



THE MONARCH

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas

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.....New Beginnings.....

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Summer is finally winding down and that certainly is good news to me. This has been a long, hot one with few respites of rain. My garden and lawn are suffering. The slightly cooler mornings are more than welcome as I sip my early morning coffee while watching my dogs play and the birds snack at the feeders.

For some of you, your children are once again in school and you can get back into the routines of regular life, busy as that may be. I'm looking forward to working with all of our members in making the Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild as fun and dynamic as possible. I know you all join me in expressing heartfelt appreciation to last year's board members who got us off to a really great start.

Since September marks the beginning of our second year as an organized Quilt Guild we have a world of opportunity before us. I look forward to learning from the upcoming monthly programs and workshops, to being inspired by the extraordinary quilts that our members share with us, to making and giving the donation quilts to various organizations to brighten the lives of those less fortunate --- the list goes on and on. And I'm excited to be a part of it.

The CPQG Board is busy preparing for the upcoming church bazaar in November. Don't forget that we are asking each member to contribute at least three items for us to sell in order to raise funds for ourselves. If you are able, please bring them to the September meeting on Thursday, 9/17. This is the last regular meeting before the bazaar on November 14 as there will be no regular Guild meeting in October.

Check out the rest of the newsletter to get up to date on Guild activities. Mark Sept 17 in your calendar to be sure you are at the meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

Nancie Roach

SEPTEMBER 17TH SPEAKER

DELORES WOOD—LEARN ALL ABOUT BATIKS

NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2009

10 A.M. TO 12 NOON

All events will be at the

First United Methodist Church of Missouri City

Located at the corner of Lexington and FM 1092 (Murphy Road)

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PROGRAMS

by Carol Bell

Our speaker for the September meeting is Delores Wood. Her presentation is on batiks. She will go into the history of the batik fabrics and of dying methods. A question and answer period will follow. This should really be interesting and answer lots of questions we have all had about batiks and how they are made.

Due to the Houston International Quilt Festival we have **no meeting scheduled during October.**

The November meeting speaker is Verna Tannery. She will take us on the journey through learning to quilt. She will bring lots of quilts for us to see as well as some to sell. Be ready in case you “fall in love”.

Hope to see you at the meetings . Carol F



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SHOW AND SHARE*by Denise Tipton*

There were some truly fantastic quilts at our August Show and Share. I was not able to get the pictures and list in time for this publication so.....watch for double fun to come in the future!! Sorry to make you wait but it will be worth the wait I promise!

Your editor, Karen

FINANCIAL REPORT—*as of AUGUST 2009**by Carol Ann Barley*

Income	
Workshop	\$865.00
Membership	\$1425.00
Total	\$2290.00
Expense	
	\$880.00
Operating Budget	\$4465.48

BEES*by Elizabeth Barrow and Barbara Penning*

We are happy to report that we have Five Bees in our Guild. If you are a member of a group that would like to be listed as a Bee with us, please contact Elizabeth Barrow at (713) 436-0272. You may also contact me at EJB Quilter @ aol.com.

I would like to recognize all the bees at the September guild meeting so please come and be prepared to stand as a group.

WORDS FROM THE SECRETARY

by Linda Gremillion

The August meeting of the CPQG was called to order by Karen Shively. It was noted that this was CPQG's first birthday—all gave applause. A motion to accept the minutes and treasurers report was made by Sharon Kralj and seconded by Tracy Chapman—all were in favor. Barbara Baxter stated that membership dues were due and that members have until the end of September to renew in order to get their information in the directory. New cards will be ready at the next meeting. New board and committee nominees were presented; no new nominations were made from the floor.. A vote was unanimously in favor of accepting the new nominees. Committee reports were given. Workshops were discussed. There were 11 Show-n-Share. The Church Festival is November 14; we will be having a booth and a sign up sheet for volunteers was passed around. Jane Hancock gave a talk on the history of quilts which was enjoyed by all.

Linda A. Gremillion secretary LAGremillion@msn.com

MEMBERSHIP

by Barbara Baxter

Our year ends with the end of August and you will become an inactive member without your membership renewal. I will print the roster in early October. To be included in the roster I must have your payment and membership form no later than September 30th.

We have grown and I do hope all will continue to participate. I will have membership forms at the meeting or you can find one on-line at the cpqg.org website. Dues remain at \$25.00 per year.

