

# Common Threads



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## The President Says



I want to start this letter to all the members that have not been attending guild meetings. I would like to invite you to come back and have some fun with us in July. We will be making Christmas stockings for our troops that are serving our country keeping us safe. Bring your sewing machines and basic sewing supplies, the stockings have been cut so all you have to

do is sit & sew or maybe be a presser.

I know how easy it is to get out of the habit of going to guild meetings. I was one of you last year. I had never been to a sewing session until last November and it was great fun sitting and talking with members that I had not seen in several months or maybe even a year.

For those of you that think your membership expired at the end of May, well, you get a bonus this year, four months free. We changed our fiscal

year to end in September.

Thirteen of us met this morning for coffee. It was great just being able to visit with people that you never get to talk to at meetings. Mark your calendars for our next "Have A Cup Friday" July 20th.

Don't forget that our quilt show is in August. Our August meeting will be the opening of the show. We need those of you who have not signed up to work at the show, bring you calendar to the July meeting and fill your calendar with jobs at the show. **WORKING AT THE SHOW IS YOUR TICKET TO THE SHOW.**

Looking forward to seeing more members at the next meeting. It would be great to have at least 90 members present.

Keep cool and get those quilts finished for the show.

See you in July.  
M. J.

## Quilt Show Help for Vendor Relief

Donna Petrick

There is one more month to sign up for the quilt show as a volunteer. I appreciate all who have signed up, but am also asking for a little more help. We need several people to sign up for vendor relief on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 12:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The vendors will need lunch breaks as well as personal breaks during these time periods. They are very appreciative of guild members helping them out. It's a good way to

meet the vendors and show them we value them being at our show. Come by my table at the next guild meeting to join in.

Thank you to all of you who have signed up for both vendor sign-in on Wednesday and Thursday and vendor relief on Friday and Saturday.

Visit our website at: [www.quiltersguildofplano.org](http://www.quiltersguildofplano.org)

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## Block of the Month—Tina Connolly

The 2011-2012 BOM—the “Quiltmakers Puzzle” is over. There were 7 completed tops/ quilts shown at the June meeting and each one was beautiful. One came all the way from Singapore, made by member Sandy Vinzant, a guild member who is living there now. She followed along online and when she came home to visit her grands, she had her top quilted. Others, were Lynne Fritche, Patricia Balliu, who made two, Shirley Weaver, Pat Fowler and Pam Walsh. After a vote by the members, Pam Walsh won the \$30 gift certificate to Happiness Is Quilting.



The next BOM will start in October. I am thinking about doing a “Somewhat Amish” quilt next time. So, be thinking solids and buy 3 yards of black fabric for the background. We will make our own blocks again and keep them and set them anyway we want. If black is not your color, choose another. I did say “Somewhat Amish”. Most of us don’t use a lot of black and I think it will be fun to see how black sets off the colors we choose to put with it.

## New Members & Birthdays—Lynn Fritsche

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Joined: 2012

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Member #: 753  
Spouse: Mike  
Birthday: 12/11  
Joined: 2012

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Member #: 755  
Spouse: Carter  
Birthday: 08/03

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Spouse: Bill  
Birthday: 08/27  
Joined: 2012

### Member Updates

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## Guild Officers and Committee Chairs

2011-2012

### Officers

President	M.J. Fielek
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VP Programs	Donna Lobelson
VP Community Service	Terri Mendelow
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Treasurer	Donna Petrick
Quilt Show 2012	Kemberly Wilshire

### Committee Chairs

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Assistant Treasurer	Madelyn Beachboard
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Directory	Open
Door Prizes	Open
Fat Quarter Lotto	Open
Historian	Open
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## "Christmas in July"—Donna Lobelson

At the July meeting we will be making Christmas stockings. Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies and get ready to sew.

### A Short History of Christmas Stockings: Why We Hang Them



"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care." is a well-known line from Clement Moore's famous Christmas poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." But why do we hang stockings on Christmas Eve? Christmas stocking history can be traced back to very early times, and is also associated with legends about Saint Nicholas.

### Christmas Stocking History

Exactly why do we hang our Christmas stockings by the fire with care? There aren't any written records that explain the origins of this Christmas tradition, but there are some legends that offer clues.



