

**President's Farewell**

It is time for me to say goodbye as TAQG President. I started the job 3 years ago at the March meeting because our president was forced to resign for health reasons. I was Membership chair at the time and had the directories done so the job only had light maintenance left. I then did two complete terms as President.

My goal started out to increase membership in TAQG. Then I realized that we needed to enhance the organization so that our present members felt joining TAQG gave them more than just free entrance to Rally Day. We have been trying to have more interesting programs such as the experts coming in and talking about things the guilds need to know about running their organization. We have enhanced the website by getting a professional webmaster that will make the website look good while conveying more and more information.

I am happy with the strides we made for the organization and hope the new board keeps the improvements coming.

Good luck to the new board.

Dolores Williams, Almost Past President

**TAQG Website being updated**

Be on the lookout for changes to our website, TAQG.org.

We are getting ready to add a new page that will feature local teachers for lectures and workshops. We hope to launch this by December and will feature the teachers that spoke at our November Program forum. This page will be in alphabetical order and will have the teacher's picture (if she or he wants to have it posted), their lectures and workshops with costs. Pictures will accompany the posts to let you know exactly what they are doing. There will also be links to their websites and other places they post their information.

The purpose of the page is to allow guilds to find some of the awesome talent we have in Texas. Many of these speakers are available on short notice when you have an emergency and need a fill-in. Plus it is a great way to learn about our local talent.

How do you get on the page? Send your information to me, Dolores Williams, at [quiltingpony@hotmail.com](mailto:quiltingpony@hotmail.com). I will make sure it gets to our webmaster. -- Dolores Williams



Texas Association of Quilt Guilds The Texas Association of Quilt Guilds meets on the last Tuesday of odd numbered months at the Garden Ridge Church of Christ at 102 N. Garden Ridge Blvd. in Lewisville from 10 am to 12 pm. Find us online at: [www.taqq.org](http://www.taqq.org) Our Mission: To share information between guilds and preserve the art of quilting

**Tell Me Again What TAQG is???**

As a confederation of quilt guilds in North, Central and East Texas, the TAQG serves as a resource to local guilds in matters ranging from getting federal tax exempt status, to dealing with bylaws issues, to putting forth interesting and meaningful programs and activities. For example, did you know that cash grants are available for small guilds for speakers, programs and even for equipment? TAQG exists to serve, and to promote the exchange of ideas among member guilds. We celebrate quilting, and encourage quilting activities, all the while promoting friendship, mutual aid and common interest. And your key to the wealth of TAQG knowledge and experience is your guild's TAQG representative.

-- Marsha Meeks, President 2016

**Share your Favorite Website**

[www.quiltguilds.com](http://www.quiltguilds.com) is a website with a lot to offer. They allow you to list your Quilt Guild in their by the State index. This Index allows you to add information about your meetings and Quilt Show as well as dues and a contact. If you are already listed, it would be a good idea to check to confirm that the information is still correct. The site features include suggestions for Programs. This may be especially valuable for Guilds that are seeking low cost or no cost options. They also have a section of games that could be used for a meeting program or possibly included into your Guild Newsletter. Consider using one of the puzzles, offered in the game section, at your next Guild meeting and offering a prize for the first correctly solved puzzle. There are enough game suggestions that you could use them to have a Carnival Night at the Quilt Guild. You might offer charm squares or pre-cut strips for frizzes for the Carnival Games then ask members to use their "winnings" to make a charity quilt. I hope that you enjoy this site.



Submitted by Sherry Worley

**Please send your suggestions of favorite websites that can be featured in future newsletters and links on our website to: [taqqnews@gmail.com](mailto:taqqnews@gmail.com)**

### Out with the Old, In with the New

In December, we say good-bye to the TAQG Executive Board, with a big thank you for their service. **Dolores Williams** (McKinney Quilters Guild) completed her third year as President. VP – Programs/Secondary Meetings was headed up by **Charna Gray** (Bear Creek Quilt Guild in Keller), and **Alice Payn** (Allen Quilters' Guild) served as Secretary. **Belva Gibson** (Denton Quilt Guild) served as Membership Chairman. Treasurer **Donna Petrick** (Quilter's Guild of Dallas) has agreed to serve one more year, and the new board is very grateful for her providing continuity and experience.

