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The President Says...

I returned from our Guild Retreat yesterday and want to extend a big thank you and shout out to Julie Brooks and Sandy Buttine – our Retreat Chairs – for a fabulous quilt retreat! I have to admit, this was my first retreat with the guild but definitely won't be the last – I'm already signed up for next year! The accommodations were terrific, the food & snacks were abundant and delicious, the workspace and lighting were excellent and the hotel made sure there was enough power for all our quilters and their 'tools'. There were fun activities including LCR (Left Center Right) with fat quarters, a Bones Table, and show & tell - it was great to see what everyone else was working on and share tips with everyone. Some of us also took advantage of the bar, massages, and hot tub close by. But the best part for me was getting to spend time with friends and fellow quilters and getting to know some very fun and new friends!



If you weren't able to go this year, I hope you'll be able to next time.

Pam

New Location for March Meeting

Because our regular meeting place at the church will not be available, the March guild meeting will be held at

The Gallery Event Room
6837 Coit Rd.
Plano, TX 75024

This location is on the west side of Coit, just south of Legacy. We will return to our regular meeting place at Parkway Hills Baptist Church for the April meeting.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.qgplano.org

GUILD OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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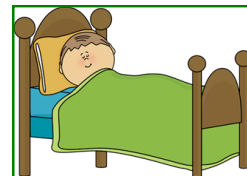
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QUILTS FOR SAMARITAN INN— PAM WALSH

Eighteen more quilts were turned in for Samaritan Inn in February; we are half-way to our goal of 75 quilts. Thanks to each of these members who are ensuring that a homeless child will be covered by love with his or her own special quilt:



- ◆ Emily Armstrong
- ◆ Mary Bishop
- ◆ Elayne Brown
- ◆ Rose Davis
- ◆ Kaye Dunn
- ◆ Mistey Jones
- ◆ Sharon McGinnis
- ◆ Aggie Meszaros
- ◆ Norlyn Quinn
- ◆ Sue Rentz
- ◆ Jeanne Vogel (2 quilts)
- ◆ Pat Wiant (2 quilts)
- ◆ Pam Walsh (2 quilts)

For each quilt/pillowcase set turned in, the quilter's name will be entered into our drawing for one of three personalized bags like were shown at our October meeting.

** There were two more quilts that were not listed on the turn-in list. If you turned in a quilt, but your name is not listed, please contact me if you want to be entered into the drawing in April.

A reminder of the guides for these quilts:

- ◆ 40" by 60" (or close to that size depending on your blocks)
- ◆ A coordinating pillowcase (directions available on our website: resources/how to...)
- ◆ Appropriate for boys or for girls ranging from one to eighteen
- ◆ Binding applied with machine-stitching
- ◆ Permanently attach one of our "created with love" labels that the guild applies to each community service item made. (I will apply the label later if you do not have one.)
- ◆ Quilts should be turned in at the meeting on March 10th, or you may contact me to make other arrangements. All quilts must be received by the end of March.

Please contact me with any questions:

pam.walsh92@gmail.com or 817-846-5141

TAQG RALLY DAY 2016— SHERRY WORLEY

Save July 9th for Rally Day to be held at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, 1233 North Belt Line Road, Mesquite, TX! Join us in welcoming Kimberly Einmo back to North Texas. Kimberly is known for her work creating with pre-cuts. She is the Author of **Jelly Roll Quilt Magic, Precut Bonanza, Modern Quilts and More** and several other very popular books. TAQG is offering 3 classes with Kimberly. There is a 2 day class in Mesquite that is a **Skill Building Sampler Quilt** on July 7th and 8th. The July 11th class in Arlington is **Lone Starburst**. The last opportunity to take a class with Kimberly is in Arlington on July 12th for a **Mystery Quilt**. See www.tagg.org for specific information on these classes. Please, also learn more about Kimberly at her website www.kimberlyeinmo.com.

