



# Common Threads

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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

## President's Message

Donna Petrick

Hi everyone--

Do you read the fine print? Recently Joan Wilson and I went to a meeting on grant applications with the city of Plano arts group. It was really eye opening to see what is required of applicants and to see some of the other groups asking for grants. In reviewing the information we have to submit for the application, I started reading the fine print of our own organization. Did you realize we are incorporated for tax purposes as an educational organization? Our tax filing status is 501(c)(3)----it's in our history section of the directory. I guess I had always thought we were associated as a charity organization since we seem to do so much more of that work.

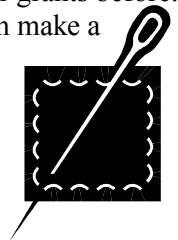
Charity work is a wonderful part of our guild. We need to continue supporting as many groups as we can. However, we also need to be more involved with education—getting the public involved, letting others see the value of working together for a common cause, and letting others see the beauty of our heart's work. Teresa Knode joined the guild this past year and at the Newcomers Tea volunteered to take on the education chair. She may not have realized what she was walking into, but she has jumped in and is getting very involved. Teresa needs your help too. We need to find more educational opportunities. We currently do the Plano International and Blackland Prairie festivals, as well as some free demonstrations at several libraries. There have to be a lot more opportunities. We just need to find them; then step forward to help by displaying our talents.

While going through this grant exercise, I have discovered two things about myself that I'm not terribly happy about. First off, I don't pay enough attention to details. I was not aware of how many people in the guild are working to keep the guild moving forward. None of us should take that for granted. Secondly, I am not inquisitive enough. I should be asking more why's and how's. I'm working on that. I hope you will join me in asking why we aren't doing more for our community and how we can make the guild better. Let's all be part of the solution.

By the way, the grant money comes from the Plano hotel tax. It does not come from the general fund. The city has decided that the taxes paid for staying in hotels here should be used to help draw more people to Plano for as many events as possible. When the city found out how many hits our website was receiving and how many quilters are spending money around the country, they wanted to know why we had not asked for grants before. The city of Plano can see the value of our guild, so let's show them we can make a difference.

Happy Quilting!

Donna



## Board Meeting Highlights

Donna Petrick, President

Executive Committee Meetings are held monthly the Monday following our general membership meeting. Guild members wishing to attend are welcome and requested to email [presidente@quiltersguildofplano.org](mailto:presidente@quiltersguildofplano.org) with the topic they wish to discuss so it can be included on the agenda.

The May board meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce building. This was the transition meeting between the outgoing board and committee chairs and new ones for the new fiscal year. Dinner was provided by the outgoing executive committee and chairs. Following dinner, introductions and job functions were discussed, along with discussion of community service, education, newsletter and web site.

Future board meetings will be held at the home of Donna Petrick, 3816 Dutton Drive, Plano, TX 75023. The next meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 on June 16.

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### AD RATES

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

Send PC compatible ads or copy to: Brooks Wilson at  
[newsletter@quiltersguildofplano.org](mailto:newsletter@quiltersguildofplano.org)

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## Quilters Guild of Plano

### Officers ~ 2008-2009

**President**..... Donna Petrick  
**VP-Membership**..... Julie Brooks  
**VP-Programs**..... OPEN  
**VP-Community Service**..... Sheri Smith  
**VP-Guild Activities**..... Emily Armstrong  
**VP Media**..... Tina Connolly  
**Secretary**..... Julie Shaefer  
**Treasurer**..... Joan Wilson  
**Librarian**..... Nanette Gaskey  
**Quilt Show 2009**..... Kemberly Wilshire