One legend comes from a story about Saint Nicholas, the historic figure who helped inspire today's Santa Claus. According to this legend, a nobleman whose wife had died had become unable to afford the dowry to marry off his three daughters. On Christmas, Saint Nicholas saw the girls' stockings hanging by the fireplace and filled them with gold. In some variations, St. Nick throws gold coins down the chimney.

Some people believe this story started the

Christmas stocking tradition by encouraging children to hang their stockings by the fireplace, hoping they might also receive presents from Saint Nicholas.

But there may be an even earlier origin. Author Phyllis Siefker in her book, "Santa Claus, Last of the Wild Men," traces the tradition back to the winter Yule festival. The author says that during the Yule festival, children would place their boots, filled with carrots, straw or sugar near the chimney for the Norse God Odin's flying horse. In exchange for this kindness, the god would then reward the kids by leaving gifts or candy. This practice, the author says, later became associated with St. Nick. Many cultures now have traditions that involve leaving stockings out to be filled at Christmas, but there is a wide variation in the practice.

In some countries - like Italy and France - children leave shoes instead of stockings, and in Italy, the gifts are left on January 6, the last day of Christmas. And since many modern homes don't have chimneys, in many families the tradition is now to use Christmas stocking holders.

Even though the exact origins of Christmas stocking history may always be uncertain, it's clear that it's a tradition that's going to hang around for quite a bit longer. The next Community Service Sit & Sew will be July 12, for 10 -2pm at the Plano Sewing Center. This is a fun group and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact Karen Christoffer at [karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com](mailto:karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com) so she can plan a kit for you to sew and a space for you to sit. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. If you would like to come but do not wish to sew, we always need extra hands to iron!

Thank you all so much!

## Quilt Guild Plano Bee Keeper—Becky Woods

### Calling all small groups!

The Quilters Guild of Plano, Inc. is currently updating their small group list. If you are the point of contact for a small group (or bee) please send me an email with your information including: your name, email, name of the small group, days and times your small group meets, and whether or not you are accepting new members. Thanks for helping us update our list!

If you are looking to join a small group, please contact me at the email listed below.

Becky Woods, [mbfewoods@live.com](mailto:mbfewoods@live.com) or 214-432-0180

## Minutes from June 14, 2012 - Julie Schaefer, Secretary

Guild President, M.J. Fielek called the meeting of the Quilters Guild of Plano to order at 7:00 p.m. All members and guests were welcomed and asked to please turn off their cell phones. Members of the Quilters' Guild of Arlington were showing their donation quilt and selling raffle tickets. The proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit Safe Haven, which is a shelter for abused women in Arlington.

The minutes of the last meeting and the monthly treasurer's report as written in the Guild's Newsletter of June 2012 were accepted without additions, corrections or changes.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** M.J. reported on the decision of the Board that all members must wear nametags to the general meeting starting this upcoming September. Nametags will be made for the membership with the designations of green borders for new members, red borders for officers and committee chairs, and blue borders for general membership. If a member doesn't have a nametag when signing in at the Membership Table, they will be asked to pay 50¢ for a "stick on" nametag.

M.J. reported that the New Member Tea was held with over 30 invitations being sent. Emily only received 7 RSVP's and only 4 new members attended. Therefore M.J. recommended that we try every month on the Friday a week after the general meeting having a "Have A Cup Friday" for both new and old members. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at La Madeleine's at 15<sup>th</sup> and 75. This would be a good way to meet other members as well as to find our "what's up" with the Guild. Karen Bethel, one of our new members will be helping us out with all our new member activities for the 2012-2013 year.

The membership table needs assistance prior to each meeting. Two members volunteered to assist for July (Lindy Bezdek and Rebecca Clayton). Marie Zakowski volunteered for September. (Someone else did too but I didn't write her name down so if she reads this please call or email me. One way to find out if you're reading this column.)

### **Committee Reports:**

**1)** Debbie Sehar reported that she had made over 100 9-patch blocks for the members who have moved away. She still needs another 100-200 9-patch blocks for former members.

