

MARCH 2014

THE PRESIDENT SAYS

One of the goals for this year has been to get more people involved in the guild. The board is working hard to make sure we have lots of new and interesting things to catch members' fancy.

Right now we have;

- The unfinished project challenge
 The mini guilt challenge with the lovely
- orange flower fabric
- The nickel quilt challenge (to create more nickel quilts than the Dallas Guild for TAQG)
- Producing mini quilts for the show

Our education team, under new leadership of Pam Wingate, is recruiting for various programs that are coming up soon.

I was amazed to see how many names were in the basket for the unfinished projects challenge. Each name was for a completed item on the list—there were a lot of names in the basket—way to go.

Our Programs team is rekindling interest in workshops. We have samples way ahead of time to see what will be made at the workshop and letting us know what to expect. We pay our instructor whether we fill the class or not, so the goal is to make sure the classes are close to full.

We have started collecting mini quilts for the quilt show, and the challenge packets flew out for the mini quilt challenge. Did you get a packet? Do you know what you are going to do with that lovely fabric? I have an idea of what I am going to do, but have not started yet.

Dolores Williams



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QUILT SHOW 2014	PAM WALSH

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EDUCATION—ORGANIZATIONS SUZY BOYLE
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WEB MASTER MICKIE WARRINGTON

MINIATURE VERSES SMALL QUILT— LYNNE FRITSCHE & PAM WALSH

Complete Registration Information and Entry Forms for Quilt Plano 2014 are now available on our website.

One of the changes made this year is the addition of a new category for "Small Quilts." This category is designed to separate true "Miniature" quilts from other types of small quilts. The Miniature category is no longer determined ONLY by the size of the finished quilt.

The pattern in a **Miniature** quilt is that of a large quilt, but every element has been reduced in scale. Pieced or appliquéd blocks are to be no more than 4" on a side, and the entire quilt is to be no more than 24" on any side. A quilt that does not have blocks, such as a wholecloth quilt or a lone star quilt, can be a Miniature if all design elements of the quilt are in the appropriate miniature proportions.

A **Small** quilt may be less than 24" on a side, but still not be a Miniature quilt because it does not meet the definition outlined above. A Small quilt can also be between 24" and 30" on any one side. Small one-block pictorial or appliqué quilts belong in this category, not in the Miniature category.

Both of the quilts below are less than 16" inches on each side.





Miniature quilt

Small quilt

At the March guild meeting we will be showing more examples of both Miniature and Small quilts.

Please note that our "Mini" auction will contain both Miniature and Small (24" or less) Quilts. The category definitions above apply ONLY to the Judged Show Entries.

If you have questions, contact Lynne Fritsche at <u>ShowRegistration@QuiltersGuildofPlano.org</u>.

UFO CHALLENGE-LINDA NEAL

We have 31 members who have joined the UFO challenge so far. February was the first month to show off completed UFO's. We had 29 UFO's completed and shown at the February guild meeting. It was wonderful to see so many completed UFO's our first month. We had our first door prize drawing and Sally Martens was the winner. Congratulations Sally!! Sally completed 2 UFO's on her list and is the first person to be named to the UFO queens court.

Keep working on your UFO's and bring them to guild next month. If you have not joined, it is not too late. Simply download the entry form online and turn it in with \$1 at the next guild meeting. Please contact Linda Neal for any questions. <u>lindanealmck@Hotmail.com</u>

SPRING FLING CHALLENGE— LINDA NEAL

The Spring Fling Fabric Challenge was presented to the guild members at the February meeting. For a \$3 entry fee guild members received instructions and a fat 1/8 yard of challenge fabric. The entry fee will be used for prizes. This year the board picked a floral pattern.

Members are asked to use the challenge fabric to create a small quilt. It may not exceed 100 inches on all of the sides added together. The quilt may be pieced, appliquéd, paper pieced, etc. You may add as many other fabrics as you choose. The challenge fabric must be used on the front of the quilt and must be recognizable. The small quilts must have a sleeve and label. The quilts are due back at the May guild meeting. All of the quilts brought to the May meeting will be judged by the members and prizes will be awarded.

