



COMMON THREADS

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Newsletter of the Quilters Guild of Plano

What a great turnout we had for our January meeting. And isn't our Raffle Quilt stunning? I think we will sell a lot of tickets as I am sure this is one quilt everyone would like to win!

February brings thoughts of Valentine's Day, hearts, roses and of course Retreat. Maybe some of you are going to be working on a Valentine's quilt at retreat. I am looking forward to getting some UFO's done and I have fabric for new quilts to start, all packed and ready to go. I know some of you don't have any plans, you are just coming for the fun of retreat. I'm sure a good time will be had by all. I hope by now everyone going is paid in full so our Shiny Retreat Fairy doesn't have to come knocking on your door.

Our Education Chair, Margaret Schafer is going to the Heritage Farm Museum to pick up 30 jean blocks. So many of you signed up to embellish a block that we can expect them to get at least two quilts made from our blocks. As I stated at the meeting the blocks will be passed out at the February meeting and will be due back at the April meeting so we can turn them back to the Farm by May 1st. Thank you for participating in this project. It's wonderful when we can give something back to our community.

Our February speakers will be a lot of fun and I have signed up for the flower folding class. Maybe I can put a flower on my jean block.

Happy Quilting.
Sheri Smith, President

Minutes from January 2011 - Donna Lobeleon, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Sheri Smith at 7:01. She reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones.

Old Business:

The Minutes to the December meeting and treasurer's report were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

New Business:

The Next board meeting will be February 7, 2011 at Tino's restaurant. The business meeting will start at 7:00 pm; arrive at 6:00 if you would like dinner.

Sheri Smith explained the Heritage Farms recycling project. Denim squares from used blue jeans will be embellished and made into coverlets. She circulated signup list for people who want to embellish a square.

Donna Petrick talked about the name badge contest ending next month and future programs.

Sheri gave Donna Petrick the president's Lone Star Award; Donna logged over 350 hours, including organizing 2010 TAQG rally day .

Committee Reports:

- Julie Schaefer, Community Service, invited everyone to help make pillow case kits on January 25, 2011 from 10:00 am until 2pm at Plano Sewing Center.
- Tina Connolly for Connie Lifton, Block of the Month, participants showed their completed blocks. Paula was the monthly winner.. No additional blocks patterns are planned, participants should prepare for the BOM mini quilt show.
- Aggie Meszaros, TAQG, announced that 2011 rally day will be in July and asked the guild to donate two mini quilts for the silent auction.

Tina Connolly showed the mini quilts donated this month for the show auction.

Members presented show and tell.

There were 77 members and eleven guests in attendance. Twelve door prizes were provided by the following:

Happiness is Quilting
Quilt Country
The Old Craft Store
Suzy's Quilt Shop

Jenny Bug's
Quilter's Connection
The Quilt Asylum

Tina Connolly talked about the fun her small group, "Plain'O Piecers", had making the 2011 raffle quilt. Kemberly Wilsire asked that everyone pick up their raffle tickets on the way out. The quilt was unveiled. Sheri gave every member of "Plain'O Piecers" the president's Lone Star Award. Donna Petrick introduced Esterita Austin at 7:37 pm.

QGP Retreat 2011—It's not too late to join our February 17-20 retreat, but hurry!

Our annual retreat at Tanglewood Resort at Lake Texoma is right around the corner—February 17-20 (3 nights) or February 18-20 (2 nights). Our very special, shiny retreat

We have a few spaces left. It's time to gather your friends and pack up your sewing machines, some fabric and quilt projects, notions, and so on ... and head off for a weekend away to sew, sew, sew! You can tell by the happy faces and the completed quilts that retreat is a fun and productive time. No cooking! No cleaning! No making beds!



Information about the February 2011 retreat is posted on our website. You need to email Janet Plotkin **today** at janet@frogbutt.net or call 214-227-0529 to reserve your spot!

