

Common Threads



May 2012

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Presidential Awards— Donna Petrick

The Quilter's Guild of Plano is a very productive guild because of all the volunteer hours given by so many of the members. For the past two years we have submitted the names of our members with over 100 hours for the Presidential Awards granted by the government. We are very fortunate to have so many who give so much. All volunteer hours are appreciated, but I would like to acknowledge the people who have given a lot of their time to the guild. These hours are for calendar year 2011. Thank you all for your time and efforts.

Bronze Pin—100 hours to 249 hours

Tina Connolly	LaDawn Dalley
Kaye Dunn	Maria Eakin
M J Fielek	Lynne Fritsche
Rhonda Kuntz	Donna Lobelson
Aggie Meszaros	Sue Moore
Dayna Ragland	Germaine Reconnu
Margaret Schafer	Sheri Smith
Gayle Thurston	Mickie Warrington
Sherry Worley	



Silver Pin—250 hours to 499 hours

Barbara Collins	Terri Mendelow
Julie Schaefer	Shirley Weaver



Gold Pin—over 500 hours

June Austin	Karen Christoffer
Donna Petrick	Helen Wilems—
Kemberly Wilshire	



Childs Gold Pin—over 100 hours

Victoria Wilshire

The President Says

As I sit here thinking about the next few months and all the things that WE as a GUILD have to do, it is mind boggling. We need every member to step up and take part in getting ready for the show and signing up to work at the show. We will start signups at the May meeting.



One of the things we need most is for everyone to help sell tickets for the raffle quilt and taking the quilt to other guilds. It is important that we do our share to help raise money for the guild. This is how we pay for the speaker, rent to the church and other things that keep OUR GUILD active in the community.

I hope everyone is finishing their quilts to enter in the show. If you have never entered, this is a great year to make it a first. It is great to see all the beautiful quilts that our members make. I know how scary it is to enter the first time, you're not sure it is good enough but believe me, we will all love to see your quilts.

HAPPY QUILTING & KEEP SELLING THOSE TICKETS!

M. J.

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April New Members & Birthdays—Lynn Fritsche

Crouch, Marty	Member #: 747
3817 Nantucket Drive	Spouse: Roger
Plano, TX 75023	Birthday: 03/23
home: 972-612-4888	Joined: 2012
cell: 214-724-3449	marty.crouch@verizon.net

McLaughlin, Valerie	Member #: 746
2213 Flagstone	Spouse: Alan
Garland, TX 75044	Birthday: 11/30
home: 972-414-4540	Joined: 2012
cell: 214-797-2498	vrmclaughlin@verizon.net

May Birthdays

Meg Belanger.....	05/01
Pat Skwarek.....	05/03
Janet Plotkin.....	05/04
Crisann Skinner.....	05/05
Barbara Graves.....	05/06
MaryAnn Rainey.....	05/06
Patricia Becerra.....	05/10
Emily McCracken.....	05/11
Becky Woods.....	05/12
Marsha Erickson.....	05/13
Linda Hueston.....	05/15
Cindy Kingston.....	05/15
Tracy Spruell.....	05/16
Jane Weil.....	05/16
Fonda Brinlee.....	05/28
Karen Kimmel.....	05/29

Education News—Margaret Schafer

Things have been pretty busy for Education recently. As reported to you at Guild meeting, we made several presentations using quilts emphasizing shapes and patterns to approximately 700 4-year-old students at the Isaacs Early Childhood School of PISD in March. The students had just completed a study on shapes. More than 70 adults were also present for the program, and it was enjoyed by all. We have been invited back for next year. Emily Armstrong, Maria Eakin and Margaret Schafer were the QGP presenters.

Sherry Worley and Margaret Schafer met recently with a group of 4-H Members and their leadership to assist with quilt plans for a 4-H quilt to be entered into regional and statewide contests beginning in June. The 4-Hers are making a quilt with ecology as the theme, adding a twist to include the 4-H 4-leaf clover as well. They were provided by 4-H with the mandated fabrics, then allowed to add more as required. We left them with some newly learned skills, and they will call us when they are ready to quilt their entry. We are so proud of their accomplishments for that day, and their ability to learn so quickly is to be admired. We will teach them to quilt when they are ready.

The list is almost complete with great instructors for the skills demos to be presented at Quilt Plano 2012 on August 11. Kudos to all the Guild members who volunteered for this new venture. We are so pleased to be able to offer these demos to our show visitors this year.

If you have an interest in participating in an educational activity, please contact Margaret Schafer. We are always looking for volunteers on the Education Committee.

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
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Details

COMMON THREADS AD RATES

Business card:

1 month = \$15

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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

April is a month of showers and flowers. In Community Service we have had both! We were “showered” with donations of fabric and yarn and we have “blossomed” with 14 fleece huggie quilts and 8 cuddle quilts from the Service Learning Program. We are so happy with their participation and thankful to LaDawn Dalley for taking on this project! Also, a variety of 26 cute cuddle quilts were turned in by a guild member. Thank you so much!

