

November Meeting

When:

- **Thursday, November 6, 2008**
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Where:

- Shearith Israel
Kaplan Auditorium
(on west side of building)

What to Bring:

- Some money if you would like to purchase a 2009 Dallas Quilt Celebration t-shirt or other Guild store items
- Bring & Brag Items
- Completed "Block Contest" entries
- Sewing machine, thread, cutting mat, cutting ruler, and/or rotary cutter to join in the block-making fun
- Nominations for Founder's Award and/or Silver Thimble Awards (turn in to Guild President Marcia Hampton)
- Completed "Covers for Kids" projects you've done on your own
- Soaps/shampoos/etc. saved from out-of-town travels for our "Covers for Kids" charities to use

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MAKE It (But Don't TAKE It!)

A Block-making Workshop presented by the Covers for Kids committee

At our November Guild Meeting we will be having a Covers for Kids Workshop Night! This is a golden opportunity to learn some easy-to-make block techniques and designs that you can use later to make your own quilts, while helping the Guild maintain our status as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. (Part of maintaining that status is by doing volunteer service activities.)

Rhonda Anderson, coordinator of the "Covers for Kids" efforts of our Guild, has recruited enthusiastic volunteers to lead six different "stations." Each will focus on a different block piecing design. Planned techniques include:

- String-piecing
- Paper piecing
- 3-Dimensional Bow-Ties
- and MORE!

We would love to have you bring your sewing machine so we can whip up dozens of blocks and piece together several tops during the time available during the meeting.

Even if you can't bring a machine, we still want you to come join us. You can take on "pressing" duties for a station or two, help with squaring up blocks, or simply wander around watching demos and gathering free handouts on the techniques we will show.

At this time, Rhonda plans to have handouts available for each block type. These quick ideas also work well for the baby/children's quilts you make for friends and family. And remember - the holidays are rapidly approaching. Is there a special youngster in your life that would be excited to get a new quilt to cuddle up to?

Please come to the meeting, plan to help, and learn something new!

Founder's and Silver Thimble Awards

Marcia Hampton, marcia_hampton@yahoo.com

Annually the Guild presents the Founder's and Silver Thimble Awards to Guild volunteers that are consistently giving of their time and talents to the Guild.

Helena Hibbs initiated these awards in 1984, and we continue the practice today.

- The **Founder's Award** honors someone who has been a member of the Guild for at least five years and who has continued, throughout their membership, to further the mission and the goals of the Guild.

- The **Silver Thimble Award** honors those who have been members of the Guild for at least three years, and who have gone above and beyond in their volunteer duties during their service. Three awards are made each year.

The nominations for the recipients of these awards come from members of the Guild. If you would like to nominate a fellow Guild member for either the Founder's or Silver Thimble award please contact Marcia Hampton. Nominations must be received by November 6th.

Sunshine & Shadow

Mary E Howard • 972-530-0197 • mehoward77@verizon.net

Special thanks goes to Quilter's Unique friendship group for helping at October's meeting.

Becky Rhodes, former member, died October 6.

Marianne Gildea died in her sleep October 16. Marianne was our 2000 Quilt Celebration show chair, served as Ways & Means VP, and made one of our raffle/donation quilts, and was an active member of the Guild.

Per Marianne's wishes, she was buried October 25 in the family plot in Three Rivers, Michigan. For Dallas area friends, a local memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th at 11:00 a.m at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Dallas. The church is located at the corner of Ferndale and Walnut Hill Lane. There will be a reception at Quilter's Connection after the service.

The family has suggested a donation in Marianne's name to either of the following charities:

- The SPCA of TX (she loved cats!) You can easily donate to the SPCA of TX online at www.sPCA.org There is a place for memorial donations under the donation link.
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation - North West Ohio Chapter (one of her nieces has juvenile diabetes). The mailing address is:
3450 W. Central Avenue, Suite 256
Toledo, OH 43606

If you choose to donate to one of the charities, please let the charity know that you are donating in memory of Marianne Gildea, and include the following address so that the family will receive an acknowledgement:

- The Gildea Family
c/o Quilter's Connection
9658 Plano Rd.
Dallas, TX 75238

As always, please let me know whenever you hear of a sunshine (Good news!) or shadow (sad news...) at the email or phone number listed above.

Programs & Workshops

December's program will be a product of Judy Kriehn's observations as a former chairman of the entries committee for the Dallas Quilt Celebration.

Entitled "Putting Your Best Stitch Forward," the presentation will address tips for:

- Quilt photography
- Interpreting Quilt Show Rules
- Divisions - how to choose the right one
- And more!

Since the deadline for Dallas Quilt Celebration will be the January meeting, you'll want to be sure you know how to keep Richard Larson from baring his teeth when he sees your entry materials...

