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President's message

I am looking forward to our November Meeting with our Speakers Forum! To me this is the highlight of the TAQG year. We invite anyone who is a speaker, workshop teacher or retreat owner to register to attend and present themselves to a collected group of TAQG Representatives and member guild program coordinators. We limit the number of presenters to about 32 and already have about half that number registered. If you are responsible for programs in your guild this meeting is a must attend. We have an incredible number of talented guilters in this area and they are just waiting to meet you. We have our regular meeting at 10:00 am and will serve a light lunch at noon. The Forum is immediately after lunch. If you would like to be a presenter please check www.tagg.org and contact Sherry Worley for more information

November will be my last meeting as President of TAQG. It has been my pleasure to serve. We have seen a great many changes during our history. I look forward to the inspiration that a new President will bring and TAQG continuing to get better and better. We have had several Representatives retire this year and the fresh insight of our new Reps is invigorating. All volunteer organizations are living entities and new ideas

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are their lifeblood. No matter what group you belong to please consider volunteering. What we give to our groups we receive tenfold.

Submitted by Sherry Worley

Rally Day 2018 Committee

The Rally Day Committee is already hard at work getting ready for 2018. Our speaker and workshop presenter will be Deb Tucker. Deb Tucker is the originator of The Rapid Fire Hunters Star ruler and techinque.

"TOOLS FOR THE REALIST,

NOT THE IDEALIST"

Check out Deb's website, and her youtube tutorials, which will give you a good idea of how excellent her techique is. What also impressed me is that she has made everything easy and straight forward for both right AND left handed quilters!

Your Guild TAQG Rep will have all the info you need in late January 2018!

Many of her patterns are also scrap friendly. Workshops this year will be sure to fill up fast

https://deb-tuckers-studio-180-design.myshopify.com/



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Plano Sewing Center

Plano Sewing Center has been a continuing sponser of TAQG Rally Day. I recently had the opportunity to visit with owner, Rickey Whitaker and his staff, where their motto is "Where Friendly Never Ends".

I was warmly greeted and amazed at their vast assortment of sewing machines to view and test drive. They have sergers, with Baby Lock's famous air threading, sewing machines, long arm quilting machines and frames, embroidery machines and even a machine that is exclusively for Sashiko.



They also have everything that you need for your machine as well as various types of thread, stablizers, accessories and tools.

Plano Sewing Center offers one on one lessons for six months when you purchase a machine from them. They want to make sure you can use and enjoy your machine.

They also offer classess for: Beginner, Advanced, Machine Embroidery as well as private lessons by appointment.

Plano Sewing Center is a Baby Lock Dealer, with on site repair and maintainance supplied by two trained sewing machine technicians.

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Plano Sewing Center supports the following Charities: and is a drop off point for these.

New Borns in Need

Newborns in Need, Inc. (NIN) is a 501(c) 3 charity organized to help take care of needy babies. NIN volunteers provide care necessities to agencies and hospitals serving premature, ill, or impoverished newborns. Newborns In Need distributes items free of charge to babies in the United States.

RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES

More than 120 chapters comprised of thousands of volunteers.

More than 40 million volunteer hours donated.

Over 50,000 children at 330 hospitals helped annually.

Almost 1 million pillowcases delivered and counting!

PROJECT LINUS

Project Linus provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Visit them soon, you'll be glad you did! http://www.planosewing.com/

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Reflections on St Mary's Quilt Show 2017

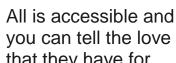
Last April I had the wonderful opportunity to go to the St Mary's Quilt Show in Plantersville, TX. It was an awe-

inspiring experience! Everywhere is a delight to the senses. Live music in the pavilion, quilts on the fence, quilts hanging over head, moving gently in the breeze.



St Mary's is set in a treed acreage and the campus is

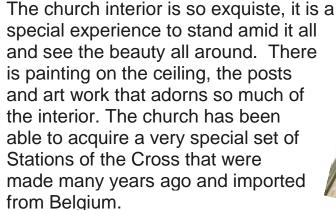
well designed with places to sit and charming gardens to enjoy.



that they have for

their church and this event that they share with us. It appears that every detail has been considered.







I would highly recommend attending this show (3)



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The Fourth Annual St. Mary's Quilt Show

New for 2018 - three full days!