### Committee Chairs

**Assistant - Programs**..... Rhonda Kuntz. Donna Lobelson  
Sherry Worley  
**Assistant - Treasurer**..... Shirley Weaver  
**Bee Keeper**..... Cathy LaManna  
**Block of Month**..... Diane deFreitas & Knotty Girls  
**Christmas Stocking Project**...LaDawn Dalley  
**Directory**..... Lynne Fritsche & Gail Schwartz  
**Door Prizes**..... Diane Crandall  
**Education**..... Teresa Knode  
**E-mail/Web Master**..... Beverly Geise  
**Facilities**..... OPEN  
**Fat Quarter Lotto**..... Marla Bradberry & Sandra Goecke  
**Historian**..... OPEN  
**Hospitality**..... Terri Mendelow  
**Inventory**..... Sharon Schenke  
**Newsletter Editor**..... Brooks Wilson  
**Nine Patch**..... Terri Anderman  
**Publicity**..... Rose-Clair Fletcher  
**Retreat 2009**..... Terri Anderman & Quilt Soup  
**Service Quilts**..... Karen Christoffer  
**Show 'n Tell**..... Karen Hawkins  
**Texas Area Quilt Guilds**..Aggie Meszaros

## Fat Quarter Lotto

*Marla Bradberry*

The May winners were Rhonda Kuntz for “manly things,” Shirley Weaver for “Oriental,” and Karen Hawkins for “anything goes.”

Next Month’s Categories are:

- 1)Shades of Orange
- 2)Insects
- 3)Anything Goes (your choice)

Simply bring a good quality fat quarter to have the chance to win many more in the same category. You can’t win if you don’t play!

# May 8, 2008 Minutes

Brooks Wilson

**President** Emily Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. She asked that everyone silence their cell phones.

**Treasurer's Report** was read by Tina Connolly. She said that the raffle quilt had cost about \$840.00 between the cost of fabric, quilting, ticket printing and photo copies. At this point, the guild had broken even with sales, so continue to sell the tickets on this beautiful quilt.

**Minutes** - Donna Petrick moved to approve last month's Minutes as published in the newsletter. Jeanne Parker seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved. Karen Hawkins moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter. Joan Wilson seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

**Board Meeting** -The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plano Chamber of Commerce. An Italian dinner will be hosted by the outgoing Board for the enjoyment of the incoming Board. Reminder: outgoing Board members please bring 3 copies of your Annual Report to the meeting.

Joan Wilson of the Nominating Committee read the Slate of Officers for the 2008-2009 Year:

President Donna Petrick  
VP-Membership Julie Brooks  
VP-Community Service Sheri Smith  
VP-Guild Activities Emily Armstrong  
VP Media Tina Connelly  
Secretary Julie Shaefer  
Librarian Nanette Gaskey  
Quilt Show 2009 Kemberly Wilshire

These officers were elected by acclamation. President-Elect Donna Petrick then announced that Allison Bayer had volunteered to be the VP of Programs and that Joan Wilson had volunteered to be Treasurer. Ann Brooks moved and Rhonda Kuntz seconded their nominations from the floor and they were also voted in by acclamation. Donna then announced several of the appointed positions: Shirley Weaver will be the Assistant to the Treasurer and Rhonda Kuntz and Donna Lobelson will be the Assistants to the VP of Programs. The VP of Programs still needs two volunteers to help with workshops.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Community Service**—Teresa Knode mentioned the need for more hand quilters to volunteer for the Blackland Prairie Festival. She also would like to start an educational small group. If you are interested or would

like more information, please email Theresa at [bearhugquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:bearhugquilts@yahoo.com).

**TAQG** – TAGQ Rep Aggie Meszaros thanked all the members who helped with the cutting and wrapping of fabric for the “goodie bags” for Rally Day. She has pins and lunch tickets for sale and announced that the upcoming Rally Day speaker would be J. Michelle Watts.

**Block of the Month** – Beverly Geise announced the winners of the last two month's blocks. The “Vanity” blocks were won by Susan Menkus and the “Ladybug” blocks were won by Rhonda Kuntz. June's block will be the last in the series; it is the purse block. Directions can be found in the newsletter (on page 8).

**Fat Quarter Lotto** - Marla Bradbury announced the winner of “men's things” to be Rhonda Kuntz; Shirley Weaver won the “Oriental” fat quarters, and Karen Hawkins won “anything goes.” Next month's choices are Shades of Orange, Insects, and anything goes.

**Lone Star Awards** - President Emily Armstrong awarded the following members with Lone Star pins, representing outstanding contributions to the guild that go above and beyond what is expected: Beverly Geise, Sherri Smith, Terri Mendelow, Ruth Shriner, Julie Shaefer, Joan Wilson, Germaine Reconnu, Dan Mills, Karen Kristoffer, and Julie Brooks. Congratulations to all!

