

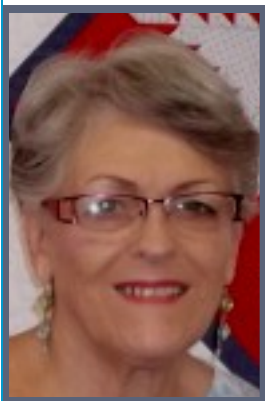
# Quilters Guild of Plano, Inc.



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## The President Says



As I sit here, early this morning, writing the president's letter I think back to the retreat that we just had at Tanglewood. I had not been to the guild retreat in 13 years. What a great time to get lots done and get to know some guild members better.

As most of you know Janet Plotkin has managed the retreat for the last four years. Well, she is stepping down and it is time for someone else to share the fun. Not only did we have one person step forward but a team of members. There are several members working together as a team, with each one focusing on the area in which

she feels most comfortable. It was so great to see the team work. You will meet this group as the final touches for next year's retreat is put together. With this kind of team work our guild can go far.

If there is something you would like to get started, let's get together and make it happen. This could be anything from a small sit and sew group up to a community wide project. No idea is too small.

I am leaving in a few hours with my sister from Minnesota to join another sister and sister-in-law from the east coast. I am taking my sewing machine and hope to get some things done. None of these ladies sew but I have so many projects to complete that I cannot waste a week. I will probably sew when they are sleeping.

**REMEMBER TO KEEP WORKING  
ON THOSE QUILTS FOR THE PLANO SHOW.**

Happy quilting,  
MJ Fielek,

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## Quilt Plano 2013 Raffle Quilt

The Quilt Plano 2013 Raffle Quilt Tickets will be available at our May guild meeting. Tickets are \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5



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

## Guild Officers and Committee Chairs 2012-2013 —

### Officers

President .....	MJ Fielek
VP Finance .....	Donna Petrick
VP Membership .....	Kaye Dunn & Dolores Williams
VP Programs .....	Donna Lobelson
VP Community Service .....	Terri Mendelow
VP Education .....	Margaret Schafer
VP Guild Activities .....	Jofann Hudgins & Kathy Dunigan
VP Media .....	Mickie Warrington
Secretary .....	Julie Schaefer
Quilt Show 2013 .....	Kemberly Wilshire

### Committee Chairs

Assistant Membership .....	Open
Assistant Programs .....	Sherry Worley
Assistant Quilt Show 2013 .....	Pam Walsh
Bee Keeper .....	Kaye Dunn
Block of the Month .....	Jofann Hudgins & Kathy Dunigan
Directory .....	Dolores Williams
Door Prizes .....	Sherry Worley
Education—Children .....	Debbie Skorepa
Education—High School/College .....	LaDawn Dally
Education—Adults .....	Shirley Weaver
Education—Organizations .....	Suzy Boyle
Graphic Designs .....	Rose-Clair Fletcher
Historian .....	Aurora Chancy
Hospitality .....	Linda Neal
Inventory Control .....	Bri Loftis
Newsletter Editor .....	Pat Fowler
Nine Patch .....	Debbie Seher
Publicity .....	Open
Retreat 2013 .....	Janet Plotkin and ADOS Group
Service Quilts .....	Karen Christoffer
Show'n Tell .....	Dee Ann McFarlin
Stocking Project .....	LaDawn Dalley
TAQG .....	Sherry Worley
Treasurer .....	Carol Long
Web E-mail .....	Tina Connolly
Web Master .....	Mickie Warrington

## Upcoming Events

**May 24—26**

**Hill Country Quilt Guild "Quilts In Motion"**  
Edington Gymnasium—Schreiner University  
2100 Memorial Boulevard, Kerrville, TX  
Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 12 noon—4:00 p.m.  
Admission: \$5.00—Children under 12 free  
Go to [www.hillcountryquiltguild.com](http://www.hillcountryquiltguild.com)



**June 21-22**

**A Celebration of Quilts 2013 - "Take 2",**  
Oklahoma State Fair Park, Travel &  
Transportation Building, Oklahoma City, OK.  
Go to <http://www.centralokquilters.org/QuiltShow.aspx> for additional information.



