Our President Comments—
A New Year’s “Challenge”!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Let 2011 be a year of happy quilting for each and everyone. Your guild has planned programs and workshops to stimulate ideas and enhance skills.

My suggestion is for each of us to challenge ourselves to try a new skill, or new colors, or use different materials this year.
- Now take a moment to actually write down your challenge.
- Now put your challenge note in a very visible place.
- Now you have a goal to plan for in 2011.
HAPPY QUILTING!

Your President,
Vesta VanTrease

Our new officers are listed at left. Please give them your support, feedback, ideas, and comments throughout the coming year. In addition to those individuals listed (your Board of Directors), the following people will be serving our guild in the following capacities in 2011:

Hearts & Hands
Virginia Wilson and Patti Bernet

Door Prizes—Day
Johnnie Selvidge, Dotti Westerburg,
Lana Capps, Shirley McMahon,
Evelyn Henderson

Door Prizes—Night
Helen Blevins, Jennie Stow, Gail Hankins

Education—Day
Jean Hager

Education—Night
Volunteers as needed

Library—Day
Maralea Brady

Library—Night
Joyce McCool

Sunshine & Shadows
Marj Bailey

Newsletter
Linda Hertensteiner

Roster
Fran Gutierrez

New Member Packets
Linda Frazier

Thank you all for your willingness to serve!

Comments from Your Editor:
“A New Webmaster!”

We have a new Webmaster on board (God bless him!). Be sure to check out his bio on page 7 and thank Karen Scharf for introducing us to James! As we look forward to working with James, we want to acknowledge, with our deepest appreciation, all of the hard work and countless hours that Paula Klaassen has put into making our website what it is today—one of the most respected in the area. Almost daily, I grow in my admiration for Paula and her abilities (and am thankful for her help and friendship). We all owe Paula a deep debt of gratitude for the time she has devoted to Green Country Quilters Guild. Her legacy will live on for many years. We love you, Paula! Thank you!!

Linda Hertensteiner

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January, 2011
Hearts & Hands

Our thanks to Maralea Brady for giving her time and presenting a workshop on quilting on a home sewing machine. Anyone who missed this workshop will probably get the opportunity to see a rerun at a later date. Our next meeting will be the second Saturday in January (the 8th) because of the New Year’s Day holiday. If the weather is extremely cold, or the roads icy, we probably won’t be having our meeting. Call Virginia (724-6802) if you are in doubt about whether to come or not.

Please join us at Hearts & Hands, where you make a difference by making quilts for disadvantaged youngsters. Even if you have NO experience and are a new quilter, we will guide you along. We are open to all, old and new guild members, experienced or inexperienced.

We still have many finished tops that are waiting for someone to quilt them. The batting we use is flat and easily quilted on your home sewing machine. We have much fabric that we are willing to share with any circle who wants to make quilts or lap robes to donate.

Hearts & Hands meets at John Calvin Presbyterian Church on 31st Street, just east of Memorial Drive. Drive around to the back, and knock on the door. We are there from 9:00-3:00. Come anytime during the day and stay as long as you like. Bring your lunch and join in the fun, or just come by and see what we are doing.

If any of you would like to become a “rocking grandma” at Margaret Hudson in Broken Arrow, you may call Margaret Hudson (BA) and get information directly from them. Tours are also available if any of you wish to learn more about their program (perhaps your circle would like to take a tour).

Patti Bernett & Virginia Wilson

Project Linus

Ruth Eakle from the Muskogee guild is asking for donations for the Project Linus group that has been formed by the women in-mates at Eddie Warrior Detention Center, where Ruth is a volunteer. The women there are looking for donations of fabric, thread, batting, yarn, crochet hooks, and knitting needles. Please bring items to be donated to our January guild meetings, and I will collect them and get them to Ruth. Thank you!

2011 Scheduled Programs

Here’s a list of our scheduled programs for 2011. Be sure to check the “Program Low-down” each month for details and previews of coming attractions!

January Long-arm Quilters
February Candace Kenyon — “Fabric Collage” Saturday Workshop
March Lorraine Olsen — “Every Scrap Quilt Tells a Story” (Thurs.) “Miniatures” (Fri.) Saturday Workshop
April Debbie Maddy Saturday Workshop
May Kathy Delaney — “Just What Does the Judge Look For?”
June Linda Hertensteiner — “Quilting Costa Rica”
July Gina Levesque — “Making and Using Hand-Dyed Wool”
August Becky Goldsmith — Hand Applique (the Piece O’ Cake Way!) Saturday Workshop
September Scavenger Hunt — “Thinking Outside the Box”
October Deana Hartman — “Taking the Plunge: From Traditional to Art Quilts” Saturday Workshop
November A Surprise will be revealed!

