

Common Threads



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The President Says ...

As I sit here thinking of all the things I need to do in the next couple of weeks, it seems like there is not enough time. I think the older you get the time seems to get away from you. I can't figure out what happened to the Golden Years.

My friend Pat was here last weekend, she was a master quilter until her eye sight became a problem. The advice she gave me was to use your best fabric now and make the quilts you always wanted to make because you don't know what might happen to you. I will have a quilt in the Dallas show called "Pat's Star". It is made from fabric that she loved and never got around to using.

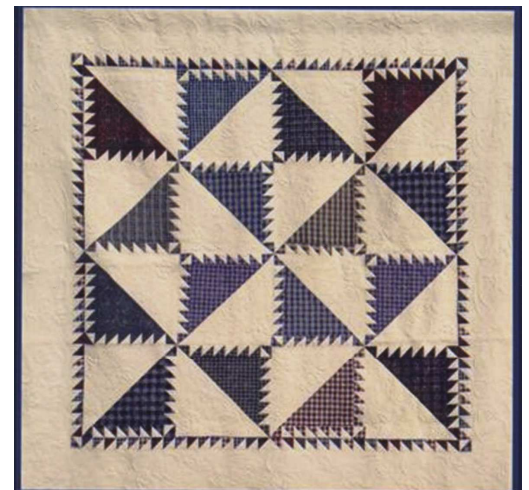
I want to encourage all of you to take classes, join a small group and share you knowledge with each other. The quilters that I know are always willing to share and help. Become involved in the guild, this is a way to meet the best quilters and make good friends for life. I met my friend Pat through the Plano guild many years ago, she is closer to me than my sisters because we have a common interest.

I will not be at the March meeting. I will be in Florida attending a memorial service for my brother. I will see you in April.



DALLAS QUILT CELEBRATION
"In Full Bloom" Awaits!
Friday, March 9—
Sunday, March 11, 2012

Happy Quilting
MJ Fielek



Delectable Pinwheels
78" x 78"
Created by MJ Fielek and Kemberly Wilshire
Quilted by Lynne Haley
Drawing August 11, 2012

Visit our website at: www.quiltersguildofplano.org

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March Birthdays

Marla Bradberry	03/01
Jeanne Vogel	03/02
Violet Love	03/03
Rebecca Clayton	03/04
Mary Masal	03/04
Susan Bajdek	03/04
Sue Brown	03/07
Audrey Couvillon	03/07
Barbara Collins	03/08
Janet Medlock	03/09
Dayna Ragland	03/11
Donah Baker	03/11
Patti Griffith	03/11
Ginger Walker	03/12
Karen Hawkins	03/17
Karen Woodard	03/18
Linda Chappell	03/19
Pam Walsh	03/19
Cathy Woodson	03/19
Erika Ingelhofer	03/22
Sharon McGinnis	03/25
Sapana Chhaya	03/27
Martha Lindberg	03/28
Melody Perez	03/30

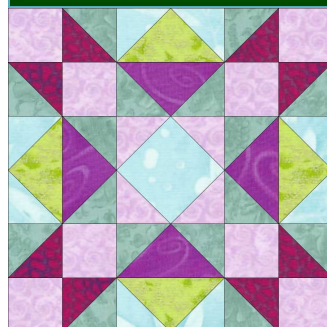
Block of the Month for 2011 - 2012 by Tina Connolly

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

Block 11 due in March



Block 12 due in March



Raffle Quilt
Patterns by Vickie Davis and Jennifer Tenney
"Better Homes & Gardens Quilt Sampler" - Spring/Summer 2010

ABILENE QUILTERS' GUILD
presents its
18th Annual
"Stars Over Abilene"
Regional Quilt Show
June 1st & 2nd, 2012
Friday & Saturday
Abilene Civic Center | 1100 North 6th | Abilene, TX
www.abilenequiltersguild.com

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	
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

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**June 23 & 24,
2012**

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COMMON THREADS AD RATES

	Business card:
	1 month = \$15
	3 months = \$35
	Quarter Page:
	1 month = \$25
	3 months = \$60
Half Page:	
1 month = \$40	
3 months = \$90	

Please make ads in "jpg" files and
email to Pat Fowler at
media@quiltersgroupofplano.org
quiltersguildofplano.org

Valentine's Day evokes the spirit of love and giving. Our members were very generous in February, giving 25 finished quilts; 8 cuddle quilts; 9 fleece huggies and 8 afghans.