## Fabric Fanatics

When only batiks will do...



### New Blocks of the Month!

See our website for more info.  
-Brilliant Beauties of Joy by  
Jacqueline de Jonge

6 months, paper-pieced  
-Dear Jane® 24 months, the classic  
pattern ~ in batiks! Choose light or dark background.

### Classes! Classes! Classes!

-Beginning Piecing - Mar 30, Apr 6 & 13 - \$50 + supplies  
-Judy Niemeyer Confetti - Apr 10 & 24 - \$55 + pattern  
-How to Make Batik Fabric - Apr 19 or 20 - \$50 + supply kit

**IRS (I'm Ready to Stash) Sale**  
**April 15 only**  
A break for you on tax day!  
Come see what is on sale.

•••••  
• Shop hours  
• Mon-Sat 9-5  
• 624 Haggard St  
• Suite 706  
• Plano TX 75074  
• 972-881-7750  
•••••  
• fabricfanatics.com •

**Karen Eckmeier – Happy Villages and Accidental Landscapes**

Since she was a little girl Karen has always felt the need to create. She considers herself a serious “doodler”—pencil in hand, she loves making lines and patterns. Color had always intimidated her, because she didn’t enjoy the mess of mixing paints and didn’t have the color confidence to select the right colors. Fabric was a welcome relief to her dilemma—colors came already “pre-mixed”—no color charts, no mess, no fuss AND she could work with them anywhere in the house. She does love painting on fabric now, which she happily cuts up and uses in her fabric art.



The sewing machine didn’t enter her life until she was 30 years old. She had purchased one as a young mother feeling it was her duty to own one. The sewing machine sat in a closet till the day she saw her first quilt. Having drawn and taken art lessons since she was 6 years old, she figured that if she could draw it, she could figure out how to sew it. Even though her first projects were far from perfect, she loved working with fabric and couldn’t wait to get to the quilting stage to add the wonderful texture to the surface.

She pursued German and Russian languages in college, thinking she would pursue a career as a translator, but spent time in a German commercial bank instead, then switched to doing pen & ink renderings of houses for real estate companies and homeowners so that she could be home with her children. Next she dabbled in real estate as a sales agent, however, when she realized that she was *drawing* more houses than selling them, she finally listened to the artist within and pursued a career in art.

In 1996 she started making art quilts, which were very well received in national and international

shows. The awards encouraged her to move forward in her new direction. Her hobby officially became her business in 2002 when she opened her business, “The Quilted Lizard.” For 8 years she taught at a local quilt store and in 2002 began teaching her technique “Layered Curves” and “Accidental Landscapes™” nationwide. Karen feels teaching gives her the opportunity to share her passion for playing with fabric with others.

**Workshops Fees:**

\$40/day for members, \$50/day for non-members

Hours: 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.,  
doors open at 8:30 for setup

Location: ParkwayHills Baptist Church  
2700 Dallas Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093

**Member Bonus!!**

**Advance Registration and Multi-day Discounts**

Prepayment of registrations received 35 days prior to the scheduled event, entitles enrollees to take a \$5.00 discount with each prepaid workshop. If you take both days offered by the instructor you may take an additional \$5.00 discount. Members can take two days of classes from a national teacher for \$65.00.

See the guild website at [www.quiltersguildofplano.org](http://www.quiltersguildofplano.org) and go to the *Upcoming Events* 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**April—Karen Eckmeier**

- \_\_\_ Friday April 12 Workshop: “Let’s Make Waves”
- \_\_\_ Saturday April 13 Workshop: “Collage Workshop: Happy Villages”

**MAY—Kathy Dunigan**

- \_\_\_ Friday May 10 Workshop: “Appliqué Pillow”

**OCTOBER—Trish Stuart**

- \_\_\_ Friday October 11 Workshop: “Paint a Landscape”
- \_\_\_ Saturday October 12 Workshop: “It’s a New Day”

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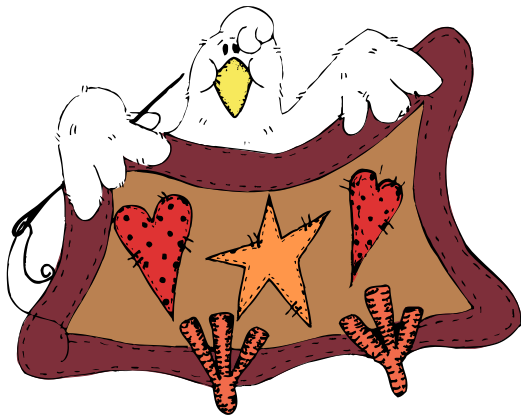
Community Service needs your support in order to carry out the guild's commitments to the agencies we donate to in our Plano community.

