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September Meeting

When:

- **Thursday, September 4, 2008**
  Doors open at 6:30 pm
  Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Where:

- Congregation Shearith Israel
  Topletz Auditorium
  9401 Douglas Ave
  Dallas TX 75225
  (southeast corner of Dallas North Tollway and Walnut Hill Lane)

What to Bring:

- Current membership card
- Membership form and 2008-09 dues *(if you haven't already renewed)*
- Completed projects for Community Service
- Completed blocks for *Block Challenge 2009*
- $$$ to shop the Frieda Anderson Mercantile, the Guild Store, and/or to purchase Alex Anderson lecture tickets

October Meeting

to be held in
ALTERNATE LOCATION
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IRVING ARTS CENTER
3333 N. MacArthur Blvd.
Irving, TX
http://www.irvingartscenter.com/

Frieda Anderson presenting September Program for Guild

On Thursday, September 4th, we welcome Frieda Anderson. Frieda is a founder and faculty member of the reknowned "Chicago School of Fusing," along with compadres Laura Wasilowski and Melody Johnson. While she doesn't make up and sing funny songs like Laura does, based on the quality time we've spent together thus far, I think she's just as funny, and will be just as much fun to spend time with. Her lecture will be "Walks in the Woods with George," her Jack Russell terrier. In this Powerpoint presentation, you'll see how ideas for quilts have been derived from nature. Learn how the daily walks with George affect her quilting and subject matter.

Like our other presenters, the Frieda Anderson mercantile store will be open for business with patterns and fabrics for sale, and quilts on display. We will be meeting in the Topletz Auditorium; the one near the north parking lot at Shearith Israel. Be there or be square!

Workshops:

- **Friday Workshop: *Trumpeting Spring***
  The project in this class will be a small floral quilt celebrating the bright colors of spring. At this writing, only two spaces remain available, so if you have wanted to take a class from Frieda, contact Marie Zaczkowski ASAP!
- **Saturday Workshop: *Laughing Leaves and Frieda's Fun Freemotion Quilting***
  This class is FULL - with a wait list started. (ya snooze, ya lose!)

MEMBERSHIP HAIKU:

Avoid the Late Fee; In the Directory Be. (Don't Miss this Last Chance!)

Membership renewals are late after September 4, 2008. Bring your renewal to the September meeting, or have it postmarked by 09/04/08 to **avoid the $5 late fee.**

Forms are available on the guild website.

Marcia Wood, VP - Membership

Now I Get to Sit Up Front Where I can HEAR!

Judy Kriehn - the former (dead duck?)
VP for Programs/Workshops

I got distracted last month and never got an article written for the newsletter. I had a big plan for a farewell tribute to myself, but dang. Missed the deadline... However, I'd be remiss if I didn't take an opportunity to thank some Guild members who've helped me survive my sentence. Oops, I mean my term of office. **Barbara Hartman** called in several favors from friends to get us some outstanding programming, and also did many airport pickups for me. **Marie Zaczkowski** has been my sympathetic ear and the person to keep the paperwork in order (since we both know I can generate it but can't organize it very well.) She's also invested a lot of time getting workshops setup and closed down, shuttled speakers to and from the airport, taken them to dinner when needed, and otherwise helped keep me on track. **Marcia Hampton** was invaluable as the sit-in manager for the "speaker mercantile" – helping the visiting teachers market their books and wares before and after meetings. Many individual members volunteered to help host speakers – airport pickups and deliveries, lunch or dinner companions, errand-running, hotel dropoffs and pickups... And of course, I'm especially appreciative of those of you who decided to take a workshop or two during the past two years. It has helped defray the cost of bringing in the high-quality programming that Guild members have come to expect.

Marilyn Dickson takes over for me with the September meeting. Please be as supportive of her as you've been of me. My size 9 clodhoppers are evidently big shoes to fill, but I know you will help make it a rewarding experience for her, as you did for me!