If you have never attended a Rally Day you are in for a treat! This is what you can expect:

- ◆ The doors of Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite open at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ If you are a member of a TAQG member guild, just show your guild membership card to get in free!
- ◆ New this year is the admission price of \$5.00, at the door, for individuals who are not members of a member guild. Please invite your quilting friends.
- ◆ If you are one of the first 500 through the doors you will be handed a goodie bag filled with items donated by the member guilds.
- ◆ There will be about 30 Raffle quilts from TAQG member Guilds for you to view and purchase tickets.
- ◆ There is a Silent Auction with quilts and other items available.
- ◆ Kimberly Einmo will have a vendor booth.
- ◆ TAQG will be selling Rally Day Raffle Tickets for a Baby Lock Rachel sewing machine with a retail value of \$799 provided by Quilter's Apprentice, Terrell Texas. The winner will also receive assorted sewing tools and notions.
- ◆ You can purchase from an assortment of YLI thread.

QUILT PLANO 2016 REGISTRATION —LYNNE FRITSCHE

It's time to start thinking about what you're going to enter in Quilt Plano 2016. Yes, we already have some entries! The Registration Information and the Entry Form are available on the website. We have some new categories this year, and there have been some other changes. The new categories are for Mixed Technique quilts. These are quilts that have a significant amount of at least two different techniques used in construction of the top - for example, appliqué blocks and pieced blocks, or maybe digitized blocks and hand embroidered blocks.

Another change is the size designation for the categories. Mini quilts and small quilts are defined the same as before. Larger quilts are now broken into only two size groups—medium and large. Digitized quilts (top created using a computerized pattern on an embroidery machine) have moved to the Open class, with two size designations. The size and technique definitions are all spelled out in the Registration Info form. If you have any questions, contact me at showregistration@ggplano.org.

- ◆ Approximately 100 door prizes will be given away through the day. The first door prize is a Baby Lock Anna sewing machine with a retail value of \$399 provided by Plano Sewing Center, Plano Texas
- ◆ Two lectures by Kimberly Einmo!
- ◆ Lunch tickets are available, in advance, for \$10.00 each so you can enjoy McAlister's Deli without having to leave the venue.
- ◆ Enjoy a full day of quilting fun with friends new and old!

Please see your guild TAQG Rep for more information about classes, lunch tickets, pins, T-shirts, and Pre Rally Day Raffle Tickets. Additional information will follow in our next press release.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS—PEGGY BURRELL, DENA SMITH & LISA OWNBY



March guild meeting will bring us Sharon Wilhelm—"For the Love of Blocks of the Month, Here Go!" Trunk Show.

"From the beginning of my quilting career and even to this day, I love Blocks of The Month. I love designing them with lots of techniques to continue the learning process. I love making

them for the challenge of working within the box. I love them for the creative process of putting a fabric puzzle together. And I love them because you can just make one block a month and don't get overwhelmed. The trunk show will have some series, some onezys, some I have designed and others I just could not wait to do..... The enthusiasm never ends! I have Quilt Pox and it is contagious!" -- Sharon Wilhelm

There will be no workshops this month, but Sharon will be back to do two workshops in May.



At our April guild meeting, Gay Young will present "My Transitions as a Quilt Artist". We have samples of her landscapes at the Program's table to view.

Gay Young has loved fabric since teaching herself to sew at age nine. Known primarily for her landscapes, she combines painting principles and collage techniques with quilting. She enjoys constructing pieces which portray specific sites or themes. She teaches art quilting and surface design techniques, and her work has been in several publications. Her artwork has been exhibited at many Galleries and Quilt Shows. In addition, Gay has had quilts in shows which have toured the country, and her quilt Dave's Aspens was featured in the December 2008 issue of Grand Valley Living Magazine. Many of Gay's quilts are in private collections, and "Headwaters" is included in *Lone Stars III: Texas Quilts Today, 1986-2011*. While

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Workshops Fees: \$50/day for members
\$60/day for non-members

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 \$85.00.

See the guild website at www.ggplano.org and go to the *Programs* page (on the *Activities* tab) 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.

