



# COMMON THREADS

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## NEWSLETTER OF THE QUILTERS GUILD OF PLANO

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### President's Message

*Donna Petrick*

Hi everyone--

I was so excited to see that so many of you completed the guild survey. Thank you for your participation. The results are 49 pages long as it contains lots of comments. Tina Connolly has done a great job of summarizing the results and will have the summary in this newsletter. In the future months, we will be addressing the different aspects of the results.

One of the first things we are addressing is the length of the business portion of meeting. We certainly want to have plenty of time for the speaker. Therefore more of our business and activity notices will be posted in the newsletter instead of verbalizing them at the meeting. I hope all of you are already reading the newsletter monthly, but it will become more important as we move business notices to it. Your opinion counts. Let the board know if this works.

Of course, as with all surveys and polls, we have both extremes of opinions. Knowing that we have over 200 members to please, we will do our best to meet the expectations of as many of you as we can. We received a good number of constructive suggestions for the guild. Plus, a number of comments were made on the improvement in welcoming guests. Terri Mendelow and others have done a wonderful job with hospitality. Remember that hospitality belongs to all of us. Help make each other feel welcome at the meetings.

Another major element of the survey was the meeting location. A good number of you would like to see us move back towards the middle of Plano instead of being on the west side. Some of you may not remember that the Pitman Creek Church of Christ wanted us out of their building and raised our rent to \$300 a month. That said, the church has since split up and may again be receptive to outsiders meeting there. We currently pay \$50 a month which helps cover set-up cost. Joan Wilson has been looking for new sites, but it is a slow process. She would certainly appreciate help in finding a new location. Let her know if you are willing to help out.

There was one section of the survey that is very hard to address. A number of comments were made about people saving seats for their groups, asking people to move and generally excluding others. In the past we have asked that you not save more than one extra seat.....didn't work. People come to guild to be with their friends. All I can do is ask that you be aware that others want to sit close also. Maybe they don't know anyone at the meeting. Ask them to join your group for the evening.

Again, thank you for taking time for the survey. Continue to let us know how we can better serve the guild. You don't have to wait for a survey. You can always call me.

Happy Quilting!  
Donna

**This is YOUR Newsletter - if you have something of interest you would like to share with the guild, send it to Brooks Wilson, Editor, at [doyouquilt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:doyouquilt@sbcglobal.net)**

**Deadline: Saturday midnight after the guild meeting**

### *Welcome!!*

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.

## Board Meeting Highlights

Julie Schaefer

The August 11th board of officers meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by President Donna Petrick in the Haggard Library. There were 7 members present only 4 of which were voting members. No quorum existed. With the addition of another executive officer at 7:25 PM a quorum was established.

The vacant position of Historian was again discussed. The position requires someone with photographic/editing skills.

Tina Connolly VP-Media suggested that ad rates for the newsletter be lowered and that a column of classified ads (3 lines free) be included in the newsletter. The concept of classifieds was accepted but not that the ad rates be lowered.

Alex Anderson will be a solo speaker at a special seminar on Tuesday evening, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Richardson Civic Center. Joan Wilson will be selling the tickets for \$20.00 through the guild starting this coming general meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Individually the tickets can be bought at either of the Bernina stores for \$25.00.

Tina Connolly reviewed the guild member survey. The total survey – 49 pages – can be obtained through the guild web site. Tina presented the results. The results were discussed and ideas were presented. The board determined that it would be beneficial for the total membership to have access to the survey analysis through the newsletter. We will continue to look for a more convenient meeting place as well as addressing other concerns of the membership. The results will be ongoing points of consideration. Another recommendation for the newsletter was that the form for “Show and Tell” be included. This will give members an opportunity to be prepared instead of rushing at the meeting. Having a Yahoo Plano Chat Room for the benefit of the members was another suggestion.

Terri Anderman discussed the upcoming retreat that is presently planned for Tanglewood. We continue to have issues with electricity at Tanglewood and Terri is concerned with the bad economy that we may not have at least 30 double rooms (60 people) as per agreement in the contract. The price has gone up \$10 again this year. The cost is now \$335.00 per person for food and lodging during the retreat. We have until Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> to cancel the contract. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> is the guarantee date for number of reserved rooms. Terri discussed other places that the retreat could be held such as Our House in Milford. After discussion it was generally decided that we should keep the contract with Tanglewood as is. It might be beneficial to see a raise of hands as to how many people present at the general meeting are planning on attending retreat. Helen Wilems will be the new VP-Membership along

## Quilters Guild of Plano

### Officers ~ 2008-2009

<b>President</b>	Donna Petrick
<b>VP-Membership</b>	Helen Wilems
<b>VP-Programs</b>	Donna Lobelson
<b>VP-Community Service</b>	Sheri Smith
<b>VP-Guild Activities</b>	Emily Armstrong
<b>VP Media</b>	Tina Connolly
<b>Secretary</b>	Julie Schaefer
<b>Treasurer</b>	Joan Wilson
<b>Librarian</b>	Nanette Gaskey
<b>Quilt Show 2009</b>	Kemberly Wilshire