April has had some dark clouds and Community Service also had a few. In April there were only 6 quilts turned in. With the low number from March, there are not enough quilts to take to all three of our agencies. Please donate a couple of hours of time to finish up the quilts or kits you have, so that we can give our donations in May. Your efforts are greatly needed and appreciated!

Reminders: Second Tuesday Sit & Sew will meet on May 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Plano Sewing Center located on the S.E. corner of Custer

and Spring Creek. Please come join us as we work on Community Service quilt tops. If you don't wish to sew, we have ironing and cutting that needs extra hands. Please contact Karen Christoffer to let her know you plan to come so she can make a space and a kit for you.
(karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com)

Please remember to record your service hours. Anything you do for the guild is a donation of valuable time. Your hours greatly assist the guild in all it's functions and makes it better for everyone. Your hours earn you service bars and possibly a Presidential award. Record your hours in the black binder at the Community Service table at guild or other functions. You may also email your hours to Julie Schaefer at juliesch@sbcglobal.net.

Community Service is so appreciative of your contributions and participation! Special thanks go to those who consistently help our Community Service efforts!

Quilt Plano 2012—Kemberly Wilshire—Quilt Show Chairman

QUILTERS! GET BUSY!!!!

Show is coming fast and starting in May we will have signups for volunteer spots at the show. All that sign up this month will be entered into a drawing for this month. We will do this each month prior to the show. Come and work and have fun with us as we put on our Annual Quilt Show!

I must remind you that cut off for the registration for the show is fast approaching. June 14th Guild meeting will be the last day for taking in registrations for the show. Rick Stevenson will be there to take pictures if you need him to and accept your paperwork. Please note that you can email your registration form and picture to showregistration@quiltersguildofplano.org.

The committee is so excited about the upcoming show. We will be flying through the summer to prepare for August. I would like to also encourage any of you that have quilting businesses to consider putting an ad in the program so that all

who come to our show will have your information. I will give any member a 25% discount on their ad in our program. Please note that all ad's have to be in by July 1st! So, get your artwork in to me and mail your check to the guild P.O. box.

Some of you have gotten your T-shirt/polo's, tote bags, and nail files. The rest need to get to the meeting and get your stuff. We are challenging each member to wear your shirt at least once a week when out and about shopping. Also, we will have posters starting in May for you to take and ask your hair stylist, spa, and local shops you frequent to put up a poster.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and at the show!

Kemberly Wilshire
Quilters Guild of Plano
Quilt Show Chair
214-244-4324

Guild President, M.J. Fielek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members and guests were welcomed along with the McKinney Quilt Guild showing their raffle quilt.

OLD BUSINESS

MJ reported that we need people to show our raffle quilt and sell tickets at various times during the months of April through June. We need everyone to be involved and this is another way to earn volunteer service hours. Please contact Maria Eakin to see where you can help.

Remember to read the newsletter for upcoming events and information.

Members were asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes as written in the newsletter. None were mentioned therefore the minutes were accepted as written. Changes to the treasurer's report were requested and none were mentioned; the treasurer's report was accepted as written in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

The Allen Guild is having Pat Speth, author of the Nickel Quilt books, do a workshop on Wednesday April 18 at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Allen and she will also speak at their meeting on Thursday evening April 19th.

The Lewisville/Land of Lakes Guild will have Brenda Papadakis at their Guild meeting speaking on "My Journey with Jane" and the Dear Jane Quilts on May 14th. MJ will be emailing members regarding this speaker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presidents Volunteer Service Awards were given to members that had committed numerous hours in service to others.

One hundred nine patch squares had been sent to past president Sheri Smith and she responded with a letter of thanks. Debbie Seher reported that Helen Wilems has moved and we need 9 patch squares to send to her. You may sign your block and heat seal it before you hand it in if you have been familiar with Helen. Make sure before you piece squares of dark colors especially red, that you wash the fabric because it

bleeds onto the muslin.

Terri Mendelow reported on the community service items that had been turned in for March and also that she had given a special quilt to a quilter neighbor of Joan Wilson's in her rehab facility. Don't forget that community service has their sit and sew day at Plano Sewing Center on the second Tuesday of every month. Please contact Karen Christoffer for further information if you aren't on her regular email list.

Margaret Schafer has the list of education classes that we will be presenting at Quilt Plano 2012.

There were two mini quilts turned in for the Show auction made by Virginia Braley and Karen Woodard.

Sherry Worley reported that Pam Bono would be the speaker for the upcoming TAQG Rally Day. There has been some difficulty with getting the TAQG website up so please have patience regarding further information. There will be classes given by Ms. Bono prior to the Rally Day at \$40.00 a day. TAQG needs mini quilts for their auction.

Kemberly Wilshire reported that June 14th would be the last day for registration for entering quilts into the Show. Rick Stevenson will take a picture for you to attach to your registration form if you need one. He will be taking pictures prior to the general meetings for May and June. Kemberly is also selling tote bags and nail files along with T and denim shirts advertising the show.