In related business... We have some exciting programs coming up in 2009, but we are already planning for 2010! If you happen to go to the Houston International Quilt Festival, and get to take a class or hear a lecture from a teacher that you feel our Guild would enjoy, get their contact information and pass it on to Marilyn Dickson, Vice President of Programs & Workshops, along with a short description of why you think they would be a good presenter for our Guild.

In addition, the Program Committee can use help manning the workshop table during meetings, setting up for a workshop, getting our speakers to the workshop from their hotel, and taking the speaker to dinner after class. Let Marilyn know if you are interested.

"Goin' to Pieces" Stuff the Pieces

As of the writing of this article, the membership packets are ready to mail.

Members of the *Goin' to Pieces* Friendship Group stuffed over 500 packets with:

- your membership card
- the directory
- quilt raffle tickets & photo postcard
- Quilt Celebration bumper sticker
- passes to the quilt show and to a Guild meeting
- Show entry brochure, etc.

Over 24 "woman-hours" went into the evening "Stuffing Party." Thank you to Cynthia Bennett, Karolyn Brown, Carol Dickschat, Marianne Gildea, Cleola Green, Nina Hall, Sue Holland, LaDonna Holtsclaw, Ann Reznicek, Heloise Ridgeway, Gayle Sellers, Julie Sheerin, Marcia Wood, and board member Mary Jane Burton.

Also, thanks go to the many people who wrote, edited, compiled, formatted, proofed and re-proofed the contents of the packet before it went to the printer. So many people had a part; I will not even try to make a list. Suffice to say, the Guild appreciates all its volunteers!!

If you have special skills, or just a willing spirit and some free time, let any board member know you would like to work on the Directory/Yearbook for 2009-2010. This Guild runs on Volunteer Power. Be part of the pit crew that keeps QGD going.

Other Upcoming Programs:

January
Gail Garber

February
John Flynn

March
Xenia Cord

QGD Annual Retreat - Tanglewood

January 15-19, 2009

Kay Cox and Mary Lord, co chairs

Registrations are arriving daily. If you have not registered, please take time to do so. We need registrations in by November 15th so we can make the hotel arrangements.

Theme. Each year our retreat has a theme. This year the theme is a knock off on one of our favorite Dr. Seuss books "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" We are calling it:

Oh, the Places We've Been!

Saturday night at retreat is our most well attended dinner. That night we have a seated dinner and everyone is encouraged to dress in a way to demonstrate the theme. When you think about it, the possibilities are limitless. We will be playing off this theme all weekend. It should be lots of fun and provide avenues for extreme

creativity. Remember, Tanglewood is a family resort so please restrain your urges to take it to another level.

T-Shirts. Many participants collect the t-shirts from all the retreats. Rhonda Anderson is designing the artwork and you will be able to order and have them before retreat. Rhonda will have a sample soon for you to view and order.

Grab Bags. Last year we did the *GRAB BAG GOODIES FROM YOUR SEWING ROOM* exchange. It was lots of fun and it was amazing to see the items that we have duplicates of, books we have read, patterns we have made (or got real and knew we would never get around to making), tools that looked like a good idea but in reality..., that ugly fabric we had to have, UFOs,

chocolates, whatever was sitting around taking up space. This is totally optional, but if you want to play, put a brown grocery bag in your sewing room now and every time you come across an item you have no idea what to do with, drop it in. You will be amazed at the collections. During the weekend we will be drawing numbers and exchanging bags. Everyone who brings one gets one.

Dallas' own *Quilters Connection* will be the shop at retreat. We are delighted to have their participation. If you have special requests of items you would like to see at their tables, feel free to contact owner Shelley Chappell. She will do her best to accommodate your requests.

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For your convenience, shirts
will be available for sale at
Quilting Design Studio
624 Haggard Street
Plano, Texas
during regular business hours.

Show Chairman
Val Hubbard
will also have a small supply of
shirts with her wherever she
and her vehicle might be found.

Quiltmania II Merchandise

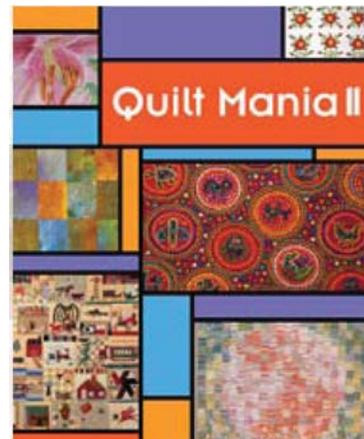
Quiltmania II Catalogue - \$25.00

108 page catalogue

74 images of quilts, including three
Keeper Quilts from the Dallas Collection.

Notecards - \$19.00

Set of eighteen 4" x 6" notecards
featuring images of quilts from the catalogue.



