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THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right.

—Henry Ford

It is amazing what we let stop us in our creativity. Usually it is our own thoughts about what skills we think we have or do not have that prevent us from trying something challenging. I made an interesting discovery while speaking with a nonquilter acquaintance of mine recently. Our conversation turned to quilting (how did that happen?) and it turns out she was making a quilt for her child's teacher. The amazing thing is that she has absolutely no knowledge of the rules of piecing, binding, quilting, etc., yet she made a quilt anyway. Now the quilt experts would probably have passed out because of some of the choices she made and the simple disregard for the "proper" way to make a quilt, but the fact was that it was a great quilt. She never let "I don't know how" get in her way. The quilt was made by a 'what I want to do' method instead of a 'what you are supposed to do' method.

Experts and rules can be more of a hindrance to our creativity than a help. When we step out of our fear of being wrong we allow our individual creativity to flow into our project. What could be better than adding a glimpse of our creative soul to each quilt we create? After all, the main purpose of a quilt is to bring warmth to those we love – including ourselves. The next time you hear a nagging voice in your head that says "I could never do that" hush it and do it anyway. Because you can do anything you set your mind to do.

The nominating committee has been busy lining up a roster of our fellow members who are willing to support the guild next year. It is not too late to head a committee or run for an office. Don't forget we are also taking nominations from the floor at the October guild meeting for all positions. Contact a member of the nominating committee if you would like to serve in any capacity for 2010. Thank you to Rachel Cowley, Nancy Mincey and Paula Burda for all your time calling members and suggesting nominees for all our guild jobs. We appreciate all your work!!

Joyfully,
Kimberly

OCTOBER MEETING

What to bring:

- Name Tag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books due back
- Quilt Magazines for Recycle Sale
- Fabrics for Fat Quarter Drawing—reds, greens or Christmas fabric

Guild Happenings

Board Meeting, 10/6, cancelled

October Meeting, 10/20

Elsie Campbell

www.elsiemcampbell.com

October Workshop

Hand Quilting—Winning Stitches

November Meeting, 11/17

Frieda Anderson

www.friestyle.com

November Workshop

Fun, Fast, Fusies—Sundance

December Meeting, 12/15

Potluck Dinner

2010 Programs

January Meeting, 1/19

Beverly Ramsey

February Meeting, 2/16

Karen Combs

March Meeting, 3/16

Sandy Brawner

Quilt Show

Set Up, 4/8

Show, 4/9 — 4/11

April Meeting, 4/20

Teresa Sherling and

Barbara McCraw

May Meeting, 5/18

Mary Stori

June Meeting, 6/15

Linda Blasosky



Bear Creek Quilt Board Meeting

Bear Creek Quilt Guild Board Meeting – September 1, 2009
 First United Methodist Church, Keller TX

President Kimberly Sparks called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Members attending were: Kimberly Sparks, Judy Shearer, Kathy Jurich, Rachel Cowley, Linda Davis, Shawn Frazier, Loretta Brennan, Sheri Jones, Charlene Sadley, and Sue Ellis.

Motion to approve the July 2009 minutes was made by Loretta Brennan and seconded by Shawn Frazier and the motion carried.

Treasurer report was given by treasurer, Kathy Jurich.

Program update was given by Rachel Cowley. There has been a positive response to the guild's quilt university that was held in July.

Rachel Cowley is heading the Nominating Committee for 2010 officers and chairs. Paula Burda and Nancy Mincy are assisting and they are making good progress. Rachel reported that there are 12 committee chairs that are requesting replacements.

Loretta Brennan presented a quilt show update. The chairs have developed a floor plan. Show pins and t-shirt designs are being finalized. Entry forms and rules are in the September 2009 newsletter.

Shawn Frazier, Raffle Ticket Chair reported that raffle ticket sales are going well. Dates the quilt will be at various sites are on the guild's website under events. Please email Shawn if you would like to sit with the quilt. Members who have not picked up their 25 tickets to sell should do so as soon as possible.

Linda Davis gave a workshop update in place of Kayleen Allen.

Librarian, Charlene Sadley, gave a report on how the guild's library compares with other area guilds. She reminded all that the books are listed on the web site.

In new business, after discussion a motion was made by Loretta Brennan and seconded by Shawn Frazier to have Kathy Jurich investigate the cost of having the guild's taxes completed by an accountant. The motion carried.

The next board meeting will be on October 6, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judy Shearer, secretary

Care Bears

Liz Lovett's husband, Terry, passed away in August.

Maggie Perkins' mother-in-law, Joanne Wade, passed away 9/5/09.