After the May meeting, the quilts will be kept until the Plano Quilt Show. They will be shown in a special exhibit and after the show returned to the owners.

I will be at the March guild meeting at the entry table showing the fabric and entering members into the challenge. Come and join in the fun. Please contact Linda Neal for any guestions at lindanealmck@Hotmail.com.

QUILT SHOW 2014 RAFFLE QUILT— PAM WALSH

As we go to press, our 2014 Raffle Quilt has won 2 blue ribbons and 1 red ribbon. It is also entered in the upcoming Dallas and Tyler Quilt Shows.

Raffle tickets will be available for pickup again at



the March guild meeting. All members are asked to sell or buy a minimum of 24 tickets each year. This is a major fund-raiser for our guild and helps pay for our programs.

Due to the high cost of postage (over \$2.00 each), we are no longer mailing raffle tickets out to all members. If you are unable to attend upcoming meetings, please arrange for a friend to pick them up, or contact Pam Walsh at pam.walsh92@gmail.com.



PROGRAMS—SHERRY WORLEY AND KAYE DUNN

With our Quilt Show coming up in August it is not too early to start thinking about how we can make it a safer event. We need to think not only about our own personal safety, but that of our vendors and patrons. With that in mind our speaker from the Plano Police Department will give us pointers about how to remain safe around crowds of people.



Our April Speaker is Karen Kay Buckley. Karen is a passionate quilter and teacher. Her varied techniques include hand and machine appliqué, medallion quilts, great borders and more. Her quilt Fiesta Mexico was selected the 2013 Best of Show

at the American Quilter's Association Show in Paducah, Kentucky. She also is the designer of the Perfect series of quilting products. You may already know her Perfect Circles; they have been joined by Perfect Scissors (with micro serrated blades), Perfect Pins and more.



Karen will be teaching two workshops for us. The Friday April 11th Workshop is Oriental Flowers. With this Machine Appliqué 12" block you will learn Karen's tricks for machine appliqué including perfect circles, perfect points, perfect stems and "tricky shapes".

The Saturday April 12th workshop is Fiesta Mexico Block 3 with borders. In this class you will learn how to hand appliqué smooth curves, sharp points and perfect circles, you will also learn to create and appliqué perfect 1/4" strips and perfect circles



of differing sizes for the border. Either of these classes will help you improve your quilting skills while making a very exciting small quilt. Visit www.quiltersguildofplano.org for more information.

Workshops Fees: \$40/day for members, \$50/ day for non-members

Hours: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. doors open at 8:00 for setup Location: Parkway Hills Baptist Church 2700 Dallas Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093

Member Bonus!! Advance Registration and Multi-day Discounts

Prepayment of registrations <u>received 35 days</u> prior to the scheduled event, entitles members 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 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:	

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

Kaye Dunn 4833 N. Meadow Ridge Circle McKinney, TX 75070

JANUARY GENERAL MEEING MINUTES-LESLIE LEATHERS

Guild President Dolores Williams called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Julie Schaefer, who collects the service hours for the Guild, reported that last year there were 231 members. 81 of those members had no hours of volunteer time. The remaining 150 members had a total of 11,944 hours. Fifty nonmembers who contributed their time had a total of 388 hours. Total volunteer hours given to the Guild were 12,332. 31% of those hours were for the Quilt Show, and the remaining 69% were for non-show related activities.

Pam Wingate, VP of Education: As new chair of this committee, Pam has asked for help in two upcoming Education activities planned in March. The first is on March 6th, at St. Mark's Catholic Church from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Mom's Club will be learning Redwork Embroidery as well as Crayon blocks. The second activity is at PISD Isaac's Early Childhood School. There will be sessions at 9:00 & 9:20 a.m. and 1:20 & 1:40 p.m. She passed around forms for volunteers to sign up.

