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May 2019 Newsletter
Quilters Guild of Plano, Inc.

Our next meeting:

Quilt Show Rollout and Skill Builder Demos

Thursday, May 9th at 6:45

Hunters Glen Baptist Church

4001 Custer Road, Plano

South Side of Church

Programs

By Jeanne Smith

May

We are now officially in Spring and headed toward Summer. For QGP, this means Quilt Show! The May 9, 2019 Guild Meeting is our annual Quilt Show Roll-Out & Skill Builder Demos. There will be no guest speaker lecture or 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.

July

Guild Meeting: July 11, 2019

Pam Holland – Lecture only –

The Fabric of Life

Pam is an International quilt teacher. She travels from her home in South Australia, teaching art quilting 10 months a year. The inspirations from her travel and photography form the foundation of her quilts. Pam is the guest speaker for TAQG Rally Day 2019 and is presenting her lecture *The Fabric of Life* at our QGP July 11, 2019 Guild Meeting. Pam says, "We all work with textiles. But I wonder if you know just where they come from? How are they created, who makes them? So many of the fabrics we buy have been printed

in countries so different to ours. The techniques are arduous and time consuming but utterly fascinating. I will share the art fabric creation in India and Guatemala."

Community Service

By Linda Neal and Kaye Dunn

Quilting for Others Day 2019

Community service has over 100 tops with backing and batting that need quilting! To help with this backlog of quilts, we have scheduled a "Quilting for Others" day on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. We are meeting from 9 AM- 9 PM at The Best Little Retreat Center in Texas.

All skill levels are welcome to attend. If you are new to quilting with your domestic sewing machine, we will have quilting demonstrations and samples to help you get started. If you are an experienced domestic machine quilter – we NEED your help! If you aren't a quilter but want to help, we have 3-4 spots available to sew bindings on, trim quilts, and assist the quilters.

Please bring your sewing machine, walking foot, free motion foot, scissors or snips, blue tape, 24-inch ruler, rotary cutter, size 90/14 needle, seam ripper, and thread. Thread color should include neutrals: ivory, tan, gray black, plus any colors you think would enhance a quilt top.

Pack your lunch/dinner or plan to go out to one of the local restaurants in the area. We will provide snacks, door prizes, and the cost of admission. PLEASE email Kaye Dunn at: scottnkaye@att.net to sign up so we know how many will be attending.

In preparation for the Quilting for Others Day, Monica Hendewerk will be hosting a spray basting day at her house on May 13th. This is a great

opportunity to learn the correct way to spray baste quilts quickly and efficiently. Please contact Monica Hendewerk at: mhendewerk@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

And lastly, if you are a long arm quilter, we need your help too! We have quilts that are too large to quilt on a domestic machine. We would love to have you quilt a quilt on June 11th for the guild. Feel free to drop it off at The Best Little Retreat Center in Texas so we can get it trimmed and bound (not required, you can bring them to the guild meeting if that is more convenient). We will enter your name into the door prize drawings.

A Little Equals a Lot

It's only three (3) little months until the Quilt Show and we are a wee bit short of Minis. Our attendees look forward to these teensy weensy treasures and as members you know the income from these tiny assets accounts for more than a slight amount of the bottom line. Only a small investment of time each day on your miniature will result in colossal rewards for the show.

Texas Association of Quilt Guilds

By Jeanne Fletcher

Last Chance

Less than 80 days until Rally Day 2019! And the deadlines are here already! Make sure you get in on the fun. Bring your checkbook and for \$25 you will have your entry ticket, lunch order, 6 pre-raffle tickets and this year's Rally Day pin, featuring Geraldine the Giraffe.

We plan to have the Pre-Raffle Day items at the May meeting. This year's raffle may have some of those items on your wish list, or better yet, ones you

have been saving to buy. The items in this raffle are not what were offered in prior Raffles, so stop by the TAQG table to take a look.

And about that pin! I was amazed and delighted to see how many of our guild members thought this pin was special but according the TAQG reps from other guilds, the Geraldine pin was flying out of their hands too!

Now about the deadlines:

It is the last call for classes. If you want to take one of the classes that will be offered by Pam Holland, don't hesitate any longer. There were still a few places available in each class as I write article. But beginning May 1 these classes will be offered to the public and it is expected the remaining seats will fill quickly.

In addition, all Rally Day lunch orders are to be turned in by July 1. Our June Guild meeting will be the last time you will have to purchase your lunch.

You can be proud of our guild's entries for the Silent Auction, but we can always use more items. If you have something to donate, please drop them off at the TAQG table at the back. The deadline for the Silent Auction items is the May 28th TAQG meeting.

See you at the meeting.

Rally Day

By Sherry Worley

Rally Day offers a host guild's members many opportunities to volunteer. Please consider helping the Quilters Guild of Plano by accepting one of the following volunteer positions. Any time spent volunteering for TAQG Rally Day 2019 can be reported as volunteer hours for the guild. You will also be given a volunteer ticket for free entry to Rally Day.

