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## QUILTER'S GUILD OF GRAND PRAIRIE

FOUNDED JULY 5, 1993

Our Guild has been formed to preserve the heritage of quilting, to be a source of information and inspiration, to perpetuate high quality of excellence in quilting and to be a gathering place for people with a common interest.

### WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING

Name tag  
Door prizes for **F** or **H**  
Block party block  
Show-and-Tell

### BIRTHDAYS

**ELISABETH MCMAHON**  
APRIL 17

### RETREAT

We have scheduled our retreat for Friday, July 24, 2009 through Sunday, July 26, 2009. The location will be The Victorian House in Weatherford. The maximum number of "retreaters" is 12. Right now, we have 8 people signed up. If you are interested and have not signed up, please do so as soon as possible. Once we have all 12 spots reserved, we will start a cancellation list. Cost for the retreat will be \$110 for the two nights, no meals included. A deposit of \$50 will reserve your spot. If you have any questions, please let me know.

**MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ**

### JOIN US

Regular monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Prairie, 310 S. W. 3rd St., Grand Prairie, TX. All visitors are welcome (ages 10 and up).

## NEXT MEETING: APRIL 6, 2009

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Crazy Quilt Workshop was well attended and it was a great time to share stories, lunch and techniques. Thank you Shirley for your time and effort to organize these workshops. We really appreciate each person's contribution to making our group successful. Also, thanks to Michelle for getting us the information on available retreats. I think we have agreed on July 24-26th as the retreat weekend and have made a deposit to hold our spot. I have lost all my emails so I can't remember where we are going, but no matter where it is it will be great fun. I hope others will consider joining us.

**DEBI CYPERT**



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### DOOR PRIZES

If your last name begins with **F** or **H** please bring a door prize to the April meeting and give it to Sue Heard. This is a voluntary effort, but most of us like to receive a door prize and we hope every-

one will participate. Please bring only quilting related items such as: Quilting Notions, fat quarters, triangle paper, magnetic pin holders, scissors, Pigma pens, etc.

