speaker gets fed. ***It has been our experience that there are lots of members who want to get up close and personal with the speaker and what better way to do that than to volunteer to help the VP with all these activities.*** As a matter of fact, this would be a GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A SMALL GROUP to take on the roll of Programs. Think about it. Your group likes getting together talking about quilting. You all have particular techniques you are especially fond of and love to share that information with your groups members. You like to eat.....that's always an important part of your getting together. You like talking about the latest and greatest book you purchased. This would be a wonderful way to put your love of quilting to work for the Guild. One person with the help of your group, could contact possible speakers who you have always wanted to hear. That person would act as the VP handling the contracts. The rest of the group would be the helpers with all the transporting, workshop set-up, speaker table, etc. **And to top it off, by doing this, one of your group would be getting that month's free workshop.** So whether it's an individual with the help of membership volunteers, or a small group wanting to take on this position, let us hear from you! Anyone interested in being either Treasurer, VP of Programs or a Programs Assistant, please contact Joan Wilson at 972-517-7238 or GrammysCreations@tx.rr.com



Treasurers Report

Tina Connolly

Quilters Guild of Plano fund balance is \$38969.80

3/1/2008 through 3/31/2008 Breakdown

INCOME
 Administrative Income 10.77
 Media Income 13.86
 membership dues 2007-2008 15.00
 Programs Income 95.00
TOTAL INCOME \$ 134.63

EXPENSES
 Administrative Expenses 8.20
 Guild Activities Expenses 16.44
 Media Expenses 221.80
 Membership Expenses 0.20
 Programs Expenses 486.19
TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 732.83

OVERALL TOTAL (598.20)

Upcoming Events

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

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

July 15-19, 2008

Quilt Guild of Greater Houston Quilt Show
 Houston Baptist University
 Www.qggh.org

July 25-27, 2008

“Threads of Our Past”
 New Braunfels Kongresshalle (Civic Center)
 380 South Seguin Avenue



211 N. Kentucky Street
 McKinney, TX 75069
 972-542-8839
 www.happinessisquilting.com

Hours:
 Mon – Sat
 10 – 5
 Thu
 10 – 7



Owner:
 Laura Kay Houser

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best!

Sara Moe	Spinning Pinwheel	Sat, May 24	10 – 4	\$50
Carol Morrissey	Paper Piecing	Sat, June 7	10 – 4	\$50 + pattern
Julie Craig	Crazy Patchwork	Mon, June 9 <i>or</i> Wed, June 11	1 – 5	\$25 + \$25 kit
Cynthia England	Picture Piecing	Wed, August 13	10 – 4	\$75 + pattern
Harriet Hargrave	Machine Quilting	Fri <i>and</i> Sat Aug 23 & 24	9 – 4 each day	\$150
Meg Hawkey	Hand Embroidery	Wed, Oct 29 <i>or</i> Thu, Oct 30	10 – 4	\$50

PLEASE register early for these events! Doing so guarantees you have a spot and ensures that the teacher will travel to our shop.

For more detailed event information, visit our web site and click on the “Current Newsletter” tab on the left of the screen, then select >> “May – Aug 2008 Newsletter”.

Programs Update

Ann Brooks

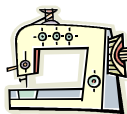
We're having Cynthia England in August. Her lecture is " Making a Pictorial Quilt" on Aug 14 and the workshop on Friday Aug 15 is "Large Landscape". We're sharing her with the McKinney shop. Here's Laura Kay's (of Happiness Is ... Quilting) note:

"Please share with your Guild members that I am having Cynthia teach her 12" Floral Block Workshop. The fee is \$75. I am also displaying a trunk show of her samples in my shop from July 29 - September 3. I welcome any Guild members who would like to come to the shop and see her quilts. I'm sure you already know how stunning they are.

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 – 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

August 15th: Cynthia England

- Fri, August 15th – 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

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

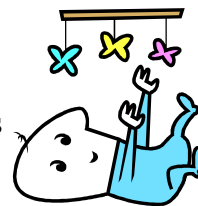
Bring Completed Form to a Meeting



Community Service

Sheri Smith

COMMUNITY SERVICE



In the month of April we donated 8 baby quilts to Newborns in Need, 13 quilts to the Rape Crisis Center, and 16 quilts to the Children's Advocacy Center. Also our member Marcia Shurtleff took over to the Advocacy Center 10 quilts that she, her friends and family had made and donated them under our name. Good job everyone. You all are awesome.

We have two projects that we are currently working on. The first is two days in May at the Plano Sewing Center: May 3rd and May 8th, for cutting fabric to contribute to the TAQG Rally. If you read this in time to participate please call or email Aggie Meszaros at agnes-meszaros@sbcglobal.net. We will meet on those days from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The second function is the Blackland Prairie Festival on Sunday May 11, 2008. We still need people to serve two hour shifts either hand quilting or handwork embroidery. If you can participate in this please contact Teresa Knode at bear-hugquilts@yahoo.com.

