



Garland Quilt Guild Newsletter

June 2010



Prez Sez

When I look at the flowers blooming and the tree branches waiving I think about how beautiful it is outside (OK it is hot). It is so wonderful to look out there and think about how good the cool breeze blowing in my face would feel (don't worry the allergies won't be too bad tonight). Is the grass always greener on the other side? In the summer we wish we had the cold from the winter and in the winter we wish it was hot again. It is so much fun to go to someone else's home and look at their stash and wish it was ours (do you ever think that they are envying your stash?).

During our last guild meeting we had a wonderful time playing with the Guild's stash. Several of you cut it up and others sorted it to find the right backings for donation quilts. Pretty cool wasn't it? It was nice for those that were at the meeting to see how much fabric we have and to know that you do not have to go out and buy fabric or even use your own stash to make those charity quilts. Teresa will get you a bunch of anything you like.

At one of the tables you were using balloons to grip the needles while tying quilts. I had never seen that done before and everyone at the table was pretty excited about it. I saw numerous members visiting with new members and bringing them into the fold. And even showing new quilters that they can quilt a quilt (it really isn't that scary (OK so it is, but we can still do it)).

We have a wonderful guild and it shows to people that visit us and can't leave without joining. Have a glorious month and wrap up in a quilt even if it is hot out.

Garland Quilt Guild Meeting

May 4, 2010

Valerie Hubbard-President called the meeting to order.

Paula Hosier-Secretary presented the minutes of the April 2010 meeting. A motion was made by **Dana Dunlap** to accept the minutes; it was seconded by **Judy Hall**. The motion passed.

Helle White-Treasurer presented the changes in our financial standings since our last meeting. The balance at the end of April is \$9233.28. **Dorris Albin** made a motion to accept the

Treasurer's report and it was seconded by **Judy Williamson**. The motion passed.

Valerie Hubbard explained how we obtain door prize tickets during the meeting. Membership gives one red ticket to every member who shows their ID badge or pays a \$1.00 fee. One blue ticket is given by Community Service for each Show and Tell item. Two blue tickets are given for each quilt donated to Community Service.

AUGUST 2010 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE NICHOLSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 625 Austin Street, Garland.

Committee Reports:

Doris Albin-Special Project will be taking money for T-shirts and denim jackets. She has several sizes to try on. You can have your name embroidered on the shirts or jackets for an extra charge.

Suzy Boyle-Membership introduced new members **Ann West, Sherry Pittman, Daisy Davis, and Robbie Huff**.

Cynthia Bennett & Michelle Wirth-Retreat said that everyone attending the Compass Centre retreat should have received a letter with retreat information. See Michelle if you have a balance to pay for your place at the retreat.

Tammie Bivins & Connie Kline-Raffle Quilt announced we received \$75.00 for raffle tickets at Suzy's on first Saturday in May; this brings us to a total of \$300.00 received. They are passing around a signup sheet for showing the quilt at Suzy's on May 15 & 16 during the Patchwork Express.

Janet Gurley-TAQG said Rally day is nearly here, July 10th.

Janet is selling pre raffle tickets for rally day.

Marsha Meeks - 501(c)(3) shared information with us regarding the benefits of obtaining a 501(c)(3) status, tax exempt status for income or sales. We can sell two raffle quilts a year. The guild can purchase products without paying sales tax. We are eligible for free booth space at shows and events. Donations can be tax exempt. She also gave us some history of what the guild has given to charitable organizations since we began in 2005. Our goal for 2010 is to donate 120 quilts to approved organizations this year. We can do this by finishing UFO's, busting our stashes, or trying a new pattern to learn a new technique. Don't forget, you obtain door prize tickets for every donated quilt.

Teresa Persell-Community Service. Tonight is a working night. There is a table of non-cotton material members can help themselves to. There are stations to cut out kits, tie



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finished tops or quilt finished tops, or put on bindings. Irons are set up to iron for those sewing tops together, so find a station to work at and have a good time.

Door prizes were given away during the work session

SHOW & TELL

Submitted by Paula Hosier, Secretary

Proposed Bylaws Changes

Two revisions to the Bylaws have been proposed and will be voted on at the June Guild meeting. The Bylaws require that amendments or revisions be published in the GQG newsletter before they are voted on by the Guild membership. The voting will be by ballot. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their views on the proposals prior to the vote.