Sawtooth Sampler Block of the Month Finals—Connie Litfin

You have received the blocks and bonus blocks for the Block of the Month. We will show our quilts/tops in March, and the members present will vote for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Viewer's Choice. Prizes will be awarded. Remember, you don't need to use all of the blocks and you can use any setting you choose. Thank you for participating! If you have questions, please contact me at conquilt@yahoo.com.

Program Musings—Donna Petrick

You really missed a great workshop if you missed January with Esterita Austin. We have some very talented ladies who took the workshop and produced some beautiful bowls. Esterita will be back in the area next January for those of you who couldn't take this class.

Now that we have a new block challenge with denim with the Heritage Farm Museum, you may want to use the folded flower technique that will be taught by Barb McCraw and Teresa Sherling. Be sure to attend the lecture and workshop in February. These talented ladies live in the North Texas area. If you remember they were supposed to be at guild in 2010 but we all got snowed out of the meeting.

March will bring Bob Purcell from Superior Threads. He will have an information hand-out for us. If you read the newsletter from Mother Superior, you know he is also a fun guy to have around. Then he will be at the Quilt Celebration in Dallas the rest of the weekend.

Community Service - Julie Schaefer

I can tell that many of you were busy over the holidays cleaning and sewing. You brought in fabric and a total of 35 quilts. A couple were gently used that you don't want and we can use. Many were quilts that Lynne Fritsche gave to us after the passing of her prolific quilter mother. Most were new quilts and kits that were finished. The Strip Piecers small group made 12 flannel children's quilts. Yummy. Then some of you decided to start the year by taking kits to be pieced, quilted and/or bound by selecting from our table at the meeting. When the meeting was over I had my SUV, both the seats and the back area, full of sacks and quilts. Thanks to all of you for doing so much. The Christmas fabric and finished stockings you gave to me I gave to LaDawn Dalley. (She may not have been ready to start another year of making stockings but my car was full and she was there just 6 seats down.) Nothing goes to waste.

The afternoon of the evening Guild meeting Shirley Weaver did a quilting presentation to about 21 women (it started with 12 but quickly grew) from the Corinthian Retirement Center in Carrollton. When she was finished Mindy Myint and I joined her in assisting the residents in making quilt blocks from precut fusibles that Margaret Schaefer had prepared. (Send your prayers to Margaret while she is recovering.) Shirley said that she would take the blocks home and sew around the edges. The program must have been a success because they wanted us back. This always happens because the women were involved in something new rather than those "boring old games" as one woman said. I spoke to 2 women from South Dakota as I am. What a small world. I know others from the Guild would enjoy doing something like this. Many of the women tended to be curmudgeonly (is that a word?), but many of us are moving in that direction ourselves. It took about 4 hours total out of my day and I always feel such satisfaction afterwards and I want you to have the same feelings so sign up the next time a sheet goes around.

As always, the second Tuesday of every month from 10:00 to 4:00 Karen Christoffer and I were at the Plano Sewing Center for the Guild's "Sit and Sew". Karen had kits ready for us to sew. Nothing difficult, just strips with nothing to match. Some of the regulars are Ruth Shriner, Sara Lee, Rita Potter, Sherry Worley, Barbara Collins, Sally Martens, Donna Petrick and Terri Mendelow. Those of you that don't work please join us. It is a come and go at your leisure. All you have to provide is your traveling sewing machine, thread, scissors and pins if you use them. Sometimes I forget my brain but Karen remedies that. It's fun! Join us at the SE corner of Spring Creek and Custer. All you have to do is phone Karen 972-365-0383 or email her. karen.christoffer@tx.rr.com

All of these things are a good way to earn service hours as long as you put them into my 3-ring black binder or email me. juliescha@sbcglobal.net See you next month.

Upcoming Programs and Workshops—Donna Petrick

Thursday, February 10, 2011 Two Visions – One Soul Teresa Sherling and Barb McCraw
present their visions and future in quilting
Friday, February 11, 2011 Folded Flowers Workshop
Saturday, February 12, 2011 No Workshop



Learn to make several appliquéd, 3-dimensional flowers from fabric and ribbon, while completing a lovely bouquet.