- Picking up Pam Holland from the airport and delivering her to the hotel in Mesquite.
- There are still a few spaces open for hosting the workshops.
- Several people are needed to set up and deliver door prizes to winners at Rally Day.
- A few are needed to do final touches on the set up of the Rally Day Raffle and sell tickets.

There will be more positions later, but if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities please contact Sherry Worley. We appreciate your help making Rally Day 2019 a rousing success.

Letter from the President

By Rose Davi

Our May Guild meeting (May 9, 2019) is one of our most important meetings of the year. It is our Quilt Plano 2019 Kick-off Meeting. This meeting is chock-full of information on how we pull together the big event scheduled for August 9-10 of this year. Not only can you get information and instructions, you can sign-up to volunteer at the Show and you can be one of the first to preview demos that will be a part of the Demo room at the show. Please be assured that there is a job for everyone and we need as many volunteers as possible to help make Quilt Plano 2019 successful.

Happy Quilting!

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

Guild Activities

By Leanna Williams

Activities have some exciting news! In an effort to offer you more sewing and friendship fun, we will be having not only three-day retreats, but one and two-day retreats as well! Here are the upcoming dates so you can put them on your calendar:

- Sunday May 26th – One Day Retreat
- Saturday & Sunday, July 20th-21st – Two Day Retreat
- Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, September 5th thru the 7th – Three Day Retreat

Day Retreats are held at Best Little Retreat Center in Texas, located on the Northwest corner of Coit Road and Belt Line, Dallas. 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 with me at the next meeting if you would like to sign up with me. Retreats are a great place to meet other members and learn new techniques while having a blast!

The 2019 Quilt Show is looming closer, so 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. If you are

done with your quilt top, congratulations! You are doing great and ahead of schedule.

Last month I issued a challenge to pull out those quilts that were missing either binding or a label and get those finished. If you did, way to go! That's another to-do you can scratch off your list. Now we don't have to feel guilty when we start yet another project. Am I right? Ha!

The May Guild meeting is Quilt Show Rollout, so there will be no show and tell or new challenges this month. Just keep on trekking with your block of the month or other current projects, and don't forget to save the date for the new Day Retreat days.

Hope to see you there!

Membership

By Carole Glover & Sue Rentz

April was a big hit with all the members and visitors being back in the big room at Hunters Glen Baptist Church.

We had 107 members present, 4 visitors, and 3 new members join, along with 1 member renewing their membership.

We would like to welcome our 4 visitors; Carolee Blumin, Lois Wagner, Lucia Reyna And Betty Osweiler. It was nice to meet these ladies and we invited them to come back to another meeting.

Please help welcome our new 3 members; Heather Ewald, Rhonda Diercks and Heather Carlile. Please look for them at our next meeting and show them how the Guild welcomes them.

April Door Prizes were donated by Best of Bernina Plano, The Old Craft Store, Stitched with Love, Sew Let's Quilt it, Urban Spools, Quilt Ideals, our speaker Karen Combs 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.

We are looking forward to the New Member's Retreat on June 8th. This will be for all new members joined from September 2018 to date. It will be at the Best Little Retreat Center from 9AM to 9PM. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so through The Best Little Retreat Center's website.

New small group forming for those having Singer Featherweights;

Chicks with Feathers – 3rd Saturday 1PM to 4 PM

Featherweight Friends – 4th Friday 9AM to 9PM

Email: pickincotton26@verizon.net for details.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting.

May Birthdays

Carolyn Henson 5/2

Janet Plotkin 5/4

Barbara Graves 5/6

Susan Rentz 5/7

Jeanne Fletcher 5/8

Tami Marlar 5/8

Becky Woods 5/12

Tracy Spruell 5/16

Laurie Tanas 5/17

Patricia Kellar 5/19

Valerie Pearson 5/19

Krystie Wagoner 5/21

Debbie Smith 5/23

Lori Hutyra 5/24

Emily Hall 5/25

Ceidys Butterworth 5/26

Nancy Worst 5/26

Fonda Brinlee 5/28

Sarah Vaughan 5/28

Margaret Lakie 5/30

Nancy Perry 5/31

Stocking and Pet Beds Report

By Martha O'Grady

Stocking

We are well on our way toward our October goal of 1000 stocking to be delivered to Soldiers Angels. I have felt guilty this year that, since I can't seem to get my strength back from my asthma, I have been doing a less than adequate job of making kits. Thanks everyone for your understanding and your hard work. Y'all are great!

I should start to improve soon. Don bought me a Rabbit for Easter. Yep, a Rabbit air purifier. LOL! I now have 5 air purifiers in 2 different brands.

Anyone who would like to make small gift items for the stockings is more than welcome to do so. They are glad to get mug rugs, coasters, pot holders, placemats, little sewing kits — anything small enough to fit into a stocking.