Thursday April 26, 2018 9 am till 5 pm Friday April 27, 2018 9 am till 5pm Saturday April 28, 2018 9 am till 5 pm

St. Mary Catholic Church - Plantersville, Texas

The 4th Annual St. Mary's Quilt Show has been scheduled for April 26,27 and 28, 2018. Quilts will be displayed in St. Mary's beautiful historic painted Church. In addition to the magnificent display of quilts in the church, you can stroll the grounds of their gardens,

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view quilts under our pavilion, visit vendors in the church hall, have your photo taken on Father Ed's porch, listen to live entertainment and best of all have lunch at the Dresden Plate Cafe on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday lunch will be served from our new Four Corners Café

Again this year no admission will be charged to view the quilts; however, donations are welcome. Optional Tickets with specified entry times will be for sale prior to the show. For more information on the ticket sales go to www.stmarysquiltshow.com and click on the quick pass tab. Proceeds of the Quilt Show will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Mary/St. Joseph.

<u>Enter your quilt!</u> This show will not be officially judged. There will be a ribbons and prizes awarded for "People's Choice" quilt. Sponsors may also award ribbons for their favorite quilt. You may offer your quilt for sale. Quilt Guilds and Bees who enter 15 or more quilts will be mentioned in the program along with the guild's next Quilt Show date. Quilts are accepted as applications are received.

Sponsorship Opportunities: There our sponsorship opportunities, to see how your business can support St. Mary's Quilt Show check the website. Proceeds from the show go to St. Vincent De Paul, helping people in need in our community. And, sponsors receive two tickets to the fabulous Gala Preview Dinner!

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Vendors: Quilt-related business are

welcome to apply for space in the church hall. There will also be a few spaces under cover outside the hall.

<u>Advertising Opportunity:</u> There will be two ways to advertise this year - Tote Bags or Cafe Liners. To learn about each opportunity

<u>Gala Preview Dinner:</u> Wednesday, April 25, 2018. The festivities start with Cocktails, Appetizers and a three-course seated dinner. After dinner, you will preview the quilts in the church in a relaxed setting. To learn more, go to www.stmarysquiltshow.com. This has been a sell-out event, so reserve early!

Book Review

Anything that can give me more time to sew, and save time in meal prep, is a winner in my book (pun intended). The America's Test Kitchen "Slow Cooker Revolution" Cook Book is just such a book. I found the volume on a bargain book table at a Barnes and Noble for \$7.98. I have made three of the recipes and would recommend them

The Test Kitchen has isolated some techniques that take slow cooker food up a few notches from OK to outstanding.

My favorite is the Turkey Breast and gravy. The turkey is tender and juicy and there is plenty of gravy. Gotta have good gravy!

I have also been pleased with the Curried Chicken Breasts and the Lamb Vindaloo.

You might want to check it out! Submitted by Melissa Bonser

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Cotton Patch Quilt Guild HARVEST OF QUILTS

2017 QUILT SHOW

October 6 & October 7

Friday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Saturday 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

- ★ Over 150 Quilts
- ★ Vendors
- * Door prizes
- ★ Free Demos
- ★ Bed Turning
- * Appraisals
- ★ Teachers w/
- ★ Mini Quilt Auction



- * Guild Store
- * Kid Activities
- * T-shirts
- ★ Pins
- * Raffle Quilt
- * Quilt Stores
- * Bring your scissors for the Scissor Man to sharpen for you!

Wesley United Methodist Church

5302 State Hwy 69 South

GREENVILLE, TEXAS

Admission is only \$5 a person © Children under 12 are free.

FREE PARKING

For more information: cottonpatchquilt.com

"Warm Welcomes!"

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Dates	Oct
6-7	Cotton Patch Quilt Guild, 2017 Harvest of Quilts Show, Friday, October 6 from 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday, October 7 from 9 am to 3 pm, Wesley United Methodist Church, 5302 State Highway 69 South, Greenville, TX
23	Monday, Oct 23 Creative Quilters' Guild of Ellis County General meeting; speaker is Mendie Cannon Brazilian Embroidery; Waxahachie Bible Church, 621 N Grand Ave, Waxahachie, TX 75165. Come at 6:30 for fellowship and registration. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Visitors welcome; elliscountyquilters.com
26	Thursday, Oct 26 Quilter's Guild of Grand Prairie Stitch-a-Bit sewing group. Bring your own project to work on. (tables provided) Visitors Welcome, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 1350 Bardin Rd, Grand Prairie, TX 75052; qgogp.wordpress.com
Dates	Nov
6	Monday, Nov 6 Quilter's Guild of Grand Prairie General meeting, visitors welcome; Half-Square Challenge; Bring a quilt or wall-hanging at least 12 x 12 inches; We will vote on the most creative use of half-square triangles. First Presbyterian Church of Grand Prairie, 310 S.W. 3rd St., Grand Prairie, TX. at 7 p.m.; qgogp.wordpress.com
13-14	Mineola League of the Arts Quilt Show, for more info check website @ www.mlota.org
Dates	Jan 2018
5-6	Homespun Quilters' Guild Quilt Show, Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave, Friday 10:00 - 5:00, Saturday 10:00 - 4:00