

Next Meeting:
May 3, 2012



Brenda Henning

www.bearpawproductions.com

The quilts & purses that Judith exhibited at our April Guild Meeting were just absolutely gorgeous. I also hope you had a chance to stop by the workshop table to see up close the stunning large embroidered and matted watercolor pieces she displayed. Everyone who took her Friday workshop was quite amazed they were really able to replicate, though in a smaller version, her technique for making these masterpieces. Everyone in the Saturday workshop played with crazy quilting structure of a purse and embellishing with beautiful crazy stitches and corded straps. A GREAT TIME was had by all.

Thank you to Jack and Ann Brockette for acting as host and hostess for Judith. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Coming in May:

Get set everyone to greet **Brenda Henning**, the author of 22 books, who is coming to us all the way from Anchorage, Alaska. It's a really long trip and we want to show her just how much our guild appreciates her time and talents. Brenda has been on the top of the "speaker wish list" with our guild for over three years. I was finally able to find a date that worked.

She will be doing a Friday Workshop on "**Mariner's Compass**" designs from her book "Reach for the Stars". She is internationally recognized for her designs and technique of constructing them, so don't miss out on your chance to learn from the expert. Her Saturday workshop is called "**Granite**". This design involves using fourteen fat quarters that cut and sub-cut several times in developing a very non-traditional quilt design. It can be scrappy, jewel tone, pastel or whatever works for you with contrasting colors. This is definitely going to be a fun class.

Don't forget to check out her web site at www.bearpawproductions.com to see examples of her work. Her lecture topic, photos of the workshops and supply lists can be found on our website at www.quiltersguildofdallas.org.

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What to bring to meeting:

- Membership Card
- Items for "Bring 'n Brag"
- Money - to sign up for an upcoming workshop or shop the speaker's "travelling store."
- Guild Library books

New Life Members!

The Guild Board has voted to make all of our charter members "Life Members" of the Guild. They each helped to sow the seeds that have blossomed into the strong Guild we are a part of today.

To take advantage of the benefits of Life Membership (no more dues!), these members will need to complete a membership form each year during the renewal period, to ensure that we have current contact information.

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March-August

Volunteer Statistics from the 2012 Dallas Quilt Celebration

*Valerie Salter, Volunteer
Coordinator*

I would once again sincerely like to thank all the Guild members and non-members who volunteered for 2012 Quilt Celebration.

Just a few statistics to let you know how many volunteers and how many volunteer hours it takes to put on the Quilt Show:

- 204 individual member volunteers (counting the Show Committee)
- 77 non-members volunteers
- 3,004.75 volunteer hours reported at the show.

As you can see, each and every volunteer is VITAL. These hours noted above do not include the many hours that the Show Committee members put in before the show even began.

I must give extra special thanks to three Guild members:

- Rebecca Clayton
- Marte Keller, and
- Ed Keller

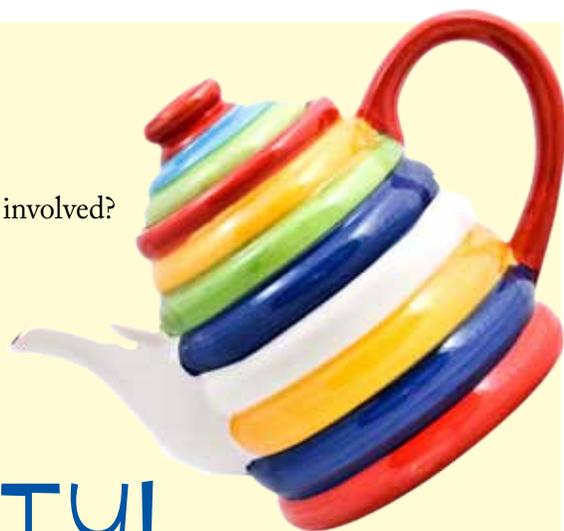
These three worked the most hours at the show as non-committee members. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

If you didn't get a chance to volunteer this year, I hope that you will consider it for next year. It is fun and a great way to get to know fellow members. Most of the feedback I get from the volunteers is what a great time they had. I hope to see you all for Quilt Celebration 2013.

Did you join the Guild within the past two years?
A member interested in learning more about the Guild or ways to get involved?
Know someone interested in joining the Guild?

All are invited to our

NEW MEMBER WELCOME PARTY!



