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Quilters Guild of Plano, Inc.

Our next meeting:

**Lecture by Paula Nadelstern – The Kaleidoscope as Design Inspiration**

## Thursday, February 13th

Social time begins at 6:15 p.m.

General meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.

With speaker immediately following meeting.

Hunters Glen Baptist Church

4001 Custer Road, Plano

South Side of Church

## To bring to the next meeting...

- Name badge
- Lovepacs donation items
- Community service completed items

## Programs

By Jeanne Smith

## February

February brings a wonderful guest speaker to our guild – Paula Nadelstern.

Paula comes to us from New York. In fact, she makes quilts on the same block in the Bronx where she grew up. A wonderful quote from her: "Until I met quilts, I thought I was creative but not talented. To find something you love to do is a gift. To achieve recognition for it is a miracle."

**Guild Meeting – February 13, 2020**

**Paula Nadelstern – Lecture: The Kaleidoscope as Design Inspiration**

**Non-members: There is a \$5 Fee for this National Speaker**

Kaleidoscope, the very word promises surprise and magic. Exploding with visual excitement, a kaleidoscopic design organizes an abundance of light and color, form and motion into a complex and coherent image. Paula's goal is to harmoniously integrate the idea of a kaleidoscope with the techniques and materials of quilt making.

**Friday Workshop: February 14, 2020**

### **Simple Symmetry**

Simple Symmetry is based on a simple fact: one single fabric is responsible for all of the elaborate patterns in one quilt. You will learn how to use one single template and one symmetrical (albeit intricately printed) fabric to achieve a complex quilt filled with dramatic impact.

**Saturday Workshop: February 15, 2020**

### **Sixty Thirty: A Kaleidoscope Class**

In this class, everyone will draft perfect angles and then sew dissimilar angles together. This product and process class is extremely fun and creative!

## **March**

**Guild Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2020**

### **Tammy Vonderschmitt with Moda – Lecture: Behind the Scenes at Moda**

Tammy Vonderschmitt works for Moda in the Marketing department and will talk about fabric from concept to your hands. Show and tell will include many quilts and some new upcoming fabric lines.

# Community Service

**By Dolores Williams and Valerie Salter**

It is so exciting how Community Service is becoming an important part of our guild. We are getting more and more people involved, making it a win-win situation that can only get better.

Our guild members are able to use their love of quilting to help others and our organizations are getting lots and lots of items to give to the people they are helping.

Last month we gave out 94 quilts, 105 pillowcases, 26 cuddles, 19 baby hats, and 8 taggies. This was a big month for us since we did not distribute in December, but then again, they are collections we made during the holidays. Great Job.

Dates to remember:

- **February 11** – Community Service sew day at Plano Sewing Center, 10 am – 2 pm.
- **February 29** – Community Service sew day at Best Little Retreat Center, 10 am – 2 pm
- **March 21** – Basting Day at Monica Hendewerk's house, 10 am – 3 pm
- And most important, Quilting Day at the Best Little Retreat Center, 10 am – 3 pm on **April 14**.

The quilting day is open to all members who want to quilt community service quilts and for all newer quilters who want to learn and practice quilting. We will have demonstrations on how to quilt using your walking foot and how to do free-hand quilting. There will be door prizes and goodies to eat. Come and have some fun!

# In the Know About the Show – QP 2020

**By Donna Petrick**

Are you working on your quilt(s) for the show? The entry forms are now [online](#). Each member may enter up to 4 quilts. This show is the guild showcase. It's time to let people see your work. Be proud of your efforts and enter your quilt.

I have encouraged each of our show committee members to be finding their future replacements. The Vendor Chair committee needs another person to join in this year and fill in the chair position for 2021. If you are interested in this position, please talk to Carol Long, Rose Davis, or me. It's a very interesting position and is vital to our show.

May will be the month that we roll out the show information, start sign-ups for volunteers, and feature some of our demos. If you are interested in doing demos at the meeting and/or the show, be sure to contact Tina Connolly.

Please continue to pick up and pay for your raffle tickets at the meeting. If you can take the raffle quilts to other meetings to sell tickets, please contact Joan Hammett.

## Letter from the President

**By Linda Neal**

So many projects... So little time!

I have so many projects I am trying to finish, and so many more I want to start. It's been hard to stay focused and finish anything lately with the holidays. But now that February is here, I hope to get a handle on my "to-do"

list. Lately, the only things I have finished are those projects that have deadlines. Some deadlines are self-imposed and other deadlines are set by the small groups I belong to or retreats I attend. And the list keeps growing!

We have so many activities going on in the guild: the pillow challenge with Guild Activities, Community Service quilting challenge, mini quilts for our Quilt Show, Christmas stockings, pillowcases, birthday quilts, block challenges, pin cushion exchanges AND I need to finish my quilt to enter in our show! Whew! No wonder I feel overwhelmed! And NOW my small group started their yearly UFO challenge! Really??!!