# APRIL 2009 BLOCK PARTY

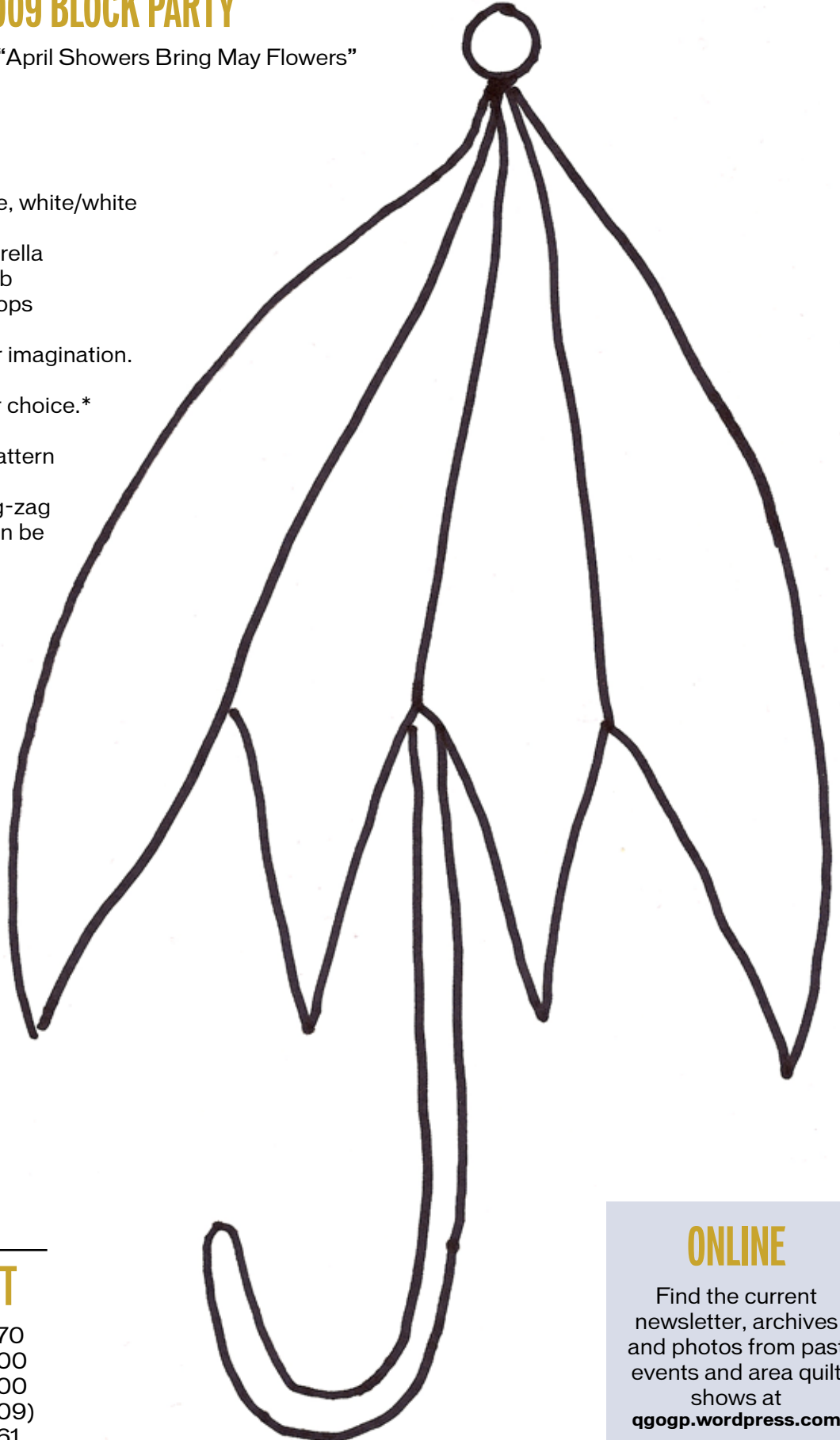
Pattern: UMBRELLA- "April Showers Bring May Flowers"

This pattern is applique  
Items Needed:  
Pattern of umbrella

One 12 1/2 x 12 1/2 square of white, white/white  
white muslin  
Small piece of material for umbrella  
Small scrap for handle and knob  
Optional: small scrap for raindrops

This pattern will take using your imagination.  
Use colors of your choice.  
Use application method of your choice.\*

\*I used a fusing web to apply pattern  
to the block  
The machine can be used to zig-zag  
or other embroidery stitches can be  
applied.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance .....	1465.70
Income (dues) .....	35.00
Income (advertising) .....	53.00
Expenses .....	(21.09)
Ending balance .....	1532.61

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## PROGRAM

The April program is going to be from the book Casting Shadows - "Creating Visual Dimension in Your Quilts" by Colleen Wise. We will be exploring using color and value to create depth in your quilts. This book has several techniques to create shadows in your quilts, but we will concentrate on just one this month, the drop shadow in a pieced block.

**SUSAN HAMILTON**

## COMING EVENTS

### Dimmit Quilt Show

Quilt Festival of Ogallala  
Quilters' Society  
April 3-4

Expo Center SE 4th & East Lee  
Dimmitt, TX  
www.ogallalaquilters.org

### Azalea Quilt Show

"Hats Off to Quilting!"

Sponsored by Quilters Guild  
of East Texas  
March 28-29, 2009  
Harvey Convention Center  
Tyler, Texas  
www.qgetx.org

### Abilene, Texas - 15th Annual Regional Quilt Show

1100 N 6th Abilene Civic Center  
June 13, 2009 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
June 14, 2009 noon - 5 p.m.  
325-518-5335 or 325-893-5495  
www.abilenequiltguild.org

### International Quilt Festival/ Houston 2009

Oct. 15-18, 2009  
George R. Brown Convention Center  
Houston, Texas  
www.quilts.com

For more coming events, visit  
<http://qgogp.wordpress.com/calendar>

## MINUTES

■ The March 2, 2009 meeting of the Quilter's Guild of Grand Prairie was called to order by President Debi Cypert at 7 p.m.