**2)** Terri Mendelow thanked everyone who

had brought in quilts for Community Service donations for the Children's Advocacy and Rape Crises Centers. She read a "Thank you" note and made a comment that donated quilts represent the Guild and are so greatly appreciated by the receivers. Next month at the general meeting we will be sewing Christmas Stockings after the business meeting, so please bring your traveling machine. We are no longer stuffing the stockings as we lost our benefactor. LaDawn Dalley will still accept any items donated and place them in the stockings but we aren't actively seeking "stuffers" nor asking for money to buy them. LaDawn reports that she needs holiday and patriotic fabric to cut out stockings for kits to be sewn. Terri reminded all that the Guild's Sit and Sew day is the second Tuesday of every month at Plano Sewing Center located on the SE corner of Spring Creek and Custer. You may come and go at your leisure. Kits will be ready for you to sew at 10:00 a.m. and Karen or someone usually stays through most of the p.m. If you aren't on the contact list of email recipients to receive a reminder please contact Karen Christoffer by phone or email.

**3)** Our very own Retreat Fairy in all her regalia presented herself to remind everyone that the 2013 Guild Retreat will be from February 21-24, 2013. Any questions please contact Janet Plotkin (better known as our Retreat Fairy) for further information.

**4)** Margaret Schafer reported that the kids working on the 4H project completed their quilt and a picture of it will be on our web site soon. With this project there remains 3 competitions for the students to compete in, so we won't be able to show the quilt at a meeting any time soon. Margaret also informed the people that will be demonstrating skill sets at Quilt Plano 2012 that she will be setting up a coffee/tea date to discuss the specifics of their particular presentation. Margaret also stated that LaDawn Dalley needs cutting mats, rulers and rotary cutters for the Service Learning Students LaDawn is working with. If you can donate something please contact Margaret.

**5)** Sherry Worley reported that the TAQQ Rally Day is pretty well set up. Classes with Pam Bono will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and the actual Rally Day will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes and the Rally will be held at the Mimosa Baptist Church in Garland. Sherry has a list of what is necessary for the classes as well as lunch tickets and raffle tickets for Rally Day. Remember to bring your membership

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June was a great month for Community Service! Members turned in 27 Quilts, 9 Pillowcases, 6 Afghans, 15 Tops, and 1 Cuddle Quilt. Thank you all so much for your efforts! Let's keep it up and make July's donations even greater!

In June a delivery was made to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center of 12 Quilts, 2 Afghans, 7 Flannel Huggies, and 10 Pillowcases.

I hear so many words of appreciation when I make a delivery to our agencies. I'd like to share some of their comments with all of you.

Recently, the Director of Development at The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center said how *important* our quilts are in helping their clients feel *comforted and secure*, giving them something *tangible* to hold on to as they go through their hospital visits and counseling sessions. Also, a card from My Friend's House wanted me to extend their *heartfelt thanks* to all the members for your *generosity and creativity* which their residents and staff so appreciate. Collin County Children's Advocacy also sent a letter of appreciation for your continued generosity and support.

Your efforts count. Community Service donations help educate the public about the art of quilting and sharing comfort which is a big part of quilt history. Your work represents our Guild. Let's make sure our quilts are reflective of the quality work our Guild is known for. Keep up the good work!

Thanks to all of you who tirelessly contribute to this collective effort. Thank you also for all of your donations,

which help keep Community Service going.

July's program is our Stocking Project Kick-off, "**Christmas in July.**" Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies and be ready to have fun sewing Holiday Stockings. We will donate these to Parkland Hospital and to Soldiers Angels in December.

As you may recall, we no longer have the corporate donors who provided the majority of the stocking stuffers in years past. Due to the cost and effort of replacing what those donors provided, Community Service is no longer actively seeking stocking stuffers. However, if you have already collected or bought items for stocking stuffers, we will gladly accept them and contribute them as part of the Stocking Project for this year.

Also, any Holiday or Patriotic themed fabric that you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated for the Stocking Project this season.

Finally, remember to record your service hours in the log book at the Community Service table or email them to Julie Schaefer at [juliescha@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juliescha@sbcglobal.net).

The next Community Service Sit & Sew will be July 12, from 10-2 p.m. at the Plano Sewing Center. This is a fun group and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact Karen Christoffer at [karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com](mailto:karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com) so she can plan a kit for you to sew and a space for you to sit. Bring your sewing machine and supplies. If you would like to come but do not wish to sew, we always need extra hands to iron!

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card with you for free entrance.

