

Quilters Guild of Plano, Inc.



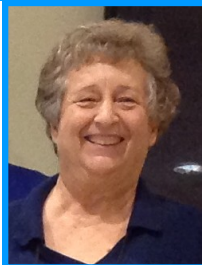
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The President Says ...

Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I was worried about our holiday since I caught the horrible cold that is going around—but with a lot of rest I was able to enjoy all the celebrations.



It was sad that we could not meet in December, although I'm sure everyone enjoyed the extra time getting their holiday chores done. Now we need to start thinking about what we are going to do in the new year.

Our small group started a 12-step program a few years ago and it really helps getting you focused on what you want to do. This 12-step program is for our quilting addiction. It was started to help quilters recognize how many UFO's they have and help get them finished or out the door. I am only marginally corrupted—I never used to work on more than one project at a time, and I finished one before starting another. Since coming to Texas (7 years ago), I have expanded my projects to working on a couple at a time—though I do try to finish what I have started before starting a new one. Every January I list the projects I want to work on in the next year. Some are ongoing projects that I only work on at retreats. I just finished one after 3 years of retreats—a Bali Wedding Star. For each project I put my projected time to complete the steps I have for the year. I try to only schedule myself for about 14-15 month. That way, if something comes up that I want to work on, I need to remove something from my list and the removed item has to be for the same amount of time. It is surprising to have to pick and choose what stays and goes as the year goes by. I have been doing my list for about 4 years now and nearly always complete it. Just knowing what I am going to work on next and how much time I plan to spend on it is such a help.

You should try doing a list and seeing how it helps you stay on track with your projects.

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SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS	PAT WIAIT
TAQG	PAT WIAIT
TREASURER	CAROL LONG
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WEB MASTER	LYNNE FRITSCHÉ



UFO CHALLENGE— LINDA NEAL

We have LOTS going on at the January meeting! The UFO Challenge is coming to an end. This is the last meeting you will be able to turn in your UFO's. Bring them to guild to show off (unless you gave them away for Christmas) and get your name in the drawing for "December's" drawing. We will then take all of the names of the monthly winners and draw for the "Queen on the UFO's." It is going to be great fun!

Next year's guild activity is the Do-it-Yourself Round Robin Mystery. For this challenge you will work on your own quilt for the entire year. Start with a center block, any size, but preferably square (otherwise you will have to be figuring the length of 2 different sides with each border you add.) Then, starting at the January meeting, I will announce what type of border you are to add next. We will be adding 1 border every other month. Each border is a different technique. All can be done by hand or machine. Our speaker, Winnie Fleming, will be talking about borders and coping strips. Be sure to attend, because you will find this information helpful in the upcoming months. More information and a downloadable information sheet can be found on our website under "Guild Activities." I hope you will find this guild activity fun and inspiring!

Please note that I will be out of town for the January meeting. I will be at an appliqué retreat in California that I booked a year ago. MJ Fielek will be running the guild activities for me at the meeting—she will have everything she needs and be ready to go!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS—SHERRY WORLEY AND KAYE DUNN

We will be off to a great start with Winnie Fleming on January 8th. Winnie's lecture Border Bonanza will be loaded with information and examples that will help you with your Do It Yourself Round Robin that Linda Neal will be leading as a guild activity in 2015.

The workshops offered are Strip Pieced Lone Star on January 9th and Border Bonanza on January 10th.



Please let me explain a bit about why classes are scheduled the way they are. When we have an out of the area speaker, we must schedule a class for both Friday and Saturday. If we only schedule a Saturday class we still have to pay for a workshop and hotel fees for Friday, the down day. We understand that not everyone can take a Friday class, but we hope that you understand why we have to schedule them. Also we have been asked, by several members to schedule classes that have smaller projects. This is the reason we

scheduled the Strip Pieced Lone Star with Winnie Fleming. It is a small, technique based class that is for people of all levels of quilting experience. Please consider taking these classes. As a bonus to start the year, you can take either of Winnie's classes for the low price of \$35.00, or take both for \$65.00.

Becky Goldsmith will be joining us in February. Becky is known by all as part of Piece O' Cake. They have wonderfully detailed as well as whimsical designs. Becky will be lecturing on QUILTING on February 12th and teaching the Backyard Birds (appliqué) pattern on February 14th. Unfortunately we have been forced to cancel the February 13th class Spinning Wheels because only 2 people signed up for that workshop. Our contract with speakers stipulates that we must cancel workshops 60 or more days in advance or we still



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

Hours: 8:30 a.m.—2:30 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 **received 35 days** 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

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owe the workshop fee. For this reason we need to have you sign up for workshops early to avoid cancellation, but keep in mind that when you sign up early you also get discounts.

Our March meeting is the same night as preview night for the Dallas show. We will hear Sandra Archer lecturing about "Quilt Talks, Antique Quilts, and their stories. This is an entertaining lecture that I am sure you will enjoy.

Once again we ask that you consider being involved with the job of Programs in the year 2016. This Board position is great for a couple of friends or even a small group. The reason that we keep asking is that Sherry will finish booking 2016 speakers very soon. It would be nice if you had a voice in who you would be working with in 2016!



To Bee or Not to Bee



**Plano Quilt
Guild Bee
Keeper
Kathy
Hook**

"Clutter and mess show us that life is being lived...Tidiness makes me think of held breath, of suspended animation... Perfectionism is a mean, frozen form of idealism, while messes are the artist's true friend. What people somehow forgot to mention when we were children was that we need to make messes in order to find out who we are and why we are here."