You also took quilts to bind, to quilt and kits to make tops. Many brought in a variety of batting scraps, fabric and notions too. Many thanks to all who so generously give of your time, talent and donated goods for community service!

Community Service has continuing needs for the following:

Flannel pieces to use for small quilts;

Batting pieces;

4ply acrylic yarn for afghans;

Bar-codes from bags of Hobbs batting that help purchase rolls of batting at a discount for service quilts;

Cutting mats, rotary cutters and blades for use in the Service Learning Program. This is a program in partnership with Plano Sr. High and Richland College for students to earn community service hours by learning to sew donation quilts. This helps the Guild fulfill it's education mission and assists Community Service with our donation quilts.

The following volunteer opportunities are for:

Volunteers for the Service Learning Program to teach basic sewing skills to these students. Contact LaDawn Dalley at lsdalley@verizon.net. Her phone number is

in the guild directory.

Children's Advocacy Center is asking for donations for their Silent auction fundraiser in March.

These do not have to be quilt related.

Contact Matt Farrow, (mfarrow@cacollincounty.org) to make your donation.

The American Society of Peri-Anesthesia Nurses is asking for quilts for the "Quilts of Valor" organization. The quilts are given to soldiers injured in Afghanistan or Iraq. Go to quiltsofvalor.org to find out how to donate.

Reminders:

Community Service Sit & Sew is the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10-2 at the Plano Sewing Center. Please contact Karen Christoffer at karen.christoffer@tx.rr.com to let her know you plan to come.

Even with the best intentions, sometimes we are unable to get to or complete the donation quilt or kit we wanted to do. Please return them if you feel that you just can't get it done. We will be able to find a way to finish it so it can go out to our agencies.

Finally, please record your service hours in the Black Binder on the Community Service table or email them to Julie Schaefer at juliescha@sbcglobal.net.



**APPLIQUE AWAY ON GALVESTON BAY!
APPLIQUE CONFERENCE
FEB. 17-21, 2013**



Come join us for some sunshine and four appliqué packed days on beautiful Galveston Bay in Texas. Stay at The Tremont House, one of the Historic Hotels of America.

The conference will offer 2 full day two-day classes for all skills levels and a variety of appliqué techniques including traditional, dimensional with embellishments and wool appliqué.

The instructors will be Bobbie Ashley, Kim Gaddy, Darlene Christopherson and Alice Wilhoit. Their class projects are pictured and described on the web site.

Registration opens on February 15, 2012 and is limited to the first 80 participants.

Learn all about the conference, schedule and teachers on the website at

www.appliqueawayongalvestonbay.com.

Share with all your quilting friends!



Minutes from February 9, 2012 - Julie Schaefer, Secretary

Guild President, M.J. Fielek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. Frisco Quilt Guild was welcomed. They were showing their raffle quilt and members were encouraged to buy tickets in reciprocation of when we attended their meeting with our raffle quilt.

MJ asked if there were any changes to the minutes as written in last month's newsletter. None were mentioned therefore the minutes were accepted. Changes to the treasurer's report as written in the Newsletter were asked for. None were forthcoming therefore the treasurer's report was accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS—No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

MJ received an email from the Miller-Bowie Quilt Guild regarding their 21st Annual Quilt Show on April 13th and 14th. It will be at the Four States Fairgrounds in Texarkana, AR and our members were encouraged to attend the Show as well as enter a quilt. For information members are to email <http://www.miller-bowiequiltshow.info/>

Debbie Seher, in reminding members to make "9 patch" 6" blocks, explained the reason we make them. They are to be sent to members who have moved away from the area as a remembrance of their friends and time with the Plano quilt guild. She had available ½ yard pieces of muslin for \$3.00 that are to be used with leftover fabric.

Terri Mendelow reported on Community Service needs:

- 1) Flannel – for children's quilts
- 2) Batting and Hobbs Bar Codes
- 3) **4-Ply** yarn for June Austin to crochet afghans (she almost has 5 completed afghans since she fractured her hip socket last month).
- 4) Cutting mats, rulers and rotary cutters for LaDawn Dalley. She will be using them while working with the students in the Service Learning Program. This program is in conjunction with Richland College.
- 5) Volunteers to sew on the second Tuesday of every month at Plano Sewing Center to make donation quilts.
- 6) The Children's Advocacy Center is looking for items to be raffled at their live and silent auctions during their "Gala 2012" fundraiser. If you have interesting, unique or exciting items you would be willing to donate, please contact Matt Farrow at

mfarrow@caccollincounty.org.

