



COMMON THREADS

December 2010

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Newsletter of the Quilters Guild of Plano

I hope everyone enjoyed the mini workshops we had at the November meeting. I received very favorable feedback comments and think we should do this on a regular basis. Please let me know what you think.

Our December meeting is shaping up to be a lot of fun as well. Your Board is bringing treats and you will have a surprise project/assignment to do and bring back to the January meeting. I don't even know what it is! In addition, I thought it would be very festive if everyone brought a show and tell. Most of us have holiday quilts that we bring out for display every year. So, why don't you bring a holiday quilt in to share with us? Even if you showed it before, a lot of us probably didn't see it, and for sure the new members haven't seen it. And to give everyone an opportunity to see each quilt, we will have members come up one at a time. It seems those standing in line often miss the quilt being shown.

If I don't get a chance at the meeting to talk with you, I wish everyone a very happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Happy Quilting.
Sheri Smith, President



MINUTES OF November 2010 - Donna Lobeleon, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Sheri Smith at 7:00pm. She reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones.

Old Business:

- The Minutes to the October meeting were accepted as printed.
- The date on the treasurer's report was corrected to read September first through the thirtieth, not the twentieth as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was accepted as corrected

New Business:

- The Next board meeting will be December 6, 2010 at Tino's restaurant. The business meeting will start at 7:00 pm; arrive at 6:00 if you would like dinner.
- Service bars will be awarded at the December meeting. Your 2010 service hours must be reported to Julie Schaefer by the first week in December.
- Two letters were received acknowledging the quilts donated to the VA.

Committee Reports:

- Julie Schaefer, Community Service, there are quilt kits, quilt tops and quilts needing binding available for you to take home at the community service table this month. Next month they will only be collecting items.
- Janet Plotkin announced there are still open spots for retreat.
- Mini Quilt Auction, four mini quilts were turned in at the meeting, lady bug pins were awarded to the donors.
- Donna Petrick, Programs, December will feature a "Take and Make" contest. January will feature Esterita Austin, she will teach a two day class.
- Connie Litfin, Block of the Month, participants showed their completed blocks. Sandra Vinzant was the monthly winner.
- Kemberly Wilshire, Quilt Show, Amy Trigg won the 2010 raffle quilt. The 2011 raffle quilt will be unveiled at the January meeting.
- La Dawn Dailey, Christmas Stocking Project, asked members for stocking stuffers.
- Margaret Schafer, Education, has scheduled an education program at Corinthian Retirement Center in January. Please contact Margaret to participate.

Membership:

- Community outreach volunteers—Heritage Farm Fall Festival Booth: Susan Gordon, Terri Mendelow, Donna Petrick, Julie Schaefer, Margaret Schafer, Sheri Smith, Shirley Weaver, and Kemberly Wilshire
- Member table helpers: Mindy, Madelyn and Deborah

There were 54 members; two new members and one guest were in attendance. New members Janine Gibson and Martha O'Grady were introduced and welcomed to the guild. Door prizes were provided by **Golden D'or Fabrics, Happiness is Quilting, Jenny Bug's, Quilt Country, The Old Craft Store, and Quilt Asylum.**

The business meeting adjourned at 7:46pm. Donna Petrick explained that there are five stations demonstrating embellishment techniques—each demo will last 12 minutes: the number on your seat identifies your starting station.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS - Donna Petrick

Musing from Programs

First, a commercial plug.....the gift giving time is almost here. Remember your friends with a gift certificate to a guild workshop. For \$35 you can give a \$40 gift certificate to someone for one of our future speaker's fun workshops.

I hope you enjoyed the embellishment sampler program. You need to keep some of the techniques in mind for our December/January challenge. At our December meeting, I'll give you information on what the challenge will be and what you need to do to participate. It will be fun and stir your creative juices.

Remember that we have some great speakers lined up for the new year. Esterita Austin will be presenting some new techniques dealing with photographs and paints. Release the artist inside you and pick up some new ideas. Barb and Teresa have a wonderful lecture and workshop. Hopefully we won't have another snowed out February and will get to enjoy their program. Bob Purcell from Superior Threads will be here in March. He is always informative and entertaining.