Sherry Worley and Kaye Dunn, Co-Chairs of Programs: Stated there were still a few openings for Saturday's class of "Penny Rugs" offered with Connie Litfin. The cost is \$45.00 which includes all materials. In April, Karen Kay Buckley, will offer two classes on appliqué. The first, "Oriental Flowers" and second, "Fiesta Mexico". Members may take both classes for \$65.00 if they register 35 days early. This Saturday, February 15th is a free class on Nickel Quilts. There will be an AccuQuilt Cutter Machine available to get your pieces cut. See Kaye Dunn to sign up.

Sherry Worley, TAQG Representative: There are some very nice gifts in the Pre-Rally Day Raffle Basket. Items include an \$800.00 Elna sewing machine, \$200.00 worth of edge quilting, a 24 x 36 Olfa cutting matt and several other items. Members were encouraged to purchase raffle tickets.

Pam Walsh, Quilt Show 2014 Show Chair: There are 182 days until the Quilt Show. She showed a poster sample to be displayed around the area advertising the show. Members were encouraged to purchase their tee shirts and tickets to sell for the show. **Tina Connolly** showed samples of the 2015 Guild's Raffle Quilt blocks. Patterns were passed out for members to sign up to make them. The instructions are printed on the pattern. Blocks must be turned in at the May meeting. The finished quilt will be shown at Quilt Plano Preview night.

Terri Mendelow, VP of Community Service: Asked that the members of the small group, "Nifty Needlers", stand and be acknowledged for their completion of 1600 kits of Christmas stockings. Items such as travel sized shampoo, lotion, etc. are needed to fill stockings. Also needed are Christmas and patriotic fabrics. These items may be brought to the Guild meetings. The Guild has donated 63 quilts since last October. Terri would like to have 300 quilts made by September 30th this year. Quilts in various stages of completion are available to members to take home at every meeting. The next Sit & Sew for Community Service is March 11th and meets at the Plano Sewing Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. It is always the second Tuesday of the month. Contact Karen Christoffer to reserve a place.

Linda Neal, Guild Activities Chair: Asked for members to stand and show their finished UFO's. Upon entering the Guild meetings, members are asked to complete a form to track their finished UFO's. These forms are used to pick a winner for the month. This month's winner was Sally Martens. Linda showed the Spring Fling Fabric for the Guild Challenge. The Challenge entry fee is \$3.00 and the fabric must be obvious in the quilt. Any style of piecing, appliqué, fabric or pattern may be used but the quilt is not to exceed 100 inches, have a label and sleeve. All finished quilts will be on display at the Quilt Show.

Donna Petrick, VP of Membership: Stated there were 77 members in attendance this evening, along with 5 visitors and 2 guests. She told the group that the Board has discussed elimination of the paper membership directory. It is expensive trying to keep up with the constant changes, and many members do not pick up the changed, printed new pages. The Board is discussing ways to have password protected information for the new directory to be on-line. A few suggestions were made by members. Donna said this discussion will continue in March and be

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voted on in April. Donna then asked Julie to come forward to present the Presidential Awards for service hours. All hours in which a member is doing something for the guild need to be recorded. Hours may be sent to Julie on-line or added to the Volunteer Hours book at the Guild meetings. The Service Bars for 2013 will be available soon, and are awarded to members that volunteer 30 hours or more. The presidential Awards were handed out as follows:

Bronze for 100-249 hours: Margaret Schafer-100.25, Sharon Schenke-107.50, Tina Connolly-108.25, Bonnie Simpson-109, Rhonda Kuntz-110, Aggie Meszaros-111.50, Deborah Skorepa-114.50, Carol Long-122.50, MJ Fielek-124, Leslie Leathers-128.75, Dayna Ragland-129, Sarah Lee-160.75, Helen Wilems-170, Aurora Chancy-172, John Worley-173, Dee Ann McFarland-177, Shirley Weaver-211, and Barbara Collins-232.

