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The President Says...

Spring is in the air and I'm hoping it will put me in the mood to do some 'Spring Cleaning' in my quilting studio! But all I've done so far is think about what needs to happen – no action yet. I'm a messy quilter, and even though I make it a policy to clean and straighten after I've completed a project, what it needs now is a thorough cleaning, purging, dusting, and de-cluttering. But I may have to just think about it for another couple of weeks.



There are so many fun things happening in April! We will be presenting all the quilts that so many of you donated to the Samaritan Inn! This will be on Saturday, April 9th at Happiness is Quilting in McKinney. Many thanks to Pam Walsh for coordinating this effort. We also have a day retreat scheduled for April 22-24 at the Dallas Games Centre which is always fun and so productive! Donna Petrick does a great job making arrangements for these day retreats. Then there is Gay Young's workshop – *Landscape Interpretation* on April 14th and her program at our guild meeting. I'm so excited to see her presentation!

And as always, I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone at our guild meeting. We've had such a great turnout lately and it's always so fun to see everyone's Show & Tell quilts. Don't forget to wear your nametag so you'll get a door prize ticket (this reminder is more for me than anyone else. (Hope to see you there!

Pam



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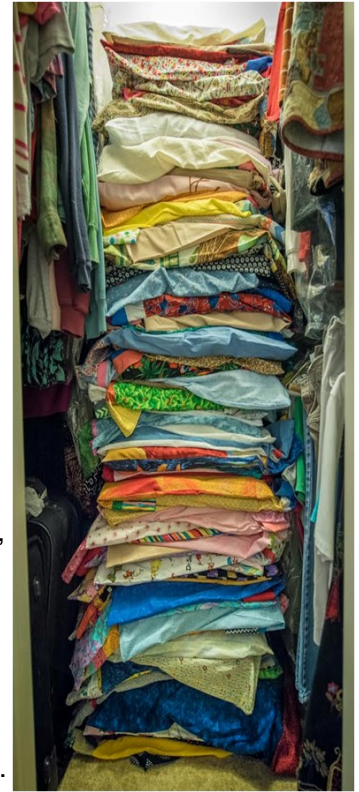
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QUILTS FOR SAMARITAN INN—

PAM WALSH

We have reached our goal of making 75 quilts for Samaritan Inn by the end of March. This picture shows the GREAT collection of quilts and pillowcases that I am currently storing, and there are still a few quilts that I know are coming.



We will be delivering the quilts to the Samaritan Inn coordinator on Saturday, April 9th at 1 p.m. at Happiness is.... Quilting in McKinney. Please join us if you can. All quilts turned in prior to then will count towards eligibility for our drawing. Please contact me to make arrangements for delivery (817-846-5141).

The drawing for the personalized bags will be held at our April guild meeting. You do not need to be present to win if your name is drawn. Thanks to these members who delivered quilts this month.

Emily Armstrong
Maudie Auvenshine
Pam Carroll
Chris Cessnun (2 quilts)
Ginny Cherry
Barbara Collins (3 quilts)
Tina Connolly
Martha Diehl (2 quilts)
Megan Dobbins (2 quilts)
Jaynee Eshbaugh
Lynne Haley
Monica Hendewerk
Sarah Krauss (2 quilts)
Carol Long
Lisa Ownby

Sue Rentz
Connie Ryan
(2 quilts)
Sharon Schenke
(3 quilts)
Mary Shannon
(umpteen
pillowcases)
Jeanne Smith
(2 quilts)
Mickie Warrington
Dolores Williams
Pam Wingate
(2 quilts)
Pam Walsh (10
quilts)

TEXAS ASSOCIATION QUILT GUILD—SHERRY WORLEY

We all think of TAQG in connection with Rally Day and having a fun day with our quilting friends. That is a very important part of what TAQG does, but really that is the fund raiser that makes possible the real work of TAQG. Our purpose is to share information between guilds and preserve the art of quilting.

