

Common Threads



April 2012

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QGP Raffle Quilt
Maria Eakin & Crisann Skinner

A big thank you
To all members
who have
turned in their
raffle ticket
money and to
those who have
signed up to
sell tickets at
the various
events we have
scheduled. We
still have a few
slots that need
to be filled for
events in April.
If you would like
to sign up,

please contact Maria Eakin at maria@eakin.org,
or Crisann Skinner at scotsskinner@tx.rr.com.



Delectable Pinwheels

78" x 78"

Created by MJ Fielek and Kemberly Wilshire

Quilted by Lynne Haley

Drawing August 11, 2012

Saturday, April 7th—The Old Craft Store
12:00—2:00 p.m.—1 more person needed
2:00—4:00 p.m.—1 more person needed

Saturday, April 14th—Happiness is Quilting
12:00—2:00 p.m.—1 more person needed
2:00—4:00 p.m.—2 people needed

Saturday, April 21st—The Quilt Asylum
9:45—12:00 p.m.—2 people needed
12:00—2:00 p.m.—2 people needed
2:00—4:00 p.m.—2 people needed

Tuesday, April 24th—Frisco Quilt Guild
6:15—8:30 p.m.—2 people needed

The President Says

Well, Spring is here in full force. It seems everywhere you look a new flower is blooming. Maybe this will help our creative juices flow with ideas for new quilts for our show.

I went to a funeral for the mother of a friend. She was 94 years old and had been a quilter most of her life. Over the years she made many quilts for her family and for the fire department in her small town. One of the quilts she had made for a great granddaughter was on the casket, but the thing I remember the most was the sermon. The minister talked about how our lives are like quilts. Everyone is a square or maybe just a small piece in a square and we are usually the sashing that hold the quilt in our families together.

We can look at the guild as a large quilt with the members being the blocks and some members are the sashing. Are you a block or just a small square in a block? Let's all get involved between now and the quilt show and make lots of stars in our guild quilt.

If you are a new member there will be a new member tea in April. Plan to attend and get to know some other members. Maybe you will be able to form a bee (small group) with some of the other members.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting,
MJ Fielek



Visit our website at: www.quiltersguildofplano.org

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New Members & April Birthdays—Lynn Fritsche

Blanco, Raquel Member #: 745
 3912 Rockwood Drive Spouse: Jose
 Plano, TX 75074 Birthday: 11/09
 home: 972-5780902 Joined: 2012
 cell: 310-505-1213
 keola1109@aol.com

Dalley, Lynette Member #: 744
 4109 Panther Ridge Lane
 Plano, TX 75074 Birthday: 09/17
 home: 972-422-6449 Joined: 2012
 jkrfan002@verizon.net

April Birthdays

Donna Petrick..... 04/02
 Colleen Harp 04/03
 Connie Ryan 04/04
 Karen Bethel 04/05
 Terri Mendelow..... 04/06
 Julie Brooks..... 04/07
 Tina Connolly 04/09
 Cheri Meineke-Johnson..... 04/11
 Carolyn Bond..... 04/15
 Julie Yee 04/15
 Beverly Geise 04/17
 Rose-Clair Fletcher 04/18
 Carrie Lovell 04/18
 Linda Coleman 04/21
 Gayle Thurston..... 04/21
 Suzy Boyle 04/25
 Norma Coleman 04/28
 Pat Fowler 04/29
 Deborah Skorepa 04/29



Raffle Quilt
 Pattern by Vicki Dees 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



TAQG Rally Day

With Speaker Pam Bono
 July 14th, 2012
 Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Garland.
 Co-Hosting Rally Day will be Country Patches,
 Garland, Gun Barrel and Mesquite
 Workshops will be July 12th and 13th
 Mini quilts are needed for the silent auction
 Contact **Sherry Worley** for more information

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
VP Education	Margaret Schafer
VP Guild Activities	Maria Eakin
	Crisann Skinner
VP Media	Tina Connolly
Secretary	Julie Schaefer
Treasurer	Donna Petrick
Quilt Show 2012	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
Fat Quarter Lotto	Open
Historian	Open
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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Shop Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5 & Thurs 10-7

Doing some Spring Cleaning!

Join us for our
Quilter's Alley Sale
Saturday, April 21
10 a.m.—4 p.m.
Booth Fee \$10

Sell your treasures
Or come get a few!

Check our website for
details!

"The Happiest Little Quilt Shop In Texas!"
www.HappinessIsQuilting.com
info@HappinessIsQuilting.com

Join us for the
**North Texas
Patchwork
Express**

**June 23 & 24,
2012**

Visit 7
Quilt Sampler
Quilt Shops

\$159.95

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

Spring is here and it is time to start those spring cleaning projects. If you took the advice of our March speaker and started cleaning and rearranging your sewing rooms, maybe you have come across some fabric, batting, 4ply acrylic yarn, or Hobbs bar-codes from bags of batting that you can donate to Community Service. We always appreciate your donations for service quilts and afghans.

And speaking of appreciation, I have to let you know how grateful our recipient agencies are whenever I bring the quilts you have made for them. We also received a letter from the Child Life Specialist at Parkland and one from the VA Medical Center in Bonham, thanking us for the stockings, quilts and other items you have contributed for them.