Silver for 250-499 hours: Terri Mendelow-250.50, Patricia Fowler-251, Lynne Fritche-255.43, Dolores Williams-358.75, Karen Christoffer-456, and Kemberly Wilshire-478.75.

Gold for 500+ hours: Donna Petrick-523.50, Julie Schaefer-586.10, Kaye Dunn-590, Mickie Warrington-604, Sherry Worley-607.68, and Pam Walsh-760.75

"The President's Volunteer Service Award for Lifetime is awarded for contributing more than 4,000 volunteer hours. This award was presented to June Austin, mother of Tina Connolly, who has more than satisfied this accomplishment, and who volunteered 1,710 hours last year."

Door prize ticket numbers were called out. The donors for this month were: Alford Inn Quilt Shoppe, in Van Alstyne, Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe, in Wylie, Happiness is...Quilting, The Quilt Asylum, and Stitched with Love, in McKinney, Minding My P's & Q's, in Denton, Quilters Connection and Sew Let's Quilt It, in Dallas, Quilt Country, in Lewisville, The Texas Quilter, Needleworks, Quilt Ideas, Plano, Quilters Guild of Plano, Patti's Last Resort, in Acton, and an anonymous member.

Old Business: President Dolores Williams stated that the Board had agreed to present the change of Standing Rule 9 to the general membership for voting. Currently the Standing Rule reads:

"Membership Dues are \$25.00. Late fee is



\$4.00. Membership dues are prorated to \$15.00 in April for new members.

The rule will be changed to

"Membership dues are \$30.00. Dues will be discounted by \$5.00 if paid before January 1st. Membership dues for a **new member** joining after April 1, of the current year, will be eligible for a prorated \$15.00 membership.

<u>A new member is defined as a person that has not</u> <u>joined The Guild previously.</u>["] Members were asked to raise their hands in favor of passing the change. The vote was passed unanimously.

New Business: Dee Ann McFarland asked for Birthday Quilts completed for February. These members are asked to make quilts in their birthday month and donate to Community Service. There were none for February. Those missing January and February were encouraged to bring their Quilts in March.

Shirley Worley showed samples of the Nickel Quilts needed for Rally Day.

Eight Show and Tell Quilts were shown. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Guest Speaker Connie Litfin was introduced.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES-MARTY CROUCH

Dolores Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Items discussed:

1. Changes to Standing Rule #9 will be voted on at the February guild meeting.

a. Currently Standing Rule 9 reads: Membership dues are \$25.00. Late fee is \$4.00. Membership dues are prorated to \$15.00 in April for new members.

b. Proposed change for Standing Rule 9 is: Membership dues are \$30.00. Dues will be discounted by \$5.00 if paid before January 1. Membership dues for a new member joining after April 1 of the current year will be eligible for a prorated \$15.00 membership. A new member is defined as a person that has not previously joined the guild.

2. Education—

a. Donna Petrick made a motion to accept Pam Wingate as VP Education. Linda Neal seconded the motion. The motion passed.

b. Pam Wingate reported that she will be scheduling an Education Committee meeting soon. The committee is working on two projects: one for the Collin County Choir silent auction and one for the Isaacs Early Childhood school. Volunteers will be requested at the February guild meeting.

3. Membership-

a. Donna Petrick reported that printing updates to the membership directory will be done quarterly instead of monthly.

b. MJ Fielek made a motion, seconded by Marty Crouch, that a proposal be presented to the Guild in February and March with voting by written ballot in April, to publish the password protected membership directory on the website, and that individual members will have the option to include or exclude their name, address, phone, email, picture or other personal information. Once published on the website, the printed directory will be eliminated. The motion passed.

4. Programs-

a. Kaye Dunn emphasized the need to fill classes.