Please remember to cut the **Hobbs bar-code labels** from your bags of Hobbs batting and donate them to Community Service. These labels help us purchase large rolls of Hobbs batting at a discount to use for our community service quilts.

We also are able to use some of the more **generous pieces of batting** that membership donates to us. They are useful for our 18" by 21" cuddle quilts which go to Children's Medical Center at Legacy.

**Flannel scraps** can also be used for our small receiving blankets for Parkland Newborn Nursery and for the flannel rag quilts we also donate. Our Service Learning students earn service hours learning to make these small, easy quilts.

Community Service currently has a large supply of **quilts to be quilted**. These are available at the Community Service table at the guild meetings. These are smaller quilts that can be easily quilted on home machines using simple, all-over quilting. Please donate a couple hours time to help Community Service get these quilts ready for donation.



At the end of April, I will be donating **baby quilts** to the **PISD School-Age Parent Program** for students graduating from High School. The students can "purchase" these quilts and other baby items from the program's "baby store" having earned points with their class attendance and participation in the Parent Program. Please turn in any finished baby quilts at the **April** guild meeting,

so I can make this donation.

The next **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Community Service Sit & Sew** will be on April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We meet at the Plano Sewing Center, at Custer and Spring Creek. This is a fun group and it is a good way for new members to get to know other members. If you plan to come, please let Karen Christoffer know so she can plan to have a kit and a space for you. Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies. Karen's email is: [karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com](mailto:karen.Christoffer@tx.rr.com).

Please remember to record your guild **service hours** in the log at the Community Service table, or you can email them to Julie Schaefer at: [juliescha@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juliescha@sbcglobal.net). Hours include travel time and any time you spend on work for the guild.

Thank you all for your dedication and support to Community Service!



## Board Meeting Minutes, March, 4, 2013—Julie Schaefer

MJ Fielek, Guild President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at Fabric Fanatics. The **next Board meeting** will be **Monday April 1st**, 2013 beginning at **1:30 p.m.** in the classroom of Fabric Fanatics.

### Issues discussed:

1. Membership is now at 200
2. Guild challenge starting in March
3. Retreat for 2014
4. Duties of VP Community Service
5. Solidification of Education activities
6. Separation of positions of Finance and Treasurer
7. Possible process improvements to be considered
8. Raffle quilt and next show meeting March 25th at 6:20 p.m.
9. Lone Star and Presidential Volunteer Awards will be presented at the April Guild meeting

Adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

### Those in attendance:

Tina Connolly	Julie Schaefer
Kaye Dunn	Margaret Schafer
MJ Fielek	Pam Walsh
Jo Ann Hudgins	Mickie Warrington
Donna Lobelson	Dolores Williams
Donna Petrick	Kemberly Wilshire

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treasures to sell  
or take home  
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[info@HappinessIsQuilting.com](mailto:info@HappinessIsQuilting.com)

## COMMON THREADS AD RATES

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

Please make ads in "jpg" files and email to Mickie Warrington at [media@quiltersgroupofplano.org](mailto:media@quiltersgroupofplano.org)—  
[quiltersquildofplano.org](http://quiltersquildofplano.org)

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### NOVEMBER—Lenore Crawford

\_\_\_ Friday November 15 Workshop: "Shredded Fabric Art Quilts"

\_\_\_ Saturday November 16 Workshop: "Create Your Own Flower from a Photo"

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dolores Williams acting as chair with President MJ Fielek out of town, called the meeting of the Quilters Guild of Plano, Inc. to order at 7:00 p.m. All members and guests were asked to please turn off their cell phones. Kaye Dunn and Sherry Worley sold raffle tickets for the quilt made by the ladies of the Kiamichi Quilt Guild of McAlester, OK.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Changes in the minutes and treasurers report were called for. Both reports were accepted as published without changes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Dolores Williams spoke to the issue of streamlining the business portion of the meetings. The board feels that there is too much information that is duplicated between the meeting, minutes and the newsletter. The board would like to keep this portion to 30 minutes. There were 62 members present at the meeting along with 1 new member, Pam Wingate, and 3 visitors: Hazel Bailey, Kay Burnett and Victoria Harter.