Emily Armstrong announced that we had 5 guests, 1 new member, (Marty Crouch) and 58 members in attendance. Door prizes were awarded from: The Arlington Quilt Guild; Happiness is Quilting; The Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe; Quilt Country; Quilters Connection; Bernina Sewing Center of Plano; Minding My P's and Q's; The Old Craft Store and The Irving Quilt Guild.

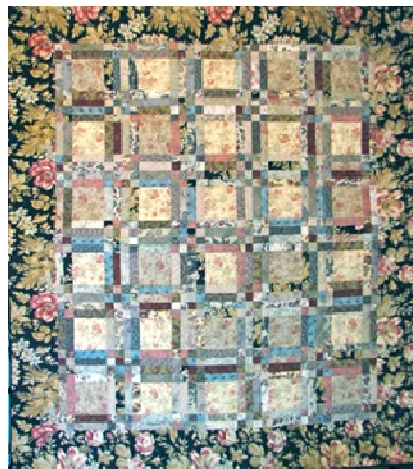
The following members had quilts for Show and Tell: Mary Bishop, Karen Woodward, Germaine Reconnu and Shirley Weaver.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. followed by a quilt showing by Patty Hempin. The next regular meeting will be on May 10, 2012.



Our program in May will feature Su Bunch with **Keeping the Piece**. Many of you know Su and Dwayne as vendors at our show.

Su and Dwayne Bunch are retired educators who are now traveling with their business, **Piece Keepers**. Su's love of blended quilts led her to begin her business. Piece Keepers has taught her much about searching



for the hard to find fabrics needed to make blended quilts! Dwayne enjoys locating the quilt shows, meeting new friends, and traveling with the business. Dwayne is considered the CEO ("carry everything out"). Really, although it is hard work, Su and Dwayne both love the quilt shows!

There will not be a class in May.

COMING UP IN JUNE

Our June speaker will be, Darcy Ashton on **"Introduction to Appliqué"**. I found an article written about Darcy by Kay MacKenzie (<http://www.allaboutapplique.net/2008/02/22/spotlight-on-darcy-ashton>). Please follow this link, read about Darcy and sign-up for the workshop on Friday, June 15th.

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.

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\$45/day for non-members

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Copy or Clip and Bring Completed Form to a Meeting, or mail to: Donna Lobelson
18828 Haddington Lane
Dallas, TX 75287

Facebook—Kemberly Wilshire

Hello Guild Members,

I realize many of you may not use Facebook at all or rarely. But I would like to challenge you to like our Quilters Guild of Plano Facebook page. I will be running special contests from now till the show for Members and non-members. There will be prizes and extra benefits for you. One of the contests you will see is a challenge to members that send out the request to their friends to like us on their Facebook page. I will have prizes that will be announced with the Challenge.

So, get out there and like the Quilter's Guild of Plano on your Facebook page and join the fun that is to come. All you have to do is put in the search bar "Quilters Guild of Plano". Then find the LIKE button.

Have a great Month and I look forward to seeing you on Facebook!

Board Minutes
April 9, 2012—Julie Schaefer

M.J. Fielek, Guild President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Tino's Restaurant. The next Board meeting will be May 7, 2012 beginning at 7:00 in the Collin Creek Mall Tino's Restaurant. Those wanting to eat first should arrive early.

Issues discussed:

- TAQG Rally Day
- Isaacs Elementary exhibit
- Presidents Volunteer Service Awards/Service Awards
- Buckboard Quilts
- Children's Choir of Collin County
- Buying/selling/recycling sewing appliances
- Sharing information between guilds
- Volunteers needed to show raffle quilt
- Quilt Plano 2012
- Next Show Committee meeting Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned 8:00

Those in attendance:

Emily Armstrong	Donna Petrick
Maria Eakin	Julie Schaefer
M.J. Fielek	Margaret Schafer
Donna Lobelson	Kemberly Wilshire
Terri Mendelow	

Financial Information—Cash Flow
March 2012—Donna Petrick

Bank Balance February 29, 2012 74,611.64

Inflow

Interest Income	3.34
Raffle Tickets	339.00
Sales Tax Collected	56.72
Show Products	686.28
Show Sponsors	250.00
Show vendors	701.25
	<u>2,036.59</u>

Outflow

AQS Membership	25.00
Adm Supplies	90.84
BOM Expenses	70.00
Membership Supplies	29.89
Program Speaker Expenses	384.65
Raffle Quilt Expenses	40.00
Show Products Expenses	253.64
Retreat Fees	13,199.00
	<u>14,093.02</u>

Bank Balance March 31, 2012 62,555.21

Bank Balances	2/29/2012	3/31/2012
Guild Checking	36,255.61	24,196.14
Grant Checking	251.00	251.00
Money Market	38,104.73	38,108.07
	<u>74,611.34</u>	<u>62,555.21</u>



Delectable Pinwheels

78" x 78"

Created by MJ Fielek and Kemberly Wilshire

Quilted by Lynne Haley

Drawing August 11, 2012

BUSY BEE QUILT SHOW

September 28 & 29, 2012

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Lunch 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

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“Keeping the Piece.”
May 10, 2012

**Parkway Hills Baptist Church
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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.)**