I wise woman (Alice Wilhoit) once said to me, "Linda, how do you eat an elephant?... One bite at a time!" So, with that, I will start my list. I will set small goals that I know I can accomplish. I will prioritize those items on the list that are most important (finish a quilt for the show) and maybe a few items will need to be scratched off the list, and that is OK too. Plus I want to leave room on my list for new projects I might want to start.

With my list in hand, I am ready to get started. I have several retreats planned—that should help. I am hoping for some cold weather in February. That will make me want to stay home in my warm studio and sew all day. And housework? That's NOT on my list, so it will have to wait.

Have a great month and see you at the guild meeting with our speaker Paula Nadelstern.

### **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 Leigh Knox**

### **The Pillow Project**

We are starting 2020 with a guild exchange activity! Click on the link for the [Jordan Fabrics Tempting Triangle Pillow Covers](#) (I love their FREE patterns!)

Now the cover of the pattern says the pattern makes 3 pillows. We are only making 1 for the exchange. Feel free to make as many as your heart desires, but you only need 1.

One addition to the project: **MAKE SURE YOU SIGN AND DATE YOUR PILLOW.**

I have been informed that the 16" pillow form from Wal-Mart is the perfect fit and it is only \$5.

Bring your finished pillow to the March Guild meeting for the exchange. You do not need to wrap it up or put it in a bag.

[Click here to go to the instructions.](#)

## Membership

**By Sue Rentz and Connie Elliott**

We had 102 members present.

There were 9 visitors: Marie Rees, Sue Kuisis, Pat Brown, Grace Culbertson, Stephanie Beaty, Doris Sanderegger, Marsha Kammeyer, May Coffey and Linda Smith.

The 8 new members were: Rhonda Briscoe, Michelle Parker, Jeana Kubik, Glenna Brabant, Susan Berger, Donna Blackman, Sarah Newell, and Deb VanWinkle.

We continue to take member renewal fees.

The following quilt stores and people made donations for the door prizes:

- Annette Plog
- Sew Let's Quilt It
- Stitched With Love
- Stitchin' Heaven
- Fabrics For You
- Linda's Electric Quilters
- Savvy Quilters
- The Quilt Asylum
- Not your Mama's Quilt Store
- Quilt Country

## February Birthdays

- Chris Halicki — 2/1
- Linda McGillis — 2/3
- Margaret Johnson — 2/3
- Sharon Umphred — 2/4
- Tisha Ann Harms — 2/4
- Audena Cowin — 2/6
- Linda Neal — 2/11

- Kate Premeaux — 2/12
- Becky Pitre — 2/13
- Bernerdett King — 2/14
- Mardy Cronister — 2/14
- Robin Toliver Reed — 2/15
- Arleen Nodwell — 2/16
- Dorothy Hodges — 2/16
- Kathy Chambliss — 2/17
- Sue Hurth — 2/19
- Azenath Wright — 2/21
- Julia Little — 2/21
- Julie Schaefer — 2/22
- Donna Weiler — 2/23
- Cynthia Weisz — 2/25

## Lost and Found

These scissors were left at a workshop. If these belong to you, please email me:

**Jeanne Smith – [ymmts2@hotmail.com](mailto:ymmts2@hotmail.com)**

## Stocking and Pet Beds Report

**By Martha O'Grady**

### Stockings

We are off to a great start with our stockings. I had 5 turned in at guild, and lots of goodies to fill stockings.

Please remember that we are not responsible for filling the stockings, but anything that we give is appreciated. Also, remember that hand-made items are especially appreciated because it gives a personal touch, and makes these folks feel loved.

If you would like to write a batch of cards, that would be great, too. My favorite from last year was done by a one-year-old toddler, and had the caption, "(baby's name) age 1 says thank you for your service to our country." I am quite sure that this touched the heart of someone.

## Shelter Pet Beds

I have 50 beds to take to a shelter. I am hardly the only one taking them. Margret Lakie took 11 to the Murphy shelter. I know that there are others, so come and let us know so your work can be counted!

One small thing. I had some stuffings turned in. Please remember my motto: you make 'em; I take 'em.

## Tech Corner

**By Caroline Gagnon-Hartman**

## Newsletter Email

The email notifying you of our newsletter release has been automated with MailChimp since the launch of the new website. This newsletter email is automatically sent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of every month and looks like the pictures on the right.

Please note that if you unsubscribe from the newsletter email, you also unsubscribe from any email notification we may send you.

Thankfully, we don't send very many emails but when we do, it's usually for important things such as a meeting place change or a special event.

Make sure to check your junk/spam folder and mark [email@qgplano.org](mailto:email@qgplano.org) as a safe sender.

We also post on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) so be sure to follow us!

## Monthly Meeting Photos

Access our monthly meeting photos in our [Gallery](#).

## General Meeting Minutes

Click to read the [General Meeting Minutes](#).

## Board Meeting Minutes

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

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