Please send Care Bear information to Jeana Fiske

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Donna Coomer	10/06
Barb Chamblee	10/13
Gwen Martin	10/13
Carolyn Ray	10/13
Bonnie Miller	10/15
Rose Steinmetz	10/16
Ima Ruth Jacoby	10/17
Maureen Ciemian	10/21
Suzanne Martinez	10/25
Sunny West	10/28
Sheila Johnson	10/31

October Fat Quarter Drawing

The fat quarter drawing for October will be red, green or Christmas fabrics. Bring to the guild meeting one or more fat quarters that fit this description and for each fat quarter you bring, your name goes into the drawing. Improve your chances to win by bringing in multiple fat quarters.

Peggy Burrell
 Special Projects





Bear Creek Quilt Guild Meeting

Bear Creek Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2009, United Methodist Church,
Keller Texas

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Kimberly Sparks

Motion to accept the minutes from the July 2009 meeting was made by Paula Burda and seconded by Linda Davis. The motion carried.

Treasurer report was given by Kathy Jurich.

Rachel Cowley, Programs, reminded members that the October speaker will be Elsie Campbell and her topic will be hand quilting.

The Nominating Committee of Rachel Cowley, Paula Burda and Nancy Mincy presented the slate of officers for 2010: President, Michelle Lewis, 1st Vice-president, Charna Gray, 2nd Vice-president, Loretta Brennan, Secretary, Judy Shearer and Treasurer, Kathy Jurich. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the October guild meeting and the elections will be held in November. There are many committee chair positions available. Please let Rachel, Paula or Nancy know if you are interested.

Quilt show update was given by Loretta Brennan. Sheri Jones has placed the entry forms and rules in the newsletter. Entries are accepted now and until January 18, 2010. Thanks to Sue Ellis there is a fantastic link on the guild's website with a lot of information. Janice Irick is in charge of the Silent Auction quilts. She hopes for many creative articles including small quilts, table runners, bags and wearables. Each bee is asked to make at least 1 item.

Maureen Ciemian, community service, reported there was 104 volunteer hours for the last month. Nash Farm in Grapevine is having a Fall Roundup on October 12 from 10am until 2pm. They are looking for quilters to demonstrate hand quilting.

Workshop chair, Kayleen Allen encouraged members to sign up for the October workshop on hand quilting with Elsie Campbell. The November workshop will be on raw edge fusing with Frieda Anderson.

Donna Hoffmann, representing membership, reported attendance was 89 tonight with 2 new members and 8 visitors.

Twana Grisham, representing Special Projects, asked mem-

bers to bring Christmas fabric or red and green fat quarters for the October drawing.

Shawn Frazier, Raffle ticket chair, reported shop sales of tickets have been going well. More opportunities are available. Let Shawn know if you are willing to sit with the quilt. Members were reminded to pick up their raffle tickets to sell. Each member is responsible for selling 25 tickets.

New member liaison, Rosalee Weiler is hosting a new member sew-in at Quilter's Dream on October 9 from 10am until 2pm. All members are welcome. Let Rosalee know if you will be coming.

Retreat chair, Bonnie Miller, reported the retreat is full. Let her know if you would like to be placed on the waiting list. Final payments are due in January.

Charlene Sadley, Librarian, reminded members to return books they have checked out.

Paula Burda asked members to please consider regifting or donating gifts to ASAP for Christmas presents for the girls to give to their families and children. Toys should be age appropriate for 3 years and under. She will be collecting these along with ornaments and decorations at the October and November guild meetings.

Beekeeper, Michelle Lewis, would like members to let her know if they are interested in joining or forming a bee.

Michelle Lewis awarded door prizes.

Kimberly Sparks presented the 2004 raffle quilt which was returned to the guild with the stipulation that it be awarded to someone in the guild currently who had worked on the quilt. Mary Beth McCormack was the winner.

Kimberly informed all that a committee is needed to create the next raffle quilt.

Show and Tell was presented by Eileen O'Neal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Rachel Cowley introduced tonight's speaker, Lynn Roddy Brown.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Shearer, Secretary



2010 Officer Nominations

Our slate of Board nominees is:

President: Michelle Lewis
 1st V.P.: Charna Gray
 2nd V.P.: Loretta Brennan
 Secretary: Judy Shearer
 Treasurer: Kathy Jurich

I am happy to report that since our September meeting we have filled many of the open Committee spots for 2010. Those remaining are: Door prizes, E-Mail, Historian, Hospitality, Property, New Member Liaison, and 2011 Raffle Quilt. Please consider volunteering for one of these spots. If you don't know what the position entails, contact this year's chair and I am sure they will be very helpful and informative. Many thanks to those who stepped forward and again to Paula Burda and Nancy Mincey for their help.