The new officers, who assume their duties in January, are President **Marsha Meeks** (Garland Quilt Guild) and Co-VP's for Programs/Secondary Meetings **Dr. Carolyn Troupe** (Quilter's Guild of Arlington) and **Sherry Killebrew** (Fort Worth Quilt Guild). The position of Secretary will be filled by **Laurie Anderson** (Cotton Patch Quilt Guild in Greenville) and Membership Chair will be handled by **Judy Mathews** (Homespun Quilters Guild in Waco).

While these officers are important, the backbone of the TAQG is made up of the guild representatives. Your guild TAQG rep is your connection to the programs and services the TAQG has to offer. She will have the latest on upcoming quilt shows and all-important Rally Day information.

- Marsha Meeks, President 2016

### A Quick Look Ahead at 2016

Hello Fellow Quilters! Greetings from your new TAQG Executive Board! While everyone is very busy with holiday preparations and parties right now, I wanted to take just a moment to alert you to the upcoming programs the TAQG has lined up in 2016 for your benefit and information.

The January meeting focuses on the offices of President, Treasurer and Secretary. Each person in that position is asked to complete a questionnaire, (obtained from your guild TAQG rep) which then provides you with a database of how participating guilds handle common problems and issues. But better than that, the January meeting is a chance for these officers to sit down (in 3 separate meetings) with others in the same position and talk about what works, what doesn't, and what has yet to be tried. Especially if you are in your first year in this position, you will come away with new ideas, appreciation for the fact that others have faced the same problems you have, and a renewed appreciation for your own guild and its unique circumstances. Be sure your

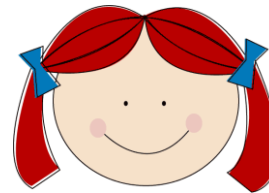
officers complete their questionnaires for this kick-off meeting. Your guild TAQG rep will have the questionnaires in early January. They should be completed whether you can attend the meeting or not, as you will be given the compiled

This meeting will be held in Mineola in the League of the Arts Building, 200 West Blair in Mineola TX 75773. The meeting starts at 10 and is over by noon, giving you plenty of time to stop in at Stitchin' Heaven and Mineola Needle Works. The January meeting is the only one held on Saturday. The rest of the bi-monthly meetings are held in Lewisville the fourth Tuesday of the month, except for November. Planned topics for the secondary special interest meetings include media (web pages, newsletter & other), grants and awards, non-profit issues, Rally Day, and membership including recruiting young people.

The November meeting is devoted to programs and showcases speakers, teachers. Of course the highlight of the TAQG year is Rally Day. In 2016, Rally Day will be held in Mesquite on Saturday, July 9, 2016. Our keynote speaker will be Kimberly Einmo of 2-1/2" strip fame. If you want to whet your appetite, check out her webpage at [www.kimberlyeimo.com](http://www.kimberlyeimo.com).

2016 Looks to be a great year for Texas quilters!

- Marsha Meeks, In-Coming President



Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild member Sharon Feldt has recently published her second book, "*The Scary Hair of Sarah O'Shea*", about a little red-headed 9-year-old girl and her dog, with illustrations by a local artist, Heather Karstens. Sharon has been on a busy tour around Texas, teaching about writing and overcoming obstacles along the way, hoping to shape children's lives for the better. Her first book, "*The Stable*", was published in 2014.

The Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild of Sulphur Springs was commissioned by the local Downtown Business Alliance to complete a quilt to commemorate the 10th anniversary of their annual Heritage Square Classic Car Show. Official t-shirts from each of the ten years were used in the quilt, with the middle block an original painting of the Hopkins County Courthouse by local artist Mike Elliott. The original pattern was designed and created by Debra Hager and Marti Rajotte with assistance from Beryl Newsome and Deanna Hasten. Debra also provided the machine quilting. Raffle tickets were sold at the November 7th show, and won by local resident Don Edwards.



For almost three years, the Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild has had a downtown presence on the Hopkins County courthouse square in Sulphur Springs. In March 2013, the guild began creating quilt displays, first in a county building window, and currently in a window at the Belle Amie Day Spa. Displays are changed at least monthly, with seasonal themes and decorations. Notices of guild meetings, the annual quilt show, and other activities are part of the showcases. This project has been very helpful in the guild's mission of promoting the art and love of quilting in our area.

The 17th annual Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild's quilt show was held on September 18-19 at the First Baptist Church R.O.C. in Sulphur Springs. The theme of "Texas, Deep in the Heart" was also the title of the 2015 raffle quilt, which was won by Terry Havekost of Quitman TX. Over 125 quilts were shown, and the Best of Show quilt, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" was made by Linda Neal of McKinney TX and quilted by Jackie Brown. Quilt Show Chairman Marti Rajotte has announced that the theme for the 2016 quilt show will be "Autumn Stars" and will be held on September 16 - 17 at the R.O.C. The deadline for quilt entries is July 16, 2016. – Deanna Hasten



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**Rally Day 2016**

Yipes, Rally Day is only 7 months away!

Rally Day will be on July 9. Our speaker is Kimberly Einmo, who is most famous for Jelly Roll Quilts. She will teach classes before Rally Day, July 7 & 8 in Mesquite and in Arlington on July 11 & 12. We have not determined the classes yet, but whatever she teaches will be awesome.

Check out her website at: <http://www.kimberlyeinmo.com/>.

Our Rally Day Packets will be going out to the reps at the January meeting, so start looking for the pre-rally-day raffle tickets, lunch tickets and class sign-ups then.

Don't forget, we need lots of Mini Quilts to sell on Rally Day. It is our main source of income since Rally Day is free to all members of Member Guilds.

- Dolores Williams,
- TAQG President

**Pictures from the 2015 Rally Day Workshop in Cedar Hill with Kathy Dunigan**

Special Interest Meeting Notes  
Programs

The discussion was led by Sherry Worley from the Quilters Guild of Plano. In addition to short discussions about which speakers each guild liked best and least, there were lively discussions about free or inexpensive programs. Since not every guild either returned or brought their filled out survey, Sherry will scan and email all available returned surveys to members who attended the discussion. TAQG Reps for each guild will also receive the scanned surveys. We hope that they will share the information with the appropriate people in their individual Guilds.

The discussion of free and inexpensive program ideas led to the following suggestions:

- Ask Guild members who normally do not participate in show and tell to participate in a bed turning. A bed turning is where you layer all of the quilts one on top of another on a bed (or table), discuss the top quilt then remove it to reveal the next quilt.
- **The McKinney's Quilter Guild** held a panel discussion about How and Why You Should Enter your Quilt in a Show. Several experienced members helped lead the discussion and answered questions.
- Studio Tours either real or photographic. If several quilters who live near the usual meeting space will volunteer their studios, members can carpool to actually visit. **Red River Valley Quilt Guild** asked members for studio photographs and turned them into a calendar. They used the photo shop at Costco and presold the calendar. Their sale price was not much more than what it cost, so it was not price prohibitive to members. With most of the make your own calendar companies, you can add important dates for little or no charge. In a previous calendar, they featured some of their favorite quilts. Photographic studio tours could also be turned into an interesting Guild program. Plus, it would also serve as a good excuse to actually get into those rooms and get them cleaned up!
- **Cedar Hill Quilters Guild** told us about Trick or Treat! For Trick or Treat, put something you started and do not plan to finish in a bag. At the meeting, each participant picks a bag (no peeking!). Each person, in turn, opens their bag and the person who brought it tells the story of the contents. You keep the bag for one year and have to do some work before you return it to the next Trick or Treat. There are prizes for those who have finished the project. They say one Applecore project bag has really been passed around! We might also suggest that each project contain a record book and perhaps a photo so you remember where each bag started and how far they have progressed.
- The Paint Chip Challenge was explained by **the Gun Barrel Quilters Guild**. The coordinator collects paint chips from local retailers. Each participant draws one neutral color chip and one or two color chips. They bring back a block, using

