



COMMON THREADS

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Newsletter of the Quilters Guild of Plano

Hi Everyone –

It was so nice to get back together after missing the January meeting. It was great to see some of the shops at our meeting. Everyone seemed to enjoy seeing some of what they offer. We also had a lot of tops picked up at guild to be quilted. We have two more months to turn them in for a chance to win some neat fabric. So far I'm still on course for my new year's resolution of quilting at least one community service quilt each month.

Sheri Smith and I have been working with Karen Christoffer to help with the community service projects. The guild has a lot of fabric and Karen graciously stores it. We would be in deep trouble without her. Plus Karen makes all the wonderful kits for everyone to sew and puts tops together with backs and batting for us to quilt. She spends a great deal of her time doing so much for the guild. What we really need now is for people to pick up these kits and tops to get them finished and ready to give out. There is a great need for all the quilts we can turn out. I'm truly overwhelmed with the amount of quilts we turn out each year. I thank you all for your help. And I'm positive you will respond again with doing even more this year.

Thank you also to the nominating committee who volunteered this month. We all want the guild to keep doing all it can do. That means lots of people doing their part to keep it going. Please be open to taking on one of the jobs open this time when the committee calls you. Most of the jobs are not time consuming. Just need someone to organize and keep up with certain projects. It is a great way to meet more people in the guild and do your part to help the guild. I've really enjoyed working with everyone this year and look forward to another year.

We especially need the Education Chair filled. Our guild was formed on the premise of preserving the heritage of quilting and educating people about the art of quilting. Just like so many other activities, if we don't capture the interest of the young people, this art form will fade away. Kemberly Wilshire wants to involve children in quilting during our quilt show this August. She's working hard to get some things done to present to the public. Please come forward and help us all keep quilting a popular pastime. That keeps our shops open and flourishing, giving us more of everything to choose from.

Hope all of you going to retreat have a great time. Come back enthused and full of energy.

See you next month at guild.

Donna

FEBRUARY 12, 2009 MINUTES - Julie Schaefer

It's getting closer to show time. Keep working on those minis. We need a lot to make a success of our show and to raise as much money as we can.

President Donna Petrick called the general meeting of the Quilters Guild of Plano to order at 6:55 p.m. Brooks Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the December 2008 meeting as written in the guild newsletter and Debbie Skorepa seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Treasurer's report as written in the newsletter was approved with a motion by Sheri Smith and second by Donna Lobelson.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

Betty Phillips – talk to me before the start of the March guild meeting to get your black and white fat quarter.

New Business: The next board meeting of the guild will be March 9th at the Haggard Library on Coit, north of Park Boulevard. Everyone is welcome to attend. Anniversary pins that have not been picked up can be obtained at the membership table at the entrance or by calling Helen Wilems. Service bars will be awarded in December of this year. Members must have at least 30 hours of volunteer time spent working for the guild beginning in January of this year. There will be no carry-over hours from last year. You must log in your hours monthly in the binder kept by Karen Christoffer. Today over 200 fabulous quilts were delivered to *Fisher House* by seven guilds in the Dallas area. Beverly Geise is working hard at changing the appearance of our web site. The *Katy Quilters Guild* is having their show, "Threads in Time" on February 20-21. *The Quilter Bee* fabric store in Princeton will give a small amount of refund to our guild for any purchases made by our members. TAQG Rally Day will be held Saturday, July 11th at the *Mimosa Baptist Church* in Mesquite. Sharon Schamber will be the speaker and will also be giving 3 classes with 20 enrollees per class. Use the home page web address of the TAQG of www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org. Download the enrollment form for any class that you are interested in taking and mail it in. There will be a lottery for the 20 people accepted into each class starting March 15th. Seven members agreed to be on the nominating committee: Brooks Wilson, Diane Crandell, Debbie Skorepa, Karen Hawkins and Margaret Schafer will be regular members, Nanette Gaskey and Germaine Reconnu will be alternates.