#### Committee Chairs

<b>Assistant - Membership</b>	Joan Stevenson
<b>Assistants - Programs</b>	Rhonda Kuntz
	Sherry Worley
<b>Assistant - Treasurer</b>	Shirley Weaver
<b>Bee Keeper</b>	Cathy LaManna
<b>Block of Month</b>	Diane deFreitas
<b>Christmas Stocking Project</b>	LaDawn Dalley
<b>Directory</b>	Lynne Fritsche
	Gail Schwartz
<b>Door Prizes</b>	Diane Crandall
<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 Goecke
<b>Historian</b>	N/A
<b>Hospitality</b>	Terri Mendelow
<b>Inventory</b>	Sharon Schenke
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Brooks Wilson
<b>Nine Patch</b>	Terri Anderman
<b>Publicity</b>	Rose-Clair Fletcher
<b>Retreat 09</b>	Terri Anderman
	and Quilt Soup
<b>Service Quilts</b>	Karen Christoffer
<b>Show 'n Tell</b>	Karen Hawkins
<b>Texas Area Quilt Guilds</b>	Aggie Meszaros

with Joan Stevenson as her assistant. Making all new members ID cards a different color was discussed as will as honoring people with 20 years of membership with a Lifetime membership. Other discussion points included having a separate table for Beekeeper Cathy LaManna and a clearer manner of identifying what each table is for. Donna reminded everyone that unless absolutely necessary, do not present at the general meeting – we want to keep the business to a bare minimum. Put all information in the newsletter. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

# August 14, 2008 Minutes

Julie Schaefer

**President Donna Petrick** called the general meeting of the Plano Quilters Guild to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Parkway Hills Baptist Church. Donna asked that the minutes from the last general meeting be accepted as written in the last newsletter. Germaine Reconnu so moved and Debbie Skorepa seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written. Donna asked that the treasurer's report also be accepted. Sheri Smith so moved and LaDawn Dalley seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was accepted as written in the newsletter.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Donna reported that there is a change in the VP-Membership position. Julianne Brooks has had to step down. In her place will be Helen Wilems with Joan Stevenson as her assistant. Regarding membership, Donna reported that Members who have paid prior to today could receive the membership cards tonight; those paying tonight will have theirs at the next meeting. Any members paying tonight would still be listed in the upcoming directory. Directories will be handed out at the next general meeting. The next Board of Officers meeting will be Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> at Haggard Library. All members are welcome to attend. Alex Anderson will be presenting a seminar at the Richardson Civic Center on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The guild has purchased a packet of 20 tickets for \$20.00 each. Joan Wilson is taking names tonight for those wanting a ticket. The tickets will be \$25.00 at the door. Joan will hand out the actual tickets to those that paid tonight at the next general meeting. The Community Service group has grown to the point that we are looking for another place to meet. The hours are 10:00 to 5:00 on the second Tuesday with a "come and go" schedule. There won't be a lunch break so bring your own or go out as you wish. Karen Christoffer is in charge and will give you any information you may need. There were 150 responses to the membership survey, and Donna thanked all who responded. Tina Connolly wrote a summary of the results and this will be in the newsletter. The board will continue to make changes that were concerns of members. Let us know how you feel about the changes. Beverly Geise, our Webmaster, needs to know if you aren't receiving information from the guild. You should be getting a memo about the newsletter every month.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Nine Patch:** Terri Anderman explained the custom of the guild to give any member moving from the North Texas area 100 9-patch blocks made by members. She has the muslin to sell you that needs to be used. Terri and Gail

Schwartz are also organizing the 2009 Retreat. Save the weekend of February 19-22. The retreat will be at Tanglewood (we are looking for other places to have it in following years). The registration form will be in the next newsletter so fill it out and bring it to the next meeting. It's a really fun way to get to know other members.

**Fat Quarter Lotto:** Marla Bradbury awarded "summer prints" to Julie Schaefer, April Fleatcher won the batch of "kid prints" and Aurora Chancy won the "anything goes" batch. Next month's categories will be "Halloween prints and solids" and "anything goes."

**Quilt Show Minis:** Germaine Reconnu showed two examples of mini quilts needed for the 2009 Quilt Show. These must be no larger than 24" on any side. Every month that you bring one in you will have your name placed in a pot to receive a 6 pack of fat quarters.

**Historian/Archivist:** Tina Connolly reminded the members that we still need this position filled. Since the Guild's digital camera goes through a double set of batteries for each meeting we will give anyone who will fill the position a memory card if they want to use their personal camera. Tina also announced that there would be the opportunity for free classified ads in the next newsletter. It must be no longer than 3 lines and quilt related.

**Membership:** Terri Mendelow announced the names of the new members tonight: Mindy Myint, Cheryl Avery and Jacqueline L. Galubenski (Jo Wong joined through the mail). They each received a "goody bag". Helen Wilems reported that there were 168 members in attendance tonight with 7 visitors and the 3 new members.

**Block of the Month:** Brooks Wilson from the Knotty Girls announced that Debbie Skorepa won the batik basket blocks handed in tonight.

**Show and Tell:** Renée Baron facilitated the many beautiful quilts that were shown. This also included two "grab bags" which is the Quarterly Challenge of the APQ. You can go to the web site [www.allpeoplequilt.com](http://www.allpeoplequilt.com) prior to September 16<sup>th</sup> to vote on which one you think is the best and also download the directions for the project.

