

Common Threads

February 2012



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The President Says ...

Today feels like January is here with the cooler temperatures. It makes me want to stay inside where it is warm and make a quilt or maybe get to work on one of the many I have started from last year.

As I sit here thinking about the things that the guild has planned for 2012, it makes me proud to be part of this guild. We have some great speakers scheduled for this year. I would like to see our attendance improve over the year. I was not very good at coming to meetings in the past few years and I think the reason was that I was



not connected with any of the programs that make up our guild. If you do not feel connected, give someone on the board a call. I am sure we can help direct you to a spot that fits your needs, whether it is a small group, a job with the quilt show or a volunteer on one of the several committees that make up the guild.

I am sure every member has a special talent/knowledge other than quilting. If there is something that you are good at and you think that you would fit at a special job in the guild, let a board member know. We are always looking for people to do special jobs and I'm sure that there is something for everyone.

LET'S MAKE 2012 OUR YEAR OF CONNECTING!

Happy Quilting
M.J. Fielek



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New Address—February 2012

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Member #: 554
 Spouse: John
 Birthday: 02/13
 Joined: 2007

February Birthdays

Neva Groves.....	02/01
Sharon Umphred	02/04
Marie Zaczkowski	02/05
Audena Cowin	02/06
Dee Ann McFarlin.....	02/07
Linda Neal	02/11
Gwen Gooch.....	02/12
Joyce Rutherford	02/13
Sheri Smith.....	02/13
Mardy Cronister	02/14
Sue Hurth	02/19
Julie Schaefer.....	02/22
Jan Potts	02/25
Bonnie Simpson	02/25
Cynthia Weisz.....	02/25
Elise SansSouci.....	02/26
Dorma Waltrip.....	02/28

Attention Members from Kimberly Wilshire

Last month we published under new business that we have established a discount account number with FedEx Office to allow us, the guild and its members to receive up to 30% off all printing and publication costs. In the process of the account being set up the account was linked in error with another customer of FedEx and we were not able to use it. FedEx has apologized and given us a new number. Please disregard the old number. You can use this discount account either in the store or online printing.

The NEW NUMBER is 0311168916.

Just know that you can use this for your personal use but you must pay for them. If you have guild business that needs to be run, please contact your VP for approval and after payment submit the request for reimbursement to the VP. Thank you all for your understanding.



Member Susan Mankus made this quilt from taking a Judy Niemeyer class. She enlarged it to a King size.

*Block of the Month for 2011 - 2012
by Tina Connolly*

Win a \$35 gift certificate to Happiness is Quilting!!!!

It's not too late to start the "Quiltmakers Puzzle"! This year's block of the month is the same block each month. The only difference is the color/value placement. You get to keep your blocks and your name goes in a drawing for a \$35 gift certificate to Happiness is Quilting for each block you show at the guild meeting. Use your own colors and see the difference value makes! The directions are on our website.



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Apron Strings Club
Jo's Little Women Club
Ribbioned Bouquet
Workshop
Visits from Jodi
Barrows, Carla Scott,
Sue Daley,
and Janice Vaine

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1 month = \$25

3 months = \$60

Half Page:

1 month = \$40

3 months = \$90

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email to Pat Fowler at

media@quiltersgroupofplano.org,

quiltersguildofplano.org

Anniversary & Service Pins Donna Petrick

It was certainly nice to see Ginny Kenney at the meeting this month to receive her 30 year anniversary pin. I am very thankful she helped start our guild and get us off to a good start.



A number of you still haven't received your anniversary pins from earlier this year. I bring them to each meeting, so if you will see me before the meeting, I'll give them to you. If you need your pin mailed to you, let me know.

Ginny Kenney	30 years
Emily McCracken	25 years
Marcia Shurtleff	20 years
Sue Moore	20 years
Susan Berger	15 years
Susan DeLarios	15 years
Marsha Erickson	15 years
Mary Lord	15 years
John Warren	15 years
Renee Baron	10 years
Kathy Bradbury	10 years
Julie Brooks	10 years
Tina Johnson	10 years
Cathy LaManna	10 years
Janet Plotkin	10 years
Catherine Seles	10 years
Donna Tomenga	10 years
Karen G Wood	10 years

We have been handing out the 2011 service bars during the year for ones who have worked 30 hours or more for the guild in any capacity. By now, all of you should have turned in your 2011 service hours to Julie Schaeffer. I'll have an updated list soon. See me before the meeting to receive your service bar.



