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May 5, 2011
Program:
Tom Russell

My Journey into Quilting

What to bring to meeting:

- Membership Card
- Library Books you've borrowed
- Items for "Bring 'n Brag"

What a wonderful time was had by all attending Gwen Marston's workshops. We were very fortunate to have quilters from Longview, Tyler, Houston, Oklahoma City and San Angelo make the trip to participate alongside Guild members! I was personally blown away by the creativity demonstrated in the quilt tops that were generated in both sessions. Even the "traditionalists" in attendance found their inner creativity and were dancing and strutting their stuff as they auditioned their absolutely beautiful creations on the design walls. It's such a shame that our entire guild membership wasn't able to take advantage of the opportunity to work along side Gwen.

In May, we will be treated to the creativity of **Tom Russell** from Katy, TX. Tom is an award-winning quilter who only started his quilting journey in 2000. He has been featured on Alex Anderson's "Simply Quilts" and was selected by Alex to participate in one of her quilt challenges. Tom has designed patterns for HGTV and appeared on Quilt Central on PBS. His work has also found its way into "Quilter's Newsletter Magazine," "The Quilter" and "Quilting Arts".

Tom will present a lecture on his journey into quilting and do a one-day workshop Friday, May 6th called "Scrapbag Bouquet." This is a great opportunity to not only learn from a very talented quilter, but to find creative ways to use your SCRAPS, and I know everyone has some. You know, all those little pieces we just can't toss because either the fabric cost too much or "it's just too pretty a color or print" that we have to hang onto it. Just go to our website and download the supply list to see how little it takes to make a truly beautiful SCRAP QUILT with a wonderful cheery design. *Editors Note: think Mini-Quilt Auction - 2012!*

In June, prepare to be dazzled by **Marti Michell,** creator of the "Perfect Patchwork Templates" and her "From Marti Michell" line of acrylic templates and specialty rulers for rotary cutting. If you have ever needed a tool to make that challenging design, Marti has made the perfect set to help you. She is the recipient of the 2004 "Silver Star Honoree" lifetime achievement award at Houston International Quilt Festival for being a pioneer of the current quilt revival.

Her lecture will be "Tools, Top Tips and Secrets". Friday's workshop is a must for anyone who has a UFO or quilt top in progress needing to be quilted as it is "Quilt as you Sew". Saturday she will walk us through "Hexagons, American Style". No English Paper Piecing here.

Don't forget to check out our website for a list of all the speakers we have scheduled through 2012. If their workshops aren't listed and you need it right away, just let me know and I'll email you a copy. I'm still waiting on a few before getting them posted.

Advertising in QGD Online

Sizes and pricing are posted on the Guild website in a PDF file.
www.quiltersGuildofdallas.org/news/newsletter.htm

New Member Welcome Party

Who's Invited?

Members who joined the Guild during the past two years (or who have never attended a new member welcome party) and anyone interested in joining the Guild are invited.

When?

Sunday, May 8, 2011
2 PM to 3:30 PM

Where?

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

- Learn about the Guild
- Sign up for workshops at a discount
- Find a quilting friendship group
- Enjoy refreshments and social time with other quilters
- Learn about volunteer opportunities with the Guild
- Door prizes

For more information, contact **Lut De Meulder** - lutdemeulder@tx.rr.com

Sunshine & Shadows

- Ann Reznicek's father passed away in February. Cleola Green's sister passed away recently.
- Send your info to Shelley Ferguson at 214-300-9464 or shelley.ferguson@att.net

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It's Not a Quilt Until It's Quilted

Marte Keller and Martha Smith, Guild Librarians

"It's not a quilt until it's quilted" - so goes the famous line from Shirley Thompson. Our library has 18 excellent and very different books filled with ideas on how to finish your quilt.

- ***Quilting with Carol Armstrong,*** 30 Quilting Patterns by Carol Armstrong uses quilting lines rather than pieced blocks to define traditional patterns such as bow tie or grandmother's fan.
- ***Quilter's Book of Design*** by Ann Johnston's describes how to design unique quilting patterns.
- ***Pepper Cory's Quilting Pattern Collection*** contains 60 patterns from 2 out of print books with step by step photos.
- ***Heirloom Machine Quilting*** by Harriet Hargrave provides a comprehensive guide to hand quilting effects using your sewing machine.
- ***A Modern Mix: Machine & Hand Quilting*** by Anita Shackelford combines both techniques to create more visual interest.

