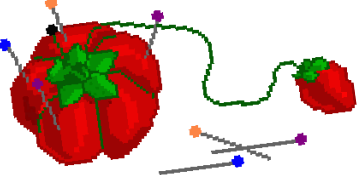


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Message from the President

Happy March! It is really hard to believe that we are starting the third month of 2010. I hope you are planning on attending our March meeting. There will be exciting things to see and hear. If all we have heard is true, we will have a speaker that will highly entertain us. There will be lots of show and tell...many of you have your Sara Miller Mo projects done, and I know there will be a lot of Retreat treats to be shown. I can't wait to see what you have accomplished.

We are still in need of a Chair for the raffle quilt. This is such a great quilt, and we only have 7 months to sell tickets. Maybe your Bee would like to take on the quilt. This is a great way to visit other guilds and see what quilters in our neighboring towns are doing. If you are interested, please let me know at the meeting or call me at 979-595-6366.

See you on the 9th!

Kerry

SUMMER RETREAT

The Summer Quilt Retreat will be held June 25-27, 2010, at Heartland Retreat Center near Brenham. Registration will begin at the February 9, 2010, Guild Meeting. Cost this year is \$190.00. The Summer Retreat requires a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit and the completion of a registration form. The balance will be due at the May 11, 2010, Guild meeting. Registration is limited to 24 people.

Sewing stations will be set up in Mt. Olive Chapel. Accommodations are in the Sunflower House and Annex. Meals include dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meals are served in the dining room attached to Mt. Olive Chapel. The housing units have a kitchen area with a stove, refrigerator, coffeemaker, and microwave oven. A snack area will also be set up in the area off the sewing room.

Please contact a member of the Summer Retreat Committee if you have questions:
Linda Bridges, Deb DeRoache, Peggy Mobley, Rowena Reed.

Winter retreat

Congratulation to the Winter Retreat Committee for organizing a wonderful retreat. A great time was had by everyone. Wait until you see the wonderful projects completed.

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2010 Programs & Workshops

- Mar 9, 2010 Lecture: Tom Russell – “My Journey”
Apr 13, 2010 Debbie Maddy – Calico Carriage Quilt Designs, Graham TX
Lecture: No Diamonds, No Y Seams; Old Quilts, New Methods
April 14, 2010 Workshop: Shooting Stars
May 11, 2010 Alice Wilhoit – www.alicewilhoit.com; McKinney, TX
Lecture: Trunk Show
May 12, 2010 Workshop: Morning Celebration
June 8, 2010 Jane Parker – www.janejustjane.com, Spring TX
Lecture: Cotton Theory Method
June 9, 2010 Workshop: Reversible Placemat (Kit for \$23.95 required)
July 13, 2010 Connie Silber, Bryan TX
Lecture: The Harmonious Quilt
July 17th and July 24, 2010 Two Day Workshop – “Make One and Get One Almost for Free”
Cost is \$40 and includes brief meeting before lecture on Tuesday.
Aug 10, 2010 Care Quilt Workshop all day plus meeting at 7 PM @ Brazos Center
Sep 14, 2010 Flavin Glover – www.flavinglover.com from Auburn Alabama
Lecture: A New Look At Log Cabin Quilts
Sep 15, 2010 Workshop: Colorful and Creative Log Cabin Diamonds
Oct 12, 2010 Quilt fest – Details later
Nov 9, 2010 Lynn Roddy Brown – www.lynnroddybrown.com from Houston TX
Lecture: Simple Strategies for Scrap Quilts
Nov 10, 2010 Workshop: Texas Two Step
Dec 14, 2010 Christmas Party
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Feb. Minutes

Bluebonnet Quilt Guild February 9, 2010

The meeting began at 7P.M. with Pres. Kerry D. calling for order.