Supply lists may be printed from the website. Your cell phone number and email are particularly important so we can reach you in the event of any last minute changes.

Bring Completed Form to a Meeting, or mail to:

**Dena Smith
1402 Marlboro Ln
Richardson, TX 75082**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

| Instructor | Class | Day | Date |
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GUILD ACTIVITIES— DONNA PETRICK

2016 Guild Retreat

First off - a great big THANK YOU to Julie Brooks and Sandy Buttine for putting together and hosting an excellent guild retreat. This has been a wonderful time for all. The hotel is beautiful and very comfortable. The food has been excellent. The "Welcome Bag" was a hit with all. Along with some very nice items, we have a charm pack from Happiness is Quilting in McKinney, a 20% discount coupon from Stitched with Love in McKinney, a 20% discount from Kaleidoscope in Whitesboro, a fat quarter from the Old Craft Store in Carrollton, a \$10 coupon from Quilt Asylum in McKinney and a coupon from The Stitch Witch in Plano for a free monogram. The Hilton Inn provided the bags. Hilton Corporate provided a card holder that attaches to your phone and hand exerciser through Fran Buckaloo, one of our guild members.

Sandy made over 45 dozen cookies, several types of breads, salty snack bags, sweet snack bags along with providing chips and crackers. Once again she outdid herself.

Community service and Samaritan Inn have also benefited. Julie and Sandy provided a community service project for making the blocks for rail fences to be made into quilts at their 4th Saturday Sew Day at the Old Craft Store in Carrollton. Pam Walsh had kits for Samaritan Inn quilts and kept several people busy. Laura Kay, who owns Happiness is Quilting, was again our in-house store and had lots of specials.

Thank you also to all of you who attended and made the retreat such a great success.

Day Retreat

The day retreat we had in conjunction with our February workshop was well received, but we still had spaces for more people. The next day retreat dates are posted on the web site. Check out Day Retreats and plan to join in the fun.

New Challenges

Linda Neal and I have delayed starting another challenge because a number of people

COMMUNITY SERVICE— LADAWN DALLEY

I can't tell you how much I love seeing all the beautiful quilts you all make for community service! I can almost feel how much love and care you put into each one.

This month I delivered 17 quilts to "My Friend's House," and 12 quilts and afghans to "The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center". Each one was taken and exclaimed over by the appreciative workers. At the crisis center, one of the ladies said, "Oh, you just don't know how much these mean to these women. You should see how their faces light up when we can give them one!" And when I go there, the director always makes a point of coming out to greet me and hug me and tell me how much they appreciate our quilts. One time she even had to chase me out to my car because I guess she was busy when I first came in!

Though we may never see the reactions of the recipients of our quilts, we can rest assured that they are grateful! Our quilts are perhaps the only beauty in their lives at the time they receive them. And again, even though we don't get to witness their joy first hand, I firmly believe that our own lives are enriched in untold ways when we serve others!

So this month, I would like to challenge you to find some time to sew for someone else, and as you do, try to be aware of how it makes you feel to think of that person as you sew. You might be surprised to find that it's impossible to be sad when you are doing something for someone else!

See you next month at the meeting!

are still completing the last one. They are too good to rush. Jeanne Vogel suggested a new activity if anyone wants to participate. Check out <http://www.thesplendidsampler.com/> They have a free BOM that would be fun to work on as a group. Let me know if you are interested and I'll get it organized.

QUILTING TIPS & TUTORIALS #5—DIY Lightbox Tip

by Pam Wingate

This is the fifth of our Quilting Tips & Tutorials! It has also been posted on the Plano Quilters Guild Website under 'How To' on the Resources Tab for easy referral.

I do not remember where I saw this tip but I wanted to pass it along. I needed a large lightbox to teach our Junior Quilters how to do appliqué and loved this idea because it is easy to assemble, it is portable, can be used by multiple students at one time, and can also be used to transport your supplies.

