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April 2019 Newsletter
Quilters Guild of Plano, Inc.

Our next meeting:

Karen Combs

"Quilts of Illusion & Trunk Show"

Thursday, April 11th at 6:45

Hunters Glen Baptist Church

4001 Custer Road, Plano

South Side of Church

Programs

By Jeanne Smith

Get ready for an exquisite presentation by our guest speaker, Karen Combs. Her quilts are known for taking a traditional pattern and giving it her own unique "twist." Karen is intrigued with quilts of illusions and has been designing quilts with a 3-D look for several years. Karen is the author of *Optical Illusions for Quilters* (AQS), *Combing Through Your Scraps* (AQS), *Floral Illusions* (AQS), *3 Quilters Celebrate the 4 Seasons* (AQS) and *3-D Fun with Pandora's Box*, co-authored with Sharlene Jorgenson of Quilting from the Heartland. Her newest book is *Celtic Pieced Illusions* (AQS).

Explore the world of optical illusions with Karen as she shows us some of the wonderful quilts that she has created along with a beautiful and inspiring trunk show.

Friday Workshop: April 12, 2019

Patchwork Illusions

Visual depth has fascinated artists for centuries, Karen has developed a quick and easy rotary technique that will allow us to make quilts with a 3-D look. This is Karen's favorite class because it is so easy to create truly amazing quilts of illusion. Let Karen share her secrets, so we may become masters of illusion!

Saturday Workshop: April 13, 2019

Combing Through Your Scraps

This truly is a magical way to put our fabric stash to good use by making a scrap quilt using a quick template-free method. We will learn to feel comfortable putting many fabrics together, how to distinguish "value" and be able to make many different scrap wall hangings or quilts. We will work on a quilt in class using shared fabrics from your classmates. This is a great place to use "ugly" fabric; they look great in this quilt. **Bring extra fabric to share!**

May

May 9 Guild Meeting

Quilt Show Roll-Out & Demos

No workshops in May

June

Guild Meeting: June 13, 2019 – MJ Kinman

Diamond Divas & Drama Queens:

Colored Gemstones as Design Inspiration

The most beautiful gemstone captures light and reflects it back to us with unique brilliance, revealing its fiery personality. These are the divas and the drama queens of the gem world. Every one of them has a story to tell...just like people. This slide lecture and trunk show chronicle MJ's story – her 20-year adventure in learning how to create the biggest diamonds in the world in cloth.

During the presentation, she'll discuss how she selects gems that qualify as "divas and drama queens" and what they teach us about how to add sparkle to any art quilt. She'll display the actual art quilts inspired by some of these divas.

Friday Workshop: June 14, 2019

Treasure Hunting:

Discovering Abstract Designs in Exquisite Gemstones

In this class, we will experiment with different techniques to find amazing abstract designs within images of gemstones. Then using freezer paper piecing techniques, we will cut the facets and piece together transforming those compositions into an 18" gemstone quilt square.

Saturday Workshop: June 15, 2019

Bite-Size Gem Quilts:

Creating a Small Faceted Quilt

Using the design and piecing techniques MJ relies on to create her diamond portraits, we will create our own beautiful work of faceted color.

Important Note: Please be aware that part of the Saturday Workshop is a duplicate of the second half of the Friday Workshop.

Community Service

By Linda Neal and Kaye Dunn

The Least of These

Members of the Quilters Guild of Plano have big hearts. They are concerned for each other and for members of the community. They are helpers and doers, and when someone is in need, they are quick to answer the call. Once again, we are gathering items for the PISD School-Age Program Graduation Party. These parents have worked hard to fulfill the requirements for graduation and to learn valuable life skills that will improve the future prospects of their children. We have partnered with PISD to help in this process. I will be delivering your gifts of clothes, quilts, gift cards and other

baby to toddler items after the May meeting. There will be a collection basket available at the next two guild meetings. Thank you for your generosity.

Quilt Show 2019

By Julie Brooks, Karen Freeman and Barbara Collins – Quilt Show Trio

Wow! We are only 5 months away from this year's quilt show!

T-Shirts – We are taking t-shirt orders. Make sure you email Julie Brooks or Valerie Salter if you want to order one. They are super soft and come in 2 styles – v neck – \$20 or round collar \$19. It is a great way to advertise while you are out and about running errands.

Raffle Quilt – The Raffle quilt is ready to go to a guild near you. Please get with Pam Wingate if you would be interested in selling tickets. Our raffle quilt is what funds all our wonderful activities and we need volunteers.

