

Homespun Quilters Newsletter

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The Prez Sez . . .

What a fun, relaxed meeting in December! Forty-three brave women and one brave man risked severe thunderstorms to come to the meeting, and I know that they are glad they did! The thunderstorms dissipated as the fun at the meeting increased. After a leisurely hour-long buffet dinner of great food and talk, and after another wonderful Show & Tell, we finally got to reveal the Big Surprise and give everyone the Christmas gifts we had promised! The gift for each member was a name tag kit with the new HQG logo designed by Suzanne Mack machine-embroidered on it! The real surprise to me was that, with so many people in on "the secret," that we actually managed to keep it a secret! I encourage all members to complete and wear their new name tag to meetings. (If you weren't at the December meeting, see the separate article about the Name Tag Project for how to get yours!) The meeting ended with members playing Bingo for prizes! Thanks, Patty!

I strongly encourage all Board Members to attend the January Board Meeting, as we will need to begin talking about Waco Quilt Show 2014. Also, in January we can legally merchandize our completed raffle quilt, and we need to discuss that. "Two heads are better than one." "Many hands make light work." Etc.!

Thanks to Cindy Bruce for volunteering to be our Properties Manager. A constant problem, for years now, has been, "Where is . . . ?" The Guild has a lot of "stuff," but it is stored in various locations. Cindy's job will be to be to know where all that "stuff" can be located when we need it, and to keep an inventory list for us.

We still have some job openings – Quilt Show Chair, Historian, and Hospitality Chair. See the November newsletter for what these jobs entail. Volunteers? I love volunteers!

Anybody up for a roadtrip Feb. 24-25 to La Grange for the "Best Little Quilt Show in Texas" and to see the new Texas Quilt Museum? I was at the museum a few weeks ago and was very impressed. And I got to see our own Connie Watkins' quilt from Lone Stars III beautifully displayed there! It would be fun to take some cars down there, maybe spend the night. E-mail or call me if interested.

Blessings on all of you for a bountiful, healthy, and happy New Year!
Ellis



January birthdays

- 4--Ruthann White
- 5--Virginia Lewis
- 5--Anita Selters
- 11--Janice Hinton
- 12--Lana Catalina
- 15--Frances Robertson
- 17--Elizabeth Brisby
- 18--Nancy Cagle
- 21--Georgia Rusek
- 22--Kae Metheny
- 24--Cindy Bruce

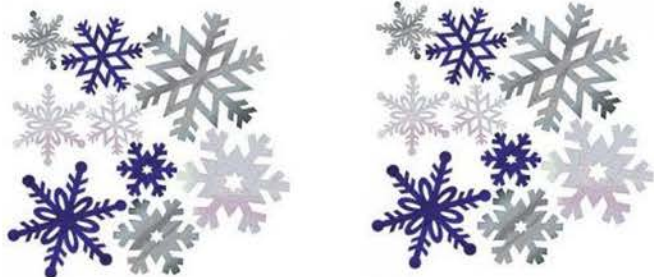
January birthday celebrants will be New Member Greeters at the January meeting. Please see page 2 for responsibilities.



MEET & EAT

5:30

Bring your take-out
Fun and fellowship!



Guild Greeters

Member with January birthdays are asked to be "Guild Greeters" at the January meeting. The first six birthday members arriving at the meeting get to be the Greeters and wear a special button, which will be at the Membership Table.

Duties:

* At least two Greeters be available at the Membership Table so Rita can find you to "pal" with new members or visitors.

* As one Greeter leaves the Membership area to show visitors around, he/she can alert another Greeter to report for duty.

* As Greeters wait their turns to escort a visitor or new member, one can stand by the door and greet members arriving, and the other can assist Rita.

* When being a "pal" to visitors or new members, you should:

1. Take person to each Guild activity (B-O-M, "Strip Club," Door Prizes, Library, etc. and explain the activity to him/her.
2. Introduce the person to other members.
3. Sit with that person during the meeting.
4. Anything else you can think of to make the person feel welcome!

Thanks for helping to make HQG the "Friendliest Quilt Guild in Texas!"

Guild Job Openings

1. Quit Show Chair or Co-Chairs
2. Historian – duties to be negotiated/discussed/created with interested person
3. Hospitality Chair – duties would be *to arrive at meeting by 5:15 to oversee Meet & Eat; *rearrange tables & chairs when everyone has finished eating.
*Clean tables, if needed. Collect and take out Meet & Eat trash.
*Responsible for Guild Greeters.

