

October Meeting

When:

- Thursday, October 1, 2009
Doors open at 6:30 pm*
Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

* For security reasons, the exterior doors on West side will be locked. Use the call button to alert the security desk, and they will buzz you in.

Where:

- Shearith Israel
Kaplan Auditorium
(on west side of building)

What to Bring:

- Nominations for Silver Thimble or Founder's Awards
- Some money if you would like to:
 - Sign up for a Guild Workshop coming up in the not-too-distant future (remember - if you sign up early, you SAVE some money!)
 - or
 - Shop the Ginny Eckley mercantile store
- Completed blocks for annual Block Challenge
- *Bring & Brag* Items
- Completed "Covers for Kids" projects you've done on your own
- Soaps/shampoos/etc. saved from out-of-town travels for our "Covers for Kids" charities to use
- Books borrowed from the Guild Library

October Program: Ginny Eckley



Ginny Eckley will be presenting her lecture entitled *Understanding Creativity*. Says she:

We are all creative in different ways. Learn what scientists and writers have to say about developing and increasing creativity. Find out what successful people in other fields do to problem solve. Listen to the latest discoveries on left and right brain thinking. The talk is followed by slides, showing my use of these ideas through my artwork.

Ginny's artistic endeavors range from creating and experimenting in her studio, to teaching art, and writing. A passion for nature has provided her with boundless ideas and mysteries to uncover. You

may have seen some of her quilts on display in the Dallas area recently. She had works displayed as part of Quiltmania II in an exhibit at the Irving Arts Center, and was also a ribbon winner in the 2008 edition of Dallas Quilt Celebration. Her two entries featured images of birds in urban landscape settings.

She is an active member of the Fiber Artists of Houston. She chaired the Federation Show, a juried event involving three chapters of Fiber Artists. The show opened at The Arts Alliance at Clear Lake, Texas, then traveled to Slater Mill Museum in Rhode Island from May until August, 2004, and on to the Travis Towers, Houston, from October to December, 2004.

Ginny authored a book on *Fabric Painting*, released in April 2000, by Fiber Studio Press, Martingale Publishing, was featured in *Quilting Masterclass*, a book "from 50 of the worlds finest artists," Quarto Publishing, 2000, and also authored *Quilted Sea Tapestries*, a book on machine embroidery published in 1995, and reprinted in 1996.

Ms. Eckley has explored a number of techniques for building texture - both visual and tactile - on her quilts. Machine embroidery, machine beading, photo silkscreen, fabric painting, and more. Because her classes are hands-on opportunities to try new techniques, classes taught in Houston during the International Quilt Festival have always been popular.

The Guild is offering two of her workshops:

- **Friday, October 2, 2009 - Free Motion Embroidery**
Using a machine that has zig-zag abilities, learn to add texture and detail that has your viewer wondering how you did that! We'll do fun techniques like creating cords, sew on beads, and even a dash of paint to get special effects.



(See Eckley, page 2)

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Ginny Eckley

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- Saturday, October 3, 2009 -

Print & Paint

Learn how to quickly create layers of imagery. We'll be dyeing, painting and printing to create depth and mystery. Techniques with dye will show you how to achieve a variety of textures, and how to get even colors. Using paint and silk-screens, we'll add detail and imagery.

Library News

Marte Keller, Librarian

The Guild recently purchased 11 exciting, new books for the library.

Layer Cake, Jelly Roll and Charm Quilts by Pam Lintott provides 17 beautiful projects that show you how to get the most from those pre-cut fabric bundles we all love.

For an easy creative approach to design, *Quilts on the Double: Dozens of Easy Strip-Pieced Designs* by Judy Hooworth & Margaret Rolfe takes one group of strip sets, cuts them into triangle units and then rearranges these into 15 spectacular quilts.