**VP of Membership** Lorraine Morse announced attendance at 62, with 4 guests and 1 new member. Bonita Ernest was given a new member gift by Terri Mendelow, Hospitality Chair.

**Door Prizes** were distributed from *Suzy's Quilt Shop*, *Happiness is Quilting*, *The Old Craft Store*, *Quilt Country*, *The Quilt Asylum*, and *Quilters Connection*, as well as 2 tickets to both the Irving Quilt Show and the Arlington Quilt Show.

**Programs** - Ann Brooks announced the upcoming programs and especially encouraged small groups to get ready for July's “Salute to the Bees.” She then introduced Susan Cleveland, who gave a delightful (and funny!) talk on embellishing your quilt with “piping hot piping.”

The business meeting was adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Brooks Wilson  
Secretary

# Our New Slate of Officers

Written by Joan Wilson

Ever wonder who runs for office in our guild? Well, this year you can know more about these talented women thanks to Joan Wilson, who took the time to write up a short bio of each one.

**Donna Petrick, President:** As a long time member of our Guild, Donna comes to us with a wonderful business and finance acumen. Donna is a recent retiree from Nortel, where she held the position of Project Management Financial Analyst for the past 12 years. Prior to working at Nortel, she worked as Controller as well as other financial positions, for two different companies. She holds a BBA in accounting from Angelo State University and is highly qualified to be President of our Guild. Donna is a resident of Plano and joined the Guild in 1996 after having started quilting in 1993. She has been the VP of Community Services and VP of Media. She is also active in the Quilter's Guild of Dallas and holds the position of Treasurer for the Allen Quilter's Guild.

**Julie Brooks, VP Membership:** A resident of McKinney and member of our Guild since 2002, Julie comes to us with a background in sales and management in the Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare industries. These positions have trained her in not only forecasting, budgeting and bottom-line sales analysis, but also managing others — talents that will serve her well in her new position. Julie started quilting in 2003 and has held several offices in the Guild. They consist of Facilities Chair, VP of Media and Show Chair of the very successful 2007 Quilt Show.

**Allison Bayer, VP Programs:** Allison, another long time member of the Guild, joined us in 1995. She has her own successful long-arm quilting business "Allison's Machine Quilting." Her business continues to flourish in its 11<sup>th</sup> year by expanding to sewing machine repair, long-arm repair, and vintage sewing machine repair and sales. She has volunteered for the Guilds biennial quilt show in various positions, as well as entering her own quilts and the quilts of her customers. She served as President of the Guild from 1997 – 1998 and is very qualified to hold the position of VP of Programs.

**Sheri Smith, VP Community Service:** Sheri is fairly new to the Guild and Plano having moved here in 2007 and joined us the day she got to Plano. She is, however, by no means new to quilting. Sheri started quilting 12 years ago where she was a member of the San Fernando, CA Quilt Guild. During her time with this Guild, she

belonged to community service groups that made quilts for the needy. She was a member of the Coachella Valley Quilt Guild for 10 years where she held the positions of Membership Chair, Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Quilt Show Chair and was President of the Guild for 2 years. Immediately on joining the Quilters Guild of Plano, Sheri took on the position of VP of Community Service. This will be her second term.

**Emily Armstrong, VP Guild Activities:** A member of the Guild since 2002, Emily holds a BA from the University of Texas at Dallas with a double major in Historical Studies and Literary Studies. She has been working with nonprofit agencies for 7 years while raising her two children. Emily is currently employed as a fitness trainer with Cooper Aerobics. Her work and volunteer history include working as a contract employee for the Texas Instrument Foundation; Secretary, webmaster, writing and distributing the newsletter for the Dallas Citizens police Academy Alumni Association and Participating on the Fundraising Committee of the Boy Scouts of America Circle Ten Council's Learning for Life Program. She has held the position of VP of Media and is the immediate past President of the Quilters Guild of Plano.

