

Common Threads



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TAQG Rally Day

Sherry Worley

Make your plans to attend Texas Association of Quilt Guilds Rally Day on **July 14!** Rally Day is a great chance to hear lectures from a National Speaker, buy a mini quilt, buy chances on many raffle quilts, and get to know members of other area quilt guilds. Entrance to Rally Day is free to all members of the Quilters Guild of Plano; just remember to take your membership card to show at the door. The doors open at 9:00a.m. and the program runs from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The location is the same as last year, Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, 1233 Beltline Rd, Mesquite TX.

Pam Bono is the speaker and also will be teaching a Thursday Class (7/12) on the Bursting Buds pattern and a Friday Class (7/13) on a Sunflower pattern. Classes are \$40.00 each. You may sign up for classes through Sherry Worley, TAQG rep for QGP. Go to www.pamsclub.com for more information on Pam Bono. This site has free areas and some membership only areas, but is a good way to see what Pam is known for.

Thanks to Germaine Reconnu and Kaye Dunn for donating wonderful mini quilts for the mini auction. Lunch tickets are available from Sherry for \$7.50 for a box lunch that contains either Ham and Cheese sandwich, chicken fajita roll-up, chicken salad or cobb salad. Lunches also include chips, bottled water, and a brownie. Lunch tickets may be ordered until June 14th. Goodie Bags will be given to the first 500 attendees. Don't forget to bring lots of dollar bills because you will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets on about 20 different raffle quilts!

The President Says



At the last meeting we asked for a nominating committee for the slate of officers for the upcoming year. Members were reluctant to volunteer because they don't know a lot of the members. Well, did you know that there are 223 members in our guild of which over 30% are



members of less than one year. I am sure there is a lot of talent among all the new members just waiting to be tapped. If you are called to take a position on the board, don't just say no, ask what the job is all about and you may find one that is just right for you.

If everyone will take a look at the by-laws you will find the duties of each officer. This will give you some idea of what is required of each position. New eyes have a way of looking at things differently. We need some new blood on the board to give the members that have been on the board for many years a break. If our guild is to continue to grow and be strong in the community, we need all members to be active in some level.

Thanks to everyone that contributes to all the different things that the guild is involved with. There are so many members that do great things for the guild behind the scene. They are what keeps the guild active in the community.

Keep making those quilts for the show and sell the raffle quilt tickets.



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9-Patch Blocks—Debbie Seher

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Block of the Month—Tina Connolly

June is the big reveal of the 2011-2012 block of the month, "Quiltmaker's Puzzle"! Everyone who participated will be bringing their top or finished quilt to show. We will have a mini quilt show with one prize, Members Choice. The winner will receive a \$30 gift card to Happiness is Quilting in McKinney.

I hope to announce the next block of the month at the June meeting.

May Speaker—Su Bunch

Su Bunch, speaker at the May Guild meeting, pictured with her blended quilt method quilt.



New Members & Birthdays—Lynn Fritsche

Carpenter, Ransom Member #: 750
1225 Irvine Drive, Allen, TX 75013
Home Phone: 214-471-2142
Email: ransom.carpenter@sbcglobal.net
Birthday:
Joined: 2012

Cole, Patricia Ann Member #: 749
1711 14th Place, Plano, TX 75074
Home Phone: 972-398-0025
Cell Phone: 972-989-4494
Work Phone: 972-989-4494
Email: patricia@gemsoftime.com
Spouse: Dan
Birthday: 05/19
Joined: 2012

Shearrer, Donna Member #: 748
3847 CR 317, McKinney, TX 75069
Cell Phone: 214-650-9088
Work Phone: 972-964-7773
Email: dancequeen55@hotmail.com
Spouse: Gary
Birthday: 06/14
Joined: 2012

New Address:

Wilems, Helen Member #: 12
5556 New Territory Blvd., #7205
Sugar Land, TX 77479
Cell: 214-683-6867
Group: Thursday Thimblers, Bits and Pieces
Email: hrwilems@aol.com
Birthday: 01/23
Joined: 1987

June Birthdays

Connie Keel	06/03	Lynnette Maytubby	06/14
June Austin	06/04	Donna Shearrer	06/14
Jacalyn Ferenc	06/04	Dolores Williams	06/19
Mary Lou Smith	06/06	Elaine Vehige	06/21
Teresa Knode	06/08	Lindy Bezdek	06/22
Marvel Link	06/09	Marie Flanders	06/22
Richard Stevenson	06/09	Maria Eakin	06/27
Barbara Hilliard	06/10		

