

# Quilters Guild of Plano, Inc.

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## The President Says ...

Did you enter a quilt in the Dallas Quilt Show? Do you think the show is too 'advanced' for you? The only one requirement was that the quilt be finished in the last 5 years. Entries are not by invitation, but the first 400 are accepted.

So, why not have a quilt in the show? For that matter, why is your quilt not in our show? A quilt show isn't only about winning ribbons -- it is about showing the community what our guild members are doing -- all the members. Now, don't get me wrong. I love seeing the ribbon-winning quilts just like the next person. But I also like to see different methods used and different color combinations. I go to a quilt show for inspiration and ideas. I can also see progress and growth in my friends' quilts.



Remember, even a master quilter will try a new technique or learn new things that make them as much a beginner as you may be. Most people don't just do one type of quilting but try all kinds of new things. That is the only way to grow as a quilter. We want to show how our guild members are growing to encourage more people to join the guild and learn with us.

Our quilt show is the best way for us to reach out to the public and let them know how we are progressing in our quilting hobby. So, please finish up your quilts and get them ready for our quilt show.

Dolores Williams

**Quilt Plano 2015  
SAVE THE DATE!**

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

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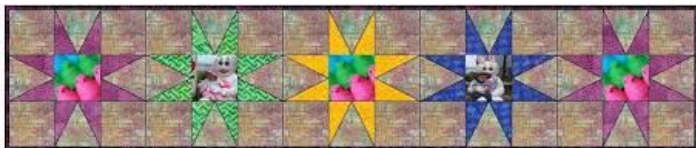
## GUILD OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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STOCKING PROJECT . . . . .	CAROL THUNE & "THE NIFTY NEEDLERS"
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## GUILD ACTIVITIES—LINDA NEAL

Thank you to everyone who brought their center squares and first border to share with the guild. We had so many great examples of pieced borders! If you haven't started or added your first border- it's OK! You can start now and catch up. Instructions are on the guild website to get started.

The 2nd border to be added to the Do-It-Yourself Round Robin Mystery is an Embroidered border. I have listed several different ways you might choose to help you make the 2nd border. Remember: the whole border does not have to be embroidered if YOU don't want to. It could be just the corners or whatever works for you.

1. Machine embroidery—for those who like to use their machine instead of handwork
2. Hand Embroidery—commercial patterns to trace or iron on, then hand stitch
3. Copy a poem or phrase that fits your theme (use your computer to try out different fonts/sizes)
4. Use a fabric in your center block and trace parts of it and stitch
5. Trace quilting stencils and hand stitch
6. Use your decorative stitches on your machine—either 1 row or a combination of rows
7. Recycle some embroidered handkerchief's or doilies
8. Take Michelle Watts class on Redwork Machine embroidery and learn a new technique

You have 2 months to complete the second border. Have fun, and bring your projects with you to each guild meeting to share!

## WEBSITE—LYNNE FRITSCHÉ

We have now made the switchover from the old website to the new website at [www.gqplano.org](http://www.gqplano.org) . If you go to the old site address, it will automatically forward you to the new site. If you have not visited the new site yet, please go have a look! Pages on the Activities tab have lots of things to see, including details on upcoming programs, the Round Robin Challenge, etc. The Gallery has photos from our recent retreat, as well as photos from the guild meetings. If you have any questions or any suggestions about the website, please email me at [webmaster@gqplano.org](mailto:webmaster@gqplano.org) .

## BEEKEEPER—KATHY HOOK



### ***Too Bee or Not Bee***

When I was a Girl Scout leader we always sang the following round at the start of the meeting.

*Make new friends  
But keep the old,  
One is silver,  
And the other gold.*

Quilting bees have the same philosophy. At the first Small Stuff bee meeting only two people were present. Everyone else who signed up had other obligations. However, it was a good meeting. I learned all about my quilting buddy and I made a new friend. We talked about everything. I didn't get any work done but I had a great time. I know that more people will be there on the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and I look forward to making more new friends. If you would like to make new friends, please email me. Hope to see you soon.