Sunday, May 6, 2012 2:30 to 4:00 PM

First Community Bank Community Room • 429 Belle Grove • Richardson, TX 75080
(near SW corner of Arapaho and US 75/Central Expressway)



- Make new acquaintances
- Enjoy refreshments and social time with fellow quilters
- Find out about Guild friendship groups (perhaps even start one of your own!)
- Learn about the Guild
- Find out about volunteer opportunities with the Guild
- Door prizes!

Programs

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June Program

In June, you will have the opportunity to meet **Maggie Ball**, who is also coming from a great distance. Maggie was the recipient of one of our Guild's Endowment Grants. She will share how our financial assistance helped her and others to purchase a permanent facility for the *Mongolian Quilting Center* in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, where she had been volunteering to teach quilting to low-income and unemployed women.

Her lecture will be "Creative Quilting with Kids", which should be a wonderful way for us to learn how to develop skills to work with our grandchildren and the "younger generation" in general. What an opportunity for those folks who might want to work on the Guild's Education Committee.

Maggie sent us examples of her Friday workshop, "**Bargello Quilts with a Twist**" and her Saturday workshop "**Op-Art Kaleidoscope**", which were on display at the April Guild Meeting at the Workshop Sign-up table. We'll have them out again next month. You can find her website at www.dragonflyquilts.com along with photos of workshop examples and supply lists on our guild website.

Minutes for the General Meeting held on April 5, 2012

*LaDonna Holtzclaw
Guild Secretary*

- **Marla Kelsey**, President, started the meeting at 7:15 pm. She welcomed new members and guests to the meeting.

Announcements:

- The Board approved making all Charter Members of our Guild “Life Members.” They will have to submit a membership form each year so we can keep up with their address but they will not have to pay dues each year.
- The Guild received a thank you note from Jane Holihan from Walworth, New York. She won two awards this year, including a blue ribbon and a Merit Quilting award.
- The next Board Meeting is April 26th at the north end of the Congregation Shearith Israel building in the Barrett room at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.
- A nominating committee has been formed to develop the slate of officers for 2012-13. If asked to serve on the Board, please volunteer.

Committee Reports:

- **Bonnie McElearney** and **Mary Lord**, Miniature Quilt Auction Committee, announced that this year’s auction made \$9142.50 which was more than last year. The average paid for each quilt was \$83.88. Three (3) quilts sold for over \$400.00 each. \$430.00 was the highest paid for Judy Kriehn’s quilt. Betty Shelton received the *Viewer’s Choice* award. 109 miniature quilts were donated by quilters for 91 live bidders and 26 on-line bidders. It was priceless for the member’s enthusiastic support and thank you so much for a great year.
- **Joan Wilson**, 3rd VP Programs/Workshops, reported that she had been admitted to the hospital on the 29th of February and only released during the last week of March. She was unable to attend the show, but thanked all the show committee members and others that stepped in to cover her responsibilities. She asked for a show of hands on various workshop topics to determine interest before she started to investigate setting them up. She also called attention to two Raffle Quilts on display at the meeting:
 - Frisco Quilt Guild
 - Quilt Guild of Arlington
- **Marla Kelsey** announced the *Sunshine and Shadows*.
- **Lut De Meulder**, (standing in for Cindy Matthews,) announced that seven new members joined that night. The *New Member Tea* in the Community Room of the First Community Bank at Richardson is on May 6th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Please RSVP by email.
- **Rachel Bryan**, Special Exhibits, wanted to thank everyone that came to the special exhibits and that volunteered also. The *Stars* book will be sold this month and next month during the meeting.
- **Terry Reese**, 6th VP Show, thanked all the people that helped to make the show a success this year. She asked show committee members to stand up and be recognized. Then, she asked that anyone that helped in ANY way to make the show a success (committee, volunteer, etc) to stand and be recognized. According to Valerie Salter’s numbers, we averaged over 410 volunteer hours daily working the show. Terry next introduced Marie Zaczkowski to be the show chair for the year of 2013 and the theme for next years show is to be “Edibles.”

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Sunshine & Shadow

Cindy Matthews

cindymatthews@verizon.net

or cell 214-766-2212

Sunshine:

- **FiberArtists of Dallas**, an organization that shares many members with QGD, held a successful show in the gallery at The Point in the CC Young retirement community near White Rock Lake.