- 7) The North Texas Quilts of Valor is looking for quilts to be sent to our military.
- 8) If you have a community service quilt kit/s that you haven't been able to finish please bring it back in any stage it is in and someone will be able to complete the quilt.

Emily Armstrong reported that there was a new member, Lynette Dalley daughter of LaDawn. There were also 7 guests and 61 members present. Door prizes were awarded.

Tina Connolly asked that members working with the Guild's Block of the Month show their blocks. Pat Ballou, Shirley Weaver, Lynne Fritsche and Sally Hamilton all came forward. Every member finishing the blocks receives a ticket to be entered into a drawing for a \$35.00 gift certificate from Happiness is Quilting. Tina also showed 14 mini quilts that were donated for the Mini Quilt Auction in the Plano Quilt Show 2012. A door prize was given to Shirley Weaver as the winner of these entrants.

Kemberly Wilshire reported that she did not have the Show T-shirts as promised this month because of various glitches but will have them at the March Meeting. There will be various styles of shirts all of which will cost \$20.00. There will also be tote bags and nail files promoting our Quilt Plano 2012.

Maria Eakin, Vice President of Guild Activities, gave a, "Thank You." to everyone that has handed in their money with the stubs from their raffle tickets. The Raffle Quilt ticket sale is to promote the Guild as well as a fundraiser. Maria has a list of set dates to show the quilt and is looking for volunteers to sign up.

Show and Tell: Debbie Skorepa, Dee Ann McFarlin, Sharon Umphred and Suzy Boyle all had quilts to show.

Donna Lobelson reported on the upcoming programs for the year which can be accessed on our website. March speaker will be Naomi Adams speaking on designing and organizing our sewing rooms. Donna then introduced our speaker, H.G. Wilcox from Pellon speaking about "What's New in Battings."

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on March 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Plano Quilters' Guild Upcoming Speakers & Workshops—Donna Lobelson

Naomi S. Adams will be our March speaker. In her lecture "Designing and Organizing your Quilting Space"

you will learn how to assess, how you work, and your quilting processes. Use this information to reorganize and rethink your quilting space so it is working for you! Gain useful information about storage, organization, and ergonomics as they relate to quilting.



Naomi has been sewing since she was quite small. She remembers sitting for hours under the dining room table with her sisters, surrounded by fabric scraps, making clothes for her doll. These works had a limited life span, as she would immediately rip them apart as soon as she created them in order to make something new! Naomi began quilting in 1996 and has never looked back. She graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interior Design, magna cum laude, from Washington State University. Naomi was awarded the Yale R. Burge National Portfolio award from the American Society of Interior Designers. Naomi is currently finishing her final year of graduate school in order to obtain an M.F.A. in Studio Arts Fibers at the University of North Texas.

Naomi's quilt "Greek" was awarded the "Most Innovative Use of the Medium" at Quilt National '11. She was given the "Future of Quilting Award" at Quilts: A World of Beauty, Houston International Quilt Festival, 2010. She received the Olfa Young Designer's Okada Award at the AQS Quilt Show and Contest in 2008.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS, see www.killerbeedesigns.com for a more complete list

Quilt National '11, Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center, Athens, Ohio, 2011—Quilts: A World of Beauty, Houston International Quilt Festival, 2010—AQS Quilt Show and Contest, Paducah, Kentucky, 2010—AQS Quilt Show and Contest, Paducah, Kentucky, 2009—It's not a quilt...or is it?, [Copper Shade Tree Gallery](#), Round Top, Texas, 2009—AQS Quilt Expo and Contest, Des Moines, Iowa, 2008—Quilts: A World of Beauty, Houston International Quilt Festival, 2008—The Sky's the Limit, Houston International Quilt Festival, Traveling exhibition, 2008-2011—AQS Quilt Show and Contest, Paducah, Kentucky, 2008—Celebrate Spring!, Chicago International Quilt Festival, 2008—Tactile Architecture 2007, Houston International Quilt Festival, Traveling exhibition, 2007-2008—Journal Quilts 2007: A Page from my Book, Houston International Quilt Festival, Traveling exhibition, 2007-2008—Alzheimer's Forgetting Piece by Piece, [Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative](#), Traveling exhibition, 2006-2010—Put a Roof Over Our Head, [Alliance for American Quilts](#), Traveling exhibition, 2006-2007.