The first revision would change wording for one of the duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer is to help transfer signature authority for the Guild bank account when changing officers. Banking practices for changing signature authority have changed since the original bylaws were written, making the current language obsolete. The practices may change in the future, so the language should be less specific. This change gets the bylaws to agree with actual practice. This is found in the Bylaws in Article V – Officers, Duties, Committees, under Treasurer, item 6:

Existing Bylaw: “Provides signature cards to the bank for incoming Treasurer and President.”

Proposed revised Bylaw: “Helps transfer signature authority to incoming Treasurer and President.”

The second revision would eliminate the two-year term limit for appointed committee chairs. Two-term limits for elected officers would remain. For reference, in Article V – Officers, Duties, Committees, under Officers, item 1 defines the elected officers and some of the appointed committee chairs:

“The elected officers will be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, membership, by-laws, and community service. Committee chairs appointed by the President with consent of the elected Executive Committee are hospitality,

publicity/newsletter and new committees as necessary as the GQG grows and needs change.”

The restrictions on term limits are in Article VI – Nominations and Election of Officers, item 5:

Existing Bylaw: “No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same elected office or elected/appointed committee chair.”

Proposed revised Bylaw: “No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same elected office.”

Carole Harp – Bylaws Chair

June 1 Program

Baltimore Albums - Barb McCraw and Teresa Sherling

You have probably seen many of the hundreds of Baltimore Album patterns and admired the beautiful quilts. Learn the history of the album quilt, as well as the symbolism behind many of the blocks. Surprisingly, each album quilt contains a very personal, private reflection of the women who made them. You will never look at another album quilt the same way again.

DOOR PRIZES

- Suzy's Quilt Shop – Garland
- Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe – Wylie
- Texas Quiltworks – Rockwall
- Quilters Connection – Dallas
- Fabric Fanatics - Plano
- Quilt Country – Lewisville
- Lone Star House of Quilts – Arlington
- Magnolia Quiltworks - Arlington
- Quilt Mercantile – Celeste
- Quilt Asylum – McKinney
- Quilter's Workshop – Carrollton
- Common Threads - Waxahachie
- Cynthia Bennett – Member
- Barbara Brooks - Member



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National Speaker

I have been asked to find a National speaker for one of the workshops and lectures next year and need your help in deciding who you want. Please pick from the following list and e-mail me at parentis@verizon.net when you decide. I have given a short bio and added website for you to get more info. Thanks for taking the time.

Agnes Parentis

Darlene Christopherson

Darlene Christopherson has been an accomplished quilt maker since 1979 and has had her work published in the books: *"More Vertical Set Quilts with Style"* [AQS] by Bobbie Aug & Sharon Newman, *Sensational Scrap Quilts* by Darra Duffy Williamson, *Patchwork Portfolio* by Jinny Beyer, *Soft-Edge Piecing* by Jinny Beyer, *Great American Quilts Book 5* and *Scrap Quilts fast and fun* by Oxmoor House. Darlene taught on the staff of the Jinny Beyer Hilton Head Seminar for 5 years 1987-1992 and has been teaching and lecturing for guilds and large events since about 1990. Darlene teaches hand appliqué piecing and quilting as well as design classes. Fabric selection is discussed in every class as the result of her beautiful quilts. Attention and patient guidance is given to all students. Years of experience have developed time honored techniques and an understanding of the elements of design and their importance to quilt making. Many guilds have hosted Darlene's programs and workshops. Darlene has contributed to the success of many events such as the International Quilt Festival in Houston, AQS in Paducah, and Nashville, Quilt America! in Indianapolis, the Pennsylvania Extravaganza in Ft. Washington, PA, Road to California, Quilter's Heritage Celebration in Lancaster, Minnesota Quilter's Inc. Shows, the NOA Show, Georgia Quilt Council and Quilt Colorado. C&T, Inc. has published Darlene's first book, *A perfect Union of Patchwork and Appliqué*. Visit Darlene's website at www.darlenechristopherson.com

Paula Barnes

Paula Barnes is a noted quilt designer and teacher. Over the past 19 years she has taught in the Dallas and Houston areas for quilt shops, and many guilds throughout the state of

Texas. In 2004, Paula taught classes at the International Quilt Festival held in Houston, Texas.