To help fulfill our purpose we hold a Special Interest Meeting 6 times per year. This year our areas of focus are: March—Media, May—Grants and Awards, July—Non-Profit Status, September—Recruiting Young Members and our ever popular November Speaker's Forum. If you hold a position in the Quilters Guild of Plano that relates to one of those topics you will be asked to fill out a TAQG Questionnaire. The Questionnaire results will be compiled and supplied to every guild that is a member of TAQG. You will also be invited to attend a group discussion of your topic. The discussions occur at our regularly scheduled meetings on the last Tuesday of the odd numbered months. A schedule and meeting information can be found at taqq.org under the Events tab. If you do not hold a guild position but are interested in the topic you are also welcome to attend and participate in the discussion. If you are a member of another Guild that is not a TAQG member we

would like to encourage you to stop by a meeting for a visit!

Quilters Guild of Plano has two TAQG Representatives. Pat Wiant has been the primary rep. She has been required to attend the Rep meeting to vote on any issues before TAQG. She also attended the Plano Board meetings to keep our officers informed on TAQG issues and wrote articles for the Plano Newsletter. Sherry Worley has been the Secondary Rep attending TAQG meetings and filling in for Pat in any capacity when needed. Because Pat will be spending more time away from Plano your reps are now switching responsibilities. Sherry will become Primary and Pat will, for now, move to Secondary. I thank Pat for her contributions to Quilters Guild of Plano and TAQG.

Rally Day is on its way. This is the last month to order a T-Shirt. Our own Kemberly Wilshire is the vendor for the shirt this year. We have options for UniSex and ladies cut blinged out or not. If you wish to order you can contact Sherry Worley by March 28.

Pre Rally Day Raffle tickets, Lunch tickets, Pins and Workshops are still available. Stop at the big Rally Day Poster at the next meeting and let's visit!

QUILT PLANO 2016—ROSE DAVIS

I have a friend that lives on Saint Kitts Island in the Caribbean. We were chatting about the Dallas Quilt Show and I forwarded photos of some of the show quilts. She was so excited because she doesn't have access to a Quilt Store much less Quilt Shows.

We on the other hand are lucky to have great local Quilt Stores and various Quilt Shows – Dallas just finished, Tyler is just starting and Quilt Plano 2016 is going to be here before we know it. Our challenge is to make sure our show really stands out from the others!!!

Our 2nd Show Committee Meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday, March 22 at the home of Marty Crouch. Then our May 12th General Meeting will be the Quilt Show Roll Out highlighting our Preview Demos.

We need you guys to help us make Quilt Plano 2016 a great success. Each member can earn free entry into the show by working a minimum of 4 hours on Show Activities. You may not be able to work the Show itself, but there are opportunities starting now:

- ◆ Make and donate your best mini quilts and contribute them to the silent auction.
- ◆ Sell, sell, sell raffle tickets
- ◆ Help work on the 2017 Raffle Quilt (blocks will be available at the April Meeting).

Happy Quilting!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS—PEGGY BURRELL, DENA SMITH & LISA OWNBY

**April Guild Meeting—Thursday, April 14th
Gay Young—My Transitions as a Quilt Artist**



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.

Gay 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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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**

Participants will work from a photo of their choosing to construct a landscape quilt about the size of a poster board. We will learn how to enlarge the photo easily so that we can get started playing with fabrics quickly!



Fabric choices, depth, aerial perspective, and quilting options will be discussed. Participants of all skill levels are welcome! As long as you are familiar with your machine and want to have fun, you can jump right in!!

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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:

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Instructor	Class	Day	Date

QUILT PLANO 2016 SPECIAL EXHIBITS— JANET CARVER & JEANNE SMITH

Last year, we displayed completed projects from the Art Quilters group, Lucy Boston group and 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 and some members even wished they had signed up for some of those workshops also.

This year, in addition to workshop projects, we want to include in Special Exhibits the stunning quilts from the DO-IT-YOURSELF ROUND ROBIN QUILTS CHALLENGE and projects from the Art Quilters of Plano group.

