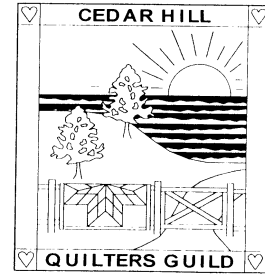


Cedar Hill Quilters Guild

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Next Meeting: December 14, 2009

Welcome

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

Membership

We had several visitors to the Nov. meeting: Ella Van Hoozer, Carrie Ott, and Betsy Wilson. We had 30 members present.

New Officers elected

President- Donna Snider
Vice President/Membership- Rhonda Hughes
Secretary- Peggy Billingsley
Treasurer- Julie Landrith
Hospitality- Cheryl Strickland
Program chair- Annette DeBose
BOM- Barbara Sessions
Publicity- Kathy Longstreet
Workshop chair- Charlotte Humphries
Historian- Joan Crumroy
Librarian- Deborah Brizendine
Sunshine and Shadow- Drena Cromaz

Thanks to all of you for taking on these responsibilities for the guild.

Quilting Friends,

I would like to thank each of you for your support and encouragement as I served as President the last 2 years for our guild. It was a new challenge for me, but with everyone's help I think we succeeded in having a fun and productive time.

I am really excited about our new leadership board and thank each of you who are willing to step up and hold a position. I think a lot of fresh new ideas are on the horizon. I feel our guild grew in membership and will continue to do so in the coming years.

We can't let this wonderful joy of creating beautiful useful items of love for others and ourselves dwindle away. I hope to encourage you with the challenge to find someone or two - especially those younger than ourselves - to come along side of us and continue to cover others with love and beauty.

For the love of stitching,
Happy Holidays,

Suzie Harris/Past President

Charity Projects

Name	Scarves for Cancer Patients	Other	Coverups	Quilts	Sheets	Wheelchair Quilts
Janet Syrclé		Crochet blanket				
Total		1				

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 workshop teaching hand appliqué (Claudia) and machine appliqué (Charlotte). A supply list will be posted in the December newsletter.

Raffle quilts

The 2009 Raffle Quilt, "Pointing the Way" was won by LearLine Henson. LearLine is the best friend of C.J. Francis and attended our guild meeting recently while here on a visit from the Texas coast area. Needless to say, she was very excited to receive the call and was able to call C.J. before I could look up C.J.'s phone number to call and let her know her friend had won. Thanks again to everyone who helped in any way on the guild quilt this year whether on planning, construction, selling, or purchasing of tickets.

The Christmas morning quilt tickets will be sold from Nov 27- Dec 22 when it will be raffled. The same tickets used for the Mariners compass quilt will be used. Tickets are 1/\$1 or 6/\$5. Please drop by and pick up your tickets for sale. Please consider volunteering to sit with the quilt and sell tickets. Ideas for venues could be: Ben Franklin, Crescent Point, White Rhino, Duncanville Guild, Dallas Guild, Van Alstyne Guild, Sherman Guild, or maybe someplace you might have in mind.

There will be kits available for pickup at the Dec. meeting, or at Just Stitchin, for members to help put together the quilt for 2010. The kits will be broken down into different levels of difficulty, and anyone who would like some pointers or help with their kit, can find it at Just Stitchin, or the BOM workshops.

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

Programs

November meeting was given by Carrie Ott on repurposing vintage fabrics and linens. "What I like to do is recycle used fiber items that are a beautiful testament of our grandmothers' stitching skills and artistic abilities. Family stories, happy memories and gentle encouragement to our daughters and granddaughters will spontaneously result when the 'old becomes new' again."

Some of her ideas came from:

Create and Decorate, April 2004

Clotilde's Sewing Savvy, July 2004 and March 2005

Country Woman, January/February 2007

December meeting- The December meeting will be a potluck supper at 6:30 at Suzie Harris' home, 903 Sleepy Hollow Dr., Cedar Hill, 972-291-5698

Members signed up to bring dishes at the Nov. meeting. If you didn't sign up just bring what you want, hence the name "Potluck".

Meat dishes- Jeanne T, Pat, and Kathy

Salads- Barbara, Janet, Gloria D., Ann J., Jean C., Julie, and Gloria I.

