



COMMON THREADS

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Newsletter of the Quilters Guild of Plano

I'm sorry to have cancelled the February meeting, and as it turned out there wasn't as much ice on the roads as the storm the week before. But it was VERY cold and I don't think we would have had a big crowd. Our guest speakers deserve a big crowd. Since this is the second February in a row we have cancelled these two ladies, we have now booked them for September. If we have an ice storm in September we will just forget rescheduling!

By the time you read this a lot of us will have spent 3 or 4 glorious days at Tanglewood. Janet Plotkin does such an enthusiastic job as our shiny retreat fairy and she has graciously offered to do it again. Her method of a monthly payment plan makes it seem painless and before you know it you are paid in full. So think about signing up and starting your payments in April and you will be done before Christmas. Rumors had been circulating that we were going to discontinue retreat and a lot of members came to me at retreat and said they had met so many different members and had such a great time they were really looking forward to next year. Maybe you will join us. We really have a lot of fun!

I need to ask a favor. Our membership seems to be growing and we have lots of new members that I haven't even met yet. As we go into our election process for the upcoming year I need to have more volunteers to help run the guild. We are only as successful as our membership makes us. If you don't volunteer for a spot you have your eye on someone else might take it. So won't you please step forward and help us in the upcoming year? As a native Californian, I would be lost here in Plano without my quilt friends. What better way to make new friends than by volunteering for a position. I did when I moved here in 2007 and have met lots of wonderful quilters. As a matter of fact, I haven't met a quilter I didn't like! If you don't volunteer and we call upon you, please answer, "Yes! I'd love to serve."

Happy Quilting.
Sheri Smith, President

Minutes from February 2011 - Donna Lobeleon, Secretary

Note: The February meeting was cancelled, so there were no minutes!



TAQG News - Aggie Meszaros—TAQG Representatove

RALLY DAY 2011—Classes are 7/7/2011 and 7/8/2011 ... Rally Day is 7/9/2011

- Thursday and Friday Classes by Terry Clothier Thompson, Lawrence KS.
- Thursday will be Appliqué by the Yard; there are 6 free patterns to choose from.
- Friday will be Civil War Women and Their Quilts and there are 4 free patterns to choose from.

Each class is \$45.00 and will be held at Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, 1233 North Belt Line Road, Mesquite, TX. I will have signup sheets at each of our Guild meetings.

- Saturday, Rally Day, Terry Clothier Thompson will talk to us from 9:00 AM 3:00 PM. There will be Lectures, Door Prizes, Goody Bags, Raffle Quilts, Raffle Baskets, and a Mini Quilt Auction. I also need for you to make Mini Quilts for Rally Days.

QUILT ACROSS TEXAS

From September 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011 there will be a Texas Statewide Quilt Shop Hop. 89 Fabulous Quilt Shops will be participating for more information go to www.QuiltAcrossTexas.com/ info@quiltacrosstexas.com 800-841-3901. Sounds like a lot of fun.

Dallas Quilt Show, March 11-13 2011 Dallas Market Hall

Name Badge Challenge—Donna Petrick

You have had an extra month to make your name badge for our contest. Hope you nearly through with it and that we will get to finish the contest without anymore weather interruptions. I'm looking forward to seeing what this talented membership will be able to design and make. We have some nice prizes so plan on showing your name tag. I'll have a table set up for you to sign in and get your number. The badges will be displayed on the folding dividers at the back of the room. Everyone gets a vote. At the end of our program, we will announce the winners

Sawtooth Sampler Block of the Month Finals—Connie Litfin

We will be showing the completed quilts / tops for the Block of the Month at the March meeting. If you completed one and cannot attend, please send it with someone so it can be seen. Members present will vote and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Viewer's Choice. I hope to see several variations and colors. Thanks to all for participating.

Program Ramblings—Donna Petrick

Can you believe that the past two Februarys we have had to cancel our meetings? Next February will not have a speaker booked and hopefully will not have the same results. However, Barb McCraw and Teresa Sherling have graciously accepted moving their lecture and workshop again.....this time to September of this year.

Bob Purcell will be our speaker in March. He will have a handout on threads and will share lots of thread information with us. If you read *Mother Superior*, you know that he is very entertaining too. Then you can check out *Superior Threads* at the Dallas Quilt Show on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

In June, we will have Lisa Erlandson giving our lecture. Then on Friday, she will be doing quilt appraisals for us. The cost will be \$40 for each quilt. I know I have two quilts that I want appraised for insurance purposes. I'll have a sign up sheet available at the next few meetings. Get your name on the list to have your quilts appraised too.