**Raffle Quilt:** Tina Connolly spun all the tickets in the basket and with visitor Kim Carder picking; guild member Sara Lee won the quilt.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 for the program.

Respectfully submitted:  
Julie Schaefer, Secretary

## Membership

*Helen Wilems      Joan Stevenson*

Thanks to all who picked up their membership cards at the August meeting – it was quite a turnout. We will have the remaining cards available at the September meeting and are hopeful of having the Membership Directories ready as well.

Our membership is at 229 and growing. We welcomed 2 new members in July and 3 new members in August. They are Mickie Warrington, Jo Wong, Cheryl Avery, Jacqueline Galubenski and Mindy Myint. Jacqueline lives in Carrollton and the others live in Plano. If you see them at a meeting, please be sure to welcome them to the Guild.

Last but certainly not least, we are encouraging members to wear a name badge – your membership card works perfectly – so everyone can put a name with a face. It also would be nice if everyone tried to meet one new person at each meeting. Say “Hi” to the person sitting next to you. You just might make a wonderful new friend!

Remember to buy fabrics in colors that are not your favorites— sometimes you need those “dirt” colors or a bright color for a sparkle. Get out of your normal color palette.

## COMMON THREADS

### AD RATES

Size	1 month	3 months
Business card size	\$15.00	\$35.00
Quarter Page	\$25.00	\$60.00
Half Page	\$40.00	\$90.00

Send PC compatible ads in both black & white and color to: Brooks Wilson at

media@quiltersguildofplano.org

**ADS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE**

**Make checks payable to:** Quilters Guild of Plano

**Mail to:** Brooks Wilson  
3308 Brentwood Drive  
McKinney, Texas 75070  
972-562-4922 (for questions)

## Texas Assn. Of Quilt Guilds

*Aggie Meszaros*

For those of you that were not at the TAQG rally, you really missed something special. Our speaker was J. Michelle Watts, and she was fabulous, fun, interesting and informative. She is famous for Southwestern Quilts, which I was not a fan of before the rally, but I am now. The way she quilts, and how she puts different threads into her quilts will take your breath away.

There was even one member of our Guild that went up and modeled some of her clothing designs (M.J. Filek).

You will have to plan to go to the TAQG Rally next year!! Even if you don't care for the speaker you will come out of there with a new eye at how to look at quilts or what you can incorporate into your next quilt. Thank you to the guild members who attended this year and I know you had a great time and a wonderful lunch. Lets see if we can double the amount of Plano Quilters next year.

The next meeting of TAQG will be Sept, 30, 2008 and the second meeting will be about Volunteer Hours/Community Services. So if this is what you are involved in, please make arrangements to be there. They are usually very informative. Contact me for information.

## Fat Quarter Lotto

*Marla Bradberry*

August winners:

*Summer Prints* were won by Julie Schaefer

*Kids Prints* were won by April Fleatcher

*Anything Goes* was won by Aurora Chancy

Next month's categories will be “Halloween prints and solids” and “anything goes.”

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!

**FOR SALE**

9 ft Gammill SOS table with light bar \$2500.00  
Bernina 440 QEE sewing & embroidery \$2000.00  
Babylock QCP sewing machine \$ 500.00  
Viking Platinum 750 sewing machine \$250.00  
Wendy Duerr windraycer@gmail.com 214-460-8595

# Treasurers Report

Joan Wilson

## Cash Flow - July 2008

### INFLOWS

Administrative Income	
Interest Income	\$7.94
TOTAL Administrative Income	\$7.94
Guild Activities Income	
Raffle Quilt	\$1,136.00
TOTAL Guild Activities Income	\$1,136.00
Media Income	
Newsletter Advertisements	\$124.08
Newsletter Postage	\$0.00
TOTAL Media Income	\$124.08
Membership Income	
Guest Fees	\$0.00
Membership Dues 08-09	\$1,675.00
TOTAL Membership Income	\$1,675.00
Program Income	
Workshop Fees	\$285.00
TOTAL Program Income	\$285.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$3,228.02</b>

### OUTFLOWS

Administrative Expenses	
Bank Supplies	\$30.68
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	\$30.68
Media Expenses	
Guild Website	\$20.50
Newsletter Postage	\$8.82
Newsletter Printing	\$16.50
TOTAL Media Expenses	\$45.82
Program Expenses	
Guild Meeting Facilities Rent	\$50.00
TOTAL Program Expenses	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$126.50</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL** **\$3,101.52**

**STAY SHARP!!**  
Always use a new sewing machine  
needle and a new blade  
with each new project.

# Retreat '09

Terri Anderman

## FUN! FABRIC! FRIENDS! Get ready for RETREAT 2009

What could be more Fun than a room full of Fabric Fanatics and Friends??? Well, NOTHING! Especially when everyone is together at Tanglewood Resort at Lake Texoma for two or three days and nights! Make sure you save the dates

**February 19-22, 2009**

for Retreat 2009! We'll have tons of fun, games, prizes...And, you know, this is a great time to work on mini's and \*award winning entries\* for our 2009 Plano Quilt Show! Look for the registration form in this (and subsequent) issues of the newsletter! See you there!

