

And sew on...

VOL. 17 NO. 5

[HTTP://QGOGP.WORDPRESS.COM](http://QGOGP.WORDPRESS.COM)

DECEMBER 2009

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 **N, O, P, R**
Block party block
Show-and-Tell
Items for the December program (see article inside)

BIRTHDAYS

MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ
DECEMBER 15

SHIRLEY LEWIS
DECEMBER 15

VISITORS

Welcome to our visitors in November, Caroline Milan and Maria Quintana. We hope you join us again at our December meeting!

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: DEC. 7, 2009

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I missed you guys last meeting! Before I left I attended the Grand Opening of the Farmers Market in downtown Grand Prairie! It was so good to see so many people attending that I am hoping it continues to be a draw for the downtown area. The Brass Bean had so many customers that the owner said they might have to close that Sunday because they might run out of food! If you were not able to attend please make it a point to visit - it is not just vegetables, but coffee, honey, homemade soaps and even baked goods.

I am so excited about our new officers and appreciate their willingness to serve. Can you believe Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner - it is almost too late to start early on getting those projects done in time for the holidays. Our installation and Christmas party are just a few weeks away and I look forward to seeing you all then.

DEBI CYPERT



The English Street Quilter

Attractive, affordable machine quilting for your creations.
See our work at <http://www.quiltifications.blogspot.com>.

(972)785-2442

DOOR PRIZES

If your last name begins with **N, O, P, or R** please bring a door prize to the December 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 everyone will participate. Please bring only quilting related items such as: Quilting Notions, fat quarters, triangle paper, magnetic pin holders, scissors, Pigma pens, etc.

COMING EVENTS

Jefferson Quilt Show "Quilts on the Bayou"

Jan. 22-24, 2010
Cypress Valley Education Center
120 East Austin Street
Jefferson, Texas
www.jeffersonquiltshow.com

Piecemakers by the Bay Quilt Guild Show

Jan. 30-31, 2010
Rockport Fulton High School
Rockport, Texas
Admission \$5.
www.piecemakersbythebay.com

Treasures of the Heart

The Tri-County Quilt Guild's
first guild show
February 12-13, 2010
Fairfield Baptist Church
27240 Highway 290 West
Cypress, Texas 77433
www.tricountyquiltguild.org/

Quilt Celebration 2010

Quilters Guild of Dallas
March 12-14, 2010
quiltersguildofdallas.org

Bear Creek Quilt Show 2010 "Remembering a Simpler Time"

April 9, 10 and 11, 2010
Sunday 12 noon to 4 p.m.
Admission \$6
www.bearcreekquiltguild.org

Stars Over Abilene Regional Quilt Show

Abilene Quilter's Guild
June 11-13, 2010
Abilene Civic Center
1100 N. 6th, Abilene, Texas
abilenequiltersguild.com

Quilt Exhibit 2010

Shiner Heritage Quilters

A showing of The Supper,
an interpretation of da Vinci's
Last Supper by Dr. Donald Locke
March 19 - 20, 2010
First United Methodist Church Ac-
tivity Center, Shiner, Texas
shinerheritagequilters.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance 1,417.31
Ending balance 1,417.31

HISTORIC QUILTS EXHIBITION

The North Texas History Center is excited to announce its first ever exhibit of historic quilts.

The exhibit is titled Pieces of the Past, and will feature quilts from the 1870's to the 1930's.

Many of the quilts are from the History Center's private collection, but the exhibit will also include quilts loaned to us from the personal collections of local residents.

The exhibit will open on November 21, 2009 and run through January 16, 2010 with the grand opening on November 28.

Starting with the grand opening, we will have special events scheduled every weekend during the exhibit that will include quilting demonstrations, collection care workshops, and other special events.

We are very excited to share these

historic quilts with the public for the first time and would like to invite your guild to come and enjoy them with us.

If you would like more information on the exhibit or would like details on the events scheduled, please contact us at 972-542-9457.

NTHC is located in downtown McKinney in the historic 1911 post office at 300 E. Virginia.

Admission for this exhibit is \$5. NTHC has space available if you'd like to schedule a meeting with your group during the run of this exhibit.

