



Letter from the President

My name is Sherry Worley and I am a Very Lucky Quilter. I could also say Spoiled Rotten Quilter, but I like VLQ much better. This epiphany occurred during a lecture by Mary Fons at the Quilter's Guild of Dallas' A Day with Mary Fons event. Mary was stating facts about the health of quilting as an industry in the United States. According to Mary, there are approximately 21 million quilters at any given time, and the industry is near 4 billion dollars.

How fortunate are we to be living in a time when we have so many wonderful tools and fabrics at our disposal? I also count myself as a VLQ because I live in this area of the country. We are incredibly fortunate to have so many quilt related businesses. Currently my closest quilt shops are in McKinney, Texas, but in the past even my small hometown of Princeton has had a quilt shop. Until recently McKinney had 3 brick and mortar quilt stores. Where else in the country can you find that many options? Through my work with TAQG, I also realize how deep the talent pool is in our area. Whether you are looking for a speaker, workshop, retreat center, quilt guild, or quilter we have some of the best!

This leads me to the Texas Association of Quilt Guild's upcoming Rally Day. Rally Day would not be possible without the many donations from our local quilt related business. We pride ourselves on offering a day of quilt related fun! Part of that fun is the approximately 100 door prizes and the 2 raffles that are held each year. All of those wonderful gifts have been donated by someone in the area who earns a living making sure that we have what we need to pursue our hobby. Please take a look at www.taqq.org and this newsletter to see the generous

donations from our local businesses. When you are considering a quilt related purchase please shop locally! Without our continued support, any locally owned business is in danger. We all know how easy it is to shop late at night on the internet, but please consider waiting until morning to shop locally and help support our local businesses.

Sherry Worley, TAQG President

RALLY DAY SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am Doors open. *Take advantage of today's opportunities!*
- 10:00 am Rally Day Program begins
 - Welcome to Rally Day
 - Introduction of Guilds
 - Pre-Rally Day Raffle Winner announced
 - Door Prizes
- 10:30 am Cynthia Leblanc Regone, Lecture - "Mixed Technique ... It's Just Like Gumbo!"
- 11:45 am Door Prizes
 - Announcements
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm SILENT AUCTION CLOSES
 - Door Prizes
- 1:30 pm Cynthia Leblanc Regone, Lecture - "Kick It Up a Notch (brights at their best)"
- 2:45 pm Rally Day Raffle winner drawing
 - Silent Auction results
 - Door Prizes
- 3:15 pm Rally Day 2017 Committee Introduction
 - Rally Day 2018 Speaker Announcement
- 3:30 pm Conclusion
 - Door Prize Exchange

Drive Safely



Our Rally Day 2017 Speaker

Cynthia LeBlanc Regone was born in the heart of Cajun country, in Lafayette, Louisiana. She and her husband have three children. She is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Cynthia started quilting in 1981 and within ten years was producing award-winning quilts. She lectures and teaches throughout the United States. She has served on the board of several state and local guilds in Oklahoma and Texas. She was a featured teacher at the 31st Annual National Quilting Association Show in 2000 and teaches at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas.

Several of her designs have been featured in Fons and Porter's magazine Love of Quilting, Quilt Works Today, and Quilting Today magazines. Her quilt "Red Hot Flannel" was featured in the 2005 Love of Quilting Calendar. In April 2007, That Patchwork Place published her first quilting book "Colorful Quilts - A Journey Through Fabric". A separate pattern has been distributed by Martingale Press for her quilt design titled "Sweet Pea Manor". Her quilt "Cherry Picking Time" appeared in the 2008 Calendar for That Patchwork Place. Her quilt "Black Eyed Susans" was one of 15 quilts featured in the Martingale Press book Creative Quilts Vol. III, which was published in the Spring of 2008.

True to her roots, Cynthia designs under her own quilt pattern label named, Cajun Classics.

www.cajunclassicsquilts.com

Rally Day 2017

Mimosa Lane Baptist Church

1233 N. Belt Line Road in Mesquite, TX





Top Ten Reasons

You Should Attend Rally Day 2017:

10. Spend the day with other Quilters. You know – the people who understand you!
9. You could purchase the winning ticket on a Raffle Quilt.
8. You might win one of 100 door prizes!
7. The first 500 in the doors get a free Goodie Bag!
6. Purchase merchandise from Cynthia LeBlanc Regone.
5. You could be the new owner of one of the over 50 Silent Auction items.
4. Where else can you hear 2 free lectures by quilt designer, lecturer, instructor, and author Cynthia LeBlanc Regone?
3. Learn, laugh, and look at quilts all in air conditioned comfort. What could be better in July in Texas?
2. The first door prize is a \$400 Baby Lock Sewing Machine, donated by Plano Sewing Center.
1. If you purchase the lucky tickets, you could win one of 6 prizes in the Rally Day Raffle, valued at \$1,784!