At Bonnie Blue Quilts we love vintage and reproduction quilts. Paula has the unique talent and ability to design beautiful reproduction quilts utilizing the up-to-date techniques of today, including rotary cutting and other tools currently available. She conducts workshops and lectures including "Designing a Quilting Studio", "History of the Quilts from Bonnie Blue Quilts " and "Exchange Quilts".

Paula has served as a Board Member of the West Houston Quilt Guild and is a member of the Katy Rotary Club Bee (Katy, Texas), 19th Century Patchwork Divas (Arlington, Texas), and Sunday Gourmet Quilters (Katy, Texas). Now she is the exclusive designer for Bonnie Blue Quilts

Becky Goldsmith – Best known for her Piece of Cake designs

Piece O' Cake Designs is a company specializing in quilt books and patterns. We are especially known for our appliqué designs. We, Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins, own and operate Piece O' Cake Designs, Inc. Our books and patterns can be found in a variety of places: at your local quilt shop, on many quilting websites, from our publisher C&T, at many book stores, and right here on our website! Here is the website describing her classes:

<http://www.pieceocake.com/ClassInfo/beckyclasses-02.html>

Brenda Papadakis (www.dearjane.com)

A class at the University of Tennessee, Southern Appalachian Folk Culture, was Brenda Manges Papadakis' introduction to quilting. After writing a research paper on quilting, Brenda knew she wanted to make a quilt. "Since the early nineteen seventies," she says, "I've been doing just that. Most of all, I enjoy the drafting and designing."

This preference reflects Brenda's background as a mathematician. She holds a B.S. in Mathematics Education, and an M.S. in Special Education, both from the University of Tennessee. A teacher for twenty-three years, she has taught a wide range of students, including the learning disabled, developmentally delayed, and those gifted in mathematics and science.

Brenda's extensive teaching experience enhances her popular quilting classes, which she began in 1991. She specializes in



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Amish and Japanese quilt making and designs, as well as Baltimore Appliqué. Her quilt teaching credits include workshops in Japan, where she developed a group of Baby Jane enthusiasts. Her present relationship with Jane A. Blakely Stickle has resulted in a fascination for miniature patterns and an abiding interest in women's history.

Sue Nickels

Sue has been quilting for 31 years, starting by hand and gradually focusing on machine work. Sue has been teaching machine techniques for the past 20 years. Sue has taught and lectured nationally for shops, guilds and major conferences, including AQS, IQA and NQA. She has also taught internationally in England, Norway, Australia, New Zealand and Spain. Sue's major awards include 1998 AQS Best of Show for "The Beatles Quilt" made by Sue and her sister, Pat Holly. Their quilt, "The Space Quilt" won the 2003 IQA Master of Machine Artistry Award and the 2004 AQS Machine Workmanship Award. Sue's current books are "Machine Quilting: A Primer of Techniques" and "Stitched Raw Edge Appliqué" co-authored with Pat. Sue has also been a judge for many quilt shows, most recently part of the team judging the 2009 IQA Show. Sue's priority in the workshops she teaches is to provide a relaxed environment for students to learn machine techniques that are timesaving. Sue emphasizes the best quality workmanship, never compromising quality for speed! Website on her workshops:

<http://www.sue-nickels.com/SueWorkshop.html>

Membership

New Member News

Jessica Locklear

Jessica and her husband Terry are expecting their first child, a boy, in August. They recently moved back to Garland (Jessica's hometown) from Terrell, to help care for disabled in-laws. Jessica began quilting at seventeen and learned to sew while making her first quilt, a Jo-Ann's BOM quilt. Jessica is looking forward to getting to know everyone and to help the community through the Guild.

Jessica joined the Guild in February.

Daisy Davis

Daisy is from Natchitoches, LA and currently lives in Rockwall. She moved to Texas many years ago and considers herself a Texan. Daisy is the mother of three children, six grandchildren, and beautiful cat named Brasil.

Since retiring, she was looking for something to do to occupy her time. She's collected some quilting books through the years and took her first quilting class in February of this year. After making her first quilt, she was hooked. Daisy plans to make many beautiful quilts in the future and looks forward to working with the Garland Quilt Guild.