■ The minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

■ Remembrances: Sandy Shown will be having surgery, Carol Franklin will be having surgery, Wanda Cargile's daughter in hospital, Cathy Mullin's daughter, former member Audrey's Lord's husband is very ill, Sandy Holton is having vision problems, former member Joanne Grant will be moving away from Grand Prairie later this year, and Ernestine Redman recovering from surgery.

■ Membership: 19 people in attendance including one visitor, Lillie Martinez' niece, Linda Moya and new member Ruth Callahan.

■ Block of the Month: There were 15 or 16 blocks turned in and Lillie won the drawing for the blocks.

■ April block of the month pattern will be in the newsletter.

■ Workshops: This Saturday, March 7 is the Crazy Quilt Workshop. Bring your own crazy quilt projects to work on and a dish to share with everyone for lunch.

■ May 16 will be the Irish Chain workshop. Everyone will pick their pattern and work on it that

day. We have had fabric donated to us and need to set aside some time to do a Service Project workday or program.

■ Retreat: If anyone is interested in going on a Guild retreat, please let Shirley or Michelle know.

■ April program: Shadow Quilt Blocks. More information will be in the newsletter.

■ New business: City of Grand Prairie Health Fair for city employees on March 31 at the Bowles Life Center. If there is enough interest, we can have a table.

■ Old business: The 2008 treasurer's books were audited by Cathy, Grace and Michelle and found to be in order.

■ Door prizes were won by Linda Boggus, Lillie, and Michelle.

■ Show and Tell: Shirley, Michelle, Sandy, and Sheila.

■ The program was presented by Linda LeFleurs with The Berry Patch in Fort Worth. She talked about the Martha Pullen Gift of the Month Club and some other classes and clubs they have at the store. She also talked a little bit about the Forth Worth Quilt Guild having a quilt show on August 7 and 8.

■ The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.

**MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ**

## ADVERTISING RATE SCHEDULE

### SIZE

1/8 page (3.5" x 2")  
1/4 page (3.5" x 4.5")  
1/2 page (7.25" x 4.5")

### PRICE

\$7.50 1-mo/\$22 3-mo/\$75 12-mo  
\$15.00 1-mo/\$40 3-mo  
\$30.00 1-mo/\$75 3-mo

Ads may be camera ready for copy or they may be set for you. All ads received before the 10th of the month will be published in the current newsletter. Ads received after the 10th will be published in the next newsletter.

## WORKSHOP NEWS

### MARCH WORKSHOP

We had a good turnout for the Crazy Quilt Workshop March 7. Everyone got a good start on their project. Hopefully everyone will bring something for show and tell at the April meeting. As always, we had great fun, food, and fellowship. We also talked about the service project quilts and more information will be available at the April meeting.

### MAY WORKSHOP

May 16 is the date set for the Irish Chain Workshop at First Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a very traditional block and often is a two-color quilt, but there are many variations of the original pattern. Everyone should choose the pattern of their choice and buy fabric accordingly. You might even have something in your stash! I will bring books and magazines with pattern ideas to the April meeting and the sign up sheet will be available. Strip piecing will make the project go quickly.

SHIRLEY LEWIS

## CHARITY PROJECTS

### LAP ROBES

I think the church has the measurements as Needles and Pins has made them. I cut the base squares for the lap robes 10 ½ by 10 ½. I believe we use four completed squares across and six or seven down.

### COUGH PILLOWS

White fabric/muslin 2 pieces 11x13 inches

Sew seams ½ inch leaving a 4-inch opening on the 11 inch side for turning and stuffing.

Pillow Case – use a cheerful print and cut two pieces 11x16 inches. Sew ½ inch seams on three sides leaving one 11inch side open. Turn down 1 inch and stitch. Pillows need to be firm.

### ABC QUILTS

Newborns 36"x45"

Toddler to 6 years 45"x45"

Cotton material preferred as these go through hospital laundry. If anyone wants to do ABC quilts I have the complete instructions for them.

GRACE NORRIS

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