Demos – Do you have a special talent that you can teach? Please get with Tina Connelly and volunteer to give a workshop at the show. These are very well attended and many people come to the Plano show just for our demos!

Mini Quilts – Thank you for all the mini quilts that have been donated so far.

The quilt show really takes a village – there are so many ways you can give of yourself and your talents – I encourage everyone to do something for the quilt show.

Red & White 2020 Guild Raffle Quilt

By Linda Neal and the Wednesday Girls

If you picked up a kit of red and white fabric to make a block for the 2020 Raffle quilt, please bring your block or blocks to the April 11th guild meeting. We have had lots of beautiful blocks returned already. We will be sewing the quilt together April 16, so this REALLY is the last meeting to return your

completed blocks. Thank you to everyone who has turned their blocks in already. We can't wait to get started sewing them together.

Texas Association of Quilt Guilds

By Jeanne Fletcher

Planning for Rally Day is well under way!

Starting this month, we have this year's Rally Day pin. It is beautiful! Plano Pin Company took Geraldine the Giraffe and replicated her image using a silkscreen technique rather than the cloisonné technique used in past years. This technique makes this pin so different and more special than any of the previous year's Rally Day pins.

The workshops are filling quickly, so if you are planning on attending one of them, now is the time. Whimsy is over half full and Geraldine, a two-day workshop is too. The Woman has more room left than the other two. You can print workshop forms on the TAQG.org website or stop by the TAQG table. But be quick – some guilds are just finding out about the workshops!

Come see me at the back of the room at the guild meeting so you will be ready for Rally Day on July 13th. I will have:

- Entry tickets to hear our guest speaker, Pam Holland, a Textile Artist, Photographer, Author, Illustrator – \$5
- Lunch catered by McAlister's Deli (gluten free available) tickets are \$10,
- Pre-Rally Day Raffle tickets are 1 for 1\$ or 6 for \$5. Check out the TAQG table to see the great prizes.
- Rally Day pins \$5

Bring me a check for \$25 and you can have all of them!

Any questions? Don't hesitate to call me for more information.

Letter from the President

By Rose Davis

Wow! It is already the end of March. I hope all of you had a chance to go to The Dallas Quilt Show. There were so many beautiful quilts and quite a few of our members won ribbons.

Plans for Quilt Plano 2019 are moving forward at light speed. Special thanks to Julie Brooks, Karen Freeman and Barbara Collins for helping to make this year's show the best one ever!

The purpose of Quilters Guild of Plano is to:

- preserve the heritage of quilting,
- promote the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of quilting, and
- provide opportunities for continuing education among those interested in the art of quilting.

We accomplish this in so many ways – having both local and out of town speakers at our Guild Meetings, Junior Quilter's Workshops, Quilt Plano 2019 and Community Service work days, just to name a few. Your participation is so important to continue and improve our initiative. I learned a long time ago that the more you put into an organization, the more you get back.

There are too many activities to name in this article, but here are a few areas where your help is needed:

- Make a mini quilt to enter in our silent auction.
- Get active in a small group.

- Volunteer to work at Quilt Plano 2019 (sign-up officially starts at the May meeting).
- Come to one of our community service days (there is both a weekday and weekend monthly meeting).

If you are wanting to get more involved, please connect with any of our board members. And for all of you that currently participate – thank you

Happy Quilting!

Guild Retreat

By Julie Brooks

Sandy and I just cannot believe what wonderful members we have. Because of you, we were able to donate over 1000 items to Denison Family Services, 12 dog beds and 12 quilts to community service. Thank you! Sandy and I just want to thank everyone for letting us host you for the last couple of years. We are thankful that Carol Long has decided to form a new committee to take our place and lead us to the next amazing retreat.

Please make your \$50 non-refundable deposit now so you don't lose your spot. It is 4 days of quilting, eating, making new friends while getting a lot of inspiration.

I know I already can't wait to go and I hope you will join us next year February 20th – 23rd at the Hilton Garden Inn in Denison Texas.

Officer Nominations

By Jeanne Vogel

The nominating committee is composed of Carol Long, Terri Mendelow and Jeanne Vogel. We need 1 volunteer and 2 alternates. Please contact us if you would be willing to help fill the board positions.

The nominating committee is looking for a few good volunteers to fill the impending open positions for the October 2019-September 2020 term. The remaining open officer position is President.