5. Community Service—

a. Terry Mendelow reported that 1,000 Christmas stockings have been cut and will be packaged for volunteers to complete. **b.** Julie Schaefer provided a report of the President's Volunteer Service Award hours for the guild.

6. Guild Activities—

a. There are currently 26 participants in the UFO Challenge.

b. The fabric was selected for the Ugly Fat Quarter Challenge. The goal is to pass out the fabric in February and March, with completed quilts due in May.

7. Media-

a. Mickie Warrington reviewed the website rules. A feature has been added to allow members to report service hours electronically by clicking on the link (found on the Home page, under the Membership column) to generate an email to Julie Schaefer to report service hours.

8. Treasurer—

a. Insurance is not available to cover drivers who use their personal vehicle for guild business. The insurance will cover the Board if we are sued.

b. Audits will be conducted in a separate room at the church during the guild meetings.

d. We will be using preprinted envelopes to record information for deposits or reimbursements.

9. Quilt Plano 2014-

a. The website is up. Mini-quilt rules are available on the website.

b. T-shirt orders will be available at the February and March meetings and at the retreat.

c. Raffle tickets will be sold at other guilds by dual members.

d. Bags will be available for purchase with the sales price to offset a donation of bags to the TAQG Rally Day.

The next Board meeting will be held **March 3**, **2014**, at Tinos Two, 2205 Ave K, Plano. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Those in attendance:

Tina Connolly Marty Crouch Kaye Dunn MJ Fielek Pat Fowler Carol Long Terri Mendelow Linda Neal Donna Petrick Julie Schaefer Pam Walsh Mickie Warrington Dolores Williams Pam Wingate Sherry Worley

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Donation Quilts: 24 finished quilts were turned in at the February meeting. With the other guilts from January, I will make donations this month to Children's Advocacy Center of Collin **County**; The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center and to My Friend's House.

Let's keep up the good work on our donation guilts so we can reach our goal of 300 guilts by the end of September.

Stocking Project: In case you haven't heard, the Nifty Needlers have taken charge of our Stocking Project. With the fabric we had in stock, they were able to cut over 1,600 stocking kits! These kits will be available at the guild meetings while they last. This early start will make it possible to increase our donations to Soldiers Angels.

If you have left over holiday or patriotic fabric, the size of a fat quarter or larger, the stocking project would appreciate your donation. More kits will be cut in June or July.

Any small toiletry items that you care to donate will be taken and given to Soldiers Angels to add to the stockings they distribute.

Community Service Challenge Quilt

Donations: We have had a good response to the Challenges and each person has donated their quilts to Community Service. These include: Kaye Dunn-2 Nickel Quilts and 1 UFO Challenge Quilt; DeeAnn McFarlin—1 Birthday

Quilt Challenge Quilt; Terri Mendelow—1 UFO Challenge Quilt; and Pam Walsh-1 UFO Challenge Quilt.

Thanks everyone for participating! Hopefully there will be many more of you who join the challenges and the fun!

Community Service Sit & Sew: Our next sew day will be March 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can come and go as you need to. We meet at the Plano Sewing Center in the S.E. shopping center at Custer and Springcreek Parkway. Please join us with your sewing machines and sewing supplies. Just let Karen Christoffer know you will attend so she can plan a spot for you. There will be precut kits to sew for a quilt top.

Service Hours: At the meeting last month Julie Schaefer reported the amazing number of service hours members and non-members donated to the Guild. Service hours include any work you do for the guild and travel time to and from an event, shopping or workshop you do for guild purposes. Volunteers keep our Guild working!

Please continue to report your hours to Julie by email or record them in the Log Book at the Community Service table. These hours make you eligible for Guild service recognition awards or for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

As always, Thank you for the work you do for the Guild and for Community Service!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & New MEMBERS-KEMBERLY WILSHIRE

COMMON THREADS

MEMBERSHIP NEWS-DONNA PETRICK & KEMBERLY WILSHIRE

In February, we had 77 people attend the meeting including one new member, Mickey Rose, and several visitors. New additions to the directory were again ready for pickup...until we ran out. I had underestimated how many members would attend. It was great to see more than we expected come to guild.