LIBRARIAN

by Carol Kettlewell

We have some really great new books on the new book shelf. If you have not taken the time to check out our library, please do. We have project books and we have quilt history books which are very interesting to read. If you have a book that you would like to see in the library be sure and let me know or get it for the library and donate it. All quilting book donations are welcome and help our library grow faster. We also welcome magazines that are quilting related being donated for resale at the meetings.



WORKSHOP NEWS

by Delores Hernandez

Hi all,

What a turn out we had for the quilt appraisal workshop with Jane Hancock. The final total was 24. I hope everyone there learned something and got a good appraisal. Thanks for your participation.

September is almost here and time to get those projects ready for the church bazaar. We have the perfect workshop just for you. Karen Shively will be teaching "Perfectly Mitered Corners for Placemats and Table Runners". She says it's quick and easy and I say the end result looks pretty darn good. We have 23 signed up so far, but Karen says she will take as many as want to in the class and remember all the money goes to the guild. The supply list will be on the website, so if you haven't joined and still want to, call or email me and show up with the fee and your supplies and be prepared to learn something new while having fun.

This October don't forget we won't be having a meeting, but the festival is in town. If you've never been, you owe it to yourself to go. Experience all festival has to offer and enjoy.

November's workshop, "Reflections", with Verna Tannery is full. We have 24 signed up and thanks to all of you. We do have a waiting list and if you want to get on it, give me a call. I will be calling Verna to see if she will accept more in the class. Thanks to all of you who have signed up,



A sample of the finished October workshop project

Our guild Christmas party will be held in December, so we won't be having a workshop, but we will be having loads of fun.

Coming in January is our very own Veronica Cox will be presenting "Beautiful Quilts from Ugly Fabrics". Now, we all have bought or been given some ugly fabric in our time. It just sits there in our stash like a sore thumb. We think, "What was I thinking?" every time we look at it. Let Veronica show you how to turn that eyesore into something beautiful. It may turn out to be a quilt you treasure or at least a presentable gift for someone. Again Veronica is doing the class pro bono so all the proceeds will go to the guild.

February has something new for us. Our New president Nancie Roach will be teaching us Dollmaking. For those of us with a little girl in our life, she will teach us how to create a fairy doll. I know my Lilly would love one, so this is one I'll be taking myself. Don't worry about dollmaking supplies. Nancie told me she would be providing kits for a fee. We have a few signed up already, so see Carol Ann Barley to register for the classes

Thanks,

Delores

QUILTS FROM THE HEART


by Auian Ward

- What a month August was for donating "**Quilts From Heart!**" This was a grand way to **CELEBRATE** our one year birthday. Area organizations who received quilts are: "**Stripes for Alzheimers-(21)** quilts delivered to Sunflower Quilts- Contact: Joan Wintersgill
- "**The Houston Hospice-(21)** quilts will be displayed at a fundraiser dinner on November 12, 2009 and sold for public auction. Contact: Mona Follis (see August newsletter)
- "**Bo's Place**"--Thanks to Barbara Baxter, Karen Shively, Penny Stanaford, and Auian Ward for their time piecing and quilting these quilts. To date--**13** quilts have been pieced and quilted for this organization. You can see them on display at Bo's Place. Contact: Courtney Varner
- "**Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild Quilt Show "and "First United Methodist Church Bazaar." (25)** Barbara Beck will distribute the quilts for these two upcoming events. Margaret Keyworth donated fabric and **several** quilt tops that will be a part of the "Boutique" at the Coastal Prairie Quilt Show. Thanks goes to Karen Shively for quilting them.
- My goal is to show quilts at the Guild meeting prior to donating them so that you may know who is benefiting from your Prior to the donations in August 2009, we had **151** quilts **on hand** since August 2008, including the ones we donated to "**The Houston Ground Angels**" in May. Contact: Kathy Broussard. As Sandi mentioned--that's almost one quilt per member. This was possible **even** without having all the kits that have been distributed in. Just think how many quilts we would have if we had **each** member to make **one PLUS** the continued amounts we are getting from our volunteers who are **already** helping.
- Thanks for completing kits and returning them in a timely fashion. Your help with this made it possible for the donations we made. **MANY THANKS**Quilt Hugs to: **Barbara Baxter, Trena Stephens, Joy Jackson, Wilma Al-uqdah, Barbara Beck, Darleen Patin, Gayle Scholer, Nancy Mccown, Margaret Keyworth, Tracy Chapman, Rita Czervinske, Linda Fletcher, Karen Shively, Joyce Besase, Joan Wintersgill, Penny Stanaford, Dorothy Kelly, Bonnie Northcutt, Kiki Tomson, Carol Bell, Sandi Winston, Alex Ward and Auian Ward. Thanks for signing the volunteer log and don't forget to collect a ticket for items you return.**
- My **apologies** to the Guild member who had fabric to donate in your car at the last meeting. I left early to deliver quilts---an effort was made to locate you by some other members. Call me and we can make arrangements to get the fabric.
- * **FIRST WEDNESDAY BEE**---10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. @ Karen's house. The next meeting is October 7, 2009.
- * **H-E-B Sew Outing**---@ Hwy.6 and Sienna Parkway---September 24, 2009---10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Bring your sewing machine, rotary cutter and mat, extension cord and/or serge protectors--and I will bring the rest.