Dallas Quilt Celebration 2009 Commemorative T-Shirts

Available in choice of
three colors (shown at right)
Blue, Sand, or Pink

Small to XXL - \$14.00

XXXL to XXXXXL - \$18.00



Long-Sleeve Show T-Shirt

By popular demand,
the Guild Store is marketing
a long-sleeve version of the
official 2009 Dallas Quilt
Celebration T-shirt in a
festive shade of purple!

Sizes Available:

Medium to XL

\$20.00



Time is running out for
Guild members to receive
the special bonus gifts with
a paid subscription to
**Fons & Porter's
Love of Quilting
Magazine**

Guild members pay only
\$15.00/year - a savings of
58% off the cover price!





Show Update

Too many quilts at your house ? New Booth at Quilt Celebration 2009

This year at Quilt Celebration 2009, the Guild is offering a solution to selling your quilts. For **Guild members only**, a booth for the first time will offer Guild member's quilts for sale. This will be a consignment situation, in that each Guild member sets the sale price for their quilt(s), and if sold, the Guild will take a 15% commission on the sale(s).

Consignment Specifics:

- Limited to Guild members only (dues must be current)
- Consignment sale will last for three days only (March 14th-16th at the show)
- If quilt remains unsold at close of show, it will be returned to the owner
- Display booth will be located in the concession/special exhibit area of the "north hall" in the Market Hall facility.
- Checks and credit cards will be accepted.
- Prices are non-negotiable for the buyer.
- Contract must be signed by the member/quilt owner releasing the Guild from liability for damage or theft.

If you would like to be on this committee, have ideas for operating this booth, or have seen this concept carried out at another show... please contact

Margaret Wolf
bmjrwolf2002@yahoo.com

Wanted: Quilt Show Volunteers

Here we are again, deep in planning 2009 Quilt Celebration. It is not too early to send in your volunteer form or email me at salter125@hotmail.com. Volunteer early to be sure to get the job you want, at the time you want.

Many volunteers have already been working diligently to prepare for our annual show. We need to staff many positions for our Quilt Celebration in March. Please be generous with your time. YOU are important to the success of our show. We could not be such a large completely volunteer run show without your help and the help of all of our members and even many non-members.

Special Exhibits

Vicki Isenhour and Allison Ray
Special Exhibits Chairs.

We are working on setting up a postcard-making workshop. While a date is not determined yet, we are planning for mid to late January 2009. Our committee will notify Guild members when we have a date/place determined. If participating in a workshop of this type interests you, we'd love to hear from you! We will have an area in the Special Exhibits area just for postcards made by Guild members. Postcards from around the world have begun to arrive, and we are really excited about this. Next month we will tell you more about this display.

I hope you are hard at work on those projects you started in workshops, because we want to display those also. I will have forms starting at the November meeting for you to pick up and fill out for this display.

Do you have a motorcycle-themed quilt we can display? Please contact Vicki Isenhour at visenhour123@hotmail.com if you have a motorcycle quilt.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Special Exhibits Committee, please contact Vicki at 972-741-7885.

“Wild Kingdom”

2009 AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge

We're getting closer to our wonderful 2009 Dallas Quilt Celebration. The show committee has been hard at work putting forth every effort to make this the best show yet. And that is no easy task when you look back at all the wonderful shows of the past.

This year, we want to make sure we have a sufficient number of quilts to enable us to enter the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge event taking place in Knoxville, TN next year in July. The summer AQS Show has been held in Nashville for many years and this is the first time it will be in Knoxville. It will generate a lot of publicity and thousands of visitors to the area.

The first year this challenge was offered by AQS, our Guild was the challenge winner and recipient of a \$5,000 check. Being the wonderful organization they are, AQS is always looking for ways to improve. In so doing, the rewards for the Ultimate Guild Challenge have increased. Now they not only offer \$5,000 to the winning Guild, but they also offer individual prizes in the amounts of \$1,500 for first place, \$1,000 for second place and \$750 for third place. These individual awards are given to the quilts judged to be the top three from all the quilts exhibited by all the Guilds that enter the challenge. With all the amazing and talented quilters we have in our Guild, I wouldn't be at all surprised to see some of these awards going to our challenge entrants.

Now what do you have to do to be able to compete for the prizes? Well, it's really simple...First, just make a quilt following the rules of our Member AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge for 2009. If you didn't pick up a copy of the rules at a Guild Meeting, simply send me an email and I'll be happy to forward a copy to you. Second, get another quilting buddy to make a quilt too. We have to have at least 8 quilts in our AQS Challenge category at our

show in order to make a submission to the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge. The past couple years we have fallen short of the minimum required by AQS.