After laundering fabric, fold in half lengthwise;  
then fold in half lengthwise again. Now -  
accordion pleat in about 8" folds. This makes it  
easier to cut from your yardage (without unfolding  
all of it) and also gives you a quick way of gauging  
how much yardage you have left  
(each fold is about a quarter yard).

## 2009 Auction Guidelines

### Mini quilts:

- ♦ Must be no longer than 24" on any side
- ♦ Must be hand or machine quilted
- ♦ May be any shape, color or pattern
- ♦ May be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered or all three
- ♦ A 2" sleeve is required
- ♦ Attaching a label with the Guild name and show date is preferred
- ♦ Holiday quilts sell really well
- ♦ Landscapes, portraits, still life and "artsy" quilts also sell well
- ♦ A pieced mini-quilt should consist of multiple blocks 4" or smaller
- ♦ Be creative and have fun!

### Purses/Totes:

- ♦ May be any size
- ♦ May be pieced or appliquéd
- ♦ Decorative stitching, beading and quilting is preferred
- ♦ Make your purse have "purse personality"
- ♦ Make your design irresistible
- ♦ Be creative and have fun!

Questions? Call Germaine Reconnu at 972-530-1763.

# Programs & Workshops

Donna Lobelson

We have a change in program for September. Lisa Erlandson is going to be a new grandmother and decided to stay closer to home for the event. We'll reschedule her for next year, maybe September, if our meeting doesn't interfere with a "first birthday" party.

## ***September meeting: we are going to work on Christmas stockings so come prepared.***

There are numerous tasks to choose from, so pick your favorite, bring your tools and get ready to have some fun. If you want to sew, bring your machine. If you want to iron, bring your iron and an ironing surface. Pattern tracers will need permanent markers. Bring fabric scissors to cut out the stockings. Rotary cutter, ruler (12"x12" or 12"x6") and matt are needed to cut the fabric before tracing the pattern. The guild will bring the extension cords and power strips used for classes, but you can never have too many, so if you have one handy bring it.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **OCTOBER – Teri DeBolt**

A wonderful quilting teacher at area Bernina shops, Teri is known for machine-work. Come let her show you what you never thought was possible on a machine.

### **NOVEMBER – Sally Collins [www.sallycollins.org/](http://www.sallycollins.org/)**

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. The following is a quote from Sally's website - "The single largest influence on our ability to succeed is attitude. The basic truth is: if we think we can, we will; if we think we can't, we won't. Attitude is the first choice we make, and it is one we have exclusive control over. Choosing a positive attitude ensures eventual success of any goal. The goal of quality workmanship is attainable for everybody and anybody who chooses it and is willing to work for it."

### **Workshop: Achieving Quality Workmanship**

Friday, November 14, 2008

Location: Legacy Bank

Time: 9:00 to 4:00 with a break for lunch

This Lecture/No Sew class will focus on how to achieve quality workmanship and precision sewing in any size or scale based on my book, "**Mastering Precision Piecing.**"

I will illustrate, explain and/or demonstrate my approach on choosing color and fabric as well as a variety of techniques including how to accurately rotary cut, accurate 1/4" seam allowance, template making, y-seam construction, various triangle techniques, how to measure and monitor your own work and more. Note-taking supplies are all you need. If you are interested in knowing how to improve your sewing skills, this is the class for you! Although this class is based on my book it is not required for class. *All Skill Levels Welcome*

### **Workshop: Pieced Baskets**

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Location: Plano Chamber of Commerce

Time: 9:00 to 4:00 with a break for lunch

This class will focus on precision sewing, quality workmanship and multiple half-square triangle techniques to create a lovely basket block in two different sizes (1-7/8" and 3-1/8"). Students can choose either one or both sizes, depending on their skill level. Class time is spent between lecture, explanation, demonstration and student sewing time. A handout for the project is included.

*Skill Level: Very Confident Beginner and Beyond*



### **DECEMBER – Holiday Party**

### **JANUARY – Linda Reynolds**

Director of the East Texas Research Center a historian who has done extensive research on east Texas quilts. For an article about her go to [tides.sfasu.edu/Press/30May2007PublicAffairs.pdf](http://tides.sfasu.edu/Press/30May2007PublicAffairs.pdf)

### **FEBRUARY – Meet the Shops**

# Programs & Workshop Registration

Donna Lobelson

Workshops are: \$40/day for members  
\$45/day for non-members

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 Donna Lobelson through email: [lobelson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lobelson@sbcglobal.net) or call her at 972-407-9234.

If you have ideas about a topic for a program or workshop; a favorite teacher or quilt book author that you would like to have come to our guild, please let me know. Now is the time to speak up because next years programs are being scheduled

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher, Class, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Rhonda Kuntz  
1552 Aylesbury Lane  
Plano, TX 75075

## September Birthdays

Brenda Harrison	9/1
Patti Weaver-Quanstrom	9/3
April Fletcher	9/4
Mary Lou Worthen	9/5
Rhonda Kuntz	9/6
Joan Wilson	9/7
M.J. Fielek	9/10
Virginia Sturm	9/11
Janet Carver	9/11
LaDawn Dalley	9/11
Sue Hasty	9/11
Rita Potter	9/18
Donna Tomenga	9/18
Vicki Damon	9/19
Diane Crandall	9/23
Betty Moreland	9/24
Sally Hamilton	9/26
Angie Schurig	9/26

## Blurbs from the Prez....

### Education Committee needs people...

We are still in need of at least two more people to join the education committee. Sheri Smith and I have both joined Teresa Knode's new committee. But we need some other viewpoints and personalities to come forward with some different ideas on what we need to present to the community and the guild. I had hoped that a small group would take on the opportunity to take a lead in the direction of the guild. That could still happen. Please make a commitment to help lead the guild in this worthwhile endeavor. We will be meeting within the next two weeks to get some ideas working. Plus we need volunteers for a couple of upcoming events. Please contact Teresa Knode to volunteer.

