

**Marty's Tidbits****Inside this issue:**

As I am writing this, it is a beautiful Sunday afternoon. This why I think Texas is so great, 70's in February. My mind is already thinking about yard work, cleaning up, and just making plans. Most of my plans never happen but it is fun to look ahead. It is like our projects. Quilting projects that is.

I like all parts of quilting, even putting on the binding. I think the part I like best is planning the quilt and selecting the fabric. Starting a quilt is like spring time. Planning and selecting fabrics is like planning your yard or garden. There is a certain amount of excitement in the air, a new beginning.

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**Membership:**

Dues for the 2008 year will need to be **paid by the February meeting** in order to get your name and information in the 2008 Directory. A new directory will be printed with **ONLY** the members that have paid dues for 2008. Dues can be mailed in or paid at the February meeting. If you have questions about membership please call:

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Susana Fontenot 972-351-9221

Dale Rozas 972-935-0061

Dues are \$20.00 a year ( 60+) \$15.00

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At the January meeting, **63 members and 9 visitors** attended! As February 11, **80 members** have paid their dues!

Remember to wear your name tags to the meeting! Come to the meeting early to get signed in and socialize. This would be a great time to meet someone you don't already know!

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 - Cheryl Hull	15 - Annette Wedeking	22 - Beverly Scott
7 - JoAnn Spriggs Donna Magee	16 - DeAnn von Hoffman	23 - Alisa Orr
12 - Betty A. Jackson	19 - Phyllis Schumacher	26 - Annette Debose
13 - Billie Spears	20 - Cindy Garris	27 - Georgia Calloway
	21 - Judy Burch	
	June Sims	

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

8- Gloria DeLong    11 - Gail Bumpus    12 - Betty Sue Smith    16 - Pat Coleson

20- Mikey Robledo

**Programs:****February.**

Allison Bayer – Professional Longarm Quilter.

Title: Questions to ask a machine quilter BEFORE leaving your quilt!

Allison comes to us with 12 years of hard-earned knowledge, and she is planning to share it with us during the program and trunk show. This will be a great interactive program!!

**New Business:  
Opportunities!!**

As a member of the Texas Association of Quilt Guilds, our guild must supply items for the Goody Bags that are passed out on Rally Day, July 12. We need someone from the guild to **step up and volunteer** to head the committee for making the items. We have samples of items, and some of them are very small – and would only take a few minutes to make. If you're a new member, this would be a great opportunity for you to meet other members – and start with a project that will be quick and fun!! Rita Watson will be a resource for the committee because she attends the TAQG meetings and has samples of items that have been made.

TAQG has asked each guild to supply 2 mini quilts (no larger than 24 x 24) for the auction on Rally Day! The proceeds of the auction will go to support the ongoing work of TAQG. We need 2 volunteers to make the quilts – or 1 volunteer to make both quilts. ☺

Our books need to be audited. In order to do that, we need a board member and 2 guild members to perform the audit. If you have any auditing/accounting experience, please step up and help. Our finances are simple, and the audit should be straightforward.

Calling for a librarian!!! Our current team of librarians needs one more person to join them. Now that we're meeting at the Waxahachie Bible Church, the librarians have a storage place for the books, which has made the librarian job much easier. You would assist in setting up the books before the meeting – and help put them away after the meeting. Again, this is a wonderful way to get involved with the guild and meet other members!



## **NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL QUILT SHOPS!**

### **\*Common Threads in Waxahachie**

Join the fun! Common Threads is one of 12 shops across the country participating in Web Sampler Celebration. Visit each shop and purchase a block kit designed by Paula Barnes of Bonnie Blue Quilts then decide on your favorite Finishing Kit from the 12 specially designed using Judie Rothermel's line Civil War Classics by Marcus Brothers. It only runs until April 30th so don't delay!