Common Thread Advertising Rates:

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3 months = \$35

Quarter Page:
1 month = \$25
3 months = \$60

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1 month = \$40
3 months = \$75

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Plano Quilt Show 2009: Kemberly Wilshire announced that the raffle quilt is finished. It was pieced by the *Binding Friends* friendship group and quilted by Karen Nelson. The title of the quilt is "Indigo Friendship." We will be asking bees and members to go to various guild meetings and fabric stores in the area to show the quilt and sell raffle tickets. Every member will be sent through the mail a packet of 24 raffle tickets. Each ticket will cost \$1.00. If someone buys 5 tickets they will get a 6th ticket free. Each member has the responsibility to 1) sell the tickets and either send the money (in the form of a check to QGP) along with any unsold tickets and filled out ticket stubs to QGP or hand them in at the general meeting. No money will be accepted without the stubs; 2) buy all the tickets yourself for \$20.00 and return money and stubs or 3) return all tickets back to the guild.

Fat Quarter Lotto: Marla Bradberry announced that there was a "Free for All" since we had not had a lotto the last 2 months. Julie Schaefer, Rhonda Kuntz and Janet Plotkin each won many fat quarters. The categories for March are "pastels and baby animals," April categories are "floral and shades of yellow," May categories are "bright colors and fruits and veggies." Each month there will also be the category of "anything goes."

Membership and Nine Patch: Terri Anderman announced that we had 58 members

present with two guests and three new members: Sherry Mitchell, Joyce Hill and Kim Hyatt. One hundred nine patches have been sent to Bobby Jean Scott who is moving to Kansas, Barbara Martinez moving to Tennessee and Diane Crandell moving to Arkansas.

Block of the Month: Sheri Smith won the December blocks, Debbie Skorepa won the January blocks and Diane Crandell won the February blocks. March's block pattern will be available in the newsletter and on the guild website.

Show and Tell: Door prizes were awarded and Karen Hawkins facilitated as members presented their quilts. Six of the quilts were those made during community service at the Plano Sewing Center on the second Tuesday of every month from 10:00 to 5:00. You can come and go, as you are able. If you want to attend this quilting group please tell Karen Christoffer at karen.christoffer@tx.rr.com. Everyone is welcome. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30. Donna Lobelson announced the shops that were present and the map that showed where they were located.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27-28, 2009 - Colorado Valley Quilt Guild presents Crazy About Quilting, the 12th Annual Best Little Quilt Show.

March 13-15, 2009 - Dallas Quilt Guild presents *Playful Pinwheels*, Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway (I-35) at Market Center Blvd, Dallas. For more information: www.quiltersquildofdallas.org.

March 27-28, 2009 - Quilt Guild of East Texas presents the Azalea Quilt Show, *Flights of Fancy*. For more information: www.qgetx.org/quiltshow.htm

April 17-18, 2009 - *Piney Woods Quilt Festival*, Texas Country Music Hall of Fame, Carthage, Texas

May 1-2, 2009 - Kingwood Area Quilt Guild presents *Peacemakers of the Heart*, over 300 quilts, Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, Texas. For more information: www.KingwoodAreaQuiltGuild.com

May 8 - 9, 2009 - Quilters' Guild of Arlington presents *Festival of Quilts*, Bob Duncan Community Center at 2800 South Center Street, Arlington, TX, 76014. Admission: \$6, free parking. For more information: www.QGoA.org

RULES FOR MINI-QUILTS AND PURSES—Germaine Reconnu

Mini quilts....

May be no longer than 24" on any side
May 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
A label with the guild name and show date is preferred
Holiday quilts (any holiday) sell really well
Landscapes, portraits, still-life and other artsy type quilts also sell well
A pieced mini should consist of multiple blocks 4" or smaller
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Purses and totes...

