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Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas

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Spring Color Equals Quilting Inspiration!

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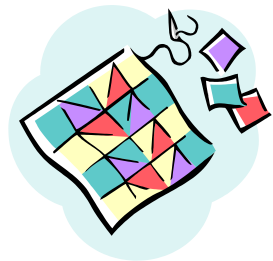
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You know what they say, "April showers bring May flowers." I sure hope that everyone is high and dry and made it through the rain with no problems. We most certainly will have masses of flowers to inspire us this month!!!! Have you ever taken a moment to think about what your inspiration is when you pick out your fabric or design your quilt? I'm a color freak...I love all the bright colors and the contrasts that I see in my neighbors flower gardens. (Since my thumb is certainly NOT green I have to look at my neighbors gardens!) I love the bright colors of spring and summer. I love the curved lines of the flower stems and the curls tipping the ends of the petals. The gradient nature of the color of each petal highlighted by the reflection of the sun's rays stimulates my color sense and encourages my creativity. Don't just look at the patterns in your local quilt shop or in your favorite quilt magazine. Let nature send your mind spiraling toward the design for your next masterpiece!!

I'll see you at our new home – don't forget May 21st! *Karen*

June's Speaker: Mary Ann Littlejohn
"Color Odyssey"

All meetings are held at the
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Located at the corner of Lexington and FM 1092
(Murphy Road), Missouri City, TX



NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2009

10 A.M. TO 12 NOON

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PROGRAMS

by Mary Jo Yackley

May 21, Liz Broussard: **Rulers Unite!**

Rulers Unite is the topic for Liz Broussard's presentation at our May program. Do you have some (or perhaps lots) of those specialty rulers you just had to buy and now don't know what to do with them? This is the lecture for you!!! Liz will bring us lots of quilts made with some of her favorite rulers. Come be inspired, entertained and enlightened by Liz. She will have you digging out those rulers and putting them to work soon.

And please join us on **June 18** for a lecture by Mary Ann Littlejohn: **Color Odyssey**

If you have ever struggled when working with color in planning your quilts, you won't want to miss our June presentation. Mary Ann Littlejohn will take us step by step through practical color theory as learned through making quilts. She will use slides and quilts to illustrate & educate as we follow her process for producing wonderful, striking, and award winning quilts.



WORKSHOP NEWS— May 2009

by Delores Hernandez

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! - SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

There is still room for Liz Broussard's "Sew, Sort, Slice Those Scraps" class after our general meeting May 21st. You know the drill- Call, email, or just show up with the \$20.00 fee and supplies, come make new fabric from old scraps and then get suggestions on what you can make with it. Supply list found on the website, www.cpqg.org. Join us in our new facility, you won't be sorry. We always have a blast.

Are you good at making quilts, but just no good at binding and finishing your quilts. Do you need pointers for improving your finishing techniques? We have the class for you. Let Mary Ann Littlejohn teach you her techniques for "Binding and Finishing" your quilts. The class is again right after our general meeting June 18th for only \$20.00. What a deal!

Now there is good news and bad news. The bad news is, we don't have a class scheduled for July. The good news is really good. While we are taking a break from quilting lessons we are planning a cool trip. Do you enjoy visiting the quilt shop? How about visiting 2 shops in a day? How about 6? That's right Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild will be having it's own shop hop. We will be visiting 6 shops on the west side of Houston by bus. Just think you can sit back and relax, let someone else drive for a change, and shop, shop, shop. Come see me for more info on which shops and sign up to take the tour.

Thanks,
Delores

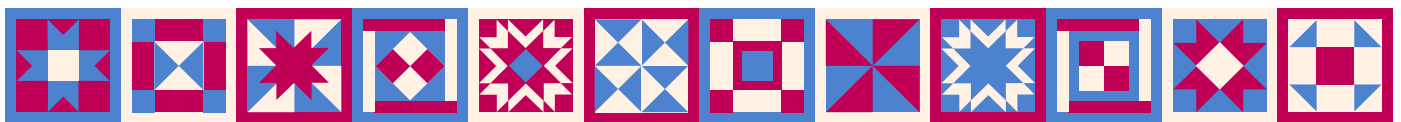
WORDS FROM THE SECRETARY

by Linda Gremillion

Minutes of Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas— April 16, 2009

