



A Letter from the President...

Can Rally Day really be only 4 months away? It seems like just last month we were laughing along with Kimberly Einmo. By the way, have any of you finished all of the quilts from the classes you took from her? If you have, send us a photo that we can share in the next newsletter. It would be fun to share those with her, too.

It is time to consider taking a class with Cynthia LeBlanc Regone. Cynthia has some great classes to share with us. You can see photos of each of the class projects in this newsletter. My personal favorite is Zydeco. It strikes me as a happy quilt that would be great for Community Service donation. See you in class!

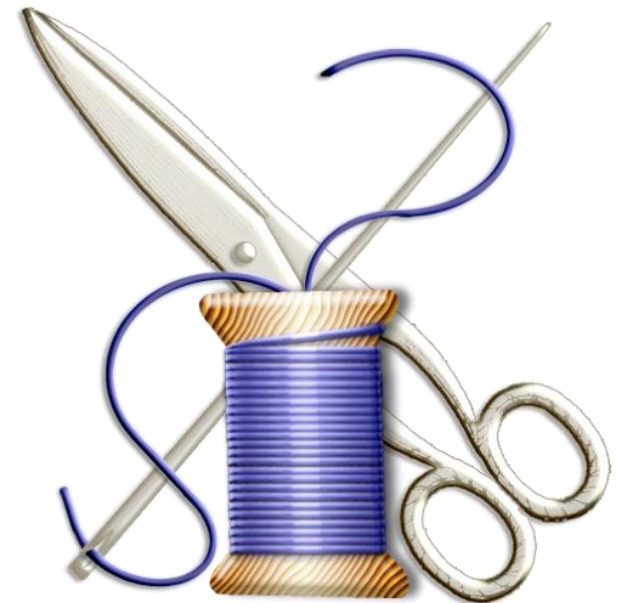
Speaking of Community Service, we had a great Special Interest Meeting in March on that subject. The article about that meeting is also included in this newsletter. The original questionnaire and the compilation of answers from the responding guilds are available on the website www.taqq.org.

We will also be posting every questionnaire and compilation from the last year on the website. We encourage you to visit the website and see what we have been doing lately. Our Special Interest Meetings usually have great discussions that we like to share with everyone. That is usually done through our quarterly newsletter **The TAQG Roundup**. All past issues of the newsletter are also posted on the website. The postings

are all done to further our purpose of sharing information between guilds. While we would like for every Guild in North Texas to join us in TAQG, we do hope that everyone who visits the website will gain useful information.

We do encourage non-member guilds to visit one of our meetings to see if they would like to join. The next meeting will be held on May 31st with a Special Interest Meeting on Quilt Shows. I hope to see you there and yes, information is on the website!

Submitted by Sherry Worley





Rally Day 2017

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July 8, 2017 you have a unique opportunity to attend a free day of quilt related fun. That is the date of Rally Day 2017. We hope that you have attended a Rally Day in the past, but if you have not let me share with you what will happen at Rally Day 2017.

This year's event will be held at Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, 1233 North Beltline Rd, Mesquite, Texas. The doors will open at 9:00a.m.

- The first thing you will have to do is show your current guild membership card. As long as your guild is a TAQG Member you get in free! If you are not a member of a TAQG guild you will be charged \$5.00 at the door.
- Everyone will receive a door prize ticket. Just for attending you may win one of 100 door prizes. The first door prize to be given away is a Baby Lock Anna Sewing Machine. It is valued at \$399 and has been donated by Plano Sewing Center. You can see more information about the door prizes and their donors at www.taqq.org.



Baby Lock – Anna Sewing Machine, Retail Value \$399.00
Plano Sewing Center
2070 W Spring Creek Pkwy,
Plano, TX



ûbalm Amazing Difference skin emollient, Retail Value: \$15.00
ûbalm Amazing Difference hydrating cream, Retail Value: \$39.95
Barbie & Ken Kendrick
www.amazingdifference.com
email: bk@amazingdifference.com



Wool Appliqué Kits
Spring Blossoms, Retail Value: \$20.65
Roses Are..., Retail Value: \$28.00
Morning Glory, Retail Value: \$24.35
Upsa Daisy III, Retail Value: \$29.30
I'm Half Crazy, Retail Value: \$23.25
Trish Stuart Designs
www.trishstuart.com



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The Rally Day Raffle will run a little differently this year. Once you purchase your Raffle Tickets you will have to decide which prize you would like to try to win. There will be at least 5 different prizes available. You will fill out your tickets and then drop them into the container or containers of the prizes you hope to win! The winners will be drawn at the end of Rally Day and only the people attending Rally Day will be able to purchase a ticket. Please visit www.taqq.org for more information. We will post new prizes as they are donated. We wish you all good luck!