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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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

Community Service—Terri Mendelow

I was so surprised and excited at the May guild meeting! The Community Service table was a blur of activity with quilts being turned in and kits being picked up by members. Members turned in 21 completed quilts; 7 pillowcases; 6 cuddle quilts (5 from Mickie Warrington); 11 quilt tops; and 10 flannel huggies made by the Service Learning Students. Some lovely knitted Christmas Stockings were donated by a member. Three beautiful afghans were given by June Austin. In addition there were donations of fabric, batting, and Hobbs labels. Your generosity and dedication makes Community Service a great success!

The Service Learning Program has been quite busy since taking off in late September, 2011. The students have assisted Community Service with the Stocking Project and with donation quilts, such as the flannel huggies. Eight participating students have volunteered 187.25 hours while carrying a dual load of studies at college or in their high school. One of the students has donated 70 hours to service learning. LaDawn Dalley's efforts in taking on this project is greatly appreciated!

Speaking of the Stocking Project, we are now collecting fabrics for this year's stockings. We

appreciate any colorful Christmas or Holiday themed fabrics you can donate. This includes kids prints or the patriotic themes which we use for stockings for the Soldier's Angels program which provides stuffed stockings for the troops. If you have fabric to donate, please bring it to the June guild meeting. In July, the guild program will be "Christmas In July" when we make stockings together. This is always a fun event!

Reminders: Please record all of your volunteer hours in the Service Hours log at the community service table, or email them to Julie Schaefer; juliescha@sbcglobal.net.

The 2nd Tuesday Sit & Sew for community service meets June 12th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We always have a good time, so come join the fun! Please let Karen Christoffer know if you would like to attend so she can plan a space for you. Karen's email is karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com. We meet at Plano Sewing Center at Custer and Spring Creek Parkway.

As always, thank you all for the work you do for Community Service!

Quilt Plano 2012—Kemberly Wilshire—Quilt Show Chairman

Calling all Quilters & Spouses:

Wow we had a great turn out for our May meeting and the beginning of sign ups was great! Way to respond and get involved. We will be having sign ups again in June and July.

Also, the end of registration is coming quickly! Please either bring the form and picture to the next meeting or send the form and attach a picture to showregistration@quiltersguildofplano.org. We are looking forward to our best ever show and want you to be a part. Regardless of whether it is a mini, wall hanging, midsize, or large quilt, we want to see your beautiful work in our show. This will be our first show to have cash prizes and would love to see everyone in attendance.

We are **LOOKING FOR 6 PEOPLE** for each **TWO HOUR** shift to work as a staff support position to assist the Plano Police Department. You will have a designated area, wear staff vests, and have a walkie-talkie to communicate with the Officer on premises as we assist our vendors in watching the crowds for sticky finger people. You will not be required to engage in any way with the public. The two hour shifts will begin at 9:00 am each day of the show till 5:00 pm. I will have a sign up sheet at the next guild meeting or you can email me with your time requests starting right away. If you sign up before the next meeting, your name will be included for the drawing. I look forward to working with you as we move forward in providing support for our vendors and members.

Guild President, M.J. Fielek called the meeting of very vociferous Guild members to order at 7:03 pm. All members and guests were welcomed and asked to turn their cell phones off. The minutes and treasurers reports as printed in the last Newsletter were accepted without additions or changes.

Old Business was called for. Nothing was brought forward.

New Business:

Volunteers for a nomination committee was called for in order to select officers for the upcoming year of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. Five members for the main committee and 2 alternates were needed to form the committee. Donna Petrick volunteered to lead the process of selection. Page 10 of the new Policies and Procedures Manual explains the duties of the committee. Those volunteering/ed are: Dee Ann McFarlin, Barbara Hilliard, Shirley Weaver, Debbie Skorepa, Donna Benedetto; the 2 alternates are Caroll Thune and Sharon Umphred.

Committee Reports:

1-Debbie Seher reported that there have been changes in the fabric when making 9-patch blocks. Previously there was Moda muslin that was used in conjunction with the color fabric. Because the muslin that was used can no longer be ordered the Board decided that any beige or white/white on white would do. Remember that the colored fabric must appear as a solid when seen afar.