Shadow:

- **Sally Ashbacher's** daughter-in-law passed away in early April, after a fifteen year battle with cancer.
- **Renee Kailor's** mother-in-law passed away on April 15th.
- **Sharon Zeiner's** mother passed away April 16th.

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NEW FRIENDSHIP GROUP!

We are trying to start a new Friendship Group for the Plano/Allen/North Dallas area. This group would meet in the evenings from 7-9:30pm, in the homes of members, once or twice a month.

Are you interested?

Please contact:

Donna Demby
dondemby@yahoo.com
or 469-467-7882

and let her know what nights of the week would work best for you.

Minutes

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- **Rhonda Anderson**, Covers for Kids, has challenge packets for \$5.00. The theme is football this year. Members must use the two fabrics in the packet, but can add more from their stash. Participants get the \$5.00 packet fee returned when the finished quilt is delivered. Quilts are due on or before the Board meeting on August 22nd. Judging will take place at the meeting that evening.
- Various members brought bring and brag.
- **Joan Wilson** welcomed the speaker, **Judith Baker Montano** for the evening.
- Door prizes were drawn and presented.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

By Joan Wilson

As many of you know, I was in the hospital and Pulmonary Rehabilitation from February 29th through March 28th with a really bad case of Pneumonia with complications. You can see from the dates that this meant I wasn't able to attend our wonderful quilt show. This also caused me to have to hand off my planned responsibilities for the many areas of the show that I volunteer for to many other people.

It is my hope that each and every one of these truly wonderful people will understand that simply saying "Thank You" pales in comparison to what their assistance meant to me. After all, they already had their own responsibilities with the show; however, somehow they found the time and energy to handle mine too.

It is with that in mind that I want to say Thank You to:

- **Shelly Guibert** for finding a substitute for me at quilt take in and hand out.
- To **Marla Kelsey** and **Mary Lord** for getting someone to take on my responsibilities at the judging table.
- All the folks working at quilt take in who helped get Appraisal Sign-ups.
- All the folks who volunteered to work at the appraisal table during the three days of the show.
- An especially big thank you to **Donna Petrick** for taking on the big task of ensuring the appraisal program was properly set-up, that everyone understood what needed to be done and in general, overseeing a smooth operation.
- Another really big thank you goes out to **Tina Connolly** and **Beverly Almaraz** who handled processing the appraisals during quilt take-in. This can be an especially hectic job and they handled it smoothly. Thank you to both of them again for helping at Judith Baker Montano's sales table at the April Guild Meeting, to **Beverly** for helping at the Friday workshop and to **Tina** for taking me to the hospital on February 29th.
- Thank you for the amazing **show committee**, the wonderful **guild membership** and what I understand was an amazing show. It's only because we have such a generous and talented membership, that we are able to put on this well respected event year after year.
- Also, thank you to the many folks who sent cards, emails, phone calls and just kept me in their prayers. I know a lot of the membership, if not closely, at least by name and face. Your willingness to help in whatever way possible was very heartfelt and kept me going.

Getting to Know You...

I would highly recommend that you, the membership, take time to get to know more of your fellow quilters. For example:

- If you always sit in the front row at the meetings, take a minute to stroll to the back and introduce yourself to someone you don't know.
- If you sit in the middle, go to the other side of the aisle.

Move out of your comfort zone and welcome our newcomers as well as us old timers. You never know what a wonderful new friend you will make and how it will add to your total quilting experience.

Quilt Shows and Events Calendar

For additional information on any of these events, visit the website at: www.quiltersguildofdallas.org and click on the link to "events and links."

April 27 & 28, 2012

Quilt Show Gun Barrel Quilter's Guild

Hours:
9 AM – 4 PM Daily

Admission:
Free

Where:
Cain Center
915 S. Palestine
Athens, TX

Details:
Quilt display with 100 quilts, vendors, Scissor Man, door prizes, raffle quilt

April 27 & 28, 2012

"Heart of Texas Quilt Show" – Brownwood Quilter's Guild

Hours:
10 AM – 5 PM Saturday; 12 Noon – 4 PM Sunday

Where:
Brownwood Coliseum
500 E. Baker
Brownwood, TX

Details:
Quilt display of 150 quilts with optional judging/critiques, vendors, raffle quilt, bed turning, and workshops