### Meeting Notes....

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the meeting this month. Wasn't Cynthia England a hoot? And her workshop was fun also. Please plan on attending some of our future workshops. You can pick up neat tips while learning a new technique!

Several guild members recently participated in the Children's Medical Center pre grand opening by working on a crayon quilt project with employees of the medical center. The function was an open house for the hospital's employees prior to the grand opening for the public. It was a wonderful turnout and everyone enjoyed the event. We have enough colored blocks to make 5 quilts to be hung in waiting rooms and offices at the hospital. A big thanks goes out to the 2 daughters of LaDawn Dalley and Juanita Desplas who helped for over 2 hours tracing figures on the muslin for the hospital employees to color. These programs would not be possible without our members volunteering. Thank you all so much.

Our summer Night Owls program is continuing for one more month. On Tuesday Sept. 9, 2008, we are having a Christmas Stocking workshop. Space for sewing is limited, but we also need help with cutting and pressing. Please contact LaDawn Dalley or Teresa Knode if you are interested in attending this function at the Paar Library.

It's not too early to start thinking about volunteering for the International Festival, Saturday, October 4, 2008. We need help in 2 hour shifts to help with the crayon project and redwork blocks. We will have signup sheets at the guild meeting, or you can contact Teresa Knode or Sheri Smith directly.

In July we donated 21 quilts to The Children's Advocacy Center and 17 quilts to the Rape Crisis Center. In August we donated 19 quilts to the Rape Crisis Center, 6 quilts, 6 afghans, 1 flannel receiving blanket and 25 crocheted caps to Newborns in Need, and 12 quilts to the Children's Advocacy Center. I have it on authority that Rita Potter set an all time record of binding 17 quilts this month (and she does them by hand). And I think those 17 quilts were all quilted by Sara Lee. You ladies are awesome!

A big thanks to everyone that donates time, energy and items to these worthy causes.

## Community Service Sew-Day

The second Tuesday of each month is becoming a very successful sew day at the Plano Sewing Center. It is so successful that we are currently looking for a new location to meet. On August 12, 2008, we had 19 people show up to sew and quilt. Thank you all for giving your time for a wonderful cause. Until we find a larger

location to sew we will continue to meet at the Plano Sewing Center, but will extend our hours and meet from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. People can come and go according to their individual schedules much like an open house. We will no longer order lunch brought in, but will leave to eat out or bring a sack lunch. The Sewing Center does have a business to run and we want to be as least disruptive as possible while we are still meeting there. They have been very good to us. Everyone is welcome to come and sew, but please email Karen Christoffer if you are planning on attending. Thank you again for all your service.

## Fisher House

Fisher House is currently expected to be completed the end of October, early November. It will be a place much like Ronald MacDonald House where families of sick or wounded veterans can stay close to the VA Hospital and their loved ones. We have been asked to support this cause by making twin or queen size quilts. If you are interested in participating and need further information please contact either Donna Petrick or Sherry Worley.

## Christmas Stocking Project

LaDawn Dalley is ready to start accepting contributions for the Christmas Stockings. She needs little toys like matchbox cars, hair things, crayons, colored pencils, toiletries and things similar to these. We fill the stockings for toddlers, elementary, and teens and really need things for toddlers and teens so we don't have to buy them.

No candy donations at this time, it is too early. She will be collecting donations at a table next to community service at the guild meetings.



When working on a project, if you have a bit of extra yardage, cut one or two 2 1/2" strips and set aside for making 9-patches for the guild. Once you're ready to sew, you'll only have to cut out the guild muslin (available at each meeting) to quickly assemble a batch.