Thursday, March 10, 2011 Bob Purcell from Superior Threads will talk about threads and will have a handout for your reference.
Friday and Saturday, March 11th & 12th No Workshops - Attend the Quilt Celebration at Market Hall!

Thursday, April 14, 2011 Jane Parker presents “The Cotton Theory of Quilting”
Friday, April 15, 2011 Workshop – Reversible Placemat - Kit Fee for Class
Saturday, April 16, 2011 No Workshop

Thursday, May 12, 2011 Brenda Jeschke Trunk Show “Why I Made This Quilt”
Friday, May 13, 2011 Workshop – Silk Ribbon Embroidery - Kit Fee for Class
Saturday, May 14, 2011 No Workshop

Workshops are \$40/day for members \$45/day for non- members
Anyone may receive a \$5 discount for each class if payment is received prior to 35 days before the workshop. Workshop hours are 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

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Donna Petrick
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Plano, TX 75023

Membership - Crisann Skinner and Maria Eakin

This new year seems to be flying by! Can you believe it is already February!? Well, before more time goes by, we just want to remind everyone about our New Member Tea that will be held in April. Details will be announced via newsletter, meeting announcements and/or invitation. We hope you will make plans to attend whether you are new to the guild or are an existing member looking for a new bee to join or you just want to meet some of our new members. It's a great way to get to know one another in a relaxed and informal setting. So stay tuned!

It might seem that June is so far away at this time, but it will be here before you know it! We are looking for someone or a team of 2 (or even 3!) to take over Membership duties for the new guild year that starts June 1st. It is a great way to get to know guild members and be involved in your guild. Remember that you, the membership, are what make or break the guild. Don't catch yourself saying 'Someone else can do it', or 'I don't have the time.' We can all find a little bit of time each month that it takes to do this position. Now is the time to get involved in helping to make your guild the best it can be. Please contact Crisann Skinner or Maria Eakin for more information.

New Members December

Renewing Members

No renewing members in December.

February Birthdays

Sharon Umphred.....	02/04
Marie Zaczkowski.....	02/05
Audena Cowin.....	02/06
Sheri Smith.....	02/13
Sue Hurth.....	02/19
Julie Schaefer.....	02/22
Cynthia Weisz.....	02/25
Jan Potts.....	02/25
Elise SansSouci.....	02/26
Dorma Waltrip.....	02/28



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Name Badge Challenge—Donna Petrick

Just a reminder that we will judge name tags at the February meeting. We will have at least 5 categories for winners, one of which will be Member's Choice. Please finish your name tag and bring it to guild. See just how creative you and all our members can be. There are no rules....just make a name tag.

Board Meeting, January 2011
Donna Lobelseon, Secretary

Minutes are not available and will be included next month.

New Community Service Project—
"Cuddles" - Julie Schaefer

The Children's Medical Center at Legacy opened in 2008 and serves pediatric patients in the North Texas area. It is a part of one of the largest pediatric healthcare providers in the nation. Children's Medical Center is a private, not-for-profit facility that provides patient care ranging from simple eye exams to specialized treatment including oncology and transplants.

Pediatric patients that visit Children's Medical Center are often scheduled for a visit to the Radiology department where they can have a variety of exams including plain X-ray studies, Ultrasound, Fluoroscopy, CT and MRI. This experience is often filled with anxiety and apprehension by the patient. One of the most comforting items that we can give to a child is something that is small enough to be cuddled in their hands. A simple project, that doesn't require a lot of time to make, is a small quilt called a 'Cuddle'. Using just 2 FQs and a little bit of batting, the 'Cuddle' can be finished off with binding or made pillowcase style and turned inside out. If making it pillowcase style, just finish off the edge by sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge. This is a great way to reduce your stash and/or those orphan blocks that never made their way into a quilt.

Community Service will be using these as one of our projects in 2011 starting at the February Second Tuesday Sew Day. If you have unused "minkie" or pieces of fleece, we can use it to make a "cuddle".

