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President's Note: Upcoming Guild Activities

Over the next few months, guild members will have a chance to participate in some of our special quilt making activities and I hope to see lots of participation. Watch your newsletter and come to monthly meetings for more details.

Rhonda Anderson, Chair for Covers for Kids, will provide fabric packets for the Covers for Kids Challenge. You will receive fabric that you incorporate into a quilt that will be donated to an organization that serves children.

Joan Wilson will introduce the next block contest. You will receive guidelines and create a block that is entered and judged in our quilt show. Yes, there is prize money for winning entries! After the show, the blocks are assembled into a quilt that becomes a part of the Guild's Keeper Collection, which is displayed each year at Quilt Celebration and will be part of Quiltmania II.

Joan and Val Hubbard are also leading the American

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May Speaker—Carol Lane-Saber

Ms. Lane-Saber was one of the first vendors at quilt shows of Japanese fabrics, and something of a pioneer for using these wonderful textiles in wearable art and quilts stateside. Her lecture, scheduled for May 1, 2008, is entitled *History and Development of Japanese Textiles*. It will provide an overview of the development of Japanese textiles to the present. To illustrate her lecture, she will be showing part of her collection of antique Japanese textiles. Since these fine fabrics have already been bequeathed to a museum collection, this will be one of the last opportunities to see them. Much of her knowledge was gleaned while living in Japan, befriending such Japanese design luminaries as Issey Miyake.

You may have met Carol and her husband at Dallas Quilt Celebration. If you drooled over those patterns or fabrics in their booth, you'll have another opportunity to drool AND buy during the meeting. It won't be as much merchandise as during the show, but enough to whet your appetite for working on your 2009 block contest entry. (hint-hint-hint!) In case you want to peruse her website, the address is: <http://www.saberdesigns.cc/> .

May Meeting

Thursday May 1, 2008

Congregation Shearith

Israel

9401 Douglas Ave

Dallas TX 75225

Southeast Intersection of the Dallas

North Tollway and Walnut Hill Ln.

Meeting will be called to
order at 7:15pm

Don't Forget List: what to bring to the next meeting

- Your membership card
- Quilts for community service

Guild Mailing Address:
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Quilt Society Ultimate Guild Challenge for 2009. The Dallas Guild is a past winner of this competition, but in recent years we have not had as many participants. We have a great theme this year and we are introducing the challenge early so you will have more time to create your entry.

And I would like to add a challenge of my own. We are greatly in need of larger quilts for older children. While I know that it is much easier to make a quilt for a small child, the organizations we give quilts to also have older children in need of the comfort a quilt can provide. If you are like me, having enough fabric to make a quilt for an older child doesn't present any problem, but if you are in need of fabric, Rhonda Anderson has a great supply of donated fabric and she will be glad to select fabrics for you from the Guild's stash. She also has some patterns for simple quilts you can make.

All of these projects challenge you to create a quilt and use your best quilt making skills to complete it. We introduce these projects at this time of year so that you can get them done before the rush to finish your quilt show entry. I hope every guild members will accept at least one of these challenges.

Jay Conrad is going to be ordering books for Storybook Boxes. If you have a request for a certain book please let her know. Also, if you'd like Jay to visit your small group to talk about the project, please send an email. Thank you.

Jay Conrad, Education Chair email: jconrad29@tx.rr.com



Sunshine and Shadows

Mary E Howard
mehoward77@verizon.net

Paula White has had a mild stroke.
Mel Hauer's mother, Mildred Hauer, died April 12.
Ann Beecher's mother, Loretta Brown, died April 13.

Please let me know whenever you hear of a sunshine or shadow. I do NOT mind getting multiple notices. Also the directory listing for me has my old email address. Please correct your copy with the one above.

Remember that a simply card with your note can make a world of difference! Please keep these members and their families in your prayers.

A special thanks to the Nimble Thimbles friendship group for helping at the May meeting.

Guild Calendar

- May 1, 2008—Guild Meeting
- May 22, 2008—Board Meeting
- June 5, 2008—Guild Meeting
- June 19, 2008—Board Meeting
- July 3, 2008—Guild Meeting

Rhonda Anderson, Nominating Chair, has filled all vacant positions with candidates for the 2008-2009 Guild year. Watch your mailbox in mid May, for a list of the candidates, their bio's, and a postcard for you to make your vote heard!

Upcoming Programs:

- May: Carol Saber
- June: Nancy Eha
- July: Trash to Treasures Sale
- August: Karen McTavish
- September: Frieda Anderson
- October: Gerald Roy
- Nov: Make it but don't take it



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Programs & Workshops—Judy Kriehn

Well, first of all, I apologize for the unexpected changes to our programming in February and March. Our February 2008 speaker, Sharyn Craig had to cancel due to family illness, and our March 2008 speaker, Marcia Kaylakie, reported bad weather conditions en route to Dallas, leading us to decide to not only tell her to turn around and go back home, but to cancel the meeting altogether, as we didn't want our members braving bad roads after dark. On a positive note, we already have commitments from both for rebookings. , Sharyn had actually planned to retire from the road in December this year but is making an exception for us. She will join us in April 2009 to speak and teach! Marcia will be joining us in June 2009.