So, to summarize... **why would you want to make a quilt to be entered in the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge?**

- It's fun
- You get to show off your creativity, design and quilting skills to 100,000 viewers or more
- You get to add to your credentials that you were juried into a national show
- You have an opportunity to win a first (\$300), second (\$200), third (\$100) or honorable mention at the 2009 Dallas Quilt Celebration Show in March
- You have the opportunity to help our Guild earn \$5,000 to help with our

educational and community service projects, AND

- You have an opportunity to win an additional \$1,500, \$1,000 or \$750 at the AQS show

What better reasons to make your “Wild Kingdom” quilt? Remember, you need to have your top completed and photographed to turn in with your 2009 Dallas Quilt Celebration entry no later than our January Guild meeting!

The rules are printed in the Show information brochure that is included in the 2009 Membership Packet, or you may request the list of the challenge rules via email from:

Joan Wilson
grammyscreations@tx.rr.com

Beneficiary of the 2009 Miniature Quilt Auction Announced

Bonnie McElearney and Mary Lord

The Quilter's Guild of Dallas (QGD) and the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas (RMH) have a long history of working together on projects that benefit children with medical problems and help their families cope with the stresses and uncertainty of the future. Since 1983, QGD and RMH have collaborated on many special projects, as well as keeping the RMH quilt closet full of quilts for the kids. Well, we are at it again!!!

RMD is currently building a new 60 room House, set to open in the fall of 2009. The new house will give RMH the opportunity to include a wonderful craft/sewing room. There will be several areas in the large room: scrap booking, miscellaneous crafts, and a “quilter's corner.” The “quilter's corner,” will need tables, task lighting, mats, irons, sewing tools, good sewing chairs, containers, and shelving - all items that

will make the sewing space efficient.

Each year a recipient organization is chosen to receive the proceeds from the Miniature Quilt Auction. Mary Lord and Bonnie McElearney are proud to announce the proceeds of the 2009 Miniature Quilt Auction will be awarded to RMH for their “quilter's corner” in the new 60 room RMH.

We could not be more excited! Now that you know one of the QGD's favorite charities will benefit from all your hard work, please start working on the miniature quilt(s) you plan to donate to the auction this year. Only YOU have the ability to make the RMH “quilter's corner” a wonderful place for RMH families to gather and engage in creative activities while their loved ones are receiving medical treatment. Thank you for all you do!

Appraisals

Nelson Berry • 138 Classen Drive • Dallas, Texas 75329

Quilt Celebration 2009 will have two certified appraisers available at the show to appraise your quilts and garments.

Having an appraisal for your quilt is very important for insurance purposes. If your item should be lost or damaged in transit, the shipper will very likely dispute the insurance value of the item without written proof. This holds true even while the items are in your possession if your home should suffer a disaster and quilts are part of the loss.

Appraisals are \$40.00 for each item and are scheduled every thirty minutes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You do not have to be present for the appraisal, but are welcome to attend. (An appraisal is not a critique of your work). If your quilt is entered in this years' show it can be appraised where it is hanging.

Fill out the appraisal form in your entry package and send to me along with your check and self-addressed stamped envelope. A confirmation letter will be sent. Check made out to Dallas Quilt Celebration 2009.

VOLUNTEERS

The success of any large 'volunteer run' event relies heavily on the good will and helping hands of all its members. We need volunteers to collect tickets, serve as 'booth sitters', 'quilt angels' and a host of other duties.

Four ways we make being a 2009 Dallas Quilt Celebration volunteer worth your while:

- Two (2) or more hours of your time, your admission to the show that day is FREE,
- Four (4) or more hours of service, you will receive a thank you gift, item yet to be determined.
- Eight (8) or more hours you will receive the 'wings' pin and/or pin bar in addition to the four hour volunteer gift,
- The Guild also provides a light lunch for volunteers any day you work.

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the form and send to the address as instructed. The Volunteer Coordinator will send a reminder e-mail with instructions in early March 2009 to volunteers who sign-up by the February Guild meeting.

Thank you!

2009 Volunteer Registration Form

Please print in black ink

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Please circle any or all job preferences and indicate your available days/times in black ink.

- Appraisals
- Admissions
- Booth Sitters
- Greeters
- Guild Office
- Guild Store
- Lecture Tickets
- Membership Table
- Mini-Quilt Auction
- Mobility Services
- Quilt Angel
- Raffle Quilt
- Setup
- Staff Lounge
- Take Down
- Vendor Support
- Volunteer Coordinator

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS	Wednesday 03/11	Thursday 03/12	Friday 03/13	Saturday 03/14	Sunday 03/15
8 am - 10 am					
10 am - Noon					
Noon - 2 pm					
2 pm - 4 pm					
4 pm - 6 pm					

Please mail the completed form to:

Valerie Salter
7630 Goforth Rd.
Dallas, Tx 75238

Or compose an email with the appropriate information and send to:

salter125@hotmail.com