The April meeting of the CPQG was called to order by Karen Shively. 83 members attended the meeting. Kathy from the Woodlands Area Quilt Guild came with their quilt. A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting and the treasures report was made by Barbara Baxter and seconded by Nancy Roach, all were in favor. The nominating committee will be headed by Mary Jo Yackley and members are Elizabeth Barrow, Linda Towle, Cheryl Moncrief, and Martha Matuik. Carol Ann Barley made a motion to accept the nominating committee and Denise Tipton seconded; it was passed by unanimously. In June an election committee will be formed; in July the slate will be presented to the guild and in August the election will be held, and, in September the new board will preside. Mary Jo Yackley stated that in June Liz Broussard will present Rulers Unite at the meeting and the workshop SSS. She then proceeded to inform us about our upcoming programs through September. Auian Ward talked about QFTH and mentioned also that there was a need to do quilts from Bo's Place. There were two Show and Share quilts. The President announced that next month we would be moving our meeting location. Maps were placed on the seats and directions and information is on the web site. Paula Platter presented a trunk show which was enjoyed by all. She gave away a pattern won by Linda Gremillion. Door prizes won by Auian Ward, Sharon Tusa, Barbara Baxter and Barbara Conti. Meeting adjourned.

Linda Gremillion Secretary LAGremillion@msn.com



SHOW AND SHARE

by Denise Tipton

Margie Lawrence—Funny Bunnies

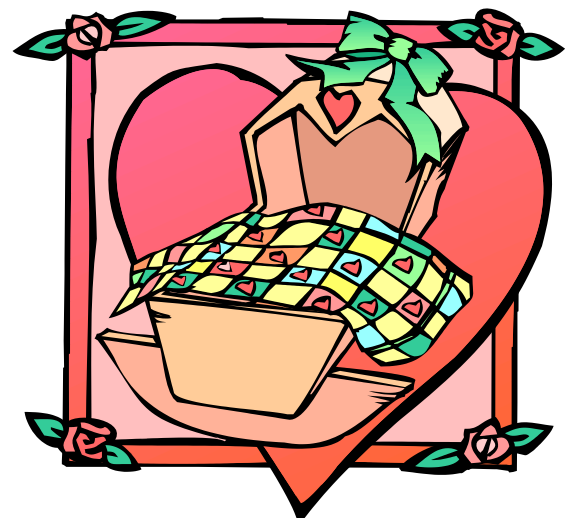
Sharon Tusa—Harvey

Pictures and descriptions will soon be available
online at:

www.cpqq.org

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MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Baxter

CURRENT MEMBER COUNT AS OF May 1, 2009 is 148

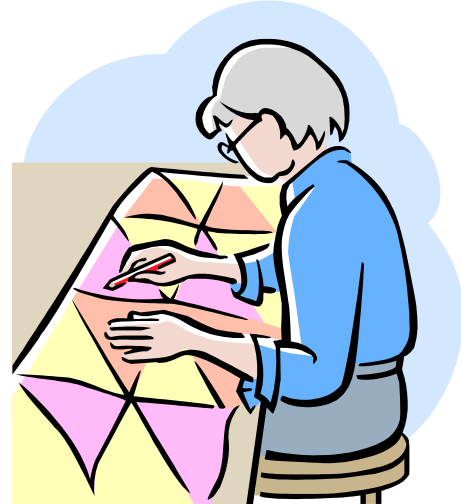
Come one, come all! We are very excited to have a new, larger meeting place and would like to welcome your quilting friends into our family of quilters!

FINANCIAL REPORT

by Carol Ann Barley

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas			
Treasurer Report – February 25, 2009			
Income			
	Membership	\$	62.50
	Other	\$	20.00
	Opportunity	\$	
	Bank Fees		
	Advertising	\$	
	Misc.	\$	20.00
	Workshop	\$	120.00
	T-Shirts	\$	
Expenses		\$	2991.21
Monthly Balance		\$	4408.55
Total Operating Bal.		\$	7197.26
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	Deposit		
	Interest	\$.02
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	Balance	\$	50.05



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QUILTS FROM THE HEART

by Auian Ward

The weather has really set the mood for getting into your favorite pair of pajamas, pulling out UFO's, and spending time quilting--that's between the lightning and thunder of course.