By the time you read this, we will have all enjoyed our families and friends being together at Thanksgiving. I am so thankful for my quilting friends. Without you, life would be dull indeed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE - Julie Schaefer

I want to tell you all that I had not been drinking prior to nor during the meeting. I'm like that all the time. Really, ask my friends. I presently have bruises on my legs, left hip and a cut on my lip from tennis racquet body abuse. Good hand-eye coordination, lousy balance. So I apologize. Now you know one of my least kept secrets.

A big hug goes out to everyone that donated money for stocking stuffers. We had \$178.00 donated. I know that many of you would just rather write a check rather than buy items and it's a great idea. That way LaDawn can buy what she needs. Come get your hug at the December meeting. Piggy-backing on that thought, at the December 9th meeting Community Service will only be picking up any quilts, afghans, blankets you are turning in. We will not have any kits, binding or quilting items. The black 3-ring binder for documentation of service hours will be there. Hope you get your hours to me if you haven't already. juliescha@sbcglobal.net

This month I delivered 6 quilts and 1 afghan to The Turning Point (Collin County Rape Crises Center) and 8 quilts and 1 fleece blanket to the Children's Advocacy Center. I have 24 cough pillows that Maria Eakin and her mother, Enriqueta Benavides, made. I will probably be taking those over to the Medical Center of Plano prior to Thanksgiving. We could use some more filler for the pillows. We like to use left over high loft batting which we can easily tear apart and stuff the pillows. This makes firmer filler than the soft stuffing which the stores are offering. But we will use what we have. If you decide to make pillows, which we welcome, be sure to stuff them so full and firm that you can barely sew the opening. They also need to be at least a 16" x 10" rectangle.

There will not be a Tuesday sew day in the month of December. The next one will be January 11th, 2011. I think we will be making "snakes".

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS (continued)

December 2010 – Holiday Party

Thursday, December 9th – Refreshments and entertainment, Take and Make

No Workshops



January 2011 – Esterita Austin, “Photographs ... Compose ... Create”

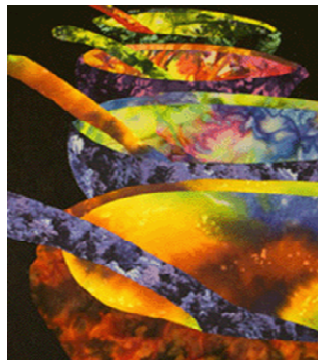
Lecture - Thursday, January 13th –

Workshop - Friday & Saturday, January 14th & 15th

Sign up by December 9th and pay \$65 for both days ... after December 9th, the cost is \$75 for this workshop..



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February 2011 B&T Studios – Barb McCraw & Teresa Sherling



Lecture - Thursday, February 10th – Two Visions – One Soul

Workshop – Friday, February 11th – Folded Flower Class

Membership - Crisann Skinner and Maria Eakin

Can you believe it is almost the end of 2010? I don't know about you, but the older I get, the quicker the time seems to fly by!! It just does not seem fair, does it? Well don't let time go by without thinking about joining us for the guild retreat in February. Janet has a fun time planned for all and you won't want to miss out! Retreat is a wonderful way to meet other guild members, try new techniques, work on a project you've been wanting to do, and learn from other members of the guild in a relaxed and fun setting. Contact Janet at janet@frogbutt.net or 214-227-0529.

Don't forget to check with us at the Membership table if you have not received your membership card. We still have a few cards that have not been picked up. We also have extra directories for sale if you are interested.

We wish each of you a very blessed holiday season. May it be filled with joy and laughter and in the company of those you love.