May be any size
May be pieced or appliquéd
Decorative stitching, beading and quilting is preferable
Think about your "Purse Personality" as you create
Make your design "irresistible"
Have fun

Questions: call Germaine - 972-530-1763

PROGRAMS - Donna Lobelson

The February program was Meet the Shops. As always the shops were very generous. Quilters Workshop brought each member a fat quarter. One lucky member won the Candy Kisses Panel and fat quarters donated by Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe, another the Christmas Panel given by Stitchin' Memories. The shops gave us cupcakes, patterns, and coupons for fat quarters and shop discounts. Aside from the free stuff, it was a fun evening seeing what the shops offer and getting to talk all night without being shushed. The shops that came are listed below:

Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe
102 N Ballard Ave, Suite C
Wylie, TX 75098
(972) 941-0777

Texas Quiltworks LLC
212 E Rusk St
Rockwall, TX 75087
(972) 771-9952

Stitchin Memories
2740 State Highway 276 # 200
Rockwall, TX 75032
(972) 722-1612

Thomas Sewing Center
1515 N Town East Blvd # 133
Mesquite, TX 75150
(972) 681-3996

Quilters Connection
9658 Plano Rd
Dallas, TX 75238
(214) 343-1440

Old Craft Store
1110 W Main St
Carrollton, TX 75006
(972) 242-9111

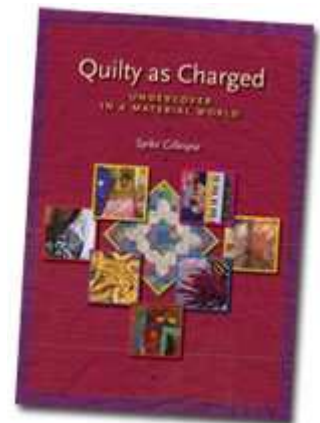
Our 2009 Raffle Quilt - Indigo Friendship Stars



The *Binding Friends* small group produced our guild's spectacular raffle quilt, entitled *Indigo Friendship Stars*. Made from blue Shwe-Shwe fabrics, imported from Africa, the quilt incorporates a unique luster and sheen along with precise triangles and elaborate quilting by Karen Nelson.

Members of the group are shown. Back row: Pauletta Shutts, Karen G. Wood, April Fletcher, Rose-Clair Fletcher, Karen Nelson and Teresa Sederburg. Front row: Karen R. Wood, Theri Dufour, Rebecca Clayton and Maureen Hoffman. Not pictured: Deni Schwendiman.

Quilters Workshop
2540 Old Denton Rd
Carrollton, TX 75006
(972) 323-6348



In March, we will host Spike Gillespie. Spike is a freelance journalist, avid knitter, novice quilter and author of the book, *Quilty as Charged: Undercover in a Material World*.

She has produced a "crazy quilt" in praise of the million Americans who devote endless hours to creating bedcovers or works of art from small pieces of fabric. Stitched together from her own discovery of the world of competitive quilting at the 2002 International Quilt Festival in Houston and her interviews with a spectrum of quilters, embellished with the frequent sewing pun, the book combines the exuberance of quilters with illustrations of some of their creations.

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 the workshop coordinator. Refer to our website for current email.

April– Valery Guignon

- Friday, April 10 – Fabric Dyeing and Design Workshop being offered by Creative Arts Center of Dallas to register see <http://www.creativeartscenter.org/pages/workshops.aspx#FIBER%20ARTS> or call 214-320-1275

May – Wendy Butler Berns

- Friday, May 15th – Stitch to the Finish Line with Machine Quilting
- Saturday, May 16th – Birch Tree - Picture Image Appliqué

June – Alice Wilhoit

- Friday, June 12th – Hand Appliqué Workshop
- Saturday, June 13th – Crazy Quilting Workshop

September – Sara Moe

- Friday, September 20th – Winding Curves Workshop
- Saturday, September 21th – Spinning Pinwheels Workshop

November – Bonnie Browning

- Friday, September 13th – Windmill Log Cabin with a Twist... as seen on Simply Quilts #802
- Saturday, September 14th – The Xquisite Scrap Quilt

January 2009 – Bonnie McCaffery

- Friday, January 15th – TBA
- Saturday, January 16th – TBA

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.