Quilting Costa Rica: My Bags Are Packed!

It’s just a few short weeks until we take off for Costa Rica, loaded down with the many items and tons of fabric that you’ve donated for the women there. I will still be accepting needlecases, scissors, pins, rotary cutters and blades, and embroidery floss (any colors) at the January meeting. Again, I thank you for your generosity! Be watching for an upcoming program that will highlight my trip and the women there, who make up our “Sister Guild.”

Dios te bendiga!

Linda Hertensteiner
Our sympathies are extended to:
Betty K. Fisher on the death of her mother on November 25 (Thanksgiving). Betty had cared for her mom for many years, and we know this will be a difficult adjustment;
Paula Klaassen on the death of her father in early December;
Katherine Shinn on the death of her niece.
Elinor Bartleson on the death of her husband, Gene, on December 23.

Our prayers go out to all of you and your families during these difficult days.

Don’t forget that we also like to hear “Sunshine” news—births, marriages, major anniversaries, and other things that we can celebrate with our members!

Please contact me at mb1143@cox.net with information to be shared with our guild members. Thank you! Marj Bailey, Sunshine & Shadows

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Thanks to everyone who has participated in the Pillowcase Challenge this past year. The Cotton Patch has given our 218 pillowcases (as of the 1st of December) to organizations such as Pearl’s Hope, Ronald McDonald House, St. Francis Children’s Hospital, and the Laura Dester Shelter. This challenge is continuing through next year, so let’s renew our efforts to show our support in 2011. Use your own pattern, or go to www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases and download one of theirs. Green Country Quilters love a challenge!

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Green Country Quilters Guild Membership Form 2011

Exciting programs and workshops covering all aspects of quilting, plus wholesome fun and friendship! That’s what you can expect from your quilt guild membership. Meetings are held at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 East 93rd Street (Night Group) and at Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road (Day Group). Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the following Friday at 9:45 a.m.

PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY FOR ACCURATE ROSTER INFORMATION

Annual Membership Dues are: (check proper blank)

Regular (age 18-61) $25.00
Senior Citizens (ages 62+) $20.00
Junior (ages 12-17) $15.00

New Member Renewal

Meeting you plan to attend: Day Night

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Monthly newsletters are available at www.greencountryquiltersguild.com. Click on “Read Our Newsletters.”

Would you prefer to have your newsletter delivered by snail mail? (Black and white copy)____________________________________

Make checks payable to: Green Country Quilters Guild, Inc.

Mail check (no cash) to: Betty Fisher, 10167 E. 23rd Street, Tulsa, OK 74129-4610

Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or pick up membership card at guild meeting.

Spotlight... on Stitch Groups

“Stitch and Chatter”

Stitch and Chatter stitch group organized in April, 1986, with 11 members. For a short time, we met in members’ homes but, after growing rapidly, moved to the West Regional Library for 14 years. For the last 10 years we have held meetings at the River Oaks Christian Church in Jenks.

The group presently has 19 members and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. The love of quilting has been shared among the members, and lasting friendships have been made. Members have worked individually, plus we have done many group projects. Our members have been very generous in donating quilts of all sizes (as well as quilting supplies and lots of fabric) to various organizations, hospitals, nursing homes, quilt shows, and a women’s prison. Our current project is making lap quilts to be donated to Grace Living Center in Jenks. If you would like more information about Stitch and Chatter, contact me at 495-1994.

Linda Osterhout

MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

Please note that the location for our January Night Meeting has been changed from Hardesty Library to the Youth Center at Woodlake Church. Woodlake is located at 7100 East 31st Street (on 31st Street between Sheridan and Memorial). Heading east from Sheridan on 31st, turn right onto 73rd E. Ave. (the street east of the church) and follow the curve around to the Youth Center. It will be on the left with its own parking lot. There is a sign when you turn onto 73rd E. Ave. that reads “Youth Encounter Center.”

We hope that this location change (for this meeting only) will not cause too much of an inconvenience to our Night guild members. Thank you for your cooperation!