All you need are the following and you may already have them on hand:

- ◆ Plastic storage bin (15" x 24" 34 quart capacity)
- ◆ Linkable under cabinet florescent light (can be found at WalMart)



- ◆ Clear Acrylic Sheet Glass (18"x24" – found at Home Depot in the Window & Door area)



Set the bin on a table with access to an electrical outlet and remove the top. Plug the florescent light in and place it inside.

Place the Acrylic Sheet on top – there should be room for the light cord on the side of the

Acrylic Sheet. Turn on the light and you're in business!

In a pinch, I've also used a window during the daytime to trace appliqué designs and heard of people using a glass top table and placing a light source underneath and of course you can always purchase a commercial light box – but I love how simple and flexible this solution is.

Hope you enjoyed this tip!

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Gay's work has won numerous awards. She is most proud that her quilts, "She's Come Undone" and "The Scarlet Letter", are part of the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative.

<http://gayyoungart.com/>

Workshop - Friday, April 15th
Gay Young - Landscape Interpretation



BEEKEEPERS—MARTHA DIEHL

Calling all members – new and existing! The number of small group sewing bees that we have is steadily growing. We have another handful of people who have expressed an interest in finding a bee, so if you are interested in meeting them, please let us know, and we'll help you find each other. Look for us at the guild meetings (wearing "bee" hairbands) or send us an e-mail: beekeeper@gqplano.org. There is also a questionnaire on the website that you can fill out if you'd like (www.gqplano.org, click Activities tab, click on "Small Groups") It is a great way to help you think about what you'd like to find in a bee. Your beekeepers are Martha Diehl and Monica Hendewerk.



In addition! If you are actively looking for a small group now, please join us in the church lobby before our March guild meeting to meet and mingle with other guild members who are also looking to join or form a group.

SPOTLIGHT ON STITCHED WITH LOVE, 500 N. CUSTER ROAD, SUITE 110 MCKINNEY, TX 75071—PHONE: 972-540-5355—stitchedwithlove.us—SHERRY WORLEY



Every time I walk into Stitched With Love I wish my sewing room looked like this beautiful space. It is open and airy with great natural light. I can only imagine what I could

accomplish in a space like this! Even though there is a great selection of fabric and notions they are displayed so that there is a wonderful feeling of welcoming space. Every bolt is shown off to full advantage while nothing blocks your view. While the shop has only been open a little more than 3 years it has an impressive record of success. In the first year it was named the most successful new business in McKinney. It was also featured in Better Homes and Gardens Quilt Sampler Magazine Spring 2015.

The trend toward Modern Quilts is evident, but there is something for everyone. Stitched with Love carries the entire line of Moda Grunge Fabrics. They also stock over 200 solids! The newest addition is Handi Quilter! You really should stop in and play on the Handi Quilter Simply 16. Because of the unique frame and clamp system on this compact machine you can quilt a top of any size. It has a stitch regulator and many other options that make a test drive a lot of fun.

Lynn Farestad loves being a shop owner. It allows flexibility in life that she never had while working in the corporate world. For Lynn, Stitched With Love is a family affair. Daughter Lyssa works in the shop, Lynn's father built many of the original shelves and often visits. Many stories about the family can be found in the shop newsletters and in

Lynn's blog where she writes about the everyday things we all share.

The classes offered are quite unique. Lynn says "I never want price to be a reason someone doesn't learn to sew." Sewing 101 is the solution. This class is for beginners, and all tools are provided for use in class. It is a great way to try a new hobby! There is always a well stocked "Blue Light" sale area in the store with great fabrics at great prices. You can also learn to dye your own fabrics in Improv Ice Dying and Shibori fabric dying. In addition to classes there are several free, or moderately priced, clubs available. Stitch School meets on the first Saturday of the month. You can learn great sewing and quilting techniques when you sign up for this free event. Other clubs include Appliqué, Hexie, Sew Special Saturday Sew and more. When the classroom is not in use, customers are welcome to use the facility to work on their own projects. Lynn and the staff love seeing what you are doing and what you have finished. The McKinney Modern Quilt Guild meets at Stitched With Love at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month.