From the Rally Day 2017 Committee

We would like to announce a “one time only” discount on Rally Day workshops! Space is still available in both the Thursday Workshop (Zydeco) and the Friday Workshop (Gypsy Moth). If you take one workshop at regular price you can take the other for the discounted price of \$40.00. The kit fees, which include the foundation papers (not fabric), remain unchanged. If you have already signed up for both classes, please contact Katrina Lindley. This offer is limited to space available. Forms may be found at www.taqq.org.

To Show or Not To Show

Submitted by Kaye Dunn, Quilters Guild of Plano

Does your guild have a quilt show? As quilters, we all like to attend the shows put on by other guilds. We are inspired by what we see because they all have their own unique style. But shows don't magically develop. There is much planning and many hours of work done by dedicated volunteers in order to produce a successful show. The benefits of a quilt show include education, inspiration, fellowship, community and revenue.

If your guild has never put on a quilt show but would like to do so there are several things to consider. First you will need a committee headed by a show chairman. Two chairmen would be even better. Next you need to do some homework. After deciding on a date for the show you must book a facility, secure insurance for the event, arrange for the hanging system (rent or own). Don't forget to ask for volunteers from the Scouts, Fraternities or High School Sports Teams. You will also need to find out what the security requirements are.

Now the real fun (or work) begins. It's time to have Quilt Show Meetings where your committee members can make decisions about quilt check-in and pick-up and how many quilts you plan to hang. You will need to develop an Entry Form along with all the rules that pertain to the entries, make decisions about, categories, judges, awards and ribbons. Will you have a Mini-Quilt Auction, a guild store, demonstrations, children's activities or Special Exhibits? And don't forget about advertising and show sponsors.

This sounds like a lot of work and it is, but the results are worth it. Not only can this be monetarily profitable for your guild, but it will increase community involvement, improve the quality of your quilts and develop friendships that last forever.

The blank Quilt Show Special Interest Questionnaire and the compiled answers to that questionnaire may be found at www.taqq.org under the **Guild Resources** then **Archive** tabs.



2017 Pre-Rally Day Raffle

First Prize:

**Janome NQM2016
Sewing Machine**
Retail value \$999.00
Thomas Sewing Center
18775 LBJ Frwy. Suite 208
Mesquite TX, 75150



Second Prize:

Retail value \$164.99
Three Wishes Quilt Kit
Stitched with Love
500 N. Custer Road, Ste 110
McKinney, TX 75071
Art Bin Super Satchel
Project Box and
54" Wooden Quilt Clamp
Quilt Ideas
1809 Midcrest, St. Plano, TX



Third Prize:

Retail value \$164.68
**Bella Solids Layer Cake® Snow, 20 - 10" Precut
Fabric Quilt Squares by Moda**
Sew & Sew Layer Cake®, 42 - 10"
Precut Fabric Quilt Squares by Moda
Cake Mix Recipe 1 45 count by Miss Rosie
Sew Lets Quilt It
7989 Belt Line Rd, Ste 170, Dallas, TX 75254
**Art Bin Super Satchel Project Box and
Gift Certificate for Edge to Edge Quilting**
The Best Little Quilt House in Texas
7989 Belt Line Road. Ste. 168, Dallas, TX



The winners of the 2017 Pre-Rally Day Raffle will be drawn at the workshop Friday Afternoon at 3:00. Winners will be announced during the welcome at Rally Day.

2017 Rally Day Raffle

There are 6 separate choices for Rally Day 2017 Raffle. Drop your tickets in the buckets for the appropriate choice. Tickets will be sold at Rally Day between 9:00a.m. and the drawing at approximately 2:45p.m.



Elna 340 Sewing Machine
Retail value \$499.00

Quilt Mercantile 215 N US Highway 69 Celeste, TX 75423



Star Spangled Liberty Quilt Kit
Retail value \$239.99

Happiness Is ... Quilting 153 S. Central Exwy McKinney, TX



Third Prize:



Large gift bags

Retail Value: \$315.00

North Texas Quilt Festival, Arlington TX www.sewingexpo.com



American Honor Applique Quilt Kit

Retail Value: \$164.99

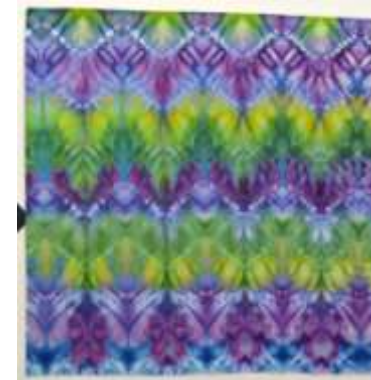
designs by tana 904 N. Crowley Rd Ste C & D, Crowley TX 76036



**Tutto Black Large Machine
Machine on Wheels**

Retail value: \$200

Compass Centre 1030 FM 339 – Mt. Calm, TX 76673



Fabric Dyeing Class for 3 by Sherry Worley

Retail value: \$350

Sherry Worley sherry-worley@att.net

Rally Day 2017 Door Prizes

Our goal is to have 100 door prizes to give away at RD 2017!
The first door prize to be given away is:



Plano Sewing Center



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Not Your Mama's Quilt Store



Quilters Guild of Plano



Piecemakers of Rains County



Garland Quilt Guild



Quilter's Guild of Dallas



Quilter's Apprentice



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Tomorrow's Quilts



Rocking Bobbin Quilt Shop



Sew 'N Sew



Bear Creek Quilt Guild, Inc.



designs by tana



1890 House, A Quilter's Retreat,



Cotton Patch Quilt Guild



Homespun Quilter's Guild



North Texas Quilt Festival, Arlington TX



Quilters Guild of Grand Prairie





Thomas Sewing Center A TAQG Platinum Sponsor

First let me say, Thank You so much, Thomas Sewing Center for supporting TAQG all these years, you are appreciated!

