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Our President-elect Comments…

“Giving Thimble Award”

Many of you will ask, “what is this award”? Each year one person is selected from both day and night groups to receive a “Giving Thimble Award.” This award is earned by someone within our guild who goes above and beyond the call of duty and gives back to our guild, either by service or leadership. Each guild member will be given an opportunity to nominate one person from the night group and one from the day group, either by e-mail, phone, or mailed to me by September 30, 2011. Presentation of the “Giving Thimble” Award will be at our November meetings. Because we are blessed to have so many who willingly and joyfully contribute to our guild, I know it will be difficult to pick just one recipient.

Below is a list of previous award winners:

Alberta Evans
Phyllis Enos
Judy Folsom
Nancy Adams
Patti Orr
Dolly Mosley
Sue Semler
Linda Hertensteiner
Diane Strickland
Brenda Trekell
Sondra Steinberg
Mickey Sherman
Carolyn Lamp
Melody Lahann
Paula Klaassen
Betty Hagood
Virginia Wilson
Peggy Selman

Send in your nominations now for this year’s recipient!

Linda Frazier, President-elect

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September, 2011
Hearts & Hands

Our Hearts & Hands meeting in August had 16 eager ladies who came to sew, cut batting, pin quilts, and choose backings. Five others came by to pick up kits and drop off quilts. We also had fabrics donated and distributed. Thanks to all of you for giving your time, whether it was in person at our Saturday workshop, or in your circle or at home. Our next meeting dates will be September 3 (Labor Day weekend), October 8 (note date change because of OQN and Powwow), November 5, and December 3. Hope to see you at some of those!

Last month Evelyn Hayes came by with several pieced tops for Habitat for Humanity quilts. We have provided the batting and backings for these future quilts. If any of you have time to quilt one of these quilts, we would be happy to provide the top, batting, and backing for you. Just contact Evelyn, and she will get the materials to you.

Now, thanks to you and all your hard work, we have provided a great many quilts to various organizations so far this year. Currently we have 70-80 finished quilts on hand. Sixteen finished quilts have been added to our stack since our last meeting. THANKS, THANKS, and MORE THANKS! We have many finished tops with backs and battings that are waiting for someone to quilt. The batting we use is flat and easily quilted on your home sewing machine.

If you have not been to a Hearts & Hands Saturday workshop, please consider joining us, where you can 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 would love to have you join us.

Hearts & Hands meets at John Calvin Presbyterian Church on 31st Street, just east of Memorial. 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 and maybe pick up a kit to sew or a quilt to finish.

Virginia Wilson

More from Hearts & Hands...

At Hearts & Hands, our stash of fabrics keeps growing, and we have shared with the Family Education class at Bixby High School. We have also given red, white, and blue fabrics to Quilts of Valor, who then reciprocate with donations which they cannot use. We still want to share with any guild member or circle who wants to make quilts or lap robes to donate as they wish. Our stash is also being used for the quilt show boutique workshops. You are invited to take advantage of the boutique sew-ins at our Hearts & Hands location, the Saturday following our guild meetings, and then the following Friday. You are also welcome to just stop by to see what boutique items we are making, offer some suggestions, and pick up fabric and instructions to take to work on a project at home.

We also accept UFO’s and orphan blocks at Hearts & Hands. If you are cleaning out your sewing room, and just can’t bear to see that box of stuff you’ve started be thrown away, we will take those items and turn them into something useful! Virginia Wilson

New Quilt Shop in Eufaula!

There’s a new quilt shop in Eufaula—she’s only been open for a couple of weeks, but I hear it’s really nice (and so is she!). Be sure to check out Longtown Quilt Shoppe at 301 E. Elm, Eufaula 74432 (owner Cathie Burns), 918-231-4731, www.longtownquiltshoppe.com. The shop is 5 miles east of Eufaula on Hwy.9 east in Longtown. Hours: Tue.-Fri. 9-5:00, Sat. 9-1:00 (closed Sun. and Mon.).

The Editor

(Be watching for a “virtual visit” to Grannie Annie’s in an upcoming GCQG News!)