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:

DO-IT-YOURSELF ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE quilts and ART QUILTERS OF PLANO projects

September 2015—Linda Neal, Instructor
Workshop—English Paper Piecing

October 2015—Brenda Jeschke, Instructor
Workshop—Machine Embroidery Techniques
(2 day workshop)

November 2015—RaNae Merrill, Instructor
Workshop—Spirals Boot Camp
Workshop—Magic Mirror Mandala Quilt

January 2016—Jackie Brown, Instructor
Workshop—Creative Domestic Machine Quilting I
Workshop—Creative Domestic Machine Quilting II

February 2016—Leo Ransom, Instructor
Workshop—Portrait Layering/Shadings

April 2016—Gay Young, Instructor
Workshop—Landscape Interpretation

May 2016—Sharon Wilhelm, Instructor
Workshop—Blooming Basket (Redwork)
Workshop—Which Witch's Boot—Crayola/
Embroidery

June 2016—Grace Errea, Instructor
Workshop—Cut Away Appliqué
Workshop—Creative Threadwork—Drawing and
Painting with Thread (students in these classes
may enter forms for their completed projects by
June 20)

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**** COMING SOON ****

Other 2016 Workshops

May 13—Sharon Wilhelm—
Blooming Basket (Redwork)



May 14—Sharon Wilhelm—
Which Witch's Boot—Crayola/
Embroidery

June 10—Grace Errea—Cut
Away Appliqué

June 11—Grace Errea—Creative Threadwork—
Drawing and Painting with Thread

July 14—MJ Fielek—Orphan Block and Leftovers
Quilts

August—No workshops due to Plano Quilt Show

September 9—Ginny Eckley—Silk-Screening the
Easy Way—Color Your Stash

October 14—Lynn Roddy Brown—Texas Two-Step

October 15—Lynn Roddy Brown—Triangles:
Endless Possibilities

November 11—Lori Lee Triplett, The Poos
Collection—Adire: African Indigo Resist and Dye
Workshop

Additional info about meeting locations and how
to register for workshops is available on our website
at www.qgplano.org

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 9th), but we will need to have a count of the committed quilts by the June 9th guild meeting in order to lay-out the exhibits. Please remember, the quilts hung in special exhibits are not judged. They are hung to inspire our guests and to show 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 us know. For more information, contact Janet Carver and Jeanne Smith at special Exhibits@qgplano.org. Forms to volunteer your project for display will be available on the "Quilt Show/Special Exhibits" page on the website by April 1st.

Quilting Tips & Tuts #6– Strip Piecing Part One

Sew Many Strips, Sew Many Ways!

by Jane Schwarz, MS

This is the sixth of our Quilting Tips & Tuts! A more detailed version has been posted on the Plano Quilters Guild Website under 'How To' on the Resources Tab for easy referral. This month's tutorial was submitted by guest author and guild member, Jane Schwarz, MS. Thanks so much, Jane! Can't wait to see the additional Strip Piecing tutorials!
Pam Wingate

There are as many ways to use strip-pieced fabrics as there are types of fabric on the market. Below is just one example of a strip-pieced quilt. While there are other ways to use strip piecing, presented below is a method of simple strip-piecing of thin cuts of fabric one option on how to use the finished product. Some people refer to this type of piecing as string quilting, it was originally developed as a simple, fast way to use up every scrap of fabric, including the selvages!



The first picture is of a quilt that has been in my family since 1942. It is a classic strip-pieced string quilt.

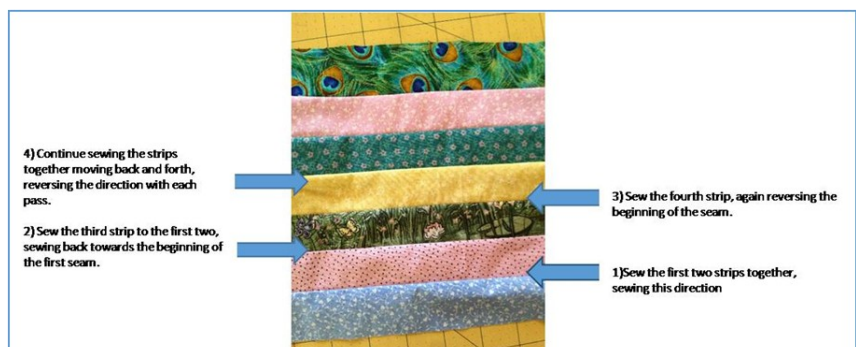


For this example, we begin strip-piecing the quilt by cutting strips of fabric 1 1/2" wide and then sewing the strips together. The strips can be cut however wide your scrap, or fabric happens to be. Otherwise known as "width of fabric" (WOF). It is sometimes helpful to sew the strips onto a thin, sew-in interfacing or even computer paper. When the Spider Web quilt (shown above) was put together back in the '40's it was stitched to newsprint and then sewn together into blocks. The diamond pieces were all cut from one fabric which pulled the quilt together aesthetically.