-Ann Lamott

I like this philosophy but I get upset when my sewing room is a mess. One of the many things a quilter can learn from other quilters is how they manage their tools, stash, books, DVD's, UFO's and finished projects. When you join a Bee you get to check out someone else's space. I am starting a new Bee in my home on February 6, 2015. It is not a large space but I thought I could get the ball rolling. Friday is the only day I can call my own. I am the Nanny for my grandson, Monday thru Thursdays. I am flexible regarding the time. Please contact me at 972-312-9997, if you are interested in joining me. I am hoping we can rotate between member's homes. The size of the space isn't as important as making new friends.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS— DONNA PETRICK

With not having a December meeting, I don't have membership news to add this month. But I do have a tale of a hard lesson learned. I have been way too cavalier with my computer and my ability to get everything done. So it was time for a hard lesson. I got "hacked", my own fault, but hacked none the less. (*Okay, okay I'll back up to a different device and "the cloud" a lot more often now*). While trying to recover from this, I lost all the files I had on my computer. I had not backed up my files to my external hard drive in a while. So I'm having to restore almost all my files, which includes Plano membership, Dallas show entries, my banking files, and my spreadsheet keeping up with my volunteer hours for the year. It's time consuming, but I have all the information still available except for my November and December hours. By the time this newsletter comes out, I will be back up to speed. However, all the files will have been backed up at least 3 ways. Just think of all the quilting time I've lost by not backing up my files on a regular basis. So now, I have a new computer, new software and a new email. To contact me, please use petrickdl@outlook.com.

I have not been able to mail out membership cards to out of town members. And I do have a number of members who have renewed, that I haven't yet set up on the new web site. That will happen very soon too.

THIS YEAR my main new year's resolution is to enter my volunteer hours promptly on the web site so I don't have to worry about keeping up with them. Second is to back up each time I work on the files.....I've lost so much sewing time!!
Happy New Year!! I wish you a productive and quilt filled new year.

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 Lynne Fritsche at media@quiltersguildofplano.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE— LADAWN DALLEY

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday filled with family, fun, and service to others! With Christmas over, we immediately begin to think of sewing stockings for next year! On January 16th, we will be meeting at Dolores Williams' home in Princeton to press and cut fabric, make kits, and maybe even do some sewing. If you did not get a chance to sign up at The November meeting, you'll get another chance in January, or you can just show up! Dolores address is:

280 Kate Lane
Princeton, TX 75407
quiltingpony@hotmail.com

Please take the time to stop by the community service table at our next meeting. You can take a kit to sew a top, a top to quilt, or a quilt to bind! You can also take a baby wrap to serge around the edges. If you want to make a receiving blanket or two, just let me know, and I will get some flannel to you! Whatever you like to do, we have something for you! The organizations we donate to are very appreciative of our efforts to help those they serve. And there is nothing like sewing a quilt for someone in need to help pull you out of any post-holiday doldrums you might be experiencing!



Quilt Plano 2015
SAVE THE DATE!

Friday-Saturday
August 14-15th, 2015
Plano Centre



Happiness Is...QUILTING!

217 N. Kentucky, McKinney, TX 75069

972-542-8829

Shop Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5 & Thurs 10-7

Don't miss classes
with Missie Carpenter

Primitive Pineapple

Punch Needle

Thurs., Feb. 5: 10 - 4

\$50

Wool Applique

Fri., Feb. 6: 10 - 1

\$35

Both Classes: \$75

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info@HappinessIsQuilting.com

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden, Colorado

Below are three quilts of many Japanese quilts that were on display at the museum during the Thanksgiving holiday. Several points of interest were as follows. Did you know their fabric is actually woven 13 inches wide thus the reason for the Kimono style? Every quilt was hand quilted.



They used a lot of orange. The backings were much like ours in that they used a lot of scrap fabric but still a lot of orange. Different fabrics such as silks and wools were used. There were a few quilts with the American influence. The orange quilt is made with different

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NOVEMBER CASH FLOW COMPARISON—CAROL LONG

Bank Balance	75,573.53
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INFLOWS

Administrative Inc.: Bank Interest	1.85
Administrative Service Pins	10.00
Media Inc.: Newsletter Ads	420.00
Membership Inc.: Membership Dues	705.00
Membership Inc.: Membership Products	5.00
Programs Inc.: Workshop	445.00
Quilt Show Inc.: Photography & CD's	5.00
Retreat Fees	<u>625.00</u>

TOTAL INFLOWS	2,216.85
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OUTFLOWS

Administrative Exp.:	
2015 TAQG Rally Day Gifts	100.00
Community Ser. Exp.: Christmas Stock.	63.85
Program Exp.: Donations	450.00
Program Exp.: Facilities Rent	50.00
Program Exp.: Spk. Lecture	500.00
Program Exp.: Lodging	214.70
Program Exp.: Spk. Meals & Per Diem	52.69
Program Exp.: Spk. Travel	45.20
Program Exp.: Supplies & Equipment	135.00
Program Exp.: Workshop	
Teacher Fees	<u>1,400.00</u>

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,011.44
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Bank Balance 11/30/14	74,778.94
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Bank Balances	<u>10/31/14</u>	<u>11/30/14</u>
Operating Account	51,447.37	50,650.93
Money Market Account	<u>24,126.16</u>	<u>24,128.01</u>
	75,573.53	74,778.94