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Quilt Shows and Events Calendar

- September 12-13, 2008
  Washington Quilt Show
  Southwest Quilters' Association
  Washington, AR
  870/983-2684
- September 16, 2008
  An Evening with Alex Anderson
  See article on page 3 in this newsletter for additional information.
- September 18-20, 2008
  Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild Show
  Springfield, MO
  www.ozarkpiecemakers.com
- September 19-21, 2008
  For Love of Quilting
  Trinity Valley Quilters' Guild of Fort Worth
  Fort Worth, TX
  www.tvqg.org
- September 19-21, 2008
  Shades of Texas Quilt Show 2008
  Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild
  Killeen, TX
  www.cttquiltguild.org
- September 19-20, 2008
  Tomorrow's Keepsakes
  Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild
  Sulphur Springs, TX
- September 26, 2008-April 1, 2009
  Quilt Mania
  18 quilt exhibits at venues in the Dallas/Fort Worth area
  www.quiltmania.org
- September 26-28, 2008
  A Legacy of Quilts – Pearls of Wisdom for Our First 30 Years
  Austin Area Quilt Guild +
  Austin, TX
  www.aaqg.org
- October 3-4, 2008
  Threads of Texas
  Town and Country Quilt Guild
  Stephenville, TX
- October 3-5, 2008
  Silver Anniversary Quilt Show
  Red River Quilters
  Shreveport, LA
  www.redriverquilters.com
- October 10-11, 2008
  Quilt Celebration 2008
  Mineola League of the Arts and Material Girls Quilt Guild
  Mineola, TX
  www.mlota.org
- October 30-November 2, 2008
  International Quilt Festival
  Houston, TX
  www.quilts.com

Editorial Comments...

With this edition of QGD Online, you are gaining a new editor. Martha Wolf is putting her focus on the website. Since I, Judy Kriehn, am no longer beating the bushes for Guild speakers and/or program ideas, I agreed to take it on. So – instead of hearing me blather random thoughts and opinions, you will now be forced to read them. Over and over and over. It'll be a lot like that old television show - The Outer Limits: Do not attempt to adjust your set. I will be controlling the horizontal and the vertical. Bwah-ha-ha!

Seriously, though... If the newsletter were not an online undertaking, I probably wouldn't have agreed to do it. Getting a publication to press is HARD WORK! You guys owe our past newsletter editors a really big round of applause for ensuring that you got to read Guild news on a regular basis over the years.

Judy Kriehn - jkriehn@verizon.net

16th Annual Miniature Quilt Auction

Now is the time to start thinking about the miniature quilt you plan to donate to the 2009 Miniature Quilt Auction – an exciting part of Quilt Celebration 2009!

Don't know how to make a mini? Let us help you! The Miniature Quilt Auction Committee is sponsoring a workshop at:

- *Quilters Connection*
  9658 Plano Road in Dallas
  (southeast corner of Plano Rd & Walnut Hill Ln)

The workshop will be held on **Sunday, Sept 14, 2008** from 1:00 -5:00 pm. The focus of the workshop will be the process of making paper-pieced miniature quilts, but patterns for traditionally made miniatures will also be available. The workshop is being offered at *NO CHARGE* for members of the Quilters Guild of Dallas. This workshop is appropriate for everyone; from the novice who has never paper-pieced, to the most experienced paper-piecing maniac, who just wants dedicated time to work on their creation for the auction.

We will have several quilters who are very experienced in paper-piecing to instruct and help you with questions and/or problems. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn a new skill or just get a head start on your mini for the auction. You may bring your own fabrics and pattern or purchase a book and supplies at the *Quilters Connection.* The gals there would love to help you make your selections.

The workshop is limited to 12 students and there are an only a few places left. Please contact *Quilters Connection* at 214-343-1440, to reserve your seat at the workshop and get a supply list. Thank you to Shelley Chappell for her generosity in allowing us to use her shop to hold this ***no-cost workshop*** for our members.

Alex Anderson is Coming to Dallas!

Celebrate your love of quilting and enjoy an evening with Alex Anderson on Tuesday, September 16. You probably recognize Alex as a quilt designer, author, and as the host of *Simply Quilts* a popular broadcast on HGTV for several years. Alex's current endeavors include:

- *The Quilt Connection*, a podcast that is dedicated to quilt related topics, including instruction, events, interviews, questions & answers and much, much more.
- *The Quilt Show,* the world's first interactive video/web magazine and blog for quilters, co-hosted by Alex & Ricky Tims.

The Dallas-area presentation will take place on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm at the Richardson Civic Center located at 411 Arapaho Rd. at Hwy. 75 (Central Expressway). Doors open at 5:00 PM. The event is sponsored by Bernina of Dallas but tickets are available through the Quilter's Guild of Dallas for the reduced price of $18.** (Full price for the tickets is $25.)