If you like to applique or would like tips on improving your technique, three new books really take applique up a notch: Sharon Schamber's & Christy Fincher's *Piece by Piece: Machine Applique*, Marsha Radtke's *A*

Baltimore Album: 25 Applique Patterns and Elly Sienkiewicz's *Baltimore Elegance: A New Approach to Classic Album Quilts*.

For those who would like a slightly different approach to the log cabin pattern, we have: *Judy Martin's Log Cabin Quilt*, Sara Nephew's and Marci Baker's *Not your Grandmother's Log Cabin* and Brenda Brayfield's *Log Cabin: Rediscovered by Machine*.

After Sharyn Craig's wonderful presentation at our April meeting we knew we needed to get a couple of her books. *Setting Solutions* and *Great Sets: 7 Roadmaps to Spectacular Quilts* are now part of our library.

Miniatures in Minutes: 24 Paper-Pieced Projects complete your Quilt with a Single Foundation by Terrie Sandelin provides fast and easy techniques for accurate paper piecing.

We are always adding books to the Guild's collection of more than 600 books either from donations or purchases. Stop by the Library table before any meeting and have a look. You can also find a listing of the books on the Guild's web site: <http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org>, click on "Events & Links" on the side bar and it will take you to the page that has the "Library Book Listings".

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Founder's and Silver Thimble Awards

Annually the Guild presents the Founder's and Silver Thimble Awards to Guild volunteers that are consistently giving of their time and talents to the Guild. Helena Hibbs initiated these awards in 1984 and we continue the practice today.

- **The Founder's Award** honors someone who has been a member of the Guild for at least five years and who has continued, throughout their membership, to further the mission and the goals of the Guild.
- **The Silver Thimble Award** honors those who have been members of the Guild for at least three years, and who have gone above and beyond in their volunteer duties during their service. Three awards are made each year.

The nominations for the recipients of these awards come from members of the Guild. If you would like to nominate a fellow Guild member for the either the Founder's or a Silver Thimble award please contact Marcia Hampton. **Nominations must be received by October 8th.**

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Be the first on your block to own a Quilt Celebration 2010 Tee shirt!

They will be available at the October Guild Meeting. In response to your requests, this year we will have a new line of women's tee shirts with a scoop neck in addition to our regular shirts. The ladies shirts will run about one size smaller than the unisex shirts so be sure and check the sizing. Stop by the Guild Store Table at the meeting and purchase your new Log Cabin Odyssey shirt so you can start wearing it now to advertise the 2010 show to all your friends and fellow quilters.

2010 Mini Auction Update

Bonnie McElearney (bonnie-mac@sbcglobal.net) and Mary Lord (world1explorer@aol.com)

Your support of the mini auction is truly awesome. Whether you have made a mini, volunteered to assist with the auction or bid on a mini . . . we couldn't do it without you. Thanks to all!!!

This year the Mini Auction Funds will be donated to **The Senior Source**. The Senior Source, a United Way Partner, will use the funds to support and train their volunteers who assist frail, vulnerable elderly citizens with personal and financial affairs. The Guardianship and Money Management Program volunteers visit and improve the quality of life of elder citizens who can no longer make safe, appropriate decisions for themselves. Volunteers visit twice a month to provide social contact and help prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Please consider creating a mini for this important

organization. With referrals that have recently increased over 48%, they will greatly benefit from your creativity.

Mini quilt guidelines include the following:

- No one side is larger than 25".
- Interior blocks can be no larger than 4 inches. Exceptions are made for original designs, whole cloth quilts, medallion quilts.
- Fusible products will be accepted with traditionally recognized finishing techniques, such as edges turned under or covered by stitching.
- A hanging sleeve must be sewn to the top of the back of the quilt.
- Attach a muslin label that includes the name, year made and any other appropriate information.