**6)** Members are asking when they need to pay dues and Emily Armstrong reminded all that dues would not be received until September. Emily also reported that there were 79 members present tonight along with 6 guests and 4 new members: Judy Flores, Julia Haun, Mindy Myint and Laurel Simon. Welcome new and returning members. Emily presented door prizes donated to the Guild from: Quilt Country, Quilt Asylum, Quilters Connection, Piece Keepers, The Old Craft Store, Happiness is . . . Quilting, Bernina of Plano, and a Ft. Worth Quilt Guild.

**7)** Tina Connolly had 6 members who had participated in the Block of the Month Program over this past year come forward to show their completed tops to the membership. Members then voted on which quilt they liked best from those presented by: Pam Walsh, Lynn Fritsche, Shirley Weaver, Sandy Vinzant, Pat Ballou and Pat Fowler. Pam Walsh won with the most votes. Tina also showed the latest mini quilts that were made for the silent bidding to be held during Quilt Plano 2012.

**8)** Show and Tell had 10 participants showing their quilts: Karen Bethel, Grace Bishop, Marty Crouch, M.J. Fielek, Rose-Clair Fletcher, Beverly Geise, Debbie Skorepa, Dolores Williams, Victoria Wilshire, and an anonymous quilter who made "Bunnie Dreams".

Our speaker for the evening was Darcy Ashton speaking on "**Appliqué in the Hoop**".

## Board Meeting Minutes June 11, 2012—Julie Schaefer

M.J. Fielek, Guild President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Tino's Restaurant. The next Board meeting will be July 9, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Collin Creek Mall Tino's Restaurant. Those wanting to eat first should arrive early.

### Issues Discussed:

TAQG (TX Association of Quilt Guilds) is still having their Rally Day with Pam Bono teaching on Thursday and Friday, July 12 and July 13<sup>th</sup> and as speaker on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Changes on the Guild's website.  
Interim budget from June 1 to September 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Education has schedules set for Quilt Plano 2012; the 4H project is completed.

Community Service – LaDawn Dalley needs extra cutting mats and rotary cutters.

New nametags are suggested for better identification and getting to know people. Tina Connolly moved that, "The Board make the decision that every member wear a nametag at the general meeting. If a member doesn't have a nametag when they sign in the member will be charged 50¢ for a "stick on" nametag. Donna Petrick seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There will be a separate table set up for newcomers at the meetings.

### Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

### Those in attendance:

Emily Armstrong	Donna Petrick
Tina Connolly	Julie Schaefer
M.J. Fielek	Margaret Schafer
Donna Lobelson	Mickie Warrington
Terri Mendelow	Kemberly Wilshire



## Financial Information May 2012—Donna Petrick

Bank Balance 4/30/12 61,360.20

### INFLOW

Interest Income	1.60
Community Service Donation	50.00
Membership Income	30.00
Quilt Show Income	
Catalog Advertising	37.50
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	541.00
Quilt Registration Fees	240.00
Show product Income	518.72
Vendor Fees	165.00
Retreat Fees	250.00
Transfer from Money Market	5,000.00
Texas Sales Tax Collected	<u>42.78</u>
	6,876.60

### OUTFLOW

Quilt Show Deposit	7,875.00
Quilt Show Catering Deposit	2,000.00
Retreat Deposit	500.00
Transfer to Guild Checking	5,000.00
Community Service – Batting	149.40
Program Expenses	1,014.77
Show Expenses	<u>849.14</u>
	17,388.31

Bank Balance 5/31/12 50,848.49

	4/30/12	5/31/12
Guild Checking	23,249.36	17,736.05
Money Market	<u>38,110.84</u>	<u>33,112.44</u>
	<u>61,360.20</u>	<u>50,848.49</u>

## July Birthdays—Lynn Fritsche

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Margaret Schafer	07/03	Marilyn Dickson	07/15
Aggie Meszaros	07/04	Germaine Reconnu	07/18
Fusako Eto	07/08	Judy Kriehn	07/22
Marcia Hampton	07/08	Sue Moore	07/23
Annette Andersen	07/09	John Warren	07/25
Allison Bayer	07/11	Tanya Gregson	07/26
Sherry Worley	07/11	Maggi Honeyman	07/26
Gloria Ann Haney	07/13	Bri Loftis	07/26
Sharon Wilhelm	07/13	Charline Chronister	07/29
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July 12**

**Parkway Hills Baptist Church  
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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.)**