In April Patti Hempen will be our speaker. Her program will be "Serendipity Sampler – A Trunk Show". She will be giving a special two day workshop Serendipity Wedges. See www.PattiHempen.com for more information.



Workshops are:

\$40/day for members

\$45/day for non-members

Hours:

9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



Bonus!! Advance Registration Discount

Prepayment of registrations **received 35 days** prior to the scheduled event, entitles enrollees to take a \$5.00 discount with each prepaid workshop.

APRIL Workshop—Patti Hempen

- Friday and Saturday, April 13 – 14 Workshop: "Serendipity Wedges" (\$60 for 2 days if paid by 3-8-2012)

JUNE Workshop—Darcy Ashton

- Friday, June 15 Workshop: "Introduction to Appliqué"

See the guild website at www.quiltersguildofplano.org and go to the programs page for more information. Fees are refundable only in the event the speaker cancels her appearance. Questions may be directed to the workshop coordinator. Refer to our website for current email.

Name: _____

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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 6, 2012—Julie Schaefer

M.J. Fielek, Guild President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Tino's Restaurant. The next Board meeting will be March 5, 2012 beginning at 7:00 in the Collin Creek Mall Tino's Restaurant.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Community Service:

Donated quilt top from Linda Beyers.

Guidelines for charity donation quilts.

Emily Armstrong moved and Donna Lobelson seconded the following motion, "Regarding donating quilts to an organizations for their sale/auction:

- 1) No more than one quilt per calendar year per organization;
- 2) Require from the organization documentation for how much the quilt was sold for;
- 3) Prior to an agreement of donation, QGP must have a history on the organization and what the money received from the raffle/auction goes for."

Motion was approved with a vocal vote.

LaDawn Dalley reported on the Service Learning Program. Motion was made by Emily Armstrong and seconded by Maria Eakin that, "For the stocking project we will no longer be filling the stockings but will send unstuffed stockings to appointed agencies." Motion was approved by acclimation.

Education:

MJ Fielek moved that "Margaret Schafer be accepted as the newly titled Vice President of Education. Second was given by Kemberly Wilshire. Motion approved through acclimation. List of skills to be taught at Quilt Plano 2012.

Treasury:

MJ reviewed insurance policy as presented through an email by Donna Petrick from Philadelphia Insurance Companies. A motion was presented by Margaret Schafer that, "The insurance policy as emailed by Donna Petrick be accepted." Kemberly Wilshire seconded the motion and it was approved by acclimation.

Old Business:

New member tea to be on April 22nd.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Those Present:

Emily Armstrong	Tina Connolly	LaDawn Dalley
Maria Eakin	MJ Fielek	Donna Lobelson
Terri Mendelow	Julie Schaefer	Margaret Schafer
Kemberly Wilshire		

Financial Information January 31, 2012—Donna Petrick

I've changed the format of the financial information reporting again this month—trying to make it concise and understandable to the membership. I overstated the bank balances last month, including the other assets by mistake. Remember that the bank balances include the retreat deposits as well as vendor fees received to date. These monies will be paid out later.

If you have any questions concerning the guild's financials, please call me. My number is listed in the directory.

CASH FLOW JANUARY 2012

Bank balance December 31, 2011 **72,233.54**

Inflow

Interest Income	3.23
Guest Fees/Muslin Sales	48.03
Program workshop	175.00
Quilt Show Vendor Fees	2,216.75
Retreat Fees	1,879.00
Sales Tax Collected	8.68
	<u>4,330.69</u>

Outflow

Safety Deposit Box/Tax Fees	54.25
Community Service Expenses	208.05
Media Expenses	198.27
Program Expenses	776.26
Quilt Show Expenses	2,297.88
Sales Tax Paid	230.43
	<u>3,765.14</u>

Bank Balance January 31, 2012 **72,799.09**

	12/31/2011	1/31/2012
Guild Checking	33,884.07	34,446.39
Grant Checking	251.00	251.00
Money Market	38,098.47	38,101.70
	<u>72,233.54</u>	<u>72,799.09</u>

Celebrate  St. Patty's Day

Saturday
March
17th



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Naomi S. Adams
"Designing and Organizing your Quilting Space"
March 8, 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.)