## QUILT PLANO 2015 SPECIAL EXHIBITS —SHARON SCHENKE



Last year, we displayed completed projects from our guild workshops as part of our Special Exhibits. These were very popular with our guests and members. Everyone could see examples of the new and fun things we are doing in quilting. After seeing workshop projects, we even had several show visitors join the guild and sign up for workshops. There were also some members wishing they had signed up for some of those workshops.

To inspire both guests and members, we want to hang completed workshop projects again. If you attended a workshop during the past year, we need your help. Please complete your project and allow us to display it. Specifically, we are looking for projects from:

Orphan Block quilts—MJ Fielek (July)  
Native Texan Star—Let's color team (Oct)  
Little Goose, Little Goose—Gail Garber (Nov)  
Strip Pieced Lone Star—Winnie Fleming (Jan)  
Border Bonanza—Winnie Fleming (Jan)  
Backyard Birds—Becky Goldsmith (Feb)  
Machine Redwork—J. Michelle Watts (Apr)

We would like to hang at least 4 examples from a workshop. The quilts do not need to be completed until quilt turn-in time (Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>), but we will need to have a count of the committed quilts by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to lay-out the exhibits. Remember, the quilts hung in special exhibits are not judged. They are hung to inspire our guests and to remember the new techniques we have tried, but not necessarily mastered, during the year.

If you have completed a project from an earlier workshop that you would like to display, please let me know. For more information, contact Sharon Schenke at [gschenke@verizon.net](mailto:gschenke@verizon.net). Forms to volunteer your project for display will be available on the "Quilt Show/Special Exhibits" page on the website by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## PROGRAMS—SHERRY WORLEY AND KAYE DUNN

Michelle Watts is our speaker in April. She will present the Lecture, The Beauty of the Southwest, on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We are very fortunate that she will be offering 3 workshops. The workshops begin on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> with Zentangles. The Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> workshop is a combination of stenciling with Paintsticks and redwork machine embroidery. This is a special workshop developed just for the Quilters Guild of Plano. It is an introduction of the two techniques. In this case the triple stitch embroidery will be used as the quilting stitch. You should be able to come close to completing this small project in class. Triple stitch embroidery looks very much like hand embroidery and when used as quilting adds a nice bold element. The Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> class is UFO Projects with Michelle. Be it 9 degree circle wedge, triple stitch redwork, or an appliqué project this is an opportunity to catch up. If you are an advanced beginner and have never tried one of Michelle's 9 degree circle wedge patterns this is your chance.

You may either work on an old project or start a new project with Michelle's guidance.

Join us in May for the excitement of the Quilt Show roll out meeting! This is your chance to get involved. You can support the guild by finding the right job for you. Remember that our Quilt Show is the main fund raiser for the guild. If you like the speakers and classes that we offer you need to participate.

A wonderful workshop is offered on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mendie Cannon of Bestitched will be teaching a Brazilian Embroidery Class. You may remember Mendie from last year's Quilt Show where she was a popular vendor. There is a \$45.00 kit fee for this class. The kit will include everything you need other than scissors, a hoop or stretcher bars, extra lighting and magnification if you need it. This is a special opportunity to learn a beautiful form of embroidery using several different types of threads

**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.qgplano.org](http://www.qgplano.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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

“Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive the supply lists via USPS.” Supply lists may 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

## 2016 GUILD RETREAT— JULIE BROOKS

Mark your calendars....  
The 2016 Guild Retreat  
has been scheduled for  
February 18—22, 2016.  
We will be returning to  
Mitchell Resort & Park.  
Cost is \$275 for double  
occupancy and \$425 for  
single.



Join in the fun.....  
Everyone who attended this year's retreat is  
raving about the food, the accommodations, and  
the fun—a spacious sewing room, cozy cabins  
and catering by our own Sandy Buttine.

Sign up early.....If you submit a \$50  
deposit by May 14<sup>th</sup>, and attend the retreat, your  
name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25  
gift certificate. There is room for 50 attendees.  
You can mail your check to Julie Brooks, 8300  
Indian Palms Trail, McKinney, TX 75070, or turn  
your check into Donna Petrick at a guild  
meeting. Contact Julie at [icjules@yahoo.com](mailto:icjules@yahoo.com)  
for more information, or ask any of the 2015  
retreaters to share their experience.