Workshops and Programs

Phyllis Rueckert, Vice President

I hope you have enjoyed the great programs this year. I am still thinking about our speaker last month, David Taylor, and all he has accomplished in 8 years. You may not have heard, but we had an unfortunate situation last month when David became very ill and couldn't teach one day of the two-day workshop. We had to go into Plan B. I would like to thank the wonderful attendees who were so cooperative and willing to be flexible. I admire their spirit. I think we can expect to see some lovely quilts from the David Taylor workshop at future meetings.

Did you know that the Guild contracts with the speakers more than a year in advance? We are working on 2011 right now. If you have a suggestion for a speaker or an idea for a program, please let me know. While I can't make any promises, we will definitely consider your suggestions. We would like some new ideas, so if you happen to hear about someone or you hear a good lecture or attend a fun class during the Houston International Quilt Festival later this month, get contact information, and pass it on!

Have you attended a workshop in 2009? There are just two meetings with workshops remaining this year. Give it a try! One just might change your life.

Coming November 5, 2009
Melody Crust

<http://www.melodycrust.com>

A nationally celebrated fabric artist, Melody Crust is renowned for her quilting talent. Her work has been shown in any number of juried shows and exhibitions, gathering awards as they go, and is coveted by private collectors around the world. She has traveled to virtually every part of the country, bringing her natural teaching ability and contagious enthusiasm to quilters everywhere. Her extremely

popular lectures and workshops are always well received - students often return again and again for another helping of her expertise!

Her book, *Quilt Toppings; Fun and Fanciful Embellishment Techniques*, taps into the strong emerging trend toward embellishment of quilt surfaces. Paint, foil, paint sticks, thread, crayons, buttons, ribbons and beads are all readily available, fun, easy and non-messy ways to add that final design element to traditional and non-traditional quilts.

Melody has appeared on both television and radio. In addition to her book, *A Fine Line: Techniques and Inspirations for Creating the Quilting Design*, co-written with Heather Waldron, her quilts and writings have been featured in dozens of books, magazines and other publications, including *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*, *Quilters World*, and *Patchwork Quilts*.

Her lecture is entitled: *Quilt Toppings-Fun and Fanciful Embellishments*. This lecture covers the same ground as her book of the same title (see above.) She will have many real examples to share.

Friday, November 6, 2009
Workshop

Eye Candy Quilts and Decorative Labels - Combining two of Melody's half-day workshops into a full day of fun.

- **Eye Candy Quilts**

Eye Candy quilts are stunning mini-quilts that are so much fun to make they should be illegal! They can be finished in practically no time and adding beads, buttons, ribbons, paint, feathers and a myriad of other commonly available materials is so fun and easy that ANY



quilter will be dazzled. Finished quilt will be about 2 ½ x 3 inches.

- **Decorative Labels**

Quilts personalized decoratively will enhance their value and interest with age. Using techniques developed for her pattern publications, Melody will help you to identify your quilts with



permanent, colorful and attractive labels!

Saturday,
November 7, 2009
Workshop

- **Simple Surfaces**

Learn all about paint sticks and foiling on fabric. Applying

foil or paint sticks to silk or cotton is easy, fun and permanent. This

informative hands-on workshop is for both traditional and non-traditional quilt and clothing makers.

Based on her book *Quilt Toppings; Fun and Fanciful Embellishment Techniques*.



Other Upcoming Programs

In December, we'll welcome Bob Purcell, president of Superior Threads, then we'll kick off the new year with north Texas applique artist Becky Goldsmith in January, followed by Judy Perez in February.

In closing, I'd like to say that I sincerely want to start to connect names and faces, so I can get to know the Guild members, so please introduce yourself when you see me.

Minutes for the General Meeting - September 3, 2009

- 185 members in attendance
- President Marcia Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:17pm.
- The door to the Kaplan Auditorium will be locked. To open the door, speak to the security person through the speaker at the door. Tell them that you are here for a quilting meeting and they will open the door.