New Members November

Gibson, Janine

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pray4wisdom@gmail.com

Member #: 689
Spouse: John
Birthday: 01/13
Joined: 2011

O'Grady, Martha

501 Havenwood Drive
Murphy, TX 75094
home: 972-422-4613
cell: 214-232-6962

Member #: 690
Spouse: Don
Birthday: 09/02
Joined: 2011

Renewing Members

Baron, Renee

6415 Barfield Drive
Dallas, TX 75252
home: 972-596-8972
cell: 214-630-1116

reneebaron@verizon.net

Member #: 260
Spouse: Robert
Birthday: 08/10
Joined: 2002
Group: Block Party

December Birthdays

Cynthia McDonald.....	12/04
Gerry Augustyn	12/06
Beverly Nelson	12/06
Kemberly Wilshire	12/10
Patty Allen	12/11
Emily Armstrong.....	12/11
Paula Washler.....	12/14
Marilea Yapp.....	12/14
Jan Gostin	12/16
Mary Lord	12/17
Judy Williamson	12/19
Laurel Simon	12/20
Mickie Warrington	12/20
Aurora Chancy	12/22
Cherie Wachholz.....	12/22
Sharon Schenke	12/23
Donna Lobelson.....	12/24
Sue Needle	12/24
Kathryn Hardage.....	12/25
Kaye Dunn	12/27
Anne Rener.....	12/31

BOARD MEETING, November 2010

Donna Lobelseon, Secretary

Guild President Sheri Smith called the meeting to order at Tino's Restaurant at 7:00 pm

- Shirley Weaver said the date on the treasurer's report should be September first through the thirtieth, not the twentieth as printed in the newsletter.
- Margaret Schafer explained that due to rain the Heritage Festival had low attendance and ended early. She has scheduled an education program at the Corinth Retirement Center in January.
- Julie Schaefer said we received a thank you from the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center.
- Kimberly Wilshire reported that 31 vendors have paid for their 2011 quilt show booths. Amy Trigg Won the 2010 raffle quilt.
- Membership still needs a hospitality chair.
- Donna Petrick Scheduled a bylaw review meeting for December 18.
- Donna Lobelson distributed brochures on the Texas Quilt Museum.
- Everyone was asked to bring the flower pot table signs to the guild meeting.
- Meeting adjourned 7:53 pm.

Attendance:

Crisann Skinner
Tina Connolly
Donna Petrick
Sheri Smith
Emily Armstrong
Julie Schaefer
Donna Lobelson
Shirley Weaver
Kimberly Wilshire
Maria Eakin
Margaret Schafer



UPCOMING EVENTS - Mickie Warrington

Anyone interested in cruising and quilting? There are two cruises planned for 2011 that might peak your interest!

Mystery of the Sawyer Glacier—August 19-26, 2011

- Everyone can take classes from three popular teachers
 - Trish Stuart
 - Toni Whitney
 - A mystery guest teacher for the "Mystery of the Sawyer Glacier" quilt
- An evening lecture and trunk show by each teacher
- Excursions to local quilt shops in Juneau and Victoria
- A beautiful quilt given away each evening—7 in all!
- Surprises and door prizes.

Batik Cruise to the Caribbean—October 9-16, 2011

- All instruction classes during the first 3 days at sea
- State of the art conference center for our use
- Surprises, gifts, and a boatload of fun
- Classes by popular "batik friendly" instructors
 - Carol Morrissey
 - Brenda Henning
 - Laurie Shifrin

For further details, see

<http://www.StitchinHeavenTravel.com>

COMMON THREADS AD RATES

Business card:	Half Page:
1 month = \$15	1 month = \$40
3 months = \$35	3 months = \$90

Quarter Page:	Please make ads in "jpg" files and email to Mickie Warrington at
1 month = \$25	media@
3 months = \$60	quiltersguildofplano.org