**Tina Connolly, VP Media:** Tina began quilting in 1981 and joined our Guild in 1997. She has been involved in many charity quilt projects for the guild and has been involved in the making of two Guild raffle quilts. Tina also participated in creating the "Making Memories" quilt to raise money for breast cancer patients. Always ready to teach and encourage quilters in the art of quilting, Tina has served the Guild as our Treasurer for the past two years. Tina attended the University of North Texas majoring in accounting and worked for TI in Cost Accounting. She and her husband have owned and operated a restaurant for the past 37 years.

**Julie Schaefer, Secretary:** Julie classifies herself as a "lifetime sewer" who started quilting 3 years ago at which time she joined our Guild. Julie has been very active in our Community Service group helping to make the hundreds of quilts we give away. Julie holds a BS, an MA and a PhD in education. She worked for the City of Chicago Board of Education from 1965 – 72 and worked with the Dallas Independent School District from 1972 – 2005. We are very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated person volunteering with our Guild.

## Slate of Officers (continued)

**Joan Wilson, Treasurer:** Joan started quilting in 2001 and six months later was asked to start teaching quilting. She owns her own business "Grammys Creations" where she does commissioned quilt orders and teaches at various venues. Joan comes to us with over 30 years experience in Sales and Marketing Management in the personnel and real estate industries. She has been responsible for multi-office management with multi-million dollar budgets. In these positions, she has been responsible for bottom-line management, skills that are definitely a benefit to the position of Treasurer. Joan has held several positions in the Guild since joining in 2004. They include Education Chair, Publicity Chair, VP Media, VP Programs and President.

**Nanette Gaskey, Librarian:** Nanette is a fairly new member to our Guild having joined in 2006. She is, however, not new to the art of quilting. Nanette says, "Through my avocation as an Expert Quilter, I have been published in "America From the Heart" and "The 2004 American Quilt Calendar." Over the years, I have designed award-winning quilts utilizing mathematical formulas and computer software. My attention to detail, perseverance and dedication to this art has allowed me to expand my knowledge, skills and abilities." We are fortunate to have Nanette as a member of our Guild. Nanette is currently employed by Collin County Community College.

**Kemberly Wilshire, Show Chair:** Kemberly started sewing when she was 12 making clothes, draperies and other items over the past 30 years. She started quilting 8 years ago and joined our Guild in 2003. She has worked on the committee that provided the Block of the Month for the 2007-08 calendar year and was the quilt show Set-up Coordinator for the 2005 and 2007 shows. Her business background comes from having been a student of computer science where, as a software trainer, she used these skills teaching and managing others. She later held positions as a Data Analysis Manager and a Corporate Executive Administrator. Kemberly is very qualified to be our 2009 Quilt Show Chair.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Germaine Reconnu has won First Place and Best of Show at the Arlington Quilt Show for her Butterfly Garden quilt. Congratulations, Germaine! We are so fortunate to have such a talented quilter in the Quilters Guild of Plano!!

## Treasurers Report

Tina Connolly

REPORT — 4/1/2008-4/30/2008  
TOTAL GUILD ASSETS \$38,504.89

### INFLOWS

Uncategorized	\$0.00
Administrative Income	
Interest Income	7.68
TOTAL Administrative Income	7.68
Guild Activities Income	
Raffle Quilt	575.00
TOTAL Guild Activities Income	575.00
Guild Product Sales	
other	2.00
TOTAL Guild Product Sales	2.00
Media Income	
Other Media Income	32.34
TOTAL Media Income	32.34
Programs Income	
Trash to Treasure Income	222.20
Workshop Fees	335.00
TOTAL Programs Income	557.20
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$1,174.22</b>

### OUTFLOWS

Uncategorized	\$102.64
Administrative Expenses	
Miscellaneous	32.79
Plano Chamber of Commerce Dues	250.00
Supplies, Postage, Printing	32.80
TAQG	
TAQG Dues	200.00
TOTAL TAQG	200.00
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	515.59
Guild Activities Expenses	
Block of the Month Expenses	16.60
Raffle Quilt	411.41
TOTAL Guild Activities Expenses	428.01
Media Expenses	
Newsletter Printing	292.49
TOTAL Media Expenses	292.49
Membership Expenses	
Other Membership Expenses	0.40
TOTAL Membership Expenses	0.40
Programs Expenses	
Guild Meeting Facilities Rent	50.00
Speaker Fees	100.00
Workshop Facilities Rent	150.00
TOTAL Programs Expenses	300.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$1,639.13</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$464.91</b>

## Workshop Registration Form

Allison Bayer

**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.

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

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

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

□ Fri, August 15<sup>th</sup> – location 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 Allison Bayer through email: [allon0711@yahoo.com](mailto:allon0711@yahoo.com) or call her at 972-943-8939.