## QUILT PLANO 2015 T-SHIRTS— PAM WALSH



Quilt Plano 2015 T-shirts are  
still available for pre-order  
through The Stitch Witch.  
Kemberly will have a display  
and order forms at the April  
guild meeting. You can also  
place an order at the Stitch  
Witch store located at 3231  
Independence in Plano, by  
contacting Kemberly at 972-525

-2639 or [Kemberly@stitchwitchplano.com](mailto:Kemberly@stitchwitchplano.com).  
The 100% cotton shirts come in a Standard  
(Unisex) cut in sizes Small—5XL or a Ladies cut  
in sizes Small—3XL. The ladies-cut has a  
slightly more fitted look with a scooped neck-  
line. There are options for adding “sparkle” and  
“bling”.

## DAY RETREATS—DONNA PETRICK

I've had several people ask me about the  
day retreats that are held at the Dallas Gamers  
location here in Plano, southeast corner of  
Parker and Alma. I've attended a couple that  
the Dallas guild has held and a couple that I  
have held. I brought it up to the board and told  
them I'm willing to head up a couple of day  
retreats to see if the guild members are  
interested. **This is not to replace the guild  
retreat we have in February but to add to the  
fun.** Some people can't get away for 4 days in  
another area, but maybe can spend some time  
sewing with a group of us in town. You get to  
leave your sewing supplies in place and go  
home to sleep in your own bed.

The quilting room will hold 26 people  
comfortably, plus have room for a cutting table  
and a couple of regular ironing boards. There  
is plenty of light, comfortable plastic chairs (but  
feel free to bring your own) and a six foot table  
per person. The facility has several other areas  
to sit and talk, a small kitchen with a microwave  
and two refrigerators and a restroom area.  
Snacks and drinks are available for a small  
cost. There are plenty of restaurants close by,  
so you can bring your own food or go out with  
some of the group.

I'm going to see if we can get a 3 day  
retreat for a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
for later this year. Then I will try to get a Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday retreat in late 2016. The  
weekends fill up fast. None are left for 2015.  
The cost would be approximately \$25/person  
for the three weekdays and \$35/person for the  
weekend days. You would have to pay for the  
full 3 days because  
once again, the guild  
does not underwrite  
the cost of retreats  
and the room has to  
be paid for regardless.  
Attendance would be  
on a first paid basis.

I should be able to  
give you the dates  
and information at the  
April guild meeting.



**MEMBERSHIP NEWS—DONNA PETRICK  
& KEMBERLY WILSHIRE**

*Thank You*

Thank you to Valerie Salter for filling in for me at the last guild meeting.

I had made a big error in entering the information on one of our new members—Susan Rentz. Her correction is listed below. Thank you, Susan, for the heads up.

Some of you picked up your anniversary pins in March. If you didn't, please plan to in April. I'll also have the 2014 service bars at guild if you haven't gotten yours.

**New Member**

Suzan Rentz      srentztx@gmail.com

**April Birthdays**

Donna Petrick	02/04	Julie Yee	15/04
Cindy Worthington	02/04	Beverly Geise	17/04
Linda Dansereau	03/04	Rose-Clair Fletcher	18/04
Jayne Eshbaugh	04/04	Ki Watkins	20/04
Connie Ryan	04/04	Nancy Brown	21/04
Karen Bethel	05/04	Lisa Ownby	23/04
Terri Mendelow	06/04	Suzy Boyle	25/04
Julie Brooks	07/04	Mary Halian	25/04
Pamila McReynolds	08/04	Anne Leather	27/04
Tina Connolly	09/04	Norma Coleman	28/04
Asha Viswaneshan	12/04	Pat Fowler	29/04
Carolyn Bond	15/04	Deborah Skorepa	29/04



**QUILT PLANO REGISTRATION—  
LYNNE FRITSCHE**

The quilt show is on its way, and we are accepting entries at guild meetings or by mail. The entry form and registration information is available on the website from the Quilt Show tab. Remember that you must submit a color photo with each entry. The photo must be of your actual top (not the pattern), at least 4"x 6", and must be in color so that we can best decide which quilts should hang next to each other. The photo does not have to be an actual photo print on glossy paper—regular printer paper is fine. If you need help getting a photo, you can bring your quilt (or top) to the May or June meeting and we will take photos for you.