Quilt hugs go out to those who gave time and materials toward completing quilt tops for QFTH---Quilter's Cottage, Barbara Baxter, Pat Kyle, Mary Hancock, Linda Gremillion, Linda Fletcher, Rita Czervinske, Wilma Glos, Gayle/ Charles Scholer, Sharon Tusa, Penny Stanaford, Judy Yonkers, Pam Collins, Linda Hausman-Pels, Bonnie Northcutt, Elizabeth Barrow, Linda Towle, Sabrina Szymczyk, Sudha Trivedi, Dorothy Kelly, Joy Jackson, Trena Stevens, Sandi Winston, Elizabeth S., Karen Shively, Nicole Rivera, Delores Hernandez, Joyce Jackson, Linda Mimnaugh, Sharon Blifford, Grace Campbell, Carol Kettlewell, Kathy Isdale, Esther Mirti, and Auian Ward. **Thanks for taking time to sign the volunteer log.** When you turn in completed items, please remember to collect your ticket--this is a chance to win some of the items in the drawings held each meeting. **Thank you for returning items in a timely fashion.** Don't forget to return the sixteen patch blocks from the last meeting.

We will be donating quilts to The Houston Ground Angels via Kathy Broussard--2008 Jefferson Award Winner. Kathy will be at the May meeting to give you more information on this organization.

Quilts From the Heart Volunteer opportunities:

First Wednesday Bee--Bring your rotary cutter and mat, ruler, and scissors and help match fabrics for patterns, pack kits, cut batting and backing fabric, bundle tops, learn more about each other, and share any ideas you may have. Bring your lunch if you like, come and stay the entire time or just for a little while. The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** @ Karen Shively's house--10630 Farmersville Fork; Missouri City, TX 77459. Thanks to Karen for the use of her space and to Richard Shively who came by to accommodate us at our last Bee.

H-E-B "Sew Outing"--Bring your machine, sewing tools, and extension cords. The projects--including the fabrics are supplied. All we need is your time and if you get hungry, take a break and enjoy a great lunch without having to leave the store. You can pair up with a partner or work alone. Trena Stephens, Joy Jackson, and I were able to complete two tops at the last meeting. Margaret Keyworth--a non-member called me and came by to pick up projects to complete at home. She saw us there at a previous meeting and dropped in to offer her help. Thanks to Quilter's Cottage for donating kits and Barbara Baxter for delivering them to the Guild meeting. My husband, Thomas is always willing to pack and unpack anything I ask for this outing. If you choose **not to** bring your machine, you can sew on labels, bind quilts, cut, press, quilt, or just come and cheer us on. I am sure you will find something you'll enjoy doing. It's a fun outing where we enjoy working together. The next meeting is **May 27, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. @ the Hwy 6 South @ Sienna Parkway H-E-B.** This outing is held the **FOURTH** Wednesday of each month, **HOWEVER, there will not be a meeting in June.**

Bo's Place--exists to enhance the lives of those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Penny Stanaford, Barbara Baxter, and I are working on another quilt for this organization. If you are interested, I have one more set of blocks that needs to be constructed. This can be done as a group project, also. (contact me for more details)

Your donations of fabrics, batting, and supplies are always welcomed. The kits are all made from donated items.

Happy quilting,

Auian Ward

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A New Meeting Place!

Our Relocation Committee has excelled at it's job and has secured us a new location to hold our guild meetings. Join us for our first meeting at our new home at the First United Methodist Church of Missouri City, TX, on the corner of Lexington and FM 1092 (Murphy Road).

We're really looking forward to enjoying our meetings in this beautiful larger space!

We have a NEW!!! Meeting place!

NEWSLETTER

by Nicole Rivera

The Monarch is published monthly by the Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas. It is distributed via e-mail free to members. News items, articles, and suggestions are always welcome; submissions will be subject to space considerations. **DEADLINE:** Articles must be received by the Monday following the Thursday morning meeting for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. Send articles to Nicole Rivera at yesyoucanquilt@gmail.com with a cc to kshively@entouch.net. If you do not have e-mail capability, legibly written information will be accepted by the deadline. **ADDRESS CORRECTIONS:** US mail address corrections should be sent to Barbara Baxter, VP Membership, twobs@comcast.net. E-mail address corrections should be sent to Barbara Baxter with a cc to both Nicole Rivera and Karen

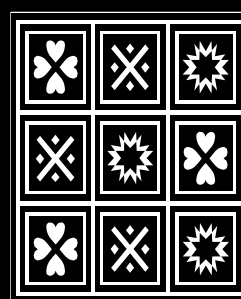
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You are invited to take an active part in your guild! The bee coordinator position is to help our Bees develop and grow, the advertising position recruits ads for our newsletter and directory and the Workshop Elect will take-over coordinating our workshops next year.