## Upcoming Events

Brooks Wilson

- Sept. 8 - **QGP Board meeting**, Haggard Library.
- Sept. 9 - **Community Service Sew** at Plano Sewing Center
- Sept. 11 - **QGP General Meeting** (see page 6), Christmas in September, a "sit 'n' sew" for our Christmas stocking project.
- Sept. 16 - **Alex Anderson** at Richardson Civic Center
- Sept. 12-13 - **Washington Quilt Show**, Southwest Quilters Association, located in Historic Washington State Park, Washington, Arkansas. For information, call 870-983-2684.
- Sept. 19-20 - **Tomorrow's Keepsakes**, hosted by The Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild Sulphur Springs, TX
- Sept. 19-21 - **For the Love of Quilting**, Trinity Valley Quilters Guild, Fort Worth. For information, email marywimberly@sbcglobal.net.
- Sept. 19-21 - **Shades of Texas**, hosted by Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild, Killeen, TX
- Sept. 26 - **Quilt Mania II**, Dallas, [www.quiltmania.org](http://www.quiltmania.org)
- Sept. 26-27 - **Busy Bee Quilt Show**, hosted by the Post Oak Quilters, Post Oak, Texas. For information, [www.postoakquilters.com](http://www.postoakquilters.com).
- Sept. 26-27 - **A Legacy of Quilts**, hosted by the Austin Area Quilt Guild. For information, contact Sandy Pigford at [spigford@austin.rr.com](mailto:spigford@austin.rr.com)
- Sept. 27-28 - **Traditions with a Twist**, hosted by the Quilters Guild of Parker County, Weatherford, TX
- Oct. 3-4 - **Threads of Texas**, hosted by the Town 'n Country Quilt Guild, Valley Grove Baptist Church, Stephenville, Texas.
- Oct. 3-5 - **Silver Anniversary Quilt Show**, Red River Quilters, Riverview Hall, 600 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, Louisiana. For information, click on [www.redriverquilters.com](http://www.redriverquilters.com).
- Oct. 30 - Nov. 2 - **International Quilt Festival**, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas. For information, email [www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com)

## Survey Analysis

Tina Connolly

The survey is 49 pages long and represents the opinions of 150 guild members, 75% of our current membership.

**Who took the survey?** 89 of you only belong to the Plano guild. 58 of you belong to 2 or more guilds with 3 of you belonging to 5 or more guilds. Many of you are highly educated and work outside the home in professional positions. You have many hobbies and interests besides quilting. 87 of the people who took the survey are 55 and over. Two of you are male. 65% of you have been quilting for more than 10 years and you consider yourselves to be intermediate to advanced quilters.

**What do you like?** Most of you love the guild just like it is. You chose the QGP for the national speakers, to learn more about quilting, to meet people, and for friendship in that order. 50 of you joined for an outlet for community service. Most of you think the guild is very friendly. Our small groups are good and bad. They are good because you have your friends with you at the meetings. They are bad because it appears we have cliques to new members and visitors. You believe that everyone has personal responsibility in the area of making friends (it goes both ways). A few of you think smaller guilds are friendlier and have speakers that are more to your liking. Some of you really love alternative programs like having a community service sewing night instead of a speaker. Some of you wish our meetings were more organized. Most of you think that the number (6-9) speakers a year is about right. And you like having a quilt show every other year which most of you happily participated in.

**Why don't members come to meetings?** 91 responses

- ♦ You are incredibly busy with your families, your jobs and your seeking higher education
- ♦ You don't like to drive the long distance to the meeting or drive that distance at night
- ♦ You find the meetings too long/boring or you aren't interested in the speakers

**Where would you rather meet?** 53 responses

- ♦ Closer to Central Expressway
- ♦ Closer to Preston or Coit Road

**How can we maintain a friendly atmosphere?**

- ♦ Be friendly yourself
- ♦ Continue with the greeters/hospitality
- ♦ Wear nametags
- ♦ Do fun things like icebreakers, etc.

**How can we facilitate small group formation?**

- ♦ Have a Bee table at every meeting (this answer was overwhelmingly #1)
- ♦ Join a community service group or education

## Guild Survey (continued)

- ♦ committee to meet people
- ♦ Have teas more often

### When you were a new member, what made you feel welcome?

- ♦ Individual attention from a member
- ♦ New member tea
- ♦ Did not feel welcome (27 people)

### What would make you feel more welcome?

- ♦ Assign a buddy to new members
- ♦ Encourage involvement - get new people involved in charity or education committees
- ♦ Make a better effort to get people into small groups
- ♦ Somehow have small groups not be so cliquish
- ♦ Drive members who can't drive
- ♦ Assign someone to sit with every new person until they get connected
- ♦ Send a thank you letter for joining
- ♦ Have pink name cards for first year people so we can identify them
- ♦ Have the bee keeper or board members visit each small group looking for members so they will be better able to tell who would fit into the group

### How could the guild improve?

- ♦ Quit trying to be the Dallas guild
- ♦ Have everyone identify themselves when they speak
- ♦ Keep community service groups open
- ♦ Have membership online with no hard copy
- ♦ More members on the Education committee
- ♦ Put the years of membership on the membership cards
- ♦ Have sit and sews to meet others
- ♦ Have a mystery quilt
- ♦ Have interactive games that encourage mingling
- ♦ Have signs identifying the committee tables
- ♦ Display Show and Tell quilts
- ♦ Keep BOM and fat quarter lotto type activities
- ♦ Have drinks or snacks
- ♦ Have a calendar in the newsletter

The bottom-line of the survey, in my opinion, is that we are a diverse and opinionated group bound together by the love of quilting and the desire for friendship. The Quilters Guild of Plano is doing a good job meeting the needs of its members. We can always improve and this survey will help us do that.

Thanks to everyone who took the survey because without your opinions we would not know our weaknesses and our strengths in such a way that is productive to our guild. And thanks to Beverly Geise for her hard work putting the survey on the web and collating the answers.