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QUILT PLANO 09 - Kemberly Wilshire

We are very excited about our upcoming Quilt Show in August, 2009. Below you will find several pieces of information that will assist you in experiencing our show to the fullest. We will be hanging over 300 beautiful quilts from our area. We will also be having an area for you to come and either get first hand first time experience at creating a quilt / or contribute to our Community Service by sewing a few blocks that will be sewn together to create beautiful quilts that we donate to our many Community Service venues.

This year we will have our first category for 17 yr old and under quilt makers. This will allow your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews a chance to show their work as well. We want the younger generations to join us in the joy we take in showing off our craft. Also, there will be an area for you to bring your students and allow us to show them the very basics of quilt making. Educating the next generation is very important. We will have hand quilting, red-work, and sewing machines available for all to work on. There will also be a workbook for the students to complete or take home with them. It will give them the chance to learn the terminology of quilting and also find examples of many of the blocks and terms in our show.

Last but not all least will be our wonderful vendors. We are planning over 30 vendors that will be here waiting for you to see their wares. We all love the fabric and colors and new techniques to accomplish our quilts.

As you can see in our wonderful picture here – we are raffling a beautiful quilt created by the small group Binding Friends and quilted by Karen Nelson. If you have not received your raffle quilts tickets yet, they are in the mail. Below are the dates of the Guild meetings that we are taking the quilt to. Please contact me as soon as possible to schedule your group to sell tickets. Contact me at Kemberson@msn.com or 214-244-4324

3/10 @ 6:15 pm set up – Quilter's Guild of Arlington

3/12 @9:30 am setup – Quilter's Guild of East Texas – Tyler

3/24 @6:15 pm set up – Frisco

4/7 @ 6:30 pm setup – Garland Quilt Guild

4/13 @ 6:15 pm set – Land O'Lakes Quilt Guild – Lewisville

4/28 @ 6:15 pm setup – Sherman Quilt Makers – Sherman

Call me soon to reserve your spot!

“Scraps of Life” Book Signing

Helen Widener

February 28th 11 a.m.

Stitchin Memories

2740 S.H.276, Suite 200

Rockwall, Texas 75032

972-722-1612

Elizabeth Patton Crockett's story begins with her father, Robert Patton, providing wagons and supplies during the American Revolution to the Overmountain Men on their way to the Battle of Kings Mountain. The book contains numerous photos and illustrations of battle scenes and everyday life of the time period.

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Elizabeth's story ends with her own death, after a morning walk on January 31, 1860, in Acton, Texas.

The **Scraps of Life** includes complete instructions for making her 1850s Postage Stamp Quilt on Point, family genealogy and descendant photos of the Pattons, Patton-Crocketts and Crockett-Finleys.

New Member:

Riley, Kim

3910 Osage Drive
Rowlett, TX 75098
(home) 972-475-4490
(other) 972-352-8834
dkmriley1031@verizon.net
Spouse: Dennis
Birthday: 3/3
Joined: 2009

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Wilson

Cash Flow-January 09 - Jan 2009

1/1/2009 through 1/31/2009

March Birthdays:

Marla Bradberry	3/01
Jeanne Parker	3/02
Rebecca Clayton	3/04
Lena Martensson	3/06
Audrey Couvillon	3/07
Barbara Collins	3/08
Donah Baker	3/11
Dayna Ragland	3/11
Ginger Walker	3/12
Leslee Feiwus	3/17
Karen Hawkins	3/17
Karen Woodard	3/18
Pam Walsh	3/19
Cathy Woodson	3/19
Erika Ingelhofer	3/22
Marian Manning	3/22
Sharon McGinnis	3/25
Melody Perez	3/30