With everything it has to offer Stitched With Love will soon be on your list of favorite Quilt Shops. McKinney isn't so far away! While you are there don't forget to try out the Handi Quilters!

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JANUARY CASH FLOW COMPARISON—CAROL LONG

Bank Balance \$ 94,416.75

INFLOWS

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| Administrative: Bank Interest | 5.44 |
| Media: Newsletter Ad | 60.00 |
| Membership: Membership Dues | 875.00 |
| Programs: Workshop | 815.00 |
| Quilt Show: Sponsorship | 1,250.00 |
| Quilt Show: Vendor Booth | 2,816.50 |
| Retreat Fees | <u>10,100.00</u> |

TOTAL INFLOWS \$ 15,921.94

OUTFLOWS

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| Administrative: Bank Fees | 50.00 |
| Administrative: Donation | 1,000.00 |
| Administrative: Fed. & State Tax Fees | 20.17 |
| Community Service: Service Quilt Sup. | 743.98 |
| Programs: Donations | 50.00 |
| Programs: Meeting Set-up Fees | 100.00 |
| Programs: Speaker Lecture | 400.00 |
| Programs: Speaker Lodging | 223.74 |
| Programs: Speaker Meals & Per Diem | 39.45 |
| Programs: Workshop Teacher Fee | 800.00 |
| Quilt Show: Advertising & Publicity | 370.00 |
| Quilt Show: Mini Quilts | 21.90 |
| Retreat Expenses | 13,519.86 |
| Total Sales Tax | <u>6.86</u> |

TOTAL OUTFLOWS \$ 17,345.96

Bank Balance 1/31/16 \$ 92,992.73

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| Bank Balances | <u>12/31/15</u> | <u>01/31/16</u> |
| Operating Account | 30,244.29 | 28,814.83 |
| Money Market Account | <u>64,172.46</u> | <u>64,177.90</u> |
| | \$ 94,416.75 | \$ 92,992.73 |



NEW MEMBERS & BIRTHDAYS—MARY SHANNON

The attendance at the February meeting was another great turnout. There were 76 members and guests in attendance. Our current paid membership is 208.

It's wonderful to see how many new members we have. Our new members list just keeps growing. Please find them and welcome them to the Guild.

Welcome to our New Members in February

- ◆ Marjorie Fleeman
- ◆ Carolyn Henson chenson214@att.net
- ◆ Nancy Prochaska anprochas2@gmail.com
- ◆ Nancy Worst txworst@gmail.com

February guests:

- ◆ Vera Hayes
- ◆ Barbara Marshall
- ◆ Donna Smiley
- ◆ Cindy Wells

Door Prizes for February by Lut DeMuelder,

Door Prize Chair:

- ◆ Bernina of Plano
- ◆ Cabbage Rose—Fort Worth
- ◆ Quilt Asylum—McKinney
- ◆ Quilters Connection—Dallas
- ◆ Stitched with Love—McKinney
- ◆ Guild Members

A big "**Thank You**" to all the shops who have so generously provided door prizes to the Guild.

Hospitality: Martha Jones

Any new (or old) members who would like more information on the Guild activities see Martha at the membership table. She has information available and will explain the various committee activities at the meetings.

March Birthdays

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| Teresa Woodruff | 3/01 | Dayna Ragland | 3/11 |
| Terri Shepard | 3/02 | Susan Kravit | 3/12 |
| Jeanne Vogel | 3/02 | Denise Green | 3/15 |
| Elayne Brown | 3/03 | Annie Winnett | 3/15 |
| Susan Bajdek | 3/04 | Karen Freeman | 3/17 |
| Rebecca Clayton | 3/04 | Karen Woodard | 3/18 |
| Catherine Picou | 3/05 | Linda Chappell | 3/19 |
| Martha Jones | 3/06 | Alice Payn | 3/19 |
| Varda Main | 3/06 | Pam Walsh | 3/19 |
| Sue Brown | 3/07 | Patti Goslen | 3/21 |
| Audrey Couvillon | 3/07 | Judy Rose | 3/21 |
| Barbara Collins | 3/08 | Erika Ingelhofer | 3/22 |
| Gloria Barnes | 3/09 | Marty Crouch | 3/23 |
| Janet Medlock | 3/09 | Sharon McGinnis | 3/25 |
| Jannette Fletcher | 3/10 | Dee Merrell | 3/28 |
| Patti Griffith | 3/11 | Kena Leszcynski | 3/30 |
| Carolyn Kohut | 3/11 | | |