The duties of the president are:

- Preside over all member meetings and Board meetings.

Supervise:

- All the business and affairs of the Guild.
- Activities of the Parliamentarian.
- Create temporary committees as needed.
- Establish schedules and meeting agendas.
- Provide final approval of the newsletter.
- Oversee activities of the TAQG position.

Responsible for:

- The General Insurance Policy of the Guild.
- Post office box keys.
- Auditing treasurer's books.
- Prepare written annual report.

New Small Groups

By Jeanne Vogel

Two new small groups are forming for those having Singer Featherweights. Chicks with Feathers will meet the 3rd Saturday 1pm-4pm. Featherweight

Friends will meet the 4th Friday 9am-9pm. Email pickincotton26@verizon.net for details.

Guild Activities

By Leanna Williams

Wow, it's April already! Can you believe it? Time just flies by! This month, remember to keep working on your block of the month blocks. Quilt tops need to be finished by June so that paperwork can be submitted and layouts for the exhibits can begin. Also, please consider that if you are sending your quilt top off to be quilted for the show, you need to give your long-armed enough time to get it quilted and get it back to you in time for the show. If you are done with your quilt top, congratulations! You are doing great and ahead of schedule.

Also this month, continue practicing good habits in the sewing room by keeping your workspace tidy. Letting your messes compound by starting one project after another without cleaning up can often lead to stress, and can actually cause you to find less enjoyment in your hobby. So, let's keep up those good habits!

Our next three-day retreat will be Wednesday April 17th – Friday April 19th at Best Little Retreat Center in Texas. If you would like to sign up for the three-day retreat, please head over to the website and click on "Day Retreats" under the Activities tab, to find out more information and print out a Day Retreat Registration Form. I will also have signup sheets available at the Activity table in the main hallway at guild meetings if you would like to sign up while there. Retreats are a great place to meet other members and learn new techniques while having a blast!

Now on to the next small challenge. I know that all of you (just like me) have quilts sitting around that have been quilted, but need either binding or a label. Some of us have several! Let's pull them out and start finishing them before we start another project. Unbound and unlabeled quilts count as UFO's, so let's get them off our list and sew our next project stress free!

That's it for activities this month. Just keep working on your block of the month blocks or assembling your tops, keep your sewing areas tidy, and tackle some binding or a quilt label for a waiting quilt. I believe you can do it!

Community Sew Day

By Sandy Buttine

NOTICE: We will be changing the day for community sewing in April. Because April 20th is Easter weekend, we are **moving** it to **April 27th**.

Plug In To QGP

Have you been wondering how to participate in your guild and make new friends? There is an opportunity on the 3rd Saturday of every month just waiting for you. Sandy Buttine would love to have you as a helper with the Saturday Community Service Sew Day with the idea that you would eventually take the leading role in organizing those activities. At present 3 to 10 ladies meet at the Best Little Retreat Center In Texas from 10am to 2pm on that day and sew quilt tops, backs, bindings or whatever is planned. If you have an interest, please call one of the following:

Kaye Dunn (918) 916-9224

Linda Neal (214) 532-3433

Sandy Buttine (214) 649-8196

Membership

By Carole Glover & Sue Rentz

March brought us back to the big room at Hunter's Glen Baptist Church. As the members and visitors were checking in, they all had smiles on their faces.

We had 98 members present, 7 visitors, and 8 new members join, along with 3 members renewing their membership.

We would like to welcome our 7 visitors; Grace Culbertson, Gail Gable, Tina Steenburg, Sue Morris, Christina Dodd, Jan Wright and Ginger Heuerman. It was nice to meet these ladies and we invited them to come back to another meeting.

Please help welcome our new 8 members; JoAnn Herrera, Marie Richard, Marjorie Sener, Nancie Rogers, Kathy Czekaj, Beverly Driscoll, Deb Putman, and Michael Davison. Please look for these new members at our next meeting and show them how the Guild welcomes them.

March Door Prizes were donated by Best of Bernina Plano, The Old Craft Store, Linda's Electric Quilters, Warm & Natural Batting Company, Stitched with Love and several anonymous donors. The Guild appreciates all their donations. As you are shopping in the quilt stores remember to thank them for their donations.

There were several 2018/2019 membership cards picked-up, however, we would encourage each of you to check and make sure you have picked-up your new card. The cards will still be available at the April meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting.