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## MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES—MARTY CROUCH

Dolores Williams called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written. The treasurer's report will be filed for review. Dolores announced that the Nominating Committee would be appointed in April to allow sufficient time to recommend the board positions that would be open in 2016.

### **Items discussed:**

**Education**—Pam Wingate reported that she had attended the Appliqué Academy event and found it to be a good venue to sell tickets, but could be improved if the quilt was displayed at a different time. She will request volunteers for the next event at the Appliqué Academy. The raffle quilt has been entered at the Tyler quilt show. The Junior Quilter class will have a summer camp this year. MJ Fielek made a motion that we set up a scholarship for the Junior Quilter camp. Pam Wingate seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Tina Connolly suggested that we display a sign with the mini-quilt auction to identify that some of the proceeds will be used for this scholarship. The board concurred with the suggestion.

**Membership**—Donna Petrick reported that our guild is near 200 members. She reported that the guild retreat had been excellent and that the expenses of the retreat had been covered with a surplus of \$159.11. Donna recommended that the surplus be applied to retreat related supplies. The Board concurred. Donna also recommended that we try having a guild day retreat (Monday-Wednesday) at the facility at Parker and Alma. If the day retreat is totally booked, the cost would be \$35 per person. During discussion, recommendations were made that the reservations be paid in advance to ensure that no guild member would have to cover the cost of cancelled reservation. Donna indicated that she would do further research and present the idea to the guild at the April meeting.

**Programs**—Kaye Dunn provided an update on upcoming programs and workshops.

**Community Service**—Donna Petrick announced that Sandy Buttine and Mickie Warrington had

offered to organize another community service sit and sew day at the Olde Craft Store in Carrollton on the last Saturday of the month. Pam Walsh made a motion that we support this effort. Pam Wingate seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Guild Activities**—Linda Neal will present the instructions for the second border of the round robin quilt at the March meeting.

**Media**—Lynne Fritsche announced that the pages for Guild Activities, Programs, 9-patch and Bees are now available on the new website. The subscription to the old site will expire in mid-April. Any changes should be submitted to Lynne in the next 10 days.

**Quilt Show**—Pam Walsh reported that the recommendation to purchase quilt hanging supplies from the Dallas guild and to seek larger storage facilities had been approved by the board in an e-mail vote. The additional supplies will require professional movers in March and ongoing at the beginning and end of each show. Pam recommended that we lease a new storage facility located at Avenue K and Legacy. It will cost \$160 per month for a 10 by 30 foot space with an overhead door. The current cost is \$130 per month for a 10 by 10 foot space. We can take possession of the storage facility by the end of the Dallas quilt show. The ongoing expense for movers will need to be added to the budget under the Quilt Show and there will be an overage in this year's budget. Linda Neal made a motion that we approve signing a contract for \$160 per month and that the storage facility be budgeted (as it is currently) under Administrative Expenses. Kaye Dunn seconded the motion. The motion passed. Marty Crouch made a motion that Pam Walsh get three bids from movers and accept the best bid. Donna Petrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

### **Those in attendance:**

Dolores Williams, Pam Wingate, Donna Petrick, Kaye Dunn, LaDawn Dalley, Linda Neal, Lynne Fritsche, MJ Fielek, Pam Walsh, Marty Crouch, Tina Connolly, Carol Long

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## FAT QUARTER DONATIONS NEEDED —KATHY HOOK



### Donations are Needed

I have run out of fat quarters to put into the guild gift bags for new members. The last 10 quarters were from my own stash. Please bring one to our April meeting. I will be sitting at the hospitality table.

Thank you, for helping me make our gift bags a warm and welcoming treat for new members.