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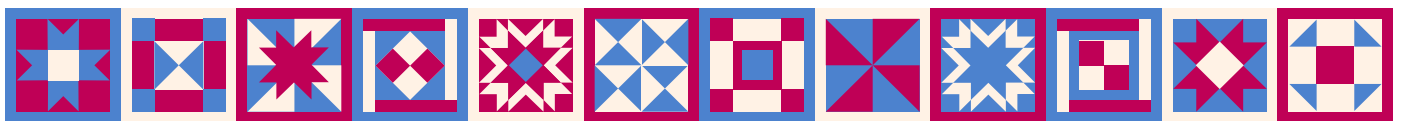
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“SEW” MUCH FUN

by Judy Yunkers

This month we'll be doing a swap of 6 inch (finished) half-square triangle blocks. They are easy blocks and there is a wide variety of uses for them. To make a 6 inch block, just cut a light and a dark square of fabric $6 \frac{7}{8}$ inches, stack them, draw a diagonal line on the light fabric. Then sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on each side of that line and cut on the line., which will give you (2) half-square triangle blocks. Please be sure there is lots of contrast in your fabric choices. If making scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams doesn't work for you, (a very common problem), just cut each square of fabric 7 inches, sew in the same way, and then trim your blocks down to $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches (unfinished) Since we will essentially be making 2 blocks at once, we'll do these in sets of 24. Please place them in sets of 24 in a Ziploc bag with your name on it and turn them in to me at the May meeting, which will finally be held at our new home It will be great!. I hope to get lots of participation on this swap and they can be added to the other blocks we've already swapped. If you have any questions, please email me at teddysmom@earthlink.net or call me at 281-750-0477

Judy



**“Whether you think you can or you think you cannot...
you are right!” — Henry Ford**

DOOR PRIZES AND DRAWINGS

by Barbara Beck

DRAWINGS

As a new guild we need to work hard at fundraising so that we can continue to have fantastic speakers and workshops. To that end we will be selling tickets at each meeting and will draw a winner at that meeting. You will have a chance to purchase tickets toward many fun and “quilty” things! Donations for this endeavor are gladly accepted.

This month we have some beautiful things available. Be sure to come early and check out the display!!!



LIBRARIAN

by Carol Kettlewell

The guild's library is now available for viewing online. Just click on [CPQG LIBRARY](#) and you can peruse all of the titles in our collection. Even though they are alphabetized by title, most of the books have cover photos. Even if you can't remember the exact title, you can still find it! Be sure to add the page to your Favorites or Bookmarks.

If you'd like to reserve a particular title, contact our librarian, [CAROL KETTLEWELL](#), and she'll bring it to the next guild meeting. The book will be due back at the following meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

by Carole DeGruy

What a great time we had at the retreat in Brenham! It was my first retreat, and I know it won't be my last. I didn't think I could sew as much as I did, and still not get a certain project finished. The company was wonderful, the food great and the bluebonnets were spectacular. I sincerely encourage more of you to join us next time.

Thanks again to all who were generous in their donations for the door prizes. I hope to see all of your smiling faces next month.

ENJOY YOUR QUILTING!

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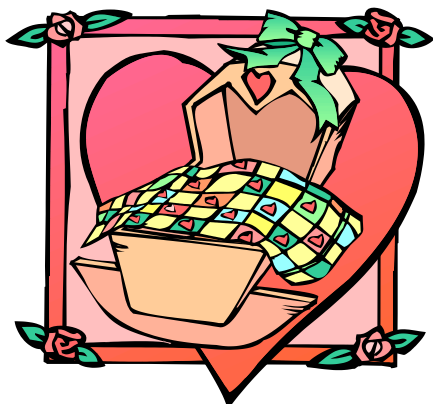
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