Programs – Sara Moe (who happens to be a member of the Dallas Guild) was the speaker. The topic was “Color and Creativity.” She showed lots of pictures, discussed *making color choices* (for instance, look at the color combinations used in advertising things like shampoo or utilize the colored dots found on a material's selvage that are examples of every color found in the material's design), *finding creative inspiration* in the world around you (nature, photographs, books, et cetera), and *overcoming creative blocks* [attend a quilt or art show, spend time with supportive friends and other Guild members, even “Just Do It” (as Nike suggests)].

She also discussed her book, *Spinning Pinwheels*, and the various templates she created. The book and templates were available for purchase after the meeting. Checkout her web site: www.sewinspired.com for information on the above and more!

Next month's speaker will be Tom Russell (*It's My Journey*).

The January minutes were passed.

Treasure's Report – (See Handout) The question was raised as to what the Guild plans to do about the \$5000 CD that was cashed in for expenses. Whether it will be replaced and deposited with a different institution or what is still being debated.

Dallas Bus Trip – Cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. The bus will be leaving from Wells Fargo around 7 A.M. on March 13th.

Membership – 72 members signed in. We had 4 new members and 4 visitors.

Beekeeper – The Saturday morning bee has fizzled out.

Brazos Center Window needs floral quilts. If you have any to loan for it, contact Deb B.

Block-of-the-Month – The winner of January's blocks was Ruth C. Blocks for February were won by Marian D.

In the instructions for March Block-of-the-Month, where it says “red” – it *should* say “maroon.”

The Raffle Quilt will be on display February 27 & 28 at Washington on the Brazos. The take from Go Texan was \$367. The Antique Show take was \$394.

A motion was made to purchase a new quilt display stand, as the one currently being used is broken. Laura & Michael first & seconded it and the motion was passed.

Our Go Texan Quilt won the top three awards in its competition!

Soldier Squares – 80 of 120 have been turned in. The workshop was great!

Sunshine & Shadows – Several shadows were shared, as well as two sunshines – the arrival of a baby (future Guild member??? wink) and a 100th birthday! Contact Lynn T. for more details.

Retreats – The Winter retreat is filled. However, there still openings for Summer retreat. Only 19 of a possible 24 have signed up.

Door Prizes were won by Luci S., Mary Ellen B., Carol L., and Janice D. Congratulations ladies!

The 2010 Care Quilt Challenge is *All About Plaid*. There must be recognizable plaids in the quilt and the finished quilt should be at least 36" x 40" and no larger than 48" x 60". The deadline to turn in the quilt is September 27, 2010. Contact Kimberly D. or Michael J. for more details.

The Tyler Quilt Show will be held on March 26th and 27th.

Quilters' Day Out is scheduled for May 29th. The location will be the St. Joseph's Gold Room, located on the corner of Dartmouth and Broadmoor?

Show & Tell – Kimberly D. showed a wall hanging and a Project Linus quilt; Vicky C. displayed 7 Care Quilts made by her husband Ken, though Vicky put on the bindings; Marijane D. displayed a round chicken table topper; Nancy J. S. showed an Old World Santa; and Peggy M. shared another Care Quilt.

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The Dallas Quilt Show Bus Trip

The Dallas bus trip is Saturday, March 13th. We will meet at the East Bypass/Briarcrest Wells Fargo Parking lot. The bus will pull up about 6:30 and we will begin boarding. We will leave promptly at 7:00 am.

We will leave Dallas at 5:00 pm, stop for supper, and be home around 9:00pm. Cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. I would like to ask that plenty of seats be left available at the front of the bus for those with motion sickness problems.

If I receive a bus sign-up request before Feb. 25, the fee will include a ticket into the show. Any sign-ups after that day will have to buy a ticket at the front door. Cost after Jan. 25 is \$28 for members and \$38 for non-members.

Thanks,
Marijane

Area Quilt Shows and events

March 6, 2010: The 2010 Texas Roundup will be held on Saturday, March 6 at Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, College Station. The Texas Roundup is an annual meeting of vintage sewing machine enthusiasts. It is a trade, swap, buy and/or covet meet. You can find more information at the yahoo group---Texas_Roundup.