Upcoming Events - Mickie Warrington

February 17—20, 2011, QGP Retreat at Tanglewood Resort

There is still space for our February retreat! Join your current friends and make new friends. You have an option of Thursday = Sunday, or Friday—Sunday. Contact Janet Plotkin at janet@frogbutt.net for details.

April 15—16, 2011, Quilt Round-Up, "Texas Style"

Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, Texas.

Friday: 10:00am—5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am—4:00pm

Tickets: \$8 (Seniors \$6), free for 12 and under

May 21—22, 2011, North Texas Patchwork Express

\$129.95 per person, includes transportation, lodging, and meals. Contact participating quilt shops for details—Stitchin' Heaven, Suzy's Quilt Shop, The Quilt Asylum, Pass Time Fabrics, Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe, Cabbage Rose Quilting, Quilt Among Friends, and Common Threads.

Fall 2011, Grand Opening of Texas Quilt Museum

The Texas Quilt Museum opens in the Fall of 2011 in LaGrange, Texas. See details at <http://www.texasquiltmuseum.org/>
Texas_Quilt_Museum/
LANDING___QUILT_MUSEUM_2.html

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 media@
1 month = \$25	
3 months = \$60	

Treasurer's Report - Shirley Weaver

Cash Flow—December 1-31, 2010

INFLOWS

Administrative Income

Interest Income	12.97
Cash Donations	92.53
Education Memorial Fund	23.00
Grant Income Liability Insurance	500.00
Petty Cash Income	1.00
TOTAL Administrative Income	629.50

Community Service Income

Grant Income Education Services	150.00
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Guild Activities Income

Guild Product Sales:Pins	32.33
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Library Income

Library Book Sales	37.18
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Programs Income

Grant Income Contracted Services	716.19
Workshop Fees	235.00

Quilt Show Income

Vendor Fee Revenue	1,366.25
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TOTAL INFLOWS	<u>3,166.45</u>
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OUTFLOWS

Administrative Expenses

Bank Charges and Supplies	5.00
Donations Quilt Foundations & Groups	100.00
Grant Liability Insurance Expense	500.00
Non Grant Liability Insurance	532.00
Supplies,Postage,Printing	6.15
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	1,143.15

Community Service Expenses

Grant Public Education	6.39
Community Service Supplies	30.00

Guild Activities Expenses

TAQG Dues	200.00
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Programs Expenses

Grant Expense Contracted Services	395.00
Guild Meeting Facilities Rent	50.00
Guild Meeting Setup Fees	75.00
Workshop Teacher Fees	85.00

Guild Officers 2010-2011

President	Sheri Smith
VP-Membership	Crisann Skinner
	Maria Eakin
VP-Programs	Donna Petrick
VP-Community Service	Julie Schaefer
VP-Guild Activities	Tina Connolly
VP Media	Rose-Clair Fletcher
Secretary	Donna Lobelson
Treasurer	Shirley Weaver
Librarian	Emily Armstrong
Quilt Show 2011	Kemberly Wilshire

Committee Chairs

Assistant - Membership	
Assistants - Programs	Sherry Worley
	Donna Lobelson
Assistant - Treasurer	Madelyn Beachboard
Assistant - Librarian	Becky Woods
	Debbie Skorepa
Block of Month	Connie Litfin
Directory	Rebecca Clayton
Door Prizes	Maria Eakin
Education	Margaret Schafer
Fat Quarter Lotto	Open
Historian	Mindy Myint
Hospitality	Open
Inventory Control	Lut DeMeulder
Newsletter Editor	Mickie Warrington
Nine Patch	Janice Bentley
Publicity	Rose-Clair Fletcher
Retreat 2010	Janet Plotkin and ADOS group
Service Quilts	Karen Christoffer
Show 'n Tell	Karen Hawkins
Small Groups	Cathy LaManna
Stocking Project	LaDawn Dalley
TAQG	Aggie Meszaros
Web E-mail	Rebecca Clayton
Web Master	Beverly Geise