So, for this quilt, we cut the strips into 1 1/2" wide strips and sew them together. In an effort to randomize the strip placement, I cut the strips, dumped them into a box, stirred them around really well and then dug up a strip to add "randomly". The only rule I followed was that no two pieces could be next to

each other if they were the same fabric.

Then, to minimize any bowing tendency, I alternated the direction that I sewed the strips together. I began sewing at whatever end I finished sewing at, rather than returning to the end I started sewing on.



When the pieced fabric is as wide as it needs to be, begin cutting the fabric into the pieces needed for your quilt. The quilt I am currently working on uses the pieces as shown to the right. The large fabric piece is the same in each block, the blocks face both to the right (as shown) and alternate with a block facing up (not shown)

These finished pieces are then put together to form my quilt.

COMMUNITY SERVICE— LADAWN DALLEY

When I make quilts with a recipient in mind, I think of that person often during the process, often adding a prayer or two for their well-being. It's not so different when I make a community service quilt, only I imagine what that person might be feeling or experiencing at the time they receive the quilt. If it's a child's quilt, I imagine the child making up stories to go with the fabrics in the quilt, maybe following the quilting lines with a finger. My hope is that each quilt we make for community service provides comfort both physical and mental/spiritual to its recipient. I know that as a maker of those quilts, my own spirits are lifted even if I never see the results of my labors.

Please stop and see me at our meetings! I have quilts in all stages of creation so you can choose to just do your favorite part! Imagine being able to make a complete top without having to do the cutting, (my least favorite part!) I even have tops that are only lacking a border. Or you can practice your machine quilting on any of the many tops we have ready for that stage.

If you want to join others sewing for community service, we have two groups that meet monthly; one in Plano on Tuesdays, and one in Carrollton on Saturdays. Please check the website for more information.

We are also continuing to make Christmas stockings for Soldier's Angels. We are in need of more Christmas and patriotic fabric to make kits for you all to sew! So, if you have any you would like to donate, please bring them to the next meeting. We are planning on having a day to cut and kit soon. Thanks go to Aurora Chauncey for volunteering to keep this program going!

Also, our twice a year donation to the student parent program at PESH is coming up in May. If you want to donate small quilts for that, or other baby items like diapers, sleepers, etc., you can bring those to the next couple of meetings.

And, as always, thanks to all of you who work so hard to make my job of delivering quilts so easy and fun!

GUILD ACTIVITIES— DONNA PETRICK

2016 Retreat was a great success and we are all so appreciative of Julie Books and Sandy Buttine for all their efforts in making it such a success. In fact, at this time we have 87 people signed up for the 2017 Retreat because they have all heard such glowing reports. We will cap the attendance for 2017 at 100. So if you want to attend and have not yet sent your deposit, please do so. Mail your \$50.00 check, made out to Quilters Guild of Plano, to me at 3816 Dutton Dr, Plano, TX 75023

Day Retreat

We have another Day Retreat scheduled for April 22nd thru 24th, (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) at the Dallas Game building. Great time to finish up on your show entries. This is also a good time to come work on stockings and quilting on community service quilts...just saying. Hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Cost is \$35.00 for the three days. Come and go as you need to. If you have not joined us before, try it out. Great facility, close to lots of eating establishments and you get to sleep in your own bed. Please let me know if you plan to attend and if you need directions. We need at least 19 people to break even on the building cost.