The Editor
Program “Low-Down”

It is hard to believe that 2011 is already here! We are excited about our upcoming programs and think the first one of the year will get us off to a great start. In January we will welcome several local long-arm quilters and receive tips on getting our quilts ready to be quilted, explore different types of quilting, do’s and don’ts, tips, and more. We think this will be tremendously helpful for our day-to-day quilts, as well as those we prepare for our 2012 Quilt Show.

Be sure to come to February’s meeting to welcome local art quilter Candace Kenyon, who will present a lecture and trunk show of her beautiful fabric collage quilts. We are fortunate to have Candace do an all-day workshop for us on Saturday, February 19, where we will learn to make extraordinary fabric collage quilts for ourselves. You will be almost finished with your beautiful project when you leave this workshop, and you will be amazed at just how creative you are! A form for registering for this class appears at right.

In March we are delighted that Lorraine Olsen will be with us to do two different lectures, a trunk show, and a workshop.

So please, turn out and sign up…it’s going to be a great year!

Karen Scharf, Program Committee

We desperately need at least one more person to help with Programs for our Day Group. Please consider stepping up to help us in filling this opening for 2011!

Candace Kenyon Workshop “Fabric Collage”

Date: Sat., February 19, 2011
Time: 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Place: Hardesty Library (Guild Meeting Room)
Cost: Members—$40; Non-members—$45

Please fill out this coupon and turn it in, along with your payment, at one of our regular guild meetings (or you may mail it to: P.O. Box 35021, Tulsa, 74153-0021). Make checks payable to “GCQG.” Space is limited, so get your reservation in early. GCQG members receive early enrollment preference until 30 days prior to workshop.

Name:__________________________________________
Address:________________________________________
E-mail:__________________________________________
Phone:__________________________________________

Lorraine Olsen Workshop “Little Lone Star”

Date: Sat., March 19, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Place: To be announced
Cost: Members—$40; Non-members—$45

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www.AmiSimms.com — A “Paula Klaassen favorite,” you’ll love Ami (rhymes with “salami”). Her website has 29 links (count ‘em!), her blog is entertaining, her newsletters are informative and funny, and you can buy things and learn a ton of stuff (and spend all day cruising around the site). Check it out when you have time—she’s on Facebook too (Ami Simms). Enjoy her free tutorials, and sign up to receive her newsletter—she’s a hoot! The Editor
**The Month in Miniature**

**January, 2011**

**Stitch Groups:**
- Stitch ‘n Stuff (S.&S.)
- Stitch and Quilt (S.&Q.)
- Loose Threads (L.T.)
- Cotton Patch Stitchers (C.P.S.)
- Cover Girls (C.G.)
- Morning Glory (M.G.)
- Itty Bitty Quilt Committee (I.B.Q.C.)
- Stitch and Chatter (S.&C.)
- T-Town Stitchers (T-T.S.)
- Sew It Seams (S.I.S.)

Please check your roster for details on Stitch Group meeting times, and check other places in the newsletter for details on other events. Please advise of any Stitch Group additions or deletions—thank you!

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

- **OKC Winter Quilt Show**—OKC Convention Center—January 13-15—$8 ($1 coupon on-line)
- **There’s No Place Like Home—A Kansas Quilt Show**—Winfield, KS—April 2-3, 2011 (for info, go to walnutvalleyquilters.com)
- **Pioneer Area Quilter’s Guild In Homes Quilt Show**—Ponca City—April 16-17, 2011 (tickets available at Completely Quilted - $5)
- **Jubilee Quilting Guild 2011 Quilt Show**—Bartlesville—July 8-9, Washington County Fairgrounds
- **Pryor Patchers Quilt Show**—November 4-5, 2011

**“Around Town” in January**

Here’s what’s happening this month at other area quilt guilds:

In Claremore this month: Sue Swanner—Quilt Sampler, Thurs., Jan. 27, 9:45 a.m., St. Cecilia’s Catholic Church, Claremore.

In Muskogee this month: Reaching Out, Thurs., Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Muskogee.

In Owasso this month: Thurs., Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m., St. Henry’s Catholic Church, Owasso.

In Pryor this month: Tue., Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m., Mayes County Fairgrounds Extension Office.

Tulsa Modern Quilt Guild: Tues., January 11, 6:30 p.m., Hardesty Library.