**Community Service:** Terri Mendelow requested the members cut out the bar code from any Hobbs batting plastic bag they have and bring it to the Guild meetings. The next Sit and Sew will be on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Please let Karen Christoffer know that you will be coming so that she will prepare a sewing kit for you. Remember to write your volunteer service hours on the form at the Community Service tables.

**Retreat:** Janet Plotkin showed the Iron Quilter Wall Quilt made by members at the 2013 Retreat. She then handed over her position of Retreat Coordinator to Cynthia Weisz who represented a group of members that will coordinate Retreat 2014.

Those members are: Cynthia Weisz, Tina Connolly, Emily Armstrong, Karen Woodard, Sharon McGinnis, Lannette Maytubby and Pam Crocker. Cynthia



referenced concerns by members that the usual retreat place in Tanglewood is too expensive; therefore some of the committee members visited various places for a retreat. They feel that the Mitchell RV Park and Cabin Resort in Perrin, TX would be a great place for our retreat. The amount per person would be \$265.00 rather than the \$368.00 at Tanglewood.

**Guild Activities:** Jo Ann Hudgins had the people participating in the block of the month (Aggie Meszaros, Marty Crouch, Debbie Seher, Kaye Dunn) show their March block of the month. She also explained the new Guild Challenge for a mini quilt.

**Quilt Plano 2013:** Pam Walsh reminded members that this is the last time show shirts will be sold at a meeting. **Next month there will be judging of the creativity of shirts that have "bling" on them.** Two positions are still open for the Show Committee – Publicity and Program/Sales Chairs. The next meeting of the Show Committee will be Monday evening on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

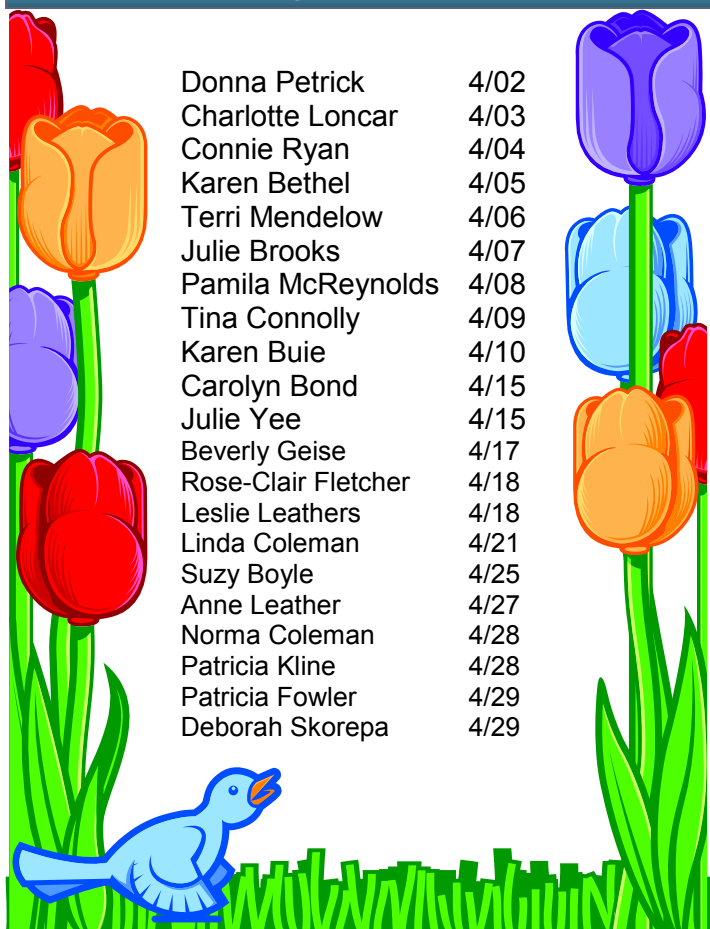
**Raffle Quilt and Door Prizes:** Sherry Worley reminded members that tickets for the quilt will be sold on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Master Gardeners Show held at the Meyers Park Event Center in McKinney. Door prizes were awarded from: *Happiness is ... Quilting*, McKinney; *Alford Inn Quilt Shoppe*, Van Alstyne; *Quilt Country*, Lewisville; *Quilters Connection*, Dallas; *Minding My P's & Q's*, Denton; *Sew Let's Quilt It*, Dallas; *Quilt Asylum*, McKinney; *Stitched with Love*, McKinney and 2 from the *Quilters Guild of Plano*.