QUILT PLANO 2016 REGISTRATION— LYNNE FRITSCHÉ

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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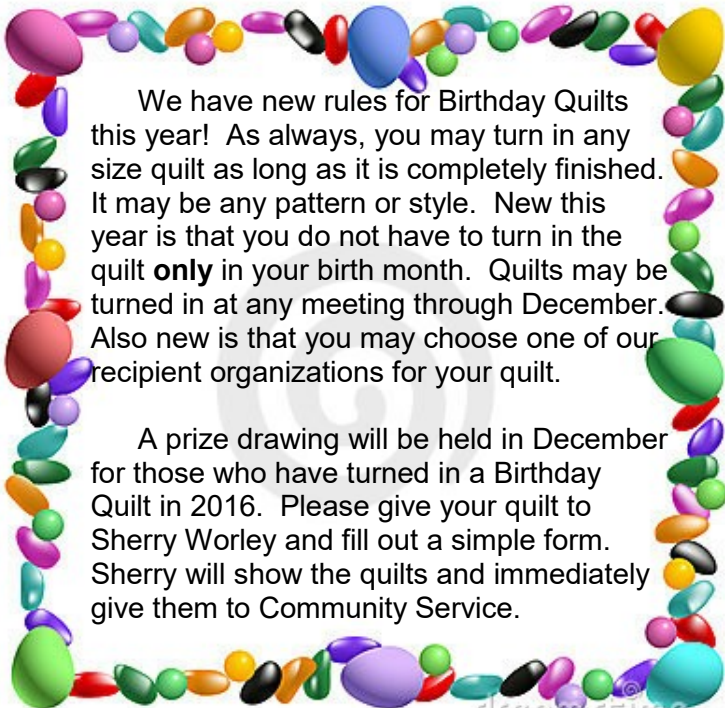
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BIRTHDAY QUILTS— SHERRY WORLEY



We have new rules for Birthday Quilts this year! As always, you may turn in any size quilt as long as it is completely finished. It may be any pattern or style. New this year is that you do not have to turn in the quilt **only** in your birth month. Quilts may be turned in at any meeting through December. Also new is that you may choose one of our recipient organizations for your quilt.

A prize drawing will be held in December for those who have turned in a Birthday Quilt in 2016. Please give your quilt to Sherry Worley and fill out a simple form. Sherry will show the quilts and immediately give them to Community Service.

FEBRUARY CASH FLOW COMPARISON—CAROL LONG

Bank Balance	\$ 92,992.73
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INFLOWS

Administrative: Bank Interest	5.08
Membership: Membership Dues	385.00
Programs: Day Retreat	(50.00)
Programs: Workshop	360.00
Quilt Show: Raffle Tickets	64.00
Quilt Show: Registration	17.00
Quilt Show: Vendor Booth	3,243.00
Retreat Fees	<u>315.00</u>

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$ 4,339.08
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OUTFLOWS

Administrative: CPA	315.00
Administrative: Service Pins	(18.00)
Administrative: TAQG Rally Day Gifts	42.00
Community Service: Service Quilt Sup.	71.00
Community Service: Yarn Expense	47.11
Membership: Supplies	(15.00)
Programs: Day Retreat	600.00
Programs: Donations	50.00
Programs: Facility Rent	350.00
Programs: Speaker Meals & Per Diem	25.00
Programs: Speaker Travel	133.40
Programs: Workshop Teacher Fee	720.00
Quilt Show: Printing	620.00
Quilt Show: Volunteer Incentives	57.50
Retreat Expenses	<u>817.36</u>

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$ 3,815.37
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Bank Balance 02/29/16	\$ <u>93,516.44</u>
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Bank Balances	<u>01/31/16</u>	<u>02/29/16</u>
Operating Account	28,814.83	29,333.46
Money Market Account	<u>64,177.90</u>	<u>64,182.98</u>
	\$ 92,992.73	\$ 93,516.44

NEW MEMBERS & APRIL BIRTHDAYS—MARY SHANNON

We had another great turnout for our March meeting. There were 80 members and guests in attendance. Not bad for being in competition with the Dallas Show Preview night.

March guests:

Nancy Hobbs	Teresa Sedenburg
Gwen Green	Ann Bergman
Barbara Davis	Mary Coffey
Terry Bysom	Betsy Zimmerman

Door Prizes: Lut DeMuelder

Cabbage Rose—Forth Worth
Quilt Asylum—McKinney
Quilt Country—Lewisville
Bernina of Plano—Plano
Quilt Ideas—Sharon Wilhelm
Guild members

“Thank you” to all the shops and speakers who so generously provide the wonderful door prizes to the Guild.

