



COMMON THREADS

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The President Says ...

A very special thank you must be given to Sheri Smith, who served as the guild president for almost a year and a half. Sheri, on behalf of the entire guild, we are grateful for all of the time and devotion that you have given to the guild. We will miss you and wish you all of the best of luck in Nevada. Come and visit us sometime and keep in touch.

The Community Service committee has just found out that 2 major supporters of our Christmas stocking project are unable to offer any help this year. We are asking members of the guild to please consider helping out by donating goods to fill our stockings. We need colors, small toys, candies, and items that teenagers would enjoy, just to name a few of the things that we need. Please consider donating some of these things or make a cash donation to help us out.

This is a time of change for the guild in more ways than Sheri leaving. Emily Armstrong will take over as VP of Membership. Emily has not done this job before, so remember she is in the learning curve and will soon be up to speed and going full steam ahead. We will also be undergoing a change under Tina Connolly as VP of Media. Pat Fowler will take over as newsletter editor as Mickie Warrington is changing jobs to become our Webmaster. Lots of changes----but life is like that and we would not have it any other way.

The guild is also looking at a complete revamp of the bylaws and standing rules. I would like to ask you to read over very carefully all the suggested changes, make notes and ask questions. The plan is to vote on the revised documents at the January meeting. The bylaw committee has worked very hard to come up with these changes, and would like all the membership to understand and approve of what is proposed.

Nova Montgomery, our speaker on the history of the featherweight sewing machines, was absolutely wonderful! I learned more than I ever thought that I would want to know about that little machine, but found it intriguing. I have a featherweight that I have never used, now I must get it out and use it, not just look at it!

See you in November,
Helen



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Upcoming Events—Mickie Warrington

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

Galveston Historical Foundation

Call for Entries: "Oh, Judy!"

The Galveston Historical Foundation is sponsoring a quilt show called "Oh, Judy! Quilts designed by the Judy Niemeyer Company". It will run from January 14 -April 12, 2012 at their US Custom House on Galveston Island. Submission deadline is December 15, 2011, or until space is filled. For forms and information, contact Jenny Chiovaro: jenny@chiov.net (cell: 281-299-4665, home: 281-559-3612.) Space is limited—submit early!

New Members—October 2011

Skwarek, Pat

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Plano, TX 75074
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cell: 972-841-1171
pats1413@aol.com

Member #: 149
Spouse: Allen
Birthday: 05/03
Joined: 2012

A word from our former president— Sheri Smith

I don't know if I expressed myself completely at the October Guild meeting because it was a very emotional evening for me, but I wanted to be sure you all know how very much I enjoyed being your President. It was a great honor for me to serve you and I enjoyed every minute of it.

I was glad to see several members step forward and volunteer for the open positions and hope more of you will do the same. We are a volunteer organization, and without volunteers we can't function.

I moved to Plano in February of 2007 and became VP of Community Service in May. I held a position every year I was here in this wonderful city of Plano and met many new and wonderful friends. I encourage you all to do the same. It is a very rewarding experience to serve on the Board. I know Helen Wilems will do an excellent job as your new president and thank her profusely for stepping in and taking over for me.

I plan to come back and visit when I can and wish you all a life of happy quilting memories.

November Birthdays

Lucille Lim	11/02
Terry Reisinger	11/03
Marcia Shurtleff	11/04
Lynne Haley	11/04
Emily Roney	11/05
Victoria Wilshire.....	11/08
Victoria Dean.....	11/10
Bev Almaraz	11/14
Shelly Guibert.....	11/19
Sue Dexheimer.....	11/19
Diann Jeffray	11/22
Virginia Braley	11/24
Madelyn Beachboard.....	11/27

Block of the Month for 2011 - 2012 Tina Connolly

We are off to a good start and the next 2 blocks, #3 and #4 are online now. The Instructions are exactly the same as for blocks 1 & 2. Just look at the picture and place your dark and your lights first and then add your mediums. Bring blocks 3 and 4 to the November meeting. For each block that you show, you will receive a ticket to go into a drawing for a \$50 prize. The drawing will be at the March meeting when we show our blocks 11 and 12. You may still bring blocks 1 and 2 if you did not show them in October.

Be thinking about an original setting for your "Quiltmaker's Puzzle" quilt. I highly recommend two books by Sharyn Craig, Setting Solutions and Great Sets. Either of these books will blow your mind when you see all the setting ideas!
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Block 3 due in November.