General Announcements:

- Raffle tickets for the Breast Cancer Awareness are available for \$5.00 each.
- Used equipment that the Guild no longer needs is available (at 09/09 meeting); take what you need.
- Silver Thimble and Founders Awards will be given at the November meeting. Call or e-mail Marcia Hampton if you would like to nominate someone.

Committee Announcements:

- Jay Conrad announced that due to the swine flu epidemic, the Story Book Boxes project will be cancelled and the quilts will not be distributed.
- Shelly Ferguson announced the Sunshine and Shadows of our members.
- There is space available on the bus

that will be going to the Houston Quilt show on Sunday, October 18th.

- Pam Hanson, Membership, announced that the \$5.00 late fee for Guild renewals will begin after tonight. Packets will be mailed and or picked up at the November meeting. This year a 30th year anniversary pin will be enclosed in the packet.
 - Pam also thanked Mary Howard for serving as Sunshine and Shadows for 8 years.
 - Mary Lord and Bonnie McElearney, Co-Chairs for the Miniature Quilt Auction, announced *The Senior Source* will be this year's charity for the funds raised from the miniature quilt auction. You should have your miniature quilt turned in by January.
 - There will be a free paper piecing miniature quilt workshop held at Quilters Connection on September 20th 12:00-4:00pm. Several slots are still available for the workshop.
 - Phyllis Rueckert, Program Chairman, told a story about why you should come to the workshops.
- Upcoming Programs:*
- October: Ginny Eckley
 - November: Melody Crust
 - December: Bob Purcell

- Rhonda Anderson reported that the membership packets will now have 18 raffle tickets for \$15.00. Please return any extra tickets that did not sell.

The winners of the *Covers for Kids Challenge* were announced.

1st - Alisha Hake

2nd - Glenda McCune

3rd - Lu Peters

- Marla Kelsey showed the presidents quilt. The quilt will be given to Marcia Hampton at the end of her term next year.
- Marcia Wood's students showed their quilt projects.
- Phyllis Rueckert introduced our guest speaker, David Taylor, Quilt Artist from Steamboat Springs, Colorado.
- Drawing were held for door prizes and the meeting was adjourned.

HELP WANTED

A volunteer is needed to help each month at the workshop table from 6:30 p.m. until the meeting begins. A perk of this volunteer job is unlimited access to the workshop notebook.

Please apply to:

Marie Zaczkowski

marie.zaczkowski@verizon.net

or Phyllis Rueckert

phyllisrueckert@sbcglobal.net

Sunshine & Shadows

Shadows

- Frances Hafer's father passed away in August.
- Marie Head's husband had heart surgery this past month.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both of them.

Please send your news to Shelley Ferguson at shelly.ferguson@att.net or 214-300-9464.

Sunshine

- Lu Peters welcomed her first granddaughter, Margaret Hope, on July 30th.
- Marcia Wood welcomed a grandson, Owen William Wood.
- Shelly Goodwyn got married on August 9th to James Guibert.

Celebrating Our Creative Spirit

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft -
October 3-
December 24, 2009

Heading to Houston for the annual International Quilt Festival this month? Build some time into your schedule for a field trip to the Houston Center for Contemporary Arts on south Main Street.

The Texas Federation of Fiber Artists opened its biennial show, Celebrating Our Creative Spirit, at the Center on October 3. The show will remain on display through December 24, 2009.

The show features fiber art from Texas artists including two members of the Quilter's Guild of Dallas, Lu Peters and Jack Brockette, and was juried by textile artist Tim Harding.

You won't want to miss this outstanding exhibit of all types of fiber art including art quilts, embroidery, weaving, wearable art, beading, sculpture, and felting.

- Houston Center for Contemporary Craft
4848 Main Street
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10AM - 5PM, Tuesday - Saturday
12.00 - 5:00Pm Sunday

Pictured to the right:

- Top:
Through A Glass Darkly.
Jack Brockette
- Bottom:
Urban Reflections
a collaboration by
Lu Peters & Connie Akers