GUILD RETREAT 2017— JULIE BROOKS AND SANDY BUTTINE

This year we had 54 lovely ladies join Sandy and me at retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn at Denison. The hotel was generous enough to donate a hotel room for 2 next year and Kate Premeaux was the lucky winner!!! News must have traveled fast about Sandy's cookies and snacks as we have 73 people already signed up for next year. We had over 15 new members join us and would love to double that number!!! It's a great way to meet new people, learn new techniques and get inspired! Please send Donna Petrick your \$50 non-refundable deposit so that you don't miss out on the fun next year! A single room is \$430, double is \$280, and triple is \$250. Don't miss out we already have a lot planned!

Bernina 1630 Inspiration plus with Bernina Designer Computer Hook-Up.

Called "A Designer's Dream Machine for the Creative Sewing Enthusiast. Owned by my mother, a quilter, who passed away last year. Foot pedal, cover case, walking foot and table included.



Listed in Craigslist for \$600 or make offer.

Becky Clontz
214-477-8797 or bhclontz@gmail.com

COMMON THREADS AD RATES

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| <u>Half Page:</u> | <u>Quarter Page:</u> | <u>Business Card:</u> |
| 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@qgplano.org.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—DENA SMITH

President Pam Wingate called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. She asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were no corrections and they were approved as submitted. Pam asked if there were any changes to the Treasurer's Report. There were none and they were approved as submitted.

Pam said that she had been asked to remind our guild about upcoming quilt shows sponsored by other quilt guilds. The Bear Creek Quilt Guild's show will be held in North Richland Hills on February 19-20. The Terrell Heritage Jubilee Quilt Show, sponsored by the Kauffman Guild, will be April 16-17.

Pam announced that, in addition to the January donation for tornado victims, Carol Long, the Guild Treasurer and her grand-daughter, Emma, had worked with Thomas Sewing Center and donated two sewing machines to Emily's Place which helps women and children who have been victims of domestic violence. Carol also gave sewing lessons at Emily's Place.

Pam shared that her article in the newsletter this month is Fabulous Half Square Triangles.

The following reports were made:

Programs—Peggy Burrell introduce Leo Ransom, our speaker for the evening, and reminded people to sign up for upcoming workshops.

Guild Activities—Donna Petrick announced that there is a day retreat at the Dallas Game Center on February 12, 13, and 14. The retreat is \$35 or free if you are taking the Saturday workshop with Leo Ransom.

Cuddle Quilts—Aggie Meszaros reminded the guild about Cuddle Quilts which are given to children having radiation treatments at Children's Hospital. She said that 70 Cuddle Quilts were donated last month.

Quilt Show 2016—Rose Davis, Show Chair, asked members to pick up packets of raffle tickets to sell. Each member is asked to sell one packet (24 tickets). She also said that all show committee positions have been filled. She reminded members that they need to put in 4 volunteer hours for free admission to the quilt show. The volunteer hours don't have to be at the show but can be spent working on mini-quilts to be auctioned off at the show.

Bee Keepers—Monica Hendewerk and Martha Diehl announced that two new groups had been started and reminded the group that they can help people find a small group to join.

TAQG—Sherry Worley provided reminders about TAQG Rally Day. Rally Day is July 9 at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church. Kimberly Einmo, the "Pre-Cut Queen," will be the speaker. She will also be presenting classes on July 7, 8, 11, and 12. Rally day is free if you show your Quilters Guild of Plano membership card. There is a fee for classes and Rally Day pins are available for \$5. Lunch can be ordered for \$10 from McAlister's Deli. There will be a silent auction and approximately 30 raffle quilts will be on display. Raffle tickets will be available for a pre-Rally Day raffle and a separate raffle for which tickets can only be bought at Rally Day. There are some very nice raffle prizes including 4 sewing machines.