Community Service - Julie Schaefer

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There are so many things I had planned for the general meeting on Feb. 10th. My husband on Wednesday said Thursday would be a nice day so I packed my car full in readiness for the meeting. My car is still full and now ready for the March 10th meeting. Actually I would have gone on to the church that evening had Karen Wood not called me to ask about the "cuddles". What are cuddles you ask? Karen Christoffer has fixed some kits for you to do with 2 fat quarters, binding and also batting. At the meeting I will have samples that have been completed and some halfway done so that you will have a visual to make your own. If you are working from your stash: 1-square-up fat quarters and batting (may not be 18x22 when squared); 2-with batting on bottom and 2 fat quarters RST (right sides together) on top, sew around rectangle leaving about 6" opening on one of the sides; 3-pull out through opening from inside as you would for a pillowcase; 4- sew 6" opening closed; 5-iron and quilt. You can also make these as you would a small quilt with binding on the sides. I've made three and it was good quilting practice for someone who has few skills in that area. If you have any flannel or fleece to put on the back and some children's fabric you want to use up, these cuddles are a good excuse to get rid of them.

Other kits I have are strip pieces about 6" wide x WOF (width of fabric). Sew the strips together lengthwise. Square up the pieced top; put borders on and you're done. Another simple project. This is what we are doing in the Second Tuesday Community Service Sew Day. For those of you that are new to quilting it couldn't be simpler. For those who like to sew, it is just fun to be with a bunch of friendly ladies. Please come and join us! We need your help. If you want to bring a community service kit you have started but not finished, come on in. (Sherry Worley and Kaye Dunn finished up 50 Christmas Stockings they had previously cut out). We are always at the Plano Sewing Center on the second Tuesday of every month but December, from 10:00 to 4:00. It is "come and go" at your leisure. You only need a sewing machine, thread and scissors. The Plano Sewing Center is on the southeast corner of Custer and Spring Creek. If possible let Karen know you are planning on attending so she has enough kits for all. karen.christoffer@tx.rr.com

I took 11 cotton quilts and 11 flannel baby quilts to the Children's Advocacy Center last month. They were pleased to get them. The Children's Advocacy Center provides safe housing, physical and emotional healing and legal assistance and intervention when needed for abused and neglected children. The snow may hinder getting to jobs and cause closing of schools but the abuse rises in these close environmental conditions. So the need goes on. That's why I'm kind of pushing for your help. Please remember that these quilts are for the needy from those of us that have been blessed.

From the quilts you turn in ready to be donated, we are keeping back some to exhibit at our "Quilt Plano 2011" show in August. Piggybacking off that thought, check out the Community Service web site link from our home page. You will see a new picture of one of our quilts.

Don't forget to email me your service hour's juliescha@sbcglobal.net Thanks, Julie

Upcoming Programs and Workshops—Donna Petrick



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

Thursday, June 9, 2011

Lisa Erlandson shares information about what judges are looking for in show quilts

Friday, June 10, 2011

Quilt Appraisals, \$40 for each quilt

Saturday, June 11, 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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Workshop(s) Requested

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Donna Petrick
3816 Dutton Dr
Plano, TX 75023

Board Meeting, February 2011—Shirley Weaver for Donna Lobelson

QGP Board Meeting 2-7-11 at Tino's restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President Sheri Smith at 7:10. Those attending: Donna Petrick, Kemberly Wilshire, Crisann Skinner, Maria Eakin, Julie Schaefer, Rose Clair Fletcher, Shirley Weaver, Tina Connolly and Sheri Smith.

- Spoke about the Heritage Farm recycle jean project
- Discussed Quilt Camp March 14 to 18, 2011
- Discussed open board positions.
- Donna Petrick reported guild programs are set through August.
- Shirley Weaver gave the treasurer's report.
- Discussed raffle tickets
- Discussed retreat
- Julie Schaefer spoke about the new "Cuddles" quilt kits available to the members.
- Discussed how late the newsletter is coming out.
- Maria Eakin said the new member tea will be in April or May.
- Kemberly Wilshire spoke at length about the quilt show. Cost of ads, ways for members to receive a free pass, or a discounted pass, food requirement fees for 2012 and dates for quilt show 2012 were some of the topics discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