Murphy’s Law #1 😞

No matter how much of a particular fabric you have for the quilt you want to make, you will always be half a yard short.
We all love Show & Tell, so PLEASE… when you are showing something at a guild meeting, please sign in on the sign-up sheet with a description of your quilt or item you are showing. Writing “quilt” next to your name (or not signing in at all) makes it extremely difficult to identify the pictures that we like to post on our website. My memory just isn’t that good! Thank you for your cooperation. The Editor

August Guild Meeting “Stats”:
- There were 114 present at the Night meeting
- There were 107 present at the Day meeting

Welcome to the following new members:
Vicki Anderson  Pat Butler
Nancy Davino   Judy Folsom (“welcome home,” Judy!)
Linda Wade     Waverly Evangelista
Carol Christy  Pamela Foster
Barbara Fischer
Sherry Vanscoyoc

(And welcome back to all of our “renews” in August—we’ve missed you!)

Betty Fisher, Membership-Night
Marj Bailey, Membership-Day

PLEASE NOTE: Our membership dues decrease after July 1 to $15 for the balance of the year. If you recently sent in your 2011 membership dues for the full-year amount, please see Betty Craig, Treasurer, for a refund.

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Be sure to check the website link to see pictures from last month’s meetings, including Show & Tell!

The Editor

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Anyone with roster changes, additions, or corrections should contact Fran Gutierrez at franniesw-funny@gmail.com or 277-0985. Thanks!

Spotlight on… Stitch Groups
“Cover Girls”

The Cover Girls stitch group is being “re-established.” It is now officially the “Cover Girls Hand Application” sewing circle. The group will meet once a month, on the second Tuesday (see The Month in Miniature on p. 6). At this time, there is room for 3 or 4 new members. If you are interested in becoming a “Cover Girl,” you may call Dolly Mosley at 918-627-9315 for times and locations for their meetings. The September meeting will be held at Dolly’s house.

For more information about any of our GCQG stitch groups, contact Vesta VanTrease or any board member.

The Editor

Sunshine & Shadows

Our sympathies are extended to Carol Ferguson on the recent death of her mother-in-law; to David Ann Davis on the death of her brother-in-law in Shreveport, LA; and to Pat Morris (from Quilts of Valor) on the death of her grandson, who was killed recently in Afghanistan.

Please continue to keep the following members in your prayers:
Shirley Hollandsworth as she continues with her cancer treatments;
Marge Kasar who continues to recover from a severe case of shingles these many months;
Ruth Ann Davis following a procedure performed on August 23;
Dean VanTrease (Vesta’s husband) who is anticipating upcoming surgery.

Please contact me at mb1143@cox.net with information to be shared with our guild members. Thank you!

Marj Bailey, Sunshine & Shadows
Network News

The next meeting of Oklahoma Quilt Network is Saturday, October 1, in Guthrie at Community Church on Seward Road. We realize that this is also Powwow weekend, but we hope that several of you will be able to travel to Guthrie with us that day. It is also the weekend of the Guthrie quilt show, so we will end our meeting early enough to be able to attend the show while we’re there.

Our theme for this meeting is Program Planning. We are inviting lecturers and quilt teachers to bring samples and their information for sharing with member guilds. If you would like to participate, please contact Judy Helms at rjhelms@suddenlink.net or 918-201-4080. If you are unable to attend the meeting, I will be happy to take your information to be distributed to the guilds.

Judy Helms, Oklahoma Quilt Network

October meeting:
“Program Planning”

"Quilt Tulsa” Boutique

The Boutique Committee for the quilt show will hold its September workshops on Sat., September 17, and Fri., September 23, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We will meet at John Calvin Presbyterian Church on 31st Street, just east of Memorial (where Hearts & Hands meets). The entrance is in back. The theme for this month is Tablescapes—placemats, coasters, mug rugs, napkins, table runners, and anything else we can think of. Plan to stay as long as you like, or pick up some patterns to work on these items at home. Hope to see you there!

Judy Helms, Boutique Committee

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www.denacrain.com/blog/ - I admit I’ve never heard of Dena Crain, but she’s a quilt artist and teacher, living in Kenya. You can find all kinds of interesting information about Dena and quilting in South Africa on her blogspot, but you’ll want to be sure to scroll down until you see her “21 Tips for An Award-winning Quilt.” I especially loved her last comment about never using nylon invisible thread for quilting: “It looks stiff, shiny and cheap, and it deteriorates, breaks and disappears within a few years.” Interesting. Be sure to check her out and keep those tips in mind when you’re completing that special quilt for our show!

www.needletravel.com - Looking for a complete listing of fiber and fabric shops across the country? (Well, almost complete—I didn’t see our guild listed under the “Guild Listing” category, which makes me sort of suspicious!) Check out NeedleTravel.com (publisher of Fiber & Fabric Mania! A Travel Guide—I saw copies everywhere on the Red Bud Run) and punch in any state and city to see where you should have stopped on your travels this summer. Then you can sign up to get her “New Shop Newsletter” and hear about new shops that are opening, as it happens! (Or as they hear about it!)