Thomas Sewing Center opened in 1955 as a dealer for Singer Sewing Machines. Thomas's has been a Janome dealer for 25 years and has been a TOP 10 Dealer for the last 10 years. Starting in 2012, Thomas's has also been offering the consumer the Brother line of sewing and embroidery machines.

Thomas's also sells sewing machine cabinets and suites by Koala, Horn and Arrow. Since Thomas's purchases Sewing Machines and Tables in large quantities at a discount, they can pass the savings on to us, their customers. Thomas's has onsite machine service for cleaning, maintenance and repair. Thomas's also offers preowned machines when available. Go to their website: www.thomassewing.com to see how they can offer you the best price.

Thomas's address is:
18775 LBJ Frwy, Suite 200
Mesquite, TX 75180
Tuesday thru Friday hours: 10:00 a.m.
to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Phone: 1-877-682-3996, 972-681-3996



Our machines are important to us and many of us have more than one 😊 but you know you gotta have fabric too! Thomas's has a large selection of fabric, threads and sewing and quilting tools and accessories.

Thomas's also offers classes, from beginners to advanced, as well as monthly projects and contests. They just recently had a contest and I was able to view the second and third place winners, amazing work and congratulations to those who won!

Thomas's will be participating in this summer's Row by Row program that starts June 21st. You get your Row by Row pattern for free and if you desire you can purchase a kit to complete the row. Check out Thomas's Calendar for classes and weekly specials, while I visited I just happened to be there while they were running a Senior Discount, they run many other specials that you might want to take advantage of.

Finally, Thomas's offers refreshments at their shop and coupons in our program on Rally Day, I love to stop by before heading home, what a great way to end a day spent with friends and Quilting!





North Texas Quilt Festival

The following six member guilds of TAQG are joining together this year with “The Original Sewing & Quilting Expo”:

- Fort Worth Quilt Guild
- Fort Worth Modern Quilt Guild
- Quilters Guild of Arlington
- Bear Creek Quilt Guild
- Trinity Valley Quilt Guild
- Irving Quilt Guild

The festival runs Thursday, August 24, 2017 through Saturday, August 26, 2017. It will be at the Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, TX.

There will be numerous vendors, mini quilt auction daily and quilts for sale. Each Guild will have their own booth to promote their guild and display their raffle quilts and other items for sale.

Cost is \$15 at the door. Tickets purchased prior to the event are \$10. See someone from one of the participating guilds to purchase tickets.



Coming in the next issue of TAQG Roundup: Interviews with other TAQG Sponsors:

Plano Sewing Center



Plano Sewing Center
 2070 W Spring Creek Pkwy #326
 Plano TX 75023
 Phone: 972-527-7400
Store Hours
 Monday - Friday 9:30-6:00
 Saturday 9:30-4:30
 Sunday CLOSED

Quilt Mercantile



Quilt Mercantile
 215 Highway 69N
 Celeste TX 75423
 Phone: 903-568-8739
Store Hours
 Tuesday-Friday 9-5
 Saturday 9-3
 Sunday & Monday CLOSED

TAQG Special Interest Meetings Calendar

- Jul 25** – Social Media
- Sep 26** – Insurance
- Nov 28** – Programs and Retreats Forum

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 on line at: www.taqq.org



Upcoming Events

Dates	June
23-24	Mesquite Quilt Guild Quilt Show is being held at the Dr. John Horn High School, 3300 Cartwright Rd., Mesquite, TX 75182 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. There will be 140 quilts for you to see, 20+ vendors for you to visit and shop, exhibits, raffle quilt, mini quilt auction with proceeds benefitting Horn High School students, door prizes and more. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6for seniors and children 6-12, children under 5 are free. For more information www.mesquitequiltguildinc.com
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. Friday, Jul 14 9:00a.m. to 5: 00p.m.and Saturday, Jul 15 9;00a.m. to 3:00p.m. 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.
Dates	September
15-16	Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild, at The ROC, 115 Putman Street, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Friday, Sep 15 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Saturday Sep 16 9:00am to 3:00p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Over 100 quilts will be on display including antique quilts and Jr. quilters entries. There will be a guest speaker on Friday and Saturday. There will be many vendor booths for your shopping convenience, door prizes are awarded throughout the day and our raffle quilt too. We have several activities for children, a Scavenger Hunt where children find the clues in the quilts and win a prize from our grab bag, Story Time with a hands-on quilt, sewing cards and felt board for the youngest child and a quilting/sewing project or craft project for school age children to make. For additional information www.sulphurspringstxquilts.com