Let's keep up the wonderful efforts. For March, our quilt count was down. I received 10 quilts, 4 afghans and 6 pillowcases. I'm guessing there are many kits and quilts out there, in progress, and April will be a big month. Thanks to all who help so much with community service projects.

I would like to mention a few people who have helped especially with quilting for Community Service. Dana Ragland, who is a professional long

-armer, devotes many hours to quilting. Teresa Knode, also a professional long-arm quilter has helped with special projects. Norma Coleman, a new long-arm quilter, takes quilts every month to quilt for practice. Sara Lee has also been a steady quilter for Community Service. Also, Aggie Meszaros has helped so much with bindings, and Gayle Thurston donated 100 hrs. to Community Service quilts in her first six months of membership. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

There are many more who provide time and effort for Community Service. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Reminders: 2nd Tuesday Sit & Sew will meet April 10th at the Plano Sewing Center, located on the S.E. corner of Custer and Spring Creek Parkway. We meet from 10-2 to work on Community Service projects. Please contact Karen Christoffer at karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com, so she can plan a place for you.

Also, remember to send your volunteer hours to Julie Schaefer at juliescha@sbcglobal.net, or record them in the black binder at the community service table.

Thank you for all you do!
Terri

Block of the Month for 2011 - 2012 by Tina Connolly

“The Quiltmaker’s Puzzle”

The official Block of the Month has ended. Each person involved received a ticket for each block she completed and showed at the meetings. At the March meeting I drew one name from the tickets and the winner of the \$35 gift card to Happiness is Quilting is Pat Fowler, our news-letter editor. At the June meeting, the BOM participants will bring their finished tops/quilts to show the guild in a mini quilt show. Hopefully we will see some unique settings from the participants. Each member will then have one vote and we will select our favorite Member’s Choice from those shown. The winner will receive a \$35 gift card to Happiness is Quilting.

I want to thank all of you who participated in the BOM and made it a success. Would you like to pick the next BOM? Email me with your idea.

Emily Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in stead of Guild President, M.J. Fielek. Emily asked if there were any changes to the minutes as written in the newsletter. Aggie Meszaros moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Rose Clair Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation. As per the minutes, Emily requested any changes to the treasurer's report in the newsletter. Aggie Meszaros moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as written. Motion was seconded by Margaret Schafer and passed by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS was called for.
There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donna Petrick reported that the financial books need to be audited. Volunteers for the committee are Shirley Weaver and Pat Ballou. A date for auditing will be set when MJ Fielek returns to the city.

Terri Mendelow reported on Community Service. She listed the amount of donations for the month of February and also the total donations for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Terri also reminded people to turn in their service hours either to her or Julie Schaefer by email or put them in the binder at the Community Service table. Needed are: batting, bar codes from Hobbs batting and 4-ply yarn.

Margaret Schafer reported that new to the Quilt Show 2012 would be demos and skill set training on Saturday, August 11, from 9:30 – 3:30. Anyone willing to assist in these demos or skill sets should contact her.

Kemberly Wilshire and Donna Petrick reported on TAQG Rally Day, which will be July 14th at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Garland. Co-Hosting Rally Day will be Country Patches, Garland, Gun Barrel and Mesquite. Workshops will be July 12th and 13th. Pam Bono will be the major speaker. Our Guild will be donating 500 nail files for the gift bags. Mini quilts are needed for the silent auction.

Kemberly Wilshire modeled the show shirts that were for sale. She has run out of some of the sizes so please let her know if you need a certain size and style including sweatshirts. Next Guild meeting she will have show nail files and totes for sale.

Janet Plotkin reported on the Guild Retreat on February 2012. All mini quilts in the Retreat "Iron Quilter Challenge" were shown and explained how they were made. Members need to go on our website and follow the links to view pictures from the retreat. Sign up for the 2013 Retreat is starting now.

Maria Eakin requested that the money and stubs for the raffle quilt be returned to her as soon as possible. She has set dates to show the quilt and sell raffle tickets. Sign up sheets to assist in this effort were passed among the members.

Tina Connolly asked that members with the Guild's Block of the Month come and show their blocks. Pat Ballou, Shirley Weaver, Lynne Fritsche, Pat Fowler and Pam Walsh came forward.

Cynthia Weisz reported that 3 mini quilts had been turned in for the silent auction at Quilt Plano 2012. Members submitting mini's were: Pam Walsh, Lynne Fritsche and Barbara Collins.

Emily Armstrong reported there were 61 members present and 3 guests. Prizes for the evening were donated by: Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe, Quilters Connection, Quilt Asylum, The Old Craft Store, Quilt Country, Bernina of Plano, and an anonymous Guild Member.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Quilts for Show and Tell were presented. The next regular meeting will be on April 12th at 7:00 p.m. Naomi S. Adams then gave a presentation on, "Designing and Organizing Your Quilting Space."



Patti Hempen will be our speaker at the April 12th meeting. Her program will be “Serendipity Sampler – A Trunk Show”. She will be giving a special two day workshop Serendipity Wedges on Friday and Saturday, April 13—14 from 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.. Special price of \$60 for both days for members or \$70 for non-members. See www.PattiHempen.com for more information.