We also have 2 of the Dear Helen series on quilting patterns and a basic beginners quide by Kathy Sanbach: ***Show Me How to Machine Quilt.***

For the complete list of books on quilting patterns and machine quilting or to view a list of the more than 1000 books in our library, go to the Guild's web site: http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org, click on "Events & Links" and select "Library Book Listings".

Remember to bring back all your checked-out-books this month. After an extra month of reading, it's time to find some new ones. **Happy Reading!**

Quilt Ideas
"For Great Beginnings"

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Measure your quilts before you come to the **Mesquite Quilt Show June 25th and 26th.**

In our booth, we will have all kinds of ways to hang and display your quilts.

Bring a big car.

Quilt Clamps (all sizes) 18" - 96" long
Quilt Ladders small & large (holds 5-10 Quilts)
Mini Quilt Holders 10" - 38" long
2 Sided Folding Screens (holds 10 Quilts)
3 Sided Folding Screens (holds 18 Quilts)
Small Ruler Holders and Large to fit
Regular & Long Arm Quilter's Rulers
Wall Mount Ruler Holders
Spool Thread Holders - - Thread Spool Inserts
Folded Quilt Holder, Hearts & Texas
Quilters Mega Ironing Boards w/cover 22" x 60"

The packets for the

2011 Covers for Kids Challenge

were available at the April Guild meeting.
Only a few packets remain.
For $5.00, you'll get a large piece of cat-themed fabric, along with two coordinates.
When you turn in your completed quilt (by the August 2011 Board Meeting,) you'll get your money back!
Contact Rhonda Anderson
at abusyquilter@tx.rr.com if interested!

Come Sew With Us!

Covers for Kids Workshops

Saturday, May 28 **Saturday, June 25** **Saturday, July 23**

If you would like to join the fun at any or all of the workshops listed above,
contact **Covers for Kids Chairman, Rhonda Anderson**
via email at abusyquilter@tx.rr.com and her home phone # is 972-680-3582.
Workshops are held at the **Hancock's** store at the southeast corner of
Hwy 78 (Lavon Drive) and Naaman School Road in Garland near Firewheel Town Center.

The Hancock's classroom is SMALL. Hence the RSVP Requirement!

Miniature Quilt Auction Report

Bonnie McElearney
Mary Lord,
Co-Chairmen

This year's miniature quilt auction was incredibly successful. Thanks to all this year's participants—the quilters, volunteer and buyers. These are some of the statistics:

- $8452 is the total raised
- $99.44 was average amount paid for a mini. An increase of 28.7% over last year.
- 3 quilts were sold for over $400.00
- $475 was the amount paid for Katie Pasquini Masopaust's Summer Moss
- Marilyn Dickson received the viewer's choice award. Her quilt *'Boots Outdoors'* sold for $430
- 11 trading cards earned $445. The average card sold for $44.50
- Highest trading card, 'Flashy Fish' sold for $62.50
- 85 quilts were donated by 69 quilters
- 14 miniatures were donated by the individuals who attended the mini workshop
- smallest quilt donated was 3 ½" x 5"

Priceless---members enthusiasm and support

Everyone's mini makes a difference. We will be hosting another mini workshop at Quilters' Connection. Details will follow in the June Newsletter.

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."

Through May 22, 2011

"Marseille White Corded Quilting"

Hours:
Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 AM-4:30 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM-4:30 PM

Where:
International Quilt Study Center
Lincoln, Nebraska

Information:
http://www.quiltstudy.org/exhibitions/online_exhibitions/marseilles.html

Admission:
$6.00

Details:
The first major display in the world of all-white quilted and corded French needlework.

May 6-7, 2011

"A Floral Fantasy" Quilter's Guild of Arlington

Hours:
10 am - 5 pm

Where:
Bob Duncan Community Center
2800 S. Center St • Arlington

Admission:
$6.00/person; free parking

Details:
Judged show of 200 quilts, miniature quilt silent auction, appraisals, vendors

Information:
ww.QGOA.org

May 27-29, 2011

"It's All About Texas" - The Hill Country Quilt Guild's biennial show (Memorial Day Weekend)

Where:
Schreiner University
2100 Memorial Blvd.
Kerrville, TX

Details:
200+ wonderful judged quilts

Information
Email: ridgway.helen@gmail.com
Phone: Quilt Show Chairmen
Becky 830-895-4822 or
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July 9, 2011

Rally Day Texas Association of Quilt Guilds

Hours:
9 AM – 3:30 PM

Where:
Mimosa Lane Baptist Church
1233 Belt Line Road
Mesquite, TX

Admission:
Free to members of a TAQG member Guild (including Quilter's Guild of Dallas members)

(see details listed on page 5 of this newsletter)

2010 Raffle Quilt Winner

Shirley Lam, 2010 Raffle Ticket Sales Coordinator

Marlene Cummings of Poland Springs, Maine (shown in the photo,) was the lucky winner of the 2011 Raffle Quilt *"Stars in My Garden."* She and her husband had been visiting their daughter in Rockwall when she attended the quilt show. She purchased 6 tickets just thinking she was making a contribution to the Dallas Guild and was so surprised to have bought the winning ticket. She loves the quilt and is so happy to be able to take it home and show to her other quilting friends.