Information:
<http://www.brownwoodquiltersguild.org/>

May 11 & 12, 2012

"Texas Gone Crazy" – Quilters' Guild of Arlington

Hours:
10 AM – 5 PM

Admission:
\$6 with free parking

Where:
Bob Duncan Community Center
in Vandergriff Park
2800 S. Center St.
Arlington, TX 76014

Details:
Judged show with over 100 quilts, miniature quilt silent auction-Susan G. Komen Foundation, vendors, scissors sharpening, quilt appraisals

Information:
<http://www.qgoa.org/>

June 1 & 2, 2012

"Stars Over Abilene" – Abilene Quilters' Guild

Hours:
10 AM – 7 PM Friday
10-5 Saturday

Admission:
\$5/day or \$8 for both days

Where:
Abilene Civic Center
1100 N. 6th
Abilene, TX

Details:
Quilt Display, vendors, Hoffman Challenge, member challenge, demonstrations and classes

Information:
<http://www.abilenequiltersguild.com/Pages/AbileneQuiltShow.aspx>

June 8 & 9, 2012

"Irving Quilt Show-Splish Splash" – Irving Quilt Guild

Hours:
10 AM – 6 PM Friday
10-4 Saturday

Admission:
\$7

Where:
Holy Family of Nazareth Church
2323 Cheyenne St.
Irving, TX

Details:
Quilt Display, vendors, quilt appraisals, scissors sharpening, mini-quilt auction, raffle quilt

Entries:
Entries due May 1. Entry forms on the website.

Information:
http://www.irvingquiltguild.com/Irving_Quilt_Guild/Home.html

Events Calendar

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July 20 & 21, 2012

“Texas Quilt Round-Up” Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County

Hours:

10 AM – 5 PM

Where:

Midlothian Conference Center
1 Community Circle
Midlothian, TX 76065

Details:

Over 100 quilts - judged quilt and wearable art show, vendors, scissors man, door prizes, silent auction, quilt appraisals, donation quilt

Information:

<http://www.elliscountyquilters.com/>

Guild Board Meeting Schedule

All members are welcome to attend Board Meetings. Beginning with the January meeting, we will meet in the Barnett Room at Temple Shearith Israel (*same location as regular Guild meetings*) at 6:30 pm. Please use the north entrance (facing Walnut Hill.)

- Thursday, April 26th
- Thursday, May 24th
- Thursday, June 28th
- Thursday, July 26th
- Wednesday, August 22nd

Sizzlin' Summer Shop Hop

June 21-23, 2012

Participating Shops:

- A Sewing Basket *Salado*
- Poppy Quilt 'N Sew *Georgetown*
- Ready to Sew Bernina *Cedar Park*
- Ginger's Needlearts, Quilts & Framing *Austin*
- Austin Sewing Machines *Round Rock*
- The Cotton Cupboard *Lakeway*
- A Quilter's Folly *Austin*
- B&B Quilting & Gifts *Buda*
- Valli & Kim *Dripping Springs*

<http://sizzlinsummershophop.com>

FIVE!

FIVE DOLLARS!

**FIVE DOLLAR
CHALLENGE PACKETS!**

For the cost of a five dollar deposit, you can get a challenge packet for the **2012 Covers for Kids Challenge**. This year, the fabrics include a blue football-themed print, paired with a dark brown print. See Rhonda Anderson at the Community Service table for your packet!

Happy Reading!

Marte Keller and Martha Smith,
Guild Librarians

Wondering what to do before the meeting? Stop by the Library. It's usually open by 6:30 pm before each meeting. This gives you 45 minutes to browse and ponder while looking for the perfect books. If you're looking for a specific subject, we can often help you at the Library table by showing you the best section or by doing a keyword search of the database.

You can check-out up to 4 books per month. All you need is your membership number along with your name to fill out the library card. You can even renew the books for one month if you need to. Just email: marte.keller@tx.rr.com your request and we'll take care of it.

The Library listings of books are also on the Guild's web site. Just go to the home page for the Guild, <http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org>, and click on "Events & Links" on the left. That will take you to the "Library Book Listings" link.

While you're back in the Library corner, check out our resale table. We evaluate books that have been donated to the Guild and either add them to our collection or put them up for resale. The price is very nominal and all proceeds go towards purchasing new books for our collection.

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