**Show and Tell:** Carroll Thune assisted in showing 7 quilts made by 6 members: Sharon Wilhelm – "*Peace On Earth*" by Kathy Schmitz (red work) Studio; Susan Mankus – "*Dragon Fly Away*," "*Poinsettia*"; Debbie Skorepa - "*School Daze*"; Pat Fowler – "*Harvest Quilt*"; Marty Crouch – "*Circle Borgello*"; Sally Martens – "*Windmills of My Mind*."

**Programs:** Donna Lobelson reviewed programs for the next few months. These can be found on the Guild website.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Donna Lobelson presented our speaker, Brenda Jeschke, "I Made this Quilt and What Did I Learn?"

## April Birthdays—Dolores Williams



Donna Petrick	4/02
Charlotte Loncar	4/03
Connie Ryan	4/04
Karen Bethel	4/05
Terri Mendelow	4/06
Julie Brooks	4/07
Pamila McReynolds	4/08
Tina Connolly	4/09
Karen Buie	4/10
Carolyn Bond	4/15
Julie Yee	4/15
Beverly Geise	4/17
Rose-Clair Fletcher	4/18
Leslie Leathers	4/18
Linda Coleman	4/21
Suzy Boyle	4/25
Anne Leather	4/27
Norma Coleman	4/28
Patricia Kline	4/28
Patricia Fowler	4/29
Deborah Skorepa	4/29

## Financial Information February 2013—Donna Petrick

Bank Balance 1/31/12 66,355.11

### INFLOW

Adm Bank Interest	1.12
Admin—Service Pin	10.16
Media—Newsletter Ads	180.00
Membership Dues	243.00
Membership 9-Patch	20.00
Quilt Show-Products Income	87.53
Quilt Show-Sponsorship Income	500.00
Quilt Show-Vendor Booth Income	2,632.00
Retreat Fees	1,864.18
Texas Sales Tax Collected	9.31
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<u>5,547.30</u>

### OUTFLOWS

Adm-CPA Expense	332.50
Adm-Service Pins	240.59
Comm Ser-Yarn Expenses	100.37
Media-Web Site	72.00
Membership Directory	153.12
Membership Postage	5.05
Programs Facilities Rent	50.00
Programs-Speaker Lecture	250.00
Programs Advertising	273.99
Quilt Show Advertising Publicity	325.00
Quilt Show-Raffle	45.28
Quilt Show-Products Expense	19.73
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW</b>	<u>1,867.63</u>

Bank Balance 02/28/13 70,034.78

<b>Bank Balance</b>	1/31/13	2/28/13
Operating Acct	37,232.53	40,911.08
Money Market Acct	<u>29,122.58</u>	<u>29,123.70</u>
	<u>60,355.11</u>	<u>70,034.78</u>





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

*Quilters Guild of Plano*  
*Presents April Speaker*  
*Karen Eckmeier*  
*"Happy Villages and Accidental Landscapes"*  
**April 11th**

**Parkway Hills Baptist Church**  
2700 North Dallas Tollway, Plano, Texas  
(SW Corner of Chapel Hill & Tollway)

SOCIAL TIME—6:30 p.m.—MEETING TIME-7:00 p.m.  
(Only board members will be admitted before 6:30 p.m.)