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Category Description	
INFLOWS	
Administrative Income	
Cash Donations	\$12.38
Interest Income	\$5.14
TOTAL Administrative Income	\$17.52
Guild Activities Income	
Retreat Fees	\$5,323.42
TOTAL Guild Activities Income	\$5,323.42
Membership Income	
Membership Dues 2008-2009	\$40.00
TOTAL Membership Income	\$40.00
Programs Income	
Workshop Fees	\$25.00
TOTAL Programs Income	\$25.00
Quilt Show Income	
Vendor Fee Revenue	\$365.00
TOTAL Quilt Show Income	\$365.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$5,770.94
OUTFLOWS	
Administrative Expenses	
Bank Charges and Supplies	0
Safe Deposit Box Rental	\$25.00
Supplies,Postage,Printing	\$29.99
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	\$54.99
Media Expenses	
Newsletter Postage	\$50.85
Newsletter Printing	\$99.29
Publicity Expenses	\$355.00
TOTAL Media Expenses	\$505.14
Membership Expenses	
Membership Supplies	\$55.89
Postage	\$33.33
TOTAL Membership Expenses	\$89.22
Programs Expenses	
Guild Meeting Cancelled	\$50.00
Workshop Advertising	\$92.00
TOTAL Programs Expenses	\$142.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$791.35
OVERALL TOTAL	\$4,979.59

Guild Net Worth **\$61,236.00**

OFFICERS OF THE GUILD - 2008-09

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

Committee Chairs

Assistant - Membership	Joan Stevenson
Assistants - Programs	Rhonda Kuntz Sherry Worley
Assistant - Treasurer	Shirley Weaver
Bee Keeper	Cathy LaManna
Block of Month	Diane deFreitas and Knotty Girls group
Stocking Project Directory	LaDawn Dalley Lynne Fritsche Gail Schwartz
Door Prizes	Diane Crandall
Education	OPEN
E-mail/Web Master	Beverly Geise
Facilities	N/A
Fat Quarter Lotto	Marla Bradberry Sandra Goecke
Historian	Nanette Gaskey
Hospitality	Terri Mendelow
Inventory	Sharon Schenke
Newsletter Editor	Brooks Wilson
Nine Patch	Terri Anderman
Publicity	Rose-Clair Fletcher
Retreat 09	Terri Anderman and Quilt Soup group
Service Quilts	Karen Christoffer
Show 'n Tell	Karen Hawkins
Texas Area Quilt Guilds	Aggie Meszaros

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – Julie Schaefer

The February 2009 board meeting of the Quilters Guild of Plano was held on February 9, 2009 at Davis Library starting at 7:10 PM. The next board meeting will be at Haggard Library on March 9th starting at 7:00. Emily Armstrong presented a motion to approve the minutes from the January 5th board meeting as written in the newsletter. Sheri Smith seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and approved by board members present.

Discussion:

- Increasing present budget for community service. Motion by Kemberly Wilshire to “Increase budgeted amount allotted for community service in order to buy batting.” Seconded by Emily Armstrong and approved by board members present.
- Quilts were given to Operation Quilt Comfort, a group serving military men and their families.
- Retreat commitment on hold for 2010; to be discussed at later date
- Need nominating committee for 2009-2010 board and committee chairs
- Sheri Smith to preside over March general meeting
- Quilt Plano 2009 contracts, tickets
- TAQG Rally Day 2010
- New Member Tea success
- CPA designation in order to file taxes
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 with motion and second by Emily Armstrong and Kemberly Wilshire.

Those in attendance:

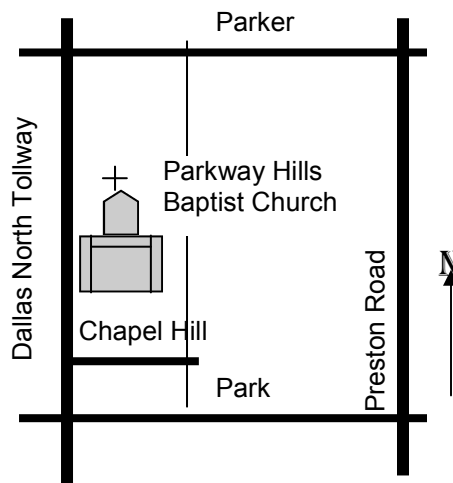
Donna Petrick	Helen Wilems
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COMMUNITY SERVICE – Sheri Smith