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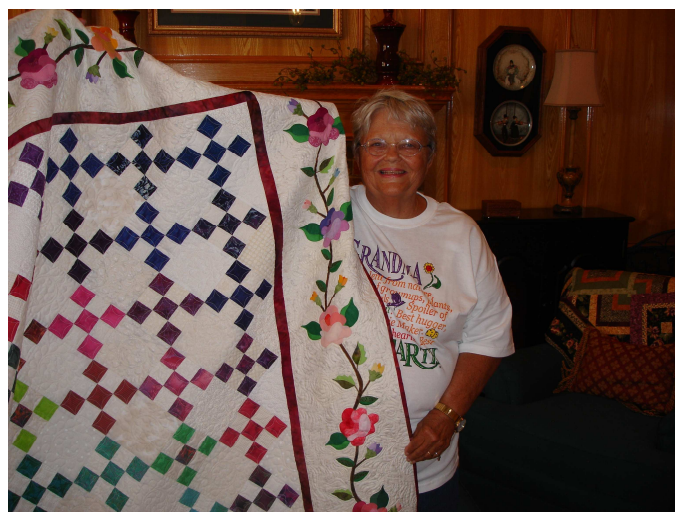
Anita Bradshaw	Wed, Sept 17 10AM-4PM	Fusible Stained Glass \$45
Katie Pasquini Masopust	Wed, Oct 15 10AM-4PM	Color Theory \$65
Penny Haren	Tues, Oct 28 10AM-4PM	Pieced Applique \$50
Meg Hawkey	Wed, Oct 29 or Thur, Oct 30 10AM-4PM	Hand Embroidery \$ 50
Sally Collins	Thurs, Nov 13 10AM-4PM	Precision Piecing \$75

PLEASE register early for events to guarantee your spot and ensure that the teacher will travel to our shop!

Register on our website and select "Opt In" for Specials and Coupons!

## Raffle Quilt *Tina Connolly*

A picture is truly worth a thousand words - here is our own lucky Sara Lee, winner of the stunning raffle quilt. "Come Spring" brought in \$4,532!! Thank you to everyone who sold tickets. A special thank you goes to the Plain o' Piecers Small Group for designing and making the quilt -and for taking the quilt to quilt shops and guilds to sell tickets. The guild is grateful for your efforts and also thrilled that one of our own won this beautiful quilt! Congratulations, Sara!



# Block of the Month

September Block

Knotty Girls

## Batik Basket Bonanza—Basket #3

All the blocks this year will be pieced baskets made of a good quality batik and white-on-white as the background. All blocks will be 10 inches finished and 10 1/2 inches unfinished. Be careful with your 1/4 inch seams and your pressing so that the blocks that are won are uniform in size. In this block, add the G pieces after the E/F are assembled in the large triangle.

Questions? Call Brooks Wilson or Diane deFreitas

Cutting instructions:

Basket (batik—your color choice)

F—cut 5 squares 2 7/8"

G—cut 3 squares 2 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

Background (white-on-white)

A—cut 2 rectangles 2 1/2" X 6 1/2"

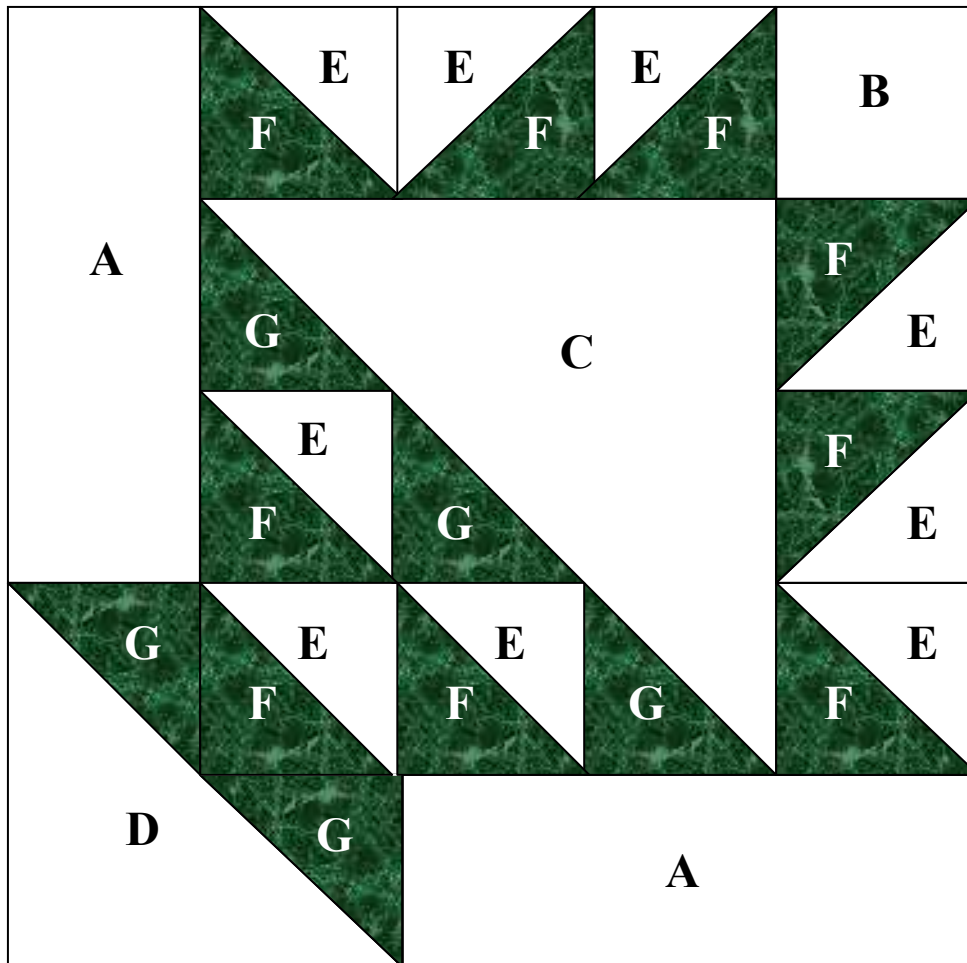
B—cut 1 square 2 1/2" X 2 1/2"