TREASURER'S REPORTS - Shirley Weaver,

Guild Officers 2010-2011

Cash Flow - October 1-31, 2010

Category Description	Balance	President	Sheri Smith
INFLOWS			
Administrative Income			
Interest Income	12.96	VP-Membership	Crisann Skinner
Guild Activities Income			
Raffle Quilt	493.00	VP-Programs	Maria Eakin
Library Income			
Library Book Sales	35.10	VP-Community Service	Donna Petrick
Media Income			
Newsletter Advertisements	32.33	VP-Guild Activities	Julie Schaefer
Membership Income			
Membership Dues 2010-2011	150.00	VP Media	Rose-Clair Fletcher
Guest Fees			
	4.62	Secretary	Donna Lobelson
Programs Income			
Workshop Fees	230.00	Treasurer	Shirley Weaver
Quilt Show Income			
Vendor Fee Revenue	5,803.75	Librarian	Emily Armstrong
TOTAL INFLOWS	<u>6,761.76</u>	Quilt Show 2011	Kemberly Wilshire
<u>Committee Chairs</u>			
OUTFLOWS			
Media Expenses			
Publicity Expenses	-233.77	Assistant - Membership	
Membership Expenses			
Directory Postage	123.87	Assistants - Programs	Sherry Worley
Programs Expenses			
Guild Meeting Facilities Rent	50.00	Assistant - Treasurer	Donna Lobelson
Speaker Lecture Fees	250.00	Assistant - Librarian	Madelyn Beachboard
Speaker Lodging	199.88	Adobe Reader 9.Ink	Becky Woods
Speaker Meals	68.39	Block of Month	Debbie Skorepa
Speaker Travel	87.00	Directory	Connie Litfin
Supplies and Equipment	14.62	Door Prizes	Rebecca Clayton
Workshop Teacher Fees	300.00	Education	Maria Eakin
TOTAL Programs Expenses	<u>969.89</u>	Fat Quarter Lotto	Margaret Schafer
Quilt Show Expenses			
Vendor Postage,Printing,Supplies	63.37	Historian	Open
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	<u>923.36</u>	Hospitality	Mindy Myint
OVERALL TOTAL			
	<u>5,838.40</u>	Inventory Control	Open
Overall Net Worth			
	<u>59,925.92</u>	Newsletter Editor	Lut DeMeulder
		Nine Patch	Mickie Warrington
		Publicity	Janice Bentley
		Retreat 2010	Rose-Clair Fletcher
		Service Quilts	Janet Plotkin
		Show 'n Tell	and ADOS group
		Small Groups	Karen Christoffer
		Stocking Project	Karen Hawkins
		TAQG	Cathy LaManna
		Web E-mail	LaDawn Dalley
		Web Master	Aggie Meszaros
			Rebecca Clayton
			Beverly Geise

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - Connie Litfin

Sawtooth Sampler Block of the Month

We will be doing a 12" finished Sawtooth Star with a different 6" block in the center. There will be 12 blocks in all, two blocks a month.

For the star you will need: (You can work ahead on the star part if you wish.)

Star points – 1 yd.

Background – 1 ½ yd.

The surprise blocks are 6" finished and will fit in the center of the star. They can be done with scraps or fat quarters.

For each star block you will need:

Star points – cut 8 (3 ½" x 3 ½") squares

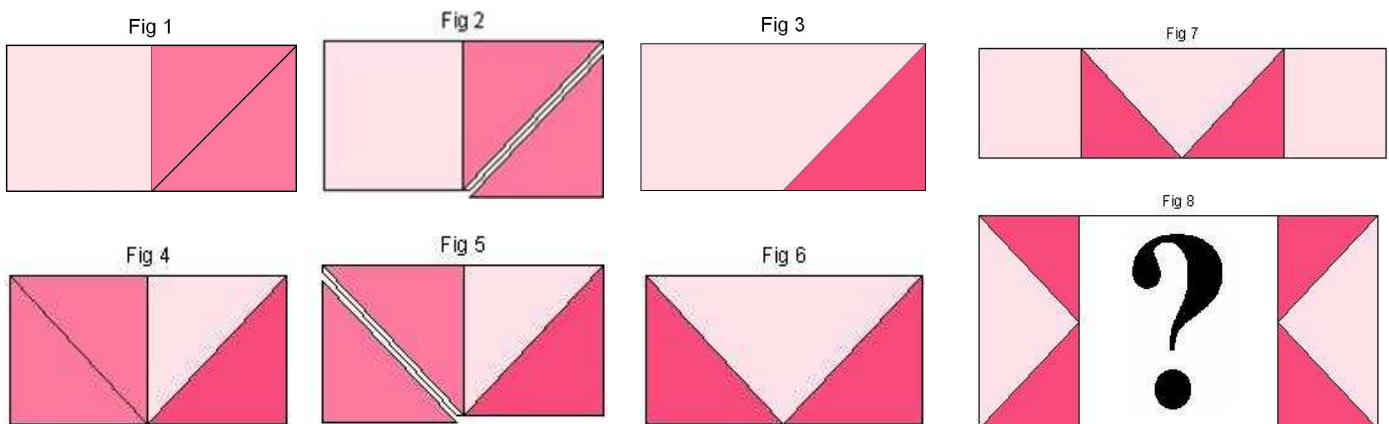
Background – cut 4 (3 ½" x 3 ½") squares

