



Garland Quilt Guild

Newsletter

March 2011



Prez Sez

By the time we get to our March meeting, the ice, cold, snow and cancelled school will all be (hopefully) dim memories of Winter 2011. March is when Spring begins, which to me has always represented new beginnings. Spring is the perfect time to get that sewing room cleaned up and organized, rediscover the treasures in your stash, and make something wonderful with some long-forgotten fabric.

Our March meeting, in addition to the President's Challenge, is dedicated to recognizing our outstanding volunteers. Since we are an entirely volunteer organization, everything we do depends on someone doing the planning, organizing, carrying out and cleaning up! Some folks you know, but many work behind the scenes. We want to recognize those people who go above and beyond to help make our guild the great organization it is. We will also spend a little time introducing the new officers and committee chairs so that you will get to know who's who and feel comfortable asking for information or advice. I am very excited about the energy and new ideas that our new Community Service chairs have brought to the job this year. I, for one, can't wait to get a bee on my name badge for the service quilts I donate. Also, **Barb Guinn** is doing a great job with the Block of the Month challenge, and if you would like to be responsible for a block for a month, she would be happy to have your help. TAQG Rep **Carolyn** has a bunch of great information about Rally Day this coming July. What's Rally Day, you ask? Check out Carolyn's display at our meeting! Our Hospitality Chair **Shirley Ostinelli** has teamed up with Membership Chair **Suzy Boyle** and will be recruiting some of you to show new members and visitors around when they come in. So if you're asked to help, please say yes! That's what makes this guild work!

Since we missed our February meeting, there's lots of things to remember to bring to the March meeting:

(1) your membership dues, if you haven't already renewed, (2) your Secret Pal gifts for February and March, if you participate (3) Your Block-of-the-Month, if you made one, and (4) Your basket block, for the President's Challenge. Also, don't forget your membership card, and March birthday girls, don't forget to bring a refreshment. See you March 1.

Marsha Meeks, President

Programs and Workshops

The February "Skills Night" will be rescheduled after March in a Workshop format. New date, time and details will be supplied at a later date. Thank all of you for your interest in learning new skills.

The Program for March is the President's Challenge and Awards Recognitions. Please see article by **Valerie Hubbard** for further details. I will be presenting the Founder's Spool Award. Thanks to all of you who submitted nominations.

Please keep your calendars marked for our April meeting with Sharon Wilhelm on "Working With Color."

Barbara Cissne, Vice President



[Check Us Out on FACEBOOK!](#)

Search Garland Quilt Guild and "Like" us to become a follower. Then join our online community by posting comments, pictures, and keeping up with what's happening in the Guild.

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Membership News

Membership Mail Slot

Membership Reminder:

In order to continue membership in the Garland Quilt Guild 2011 dues must be paid by

March 1st.

Also, Garland Quilt Guild pins will be sold for \$5 at the membership table.

Remember to wear/show your membership card in order to avoid a \$1.00 fee.

New Member

Please welcome new member **Shelly Guibert!**

I have been sewing since Jr. High but only picked up quilting 27 years ago. My, how time flies! Raised in Minnesota, spent 8 years in the San Francisco Bay area, and moved to Texas in 1990, 2 months after the big San Francisco earthquake that struck during the world series. Definitely felt that one! Past President and Show Chair of the Dallas Quilt Guild, I moved into insurance 10 years ago and now own my own independent agency, Ben Goodwyn Agency, in Plano. Married to James Guibert, between us we have 7 kids - all out of the house! Love the piecing of quilts and leave the marvelous quilting to our very talented long arm quilters. Was introduced to this fine group by Valerie Hubbard. Can't wait to meet everyone at Garland.

New Members: Please send **Suzy Boyle** a short bio. so we can introduce you to our members. Send to nanasuzy1@yahoo.com or call 469-222-8343.

What is a Mail Slot? Each month there will be 1 to 3 storage boxes at the Membership Table (depending on how full the box becomes). If you are a member of the Guild you will have slot with your name on it (alphabetical order by last name). In this slot will be any Membership Directory Notebook updates. So don't forget to check yours at the meetings!

CAN YOU HELP???

We want to make our new members and our guests feel welcome. Sometimes we're so busy with our duties or visiting that we forget what it was like when we first came to a guild meeting. So we need a few volunteers to "go that extra step." Let's help them understand the block of the month, donation quilts.....and the all important "tickets." Can you HELP?

Call or email **Suzy Boyle**

Nanasuzy1@yahoo.com or 469-222-8343 or

Shirley Ostinelli

sostinelli@msn.com or 469-544-2715.

Refreshment Changes and Reminders

1. The refreshment area will be closed after the meeting break. No drinks or snacks will be available after the break.
2. Members responsible for drinks and snacks are the "birthday girls" for that month. There will be a reminder email to please bring a drink and snack for your month.
3. Members who bring drinks and snacks need to pick up their "leftovers" which include food, beverages, or empty containers.