Elna eXplore340, Retail Value \$499.00
Quilt Mercantile
215 N Us Highway 69,
Celeste, TX 75423
www.quiltmercantile.com
(903) 568-8739



Star Spangled Liberty Quilt Kit, Retail Value \$239.99
Happiness is ... Quilting
217 N. Kentucky Street
McKinney, TX 75069
www.happinessisquilting.com
(972) 542-8839

- Next, if you are one of the first 500 in the door, you will be given a Goodie Bag. Items in the Goodie Bags have been donated by TAQG member guilds. We hope you enjoy your Goodie Bag. If not, there will be plastic bins in the atrium where you can place the items you do not want. We will see that they are recycled to someone who can use them.
- Every TAQG Member Guild has been invited to display their Raffle Quilt. We expect the halls to be lined with beautiful quilts. Please remember to bring your name labels and one and five dollar bills. Most will allow photographs, but please ask for permission first.

Cotton Patch Guild



Mesquite Guild

Gun Barrel Guild



- Also in the hallway, you will find the table where you will exchange your confirmation email for your lunch ticket. TAQG is selling box lunches from McAlister's Deli for \$10.00. See any TAQG rep to purchase a lunch ticket. Box lunches are only available in advance. You may bring your own lunch or go out to eat. There will be at least a one hour lunch break. Please remember that there should be no food or drink in the Church Sanctuary.



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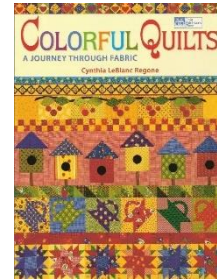
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- Once you reach the atrium you have several options:
 - Silent Auction items have been donated by Member Guilds. We pride ourselves on featuring quilts and other high quality fiber items. Some of the items available this year include quilts, bags, and hand dyed bamboo socks. You will need to get a bidder number then bid like crazy!



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- Our speaker Cynthia LeBlanc Regone, will have a table for sales of her books, kits and other items.
- There is always a table for Rally Day Pin Sales. We have TAQG pins and both current and older Rally Day pins. Look for sales on some of the older pins.

The day continues with two lectures, door prizes, the end of the silent auction and the raffle drawings.

If you are not too tired please take the coupon from your program or goodie bag and go visit the nice folks at Thomas Sewing Center. They always offer a discount coupon and some snacking goodies!





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March 2017 TAQG Community Service
Secondary Meeting

Submitted by Kaye Dunn

On March 28th, 2017 representatives from several member guilds met in the Special Interest meeting of TAQG to discuss Community Service. The meeting was led by Dolores Williams. Many local organizations were discussed including Disabled American Veterans, Women In Need, Fisher House, the VA, CPS, Project Linus, SPCA, Angel Tree, Meals on Wheels, Food Pantry, Hospitals, Clinics, Children's Advocacy Center, School-Age Parent Program, Nursing Homes and Samaritan Inn. Along with quilts and pillow cases other donated suggestions included neck rolls, baby items, dog beds, hats (for cancer patients), dresses, placemats (for meals on wheels), catheter bags or bibs (for nursing homes), Christmas stockings, crocheted afghans, lap robes, toiletry bags, product labels for area schools, and other "urgent need" items found on an agency's web site. Guidelines for selecting projects usually consisted of looking for needs in the local area and then considering the most effective use of the guild's time and finances. Members are encouraged to make suggestions which may then be approved by the Community Service Officer, the Board or the membership at large. Most guilds have a budget for their Community Service. Others raise money by having garage sales or "trash to treasure" sales etc. in order to pay for needed items. Batting is the primary cost. Batting can be purchased from Hobbs Bonded Fiber in Waco, TX at a sizeable discount. On their web site under "Charity" are forms to fill out and mail in along with 5 UPC labels per roll (guilds may

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Editor: Melissa Bonser, melissa4135@outlook.com purchase 2 rolls at a time). Save on shipping by loading up your girlfriends and heading to Waco for a road trip. There are lots of fun things to see and do there. Another source for batting mentioned was Linda's Electric Quilter. She will need your guild name and tax I.D. number along with what the batting will be used for.

Fabric is another ongoing need. United Notions in Dallas, TX has fabric and sewing notions at wholesale prices. They also have special sales a couple of times a year. You must have a tax number and there is a minimum dollar amount you must spend but this has not proved to be a problem for those who have shopped there. Also, encourage members to do a regular clean out in their sewing room and donate good quality fabric.