**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.

**Copy or Clip and mail your registration form to:**

Allison Bayer  
7701 Standish Circle  
Plano, Texas 75025

## Upcoming Events

### **June 7-8, 2008**

Abilene Quilters Guild 14th Annual Regional Quilt Show  
Adeline Civic Center, Adeline, 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)

### **July 25-27, 2008**

“Threads of Our Past”  
New Braunfels Kongresshalle (Civic Center)  
380 South Seguin Avenue  
New Braunfels, TX 78130

## Community Service

Sheri Smith

Your Community Service team has been very busy little bees. We want to thank everyone who participated in the Blackland Prairie Festival. Our success in these projects depends on your contribution and we appreciate everything you do.

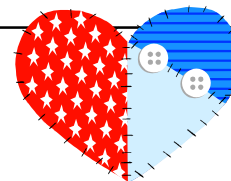
Community Service invites all to join us to sew on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month. We will meet at the Plano Sewing Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please RSVP to [Karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com](mailto:Karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com).

We are starting a new Community Service program for the summer. The Night Owls will meet from 5:30 to 9:00 pm on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Parr Library, and with your help it will be a hoot. This group will focus on educating the public, so bring a friend and make some quilts. The only requirements are a sewing machine, basic sewing skills, and a sewing kit. Please RSCP to Teresa at [bearhugquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:bearhugquilts@yahoo.com).



Everyone is welcome. Next month I will have the final figures on the number of quilts our guild donated this last year to our various charities.

Thank you all again for your hard work.



## Raffle Quilt

Tina Connolly

Our 2008 raffle quilt, “Come Spring,” is on its way to becoming a success! In April, the first month for sales, you sold \$575 worth of tickets. In May, you sold \$488 worth plus \$119 sold at the Blackland Prairie Festival in Plano. So far the total is \$1182! This is a great start because we really have barely begun. The quilt plus ticket printing plus quilting plus photos and plus postage cost \$840 to complete, so we are in the black!

THANK YOU!

Now, we need everyone who hasn't sold their tickets to sell them. Also, if you are a member of another guild in the area, we would like you to take the quilt and sell tickets there. I have the quilt and the stand at my house and I am willing to deliver it to you with a cash box. Call me: 972-424-4800.



# Programs

## Allison Bayer

### 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](http://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.

## Retreat 2009

Terri Anderman

**WANTED:** Friendly, Fabulous, Fun-loving, Fanatic-Fabric-Fondlers for more Fun than you can shake a quilt at! **RETREAT 2009! Tanglewood Resort, February 19-22, 2009! Mark your calendars now and watch for more information!**



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Hours:  
Mon – Sat  
10 – 5  
Thu  
10 – 7  
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Laura Kay  
Houser

### SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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"May – Aug 2008 Newsletter".

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

### *BLURB FROM THE PREZ:*

If you missed the May meeting, you missed a great program. Susan Cleveland presented a wonderful presentation on piping and binding. Her quilts were exquisite and she was fun. I picked up several useful hints and am kicking myself that I couldn't rearrange my schedule to take at least one of her workshops. I can only imagine what the folks at workshop picked up these two days. The 1000 denier silk thread she brought feels wonderful to the hand. Her top stitching using it was beautiful. Great program. I'll bet she was fun to host for dinner.