Alex is not only a renowned celebrity and an authority on quilting, but also an inspiring and captivating speaker. You will return to your quilting with new motivation and renewed energy.

To purchase a ticket through the Quilter's Guild of Dallas, send check payable to Quilter's Guild of Dallas for $18 to the address below or contact:

- Marie Zaczkowski
  1105 Meadow Lane
  Sachse, TX 75048
  Phone: 972/495-7596
  Cell: 214/957-7190
  e-mail: marie.zaczkowski@verizon.net

*** If you already purchased a ticket at the August QGD meeting, you will receive a $2 refund when you pick up your ticket at the September meeting. We were able to acquire additional tickets at a larger discount since then.*

New Friendship Group Forming in Grapevine Area

Do you live near Grapevine?

Do you love quilting, conversations and sharing ideas with others?

Be part of a new evening Friendship Group!

For more information, contact:

Mary Severs
mstukes2@hotmail.com
817-251-4847

Are you looking for the assistance of a professional to help you with that special quilt project?

Have acquaintances asked if you know someone who could help them finish Grandma's quilt?

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Resource List

Available Online

www.quiltersguildofdallas.org

Sunshine & Shadow

Mary E Howard – 972-530-0197 • mehoward77@verizon.net

- Joan Cowdrey's husband died in July.
- Nina Hall's husband passed away on August 30th.
- Susan Grigsby had heart bypass surgery in Denver in July and is now recovering nicely.
- Thanks to the Cotton Club Friendship Group for helping out at the August meeting.

Please let me know whenever you hear of a sunshine or shadow.

Programs & Workshops

Those of you who missed the August meeting with Karen McTavish missed a side-splittingly funny lecture, and a slew of wonderful quilts to look at as well. (Don't miss the opportunity to laugh with Frieda this month!)

In **October,** we will be meeting at an ALTERNATE LOCATION: The Irving Arts Center. The Center is located on MacArthur Blvd. a little ways north of Hwy 183. Our guest speaker will be the legendary Gerald Roy. He will be giving a lecture entitled "Yesterday's Failures - Today's Treasures." This focuses on one of the exhibits on display at the center as part of Quiltmania II. *Blending the Old and New: Quilts By Paul D. Pilgrim* is a collection of quilts made by Gerald's late, great partner, Paul Pilgrim. Mr. Roy donated the collection to the Museum of the American Quilter's Society (MAQS) who have loaned it to the Irving venue through November 9th. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the quilts from someone who is intimately acquainted with each one.

While he is in town, the Irving Arts Center will be offering other events with Mr. Roy, so be sure to check their online calendar for more details. www.irvingartscenter.com

November will bring our annual *"Make It (but don't Take It)"* easy-peasy quilt block making seminars. Several Guild members will have stations set up around the room, where each will be teaching a simple piecing technique that can be used for kids quilts. Our main objective is to get blocks made for the Guild "Covers for Kids" charities, but in the process, you get to pick up some easy ideas for quilts you can whip together.

Upcoming Programs:

September
Frieda Anderson

October
Gerald Roy

November
Make It (But Don't Take It)

December
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2009 Annual Guild Retreat

Kay Cox and Mary Lord- Co-chairs

Even though it's still summer (and hot!), we are already thinking about the wonderful cool days at Tanglewood on Lake Texoma for our annual Guild Retreat. Since the early 1980s the Guild has offered this fun opportunity for us to "run away from home". We know there are lots of smaller retreat opportunities, but this is the big one, the "Big Kahuna" of quilt retreat opportunities. It's an opportunity for all the Guild friendship groups and individuals to come together, get to know each other, and PARTY! Oh. And do a lot of sewing, as well...

Now is the time to start making your plans!

The retreat will begin on Thursday, January 15th and conclude on Monday, January 18th. (This timeframe falls during the long weekend that includes the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.) You have the option of one, two, three, four, or even five days of sewing – finishing up that show quilt, putting the finishing touches on that mini-auction contribution, dreaming about new projects, talking, eating, relaxing, and just enjoying being far away from our daily routines. If you have not participated in the past, please let us tell you more about it.