March 19-20, 2010: Shiner Heritage Quilter presents; The Supper Quilt. First United Methodist Church Activity Center, Shiner, Texas. www.shinerheritagequilters.org

March 26-27, 2010: The Quilt Guild of Victoria presents Quilts, Quilts, Quilts Act V. 1st United Methodist Church Christian Life Center 407 N. Bridge St. Victoria, Texas.

April 23-24, 2010: Happy Quilt Guild presents Spring Fling. American Legion Hall 1502 S. Hwy. 77, Giddings, Texas. dcox@chascox.com

May 1, 2010 Tall Pines Quilt Guild. "Airing of the Quilts" Downtown Huntsville, Texas. Featuring Karen Kay Buckley, Friday April 30 and Monday May 3, 2010.

NOTICE

Laura North and Michaele Jackson both have an extra room for anyone wishing to stay over after a Guild Meeting or workshop. Just let us know and we will be sure the bed is made fresh.

The Appliqué Society

The Appliqué Society (www.theappliquesociety.org <<http://www.theappliquesociety.org/>>) Bryan/College Station Chapters invites anyone interested in appliqué to join us to learn about appliqué, new techniques, friendship, and work on your own project. Advice and suggestions are freely given at any time. There are two chapters: the daytime one meets at the Arts Council on the 3rd Monday of the month, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The evening chapter (Loose Threads) meets on the 3rd Monday 6:30 - 9:00 at St. Joseph Education Annex at the corner of 29th Street & Broadmoor. Bryan, TX.

. Contact Millie Carter at 979-779-0675 (tas.millie@gmail.com <<mailto:tas.millie@gmail.com>>) or Carmel Hill at 979-779-7510 (thethreadedneedle@gmail.com <<mailto:thethreadedneedle@gmail.com>>). According to The Appliqué Society's (TAS) rules, interested appliquéers are invited to attend two meetings before joining TAS. Membership dues are \$25.00. Check out TAS' web site for full information about TAS.

Helpful Hints

- Cutout or photocopy projects in magazines or books and place in a binder by category; quilts, bags, embroidery, appliqué etc.
 - Eyebrow shaper makes a awesome seam ripper (small razor wrapped in wire)
 - Extra large daily pill organizer (found in the Craft dept) make great storage for extra sewing machine feet.
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ALL ABOUT PLAID **2010 CARE QUILT CHALLENGE**

WELCOME TO THE 2010 CARE QUILT CHALLENGE. PLEASE PARTICIPATE AND HELP US MAKE SOME GREAT CARE QUILTS. THIS YEAR'S THEME FABRIC IS PLAID. YOU MAY USE ANY PLAIDS AND HOMESPUNS WITH OTHER FABRIC THAT YOU HAVE OR WISH TO BUY TO MAKE THE QUILTS BUT THE QUILT NEEDS TO "READ PLAID".

AS IN THE PAST IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE CHALLENGE YOU MUST GIVE YOUR QUILT TO THE GUILD.

1. THERE MUST BE RECOGNIZABLE PLAIDS IN THE QUILT.
2. PIECED BLOCKS, APPLIQUE AND/OR FABRIC EMBELLISHMENT ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT REMEMBER THESE MIGHT GO TO SMALL CHILDREN SO PLEASE DO NOT USE BUTTONS OR OTHER THINGS THAT COULD BE SWALLOWED. TACK EVERYTHING DOWN CAREFULLY AND SECURLY.
4. THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN THE QUILT IS SEPTEMBER 27, 2010.
5. YOUR FINISHED QUILT SHOULD BE AT LEAST 36" X 40" AND NO LARGER THAN 48" X 60".
6. IF YOU PARTCIPATE IN THE CHALLENGE YOU MUST GIVE YOUR QUILT TO THE GUILD TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE. THIS IS THE REASON THE GUILD SPONSERS THIS CHALLENGE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL KIMBERLY DeBONA 690-5030 OR MICHAELE JACKSON 731-8269.

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