## FEBRUARY CASH FLOW COMPARISON—CAROL LONG

Bank Balance 79,795.03

### INFLOWS

Administrative: Bank Interest	1.85
Media: Newsletter Ads	155.00
Membership: Membership Dues	85.00
Programs: Workshop Income	300.00
Quilt Show: Vendor Booth Income	4,407.00
Retreat Fees Collected	<u>1,200.00</u>

**TOTAL INFLOWS** 6,148.85

### OUTFLOWS

Administrative: Bank Fees	52.39
Administrative: CPA Expenses	285.00
Administrative: Fed. & State Tax/Fees	20.23
Administrative: Publicity	359.52
Administrative: Service Pins	175.09
Programs: Facilities Rent	275.00
Programs: Speaker Lecture	495.00
Programs: Speaker Meals & Per Diem	54.69
Programs: Speaker Travel Expense	115.00
Programs: Workshop Facility Rent	155.00
Programs: Workshop Teacher Fees	750.00
Quilt Show: Printing Expense	459.00
Retreat Fee Expenses*	<u>6,550.85</u>

**TOTAL OUTFLOWS** 9,746.77

Bank Balance 2/28/15 76,197.11

\*total collected for Retreat—\$6,565.00

Bank Balances	<u>01/31/15</u>	<u>02/28/15</u>
Operating Account	55,662.86	52,063.09
Money Market Account	<u>24,132.17</u>	<u>24,134.02</u>
	79,795.03	76,197.11

## COMMON THREADS AD RATES

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## MARCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—MARTY CROUCH

Guild President Dolores Williams called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written. The treasurer's report will be filed for review. Dolores announced that the Nominating Committee would need to begin working in May to replace all but three officers. She requested volunteers and indicated that the committee will be appointed at the April meeting. The July meeting will be held at Plano Centre since the church is not available. Workshops will be held on the meeting day in July.

**TAQG**—Rally Day will be July 11 with appliqué workshops presented by Kathy Dunigan. Lunch tickets, raffle tickets and pins are available for purchase at guild meetings.

**Programs**—Kaye Dunn announced speakers for the coming months. Michelle Watts will present three workshops in April: Zentangles, Paint Stick Stenciling, Redwork Machine Embroidery, and a UFO workshop. The May workshop will be presented by Mendie Cannon on Brazilian embroidery. June, July and September workshops have been developed based on results of the guild survey. MJ Fielek will teach bindings in June. Workshops on machine quilting and 3 methods of machine appliqué will be held on Thursday, July 9 at the Plano Centre. Quilt tops from Community Service will be provided for the machine quilting class. Linda Neal will teach English paper piecing in September.

**Quilt Show**—Pam Walsh displayed mini-quilts donated this month and announced that some of the proceeds from mini-quilts will be used to underwrite scholarships for Junior Quilters. Emily Armstrong won the door prize for donating a mini-quilt. Pam reminded members that orders could be placed for show t-shirts by contacting Kemberly Wilshire. She also asked for volunteers to take bundles of bookmarks and deliver them to local businesses and guilds. Members volunteered to take bookmarks to Garland, Allen, Greenville and McKinney guilds.

**Guild Activities**—Members who have completed the first round displayed their quilts. Linda Neal announced instructions and showed samples for the second border of the DIY round robin quilt. The second border should include hand or machine embroidery or decorative stitches. Linda recommended the Michelle Watts red work triple stitch workshop offered in April. Linda will provide full instructions on the website. Members may also use any other type border if they prefer it to embroidery. Debbie Skorepa offered to help any members with hand embroidery.

**Community Service**—LaDawn Dalley announced that there will be a weekend Sit and Sew Day for community service held on the last Saturday of each month at the Olde Craft Shop in Carrollton.