Quilts of Valor: Sat., Jan. 8, 10:00-4:00, Broken Arrow Downtown Library.
Meet our new Webmaster!

I am happy to introduce our new Webmaster, James Yamamoto. James is Karen Scharf’s son-in-law, and he has graciously volunteered to take over the management of our website for the coming year. We are very appreciative of James’ kind offer to do this for us. Here, in his own words, is a brief bio:

“I was born and raised in West Covina and Fontana, CA in 1982. After middle school, we decided to move with my sister’s family to Niwot, CO. After high school, I attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO.

During my second year, I met Laura through some friends. We started dating near the end of 2001. At that time (or shortly before) was when I started to dabble in web design. I’ve been hooked onto it ever since and have done many websites for all kinds of clients. Boy, has the field changed in the last decade! And, of course, I love working with anything related to computers.

After finishing my Natural Resource Tourism degree, Laura and I headed to Laramie, WY so she could pursue her graduate studies, during which time I worked for a stock footage company doing video editing and tech support. We got married in 2008 (need to make sure I got that correct! Hah). We have 2 little mischievous dogs.

We are currently in Portland, OR to finish up Laura’s Ph.D. program. I’m currently doing data and program support for an organization in the child care field that is a part of Portland State University. We are not sure where we will end up next year.

Among other things, I love working on cars, hiking/being outdoors, video games, photography, and in general just keeping up with technology.”

We are excited to welcome James and have his expertise and enthusiasm as part of Green Country Quilters Guild!

The Editor

Thank our Past President!

It’s time to make our President’s Blocks! Melody has specified the following parameters for making this year’s President’s Blocks to thank her for a great year of leading our group in 2010:

- A house block
- Pieced, paper-pieced, appliqued—use whatever method you like!
- Use whatever design you like!
- Use whatever color you like!
- Please use a blue sky and green grass
- 9 1/2” unfinished
- Please sign on the front of your block

Please turn your block in by the February meeting if possible—thank you!

The Editor

Treasurer’s Report
(December, 2010)

Guild Account
Beginning Balance $3,066.34

Income:
Library fines $ 2.00
Interest Income-November .15
Total Income $ 2.15

Expenses:
P.O. Box Rental $ 40.00
Website 79.80
Programs 75.00
Book Replacement (Embroiderer’s Guild) 55.00
Total Expenses $ 249.80
Ending Balance $2,818.69

Money Market Balance $18,220.00
CD Balance $20,152.70
Quilt Show Balance $ 9,000.56

Betty Craig, Treasurer
Mission Statement

Green Country Quilters Guild, Inc. is an educational non-profit organization. Its purpose is to stimulate an interest in quilts and to promote the art of quilting in all its forms.

The night group, formed in 1981, meets monthly on the third Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Hardesty Library, 8316 East 93rd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the Redbud Room. The day group, formed in 1978, meets the day following the night group meeting at 9:45 a.m. at Martin Regional Library, 2601 South Garnett Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Green Country Quilter is published monthly by the Green Country Quilters Guild. The editor is Linda Hertensteiner (SuperMomH@cox.net). Correspondence may be sent to:
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Tulsa, OK 74153-0021

“Tip of the Month”

In anticipation of Becky Goldsmith coming in August, I’ve been reviewing some of my Jenkins/Goldsmith books, and here’s a tip (or two) from them for doing needle-turn appliqué:

When cutting out your appliqué pieces, cut as many as you can on the bias. Bias edges are easier to turn under than edges on the straight-of-grain. And don’t forget to finger-press all of your edges under along the seam allowances. Even though this takes a little extra time, you will find that your needle-turning goes much easier and faster, since cotton holds a crease so well (even a finger-pressed crease!).

That’s the “Piece-o’-Cake way”!

The Editor

Green Country Quilters Guild
January Meetings

Guild Meetings:
Night — January 20, 2011
Night Location (this month only):
Youth Center at Woodlake Church
7100 East 31st Street
Tulsa, OK 74145

Day — January 21, 2011
Day Location:
Martin Regional Library
2601 South Garnett Road
Tulsa, OK 74129

GCQG Board Meeting:
Tuesday, January 25th, at 6:00 p.m.
John Calvin Presbyterian Church
8181 E. 31st Street
Tulsa, OK 74145

Note: If Tulsa Public Schools close because of inclement weather, guild meetings for that day will also be cancelled.