Guild Officers and Committee Chairs 2011-2012

Officers

President	M.J. Fielek
VP Membership	Emily Armstrong
VP Programs	Donna Lobelson
VP Community Service	Terri Mendelow
	Crisann Skinner
VP Guild Activities	Maria Eakin
VP Media	Tina Connolly
Secretary	Julie Schaefer
Treasurer	Donna Petrick
Librarian	Becky Woods
Quilt Show 2011	Kemberly Wilshire

Committee Chairs

Assistant Membership	Open
Assistant Programs	Open
Assistant Treasurer	Madelyn Beachboard
Assistant Librarian	Emily Armstrong
	Debbie Skorepa
Block of the Month	Tina Connolly
Directory	Open
Door Prizes	Open
Education	Margaret Schafer
Fat Quarter Lotto	Open
Historian	Mindy Myint
Hospitality	Lut DeMeulder
Inventory Control	Lut DeMeulder
Newsletter Editor	Pat Fowler
Nine Patch	Debbie Seher
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 Connolly
Web Master	Mickie Warrington

Dear Quilters,

One of my New Year's resolutions is to shorten my column to make it more readable.

First, thanks to all who helped make the stocking project and holiday quilts such a success in 2011! Community Service appreciates all of your efforts!

Our donation quilt to Strengthening Families of North Texas was a big hit, thanks to Julie Schaefer who pieced the top and Teresa Knode who did the quilting. We received a nice thank you card from the agency saying they thought it "should be hung to be displayed because of it's quality. Great work ladies!

At present, our donation quilt supply is low. Please give one or two hours of time to quilt one quilt. Currently there are 17 quilts that need quilting. They range in size from 50"x 58", down to 36" square. The quilting can be done on a home machine and they do not require "fancy" quilting. I hope to see you at the Community Service table next month to take a quilt, or email me at donmendelow@verizon.net, and I can bring a quilt to you.

At 2nd Tuesday Sit & Sew in January, we prepared almost 100 pillowcase kits. These will be taken to Retreat in February. If you come to Retreat, please

help community service by making a couple of pillowcases. They are donated to children who are hospitalized at Children's Hospital at Legacy.

Community Service needs several things to help with our projects. We need batting the size of a fat-quarter or larger, which can be used for our cuddle quilts. We also need any 4-ply, acrylic yarn that you are not using which will be made into beautiful afghans for donations. Also, it is time to start collecting the Hobbs batting label bar-codes which help us buy rolls of batting at a discount. Please cut these out of any of your Hobbs bags and bring them to me at future guild meetings. Your donations go a long way to help Community Service. Thank You!

Reminders: 2nd Tuesday Sit & Sew meets at Plano Sewing Center at Custer and Spring Creek from 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. Please contact Karen Christoffer if you plan to come so she can plan how many kits to bring and have enough seating.

Also, remember to record your service hours in the Community Service Binder or email them to Julie Schaefer. And lastly, please turn in all Valentine themed cuddle quilts at February guild meeting so they can be donated in a timely manner.

Many Thanks from Community Service!

**Guild
Retreat
February
16th**



Two, three, or four days of sewing bliss. Bring your own stuff and sew up a storm. We don't have to cook, clean or babysit! Line dancing participation is encouraged! [Tanglewood Resort](#) - Registration Required. For more info, Contact the Shiny Retreat Fairy.



Guild President M.J. Fielek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members and guests were welcomed. Bear Creek Quilt Guild were showing their raffle quilt and selling tickets. Members were encouraged to buy tickets.

Members were encouraged to read the monthly newsletter. M.J. requested changes or additions to last month's minutes. Since there weren't any the minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kemberly Wilshire in explaining the new By Laws and Policy and Procedures Manual, reported that there were big structural changes, primarily removing those features of the By Laws that are not necessary in reporting to the IRS. That information will remain in the By Laws whereas those features that aren't necessary and could possibly be changed will be placed in the Policy and Procedures Manual. Some important changes reported are:

1) Starting the fiscal year in October rather than June. This will ease the financial reporting after the Quilt Plano Show. Members will not have to pay next year's dues until around August instead of by May.