The Editor

September, 2011


**Program “Low-Down”**

We all enjoyed welcoming **Becky Goldsmith** back to our guild last month. Becky is a past-president of GCQG and a founding member of the guild. We all learned a lot from Becky’s tips on machine quilting and also the use of color in our quilts. Twenty-two women participated in Becky’s Saturday workshop (where we got one whole leaf appliqued onto a background square—it’s a start!).

The **September** meeting is **Scavenger Shopping—Thinking Outside the Box**. Four members at each August meeting were given $50 to shop at a discount store, a hardware store, an office supply, or an antique shop. It will be very interesting to see what they find to inspire us! Be sure to bring your wallets, because the items will be for sale after their presentation. You too could go home with a shopper’s treasure! Don’t forget that we will be at Kirk of the Hills Church on 61st Street, between Yale and Harvard, for our meetings this month.

For our **October program and workshop**, we are very excited to host nationally known speaker and teacher **Deana Hartman**, who creates original designs sculpted of fabric, extensive free-motion quilting, and beaded embellishment. At our Thursday evening meeting, Deana will present a lecture and slideshow entitled, “**Taking the Plunge: From Traditional to Art Quilts**.” On Friday, Deana will present a different lecture and slideshow entitled, “**Confessions of a Bead Freak: The Need to Bead**.” On Saturday, Deana will teach a full-day workshop—”**The Need to Bead**.” Beading techniques that will be taught to add to your fiber and fabric include running stitches for various sizes of beads, stop-stitches and charm application, couching, bead collage, and other beading stitches. These may be used on clothing, pillows, fiber and quilt art, or 3-dimensional fabric-based objects. Use the **workshop form on page 7** to sign up. Even if you have never added a single bead to a project, you are sure to be inspired and come home with some wonderful new ideas!

**Judy Helms & Karen Scharf, Program Committee**

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**Pat Speth Weekend Retreat!**

We are very excited to announce that **Pat Speth** of Nickel Quilts and More Nickel Quilts fame will be doing our programs in **August, 2012**. **AND** she will be conducting an entire weekend retreat for us **August 17-19, 2012** at the beautiful new lodge and conference center at Tulako-gee in Wagoner, OK! Pat will spend the weekend teaching techniques to create any one of her 70 Nickel Quilts and helping quilters on their projects. You choose your project and the project size! The cost for the entire weekend—which includes the class, all your food and beverages, and lodging—is $210-$225, depending on your room request. (See registration form on our website: **go to Meetings and Membership**,” and then the “Workshop” link will be on the left.) Retreat registration is now open for members of our guild, and will be open to non-members beginning Jan. 21, 2012. The retreat is open to 40 participants, and right now we have only 5 openings left! A $50 deposit is due with your registration form, and the balance can be paid gradually till May 17, 2012, when all participants need to be paid in full. Please contact Karen Scharf with any questions. It is going to be fun, fun, fun! **Karen Scharf**

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**5” Charm Exchange Sept., 2011-July, 2012**

This exchange is being offered by our guild to help us prepare for Pat Speth’s visit in 2012. You can participate whether or not you attend the retreat. This is a great opportunity to collect many different prints and some background colors in neutrals. **You will need to sign up by Sept. 6**. The exchange begins at the September meeting.

If you enroll in the charm exchange, more detailed instructions will be sent to you as soon as you sign up. There will be one exchange group for the day group and one for the night group.

We hope you will consider participating in the exchange and think it will be a great way to collect 5” squares for Pat Speth’s visit. Contact Debbie Ross (debr33@cox.net) or Peggy Selman (Selman@cox.net) if you wish to enroll. **Program Committee**
**The Month in Miniature**

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

- **“Quilts by the Lake 2011”-Piece Makers Quilters Guild, Eufaula, OK—September 3, 9:00-5:00, North Fork Baptist Church, Eufaula**
- **OQSO Fall Retreat 2011—Lake Murray Resort, Ardmore, OK—September 16-18** (speaker is Ellen Anne Eddy)
- **Holiday Festival and Sew-cial, Duncan, OK—September 17, Stephens Co. Fairgrounds**
- **Quilters Pow-wow—Western Hills—September 30-October 2, Lola Jenkins, speaker**
- **The Territorial Quilt Show, Guthrie, OK—September 30-October 1, 10:00-5:00, Logan Co. Fairgrounds Educational Bldg. (Adm. $5)**
- **Tulsa State Fair Demos—October 6 & 7**
- **Gore Scrap Happy Quilters 3rd Annual Show October 8-9, 9-4 Sat., 1-4 Sun. (Adm. $3)**
- **“Autumn Leaves” - Country Fare Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2011—October 21-22, 9:00-5:00 Fri., 9:00-4:00 Sat., Claremore Community Center (Adm. $4)**
- **“Pieces of our Lives”- Pryor Patchers 2011**