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March's Birthday Girls:

Becky	Simon	4-Mar
Terry	Kause	5-Mar
Connie	Fox	11-Mar
Dana	Dunlap	15-Mar
Wanda	Carter	19-Mar
Sharon	Heironimus	21-Mar
Sandy	Welch	23-Mar
Sydna	Gordon	28-Mar
Susan	Bloch	30-Mar

Sunshine and Shadows

Hi Ladies!

I hope everyone has been staying warm! We have really had some crazy COLD weather lately! The good news is, I don't know of any Shadows to report this month! That is always a good thing!

The BETTER news is, I do have some SUNSHINE to share!! **Cheryl Meaux** has been blessed with her first grand child! Her sweet bundle of joy was a little girl, born on January 20! Congratulations, Cheryl! Being a grandmother is just the best thing ever!!

Also . . . some of you have heard a "rumor"!! Guess what, it is not a rumor!! My sweet sister, **Lisa White** will be getting married on February 19th! She is so excited and the happiest that I have ever seen her ever in my life!! She is marrying her high school sweetheart! Congratulations, Lisa!!

That's all I have this time . . . remember if you know of anything that needs to be shared with our Guild Family, please let me know.

My email is: macmarti13@yahoo.com.
My phone number is: 214-695-1063.
See you at our March Meeting!

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Garland Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

There are no minutes for February as the meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.


Dallas Quilt Celebration

March 11-13, 2011
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, noon - 5 p.m.

Dallas Market Hall
presented by Quilters Guild of Dallas, Inc.

Over 400 Quilts on Display
Over \$14,000 in Prize Money
Nationally Known Judges ♦ Lectures
Appraisals ♦ Special Exhibits
Demonstrations ♦ Mini Quilt Auction
125 Vendors ♦ Guided Quilt Tours

For more information, visit our website:
www.quiltersguildofdallas.org



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Community Service

Hopefully the bad weather that has kept so many folks inside has provided the perfect opportunity to stitch up some donation quilts for Friendship House or The Garland Police Department. Excited to see what all you busy bees have been creating at the March meeting. Be sure to stop by the Community Service Table and pick up your tickets for Show and Tell and for Donation Quilts, get your bee stickers for each donation quilt to display on your membership tag, sign up for the "Good Egg" award and fill out your donation hour form. The label idea and Hive Buzz will also be on display as well as donation kits, so come see us at the table.

Community Service is looking ahead to the May program which will give us an opportunity to join together to make some donation quilts. This year we will work in teams of up to four on a team to make Disappearing Nine Patch Quilts. This is a fast, easy pattern that is all straight sewing and does not require any matching so it is perfect for the newest quilter to the most experienced among us.

Each quilt requires two charm packs to make. This adds up to 84 five-inch squares. What a perfect opportunity to weed out some fat quarter scraps. Grab some fabrics that seem to go together and cut them into five inch squares. Brights, pastels, or child friendly novelty prints are just perfect for this project. Each fat quarter will provide 12 five-inch squares and 7 fat quarters will equal two charm packs. **Bring your squares (one fat quarter's squares to all 84) to the March and April meeting** and we will put together kits that contain everything you need to make a quilt in May. We will provide more information on the May Community Service night in the next newsletter and at the April meeting. Please

help us make this a fun night with your presence and a productive night with your talent.

Busy Quilting Bee

2011 Guild Retreat May 19-22

Hello campers,
The clock is ticking, only 14 weeks until we leave for exciting Camp Wannaquilts. Due to the cancellation of the February meeting, registration will begin at the March meeting. The cost for Thursday through Sunday is \$228.90, if you can't come until Friday, the cost is \$152.60. A minimum deposit of \$25.00 is required at the time of registration. Final payment must be made no later than the May meeting.
We only have room for 30 campers so get your registration in early. We have already had inquiries for at least half of the spots—DON'T DELAY. You wouldn't want to miss all the fun!

Block of the Month

The BOM for February/March is "Lincoln's Platform" and can be found at www.quilterscache.com. It is a 14 1/2 inch block unfinished and is to be made with 1 Civil War print and 1 Cream tone-on-tone.

Beginning with the March meeting, you will receive 1 ticket for every block that you make. If you want to purchase additional tickets, or if you didn't make a block and would like chances to win the blocks, they will be \$1 each.

If you would like to pick or design a block for a future Block of the Month this year and present it at a meeting, please talk to **Barbara Guinn**.



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Small Groups

2011 TAQG Rally Day

Small Groups are a good way to get to know members of the Guild better, form bonds, learn new techniques, get help with projects, sit and sew together, support each other along life's journey. We currently have 3 groups and another one forming soon. If you are interested in joining a group, contact the leaders listed.

If you would like to form a new group, contact **Barbara Cissne**, 972-414-1178, barbaradaniel45@yahoo.com or ask **Marsha Meeks**, our President if you are interested.

STITCHIN' TIME

Meeting Time: 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7 PM
Place: Jessica Locklear's Home, Garland
Leader: **Jessica Locklear**
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TWISTED THIMBLES (Full at present)

Meeting Time: 4th Thursdays, 7 PM
Place: Barbara Cissne's Home, Garland
Leader: **Barbara Cissne**
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I'D RATHER BE QUILTING

Meeting Time: Last Tuesday of the month (Tuesday before Guild meeting), 1 PM - 4 PM
Place: Blue Ribbon Quilt Shop, Wylie
Leader: **Shirley Ostinelli**
Contact: 972-429-0404, sostinelli@msn.com
Come join us, one time or all the time.