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: _____
 Address: _____
 City and Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

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

SERENDIPTY WEDGES supply list —
 Finished size approximately 79” x 101”

Notes before getting started:

IMPORTANT: do not pre-wash or pre-iron fabrics. Fabrics that work best for this design should have an overall colorful large print that covers most of the fabric piece with little or no background showing. If the piece has too much background, it will result in making your quilt project uninteresting. It never hurts to buy one extra repeat in case of error, but this is optional. Be sure to count the repeats a second time before the clerk cuts it for you.

When you count the repeats, count in this manner:.....*.....*.....*.....
(The second star is actually repeat #1)

“Serendipity Wedges” materials:

8-9 repeats of focus fabric (“my recommended repeat length is 24”-25” and strongly suggest 6 1/2 yards leaving room for error.)

1 yard coordinating fabric for background triangles (pick a color from within the focus fabric that will blend in nicely without being obtrusive).

1 3/4 yards coordinating fabric for rectangles (again, pick a color from within the focus fabric that will blend in nicely without being obtrusive).

1/2 yard for first border (you may want to use same color as background triangles) (finishes at 1”).

1 yard second border (finishes at 3”)

6 yards backing

1 yard binding

***Binding, backing and batting materials can be purchased at a later date and do not have to be brought to class at this time.

TOOLS

Sewing machine with cord, 1/4” foot, straight stitch footplate, extra sewing machine needles, matching thread with bobbins, rotary cutter with new sharp blades (you will be cutting through 8 layers many times), 24” ruler (a ruler that is 24 x 6 1/2 is best for this project), Mary Sue’s 45-degree (preferred) or equivalent 45-degree triangle ruler, large cutting mat, pins (must have flat head pins), seam ripper, scissors, iron, and a bag for trash.

Board Minutes
March 5, 2012—Julie Schaefer

M.J. Fielek, Guild President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at Tino's Restaurant. The next Board meeting will be April 9, 2012 beginning at 7:00 in the Collin Creek Mall Tino's Restaurant.

Issues discussed:

- 1) Presidents Service Awards
- 2) Education:
 - a. Four presentations at Isaacs Early Childhood School to 4 year olds on March 28th
 - b. Sign-ups needed for skill set demonstrations at Quilt Show.
- 3) Hauptstrasse Quilt fest in Boerne, TX on May 5, 2012
- 4) "Gone to Texas" quilt exhibit in Austin March 4th – September 23
- 5) Policy regarding emails to membership
- 6) Budget:
 - a. Books need to be audited (2 non-Board members + president for committee)
 - b. Motion presented by Emily Armstrong, "The Guild will adopt an interim budget to cover the months of June through September, specifically June 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, i.e. the term from when the old budget ends and the new fiscal year begins." Motion seconded by Donna Lobelson. Motion approved unanimously.
- 7) New Member Tea to be on April 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at MJ Fielek's home.
- 8) Arrangement of chairs and tables for general meeting. Church staff has to put up and take down tables.
- 9) Denton Guild's selling tickets for 11 raffle quilts

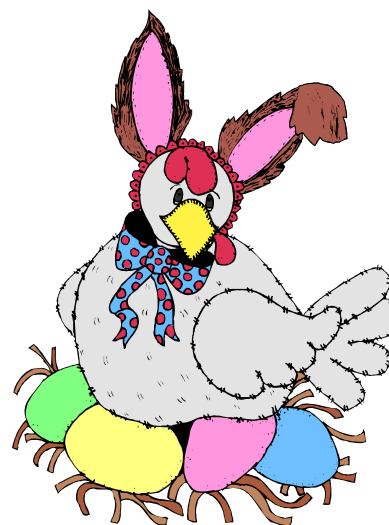
Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Those in attendance:

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

Financial Information—Cash Flow
February 2012—Donna Petrick

Bank Balance January 31, 2012	<u>72,799.09</u>
Inflow	
Interest Income	3.03
Retreat Deposits	5,553.67
Raffle Quilt Income	495.00
Sponsorship Income	125.00
Quilt Show Vendor Fees	<u>1,277.50</u>
	<u>7,454.20</u>
Outflow	
Check Printing Expense	20.00
Stocking Expenses Refund	(60.00)
Guild Website Expense	126.00
Program Facility Exp (2 mo)	100.00
Quilt Show Judge Expense	60.00
Quilt Show Raffle Quilt Expense	30.65
Quilt Show Products	<u>5,365.65</u>
	<u>5,641.65</u>
Bank Balance February 29, 2012	<u>74,611.64</u>
	1/31/2012 2/29/2012
Guild Checking	34,446.39 36,255.91
Grant Checking	251.00 251.00
Money Market	<u>38,101.70</u> <u>38,104.73</u>
	<u>72,799.09</u> <u>74,611.64</u>





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of Plano does not
discriminate on
the basis of race,
color, national
origin, sex or
handicap.**

Quilters Guild of Plano
Presents

Patti Hempen
“Serendipity Sampler – A Trunk Show”
April 12, 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.)