C—cut 1 square 6 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

D—cut 1 square 4 7/8" - cut in half on diagonal

E—cut 5 squares 2 7/8" X 2 7/8"

To make E/F half-square triangles: layer E + F squares, right sides together. On back of lighter square, draw a diagonal line. Stitch a scant 1/4" on both sides of drawn line. Cut in half on drawn line. This will yield 2 half-square triangles (or you may use triangle paper or any other technique to yield 8 total half-square triangles that are 2" finished). Follow the diagram below to assemble the block.



## Plano Quilt Guild Retreat 2009

February 19-22, 2009

For Members Only

### Terms and Conditions:

- ◆ You must be a current member on November 1, 2008
- ◆ Registration forms and **FULL** payment must be **postmarked NO EARLIER THAN November 1, 2008**. Checks will be deposited upon receipt.
- ◆ Include your e-mail address; future details will be forwarded electronically.
- ◆ Registration CLOSES January 19, 2008. Space is limited.
- ◆ *No refunds will be made.* If you find that you cannot attend, it is your responsibility to 'sell' your space to another current guild member. You must work out all details.
- ◆ The fee covers your room (Fri. & Sat. nights and Thurs. night if applicable), private bath, meals, daily beverage and snack service, our meeting/sewing/dining rooms and setup.
- ◆ Any additional services (i.e., telephone charges, alcoholic beverages, extra night(s) accommodations, etc.) must be paid directly to the resort at check-out.
- ◆ Arrival time for the main quilting area is no earlier than 8:00 AM Thursday or Friday; and departure time is prior to 4:00 PM on Sunday, March 2, 2008.
- ◆ Room check in time is at 2:00 PM and check out on Sunday is no later than 11:00 AM.
  
- ◆ **Make Check Payable to: Quilters Guild of Plano and mail to:**  
**Terri Anderman**  
**5821 St. Marks Drive**  
**Plano, TX 75093**
  
- ◆ Roommates please send your forms and payments in the same envelope.
- ◆ Groups who wish to sit together please send your registrations and payments in the same envelope. Every effort will be made to honor requests. Tables hold up to 6 people.

Questions? Email me at [tlogson@verizon.net](mailto:tlogson@verizon.net) or call (972) 403-7628

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Table mates: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Occupancy	Rate for 3 nights	Rate for 2 nights	Check Number
Single	___ \$449.84	___ \$300.56	_____
Double	___ \$335.36	___ \$224.24	_____
Triple	___ \$292.02	___ \$194.68	_____
Quad	___ \$274.88	___ \$183.90	_____

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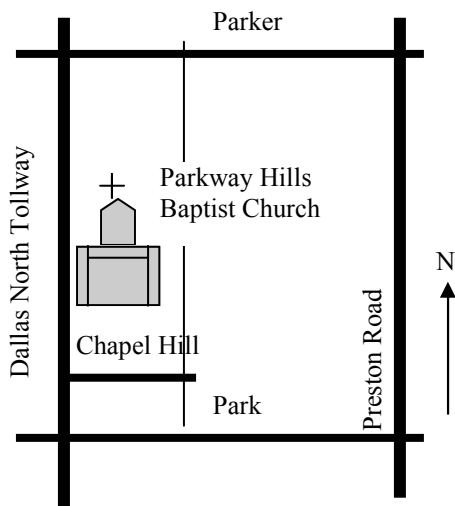
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**Memo to Self:**

- \_\_\_ **Be the first to sign up for Retreat!!**
- \_\_\_ **Bring in library book/s**
- \_\_\_ **Make a basket block of the month**
- \_\_\_ **Bring fat quarters (Halloween prints & solids, anything goes)**
- \_\_\_ **Make mini quilt**
- \_\_\_ **Call Teresa Knode, education, to help**
- \_\_\_ **Attend meeting - bring a friend to join**
- \_\_\_ **Get community service kit to quilt**



Visit our website:  
[www.quiltersguildofplano.org](http://www.quiltersguildofplano.org)

**SOCIAL TIME - 6:30 pm**  
**MEETING TIME - 7:00 pm**  
**(Only board members**  
**will be admitted**  
**before 6:30pm)**

## Quilters Guild of Plano

PRESENTS

*September 11, 2008*  
*Stitch 'n' Sew*  
*Christmas Stockings*  
*(see page 6 for details)*

**Parkway Hills Baptist Church**  
**2700 North Dallas Tollway**  
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