**Membership**—Dolores Williams recognized the 3 visitors and 52 members in attendance. Ten door prizes were awarded from members and the following shops:

- Threads That Bind
- The Olde Craft Store
- Quilt Asylum
- Quilt Country
- Quilt Ideas
- Sew Let's Quilt It

**Show and Tell**—Rebecca Morris, LaDawn Dalley, Marty Crouch, and Hazel Bailey showed their treasured antique quilts. Lisa Terry and Pam Walsh showed their completed quilts made after taking the Orphan Blocks workshop taught by MJ Fielek. Rebecca Morris showed a blue work baby quilt and Ileana Salzer showed a modern quilt inspired by the Quilt Con show. Unique work was displayed by Martha O'Grady and Alice Payn. Martha showed embroidered pillow cases and Alice showed a purse and placemats.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. The guest speaker was Sandra Archer.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE— LADAWN DALLEY

I arrived at the March meeting late and frazzled, so I am sorry if I missed you dropping off and picking up quilts, etc. As always, thank you to all of you who make my job so fun, (seeing all the beautiful quilts and cuddles and having the pleasure of dropping them off at our service organizations. They are always appreciated!)

Before I forget, I wanted to remind everyone that we are starting a new Saturday community sew day. The group is headed by Sandy Buttine and will meet at the Old Craft Store in Carrollton. Projects will be provided. The first meeting is scheduled for April 25th, 10 am-2 pm (you can stay later if you want). Email [Sandy](#) to let her know that you're planning to come so she can have enough work for everyone.

Lynne and I have been working on the Community Service page of the new website. Ok, ok, Lynne has been doing the most work, but I've helped a little! Check it out! We're updating the photos and information, and making sure all the links work.

Due to the "situation" with the Christmas stockings, it has been decided that we ought to be keeping better track of our efforts. So, by the April meeting, I hope to have a sign out/sign in chart. You will be asked to note your name and how many and what kind of quilt you are taking and returning. Don't worry, it will be simple! And, I'm thinking that at the end of the year, there will be some kind of reward for your work. Haven't decided just what or if it will be determined by the amount of work you've done or a lottery type drawing. I have to mull on that for a while!

## BIRTHDAY QUILT CHALLENGE— SHERRY WORLEY

If you would like to participate in the Birthday Quilt Challenge for 2015, the rules are simple. Just make a quilt and turn it in to Sherry Worley in the month of your birth. The quilt may be any size any technique, as long as it is a **finished** quilt. Sherry will document your donation and pass your quilt on to Community Service. A prize drawing will be held at the end of the year.

## DAY RETREAT UPDATE— DONNA PETRICK

Since I've written my first article on day retreats, the board has had a chance to meet to discuss having the day retreats. We decided to try it for a couple of times to see if you, the members, are receptive to this sewing time. Kevin, who is the originator of the Dallas Gamers Group, has moved one of the groups using the facility on the second Friday to another day. However, there is still a group that meets there on Friday nights. Hence, the need to leave on Fridays by 4:30 pm.

So currently, we have two times to use the day retreat. First, we are moving the April Friday (10<sup>th</sup>) and Saturday (11<sup>th</sup>) workshops to the Gamers Bldg. This will allow us to have more time to spend with our speaker and not be so rushed to have to leave the building by 2:00 pm. If you are taking the workshop on Friday and/or Saturday, we have special pricing for you. If you take the Friday workshop, you may come back to sew on Saturday and Sunday for a cost of \$25.00 for the two days. If you are taking the Saturday workshop, you may come back to sew on Sunday for \$12.00. If you want to sew Friday and Sunday, but are just taking the Saturday workshop, you will pay \$25.00. Hours for open sew time are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm for Friday, 8:00 am to 9:30 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. We have room in the second room for 14 or 15 people who can come sew all three days. The cost for three days will be \$35.00. The main room with the workshops will hold 28 people comfortably. But this room cannot be used by other members until the workshops are over for the day.

The second date we are trying is July 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The price for these three days is \$35.00 per person. You need to pay for the three days, but you may come and go as you wish. We can take a total of 28 people in the main room and 14 or 15 in the secondary room.

To reserve a space you need to pay before the dates we attend. The address is 930 W Parker, Ste 530, Plano TX 75075. This is on the SE corner of Parker and Alma, behind Shipley Do-Nuts and the 7-11 station.