Name Tags: Reminder, starting at the May Guild meeting, door prizes tickets will only be given

to those who are wearing a nametag. There will be a sign-in sheet to keep track of attendance.

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.

April Birthdays

Donna Petrick	02/04	Beverly Geise	17/04
Cindy Worthington	02/04	Lisa Robertson	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	Mary Jo Ferril	24/04
Julie Brooks	07/04	Suzy Boyle	25/04
Pamila McReynolds	08/04	Mary Halian	25/04
Tina Connolly	09/04	Anne Leather	27/04
Asha Viswaneshan	12/04	Norma Coleman	28/04
Maggie Hetzel	14/04	Pat Fowler	29/04
Carolyn Bond	15/04	Deborah Skorepa	29/04
Julie Yee	15/04		

GUILD RETREAT 2017— JULIE BROOKS

Retreat—what is it and why do I want to go. Imagine being with over 80 women who have the same passion for this art as you and during the weekend you start to meet people you have never met before, make friends that will last a lifetime and learn new quilting techniques or see quilts getting constructed that inspire you to do a similar project or take a class. I started going to retreats about 10 years ago and from them have made lifelong friends! People I would have not met had I not gone to retreat are now some of my closest and dearest friends. I didn't have to cook for 4 days, make my bed or clean up anything but my sewing area and I could do whatever I wanted for 4 days without any obligations to my family, husband or “real life”. If you are a new member I strongly recommend you come to retreat. Don't have a roommate? No problem! We can find you one. If you have questions about retreat or are not sure I recommend to jump right in and go . . . there are 12 spots left and one of those could be you!

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MARCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—PAM CARROLL

The president, Pam Wingate, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. She introduced the members of the Frisco Guild who had brought their raffle quilt and were selling tickets. She asked for any changes to the minutes. They were approved as submitted. She asked for any changes to the treasurer's report, and there were none. It was also approved.

Pam thanked Julie Brooks and Sandy Buttine for the great job they had done on the quilt retreat. She also announced that beginning with the May meeting members will need to wear a nametag to receive a door prize ticket. Pam announced news from other guilds.

Committee reports were as follows:

Guild Retreat—Julie Brooks reported that the retreat next year has been booked and will be February 16 through the 19th. Attendance will be capped at 100. There are only a few openings left. Cost of the retreat is \$280 for a double, \$240 for a triple, and a single is \$430.

Education—Kena Lesczynski reported that the Guild's Facebook pages have been updated to show information for the Quilt Plano event. She asked members to Like and Share the pages.

Community Service—LaDawn Dalley reported that she had delivered 29 community service quilts. Aggie Meszaros said we had contributed sixty cuddles for babies. These are 18in x 22in.

Bee Keepers—Monica Hendewerk and Martha Diehl gave a report on the Beekeepers. New members are joining all the time and anyone interested in a group should seek them out.

TAQG—Pat Wiant gave a TAQG report. She reminded the Guild that Rally Day is July 9th in Mesquite. Entrance is free if you have a guild membership. It opens at 9 a.m and the first 500 attendees will get a gift. The speaker, Kimberly Einmo, will be speaking at 10 a.m. She will also be conducting a workshop the following Monday. Her specialty is pre-cuts. There will be many great prizes including four sewing machines. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. TAQG will be at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite.

Nine Patch—Anyone wanting to donate nine-patch blocks for Donna Tomenga can get information on these on the website.

Samaritan Inn—Pam Walsh announced that a bunch of quilts had been turned in for the Samaritan Inn Quilt Challenge. She said we would reach our goal of 75. They must be received by the end of March. The presentation will be at Happiness is...Quilting! in McKinney on April 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Birthday Quilts—Sherry Worley talked about the birthday quilts and prizes for which you can qualify if you donate one.

Christmas Stockings—Aurora Chancy said she is collecting fabric for the Christmas stockings.

Membership—Mary Shannon announced we had 80 people in attendance with eight guests.

Mini Quilts—Kaye Dunn said she is still collecting "Minis" for the quilt show and urged everyone to make one.

Show & Tell followed with the donated quilts for the Samaritan Inn project and other members' quilts being shown.