Thank you all for contributing and making our quilt guild so great.

Retreat 2008



Fun! Friends! Fabric!
It's the 3Fs of Retreat

2009! Put **February 19-22, 2009** in bold print in your planner. We'll be back at Tanglewood for 3 nights and 4 days of F,F, and F!!! More information will be coming each month.

Programs

Ann Brooks

My term ends in May. I've been a program chair three times now and it's the most fun job in the guild. You meet so many people – speakers, members, quilters in other guilds. It has broadened my horizons and skills to choose a variety of programs that cover as many aspects of quilting as possible each time. Marvel and I have most of next year set up. Consider taking this position. You'll enjoy working with our speakers as you plan 2009-10.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY – Susan Cleveland

<http://www.piecesbewithyou.com>

Learn to make perfectly beautiful bindings and pipings. Susan is an accomplished, popular teacher. She has this technique down perfectly and has lots to share.



JUNE – Laura Wasilowski



<http://www.artfabrik.com>

Laura and three friends are the founders and professors of the ersatz Chicago School of Fusing. In addition to showing many beautifully graphic and intricate quilts she sings the most amusing quilting songs. You'll be amazed at this fast and easy method for making wall quilts.

JULY – Salute to the Bees!

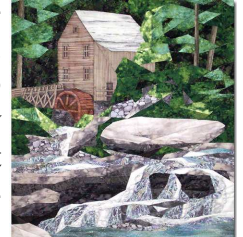
I've already heard from two bees who are each certain they are the best, most fun group in the Guild. Every bee will have some time (how much time depends on how many bees want to show their stuff!) Let me know soon if your bee has some exciting things to show and share. You can do a show & tell, recite quilt poetry or even sing like Laura W. Be as creative as you always are.



AUGUST – Cynthia England

www.englanddesign.com

Cynthia is a commercial artist, lifelong quilter, and a personal friend. She has so much to tell us about fabric and color selection, selecting a scene to create in fabric, and how to break any picture into straight-line pieces. She is very generous and thorough about sharing her knowledge; and besides, she's lots of fun.



SEPTEMBER – Lisa Erlandson

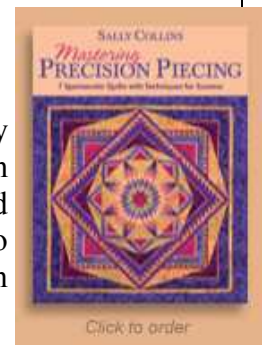
Quilt historian and appraiser from Greenville will talk to us about historical quilts and orphan blocks.

OCTOBER – Teri DeBolt

A wonderful quilting teacher at area Bernina shops, Teri is known for machine-work. Come see what she can do... and what you will be able to also.