If you will be sharing a room, be aware that the hotel rooms have either one king bed or 2 queen beds. No rooms have 3 beds. Everyone in the room must pay for the same number of nights.

The registration form is now available to download from the Guild Activities section of the website. You can even fill it out online before printing it! Please get your reservations and payments to us by mid-November. Mary and Kay are listed in the directory and welcome your questions or comments. If there is something special you would like to see included this year, please let us know about it.

HAPPY QUILTING!

Storybook Box Project

I will have one "Box" ready to deliver to a school after the September meeting. I know others are working on a quilt, and look forward to seeing how many more Boxes I can complete.

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Harriet Hargrave	Fri & Sat Aug. 22-23 9AM-4PM FULL	Machine Quilting $150
Harriet Hargrave	Sun & Mon Aug 24-25 9AM-4PM	Machine Quilting $150
Anita Bradshaw	Wed, Sept 17 9AM-4PM	Fusible Stained Glass $ 45
Meg Hawkey	Wed, Oct 29 or Thur, Oct 30 10PM-4PM	Hand Embroidery $ 50

PLEASE register early for events to guarantee your spot and ensure that the teacher will travel to our shop!

Register on our website and select "Opt In" for Specials and Coupons!

Dallas Quilt Celebration 2009

Valerie Hubbard, Vice President – Show, hosted the first meeting of the 2009 Show Committee at *Quilters Connection.* Since it is early in the game, there were not many committees with reports to be made. However, Fran Casey is hard at work on the Pre-Show Information Brochure, and is putting finishing touches on artwork designs for promotional items such as bumper stickers and bookmarks.

Several committee chairmen would welcome helpers. If you've secretly wanted to be part of this fun committee, let Val know. There are "perks," such as a unique committee t-shirt (not available in ANY store!) and a commemorative charm for your volunteer service.

Our judges this year will be John Flynn, Katie Pasquini-Masopust and Elsie Campbell.

Theresa Cunningham, coordinator of the Guild Store, has been poring through catalogues looking for interesting items to feature in the store. If you have any suggestions, let her know.

A new sponsorship level - Copper is being added. It will fall between Silver and Bronze.

Val announced that in 2010, a new category, Pictorial Quilts, will be added with ribbons and prize money.

Feathered Diamond in a Square

For the second year in a row, the ace quiltmaking team of Marie Zaczkowski, Judy Kriehn and Richard Larson (aka Team MJR), collaborated to produce the quilt to be raffled off during the Dallas Quilt Celebration. The quilt you see to the right, "Feathered Diamond in a Square" is the 2009 raffle quilt. It is a ***gorgeous*** heavily quilted traditional Amish design. However, "Team MJR" has not really intended to make a raffle quilt; we merely stepped to the plate at the last minute when no one else did. We would like to encourage you to consider "stepping to the plate" for 2010, 2011, or even 2012!

While a "showstopper" quilt is certainly nice to have for a Guild raffle quilt, the real key to a successful raffle is offering an attractive quilt that a majority of people would be proud to own. There are no "rules" to how the quilt gets created. Sometimes, the raffle quilt chairman precuts kits for blocks to be pieced by interested members. Other times, it's simply an undertaking by a few close friends. You may have noticed that we often have raffle quilts from other Guilds entered in Dallas Quilt Celebration. These "foreigners" often take home prize money for their efforts. We would like to have our raffle quilts out there garnering ribbons and publicity as well. Worried about the expense of making a large quilt? The Guild budgets funds to offset the cost of materials and professional quilting, so it's really just the investment of your creativity and time. If you would like to create a future raffle quilt, contact Mary Jane Burton, VP – Ways & Means, and ask how to submit YOUR proposal!

Friendship Groups

911 Quilt
Annette Hagele 972-231-9928
10 am-4 pm on Thursdays
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Bluebonnet Patches of Ennis
Bettye Moore.....972-875-8958
9:30 am on 1st Monday & 3rd Thursday
First Presbyterian Church
210 N.McKinney; Ennis

Cotton Club
Ruth Hollis 214-284-7553
10 am-3 pm on Thursdays
St. Paul Lutheran Church
13605 Webb Chapel Rd.
@ Golfing Green *(across from the Farmer's Branch library)*

Goin' to Pieces
Ann Reznicek 972-475-5715
7 pm on 2nd Thursday
Quilter's Connection
9658 Plano Rd., Dallas
New members welcomed.

