



Garland Quilt Guild Newsletter



February 2010

Prez Sez

As our new year begins we are excited about what we have accomplished in the past but also the new challenges for us this coming year. After much work we have received our 501(c)(3) and this pushes us into a new era. We will be setting up quilt raffles, making new quilts for future raffles, and continuing to educate and donate our skills to the needy.

The Board met January 9 to work on the goals for 2010. Your Board is extremely talented and they have set some great goals for us: from donating quilts to the Police Department to having more workshops; from hosting the first traveling TAQG meeting to including museums/exhibits on our shop hops; from making sure we help/support First Presbyterian Church to getting our name out to the community to build our membership. This is going to be a challenging year for all of us.

Please come to the February 2nd guild meeting and let's get inspired together.

GARLAND QUILT GUILD MEETING

January 5, 2010

Valerie Hubbard, President, called the meeting to order. **Paula Hosier**, Secretary, presented the minutes of the December meeting. Valerie asked for discussion or recommendations for corrections to the minutes. **Carole Murray's** name was spelled incorrectly. **Shirley Michie** made a motion that the minutes be accepted as corrected. The motion was seconded by **Barbara Cissne**. The motion passed.

Helle White, Treasurer, presented the changes in our financial standings since our last meeting. **Vicki Isenhour** made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted; **Barbara Schmidt** seconded the motion which was passed by the members. The balance on 12/31/09 was \$3679.56 plus the CD \$4639.33 = \$8318.89. The guild made \$3.33 excess in 2009.

Valerie requested we all turn in our volunteer hours for 2009 to Agnes Parentis ASAP.

Committee Reports:

Teresa Persell, Community Service, reported that the SPCA appreciates our donations of dog bed pillows or small covers.

Barbara Cissne, Shop Hop, notified us that there will be a Historical Quilt Exhibit in McKinney on Saturday, Jan 16, at the McKinney Historical Society. We will meet at the Church at 8:30 AM. Lunch will be on the Square then we'll visit **Happiness is Quilting** and **Quilt Asylum** before returning home. There is a new shop in town that is worth visiting. It is located near the corner of Inwood & Lovers Lane behind the Theatre.

Vicki Isenhour, Secret Pals. There is still time to sign up for 2010 Secret Pals. \$5.00 minimum on gifts. Contact Vicki for more information. Sign-up forms are on the back table.

Barbara Schmidt, Block of the Month. Eight blocks were turned in, and were won by **Joyce Curtis**. Next month will be a pink, red and white hearts. Barbara asked for volunteers to design blocks for 2010.

Janet Gurley, TAQG. The basket of fat quarters on the registration desk is for TAQG Rally Day in July. We need at least enough fat quarters to equal our membership. On Saturday, January 23, from 8:30-12:00, the Garland Quilt Guild is hosting the TAQG meeting here in Garland at the First Presbyterian Church. Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers will be sharing guild information with each other to better serve in their positions. Janet would appreciate help from anyone who would like to bring breakfast refreshments and assist in hosting this event.

Helen Hogue, Workshop. A workshop is planned to make a Pineapple Quilt 63" X 82". It needs 120 strips 1 1/2" X WOF (These will be sub cut into 1 1/2" wide by 3 1/2 to 9 1/2" long). A tentative date of March 27th was chosen but availability has not been confirmed by the Church. The charge will be \$25.00.

Hospitality, vacant chair. **Tanya Bruce** has offered to be our February Hospitality Hostess. We would like someone who has a birthday in March to contact **Paula Hosier** and volunteer to host.

This just involves calling everyone with a birthday in March to remind them, helping with the refreshments during the meeting, and doing a quick clean up.

Tonight the program will be educational. Four of our members will be sharing quilting tips and techniques with small groups of members. Each group will get a 15-minute demo then move on to the next technique.

Vicki Isenhour – Appliqué, **Agnes Parentis** – Ironing Board, **Marti Strickland** – Binding, and **Helen Hogue** – Reading Rulers





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Valerie requested all the board members meet with her in the back to review the new budget during the program.

February Meeting will feature **Anita Bradshaw** – Stained Glass Quilts

Show & Tell: Several members participated in Show & Tell and Valerie drew for door prizes.

Door Prizes from:

Suzy's Quilt Shop (Garland), **Quilters Connection** (Dallas), **Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe** (Wylie), **Texas Quiltworks** (Rockwall), **Common Threads** (Waxahachie), **Cynthia Bennett** (member) and **Dana Dunlap** (member) for the door prizes for the December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Hosier,
Secretary

Program

The February program features pattern designer **Anita Bradshaw**, from Waskom, Texas. Anita has a huge assortment of beautiful appliqué and stained glass quilting patterns. Come learn about Anita's technique of making beautiful appliqué quilts without turning under edges and hiding stitches. She has also perfected how to make stunning stained glass quilts without the expense of bias tape. If you like the look of intricate art quilts, appliqué and stained glass quilts, without the hours of intensive labor, you will really enjoy this program. See Anita's designs at www.anotherbyanita.com.