For information about scheduling a meeting at NTHC or a group visit, please contact Sarah Hatcher at 972-542-9457 ext. 102 or sarah@northtexashistorycenter.org .

northtexashistorycenter.org

2009 QUILT GUILD OFFICERS & BOARD

President	Debi Cypert (972-262-1233)
Programs Committee	Susan Hamilton (817-633-5512)
.....	Elisabeth McMahan (972-606-4587)
2nd VP	Shirley Lewis (972-262-5640)
Treasurer	Sandy Shown (817-676-2773)
Secretary	Michelle Rodriguez (972-623-2555)
Historian	Open
Block Librarian	Open
Membership	Janice Overton (972-264-3472)
Newsletter	Michelle Rodriguez (972-623-2555)
Publicity	Carol Franklin (972-264-5656)
Special Projects	Open
Hospitality	Open
Stitch Groups	Grace Norris (972-264-3307)
Door Prizes	Sue Heard(972-602-0449)
Parliamentarian	Michelle Rodriguez (972-623-2555)
Block of the Month	Grace Norris (972-264-3307)

QUILTER'S GUILD SPRING RETREAT

We had a great time at our October retreat! Lots of shopping, eating, and of course, sewing. I can't wait to see all the finished projects.

Some were completed at retreat and some may not be completed until our next retreat in May! Speaking of our next retreat, we have it scheduled for Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 16, 2010 at Victorian House Retreat in Weatherford.

The cost will once again be \$80 plus tax plus food (eat in, dine out,

or combination) for the weekend since we booked at the end of a previous retreat. Space will be limited to 12 people maximum, 5 people minimum.

I will begin taking deposits (\$40) at the January 4, 2010 Guild meeting and must have the minimum commitment then.

If you've never been on retreat, ask one of the previous "retreaters" how much fun they had!

MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2010

Congratulations to our members who were elected to office for next year. The Guild officers for 2010 are:

President: Marty Staten

1st Vice President, Programs: Shirley Lewis, Elisabeth McMahon

2nd Vice President, Workshops: Michelle Rodriguez

Secretary: Wanda Cargile

Treasurer: Grace Norris

The Guild has many committees. If you wish to be on a committee, be sure to talk to Marty at the December meeting.

MINUTES

■ The Nov. 2, 2009 meeting of the Quilter's Guild of Grand Prairie was called to order by Susan Hamilton at 7 p.m.

■ The minutes from the October meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

■ The treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

■ Remembrances: Janice Overton has a new granddaughter, Grace.

■ Birthdays: Sheila, Janice Overton.

■ Membership: 18 members, 3 visitors. The visitors were Maria Quintana, Caroline Milan, and Chuck Kinsey.

■ Block of the Month: 11 blocks turned in and Marty wins the drawing.

■ Next month's block is a tree block. Grace says to pay attention to the pattern.

■ Retreat: 7 people attended our October retreat. Thanks to Grace for the paper piecing lesson and Jeri for the needle tat-

ting lesson. Next retreat is May 14-16, 2010. Michelle will start taking deposits at the January meeting.

■ Program for December will be our Christmas dinner. All the details will be in the newsletter.

■ Old business: Quilt Show at First United Methodist Church benefitting the Food and Clothing Co-Op raised about \$600. Grace and Marty said that there were about 100 quilts displayed.

■ The city of Grand Prairie has asked Mary Ann Hartsell to do another show next year. Hopefully more of our members will participate. Grandprairiereporter.com has pictures.

■ New business: nominating committee met and brought the following slate of officers to the membership: President, Marty Staten; First Vice President, Programs, Shirley Lewis, Elisabeth McMahon; Second Vice President, Workshops, Michelle Rodriguez; Secretary, Wanda Cargile; Treasurer, Grace Nor-

ris. There were no nominations from the floor and no discussion, so the committee moved that the slate be accepted. Motion seconded and approved.

■ Grace asked for new ideas for block party. One idea is similar to the Round Robin concept called the Paper Bag Project. Bring ideas to the December meeting and we will decide for next year.

■ Door prizes were won by Joan, Sandy Holton and Nancy Conner.

■ Show and Tell: Marty, Wanda, Shara, Janis Hill, Nancy Conner, Elisabeth, Grace and Jeri.

■ Program for tonight was to make a nametag. At the appointed time, Grace judged the nametags and 3 people received prizes: Janis Hill, Jeri, and Michelle.

■ Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Be sure to join us for our Christmas Party on Dec. 7. Everyone should bring a covered dish to share. Officers should also bring drinks. We want to start promptly at 7 p.m., so please try to be at the meeting by 6:45 p.m. so we can set up.

We are also asking everyone to bring canned foods for the Grand Prairie Food & Clothing Co-op. They espe-

cially need canned meats.

We will install our new officers for 2010 and present the perfect-attendance award.

Please bring three fat quarters or something else quilting related wrapped up for our Christmas exchange as we get crazy with the left/right game.

Hope to see everyone there!

WORKSHOPS

I am already thinking about workshops for next year and have a few ideas. If there is something that you would really like to do as a workshop, please let me know as soon as possible. I am planning to have the first workshop February 6 and the second workshop in late April.

MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ

ONE WISH

A stitcher went into an antique store and found a dusty old bottle. As she was cleaning it, a genie appeared, much to her surprise.

"Salutations, Madame," the genie said in a raspy voice.

"Are you a genie?!" the stitcher asked, her eyes alight with excitement.

"Yes, Madame."

"The kind that grants three wishes?" she inquired.

"Yes, Madame, but I am a very old genie, and my powers are very weak." He paused to catch his breath. "I cannot grant you three wishes, but I can grant you one."

The stitcher thought for a while and then said, "I wish for world peace."

"Madame, I am very old, and my powers are weak. I cannot grant you so great a wish as world peace. Do you not have another wish?"

The stitcher thought again and said, "To finish all my unfinished needlework projects!"

With a sigh the genie said, "Madame, I am a very, -very- old genie and my powers are very, -very- weak. I am unable to grant this wish, so instead I give you world peace."

QGOGP.WORDPRESS.COM

DECEMBER BLOCK PARTY

PINE TREE

This block is a fun block to make. It is very easy to put together and is in the format of a Log Cabin block.

Need: 3 Christmas fabrics, Predominately greens

Fabric 1—Cut 1 2"x6 1/2" rectangle

Fabric 1—Cut 1 2"x5" rectangle

Cut the same measurements from Fabric 2 and Fabric 3

Cut 1-1 1/4"x7" piece of brown for the trunk

Background Fabric (light Christmas fabric)

Cut—2-7 1/4" squares (cut diagonally) these are your corner blocks

Cut—1-5" square (cut diagonally) for trunk

Cut—2-2"x3 1/2" rectangles—sew to two 5" rectangles

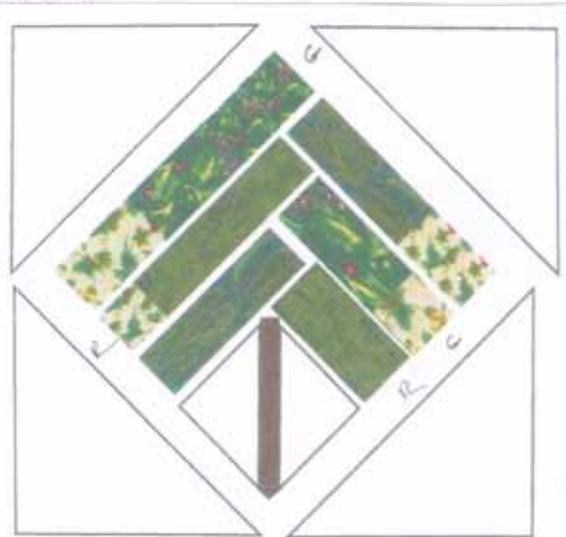
Cut—2-2"x2" squares—sew to two 2"x6 1/2" rectangles

You can use more than 3 fabrics for the tree, but easier with 3.

Instructions: Sew a background triangle to each side of the 1 1/4"x7" brown strip and trim to a 5 inch square. You will be adding your strips of the tree to the 5" trunk block. Working from bottom to top. (See diagram)

Sew right sides together a 2"x3 1/2" rectangle of the background fabric to a 2"x6 1/2" rectangle of Christmas fabric. Sew right sides together a 2"x2" square of background to a 2"x6 1/2" rectangle of Christmas fabric. Sew right sides together a 2"x2" square to a 2" x5" Rectangle. Add the background triangles and you are DONE. Square to 12 1/2"x12 1/2".

BE CAREFUL TO CUT THE EXCESS OFF AT THE TRUNK



Sewing diagram

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.