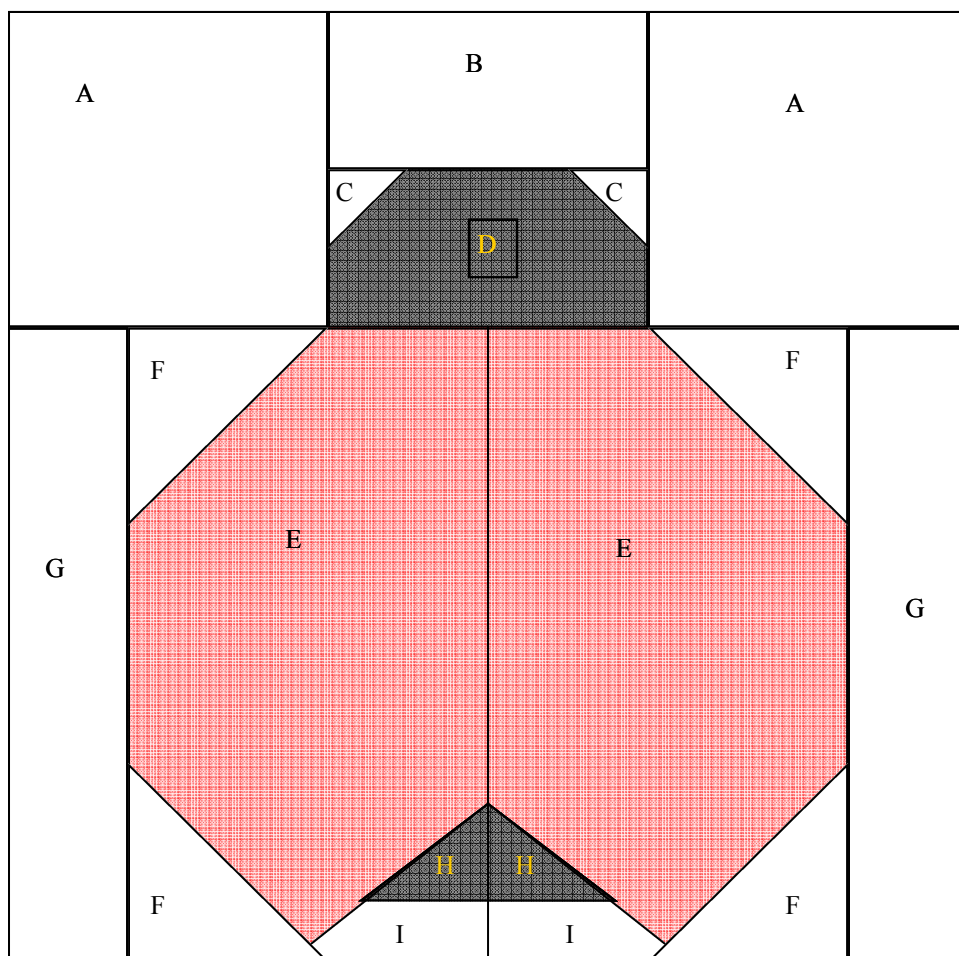
NOVEMBER – Sally Collins

The master of miniatures! Sally has published several books on precision piecing, miniatures and borders. We are very lucky to have this internationally-known quilter.



Want more great programs????

Please consider the job of VP of Programs. You would get to pick the upcoming programs!!!



White on White (background)

- A—4.5" x 4.5" - 2
- B—4.5" x 2.5" - 1
- C—1.5" x 1.5" - 2
- F—3" x 3" - 4
- G—2" x 8.5" - 2
- I—1.5" x 3" - 2

Lady Bug Shell

- G—5" x 8.5" - 2

Black (for ladybug body)

- D—2.5" x 4.5" - 1
- H—2" x 3" - 2

Lady Bug head

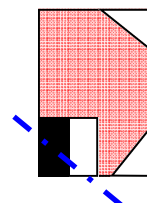
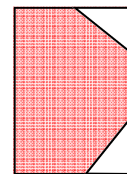
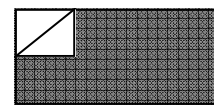
Place a 1.5x1.5 square on one corner of the 2.5x4.5 black. Draw a line down the center of the bg fabric and sew on the line. Cut 1/4" away from the sewn line and press. Repeat for the other corner.

Lady Bug body

Place a 3x3 background square on one corner of the 5x8.5 shell fabric right sides together. Draw a line down the center of the bg fabric and sew on the line. Cut 1/4" away from the sewn line and press. Repeat for the other corner.

For the HI unit

Sew the H-I units together to make a 3x3 square. Place the square on the correct corner of the lady bug shell right sides together and draw a diagonal line on the back of the HI unit. Sew on the line. Trim 1/4" away from the sewn line and press to the shell fabric.



Optional Embellishments Ideas: Embroider antennae with pear cotton. Appliqué spots for the ladybug or use buttons!

2008 – 2009 Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again! Current Membership expires May 31, 2008.

Please mark any changes and mail this form along with a check made out to QGP to:

Julie Brooks
VP Membership
8300 Indian Palms Trail
McKinney, TX 75070

Name	To be filled in with member information
Address	
City, State Zip	
Home phone	
Work/Cell phone	
Birthday	
Spouse	
Small Group	
Gender	Female _____ Male _____
Age Group	Young Adult (18-34) _____ Mature Adult(35-54) _____ Senior (55+) _____

If you are interested in joining a small group, indicate the preferred days in the area below:

Daytime _____

Evenings _____

Are you online? Yes ____ No ____

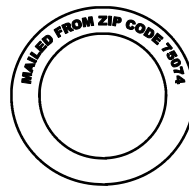
Current e-mail address: _____

If Answering "No", please either enclose a minimum of 12 stamps (preferably the "forever" stamps) or

Membership 2007-2008 Renewal	\$25
Stamp fee if needed (\$5.04 or enclose a min of 12 1st class stamps)	_____
Total Enclosed	_____

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PLANO, TEXAS 75026

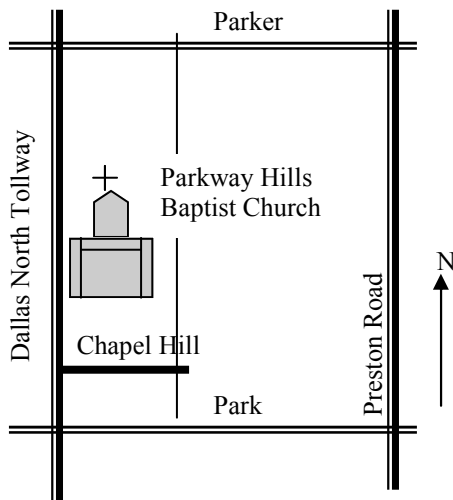


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POSTMASTER: DATED MATERIAL—Please deliver by May 1, 2008

Items to bring to the meeting on May 8:

- Vanity and/or ladybug blocks 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

May 8, 2008

Susan Cleveland

“Making Simple Quilts with Spark”

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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