Storage of supplies ranged from a member's home, garage, storage locker, climate controlled building to a closet at the guild meeting place. Wherever the supplies are stored they must be in a climate controlled environment to preserve their useful life.

Motivating members to participate was discussed. It helps if you can prepare "kits" that include the pre-cut pieces along with the pattern. These can be made available for pick up at meetings and/or you may have a regular "Sew Day". The patterns and instructions should be simple. Unless you are purchasing a pattern for every kit you must get permission from the designer in order to copy the pattern. There are many sources for free patterns on the internet. (See Pattern Sources for Community Service at the end of this article) Other ways to encouraging members is to recognize those who have finished quilts by showing their work at meetings. Quilters work for little or no pay but we love trinkets and "bling". Charms, yearly



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service bars and pins can be purchased for little money and go a long way in motivating participation. If your guild keeps track of service hours you might want to visit the web site for the President's Volunteer Service Awards. That can be found at <https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov>. You should also have representatives from the organizations you support as your speaker. Give extra door prize tickets for items turned in, be enthusiastic and make it fun. One guild gives a coupon each time a project is finished and they have a yearly drawing for a retreat. I want to join that guild!

Pattern Sources for Community Service

Any time you use a free pattern you should still credit the designer. Be sensitive of copy write protected patterns. It is not acceptable to purchase one pattern and make copies of it unless you request and receive permission.



Some designers are happy to give you that permission. Other designers expect you to purchase one pattern for each person who will use it. It is better to ask for permission first.

The Quilters Guild of Plano purchases multiple copies of Villa Rosa Pattern cards. We use these in sewing day situations where volunteers turn in the cards when they finish for the day. This has been a good solution for an

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extra pattern source for us. We also write most of our own patterns.

Try the following sites for free patterns. Each site listed has at least some free patterns. None of these sites require you to enter your email address to enter.

- thelinusconnection.org The site includes a listing of other sites that offer free patterns.
- projectlinus.org The site has actual patterns of several types including weighted blankets

Most fabric manufactures have free patterns on their websites. Try the following:

- connectingthreads.com
- modabakeshop.com
- thespruce.com
- pbtex.com P&B Textiles
- marcusfabrics.com
- clothworks.com
- tffabrics.com Timeless Treasures
- redroosterfabrics.com
- amybutlerdesign.com
- windhamfabrics.net
- henryglassfabrics.com
- rjfabrics.com
- northcott.com
- hoffmanfabrics.com



Dates	April
22-23	Kaufman Quilt Guild Quilt Show, the Terrell Heritage Jubilee. Terrell At the Herman Furlough Middle School Cafeteria, 1351 Colquitt Road, Terrell, Visitors are welcomed at no charge; silent auction, many Vendor booths, Raffle Quilt tickets for the 2017 raffle quilt "The Nutcracker". www.kaufmanquiltguild.org
28-29	St. Mary's Quilt Show, Beautiful church, beautiful quilts, St. Mary's Way, (8227 CR 205), Plantersville; Fri 9-5, Sat 9-3, No admission charged, Donations Welcome;: FB/StMarysQuiltShow/ ; www.stmarysquiltshow.com
28-29	"Posies on Parade" Friday, 9AM-5PM, Saturday 9AM-4PM, Judged quilt show, Vendors, Country Store, <u>Raffle Quilt</u> , FREE ADMISSION NEW LOCATION: <i>The CR Legacy Event Center, 2205 W. Main (Hwy 334), Gun Barrel City, TX</i>
Dates	July
8	TAQG RALLY DAY 9 am at Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, 1233 N Belt Line, Mesquite, speaker will be Cynthia Regone; Details about workshops go to www.taqq.org
14-15	Creative Quilters' Guild of Ellis County Quilt Show, "Butterfly Wings & Flying Things", Midlothian Conference Center, 1 Community Circle Drive Midlothian www.elliscountyquilters.com
Dates	August
11-12	Quilt Plano 2017, Friday and Saturday, August 11-12, 2017, 9:00am - 5:00pm Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75074
24-26	North Texas Quilt Festival, Arlington Convention Center, www.sewingexpo.com , 800.699.6309 The first regional Quilt Show in North Texas in collaboration with Original Sewing & Quilt Expo is our opportunity to show off all that Arlington Quilters have to offer. Details will be forthcoming as they are finalized. Participating Guilds: Quilters' Guild of Arlington, Bear Creek Quilt Guild, Fort Worth Quilt Guild, Fort Worth Modern Quilt Guild, Irving Quilt Guild, and Trinity Valley Quilt Guild.