### **\*Quilts N More in Midlothian**

Quilts 'n More will have some special things happening on Feb. 29 for Leap Day. They are planning some one day special sales, demos, giveaways and lots of fun. Come by to see how they turn Leap Day into a celebration. Also the Texas Wildflower Shop Hop will be Mar. 27-29.

This year there will be two new stores in the nine on the Hop--one in Georgetown and one in Fairfield. Mark your calendars so you don't miss it. Be sure to check the QNM newsletter for those double buck days!

### **\*Just Stitchin' in Cedar Hill**

Showing in the shop now is Karen Soltys's trunk show of miniature and small quilts from her latest book, "Bits and Pieces". Also, sign up for the Just Stitchin' Retreat at Our House in Milford, May 16th - 18th.

## **Next Meeting Reminders:**

Members whose last names start with **C & D** will be bringing refreshments for the meeting. Please arrive early to help set up the room and refreshment area. Members whose last names start with **T, U, V, X, Y & Z** will supply the door prizes. Don't forget!!

To protect our privacy, please be sure to shred your old newsletters and old directories. If you don't have a shredder, bring them to our next meeting, and we will shred them for you.

Wear your name tags!

The next meeting is on February 25 at Waxahachie Bible Church – beginning at 7 PM

## **Sunshine & Shadows**

Susan Pierce's mother passed away.



### Upcoming Quilting Events

**March 14-16 – Quilters' Guild of Dallas – Timeless Traditions Quilt Celebration**

<http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org/quiltceleb.htm>

**March 27-29 - The Texas Wildflower Trail Shop Hop**

**March 28-29 - Quilters' Guild of East Texas – Hat's Off to Quilting**

<http://www.ggetx.org/quiltshow/>

**April 19-20 - Terrell Heritage Jubilee Quilt Show**

<http://terrelltexas.com>

**July 12 – Texas Association of Quilt Guilds Rally Day!**

<http://www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org/>

**July 18-19 – Reaching for the Stars**

### Board Members for 2008

President: Marty Walker

Secretary: Alisa Orr

Treasurer: Jane Ratliff

Programs: Jean McKinney & Kathleen Allen  
Ways & Means: **open**

Newsletter: Debbie McCann & Anne Ward Williams

Membership: Dale Rozas, Rhonda Gregory, & Susana Font-Fontenot

Community Service: Ginger Smith & Gail Bumpus

Hospitality: Judy Townes, Maurine Martin, Betty Disharoon, Bettye Moore, Vivian Vrana, & Lonnie Ellis

Workshops: Angie Hudson

Librarian: Susan Pierce, Patricia Droste, & Ophelia Pool

The Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserve and encourage the art of quilting: to promote a gathering of people with this common interest; and to provide instruction for members and education for the public in the design and techniques of quilt making.

Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at Waxhachie Bible Church, 621 N Grand, Waxahachie, TX, at 7:00 PM. Non-members may attend twice as our guests.

Membership is open to anyone interested in quilts or quilting. Annual dues are \$20 or \$15 for seniors age 60+. Students age 10-18 may join for \$10 with paid adult membership. Mailbox memberships are \$10 (which includes 2 "free meeting" coupons) and available for those who are unable to attend meetings. Additional meeting fees cost \$2 each.

Membership is from January 1 through December 31. If joining after July 31, dues are pro-rated. Members receive a monthly newsletter, a directory, have use of the library, and enjoy monthly meetings and workshops. Also, some quilt shops offer discounts to guild members who show their membership card.

"Sew What's News" is the newsletter for the guild and is posted to the quilt website [www.cqguild.org](http://www.cqguild.org) and mailed by the 21st of the month. Deadline for submissions is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month of publication. We welcome your contributions of helpful hints, great websites, and news about our members or anything of general interest to our membership. Send submissions to: Creative Quilters Guild, PO Box 301, Midlothian, TX 76065 or via email Debbie McCann ([dkmwax@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dkmwax@sbcglobal.net)) or Anne Ward Williams ([anneward@aircanopy.net](mailto:anneward@aircanopy.net))



**Minutes:**

Marty Willis called meeting to order. Outgoing board members were recognized and honored with a pin. New board members were then introduced.