only those colors at the specified time. You can also use the drawn colors to add borders to the block. This can also be done with crayons to draw the color chips. Another guild who did this challenge showed all of the finished quilts at a guild meeting and gave away Member's Choice Awards.

- The **Quilter's Guild of Plano** and the **Cotton Patch Quilt Guild** are having a Do It Yourself Border Bash Round Robin. The center block is your choice, anything goes. Then every other month a new assignment is made, and that technique must be incorporated into the next border.
- A suggestions shared by **Mineola League of the Arts** was to have several quilters share quilts with their Quilt Show Critiques. This leads to questions and discussion of what Judges are looking for and how to make more successful quilts.
- **Granbury Quilter's Guild** suggests having several members bring their favorite things (books, tools, tips, etc.,) to share with the guild. They also suggested make a block like your Grandmother did. Don't use any modern tools or methods. This will bring a whole new appreciation for all of the inventions we now cherish. My cereal boxes are quaking on the shelf! This idea should open many new discussions within a Guild or quilting circle.
- Many Guilds have Skills Night where members volunteer to show their favorite techniques. In July, the **Quilters Guild of Plano** asks members who will be doing free demos at the August Quilt Show to preview their demo for the members. Most members are so busy at the show that we do not have a chance to attend the demos.
- Another activity that might be fun is to plan a fieldtrip to another Guild meeting. Perhaps visit a large Guild when they are having a great out of town speaker. Many Guild's charge a fee when nonmembers attend a meeting with a National Speaker, so you may want to contact them in advance to let them know you are coming. You may be able to negotiate a reduced rate.
- There are several traveling exhibits that your Guild can book for an appearance. Some of these include: The Hoffman Challenge, contests from Keepsake Quilting, and The Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) Quilt Collection. Other miscellaneous discussions included:
- Go together with another Guild to share a speaker. You can either share one meeting or if your meetings are close enough on the calendar maybe you can just share expenses. If you do share expenses, please have a contract between the two Guilds, so that everything is spelled out in advance, and no questions arise as to who is supposed to pay for something. One speaker that was suggested for sharing is Suzi Parron. She travels in an RV and tries to put together stops in the same area. Suzi is known for sharing information and photos of Barn Quilts and Barn Quilt Trails. She also does a nice workshop on painting your own barn quilt. Our own Fannin County has the largest Barn

Quilt Trail in the state of Texas. For more information go to [http://visitbonham.com/files/Quilt\\_Trail\\_06\\_2014.pdf](http://visitbonham.com/files/Quilt_Trail_06_2014.pdf)

- Each Guild is encouraged to develop its own contract for speakers. A sample contract can be found on the forms page of taqq.org.
- We encourage TAQG member guilds to provide information on your upcoming speaker, classes and shows to the TAQG website through your TAQG representative.
- We also encourage TAQG member guilds to provide the same information to Newsletter editor Katrina Lindley. Katrina can be reached at [taqqnews@gmail.com](mailto:taqqnews@gmail.com)
- TAQG plans to add a few new pages to the website. One which is under development is a teacher's page. This will allow area teachers to have a free page on the TAQG site to provide information about lectures, workshops and bios.
- A good online source is [www.quiltguilds.com](http://www.quiltguilds.com). They have some good suggestions for programs and activities.