If you would like to donate fabric, I could use some patriotic. I have plenty of every other kind.

Shelter Pet Beds

I took 40 SPBs to various shelters in the area. I am beginning to get a less than enthusiastic response to the biggest beds. The first time I went to Wylie, they had a big wooden box; empty. The next time, it was overflowing. This time, he said they had all they needed. This is a similar story to what I have had at several shelters. We are burying them hoarder style. What started out as a good idea is going overboard.

We need to be more careful about what we throw away. We need to manage our scraps so that there is less waste, and bag up only unusable pieces. There are lots of ideas for achieving this goal.

Along with the trash basket lined with a bag for a pet bed, and one for actual trash, also have a third for usable scraps.

Cut scraps into squares and strips of different sizes, and bin them by size. There was a lady in my guild in Lewisville who always cut her scraps into squares, and when there was a "who can make the most quilts for community service" challenge, she always won.

We can make items like pot holders, mug rugs, coasters, placemats, the list goes on. We are limited only by our imagination. Soldiers Angels is a good place for these items. They are always glad to get them. So would schools that offer a "Christmas" store for students to spend "behavior bucks". And people shelters love small handmade items as well.

I had 2 styles of the small pet carrier sized SPBs donated. One was about an inch thick and looked like a small mattress, very well made. The other was made by zig zagging the edge, and pinking. It looked kind of like a mug rug with decorative quilting. Very cute. I asked which he liked better, and he said, "gosh, I don't know. These are wonderful."

April Meeting Photos

Access our April Meeting Photos in our Gallery at: [April 2019 Guild Meeting – Karen Combs](#)

General Meeting Minutes

By **Julie Schaefer**

April 11, 2019

President's Business: Pam Wingate

- The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.
- The minutes and the Treasurer's reports of March 14, 2019 were approved as written on the Guild website respectively.
- The McKinney Quilt Guild was visiting with their raffle quilt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Guild Activities: Leanna Williams
- Everyone working on their block of the month needs to have them completed by June.
- Members were reminded to keep their sewing rooms neat and clean.
- The next 3-day retreat will be April 17-19, 2019. There will be games and prizes at this retreat.

Quilt Plano 2019: Leanna Williams

- Show shirts can be ordered now.
- The next general meeting will be the Quilt Plano 2019 Show roll out. There won't be a speaker. All members will be able to sign up for volunteer positions for the 2019 Show in August.

Nine-Patch Blocks: Debbie Seher

- Rebecca Clayton has moved out of town. We need to send her 100 nine-patch squares.
- Members were asked to measure accurately when making the blocks.

Programs: Jeanne Smith

- The speaker, Karen Combs, still has room in her Saturday workshop: "Combing Through Your Scraps." The Friday workshop is closed.
- There won't be a speaker or workshop in May.
- In June the lecture will be "Diamond Divas and Drama Queens" by MJ Kinman. This will be a Trunk Show. The June 14th workshop is "Treasure Hunting: Discovering Abstract Designs in Exquisite Gemstones. The June 15th workshop is "Bite-Size Gem Quilts: Creating a Small Faceted Quilt.

Community Service: Linda Neal

- Members may turn in their red and white blocks for the 2020 Raffle Quilt.
- There are many quilts to be quilted; members may pick them up in the hallway.
- April 25th Sharon Wilhelm will be teaching Quilting on your home machine. Remember to bring your walking foot to this class.
- May 13th will be a basting day at Monica Hendewerk's home (6412 Stone Canyon Drive, Plano, TX 75024).
- June 11th will be a "Quilting for Others" quilt day at the Best Little Retreat Center in Texas from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Mini Quilts for Quilt Plano 2019: Kaye Dunn

- We still need mini quilts for the raffle at the show. We now have 32 mini quilts and we want 48 before the July general meeting. The guidelines for making a mini quilt are on the QGPlano.org website.

TAQG: Jeanne Fletcher / Sherry Worley

- Rally Day is July 13th held at Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite. Jeanne has the tickets for entry (\$5.00) and the lunch (\$10.00). Members must have their membership cards with them or pay \$20.00 for entry.
- Jeanne is taking sign-ups for 3 workshops: "The Woman" Thursday July 11th; "Whimsy of Wandering" Friday July 12th; "Geraldine the Giraffe" Monday and Tuesday July 15-16.
- Sherry and Jeanne are taking items for the TAQG silent auction.
- Many volunteers are needed for the workshops etc.
- Plano is one of the host Guilds so we need to have a good turnout.

Membership: Carole Glover / Sue Rentz

- There were 107 members present. New members are: Heather Ewald, Rhonda Dierks and Heather Carlile. The visitors were: Carolee Blumin, Lois Wagner, Lucia Reyna and Betty Osweiler.
- There is going to be a New Member Tea on June 8th at the Best Little Retreat Center in Texas. Anyone attending was reminded to bring her sewing machine and sew all day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24.

Board Meeting Minutes

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