Rachel Cowley

Programs:

October's guest speaker is Elsie Campbell. Her "Winning Stitches" lecture on hand quilting will be great. You can visit Elsie's website for more background on this nationally known quilter, www.ElsieMCampbell.com. Please come see her October 20th and sign up for her workshop.

Rachel Cowley



Set-up: April 8th, 2010
Show: April 9th 10th & 11th, 2010

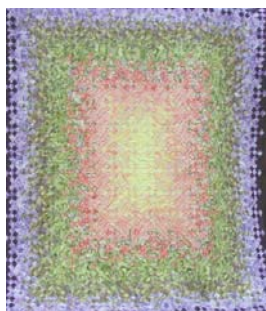
We are busily working on making our show a reality. Last week, we sent out the vendor packets and have already booked four vendors! We hope you are working on your quilts for the show – we want to hang many, many beautiful quilts.

A few people have asked for clarification on some special exhibits/entries. The Chairman's Choice category is a quilt made with 30's reproduction fabrics (except for the background fabric). The size is at least 240" when totaling all four sides.

The Show Challenge is a small quilt which contains any amount of the pre-selected fabric which you can buy from Eileen O'Neal. The details of this challenge are in the August newsletter. Cash prizes will be awarded.

The Silent Auction this year will include any quilted item, e.g., small quilts, bags, table runners, pincushions, etc. These items are made and donated to the guild for a fund-raiser.

If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Loretta Brennan, 2010 Quilt Show Chairman.



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Guild member Vicky Torrey is missing an item that she may have left at either the July or August guild meeting. It is a bright, turquoise blue roll with black binding and ties that she uses to store her appliqué thread. If you have seen this item please contact Vicky at vicky.torrey@sbcglobal.net or 817-281-7311



NEW MEMBER SEW-IN OCTOBER 9

New Members are invited to join the fun Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Quilter's Dream, 6409 Colleyville Blvd., (Hwy 26), 76034. Bring a sack lunch and beverage. A drink machine is available. Bring a sewing machine if transportable with neutral thread or ruler and rotary cutter. Baby quilts will be made for ASAP and JPS with fabrics provided. For further information contact Rosalee Weiler at w3il3r@aol.com or 817-488-9624.

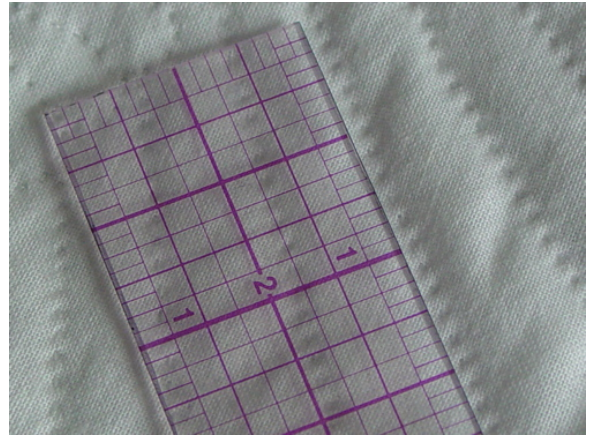
October Workshop

Wed. Oct 21, 2009

Hand Quilting - Winning Stitches

Elsie May Campbell

www.elsiemcampbell.com



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Come to the workshop with Elsie May Campbell, an award winning quilter, and learn how to do hand quilting or polish your hand quilting skills. Elsie has tips for making tiny stitches that are even and in a straight line. You can use these skills for stitching on contemporary or retro quilts. The class will be at the Hallelujah Center located at the First United Methodist Church (where Guild meetings occur) from 9 am - 3:30 pm.

Sign up soon as the workshop is filling up fast. Fee for this class is only \$30. Register for the class by filling out the mail in form or email Kayleen Allen to keep a spot in this class. kayleen_allen@yahoo.com

You can purchase a kit from Elsie that contains needles and patterns on the day of the class.

Instructor: _____ Date: _____

Time: _____ Fee: - member \$ _____

Materials Fee: _____ (pay to the instructor)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total Paid: _____ cash or check # _____

Make checks payable to **Bear Creek Quilt Guild**

Mail to: Kayleen Allen, 511 Arbor Oak Dr. Grapevine 76051

**** **PAID registrations get priority reservations.******

Class materials and other information will be provided the week before the Workshop or when you sign up.