Block 4 due in November.



Program Ramblings—Donna Lobelson

All I can say after Nova Montgomery's October visit is "I want a Featherweight!" But in the words of a famous Englishman, "You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometime, you may find..." I guess I don't *really* need a Featherweight. But, I do want a Featherweight.

At November's meeting we will be sewing Christmas stockings. Bring your machine (a Featherweight would be perfect) and be ready to sew. If you would prefer to cut kits, bring a matt and rotary cutter. Or be ready to turn and press the stockings. We'll have fun. Last year a spontaneous competition erupted to see which table completed the most stockings.

The library sale is also scheduled for the November meeting. In addition to magazine sales, all remaining books will be available for purchase next month.

Please come next month. Be ready for a community service sew. Bring any stocking stuffers and fabric you have to donate.



November Library Sale—Becky Woods

What is better than \$0.25 magazines? FREE magazines!

The library will be giving away free magazines at the November meeting. We have a large quantity of magazines from the 1980's and 1990's. We are looking to reduce the number of older magazines the guild has. Therefore, we will be giving you the opportunity to take some home with you for free!

We are always looking for donations of current magazines. We are accepting magazine donations from the the years 2000-2011.

See you at the November meeting!

Community Service is in full swing getting ready for the Holidays. We have stockings and quilts to complete in time to deliver to the agencies we support. Many of you have volunteered your time, skills and resources to help us meet this goal. A special "Thank You" to all of you!

A Call For Quilts: We have a special request for Holiday Quilts for The Children's Advocacy Center. These are small 36in. square quilts that can be enveloped or bound. They are in addition to the usual kits Community Service makes for the holidays. If you are looking for a good "stash buster" to utilize any leftover scraps of holiday material, this project is for you! Contact me at donmendelow@verizon.net and I will be glad to arrange to collect the quilt from you, or bring it to the Guild meeting in November.

In addition, we have been asked by the organization "Strengthening Families of North Texas", (formally Relief Nursery of Collin County), to donate something they can use in a silent auction fundraiser. This is a non-profit organization and does not receive state funding. After consulting the Board, it was decided to donate a community service quilt for their silent auction in November. Luckily we have a quilt top on hand. Teresa Knode has volunteered to do the quilting and Julie Schaefer has donated the batting. Thank you both for your generosity!

Stocking Project: The November Guild Meeting program will be dedicated to helping finish stockings to meet our goal for the Stocking Project. This is always a fun evening when members can enjoy visiting and sewing for this cause. LaDawn has given 300 stockings to "Soldiers Angels" which will be sent to the troops in Afghanistan and Iraq and 200 more are needed. We are also low on our stockings for the Parkland Hospital donation. So, plan to bring your machine and sewing supplies and join the fun making these easy-to-do stockings! LaDawn also needs more fun holiday material to make more stockings.

As of this writing, LaDawn has learned that we have **lost** our resource for the major bulk of stocking stuffers. In years past, our contact at J.C. Penny's has been able to donate up to 30 boxes (the size of printer paper cartons) with stocking stuffers for the Guild. We need to redouble our efforts as a Guild to fill in the gap as much as possible, in order to fill our stockings for Parkland. If anyone knows of a resource that may be able to help, please contact LaDawn at lsdalley@verizon.net. If you are able to donate additional stocking stuffers, contact LaDawn or myself at donmendelow@verizon.net and we will arrange to get these items from you. If you aren't sure what to buy or would rather not shop, cash donations are also accepted. They can be sent to our Treasurer, Donna Petrick. As always, you can bring your donations of cash or stocking stuffers and material to the November Guild meeting. We appreciate any extra support that you can give for this project.

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Community Service (continued) —Terri Mendelow

Education: The Plano International Festival was a great success. 15,000 folks attended the festival and 200 children visited our Education tables. The kids and families really enjoyed learning red-work embroidery and making crayon blocks for Community Service Quilts. This is a great annual event to promote the Guild's mission of Education and Community Service. Fifteen wonderful Guild members took 2hr. shifts to teach and answer questions about the Guild.

We also had two students assisting. One was from Plano Senior High School and the other was from Richland Community College. Thanks to LaDawn Dalley, the Guild now has a partnership with Richland to provide opportunities for students to fulfill their service-learning requirements. This will be a valuable partnership for the students and for the guild.