WE CAN USE:

- * Fabric
- * Backing and batting **yardage**
- * Batting scraps large enough to be pieced into larger pieces
- * Quilters to help with quilting the tops-USE YOUR SPECIAL TECHNIQUES.
- * **This is a great opportunity for those of you who want to practice your quilting without having to piece the top.**
- * Volunteers for Bo's Place quilt construction
- * Kid's novelty fabrics.
- * Orphaned blocks (pieced or appliqued)
- * 2 1/2" , 3 1/2," 4 1/2," etc. squares
- * Usable scraps

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING.

Happy quilting, 
Auian Ward

REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE

by Carole DeGruy

I'm thrilled to be working with Sharon Kralj our new Hospitality chair. She will be greeting everyone at the door, helping me give out the door prize tickets and helping you find your nametags. Sharon has a super personality, wonderful smile, and delightful laugh.

The new panels appeared to make finding your nametags easier. On the bench in front of the panels will be a box of index cards for your suggestions, questions or any issues you want addressed. Just fill out a card and give it to me or Sharon or put it into the box. We will try to find an answer for you.

I'm still collecting door prize items. So if you have any items you no longer need, want or you have duplicates of, and you think someone else might treasure it, please bring them in. We will try to find them a new home.

After listening to our speaker, Jane Hancock at our August meeting, it is clear to me how lucky we are to be living today with the fabric choices and designs that are available to us. What fun we can have shopping!

Happy Quilting

Carole

HISTORIANS

by Mark & Linda Towle

STILL LOOKING FOR SCRAPBOOK HELP!!!

It's Scrapbook Time. Anyone interested in being on a committee to help with our very first scrapbook, please let us know! Also, if anyone has photos from the bus trip to Austin or any of the workshops, please get them to us as prints or e-mail them to us: lktowle@pobox.com.

THANKS!!

Mark and Linda Towle

WAYS AND MEANS

by Barbara Beck

Be sure to join in the fun of the Craft Festival at the church on November 14th. We have asked that every member contribute three items to be sold at the festival. I will be collecting these items as they are turned in so that we can label and price them for the sale. Remember, the September 17th meeting is the last meeting before the Festival. All monies we make at the festival will be for the guild.

NEWSLETTER

by Karen Shively

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 Karen Shively at 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 and Karen Shively.

"SEW" MUCH FUN

by Linda Gremillion & Sandy Winston

Hi everyone; my name is Linda Gremillion and myself and Sandy Winston will be leading you on new activities. We hope to get information to you several months in advance. If you are like me you have many projects started and need time to organize your time to get a new one start. First of all since we do not have a meeting in October there is no activity. But we will be meeting in November and with the holidays coming up we felt that an apron was an appropriate idea. So a contest is in order. Make an apron and model it at the November meeting. It only cost you a fat quarter to enter the contest; your fellow members will be voting on it. We will have a first, second and third place (with the distribution of fat quarters). So be creative as you can. In December we will be having our party and an ornament exchange will take place. So get your thinking caps on and make an ornament to exchange. After the first of the year we will be starting on a mystery quilt that will be finished by the middle of summer.

PRESIDENT'S BLOCK

by Barbara Baxter

President's Block

As a thank you for all of her time and hard work in getting CPQG of Tx organized and functioning this past year, you are being asked to make a block for Karen Shively.

It can be any block you choose to make and any size. Make the block in tones of blue on a soft white on white background. Linda Fletcher has agreed to collect the blocks. Blocks are due at or before the November meeting. Please sign your name on the block when it is finished.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 14, 2009. First United Methodist Church is having a Fall Festival and Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild will have a booth at this one-day fundraiser. Each member is being asked to make 3 items to sell. If you are unable to contribute, perhaps a friend can be bribed into making extra items for you. There will be more information at future meetings and volunteers will be needed to man the booth.

Putting the pieces together...

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