Pam Walsh reminded the group about the challenge to donate quilts for the Samaritan Inn, a homeless shelter in McKinney. Our goal is 75 quilts (approximately 40" x 60") with coordinating pillowcases. March 29 is the deadline for turning in quilts for the Samaritan Inn.

Membership—Mary Shannon introduced 2 new members and 4 guests and awarded door prizes.

Mini-Quilts—Kaye Dunn announced that four mini-quilts had been turned in for the quilt show auction and they were shown. She reminded the group that more mini-quilts are still needed.

Guild Activities—Donna Petrick announced that orders are being taken for TAQG T-shirts—there are two versions, one with bling and one without.

Pam introduced Kena Leszcynski as our new VP of Education. Kena will also be heading up the demo room at Quilt Show 2016. She will be looking for people to provide demos.

Pam also asked that anyone interested in taking on the Historian position contact her.

Show and tell followed with several Samaritan Inn quilts being shown.

Pam adjourned the business meeting, and the very interesting program by Leo Ransom followed.

Dena Smith
Sub for Pamela Carroll, Secretary

JANUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES—PAM CARROLL

President—Pam Wingate called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Attending were Pam Wingate, Carol Long, Rose Davis, Pam Carroll, Tina Connolly, Dena Smith, Sherry Worley, Lynne Fritsche, Donna Petrick, Mary Shannon, Martha Jones, Kena Leszcynski, Lisa Ownby, LaDawn Dalley and Jeanne Vogel.

The president asked if there were changes to the minutes. There were none and they were approved as written. She asked if there were corrections to the treasurer's report. There were none and it was approved as submitted. She handed out a list of dates of future meetings. Current location is approved through June 2016.

Treasurer—Carol Long said there was nothing to report.

Membership—Mary Shannon handed out the final updated new member information sheet and said she would have them printed. She reported there were at least 99 people attending the meeting on January 14. There was discussion on when we should be charging guests. Pam Carroll moved and Dena Smith seconded the motion that for this year we will not charge guests. Motion carried.

Programs—Lisa Ownby said the Collin Creek Mall location worked well for the workshop. The Guild needs a meeting place for March as the church is not available. We have rented Plano Center for the day for the July 14th meeting but no workshop was planned. It was moved by Kena Leszcynski and seconded by Dena Smith that we have a workshop. Motion carried. Pam Wingate will ask MJ Fielek to do a workshop.

Community Service—LaDawn Dalley had nothing to report.

Education—Kena Leszcynski reported that

the guild has a lot of colored blocks that need to be processed.

Guild Activities—Donna Petrick reported about the Day Retreat held on February 12th, 13th and 14th. She also said it is time for service pins and they need the volunteer hours to be recorded by January 31st. We have the new logo pins and will order 250 of them. She said we need to order business cards with the new logo since all board members need to have them to hand out.

Media—Lynne Fritsche said the Quilt Show pages are up on the website and the entry forms have been posted. There are new categories this year for the show. Lynne has updated the Community Service page and added a PDF file for the Christmas stocking.

Kena Leszcynski reported on the progress of the Face Book page. There will now be two pages. One will be a more official and have board approved posts. The other will continue with anyone able to post pictures, news, etc.

Quilt Show—Rose Davis reported that everything is going very well and the kick-off meeting will be next week. The tickets are printed and the ad was done for the Dallas Show program. The raffle quilt is going to be in several shows.

TAQG—Sherry Worley gave a report on Rally Day and said we need a table at the meetings through June for TAQG ticket sales. She asked us to donate one door prize. Sherry and Donna will get the door prize.

Other Business—Dena Smith asked if we could have a way for people to pay for workshops online. Kena Leszcynski will get information on this and report back.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.