In the case of the February program, I was able to secure the "last minute speaker" services of my good friend Carol Morrissey. I know you all enjoyed her funny presentation as much as I did, and judging by the pattern sales, there should be some pretty quilts made with "enFUSEiasm" coming for the 2009 show, right?

So... What's do you have to look forward to now?

May 2008 —Carol Lane-Saber: see page 1 for details

June 2008—Nancy Eha: One of the trailblazers in gorgeous surface design using beads is Nancy Eha (www.beadcreative.com). She has published two books, *Off the Beadin' Path* and *Bead Creative Art Quilts*. I had the opportunity to take a class from Nancy at the Houston International Quilt Festival, and I was amazed at the wonderful surface designs that resulted from her instruction. My pals were pretty envious as well... Her lecture will be *Beads Make the Quilt*. Beads can add color, texture, sparkle and interest to quilts. Beads can also transcend their customary role of mere embellishment and become a primary element of the quilt design. Expand your understanding of fabric beading as you explore a plenitude of possibilities by

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be April 24 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at Quilting Design Studio, 624 Haggard St, Ste 707, Plano TX. It is located on the East side of Central Expressway between 15th St and Park at the corner of Ave G and Haggard St.

If you have an item for the agenda please contact the guild president at president@quiltersguildofdallas.org

Useful Email Contacts in the Guild

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Outstanding Volunteer - Yellow Rose Award

Earlier this year, a Yellow Rose Award was presented to Joan Wilson of Plano, one of our outstanding volunteers.

Joan is an accomplished quilter and recently put her quilting skills to work to help create a beautiful quilt for the Making Memories project. Her volunteer activities for the Dallas guild are many. She is always an active show volunteer and in recent years has been in charge of sponsorships for the show. She has helped with the guild's programs and workshops; often assisting at the speaker's mercantile. She chaired the block contest for 2007, titled Vintage Postcards and completed a wonderful quilt from the blocks that were entered. She is also chairing the Block contest and the AQS challenge for 2009.

In addition to all she has does for the Dallas guild, she is also an active member of the Plano guild, including serving a term as their president. She is a member of the Plano guild's daytime community service friendship group.

This has been a difficult year for Joan personally, but in spite of this, she has continued to serve our guild in many ways. The night the award was presented to Joan, she was helping take in show entries and didn't realize the award was being presented until she heard her name at the end.

Note: The guild presents a Yellow Rose award to thank and recognize members who go above and beyond in their volunteer activities. We give this award to members who work behind the scenes with no expectation of recognition. If you know someone who deserves this award, submit your nominations to comments@quiltersguildofdallas.org.

Texas Department of Agriculture Quilt Block Competition

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) has announced the theme of their 2008 quilt block competition, *Texas Wine: Toast a Rising Star* and Dallas guild members are invited to participate.

This theme provides TDA and quilters from around the state the opportunity to recognize the history and growth of the Texas Wine industry through the use of beautiful natural fabrics, including cotton and wool. Each packet also includes suede, a nontraditional quilting material that creates a distinctively textured look.

You may submit an entry as a group or individually. To defray the contest expenses, TDA is requesting a \$12 donation for each material packet requested.

If you need more information contact TDA at (877) 99GO-TEX or gotexanquilts@tda.state.tx.us or to download a participant form, visit the Quilt Block Competition page at www.gotexan.org. The deadline for submissions is June 5, 2008.

To view the TDA Quilt Block Competition Collection, visit them online at www.gotexan.org.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
April 23, 2008, 7:00pm	Jennifer Chiaverini will be reading and signing her book <i>The Winding Ways Quilt</i> at the Barnes and Noble Bookshop on Northwest Highway in Dallas
April 25-26, 2008	Mayfest 2008 Quilt Show "Fabulous Florals" Info at www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org
May 9-10, 2008	Quilters Guild of Arlington "Black and white and REaD all over" Info at www.qgoa.org
July 25-27, 2008	"Threads of Our Past" New Braunfels TX Info at www.newbraunfelsareaquiltguild.org

Programs & Workshops continued

numerous well known and lesser-known art quilters who explore diverse beading/fabric techniques and subject matter.

It was tough deciding what workshops to offer (she has several that fascinated the members I asked for input), but after deliberation, I settled on two I think will appeal to many people. Both workshops will be held at the First Bank of Canyon Creek Community Room (near the intersection of US 75 (Central Expressway) and Arapaho at 429 Belle Grove – next to the US Post Office.)

- Friday, June 6, 2008 – Crazy Beading**
 Learn to replicate traditional Crazy Quilt needlework embroidery stitches with seed beads. Coined "Crazy Beading" by Nancy. Then explore embellishment options including petals, leaves, and grapes. Beaded edging options and fringe will also be covered.
- Saturday, June 7, 2008 – Organic Beading**
 Go beyond your understanding of sewing beads on fabric. Explore dimensional fabric beading techniques, mostly developed by the instructor. Learn sticky lollipops, beaded coils, attaching cabochons with beads and more! Leave with a unique abstract/organic creation while learning and applying a myriad of textural beading techniques on your small art quilt.

July is fast approaching – which means the annual "Trash to Treasures" sale will soon be here. We are hammering out details for a slightly different format for the sale, and will have information available in the next newsletter.

- Judy

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