Lone Star Quilters
Mindy Washburn..... 972-466-1167
1-4 p.m. on 1st Sunday
1205 Cambridge, Carrollton

Loose Threads
Marti Sticklin.....972-487-5274
7-9 p.m. on 2nd Monday
Quilter's Connection
9658 Plano Rd., Dallas

New Group in Grapevine
Mary Severs 817-251-4847
Evenings in the Grapevine area.
Contact Mary Severs if interested

Nimble Thimbles
Evelyn Spires 972-900-3476
Marilyn Dickson 972-239-7330
10 am-2 pm on 4th Thursday
North Lake Highlands Recreation Center

Piececorps
Denise Higgins.....972-699-8809
7 pm on 3rd Thursday
Members Homes

Pieceful Friends
Marie Zaczkowski.....972/495-7596
7 pm on 2nd Tuesday
Member homes in Richardson, North Dallas and Sachse

Quilters Unique
Liz Joe 214-378-9988
Rosemary Raley 972-254-2039
7 pm on 3rd Monday
Member homes in Richardson/Plano area
Currently at capacity.

Sew Whats
Jackie Gilbert.....972-636-2612
7 pm on 3rd Thursday
New Covenant Methodist Church, Sunnyvale

Sit & Sew Scrap Bees
Ann Brooks.....972-235-0739
7-8:30 pm on 3rd Thursdays (except Nov/Dec)
First United Methodist Church, Richardson

Useful Email Contacts in the Guild

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Library News

The big news is that your Guild library now has two new co-chairs: Marte Keller and Martha Smith. They have graciously agreed to accept the position, but they could still use some help since there are many jobs to perform. Please contact one of them if you are interested or would like to know more about the volunteer jobs for the library.

Also, here are the titles of our newest additions. (They aren't all new books, but they are new to our library.)

- *Carol Doak's Simply Sensational 9-Patch Stars*
- *Paper-pieced Mini Quilts* by Wendy Vosters
- *Simple Seasons: Stunning Quilts and Savory Recipes* by Kim Diehl
- *Easy Pieces: Creative Color Play with Two Simple Quilt Blocks* by Margaret J. Miller
- *Motifs for Crazy Quilting* by J. Marsha Michler
- *Altered Photo Artistry* by Beth Wheeler and Lori Marquette
- *A Cozy Quilted Christmas* by Kim Schaefer
- *Tifaifai and Quilts of Polynesia* by Joyce D. Hammond
- *Quilts of Hawaii*
- *Quilts: A Living Tradition* by Robert Shaw.

I have enjoyed serving as your librarian, but am now looking forward to piecing some quilts!

Peggy Keirstead

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European Christmas Markets

December 1 -11, 2008: Chintz, Quilts & Christmas: Escape the normal pre–holiday routine and join Deb to shop at some of Europe's finest Christmas Markets. Our European journey will begin in Zurich, Switzerland and end in Amsterdam. While traversing the scenic countryside, not only will we enjoy a host of traditional outdoor Christmas Markets but opportunities for quilt-sightings abound as Deb has rare invitations for the group to visit behind the scene archives in some of Europe's finest Textile Museums.

An American Adventure

March 26 -April 7, 2009: An American Adventure: See and study early American Quilt Heritage as we visit some of this country's most noteworthy quilting capitals. From Washington DC to New York City our paths will cross some of the finest quilt collections in the Mid-Atlantic; including visits to the DAR, Smithsonian, Winterthur, Heritage Center of Lancaster, Chester County Historical Society, American Folk Art Museum and more. The curators and/or directors of these noteworthy establishments have opened their doors to Deb's group and are already preparing incredible visual & study opportunities. Time will also be taken for a day at Lancaster's Quilter's Heritage Celebration.

Batik Lover's Bali

May 2 -12, 2009: A Batik Lovers Journey to Bali: Join Deb Roberts and noted quilt maker, designer and teacher Pamela Mostek on this 10 day journey exploring Bali. Our journey includes making our own Batik fabric, tour of the Hoffman of California Batik factory and learning about this island's rich cultural and textile traditions that have made this area famous. Quilting class with Pam included.

UK's Festival of Quilts and British Isles Cruise

August 21 -September 6, 2009: England's Festival of Quilts and British Isles Quilting Cruise:
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