During the business portion of the meeting, I stated the position that the board is bringing forward on the guild directories and led some discussion. We will discuss the proposition again in March and then vote at the April meeting. The discussion is that the current way of doing directories is not working and we need to try another option. Directories have always been a big dollar amount in the guild budget. In trying to lower cost, we tried changing to a one time printing and providing updates as needed for member's changes and adding new members. However, everyone doesn't get the updates so we are constantly trying to reprint and yet disposing of printed pages. The board has voted to put the directory on the web site and let each person either print, or not, themselves. The membership area would be password protected. You may also have the option of not listing your information on the website. We still plan to put pictures and the same information we now have on the directories if you want your information listed. Several other options were presented, one being to use Facebook as the directory area. Another was about the membership form with the options to list or not list.



We will again discuss the options at the March meeting. If you will not be able to attend but would like to make suggestions, please email them to either Kemberly or me and we will add them to the discussion.

JANUARY CASH FLOW COMPARISON— CAROL LONG

Bank Balance 12/31/13		64,898.64		
INFLOWS				
Administrative Inc.: Bank I	nterest	.44		
Programs Inc.: Workshop	Income	615.00		
Quilt Show Inc.: Raffle Tic	ket Sales	180.00		
Quilt Show Inc.: Show Pro	Quilt Show Inc.: Show Products Inc.			
Quilt Show Inc.: Sponsors		320.00 250.00		
Quilt Show Inc.: Vendor B	•	2,965.25		
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Retreat Fees Collected		<u>4,665.00</u>		
TOTAL INFLOWS		8,995.69		
OUTFLOWS				
Administrative Exp.: Bank	Fees	50.00		
Administrative Exp.:				
Fed & State Tax Fees		110.29		
Membership Exp.: TAQG		150.00		
Community Service Exp.				
Service Quilts Supplies	5	21.00		
Media Exp.: Web Site Exp	S.	186,00		
Membership Exp.: Postag		46.00		
Membership Exp.: Supplie		58.98		
Programs Exp.: Facilities I	50.00			
Programs Exp.: Spk. Lect		475.00		
Programs Exp.: Spk. Lodging 513.01				
Programs Exp.: Spk. Meals & Per Diem 75.13				
Programs Exp.: Spk. Travel Exp. 363.48				
Programs Exp.: Tran. Costs for Guild Mbr 20.23				
Programs Exp.: Workshop Facility Rent 75.00				
Programs Exp.: Workshop	•			
Teacher Fees		1,335.00		
Quilt Show Exp.: Advertising and				
Publicity Exp.	0	325.00		
Quilt Show Exp.: Printing I	Exp.	15.60		
Retreat Refunds		625.00		
Vendor Refunds		209.00		
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		4,503.72		
		-		
Bank Balance		69,390.61		
Bank Balances	<u>12/31/13</u>	<u>01/31/14</u>		
Operating Account	40,767.59	45,259.12		
Money Market Account	<u>24,131.05</u>	24,131.49		
	<u>64,898.64</u>	<u>69,390.61</u>		

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS— DOLORES WILLIAMS

At our last meeting we were able to give out The President's Volunteer Service Awards. No, these are not from me as president, but from 'The President'—President Obama. The awards go to people with over 100 hours of service in a calendar year. They are listed in the February Minutes.