Vegetable dishes- Ann A., Hollie, Charlotte, Marsha, Maryln, Claudia K., and Donna

Desserts- Gladys, Virginia, Joan, Judy, and Cheryl

Door Prize and Name tag winners:

Name tag winners: Carolyn, Julie, Cheryl, Rhonda, Janet and Amy

Door prize: Peggy, Donna, Charlotte, and Joan

Show and Tell:

Judy Purcell- Christmas table topper made from the fat ¼ she got last month in the name tag drawing.

Barbara Sessions- Table topper and placemats and Christmas wall hanging

Drena Cromaz- Magic Triangles, this took many retreats to complete

Gloria Densmore- Winter Welcome Christmas quilt and placemats

Karen Kelley- 1. Bull riding quilt 2. For the land and sea

Hollie Mc Neely- Hanukah wall hanging and hot pads.

Joan Crumroy- Christmas apron set made from a previous door prize

Gladys Janssen- 2 quilts made as gifts to her co-workers upon her retirement, Sawtooth star.

Helen Carr- Flour sac give away, 3 completed UFO quilts 1. Red and white 2. Stray squares 3. Leftover top received with sewing machine

Charlotte Humphrey- Redwork ABC quilt for her granddaughter

Jean Takano- Rocking chair quilt for 1st granddaughter, 1930's fabrics 1" 9-patch made from 101 different fabrics. Another (but different) "Big Bag"

Janet Syrcle- Tell: "My husband is finished with Chemo, and all scans are clear!"

Cheryl Strickland- 1. Dakota's Blue Penguin Quilt 2. Turkey says "eat more pie" wall hanging

Betsy Wilson- 1. Antique quilt made by my maternal great-grandmother. She died prior to my grandparents marriage in 1911. She dyed the brown fabric with black walnut outer shells, probably around civil war time.

2. Novelty quilt I made for my youngest Grandson. "There's a monster in my closet." Doors open revealing monsters and other things hidden inside.

Mystery Quilt to begin January 2010

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.

Choosing Your Block

It must be a "9 Patch" type block that can be made in sizes that are multiples of 3 (3, 6, 9, 12). You will be using the same block for your entire quilt.

Choose a block that you know you can comfortably make 3" blocks.

Examples of appropriate blocks are:

Cat's Cradle
Churn Dash (2 color)
Double X
Maple Leaf
Ohio Star (2 color)
Shoo-Fly (2 color)
Swamp Angel (2 color)
9 Patch
Friendship Star
Greek Square
Greek Cross

Stay away from blocks that have flying geese elements unless you enjoy making very tiny geese.

If you choose to do a 9 Patch:

be sure you are making a "positive" 9 patch; that is, the four corner and the middle patches are your focus fabric. The opposite is called a "negative" 9 Patch and is not appropriate for this quilt.

Choosing Fabric

You will need the following—Non-Scrappy

3 yards of background fabric (blocks, inner border, binding) must be nondirectional
3 yards of focus fabric (blocks, border)

Scrappy Only

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If you do not want a scrappy border you will need 1 yard of border fabric.

Focus can be scrappy as long as there is high contrast between focus and background. You will need scraps as large as 5" square for some blocks. The background fabric cannot be scrappy—you want your blocks to “float”.

Medium scale prints work best for the focus fabric. Large prints will be lost in the small blocks and very small prints will be boring in the large blocks. When you pick your focus fabric try to imagine what it would look like in a 4" square and what it would look like in a 1" square.

Don't choose a boring background. The focus fabric and background fabric should have a definite contrast; you don't want the focus to disappear into the background.

A note on yardage; since everyone gets to choose their own block and each block has a different ratio of focus to background fabric I had to make an arbitrary decision on yardage. 3 yards of each fabric is plenty to complete the quilt. Depending on which block you choose, each of you will have different amounts left over.

Local Happenings

Fabric Fanatics- Thank you to Fabric Fanatics for donating 2 bolts of batik fabric for donation quilts.

Ben Franklin- Ann passed out coupons for the Nov. open house.

Just Stitchin – New paper-pieced BOM- Desert Star, and a Halloween BOM. The 1st and 3rd 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, 1st 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.