cut 4 (3 ½" x 6 ½") rectangles

On the back of the star point squares, mark a diagonal line. Place a star point square face down at one end of the background rectangle (right sides together). Sew on the diagonal line (Fig. 1). Press, then trim leaving a ¼" seam allowance (Fig. 2). Press toward point (Fig. 3).

Sew another star point square on the other end of that same rectangle (Fig. 4). Make sure the diagonal line is going in the right direction. Sew on the diagonal line. Press and trim leaving a ¼" seam allowance (Fig. 5). Press toward point (Fig. 6).

Sew a background square to each side of two star points (Fig. 7). Press toward points. Sew a star point to each side of the 6" block (Fig. 8). Press toward points. Sew sections together. Your block should measure 12 ½".



See Page 11 for this month's blocks!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH, December 2010 blocks— Connie Litfin

Block 9—Weathervane Variation

Fabric Requirements:

Fabric A

Cut 4 (2" x 2") squares

Cut 5 (1 1/2" x 1 1/2") squares

Fabric B

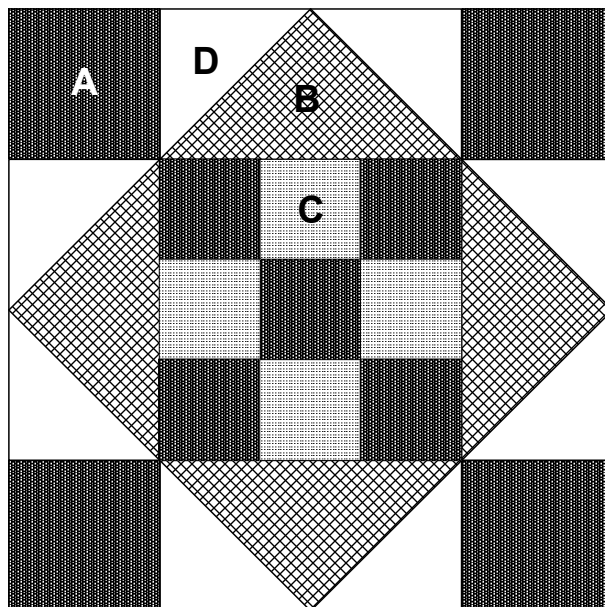
Cut 4 (2" x 3 1/2")

Fabric C

Cut 4 (1 1/2" x 1 1/2") squares

Fabric D

Cut 8 (2" x 2") squares



Assembly:

Make flying geese pieces with fabric B and D as shown in Sawtooth Star instructions. Make a 9-patch with fabric A and C. Lay out pieces as shown in diagram and sew together. This block will be inserted in the center of the Sawtooth Star.