Quilt Count: In September, 5 quilts, 4 afghans, and 6 cuddle quilts were turned in to Community Service. 14 quilts and 8 afghans were delivered to our service organizations

Sit & Sew: The Second Tuesday Sit & Sew will meet on November 8th, from 10am until 2pm. Please feel free to join this fun group where we visit and sew for Community Service. We meet at the Plano Sewing Center at Custer and Spring Creek. Call or contact Karen Christoffer at karen.christoffer@tx.rr.com to let her know you plan to come. In December the regular Sit & Sew will not meet as it is the group's annual holiday luncheon. Regular Sit & Sew meetings will resume the second Tuesday in January, 2012.

Finally, thanks to all who help support Community Service in so many ways throughout the year and especially at this busy time of year!

And remember; keep those seams straight.

Terri





**Quilt Ideas
"Quilt Hangers and
Accessories"**

- Quilt Clamps (all sizes 12" - 96")
 - Quilt Ladders (holds 5-10 Quilts)
 - Quilt Rack with a Shelf (72" long)
 - Mini Quilt Holders
 - 2 Fold Screens-(holds 10 Quilts)
 - 3 Fold Screens (holds 18 Quilts)
 - Single Small Ladder (holds 5 Quilts)
 - Ruler Holders: Large, Small & Wall Mount
 - New - Ruler Holder for Long Arm Qltrs
 - Thread Holders w/wool pincushions
 - Heart & Texas Folded Quilt Holder
 - Quilters Mega Ironing Boards
- Check our website for new products monthly
and Classes Sharon is teaching in 3 shops.**

Blocks of the Month
New—Texas Treasures

Quilt Patterns

Christmas Ornament,
Embroidery, & Punch
Needle Patterns

Quilt Greeting Cards w/
Pattern & Envelope

Phone: 972-424-7791
Fax: 972-424-7791 *51
Website: www.quiltideas.com
Email: patterns@quiltideas.com

***TAQG Meeting Schedule for 2011
Sherry Worley***

**Nov. 29, 2011—Lewisville, TX, RORUM, Programs,
Speakers & Retreats**

Guild Officers 2011-2012

President	Helen Wilems
VP-Membership	Emily Armstrong
VP-Programs	Donna Lobelson
VP-Community Svc	Terri Mendelow Crisann Skinner/Maria Eakin
VP-Guild Activities	Eakin
VP Media	Tina Connolly
Secretary	Julie Schaefer
Treasurer	Donna Petrick
Librarian	Becky Woods
Quilt Show 2011	Kemberly Wilshire

Committee Chairs

Assistant - Membership	
Assistants - Programs	Open
Assistant - Treasurer	Madelyn Beachboard
Assistant - Librarian	Emily Armstrong Debbie Skorepa
Block of Month	Tina Connelly
Directory	Helen Wilems
Door Prizes	Open
Education	Margaret Schafer
Fat Quarter Lotto	Open
Historian	Mindy Myint
Hospitality	Lut DeMeulder
Inventory Control	Lut DeMeulder
Newsletter Editor	Mickie Warrington
Nine Patch	Janice Bentley
Publicity	Rose-Clair Fletcher
Retreat 2011	Janet Plotkin and ADOS group
Service Quilts	Karen Christoffer
Show 'n Tell	Karen Hawkins
Small Groups	Becky Woods
Stocking Project	LaDawn Dalley
TAQG	Sherry Worley
Web E-mail	Tina Connelly
Web Master	Beverly Geise

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Trunk Show
and Lecture
with Betsy
Chutchian fea-
turing her new-
est book, His-
tory Repeated.

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COMMON THREADS AD RATES

Half Page:

1 month = \$40

3 months = \$90

Business card:

1 month = \$15

3 months = \$35

Please make ads in "jpg" files and
email to Mickie Warrington at
media@quiltersgroupofplano.org.

Quarter Page:

1 month = \$25

3 months = \$60

Minutes from October 13, 2011 - Julie Schaefer, Secretary

President Sheri Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Changes to the minutes and Treasurer's report were called. None were presented therefore both minutes and Treasurer's report were accepted as written in the Common Threads Newsletter of October 2011.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Arlington Quilt Guild was present with their Raffle Quilt selling tickets.
- Sheri asked that the members bring their Guild Directory to next months meeting, as we will be discussing changes to the By-Laws. They will be split so that they are in a more usable format. There will be a Policy and Procedure section for those issues that may need changing or restated without going through a complicated procedure.
- On pages 22 and 23 are directions for making a Nine-patch block. In the second paragraph of the directions the statement that the "X" fabric may be a combination of fabrics is inaccurate. These five $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch squares must all be of one fabric. This fabric should visually read as a solid. In paragraph four on page 22 the last sentence needs to be emphasized, i.e. the unfinished block **must** be $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches square. This means neither a "wonky" nor less than a $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches square block.
- On Page 36 of the Directory under Quilt Show Chair the By-Laws state that the Chair, "Is elected to an approximate two-year term preceding the Quilt Show date." At the present time the Guild has no Quilt Chair for Quilt Plano 2012. Kemberly Wilshire was elected in 2009 for a 2-year term, which terminated at the end of Quilt Plano 2011. The membership was asked if there were any nominations for the position. None were given. Sheri asked if there was any objection to Kemberly Wilshire remaining on as Chair for Quilt Plano 2012. There were no objections. Sheri then stated, "Since there are no objections, Kemberly will remain Quilt Chair for the 2012 quilt show."
- The Guild has the opportunity to purchase new quilt stands. The cost for a stand is \$138.00 plus \$15.00 shipping for a total of \$153.00. Members can also purchase a quilt stand for their own use. Donna Petrick must receive your money by the deadline of 10-27-00 if you wish to purchase a stand.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Tina Connolly - VP of Media.**
 - She is looking for a Historian to take pictures. Beverly Geise has been our Webmaster but she needs to step down. Mickie Warrington presently Newsletter Editor has agreed to be the Webmaster. Pat Fowler accepted the role of Newsletter Editor.
 - Three people showed their blocks for the Guild's Block of the Month.
 - Two mini quilts were handed in for Quilt Plano 2012.
- **LaDawn Dalley - Stocking Project Chair**
 - 300 Christmas Stockings have been sent to Soldier's Angels with 200 more promised.
 - We are in desperate need of both patriotic and Christmas fabric.
 - We also need things to put in the stockings: small toys, cards, books, items for teens, tooth brushes and paste, deodorant, etc.
 - Richland College has a Collegiate High School program where the student finishes their last 2 years of high school while taking courses toward their freshman and sophomore years in college. The students also need 15 hours of semester of community service. Some of these hours may be accomplished helping the Guild.
- **Terri Mendelow - VP of Community Service**
 - International Festival was well attended, as was the Guilds table where there were blocks to be colored. There were also lessons on sewing Red Work.
 - At the meeting the Community Service table had many quilts to be quilted and kits to make tops. We need small (36" square or less) Christmas quilts for Children's Advocacy Center.
- **Kemberly Wilshire - Show Chair**
 - Members need to be working on quilts for the 2012 Show. The new deadline to register quilts is June 14, 2012. Invitations to register quilts in the show are going out to Guilds in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and all of Texas.
 - All positions on the quilt show committee have been filled.
- **Debbie Seher - Nine Patch Chair**
 - The Guild attempts to send 100 nine-patch blocks to any member moving away as a memory of the Guild. Debbie had the muslin necessary to make the blocks. All the muslin in the blocks must be the same.
- **Helen Wilems - VP Membership**
 - There were 54 members present with 3 guest and 2 new members. The new members are Bonnie Simpson and Susan Bajdek. Lori Hecker a new member in August was present for her first meeting.
 - Door prizes were awarded. The gifts were given by: Fabric Fanatics, Minding My P's & Q's, Jenny Bugs, Quilters Connection, Quilt Country, Suzy's Quilt Shop, The Old Craft Store, The Quilt Asylum, Quilter's Workshop and Anonymous.
- **Sheri Smith - President**
 - Announced her resignation. Helen Wilems as VP of Membership as per the By-Laws will graciously move up to President and Emily Armstrong will take over VP of Membership.
- **Donna Lobelson - VP Programs**
 - Nova Montgomery was introduced as the speaker for the evening. Her topic was The Featherweight Sewing Machine.

We all wish Sheri well on her move to Nevada.

Board Meeting, October 10, 2011—Julie Schaefer

Sheri Smith, Guild President, called the meeting to order at 6:52 PM at Tino's Restaurant.