2-Terri Mendelow enthusiastically thanked the membership for all their work in piecing, quilting and binding quilts. She listed the number of quilts and afghans that she took for donations from the Guild to My Friends Place. This is an agency that assists and inspires homeless youth to build self-sufficient lives. Terri also reported that the eight Service Learning Students had accumulated over 187 service hours making cuddles, rag quilts and receiving blankets. These students are: Razia Saleem, Afreen Ahmed, Haley Rogers, Elaine Dalley, Cassidy Hoang, Fatima Hameed, Jordan Mooneyhan and Jamika Mackey. Afreen Ahmed alone gathered a total of 70 service hours. LaDawn Dalley (our "stocking lady") is the organizer for the

students enrolled in the Service Learning Program where they learn to understand themselves and others while being a service to others.

3-Sherry Worley reported that the lunch tickets were finally available for the TAQG Rally Day on July 14th. Pam Bono will be the main speaker and will be teaching classes on Thursday July 12th and Friday July 13th for those that wish to learn her technique of what looks like appliqué. Dolores Williams showed an example of the technique and she reported that it was pieced not appliquéd.

4-Kemberly Wilshire gave Barbara Collins a Show shirt and pin for having the winning ticket that she received when she signed up to work the Quilt Plano 2012 Show. Kemberly reminded us that June 14th was the last day for all quilt entries to be turned in. This is also the general meeting date for June. If you don't have a picture of your quilt, Rick Stevenson can take one that evening. Make sure you have all the information necessary on the back of your picture. Both entry form and picture may be emailed to Kemberly.

5-Cynthia Weisz showed the mini quilts made for the Show silent auction. Patricia Cole made 3; Dolores Williams and Karen Woodard both made one.

6-Donna Lobelson reported that Darcy Aston will be next month's speaker and will have a workshop on tips and tricks for producing flawless hand appliqué. Darcy is the author of many books for appliqué of animals.

7-Emily Armstrong reported that there were 71 members present with 3 guests and 2 new members, Patricia Cole and Ranson Carpenter. Door prizes were awarded from Happiness is Quilting, The Old Craft Store, The Quilt Asylum, Quilter's Connection, Quilt Country, Bernina Sewing Center of Plano, Piece Keepers and members of the Guild.

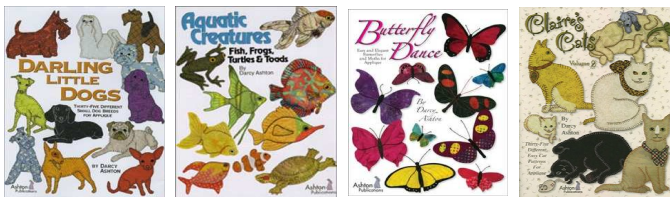
The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Karen Hawkins assisted in Show and Tell and Donna Petrick introduced our speakers: Su and Dwayne Bunch who are owners of Piece Keepers and spoke on "Blended Quilts."



Our June program will be a trunk show by Darcy Ashton. Darcy lives in Oklahoma and runs a one woman publishing company. If you are a quilter in Texas you have seen Darcy's distinctive books featuring remarkably realistic-looking animals done up with buttonhole stitching. Amazingly, most

of them are made up of only one piece of fabric. Her resume includes such titles as **Grandma's Bunnies, Claire's Cats, Butterfly Dance, Aquatic Creatures, Darling Little Dogs, and Beautiful Big Dogs.**



Darcy had worked in graphics at several companies. When she learned her employer was closing and she'd be out of a job. Darcy purchased her computer workstation from her former employer and settled at home to raise her kids.

Darcy was given an unfinished quilt top that was started by Grandma. It had been set aside and waited nearly 60 years for her to work on it. One of the blocks had a rusted needle in it where Grandma had put it down and never picked it back up.

That UFO changed Darcy's life. It had appliquéd bunnies with embroidered details. Darcy finished Grandma's bunnies and put it up on her wall. Soon she was re-drawing the bunnies and making a quilt of her own.

Having worked for years, Darcy felt the desire to have something to think about and work other than taking care of her children. She took her bunny quilt to her local quilt shop and asked the owners if she could teach a class, they wanted the patterns.

Darcy realized that with all of her graphic arts and publishing experience she could create a book of patterns, and published her first book

Grandma's Bunnies in 2001. The book was very popular.

Next Darcy published **Claire's Cats** (named for her daughter) and she hasn't stopped.