Veronda Huff

In June Veronda and her husband John will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. Veronda feels blessed to have their only son Daniel, his wife Ashley, and two-year old grandson Joey close by. Being a retired secretary allows Veronda time to take care of Joey a couple of days a week.

Veronda was born and raised in Moberly, Missouri. However, she now considers herself an adopted Texan having lived in Garland for over thirty years. She enjoys reading, baking, gardening, and painting landscapes in oil. She's now just about finished with her first-ever quilt and has learned that she needs a lot of practice and patience.

Veronda looks forward to feeling like a real "quilter".

Welcome to you all.....we are thrilled to have you with us.

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

Membership Cards

Tired of having to dig your membership cards out of your purse or wallet, or paying \$1.00, when you come to monthly meetings? Get ready for the membership card/name badge holder decorating contest! More next month!!!!



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Quilt Raffle News

Greetings Ladies! Hope your June is off to a great start! We still have plenty of rally tickets so keep on selling! The more we sell the more we make for the Guild! I also wanted to give credit where it is Due. The fabric for the new quilt that we all will be working on very soon was donated by Common Threads in Waxahachie and by Suzy's Quilt shop in Garland. Many thanks to both shops! Helle White is in the process of cutting and we will be handing out packets soon for you to assemble and return. We will need everyone's help! Also, Ladies, when we sew these pieces together please check your ¼ inch seam allowance. We need this quilt to go together as smoothly as possible. Thank you for all your participation. Tammie and Connie



2010 Quilt Shows

June 11-12, 2010
Irving Quilt Guild Show
East Meets West
Holy Family of Nazareth
2323 Cheyenne
Irving, Texas 75062
Admission \$7

Community Service

Community Service Challenge

Don't forget the Community Service Challenge. Pick up your packets at the next meeting. You will have 2 fabrics that have to be used in your quilt, but you can do whatever you want with them. We will donate these quilts to the First Presbyterian Church to use as they see fit. Bring your quilts back to the meeting in August. The guild will vote on them, and there will be a great prize for the winner.

Our goal for the year is 120 quilts. One person has already donated 20 quilts. Don't let her have all the fun. Last year over 60% of all our donations came from 2 people. Please do your share. Remember a big part of being a GUILD is to do Community Service. It's what makes us a non-profit organization.

Door Prize Tickets

There has been some question about door prize tickets. Here is the breakdown. 1 ticket for show and tell quilts, 2 tickets for each donation quilt. **NO TICKETS FOR DOG BEDS**, we are no longer doing those.

Sack Lunch Ministry

The following is the list of items for the sack lunch ministry. 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. Donations are appreciated.



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Birthdays

2010 Officers and Committee Chairs

June Birthdays!

Did you know that June is named after the Roman goddess Juno? Juno was the Roman goddess for love and marriage, and that is why so many weddings traditionally take place in June.

Happy Birthday!

3rd - Connie Keel
5th - Louise Bloom
8th - Shirley Michie
11th - Judy Hearne
14th - Sharon Blalock
15th - Lisa White
16th - Gail Pearce
19th - Gay Spears
21st - Marsha Meeks
24th - Valerie Hubbard
27th - Carolyn Kerr
30th - Sue Simon

Officers:

President -- Valerie Hubbard
Vice President -- Agnes Parentis
Secretary – Paula Hosier
Treasurer – Helle White
Historian – Dan and Sheryl Chenault
Parliamentarian – Denise Bartosh
Immediate Past President -- Virginia Hauer

Committee Chairs:

Advertising and Publicity – Carolyn Kerr
Auditor – Dana Dunlap
Bylaws – Carole Harp
Community Services – Teresa Persell
Door Prize and Shop Hop – Barbara Daniel Cissne
Fundraising – Barbara Schmidt
Hospitality – open
Librarian – Gay Spears
Membership – Suzy Boyle
Newsletter – Gail Perry
Nominating – open
Raffle Quilt – Tammie Bivins, Connie Kline
Retreat – Cynthia Bennett, Michelle Wirth
Secret Pals – Vicki Isenhour
Sunshine/Shadow – Hope Kirk
TAQG Representative – Janet Gurley
Website – Allison Ray
501(c)(3) – Marsha Meeks