Programs—Peggy Burrell talked about upcoming workshops and pointed out a display of the Landscape Interpretation, Cut-Away Appliqué, and Red Work embroidery techniques which will be taught.

MJ Fielek will be teaching a July workshop on "Orphan Blocks and Leftovers".

The business meeting was adjourned. Peggy Burrell introduced our speaker for the evening, Sharon Wilhelm. Her presentation was on Blocks of the Month Quilts. It was interesting and informative.

COMMON THREADS AD RATES

<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@qqplano.org.

FEBRUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES—PAM CARROLL

The President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Those present were Pam Wingate, LaDawn Dalley, Mary Shannon, Lisa Ownby, Dena Smith, Kena Leszcynski, Donna Petrick, Lynne Fritsche, Rose Davis, Pat Wiant, Pam Carroll, Pat Fowler, and Jeanne Vogel.

The minutes and treasurer's report were approved. Pam Wingate discussed the licensing for the use of our logo. Discussion followed on the possible sale of logo items by the guild. Any decision will be tabled until we find and review the licensing document.

Rose Davis reported on the Quilt Show. She presented a prototype of the show tee shirt and said the cost would be \$18.00. She asked for volunteers to deliver bookmarks to shops and to take the quilt around for showings. There will be a fabric table cover to advertise the guild and wrap the quilt in to transport it.

Treasurer: Carol Long was absent so there was no report.

Membership: Mary Shannon discussed the use of name tags. It was decided that in order to encourage the use of such that anyone not wearing a name tag would not get a door prize ticket. This will begin at the May meeting.

Programs: Lisa Ownby reported that the March general meeting would be held at the Gallery Event Room at 6837 Coit Road behind Sprouts in Plano.

Community Service: Donna Petrick said we have two hundred quilt tops that need to be finished, and we need wide backing so they can be

machine quilted. LaDawn Dalley said the Christmas stocking project needs a coordinator.

Education: Kena Leszcynski said that the demos for the show have been lined up and will be submitted to Pam Wingate for approval. She also gave an update on our Facebook pages which are now updated and linked.

Guild Activities: Donna Petrick reported that the retreat was wonderful with 55 in attendance, and they have already lined up next year's retreat at the same place. She said there are four more day retreats this year which help offset the cost of programs. She also said the Guild Quilt Challenge for this year has been postponed until all the last year Border Challenge quilts are completed. Donna is looking for a replacement as she will be leaving the board at the end of this year.

Media: Lynne Fritsche reported that the website is being updated with links to the Facebook pages. Sherry Worley said John would take the job of historian. Lynne will confirm with John how much he wants to do with pictures.

TAQG: Pat Wiant reminded us of the July 9th Rally Day. Kimberly Einmo will teach, and attendance is free if you are a member of a participating guild. There will be many great prizes to win. We will have a table set up for advertising TAQG at our guild meetings through June.

The next TAQG meeting is March 29th in Lewisville. Special interests will be newsletters and media.

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

THE ART QUILTERS—JANET PLOTKIN

The Art Quilters of Plano breakfasted together at "The Egg and I" on Saturday, February 27 for their annual planning meeting. Here is a brief look at their year ahead:

March 26*—Fabric beads workshop—turning scraps into treasure

April 30*—Unconventional Challenge—one fabric + one hardware/grocery/drug store = greatness!

May 28—Demo Meeting—member demo to add to our toolbox

June 25—Embellishment ONLY—base fabric and a notion of a scene

July 23—Cyanotype workshop—sun powered art

August 12-13—Display at Quilt Plano 2016—20 feet of inspiration

September 22—Fabric Portraits workshop—Leo Ransom inspired recipe

October 22—Triptych—a single story in three parts

November 26—Coleen Barnhardt style—all tangled up in the ZEN

December 17*—Weaving project workshop—expanding 2D into 3D

January 28, 2017—Needle Felting workshop—roving fun

February 25, 2017*—Illustrated Quote—in the driver's seat and Planning Meeting

We meet on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9am at Fabric Fanatics. Starred dates indicate a change in either date or location.

For more information please contact any member of AQOP or Janet Plotkin—janet@frogbutt.net.