Darcy has designed and published many appliqué pattern books that are ideal for "Appliqué in the Hoop" technique. Darcy's Claire's Cats Volume 2 was the first book to have a set of Cat designs to be translated from hand appliqué to embroidery machine appliqué.

On Friday June 15, 2012 Darcy will teach an "Introduction to Appliqué" workshop. This is a beginner's class. While creating an adorable one piece animal block that may be sewn into a quilt or pillow, you will learn many tips and tricks for producing flawless hand appliqué. Choose your favorite animal from an Ashton Publications book.

The class will teach you how to do needle turn appliqué as well as many embroidery stitches including the outline stitch, French knots, and Darcy's unique "stay where you put it" buttonhole stitch. But the best part is learning how to create those eyes that will melt your heart.

Your sewing machine is not required for this class.

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18828 Haddington Lane
Dallas, TX 75287**

Board Minutes
May 7, 2012—Julie Schaefer

M.J. Fielek, Guild President, called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. at Tino's Restaurant. The next Board meeting will be June 11, 2012 beginning at 7:00 in the Collin Creek Mall Tino's Restaurant. Those wanting to eat first should arrive early.

Issues discussed:

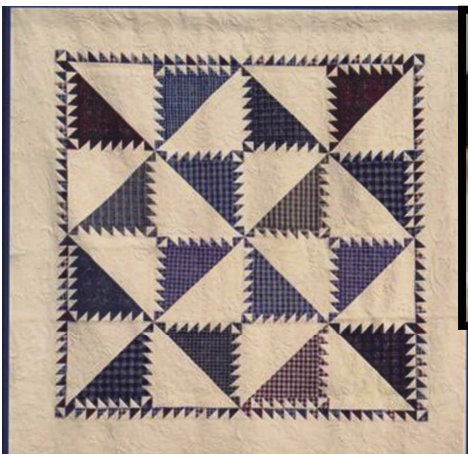
- 1-Improvement of website
- 2-Using Facebook
- 3-Security at Quilt Show
- 4-Interim Budget for June 1 – Sept. 30
- 5-New Member Tea: June 10, 2012, 2:00-4:00 at Tino's Restaurant
- 6-Speakers and workshops
- 7-Nomination Committee:
5 members and 2 alternates

Adjourned at 8:34

Those Present:

Emily Armstrong	Tina Connolly
MJ Fielek	Donna Lobelson
Terri Mendelow	Donna Petrick
Julie Schaefer	Kemberly Wilshire

Quilt Plano 2012—Kemberly Wilshire—Quilt Show Chairman



Delectable Pinwheels

78" x 78"

Created by MJ Fielek and Kemberly Wilshire
Quilted by Lynne Haley
Drawing August 11, 2012



Kemberly modeling the new Quilt Plano 2012 show T-shirt. Other paraphernalia with the logo will be for sale at the June Guild meeting.

Financial Information
April 2012—Donna Petrick

Category Description 4/1/2012—4/30/2012

INCOME

Administrative Income	
Interest Income	2.77
TOTAL Administrative income	<u>2.77</u>

Library Income	
Library Book Sales	18.48
TOTAL Library Income	<u>18.48</u>

Membership Income	
Nine Patch Muslin Sales	19.40
TOTAL Membership Income	<u>19.40</u>

Programs Income	
Workshop Fees	490.00
TOTAL Programs Income	<u>490.00</u>

Quilt Show Income	
Raffle Quilt Revenue	457.00
Show Products Revenue	709.46
Sponsorship	687.50
Vendor Fee Revenue	330.00
TOTAL Quilt Show income	<u>2,183.96</u>

TOTAL INCOME 2,714.61

EXPENSES

Administrative Expenses	
Non Grant Liability Insurance	1,038.00
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	<u>1,038.00</u>

Community Service Expenses	
Supplies	20.88
TOTAL Community Service Expense	<u>20.88</u>

Programs Expenses	
Guild Meeting Facilities Rent	50.00
Lecture Fees	450.00
Speaker Meals	33.76
Speaker Travel	292.94
Workshop Facility Rent	75.00
Workshop Teacher Fees	750.00
TOTAL Programs Expenses	<u>1,651.70</u>

Quilt Show Expenses	
Advance Ticket Printing	973.70
Advertising and Publicity	175.00
TOTAL Quilt Show Expenses	<u>1,148.70</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES 3,859.28

OVERALL TOTAL (1,144.67)



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& Trunk Show***
June 14, 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.)