We have several names in the basket for our Quilt Reduction Contest so keep up the good work. For new members we have about 100 completed tops for our charities that need quilting. So every time you quilt a top for us your name goes in the basket. The quilted quilts must be turned in by the April meeting and we will draw 3 names at the May meeting for 3 fabulous prizes. So happy quilting.

In the month of February we donated 11 quilts to Operation quilted comfort, 13 quilts to the Rape Crisis Center, 8 quilts and 25 caps to Newborns in need, and 9 quilts to the Children's Advocacy Center. Thank you all for contributing.

Also in February several board members went to a TAQG meeting. We broke into sections and of course I was with other guild's community service representatives. We shared ideas on how each guild made their various donations and to whom, how to motivate, what guidelines each guild uses for rewards, how to track volunteer hours, and suggestions for other worthy causes. It was a valuable meeting and I got a lot of ideas for our guild to think about.

Our next sew day at the Plano Sewing Center will be on March 10th, from 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Please contact Karen Kristoffer if you are planning on attending. For those who can not participate at our sew days and would like to make a top, Karen has quilt kits at the community service table at the guild meetings. So stop by and pick up a quilt top to make or get a completed top ready to quilt. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

TAQG RALLY DAY 2009 - Donna Petrick

TAQG is busy with preparations for Rally Day this year. Sharon Schamber will be the guest speaker and will also have three workshops. Be sure to check out the TAQG website for information on the workshops and forms to apply for the workshops. Each class can have 22 people attending. Attendees will be chosen by lottery starting March 15th. So get your form turned in. Make sure you write your second choice class on the form in case the first one is full when your form is picked. You can connect to the TAQG from the QGP website.

There will also be a mini quilt auction. We need at least two mini quilts turned in from our

Granbury, TX

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Owners: Theresa & Paul Martin theresanavan@aol.com
www.theironhorseinn.com/retreat.htm

guild, measuring no more than 24" x 24" each. Hopefully we will have more. This and the two raffles are the fund raisers for TAQG. One raffle will be by tickets bought before rally day. The second raffle is from tickets bought at the rally meeting.

Aggie will have pre-rally day raffle tickets and meal tickets at the next few guild meetings. Meal tickets are \$7.00 each. You can choose one of the following. A cookie and water will be provided with all meals. If you want something else to drink, please bring it yourself. You can also bring your own lunch or go out to eat in the area.

1. Chicken Salad with mixed fruit
2. Chicken Fajita rollup/with Mexi-ranch, chips, celery and carrots.
3. Ham & Turkey sandwich w/jack & cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, celery & carrots
4. Cobb Salad w/Fat Free Ranch dressing, mixed fruit

Rally will once again be held at the church in Mesquite where it was last year. They have a very nice facility and welcome us there. Please make plans to attend. It's a great time to car pool and have a fun day with your friends.

TAQG President's Meeting - Joan Wilson

One of the benefits of our TAQG membership are the bi-monthly meetings the organization has where there are "secondary meetings," which are established to cover a variety of topics that affect all Quilt Guilds. During the January meeting, they covered a session for treasurers, community service chairs, secretaries and presidents. Our TAQG rep was out-of-town, so Donna Petrick, President, filled in for her. Shirley Weaver, my Assistant Treasurer filled in for me, Sheri Smith covered Community Service, Julie Schaefer handled the Secretaries meeting and I filled in for Donna at the President's session.

What I discovered is that our Guild is doing a **really great job**. (Really I already knew this.)

Several of the guilds don't have insurance coverage. They weren't aware of why they need it or how to go about getting it. We have had coverage for years. It is required by facilities where we hold our meetings and quilt show. Naturally those of us who have been doing this shared our experience with them.