Issues discussed:

- Setting up an account with FedEx Kinko to cut printing cost.
 - Donna Petrick moved that, "We try a FedEx Kinko Account for one year." Motion was seconded by Helen Wilems and through a vocal vote was passed unanimously.
- Changes in Guild By-Laws.
- Paying for fabric of Raffle Quilt
- 9-Patch needs to be regulated
- Media still has position openings
- Upgrade Constant Contact for email use.
- Vote on Show Chair
 - Donna Petrick moved that, "We appoint Kimberly Wilshire as Show Chair for 2012." Motion was seconded by Tina Connolly and through a vocal vote was passed.
- International Festival
- Grant report for City of Plano
- President Sheri Smith resigned

Adjourned at 8:00.

Those present:

Sheri Smith	Emily Armstrong
Tina Connolly	Maria Eakin
Donna Lobelson	Terri Mendelow
Donna Petrick	Julie Schaefer
Helen Wilems	Kemberly Wilshire



*Treasurer's Report—Donna Petrick
Balance Sheet 9-30-2011*

Bank Accounts

Grant Acct. 2010-2011	247.00
Guild Checking	27,187.72
Guild Money Market	38,086.73
TOTAL Bank Accounts	65,521.45

Cash Accounts

Library Petty Cash	0.00
Membership Petty Cash	50.00
Ticket Revenue Petty Cash	0.00
TOTAL Cash Accounts	50.00

Asset Accounts

Annual Quilt Show Catering Deposit	0.00
Annual Quilt Show Deposit	5,725.00
Quilt Show Deposit	0.00
Retreat Deposit	0.00
TOTAL Current Asset Accounts	5,725.00

Total Assets	71,296.45
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*Treasurer's Report—Donna Petrick
Income, September 1-30-2011*

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Administrative Income

Interest Income	3.23
TOTAL Administrative Income	3.23

Library Income

Library Book Sales	36.00
TOTAL Library Income	36.00

Membership Income

Membership Dues 2010-2011	50.00
TOTAL Membership Income	50.00

Programs Income

Workshop Fees	40.00
TOTAL Programs Income	40.00

Quilt Show Income

Catalog Advertising Revenue	50.00
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Show Products Revenue

DVDs	12.00
TOTAL Quilt Show Income	62.00

TOTAL INCOME	191.23
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Refer to Page 13 for additional detail—Expense by Category for September 1-30, 2011

*Treasurer's Report—Donna Petrick
Expense, September 1-30-2011*

Notes from the Treasurer—Donna Petrick

EXPENSES

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Administrative Expenses

Bank Charges and Supplies	3.00
Service Pins	16.20
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	19.20

Community Service Expenses

Grant Public Education	90.75
TOTAL Community Service Expenses	90.75

Guild Activities Expenses

Block of the Month Expenses	10.80
TOTAL Guild Activities Expenses	10.80

Guild Products

Guild Pin Purchase	(77.50)
TOTAL Guild Products	(77.50)

Membership Expenses

Directory Printing	1,037.48
TOTAL Membership Expenses	1,037.48

Programs Expenses

Grant Expense Contracted Services	597.90
Guild Meeting Facilities Rent	50.00
Speaker Lecture Fees	0.00
Speaker Meals	10.50
TOTAL Programs Expenses	658.40

Quilt Show Expenses

Show Prize Ribbons	24.58
TOTAL Quilt Show Expenses	24.58

TOTAL EXPENSES	1,763.71
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Net Income (Loss)	(1,572.48)
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About 55 people made a big difference on Thursday evening. Together you donated \$154.07 toward the Christmas stocking project for LaDawn to spend on items. If any of you still want to make a donation, please send it to me and I'll let LaDawn know what else she has to spend. Thank you all for your generosity.

Even though I'm no longer in charge of programs, I have to make this comment. If you have a Featherweight machine and didn't get a chance to take the Saturday workshop from Nova Montgomery, you really missed a great class. It was a full day, but we now have 12 of the cleanest machines anywhere around. We all learned a great deal about these machines, took them apart and put them back together. I feel much more confident about cleaning and changing the settings on my machine now. I also have a greater appreciation for what this little, simple machine can do. Donna Lobelson and I received so many positive comments on the class that we are considering bringing her back next year. Nova will be teaching two sessions of Featherweight maintenance in Houston this year. But it will be much cheaper to take it at your local guild workshop.

I'm looking for someone who will work with me on the treasury position with the intention of moving into the position for 2012/13. I cannot handle as many "jobs" in the guild as I have been doing the last few years. The position is not hard, but it does take some time. If you have an interest, please contact me. I can explain the scope and time line to you.

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*Quilters Guild of Plano
Presents*

*Sewing Christmas Stockings
Guild Community Service Activity
November 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)**