## Show and Tell

Karen Hawkins

*Stars, Herons & Dragonflies* and *Butterflies & Irises* by Germaine Reconnu

Unnamed by Tina Connolly

*Jay's Quilt* by Janet Lindsey

*My Purple Quilt* by Cassie Curnutt

*Cats See in Black & Red* by LaDawn Dalley

*State Birds* by Rebecca Clayton

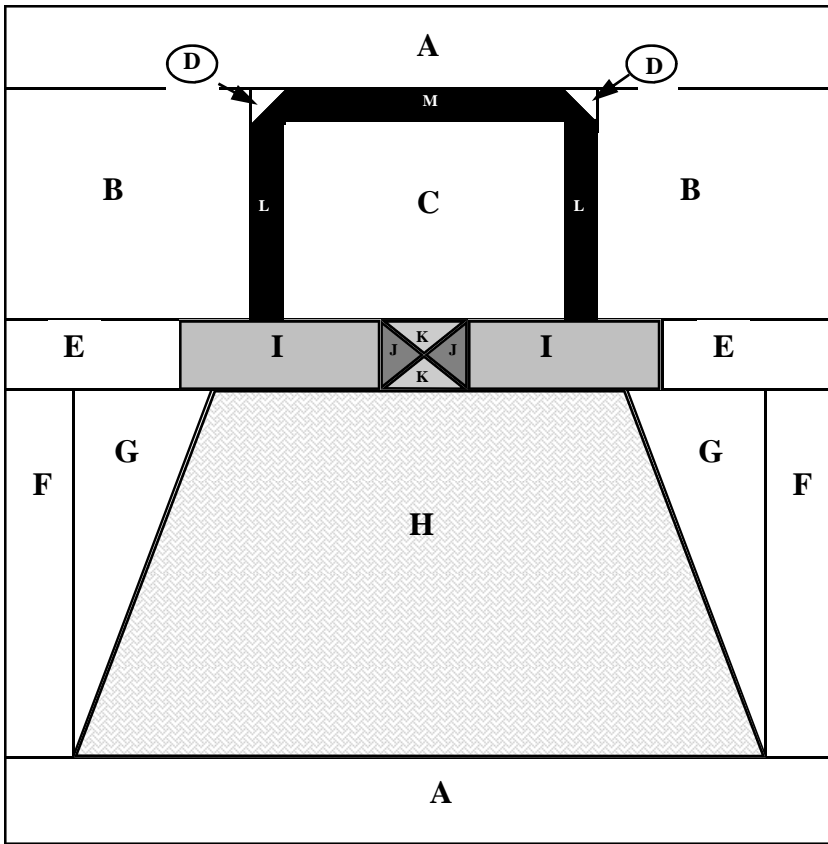
*Cherrywood Pinup* and *Yellow Rose* by Lynne Fritsche

*Violets for Your 60th* by Lorraine Morse

*Jewel Swirls* and *Finally!* by Karen Hawkins

## Pretty Purse Block

12½" unfinished (12" finished)



### Fabric:

**Background** - White on White Print

2 A — 12 ½" x 1¾"

2 B — 4" x 4"

1 C — 4½" x 3½"

2 D — 1" x 1"

2 E — 3" x 1½"

2 F — 5½" x 1½"

2 G — 6½" x 2½"

**Purse Bottom** - Medium to large scale print

1 H — 11" x 5½"

**Purse Top** - Solid or print coordinate

1 I — 7½" x 1½"

### Clasp

1 J & 1 K — 1 5/8 Squares cut diagonally of two different shades of the same color

**Handle** - Dark solid or print

2 L — 3½" x 1"

1 M — 5½" x 1"

### Instructions:

**Purse Bottom:** On piece H, mark 2¼" in from the left top corner. Cut from this mark to the bottom left corner. (Fig. 1) Repeat on right side. The shape should now be like Fig. 2.

Place the long side of G centered on the newly cut left side of H, right sides together. (Fig. 3) Sew and flip open. Press. Repeat on the right side. Trim to 5½" x 10½". Sew F's to sides of G-H.

**Clasp:** The clasp may be pieced in any manner, or use an embellishment such as a button, frog clasp, silk flower or other item. **Use your imagination!** To piece as shown, place a J on a K, right sides together, and sew starting at the right angle corner. (Fig. 4) Sew another set of J and K exactly the same way with the pieces oriented in the same direction. Press to the darker. Take the new J-K's, and sew the long sides together, butting the center seams. (Fig. 5) Press. Trim to 1½" square.