2) Education Chair will now be a Vice President position. The Guild's activities in some way revert to education.

3) We have radically diminished the books and magazines available to be used by members therefore the position of Librarian is no longer Vice Presidential and therefore not an official member of the Board of directors.

Kemberly moved that, "The By Laws and Policy and Procedures be accepted as presented in writing." Aurora Chancy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MJ requested any changes or additions to the Treasurer's report as written in the monthly newsletter. There were none requested therefore the Treasurer's report was accepted as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ginny Kenney was given her pin for 30 years membership in the Guild. She is Guild member #1 having started the Guild in 1982. She was the first president and she reported that the reason she wanted to start a guild was that she wanted to learn

to quilt and wanted friends to help and do things with.

Emily Armstrong reported that there were 63 members present, 11 guests with no new members. Nine door prizes from the speaker and from the Guild were awarded.

Cynthia Weisz showed a mini quilt that had been made for the Quilt Plano 2012 Show. Germaine Reconnu had also turned in a quilt previously. Cynthia encouraged members to make mini quilts for the Show in order to be eligible for a chance to win a door prize.

Janice Bentley asked that members turn in a nine-patch block. One hundred blocks are given to members that are leaving and at the present time she still needed more. The blocks are made with Guild Muslin (sold for \$3.00 a half-yard) and one other fabric that "reads" as a solid. Directions for making the block are in the Directory on pages 22-23.

Terri Mendelow reported for Community Service. She read a card that had been sent from the Strengthening Families of North Texas Program stating their appreciation for our quilt sold in their fundraising raffle. Terri also reported that at the last monthly Tuesday Sit and Sew at the Plano Sewing Center, pillowcase kits for the February Guild Retreat were cut and assembled. Refer to her Newsletter column for further information.

Tina Connolly asked that members show their Block of the Month. Members showing their blocks were Lynne Fritsche, Pat Fowler and Pat Ballou.

Sherry Worley, TAQG Representative, reported that the Rally Day will be July 14th in Garland at the Mimosa Baptist Church. The main speaker will be Pam Bono. To get an idea of her main emphasis please google her name.

Kemberly Wilshire reported for both Guild Retreat and the Quilt Show. The Retreat will be February 16th through the 19th. The cost is \$372.00 for a double room for 4 days. The Show has the Plano Sewing Center, as it's main Sponsor. The raffle quilt for this show was shown. Our President, M.J. Fielek pieced the top. Lynne Haley did the quilting

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*Minutes from January 12, 2012
Continued - Julie Schaefer, Secretary*

and trapunto. Raffle tickets will be coming to members next week.

M.J. reminded members that the Blue Ribbon Quilt Shop will have a special night for our Guild on January 24th. Members will get 10% off and our Guild will get 10% from the total amount spent by our members.

Donna Lobelson, VP Programs reported that the speaker for the February meeting will be H.G. Wilbanks speaking on "Using Pellon and What's New in Batting." In March our speaker will be speaking on organizing a quilt room.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Our speaker was Sherrill Lewis of Bead Ranch – Embellishing with Beads on Crazy Quilts.



*By-laws Committee
Kemberly Wilshire*

Thank you all for being available for the vote on Thursday. We passed the new By-laws with flying colors. We will be posting them for all to see and filing with the proper authorities in the coming weeks.

*Quilt Plano 2012
Kemberly Wilshire*

Shirts, bags and other items should be ready for you to purchase at the February meeting. Also, you should have received your raffle tickets. If you need more, want to return them, or did not receive your raffle tickets, please contact myself or Maria Eakin to resolve the issue.

We are moving right along and are very excited about the upcoming show. I hope you are working on your mini quilts for the Mini Quilt Auction and quilts to hang in the show. You will find, that you will improve every time you enter a quilt. You receive very helpful comments to help you improve your quilts and praises for the wonderful job you are already doing.

Regarding entrance to the show. We are going to change up a little of the requirements.