Submitted by Sherry Worley

<b>LIST of Upcoming Quilting Events</b>	
<b>JANUARY</b>	
7	Quilter's Guild of Dallas – Trunk Show by Terry Mosher
8-9	Homespun Quilter's Guild, Waco Quilt Show "Cabin Fever", Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue, Waco
8-9	Heart of Texas One Stop Shop Hop, Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue, Waco; Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4; Shop 40+ quilt shops under one roof plus the scissor man; Admission \$6 for 12 yrs and up
14	Plano Guild, "The Fab Five: Fabulous Award Winning Quilts" by Linda Neal and Jackie Brown
15-16	Plano Guild Workshops by Jackie Brown on Creative Domestic Machine Quilting see <a href="http://www.qgplano.org">www.qgplano.org</a> for location and cost
22-24	Annual Jefferson Quilt Show, 2016 Cypress Valley Education Center 120 E Austin St., Jefferson, TX 75657 <a href="http://www.jeffersonquiltshow.com">www.jeffersonquiltshow.com</a>
30	TAQG Meeting with secondary meeting focusing on the offices of President, Treasurer and Secretary; 10 am, the Mineola League of the Arts, 200 West Blair, Mineola.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
4	Quilter's Guild of Dallas, program by Weeks Ringle, Lecture: Modern Quilts

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
11	Plano Guild - Leo Ramson is giving a lecture on "The Journey of an Art Quilter"
13	Plano Guild – Workshop by Leo Ramson on workshop on Portrait Layering/Shading see <a href="http://www.qgplano.org">www.qgplano.org</a> for location and cost
19	Bear Creek Quilt Show
<b>MARCH</b>	
3	Quilter's Guild of Dallas, Lecture: Brenda Perry agrees to re-visit and share her story about her collection
10	Plano Quilt Guild - Sharon Wilhelm is giving a lecture "For the Love of Blocks of the Month, Here Go I" Trunk Show
11-13	Quilt Guild of Dallas 2016 Show "Words and Letterforms" , Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX 75207 <a href="http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org">www.quiltersguildofdallas.org</a>
18-19	35th Annual Tyler Quilt Show "SCRAPS!" Quintessentially American Fri & Sat 10-5,Harvey Convention Center, 2000 W Front St (Hwy 31 W), Tyler, TX <a href="http://www.qgetx.org">www.qgetx.org</a>
29	TAQG Meeting, 10 am, topic – media/newsletters, Garden Ridge church of Christ, 102 N Garden Ridge Blvd, Lewisville, 75067
<b>APRIL</b>	
7	Quilter's Guild of Dallas, program by Mickey Depre, from her patterns " Pieced Hexies"
21	Denton Quilt Guild Garage Sale, Patterson-Appleton Center for the Visual Arts
22-23	Quilter's Guild of Arlington Quilt Show, Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S Center St., Arlington, TX <a href="http://www.qgoa.org">www.qgoa.org</a>
29-30	SUNSHINE DAZE Annual Quilt Show, Gunbarrel Quilters Guild Cain Center 915 S. Palestine St., Athens, TX 75751 <a href="http://www.gunbarrelquiltersguild.org">www.gunbarrelquiltersguild.org</a>
<b>MAY</b>	
31	TAQG Meeting, 10 am ,topic Grants/awards, Garden Ridge church of Christ, 102 N Garden Ridge Blvd, Lewisville, 75067
<b>JULY</b>	
7-8	TAQG Rally Day workshops in Mesquite
9	TAQG Rally Day in Mesquite, Our speaker is Kimberly Einmo, Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, 1233 N. Beltline Rd, Mesquite, TX 75149
11-12	TAQG Rally Day workshops in Arlington

**Pictures of the presenters at our annual Speakers Forum**

**November  
17th, 2015**

Thanks to  
all who  
participated!