March Birthdays

Jeanne Vogel	03/02
Rebecca Clayton	03/04
Audrey Couvillon	03/07
Barbara Collins	03/08
Dayna Ragland	03/11
Patti Griffith	03/11
Donah Baker	03/11
Ginger Walker	03/12
Karen Hawkins Freeman	03/17
Karen Woodard	03/18
Cathy Woodson	03/19
Pam Walsh	03/19
Erik Inghofer	03/22
Sharon McGinnis	03/25
Melody Perez	03/30

New Members December

Renewing Members



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**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

Store Closing March 31st

Stitchin Memories, 903 E Lemmon Dr, Ste 106, Emory, TX 75440 * 903-473-5102

40% off fabric, 35% off notions, books, and patterns

April 8-9, 2011—Waco Quilt Show

HOT Fair Grounds, Extrao Exhibit Bldg, 4601 Bosque Blvd, Waco, TX

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/>

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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—January 1-31, 2011

INFLOWS

Administrative Income

Interest Income 12.98

Guild Activities Income

Raffle Quilt 40.00

Membership Income

Guest Fees 27.71

Programs Income

Workshop Fees 375.00

Quilt Show Income

Vendor Fee Revenue 123.50

TOTAL INFLOWS 579.19

OUTFLOWS

Administrative Expenses

Bank Charges and Supplies 91.09

Donations Quilt Foundations & Groups 100.00

Service Pins 11.98

Supplies,Postage,Printing 9.80

TOTAL Administrative Expenses 212.87

Community Service Expenses

Community Service Supplies 57.82

Guild Activities Expenses

Raffle Quilt Expense 379.00

Membership Expenses

Membership Supplies 12.29

Programs Expenses

Grant Expense Contracted Services 335.00

Guild Meeting Facilities Rent 50.00

Workshop Facility Rent 50.00

Speaker Lecture Fees 500.00

Speaker Lodging 395.02

Speaker Meals 92.63

Workshop Teacher Fees 1,410.00

TOTAL Programs Expenses 2,832.65

Quilt Show Expenses

Promotional Expenses

Advertising and Publicity 275.00

Vendor Expenses 17.60

TOTAL OUTFLOWS 3,787.23

OVERALL TOTAL -3,208.04

Overall Net Worth 58,817.97

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

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!

Remembering Retreat 2011—Janet Plotkin

People always ask me if I like coordinating retreat. That is one of those loaded questions with a dozen answers; none of which convey how I really feel about it. The simple answer is yes. I love the little giggly feeling of joy in my tummy as it approaches. I enjoy the Yahoo!group exchanges and having a silly idea and getting people to play along and enjoy it more than they imagined (for example, MOJO dolls). I love walking into the empty ballroom at Tanglewood and watching it slowly fill with people who are so happy to be there with their friends, and see them making new friends as the weekend progresses.

Someone pointed out that this is the only guild-wide activity where we sit facing each other instead of facing the front of the room. We also eat together, sleep together and share the same ballroom space for a nice long time. We bond. Sometimes that bonding means we will now say hi to that person when we see them at the guild meeting, sometimes it means a new addition to a small group, or a new coffee buddy once a week. But those are what bring us together as friends and make us feel connected to each other and part of the Guild.

I ran a poll on our Yahoo!group asking if the Guild should continue to support a Guild-wide retreat and received resounding support. But, as someone pointed out I was asking the choir. So I will ask ALL of you, is the Guild-wide retreat something you see as beneficial to the membership of the Guild? Remembering, the Guild does not financially support retreat, it is totally self-funded, and does not result in either a loss or income to the guild coffers. Email janet@frogbutt.net, use POLL in the message line.



Of course, I believe in it...I was dubbed the shiny retreat fairy, awarded wings, and get to wear a tiara every day...what is not to love!! I sewed and visited with 54 of my very best friends for a lovely long weekend. I hope all of you will join us next year. Please watch this space for further information.

Next month's newsletter will include pictures from this year's retreat! Everyone enjoyed quilting and visiting with friends. There were a variety of other activities ... line dancing, mystery quilt, MOJO dolls, gift exchange.

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

March 29, 2011 Lewisville, TX
Newsletters and Websites

May 31, 2011 Lewisville, TX
Quilt Shows and Publicity

July 26, 2011 Lewisville, TX
Community Service

Sept. 27, 2011 Arlington, TX.
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Quilters Guild of Plano
Presents

Bob Purcell from Superior Threads
March 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)