Items Needed

- Vegetables – 15 oz cans

- Fruit – 15 oz cans
- Chunky Soup – 15 oz cans
- Chef Boyardee -15 oz cans
- Meat – (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages) – 5 oz cans
- Peanut butter
- Grape jelly

April Birthdays

Donna Petrick 4/2

Jayne Eshbaugh 4/4

Connie Ryan 4/4

Karen Bethel 4/5

Terri Mendelow 4/6

Julie Brooks 4/7

Glenna Brabant 4/8

Linda Cordell 4/8

Sara Lindsay 4/8

Tina Connolly 4/9

Angela Coble 4/14

Carolyn Bond 4/15

Julie Yee 4/15

Beverly Geise 4/17

Nancie Rogers 4/17

Rose-Clair Fletcher 4/18

Elizabeth Schiller 4/19

Linda Coleman 4/21

Sue Landry 4/23

Ann McDougal 4/23

Mary Jo Ferril 4/24

Suzy Boyle 4/25

Mary Alice Caffarel 4/27

Anne Leather 4/27

Patricia Fowler 4/29

Deborah Skorepa 4/29

Gail Pettigrew 4/30

Stocking and Pet Beds Report

By Martha O'Grady

Stocking

I have to give a shout out and a big thank you to my small group, The Far East Connection. Some of these ladies have been dropping by my house, picking up a bag or two of fabric, ironing it, bringing it back and picking up another. This is a tremendous help, as I have a lot of fabric that needs to be ironed. I should also thank the ladies of Quilty Pleasures for their help last year. Indeed, I am truly blessed!

Y'all turned in 90 stockings this month. I handed out about 20 in kits. The really encouraging news is that we had 3-twenty-five sets turned in. This helps me a lot, since it is a big job trying to have so many kits available. I love getting "presents," and returning unfinished kits counts. It's like Christmas all year!

There is a person who told me that she would like to do satin cuffs. I totally don't remember who, sorry. I have some satin, and I would like to give it to you. Please find me at the next guild meeting or email me at:

martha_r_ograde@yahoo.com

Shelter Pet Beds

I took 50 beds to Wylie, Sachse, Murphy and a small no-kill shelter in Plano. Wylie was especially pleased to receive the 11×15 and 9×17 beds. He examined them, and told me how nice they are. It was as if I had given him a great treasure.

Y'all sure are generous with your scraps and stuffings. It all barely fit in my car! Still working my way thru all of that. So, maybe we need a new rule. If it barely fits in your Suburban, maybe it won't fit in my little sports car. Also, still finding pins and trash mixed in. Not good.

Sorry I forgot the SPB fabric last meeting. I came home and straight away measured, rolled and labeled; and put it into my wagon. It will be available at the April meeting.

One rather odd request. While fleece is an absolutely wonderful thing to stuff SPB's, it REALLY tears up my asthma. So, please, if you are working with that stuff, I beg of you to make your own beds. Once it is contained, it seems to be okay.

March Meeting Photos

Access our March Meeting Photos in our Gallery at [March 2019 Guild Meeting](#)
– Teresa Duryea Wong

General Meeting Minutes

By LaDawn Dalley

March 14, 2019 LaDawn Dalley

Meeting began at 6:45

President's Report, Rose Davis:

- Minutes and treasurer's report approved.
- Please keep Julie Schaefer in your prayers, her husband passed away.
- Presented Lone Star Awards to Julie Brooks, LeeAnn Williams, Caroline Gagnon

Community Service, Kaye Dunn & Linda Neal

- Donated 105 quilts, 65 pillowcases, cuddles, and 87 dog beds
- Now collecting baby items for the PISD Student Age Parent Program. Bring them to the April or May meetings.

Retreat Report, Julie Brooks

- The retreat was great! Also completed 9 community service quilts and collected 2000 items for the local food bank.

Show Report,

- We are selling t-shirts for \$19.
- Please volunteer to take the raffle quilt around to shops, other guild meetings, etc.

Programs,

- Great teachers with great workshops coming up. Please register for some!

Guild Activities, LeeAnn Williams

- We have a three day retreat coming up in April. See the website for details.

- Our Quiltmakers block of the month are all done. She will be introducing a spring cleaning challenge.

TAQG, Sherry Worley

- We need volunteers to help with workshops and mini quilts and fiber art items for the auction.

Membership:

There were 98 members present, 8 new members, and 7 visitors.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Next meeting will be April 11, 2019

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes can only be accessed by guild members. Please [login](#) to your account.

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