September 2009 Show & Tell

Name	Name of Quilt	Name of Quilter
1. Racheal Morgeson	Racheal's Iris Garden	Racheal Morgeson
2. Sheri Jones	Unnamed	Sheri Jones
3. Jennie Nixon	Red & White Delight	Julie Lawson
4. Charna Gray	Hockey Player	Charna Gray
5. Charna Gray	Western Throw	Charna Gray
6. Happy Johns	Stars & Birds	Happy Johns
7. Barbara Faulkner	Red & Pink Bears	Barbara Faulkner
8. Janet Sturdevant Stuart	When June Meets July	JaLonn Carter-Stanley
9. Maureen Ciemian	A Michigan Garden	Maureen Ciemian
10. Maureen Ciemian	Alternating Nine Patch	Maureen Ciemian

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Charity Quilt Show to be held Oct. 3

You are invited to the 3rd Annual 'Friendship Display of Quilts' in Burkburnett, Texas. This charity event will be Saturday, October 3rd at the Burkburnett Community Center (Kramer Road & Davy Drive) to benefit the Meals on Wheels program. The display is open between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Over 100 quilts will be on display at this non-judged show for all to enjoy.

This year's special guest is internationally recognized musician and contemporary quilt artist, Ricky Tims. He will be joining us at 11:00 a.m. for a special appearance and book signing. Admission is just \$1 or 2 cans of food to support the local food bank. For more information, visit www.burkquilts.org or contact The Stitching Depot Quilt Shop at (877) 569-0804.

FROM THE LIBRARY

I don't know why I always get so tongue-tied when making announcements. In case it wasn't clear to everyone at the September Guild meeting, I was trying to convey that the last chance to check out books from the library in 2009 will be at the October meeting (although if there is a book that you really need before the end of the year, just give me a call or e-mail). The library needs all outstanding items returned by the November guild meeting in order to do a year-end inventory before turning the library over to our new librarian in January 2010. I will be sending out e-mail reminders and making phone calls to try to round up books, DVDs, and miscellaneous items that are overdue.



Charlene Sadley
BCQG Librarian

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At September's guild meeting, we had 93 members signed in with 3 new members and 8 visitors. Our new members are:

Gwen Martin of Keller, TX
Linda Zeigler of Ft. Worth, TX
Kate Constable of Richland Hills, TX

and the visitors joining us were:

Jeanette Buckey of Keller
Pam Chenault of Roanoke
Kristi Wilson of Irving
Cheryl Brashear of Southlake
Linda Lyles of Lewisville
Leigh Knox of Keller
Connie Swaney of Watauga
Donna Foote of Watauga

Please look for faces you don't know at each guild meeting and introduce yourself then offer them a seat next to YOU!

I PLAN on having an addendum to the directory at the Oct. meeting with the names and addresses of those who've joined us since March. Please be sure to pick yours up!

Submitted by Sherrill Pecere and Patty Flores
Membership Co-Chairs



September Workshop

Scrap Quilting—Texas Two Step

Lynn Roddy Brown

Quilters who attended the workshop had a fun time using fabric from their own stashes to create the Texas Two Step blocks (half square triangles and four patches). Lynn Roddy Brown talked about color values and how to rotate the Texas Two Step block to change the design and look of the quilt.

Lynn also presented tips for binding a quilt, getting the quilt to lay flat, having straight borders and making half square triangles easier by starching fabric together before cutting. Lynn was patient with beginners to advanced quilters and was willing to share her knowledge, experience and skills.

Quilters at this excellent workshop completed enough blocks to use their new knowledge about color values and enhanced utilization of display walls. Quilters also left the class with a new enthusiasm for group swapping of blocks. Thanks to Bear Creek quilter, Rachel Crowley, for suggesting this knowledgeable and fun speaker. Brenda Parry, a visiting quilter from Denton guild is shown with the instructor Lynn Roddy Brown (Brenda saw the workshop advertised on our guild website).





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NEWSLETTER

Deadline for the newsletter is
the 25th of the month.

Please send all articles worded as you would like them printed to Sue Ellis,
suegellis@hotmail.com AND
Patty Flores, pflores444@sbcglobal.net

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Members in the News

If your quilt has made news recently, send a picture of you and the quilt to suegellis@hotmail.com

Care Bears

If you have an item for "Care Bears", send to Jeana Fiske
JeanaUSA@msn.com
Phone (817) 416-6215

Bee News

If you have an activity or picture for "Bee News", send to Michelle Lewis at imlewis@lscm.net
Phone (817) 741-5792

OTHER QUILT SHOWS and ACTIVITIES

'Quilt Express '09'

October 2-3
Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild , Round Rock, TX.
For more information:
www.ctquiltguild.org

'Threads of our Past - Celebrating 30 Years'

Midland Quilter's Guild
October 3
Midland Center 105 N. Main St Midland, TX
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www.geocities.com/midland_Quilters_guild/

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Granbury Quilters Guild
October 17 - 18
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November 13-14
Common Threads Quilt Guild
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