- 1) Take the Raffle quilt out—1 day's entrance—show charm
- 2) Sell \$100 in raffle tickets to your friends and family—1 day's entrance—show charm
- 3) Make 2 or more mini's for the auction—1 day's entrance—show charm
- 4) Work 2 hours at the show—1 day's entrance—no charm
- 5) 4 hours gets you the charm for the year—and 1 day's entrance

If you sign up for your volunteer times in May, June, or July, you will be entered into a drawing for a special prize at each meeting. The prizes are currently being put together and will be on display at the March and April meetings to encourage you all to sign up for your time slot at the show.

Questions regarding Quilt Plano 2012 send to:
Quilt Show Committee Chairperson
Kemberly Wilshire—kemberson@msn.com

Plano Quilters' Guild Workshops for February—Donna Lobelson

H.D. Wilbanks is this month's speaker, the topic "What's new in Batting". Batting may sound like a mundane topic, but it has been a number of years since H.D. has visited our guild and there have been significant changes. H.D. may be a key contributor to those changes.

H.D. Wilbanks joins PCP Group LLC

PCP Group LLC (Pellon Consumer Products) is proud to announce that H.D. Wilbanks, formerly of Hobbs Bonded Fibers, has joined the company as vice president of the quilting division. Wilbanks started the Craft Product Division of Hobbs 26 years ago and developed the product line that they have today.

PCP Group President Charles Arana said, "We are very excited to have H.D.'s expertise and experience, along with his relationships in this industry, to launch our new line of premium quilt battings under the new label of Heritage. This product line complements our home sewing, embroidery backing and crafting divisions."

Reprinted from *SQE Professional*, May 2009

Try Googling the topic and reading the results. An hour listening to an expert is time well spent. H.D. is personable, brings a wealth of knowledge to his presentations and is willing to answer all questions. (Last time he also brought really good door prizes.)

Keep your fingers crossed that the weather and power supply cooperate. In past years we have had bad luck in February.

Friday, JUNE 15 Workshop—Darcy Ashton—"Introduction to Appliqué"

Workshops are: \$40/day for members \$45/day for non-members
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Copy or Clip and Bring Completed Form to a Meeting, or mail to

Donna Lobelson
18828 Haddington Lane
Dallas, TX 75287

Board Minutes

January 9, 2012—Donna Petrick

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by M.J. Fielek, President

Discussion on the following

- 1) Web site – Mickie Warrington suggested the software to use. Discussion on style and content
- 2) Newsletter—Pat Fowler will have surgery soon and needs articles in by Jan. 18th. Discussions on content and style.
- 3) TAQG—Sherry Worley gave a summary of the year's events.
- 4) Membership cards—to be mailed out with the raffle tickets.
- 5) Quilt Show—data base is complete for the shops and guilds in the area. Raffle tickets being printed and should be ready to mail out next week.

Kemberly Wilshire motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Donna Petrick
Adjourned by 8:35 p.m.

Attendance:

Emily Armstrong	Tina Connolly
M J Fielek	Donna Lobelson
Terri Mendelow	Donna Petrick
Mickie Warrington	Kemberly Wilshire
Sherry Worley	

Financial Statement

December 31, 2011—Donna Petrick

Bank Balance 12/1/2011	\$72,233.54
Income	
Bank Interest	\$3.24
Christmas Stocking Donations	\$76.64
Newsletter Advertisement	\$90.00
Membership Dues	\$125.00
Quilt Show Vendor Fees	\$6,156.25
Quilt Show Sponsor Fees	\$1,737.50
Total income—December	<u>\$8,188.63</u>
Expenses	
Donation to church	\$200.00
Postage	\$16.88
Charity Stocking Stuffers	\$45.66
TAQG Annual Dues	\$100.00
Guild Pins	\$86.25
Program Cost	\$457.32
Total Expenses—December	<u>\$906.11</u>
Bank Balance 12/31/2011	<u>\$79,516.06</u>

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Presents

H.D. Wilbanks—What's New in Batting
February 9th, 2012

**Parkway Hills Baptist Church
2700 North Dallas Tollway
Corner of Chapel Hill
On the East side of the Tollway**

**SOCIAL TIME - 6:30 p.m. ~ MEETING TIME - 7:00 p.m.
(Only board members will be admitted before 6:30 p.m.)**