Yes, she is "quilt worthy" as she has been a quilter since 2002 and has been sewing since the 1960's, having also worked as a tailor. She truly appreciates the wonderful workmanship in the raffle quilt. She is a member of the Scraps and Patches Quilt Guild in Poland Springs as well as a member of the state-wide Pine Tree Quilters Guild, which hosts an annual quilt show.

Show Chairperson Carol Dickschat and Raffle Quilt Co-Chairman, Nina Hall, checked to see if I really gave the quilt to the winner, knowing how much I loved it. Yes, Carol and Nina, I really did give it to her. And here's the photo to prove it!

A Few Items Remain...

The official 2011 Show Tote Bags featured the slogan "Eat, Sleep, Quilt", combined with the stars from the show logo is silk screened on the side. Our visitors snapped them up - but there are still a few available if any members missed out.

We also have a few 2011 Show T-shirts remaining in some (but not all) sizes.

We'd much rather sell you guys the leftovers than put them in storage for a year. (Note from the editor: The 2011 show shirts I bought from the Guild store are easily my favorite shirts - and not just because I designed the logo... The ladies-sizing makes them fit soooo much nicer than previous "unisex" shirts.)

Stop by the Guild Store table at the the next meeting and snag a bag and a comfy shirt for your summer vacation!

TAQG Rally Day

Saturday, July 9, 2011
9 am - 3 pm
Mimosa Lane Baptist Church
1233 Belt Line Rd • Mesquite, TX

Featuring:
Lectures • Classes • Door Prizes
Goody Bags • Raffle Quilts
Raffle Baskets
Miniature Quilt Auction

Guest Lecturer:
Terry Clothier Thompson
Quilt artist, writer, pattern and fabric designer for Moda Fabrics, and contributer to the book *Quilts of the Civil War*

Minutes for the **General Meeting** on April 7, 2011

Michelle Sauerbrei
Guild Secretary

- 137 members and guest attended the meeting at the Atrium in Garland.
- President Marla Kelsey opened the meeting at 7:15pm.
- She announced that the new member tea will be held soon in Richardson. (specifics are on page 2 of this newsletter.)
- Marla also read two thank you notes received from show winners.

Committee Reports and Announcements

- Valerie Hubbard and the nominating committee are looking for nominees for next year's board.
- Joan Wilson, Programs, pointed out the beautiful raffle quilt brought by the Kingwood area quilt guild. Joan also told the members about the upcoming speakers and their workshop.
- Marcia Hampton, gave ribbons to the winners of the block contest.
- Marie Zaczkowski, TAQG representative, announced the upcoming **Rally Day** for Saturday, July 9th at Mimosa Baptist Church in Mesquite. Terry Thompson will be having two workshops. See Marie for boxed lunch and raffle basket tickets.
- Happy Johns said she is taking reservations for the upcoming bus trips to Houston. Two day trip is $250.00 and Sunday only is $70.00. See Happy for complete details. *(note: not sponsored by Guild)*
- Shelley Ferguson, membership chair reminded members that the guild membership runs from September to August. Shelley also announced the *Sunshine and Shadows* of members.
- Rhonda Anderson, has packets for the Covers for Kids challenge. Packets are $5.00 each which is refunded when a completed quilt is turned in. During the August board meeting, the board will judge and pick the winner of the challenge. Also the Cover for Kids April workshop has been cancelled but the May workshop is scheduled.
- Carol Dickschat said the show committee Wrap Up party location has changed. She also stated that 8,167 people attended the show. Approximately, $7,500.00 was raised from the quilt auction. Proceeds from the raffle quilt is $6,600.00. Carol re-introduced the show chair for 2012, Terry Reese, and announced that Marie Zaczkowski will be the co-chair. The show theme will be "In Full Bloom."
- President Marla Kelsey distributed the Yellow Rose award to Cleola Green and the Founders Award to Valerie Hubbard.
- Various members brought bring and brag.
- Joan Wilson announced our speaker Gwen Marston, publisher, and fabric designer from Beaver Island, Michigan.
- Door prizes were drawn and the meeting ended.