Many of the guilds are finding that publishing and mailing a monthly newsletter is a major financial drain on their funds. They are wrestling with how to develop an on-line version and how best to overcome objections of members who don't want to have it on-line. This was a really lengthy discussion and everyone agreed that we can't continue to publish and distribute newsletters unless we substantially increased dues. No one wanted to do that and everyone recognized the necessity to go on-line. To accommodate any members who feel they must have the hard copy mailed, the guilds charge whatever their printing costs and mailing costs would be. This varies between guilds as some have print companies who do this at a discount, but most have to charge for everything (paper, printing, envelopes and first class postage).

How information is passed from one officer/committee chair to the next and how new folks are trained was another question. Most of the guilds work really hard to ensure that complete information is passed on with written year end reports. Some have a person in training to take on the position they are going to be filling. What we do is to have a meeting between the outgoing and incoming board which includes all the officers and committee persons. Typically the joint meeting is the week after the elections in May. During this meeting, we get to know each other better, pass on our

year-end reports along with reports from years past, and discuss the responsibilities of the positions and typical guild expectations for performance. The outgoing officers/committee persons also make themselves available to assist if any questions come up. Some positions like treasurer have a lot of governmental forms that are required to be maintained and filed. This position has an assistant who works with the treasurer for a year before taking on those responsibilities.

Other topics ranged from how to handle raffles, finding meeting facilities, programs and much more. I left the meeting feeling as though we are doing really well. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of our membership and their willingness to do whatever it takes to help us increase membership and educate the public about who we are. Of course we have our challenges from time to time, but with everyone helping, we can't help but continue to succeed.

TAQG Secretary's Meeting - Julie Schaefer

On January 31st six members of the Quilters Guild of Plano traveled to Mineola to share aspects of our guild's board positions with those of other guilds in Texas. I met many new quilter friends and found out that my guild is pretty much like the other guilds. Everyone said that the two best parts of being on the board were having a closer friendship with other guild members and knowing what is going on behind the scenes. In my group as secretaries, we decided that the easiest part of our job was all the time between printing the minutes of the board and general meetings. Taking minutes can be difficult because people have a tendency to quickly go through the agenda and not repeat member names so all the information is included correctly. Of course, the minutes need to be accurate as they are kept in perpetuity and members want "the facts." I am lucky because our President, Donna Petrick, always gives me a copy of the agenda prior to the meeting, doesn't mind repeating names and other chairs hand to me the written information I need to record. I was informed that there are two forms that I need to send in every year. Not bad for the secretary position of a large organization. We all decided that the secretary has the "easiest" position on the board (qualification of the word "easiest").

Vendor Volunteers Needed - Donna Petrick

Very soon all of the show committees will be asking for volunteers to help them. So I'm starting it off. Sherry Worley and I will need 4 or 5 people a day to help cover lunch and bio breaks for the vendors. Then at show end, we need several people to stand at the doors until vendors are released to leave the building. We don't have to help with vendor loading or unloading, so no physical exertion on our part.....just the fun of being at vendors booths. Please let one of us know that you are available during the quilt show.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - March - Diane deFreitas and the Knotty Girls Small Group

Batik Basket Bonanza—Basket #10

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. Questions? Call Brooks Wilson or Diane de-Freitas

Cutting instructions:

Basket (batik—your color choice)

F—cut 5 squares 2 7/8”

G—cut 1 square 2 7/8” - cut in half on diagonal

H—cut 1 square 6 7/8” - cut in half on the diagonal

Background (white-on-white)

A—cut 2 rectangles 2 1/2” X 6 1/2”