 18 members got the Bronze award for service of 100-249 hours;

Margaret Schafer 100.25 Sharon Schenke 107.50 Tina Connolly 108.25 Bonnie Simpson 109.00 Rhonda Kuntz 110.00 Aggie Meszaros 111.50 Deborah Skorepa 114.50 Carol Long 122.50 MJ Fielek 124.00 Leslie Leathers 128.75 Dayna Ragland 129.00 Sarah Lee 160.75 Helen Wilems 170.00 Aurora Chancv 172.00 John Worley 173.00 Dee Ann McFarland 177.00 Shirley Weaver 211.00 Barbara Collins 232.00

- 6 earned the Silver award for 250—499 hours. Terri Mendelow 250.50 Patricia Fowler 251.00 Lynne Fritsche 255.43 Dolores Williams 358.75 Karen Christoffer 456.00
- Kemberly Wilshire 478.75 6 earned gold for 500 + hours; • Donna Petrick 523.50 Julie Schaefer 586.10 Kaye Dunn 590.00 Mickie Warrington 604.00 Sherry Worley 607.68 Pam Walsh 760.75
- 1 earned the lifetime award for over 4000 hours of service. June Austin 1710.00

QUILT PLANO 2014 SHOW T-SHIRTS-PAM WALSH

The March guild meeting is the final opportunity to pre-order your show t-shirt for Quilt Plano 2014. The shirts are \$13. They come in a Standard cut (sizes Small – 5XL) or a Ladies cut (sizes Small – 3XL). The Standard cut is a unisex, boxy style. The Ladies cut is slimmer through the body.



If you have been unable to order in person, please contact <u>pam.walsh92@gmail.com</u>. Shirt orders must be received by March *13th*.

Please note: Due to the loss on un-sold shirts in past years, T-shirts are ONLY available by pre-order.

COMMON THREADS AD RATES

Half Page: 1 month = 403 months = 90 Quarter Page: 1 month = \$253 months = \$60

Business card: 1 month = \$15 3 months = \$35

Please make ads in "jpg" files and email to Mickie Warrington at <u>media@quiltersgroupofplano.org.</u> <u>quiltersguildofplano.org</u>

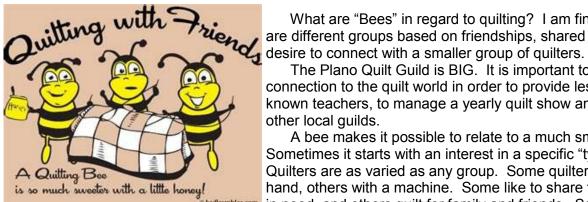
• Total Hours: 8728 by 31 members.

Last year we had over 11000 volunteer hours to run the guild. Our guild is run by volunteers; we need everyone to help out. I would like to see a much larger number of members earn the Presidential Service Awards.

Speaking of volunteer time, we had hoped to give out service bars to members that have already earned them by working over 30 hours—in the month of January! There is a lot that has to be done for the quilt show even this early. We also have our Program people and TAQG people working hard. Keep up the good work.

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TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE—BY BEE KEEPER—KATHY HOOK



What are "Bees" in regard to guilting? I am finding out that they are different groups based on friendships, shared interests, and a

The Plano Quilt Guild is BIG. It is important to have this larger connection to the guilt world in order to provide lessons from well known teachers, to manage a yearly quilt show and to network with other local guilds.

A bee makes it possible to relate to a much smaller network. Sometimes it starts with an interest in a specific "type," of guilting. Quilters are as varied as any group. Some guilters like guilting by hand, others with a machine. Some like to share their work with those in need, and others quilt for family and friends. Some specialize in

appliqué, others in embroidery. Some love batiks and others period prints. Some specialize in traditional block design and others love landscape or pictorial quilts.

The common bonds are a love of fabric and a desire to make a difference. I love guilters. Regardless of age, sex, experience, affluence, ethnicity and country of origin, we all love the process of creating things that are beautiful and useful.

If you are interested in working with a small group of guilters please let me know. I have joined the Art Quilt group and I would love to start a new group who are interested in making small quilts. I love making, baby quilts, table runners, bed runners, quilted books and gifts. If you are interested in this new group or in forming another focus group, please contact me at: guiltermomo@gmail.com or 972-312-9997.



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Presents March Speaker March 13th, 2014, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

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.)