New Group Forming, Rockwall
Contact: **Sherry Pittman**, 972-984-6261, spittman300@gmail.com

Contact one of these ladies and get involved in a small group in our Guild.

Rally Day is July 9th with Terry Clothier Thompson and is a free event for all Guild members. Two workshops have also been scheduled:

July 7th (Thursday) – “Appliqué by the Yard”, 6 patterns to choose from, \$45

July 8th (Friday) – “Civil War Women and Their Quilts”, 4 patterns to choose from, \$45

Sign up forms, pictures of the pattern options, etc. will be available at the TAQG table at the March meeting. Also, all of this information will soon be available on our Guild website under ‘Coming Events, Programs and Workshops’, July events.

Mini quilts are needed not later than the May meeting, for auction. Mini's should be not more than 24" x 24" or well-made fiber crafted items, i.e. purses, totes, needle-punch pictures or woven items. Labels should be attached or pinned to the back with your name, address and Guild.

Our Goodie bag project this year will be Bobbin Wraps. These will be packaged and labeled at the May meeting.

Come by the TAQG table to purchase Raffle basket tickets for a drawing July 8th that you need not be present to win. I also have lunch box tickets (\$7.25) for purchase. All events will be at the Mimosa Lane Baptist Church, Mesquite and maps are available.



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2011 President's Challenge

Support Your Co-Members of the Guild

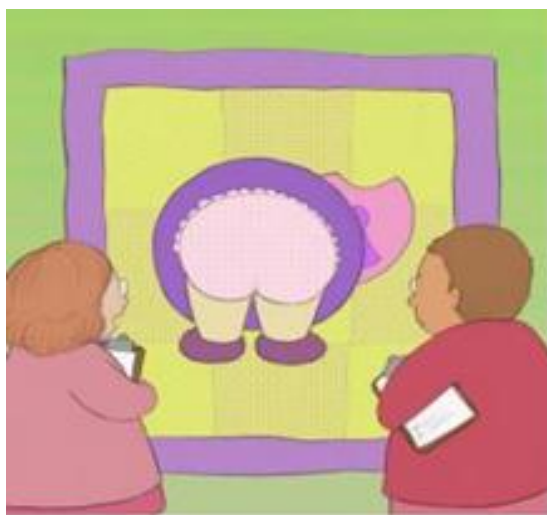
At the March 2, 2010 meeting I announced the President's Challenge 2011. Well March 1, 2011 will be here shortly and I bet we have lots of blocks made for this challenge.

As was decided in 2010, the block needs to have at least one flower and one basket on it. It needs to be unfinished at 12 1/2 x 12 1/2 inches, set on point. These blocks can be made in any fashion: paper piecing; traditional; appliqué; embroidery; hand or machine.

I will make the blocks into a quilt and then it will be decided what to do with the quilt. Please bring your blocks to the March 1, 2011 Guild meeting. The Guild members will vote on their favorite and the current (**Marsha**) and immediate past (**Val**) presidents will decide on the "Presidents' Choice".

Ribbons will be presented for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of the Members' choice and a special prize will be awarded to the Presidents' Choice.

Val Hubbard, Immediate Past President



"I guess Mazel is still sore about last year's judging..."

Have you been interested in purchasing Avon, Mary Kay, insurance, or having your quilt appraised? Wouldn't you like to do business with other members of the Guild?

Shortly we will have additional information for your Membership Directory Notebook. This information will be a compilation of businesses that you and your co-members have. This will be only of Guild member's businesses (not spouses, etc.).

Please give **Suzy Boyle** a printout of the following information: Name, name of business, telephone number, email, website, type of business. The notebook inserts will be put in your "Mail Slot" in the next couple of months.

Sack Lunch Ministry

The following is the list of items for the sack lunch ministry operated by our facility location host, First Presbyterian Church. Just pack the lunches in a small brown paper sack with non-perishable items, such as:

- ❖ canned tuna or chicken salad,
- ❖ peanut butter and crackers
- ❖ cheese and crackers,
- ❖ chips,
- ❖ fruit cup,
- ❖ cookies,
- ❖ pudding

You may also include a drink (although not necessary) as well as a napkin and spoon. Items should not require a can opener. You can find many of these items at a Dollar Tree, Big Lots, Wal-Mart, etc.

The church also collects pancake mix and syrup. Any donations are very appreciated.



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2011 Officers and Committee Chairs

Appointed Chairs

Elected Officers

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The first Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

Find us online at:

www.garlandquiltguild.com

~also visit us on Facebook~

Executive Board meetings are held the Tuesday following the regular Guild meeting.

Please note that if the Garland or Dallas Independent Schools are closed for inclement weather, the Guild will not have their scheduled meeting. Our members' safety is very important to us.



Quilt Show Panic, Stage Two: The All-Nighter