Block 10—Contrary Wife

Fabric Requirements:

Fabric A

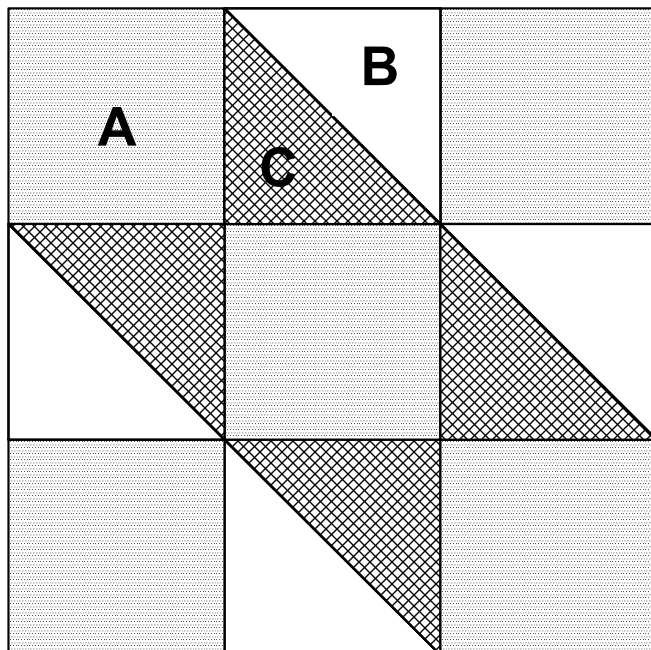
Cut 5 (2 1/2" x 2 1/2") squares

Fabric B

Cut 2 (2 7/8" x 2 7/8") squares in half on diagonal

Fabric C

Cut 2 (2 7/8" x 2 7/8") squares in half on diagonal



Assembly:

Make 4 half-square triangles with fabrics B and C. Press to dark. Lay out pieces as shown in diagram and sew together. This block will be inserted in the center of the Sawtooth Star .

Office Use Only: Date Received: _____
Amount: _____
 Cash Check # _____

Quilters Guild of Plano Membership Application (for New or Renewing Members)

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phones: home: _____ work: _____ cell: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Email: _____ birthday: _____ spouse's first name: _____
MONTH/DAY ONLY

If interested in joining a friendship group, check which time is most convenient:

morning afternoon evening weekend

Check those committees where you would like to volunteer or learn more about their activities:

Historian Small groups Guild products Education Directory
 9-Patch Block of the Month Service quilts Library Membership
 Door prizes Programs Holiday stocking project Quilt Show (various jobs)

Please share with us a list of your skills, talents and hobbies that you would like to share with the Guild:

Demographic information: (this information is necessary for the Guild to obtain grants from various sources)

Age 18-34 35-54 55 or older Gender female male

Ethnicity White (not of Hispanic origin) Black (not of Hispanic origin) Hispanic
 American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian or Pacific Islander Other

How did you hear about the Guild?

Guild web page Guild member Another guild
 Guild newsletter other publication
 Other (please describe) _____

Membership dues are \$25 per year, and are due June 1st. New members joining after January 1st will pay a reduced rate of \$15 for the remaining months of the year. Members are listed in the Directory if their information is received before August 1st.

Active membership is granted on receipt of application and paid dues. Active members attend Guild meetings, participate in Guild activities and/or work on committees. All active members have voting privileges.

Dues include website access to the monthly on-line newsletter. If you prefer a hard copy sent to your home, please add \$10 to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. Mail your completed form with a check (made payable to "QGP") to the following address:

**Membership
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5000 York Lane
Plano, TX, 75093**

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GUILD EDUCATION NEWS—Margaret Schafer

Rain, rain did not go away, and our Heritage Farmstead Museum Victorian Halloween Fall Festival was a wash out. We had great demonstrations prepared and did them for a handful of people. We sold a few tickets for the raffle quilt. Alas, our Halloween Quilt Story will have to wait for another time. However, we had a good time visiting among ourselves as well as with the other participants in the Festival. We look forward to the New Year and the opportunities it brings for spreading the word about quilting. We have an engagement on Thursday, January 13 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Corinthian Retirement Center, and we are also scheduled to hold a quilt camp for 12-year olds in March for the Plano Parks and Recreation Department. Watch for more about this later.



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2 - 5
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**End of the Year
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*Quilters Guild of Plano
Presents*

“Christmas Party”

December 9, 2010

**Parkway Hills Baptist Church
2700 North Dallas Tollway
Corner of Chapel Hill
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)**