OUTFLOWS (Continued)

Quilt Show Expenses

Show Products Expense:Pins	22.78
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	<u>2,007.32</u>
OVERALL TOTAL	<u>1,159.13</u>
Overall Net Worth	<u>61,996.22</u>

Raffle Quilt for Quilt Plano 2011—What were we thinking?, Tina Connolly

We didn't start out deciding to make a quilt with over 4300 pieces.....At small group one day, someone quietly suggested, "Maybe we should make one more raffle quilt?" After some grumbling, because we had already made two raffle quilts, we decided that we could and we would. We wanted to make a very special quilt, one that members would be really proud to sell tickets for, as our "last". We looked at patterns and made our pick. I showed the board our plan and they approved. Although the guild will pay for the fabric and quilting for the raffle quilt, we decided to share our reds and whites since none of us is short of fabric. A trip to Quilt Country and we had the yellow. The backing was donated. We went on retreat to Gainesville in March and I showed the group how to paper piece the units the "Judy" way. I had taken a 3 day workshop with Judy Niemeyer so I was the "expert". Seven of us did the paper piecing. Germaine Reconnu did the appliqué design and most of the appliquéing with Joan Wilson helping. As I received the finished units, I sewed them together. Since I didn't have everything at once, the job really didn't seem that hard. When we were done we looked at the quilt and said "What were we thinking"!!!!? We were actually surprised at what we had created. Paper piecing was the key that made us be able to make "Tequila Sunrise with a Gaggle". We can't make a 9 patch quilt together because the blocks would be different sizes! Guild member Maggi Honeyman did the quilting for us and donated a part of her fee.



We need you to sell lots of tickets! Lots! and Lots! And, if you have suggestions about where the quilt should be shown, please let me know.

We also need a small group or someone willing to go through the process of making the next raffle quilt for the guild. This is a very good money raiser for us as it is mostly profit. If you have any questions, contact me and I will help you. My group, the Plain'O Piecers, of Beverly Almaraz, Julia Hirsch, Marvel Link, Germaine Reconnu, Sheri Smith, Sandy Vinzant, Cynthia Weisz, and Joan Wilson had a great time planning and making the quilt. I'm sure your group would too!

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GUILD EDUCATION NEWS—Margaret Schafer

Quilter's Guild of Plano Spring Quilt Camp—Liberty Recreation Center—March 14—28

The Quilters Guild of Plano will be holding Quilt Camp March 14 - 18 at Liberty Recreation Center through the Plano Parks and Recreation Department. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to introduce the art of quilting to youngsters ages 10 to 12. We will have a maximum of 8 students. We expect to fill the class, and this means we will need four teaching assistants for each of the five days. All you need to do is use a rotary cutter (the students will not be cutting), help them assemble their blocks, and give other assistance as they machine stitch their projects. This will really be a fun time, so plan to participate. If you can help at Quilt Camp one or more days from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on these dates, please contact Margaret Schafer and pick your day now. We will take a 30 minute lunch break each day which will give us a great opportunity to get to know the students and to further discuss the art of quilting with them. Be sure to sign your daughters and granddaughters up for the class. You certainly will want to be a part of this exciting educational activity by the Guild.

TAQG Calendar 2011 for Secondary meetings - Angie Meszaros

Jan. 29, 2011 Mineola, TX.
Presidents/Treasurers/Secretary's
Need to be at Donna Petrick's
house at 7:00 AM this meeting is on
a Saturday

March 29, 2011 Lewisville, TX
Newsletters and Websites

May 31, 2011 Lewisville, TX
Quilt Shows and Publicity

July 26, 2011 Lewisville, TX
How we get our volunteer hours

Sept. 27, 2011 Arlington, TX.
Retreats

Nov. 29, 2011 Lewisville, TX
Programs/Workshops

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Quilters Guild of Plano
Presents

B&T Studios – Barb McCraw & Teresa Sherling

February 10, 2011

**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)**