If you would like to fill any of these important Guild positions, please contact President Ellis Bennett.

Join the STRIP CLUB

and improve your JELLY ROLLS!

Cut one yard of fabric into 13 strips

Put them in a plastic bag with your name on it.

Receive 13 different strips and a pattern to play with!

January: Blue and/or White and/or silver (Winter Wonderland!)

I sure hope to see everyone!

Love, Lori

Quilt Display Racks

The Guild has two quilt display racks that maybe checked out from the President, Ellis Bennett, for personal use in photographing quilts, displaying other organization's raffle

Mark Your Calendars!

Deadline for articles and reports for the January Newsletter is **January 20**. Please send reports to stanke.dana@gmail.com. Thank you!



We encourage you to use the library for new projects, or just for browsing. Also, we would like your suggestions for new books which we can purchase, or you can suggest a category, such as Redwork or machine quilting for example. Please bring in your overdue books. If they are really overdue we will make a deal with you on the fine.

Membership News

We had 46 members present and VIP visitor Tina Hutyra.

Our members recorded 119 service hours

Would you like to advertise in a *great* newsletter that reaches around the WORLD?

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The Homespun Quilter's Guild Newsletter is placed on our guild's website each month.

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Nancy Pugh	Dallas Cowboy Quilt
Bettye Lewis	Sarah's Quilt
Colleen Barnes	Baylor fleece cape
	Two Christmas quilts
Rita Schormann	Two Redwork Christmas quilts
	Vanilla Jamaica Wallhanging
Tina Hutyra	Weavings

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW INFORMATION

Do you know of someone in the guild who has had a personal loss or is seriously ill, or has some good news to share? Please pass this information on to Karen Curlee at kccurlee@hotmail.com or phone at 254-662-2485 so we can send our best wishes to that person. Please make sure you give her the full name, address and information on where to send a donation if one is requested. Thank you!

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Save the Date

January Program January 16,, 2011--7:00

On January 16 we will be watching a DVD (projected on a screen) called "Stitched." It follows three art quilters—Caryl Bryer Fallert, Hollis Chatelain, and Randall Cook—as they create their entries for the 2010 International Quilt Festival in Houston. Each of these quilters sparked controversy in the quilting world with their work. This fun-filled documentary highlights the bonds of friendship amongst quilters and the enormity of the quilting world, with 21 million practicing their craft in the U.S. alone!

In February we will have Mary Massey as our guest lecturer and workshop leader. Her lecture on February 20th is titled "Not Your Gramma's Log Cabin," and her workshop on the 21st (here at the church) has the same title. Mary will present a trunk show during her lecture, and in the workshop, we will be making an assortment of the newer blocks that you could use for a sampler quilt. Or if you choose, you can use just one of your favorites and make a quilt with repeats of that one block.

I think we'll get off to a great start in the New Year. We're looking forward to a good turn-out for both months. Be sure to mark your calendars for the workshop. The fee for it will be \$30. A sign-up sheet will be provided in January for those who are interested in participating.

Alice Baird
Patty Field, Program Co-Chairs



Quilt Shows

January 27-29, 2012--Jefferson Quilt Show
Cypress Valley Education Center 120 East
Austin Street, Jefferson, TX

**January 28-29, 2012--Piecemakers by the
Bay Quilt Guild**

Rockport-Fulton High School
1803 Omohundro Street
Rockport, Texas

**February 10-11, 2-12--Golden Triange Guild
Quilt Show**

Beaumont Civic Center
Beaumont, TX

**February 24-25, 2012--Rio Grande Valley
Quilt Show**

McAllen Convention Center 700
Convention Center Blvd. McAllen,
TX

**March 22-24, 2012--Texas Wildflower Shop
Hop"Quilts in Bloom"**

Participating shops: Quilting Cousins,
Clifton, Quilts /n/More--Midlothian, Common
Threads, Waxahachie, Poppy Quilt 'N
Sew--Georgetown, Tomorrow's Quilts--Waco,
Quiltin'Country-Killeen, A sewing Basket-
Salado. Cotton Cottage-Fairfield

2012 Guild Programs

March 19,2012 Our Guild Challenge, with the theme "Sing Me a Song", quilts not to exceed 36" on any side. I believe there will also be a Challenge for Bazaar Booth items for the 2013 Quilt Show.