**Purse Top:** If you are not making a pieced clasp, just add E's to each end of piece I. For pieced clasp, cut I in half, to have two 3¾" x 1½" strips. Sew one on each side of the pieced clasp. Press. Trim to 7½" long, centering the clasp. Add E's to each end. Press.

**Handle:** Place a D square on the end of M, right sides together. Sew from one corner to other of D. (Fig. 6) Flip open, press and trim excess fabric. Place a D square on the other end of M. Sew to the opposite corners than you did on the previous square. Flip open, press and trim. Once you are sure the triangle corners are going in opposite directions, trim excess fabric underneath the triangle corners to ¼".

Sew L's on the 3½" sides of C. Complete assembly of the block as shown in the diagram. Press all seams to the darkest fabric.

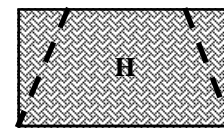


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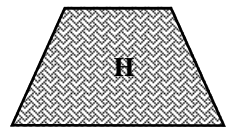


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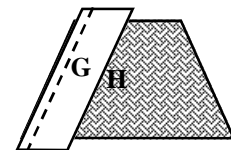


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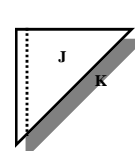


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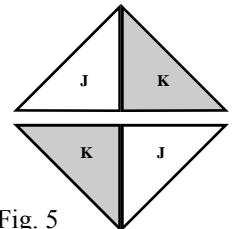


Fig. 5



Fig. 6

May 2008 Block of the Month

Blocks due at the June 2008 guild meeting



# 2008-2009 Membership Renewal Form

Julie Brooks

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(s)	
Gender	Female _____ Male _____
Age Group	Young Adult (18-34) _____ Mature Adult(35-54) _____ Senior (55+) _____
Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/> White (not of Hispanic Origin) <input type="checkbox"/> Black (not of Hispanic Origin) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Newsletters from June 2008 will be emailed to every member, unless she/he provides first class postage for mailing.

Membership 2008-2009 Renewal \$25.00

Stamp fee if needed 12 first class stamps (currently 42¢ each, or \$5.04) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed**

Make Checks payable to "Quilters Guild of Plano" \_\_\_\_\_

## Library

Nanette Gaskey

DEAR GUILD MEMBERS

I have been very out of sorts...

The library is a mess....

I am a mess...

and I would love a library assistant...

I also want to buy some new books...

If members would like any "new books" that would be great! I will have a pad at the next meeting for you to let me know what you want. I have already been asked to buy a "jellyroll" book...and it is coming. Your input is most welcome.

On my honor, I promise to be a better librarian this next year.

Nanette Gaskey

## Block of the Month

Beverly Guise

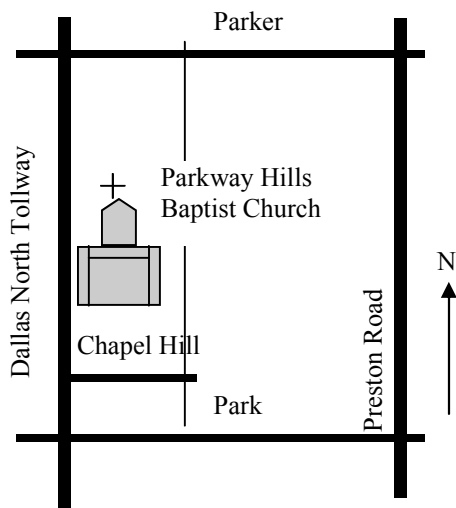
This month's block is the final in the Sewciety Women series. Make a Pretty Purse block or two to bring to the June guild meeting. What kind of clasp can you create or embellish on this one?

We are interested in seeing what you have done with any blocks you have won from our block of the month, or made for yourself each month. Send your pictures to the webmaster to be posted on our website.

This is your last chance to enter the drawing for the completed Sewciety Women quilt by making a block. The drawing will be held at the June guild meeting. See the guild website for a picture.

QUILTERS GUILD OF PLANO  
PO BOX 260216  
PLANO, TEXAS 75026

**Items to bring to the June meeting:**  
Purse blocks 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

PRESENTS

# *Laura Wasilowski*

## *June 12, 2008*

**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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