Birthdays

Birthdays are nature's way of telling us to eat more cake.

Anonymous

Feb. 2 - **Pat Hodges** and **Judy Losey**

Feb. 7 - **Helen Hogue**

Feb. 8 - **Sandra Dickson**

Feb. 13 - **Marti Stricklin**

Feb. 22 - **Jennifer Bryant**

Feb. 29 - **Linda Slump**

Happy Birthday to all.

Membership Cards

Beginning in February we will be enforcing our badge rule. You will be charged \$1.00 when checking in at the meeting if you are not wearing or able to show your membership card. Make sure you pick up your new card if you haven't done so.

Membership

We had FIVE new members join in January! Please welcome **Cathy Fanno, Courtney Greenlee, Sharon Holliday, Kathryn Taylor, and Terry Hall.**

Terry Hall, a former Marine, is a trained photographer who enjoys the whole process of sewing and crafting. She and Jack, her husband of 23 years, and their two dogs, Cactus and Silkey, live in Garland. Terry took her first quilting class about fifteen years ago when she moved to this area. We can thank **Vicki Isenhour** for telling Terry about the Garland Guild during a Sit and Sew at **Quilter's Connection**.

Sharon Holliday, owner of an **American Poolplayers Association** franchise, is a member of several quilting groups. She has worked on committees for the Quilter's Guild of Dallas Quilt Show and has taught at **Thomas Sewing Center** in Mesquite. Presently she is speaking to groups with her program "**What to do with Scraps**". Sharon loves sharing quilting ideas and tips with other quilters.

Kathryn Taylor is a proud mother of one beautiful daughter and proud grandmother of two boys (ages three and one). Kathryn became interested in quilting when a co-worker took a quilting class and brought her projects to work. No stranger to the sewing machine – her grandmother was a seamstress by trade – quilting was a natural fit. Kathryn currently enjoys her job as a legal secretary for one of the largest law firms in the world. Someday she hopes to open a shop specifically for the quilting process.

Next month we'll introduce you to **Cathy** and **Courtney**.

Please welcome our new members!

Suzy Boyle
Membership





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DOOR PRIZES/SHOP HOPS

Special thanks go to **Suzy's Quilt Shop** (Garland), **Quilters Connection** (Dallas), **Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe** (Wylie), **Texas Quiltworks** (Rockwall), **Common Threads** (Waxahachie), **City Craft** (Dallas), **Quilt Country** (Lewisville), and **Cynthia Bennett** (member) for the door prizes for the January meeting. Anyone willing to help collect or make Door Prizes for our meetings, please contact **Barbara Cissne**, 972-414-1178 or barbaradaniel45@yahoo.com. REMEMBER TO GO TO THE QUILT SHOPS AND REDEEM YOUR CERTIFICATES IF YOU HAVE WON ONE. THEY MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE EXPIRATION DATES. REMEMBER TO THANK THE SHOPS FOR SUPPORTING OUR GUILD.

We had a wonderful trip to the Historical Quilt Exhibit at the North Texas Historical Society in McKinney on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Thirteen ladies participated in the Shop Hop – a record for the Guild. New member, **Kathryn Taylor** came and brought three of her friends. Way to go, Kathryn! We ate at **Spoons on the Square** and shopped at **Happiness is Quilting** and **Quilt Asylum** before returning home.

Keep September open for when we travel west to Common Threads and Cabbage Rose.

Barbara Cissne
Door Prizes/Shop Hops

Community Service

Well, a new year has begun! We have a new goal for donation quilts this year. We would like to make 120 quilts. That is only one quilt each!!! These quilts are usually baby quilts or lap quilts. We will be donating to two charities this year, Garland City Police Department and the SPCA.

The Police department uses the quilts for shock victims, and they give them to kids who are being removed from their homes or who are experiencing any kind of stress or trauma. The people they give the quilts to get to keep them. It gives them a sense of security in a bad situation. The Police Department is very grateful for our donations.

The SPCA uses the blankets and beds we send to show off the animals and give them a bit of comfort. The beds go with the animals when they are adopted. They say that the beds show the animals better and make them more likely to be adopted. These blankets or pillows can be any size you want to make them, 18 inches square to 45 inches. Dogs and Cats come in all sizes. They can be as simple as two pieces of fabric stitched together with a little bit of batting, a couple of pieces of fleece, or pillows filled with scraps.

We would also like to have a few larger quilts for the Church Mission Project. I am sure they could use them.

We hope to do two service work days this year; one at our regular July meeting and one to be announced at a later date.

If anyone wants to make donation quilts but doesn't have the fabric PLEASE call me. I have lots of fabric that has been given to the guild for just that purpose. I also have several tops that a new machine quilter could use to practice on and lots of binding that could be done.

Let's have a great time while we make great things happen.

Teresa Persell

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