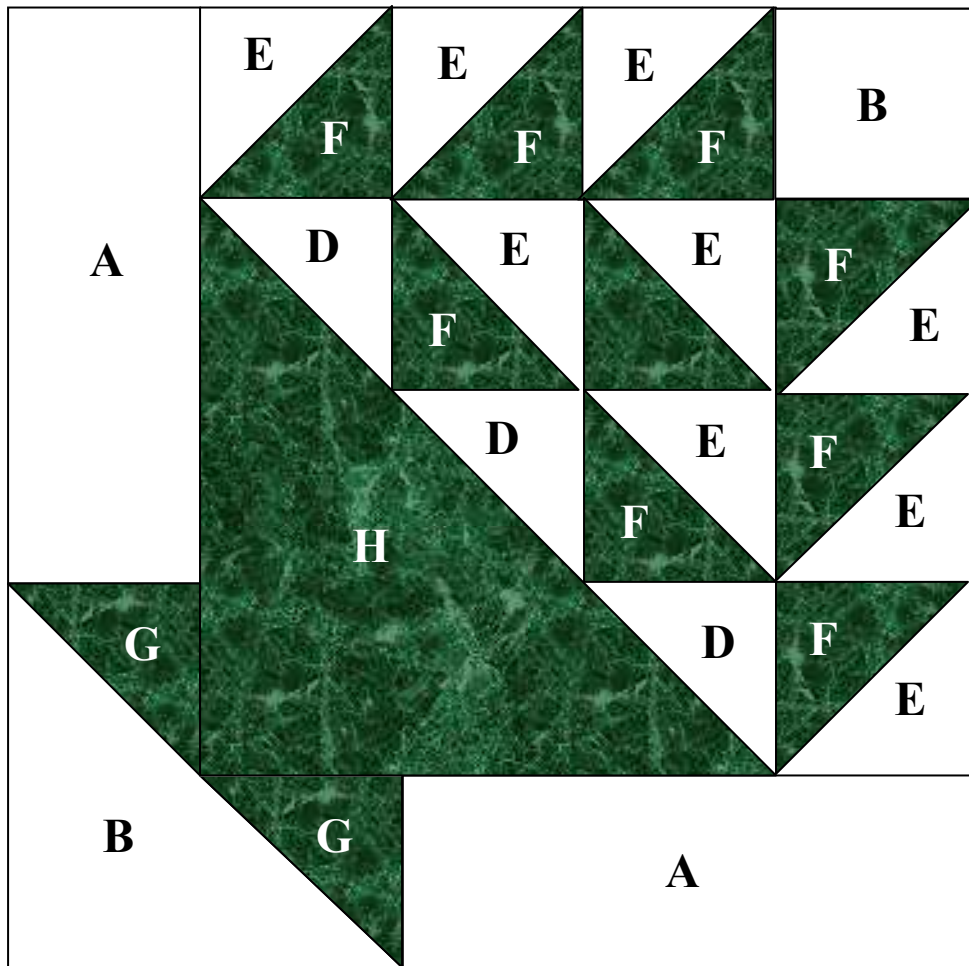
B—1 square 2 1/2”

C—cut 1 square 4 7/8” - cut in half on diagonal

D—cut 5 squares 2 7/8” - cut in half on diagonal

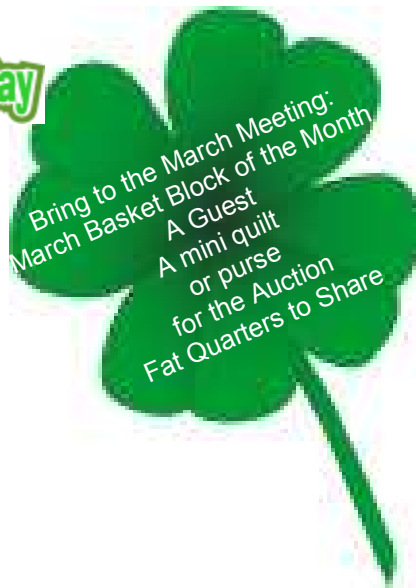
E—cut 1 squares 2 7/8”

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 9 total half-square triangles that are 2” finished). Follow the diagram below to assemble the block.



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2700 North Dallas Tollway
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on the east side of the Tollway

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