December minutes were read by Rita Watson. A motion was made by Jean McKinney to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Anne Ward Williams. Motion was passed.

Treasurers Report was given by Jane Ratliff. She reported a beginning balance of 4,608.09 with income of 11,585.52, expenses of 8,346.12 leaving a balance of 7,847.49. She also reported an income of 2,500 on the quilt show last year and a donation of 1,500 to Hope Clinic received from table runner auction.

Article 4 Section B of the By-Laws and proposed changes was read by Dale Rozas. There was a timed for discussion and motion was made to accept changes by Dori Nanry and seconded by JoAnn Spriggs. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Jean and Kathleen then lead us in a game.

Old business:

The guild has rented a storage building in Midlothian. If you have guild stuff that needs to be stored you can use it. The key is at Quilts'N More.

Ginger Smith and Brenda Santos reported on Community Service projects. 32 caddies were delivered to Nursing Homes and 126 totes were given to CPS.

Debbie McCann checked out packets for this years raffle quilt and asked they be turned in at Feb meeting, Feb 25. She will schedule a workday at a latter date to piece the quilt. She also reported she was getting a web page designed for the guild.

Quilt Show Chairs reported the name for this years show will be Reaching for the Stars. The show will be July 18 and 19. Be thinking of recipient of silent auction money for this year.

Shop News was given.

Another game was played and reported next months program will be Allison Bayer talking to us about our relationship with our long-arm quilter.

We had Show and Tell and Door Prizes won.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Alisa Orr



**Show & Tell**

- Carolyn Forehand- 40-year-old quilt pieced in the 1960's at persistence of grandmother.  
Found in Mothers closet in 2007 . Finished quilting Sat.
- Debbie Wolf- Moda's Woodrose in Winter fabrics made into a modified Turning Twenty
- Jane Ratliff- Flannel Bar Quilt finished at VIP weekend at Our House in Milford.  
Mystery Quilt – done as mystery quilt 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2007 got to borders and stopped. Finished at VIP retreat.
- Nina Christman- Kindness Matters
- Doris Waltrip- Donation Quilts- I made this for the youth auction at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church  
Blooming Grove. It was quilted by Ruth Hill.
- Dale Rozas- 2 Jackets- UFO finished at last years retreat- was pictured in Wax Now  
Magazine . One jacket was demoed at last meeting.
- Kathy Ivanovskis- Blue Purse – I made this purse as a Christmas gift for my daughter  
Natalie in Midlothian Panther colors of blue and gold  
Red Brick Road Quilt -I made this twin sized quilt for my sister using  
the Yellow Brick Road pattern in red and white fabric
- Brenda Horvath – Tropical – Just Cant Cut It kit from Quilts n More.  
Canoe Country- My son Johnathon's birthday quilt.  
Made at the VIP weekend at Our House in Milford.  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Teachers Pet – 2003 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday quilt blocks put  
together by sort of following The Teachers Pet pattern out of  
classic quilt schoolhouse book.
- Gail Bumpus - Jenny's Essence – This is a sample for a class to learn Jenny Haskin  
technique for embellished quilts. A great way to learn decorative  
stitching and embroidery.  
Bias Bag – This bag was created to learn about bias making tools  
bias bars, Fast Turn Tubes, Bias Binder, and Bias Tape makers.
- Donna Magee – Twelve Baskets – Quilts n More 2007 Block of Month  
Quilted by Ruth Hill  
Patient Flower – made for my newest great niece born Dec 28<sup>th</sup> .  
Her name is Sahanna which means “veiled flower” in Japanese and  
Patient in India. Combined and adapted patterns from Sew One and  
Your Done & 2008 Quilting Block & Pattern a Day calendar by  
Debbie Kratovil.  
Hearts & Flowers – The only baby born in our church who had not  
gotten a quilt. So we are making it for her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.  
Pattern from the internet