April 16, 2012, will feature a program by Sharon Wilhelm---"Color That Is Politically Correct---Integrated and Segregated"

May 21,2012, will feature a program by Connie Litfin---"The History of Redwork"

May 22, 2012, there will be a workshop, patterns available. Cost--reasonable

THE NAME TAG PROJECT A SUCCESS!

Machine-embroidered name tag kits incorporating the new Homespun Quilters' Guild logo designed by Suzanne Mack were surprise Christmas gifts given by the Guild to each member who attended the December meeting. Some Board members and many of the machine embroiderers had completed name tags to show the members as examples of ways to complete their own name tags. President Ellis Bennett challenged the members to wear their completed name tags to the January meeting.

Each name tag kit includes the embroidered logo, batting, and backing, and two sets of hardware for use in attaching the completed name tag to a lanyard. The name tag kits include no instructions on purpose! Completion is open-ended, and at the creative whim of each quilter. The quilter's name may be put on the tag in any way (machine-embroidered, hand-embroidered, cross-stitched, inked, stamped, etc.). The tag may be any size and shape, edge-finished any technique. Embellishments can be anything you can think up!

It is advised, however, that you leave the stabilizer on the back of the stitching for support. If you get one of the embroideries which has had the stabilizer removed, use a temporary spray adhesive to attach a fairly firm non-woven stabilizer before working on your name tag.

There are enough kits for all members to make one. Members who weren't at the December meeting may get their kits at any meeting. Ellis Bennett has the kits, if you are eager to get started making yours before the January meeting!

The members who did the red, blue, and yellow machine embroidery in two separate sewing sessions at Lynne Jackson's house were Colleen Barnes, Dee Ann Boatright, Priscilla Brown, Lynne Jackson, Suzanne Mack, Hilary McDaniel, Dodie Miller, Carol Patterson, Rita Schormann, and Sandy Weynand. Alice Baird and Ellis Bennett were kept busy cutting and ironing fabric, and cutting and applying stabilizer to the fabric for the embroiderers.

Many thanks to the three quilt shops who aided in this project, Waco Bernina Quilt and Sew, Tomorrow's Quilts, and Quilting Cousins in Clifton. Not only did they help acquire needed supplies, and provide machine-embroidery expertise, but they kept the project secret for us!

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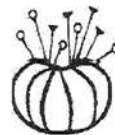
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Minutes of the
Homespun Quilters' Guild Meeting
December 19, 2011

After a wonderful potluck meal, the meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Ellis Bennett. She asked committee chairs not reporting tonight to submit their reports for inclusion in the newsletter. Cindy Bruce has accepted the responsibility of Properties Manager and members are asked to let her know of any guild items in their possession.

Membership Chairman Rita Schormann reported that 43 members are present and welcomed our visitor, former President Tina Brumm. She also stated 113 community service hours were listed for the past month.

Strip Club theme for January will be blue, silver and white, singly or in any combination of these colors.

Sunshine & Shadows Karen Curlee advised that Audrey Peterson is currently in rehab and encouraged us to send cards. She also reported that Linda Buckner's mother-in-law is back in the hospital.

Ellis announced a special gift of embroidered guild logo name tag kits for each member. Suzanne Mack, creator of the logo, thanked businesses who contributed materials to the project - Tomorrow's Quilts, Quilting Cousins and Waco Sew & Quilt. Gratitude was expressed to Lynne Jackson, who offered her home for work sessions, and others who volunteered to complete the project. Alice Baird, Colleen Barnes, Ellis Bennett, Dee Ann Boatright, Priscilla Brown, Hilary McDaniel, Dodie Miller, Carol Patterson, Rita Schormann and Sandy Weynand participated in this special gift. Several members who had received their name tags earlier were asked to display their completed name tags. Ellis stressed that members were free to complete their name tags however they wished and recommended using a firm stabilizer. Suzanne and Lynne distributed the kits during the break which followed.

Show & Tell, as always, included a number of beautiful quilts.

Suzanne was presented a tote featuring the guild logo in appreciation of her work.

Community Service Co-Chairmen Rose Schroeder, Chris Bryant, and Susan Hutyra presented 126 Christmas stockings and 60 quilts to Meals on Wheels on behalf of the guild and said they were appreciated.

After drawings for door prizes, we were treated to Christmas bingo.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Mitchell



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Board Meeting Board Meeting Jan. 9 6:30PM (Ellis Bennett's house)

Guild Meeting January 16, 7:00PM