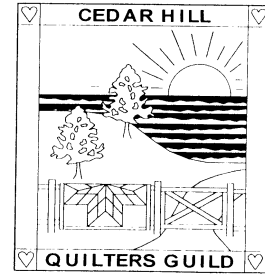


## *Cedar Hill Quilters Guild*

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*Next Meeting: January 11, 2010*

### **Welcome**

The meeting was opened by President Suzie Harris. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

### **Members**

Don't forget to renew your membership at the January meeting.

### **Treasury**

Karen reported that the Thanksgiving raffle quilt generated \$1145 and after ticket printing expenses that made a \$703.67 profit.

A motion was made and passed for a \$300.00 donation to the Cedar Hill food pantry.

### **TAQG**

January TAQG meeting on 1/23/10 – new officers are invited to attend. The secondary meetings are very informative. Marilyn invited anyone that wishes may ride with her.

### **Block of the Month**

The next BOM workshop will be held on January 16, 2010, 10-2:00 at Just Stitchin Quilt shop. This will be a hand appliqué workshop taught by Claudia Klipp. Details will be discussed and patterns will be distributed at the January guild meeting.

## **Raffle quilts**

Rhonda showed the completed center of next year's raffle quilt and the remaining sections were passed out to members. The pieced blocks are due at the shop no later than 1/6 because we have to get a picture of the quilt top included with our entry into the Dallas Show. The finished quilt will measure 94 ½" by 94 ½" Jean will set the blocks, Suzie will quilt, CJ will bind the quilt.

Next year, we will have six months to sell raffle tickets and show the quilt at various shows and guild meetings. We'll make a page on the website to follow the dates and locations to track the quilt.

**Library report-** The library will be housed at Just Stitchin quilt shop for easy access by members.

## **Programs**

**December meeting-** The December meeting was a potluck supper at Suzie Harris' home.

**January meeting-** The January program will be on different techniques for flying geese or half square triangles.

## **Show and Tell:**

Rhonda - Sasha quilt for her granddaughter.

Drena – One block wonder for Michael

Karen Kelly – Two one block wonder quilts with fish and coral, one block wonder from a zebra print and a whole cloth quilt with a piano key border quilted on her new machine.

Barbara – Mystery quilt from the class at Just Stitchin

Marilyn – Partridge and Pear appliqué quilt, a Sudoku quilt for her son in law, her summer project, a hand quilted oriental fabric quilt.

Gladys – Christmas tree skirt, patriotic wall hanging, a mystery quilt for Bonnie, a hunter quilt she found in a magazine, possibly Quiltmaker.

Tommy – Christmas wall hanging

Judy Purcell – a basket of old linens she found in an antique store, and an Essex toy sewing machine from the 1940's or 50's that she got at an auction in Lancaster.

Marsha Moore – quilt made in Tommy Harris' Stack and Whack class

## Mystery Quilt

### **The Burger QUEEN Quilt--Have It Your Way**

I have gotten permission to share this mystery quilt with the guild by it's creator, Connie Regner. This mystery was done on a Yahoo Group called "Stashbusters". -Peggy

In the spirit of having it your way, you get to choose the fabric, the block and the layout. These details were discussed in the October and November newsletter.

### **Burger QUEEN Mystery Quilt**

#### **Preliminary Cutting**

Most of the cutting is done as you make your blocks but some preliminary cutting must be done before you begin your blocks to insure you are using the fabric frugally. Cutting instructions assume 42" usable WOF.

#### Background Cutting (Scrappy & Non-Scrappy)

From the background cut 4-3.5" strips. Sub-cut into 12-3.5 x 3.5 squares. Label these "A" and set aside someplace you will remember ;) Sub-cut the remainder into 14-3.5 x 6.5 rectangles. Label these "B" and put them wherever you put "A". Reserve the remainder of the strip for the blocks.

From the background cut 5-2.5" strips, label them "inner border" and put aside.

That's all the background cutting.

#### Focus Fabric Cutting—Non-Scrappy

Cut 5- 6.5 " strips. Label them "border" and put aside.

#### Focus Fabric Cutting--Scrappy

There is no preliminary cutting if you are making the scrappy version. If you don't want a scrappy outer border then you will need to cut 5-6.5" strips from your border fabric. There will be no instructions for a scrappy border. You can create one of your own when the time comes.

### Binding

There are no cutting instructions for binding. You may wish to make them from the focus fabric or the background. If you are sure which fabric you want to use then you can cut binding strips whatever width you normally use. Cut 7 strips x WOF.

Ready or not here we go!

### **Mystery Quilt--Month 1--Blocks**

This week you start making the blocks. Since each of you has chosen a different block I can't give you specific cutting directions, just some guidelines. Cut and sew as accurately as you possibly can. It is important that your blocks come out to the size(s) indicated. This will make your quilt go together very smoothly when it is assembled.

When you cut your fabric each month, cut conservatively and save your scraps for blocks down the road. Strip piece and assembly line sew when you can. This saves time and thread.

Pressing—I use steam, some don't. Do what is comfortable for you, but be sure to press throughout the sewing process. I can't tell you which way to press your seams since you are all making different blocks; just the general rules; press toward the dark or press away from the bulk. When you start assembling the quilt you may have to press some seams to the opposite side to make seams line up smoothly.

Trimming—since block size accuracy is important, trimming your blocks accurately is important. Use your favorite method and try not to trim off any points you may have around the edges of your blocks. I use a bigger ruler than the block to trim; eg a 16.5" square ruler to trim a 12.5" block. If you don't have one don't run out and buy one; I'm sure you've been trimming blocks just fine without one for years.

Make 5—12” (12.5” unfinished) blocks. Cut, sew & trim as accurately as possible. Save your scraps for future blocks.

Make 5—9” (9.5 unfinished) blocks. Cut, sew & trim blah, blah, blah.

## BIG HINT

Make the bigger blocks first!! It is a size you are familiar with and any strips, rails, HSTs or other scraps left over can easily be trimmed down to fit the next smaller block.

## **Local Happenings**

**Just Stitchin** – New paper-pieced BOM- Desert Star, and a Halloween BOM. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month are “Finish it Fridays”, drop by the shop for more information.

**Boerne Hauptstrasse Quiltfest**: Saturday, May 15, 2010. We will be covering Boerne in Quilts so enter as many as you would like! Questions? Contact us here! 830-249-9511, opt 5.

**Quilt Among Friends** Quilting Cruise— April 25-May 1, 2010

Join your quilting friends on this 7-day cruise to Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel with quilting workshops during the 3 fun days at sea featuring three recognized teachers: Alice Wilhoit, Judy Bobbit, and Jo Parrot.

**North Texas History Center**: “Pieces of the Past” Nov. 21, 2009- Jan 16, 2010, 1<sup>st</sup> ever exhibit of historic quilts. Pieces of the Past will feature quilts from the 1870’s-1930’s. Many of the quilts are from the History Center’s private collection, but the exhibit will also include quilts loaned from the personal collections of local residents. Downtown McKinney in the historic 1911 post office at 300 E. Virginia. Admission:\$5.