**Quilt Show, Pryor, OK—November 4-5, 9:00-4:00, Mid-America Expo Center**

**“Around Town” in September**

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

In Bartlesville: Emily Martin, “Baltimore-style Applique,” Fri., Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m., First Christian Church.


In Muskogee: Debbie Maddy, “No Y-Seams,” Thurs., Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m., First Presby. Church.

In Owasso: Pat Knoechel, “Quilt in a Day,” Thurs., Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m., St. Henry’s Catholic Church.

In Pryor: Chinese Auction, Tue., Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m., Mayes County Fairgrounds Extension Office.

**Tulsa Modern Quilt Guild:** Tues., Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., Hardesty Library.

**Quilts of Valor:** Sat., Sept. 10, 10:00-4:00, Broken Arrow Library.

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!
**Treasurer’s Report**
Income & Expense Report
August, 2011

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*Betty Craig, Treasurer*

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**Deana Hartman Workshop**

“*The Need to Bead*”

- **Date:** Sat., Oct. 22, 2011
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- **Location:** To be determined
- **Cost:**
  - $40 members
  - $45 non-members

Please fill out this coupon and turn it in, along with your payment, at one of our regular guild meetings (or mail to: GCQG, P. O. Box 35021, Tulsa, OK 74153-0021).

- **Name:**__________________________
- **Address:**________________________
- **E-mail:**__________________________
- **Phone:**__________________________

Make checks payable to “GCQG.” GCQG members early enrollment preference until 30 days prior to date of workshop.

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**KATHY DELANEY is Coming!**

We know you were disappointed when Kathy Delaney had to cancel our “*Just What Does the Judge Look For?*” program in May. Happily, we can announce that Kathy will do her program for us on Sat., Oct. 29, 2011, followed by a pot-luck luncheon and sew-in (project of your choice). This will be an all-day event with door prizes and more. This special event will be held at Cedar Ridge Christian Church, 4010 W. New Orleans, Broken Arrow. New Orleans is 101st Street, and the church is between Garnett and 129th E. Ave. The day is free to members, and guests will be charged $5. Full details will be provided in the October newsletter, but we will begin at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts, and Kathy’s program will start at 9:45. *Mark your calendars now!*

*Karen Scharf, Program Committee*

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**FOR SALE:** Tin Lizzie 18 LS Long-Arm Machine & Frame—$6,000.00 Has auto-stitch-regulator, 18” throat, “M” size bobbin, built-in bobbin-winder, laser light, flexible goose-neck lamp. Extension table, micro-handles, additional bobbin case and bobbins included ($200 value). 10’ wood Grace frame, leaders, and panto board. Frame size can be adjusted. Instructional video and manual. Excellent condition. Purchased new 10/2008 for $8,000. Contact Karen Scharf—918-518-5197 or klsrocks@gmail.com.

**ALSO FOR SALE:** Singer 191D300AA Short-arm machine on 12’ x 25 1/2” Gammill system designed for the home quilter. Includes pantograph patterns and thread. Requires 14’ x 4’ of space to operate. Fully operational. $1700.00 Contact Virginia Talbert—918-274-8377.
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Please attach a copy of this form to each quilt being donated for the Small Quilt Auction.

2011 NW Arkansas Quilt Congress
September 23-24, 2011
Fort Smith Convention Center
55 South 7th Street
Fort Smith, AR
Hosted by the Belle Point Quilters Guild
Theme: Americana

- Classes by Jan Patek
- Lecture by Roberta Cardew
- Saturday luncheon
- Silent Auction
- Quilt draw-down
- Demos
- Vendors
- Gifts
- Prizes
- Quilt Challenge
- Hoffman traveling exhibit
And much more!

Pre-registration is required. For more information, go to www.bellepointquiltersguild.org.

QUILT TULSA 2012
SMALL QUILT AUCTION

It’s that time again! Quilt Tulsa 2012 and the Mini-Quilt Auction are coming on us fast. We have less than a year to make all those beautiful mini-quilts (make as many as you want!) that need to be no bigger than 120 inches around, have a label, and can be pieced or appliqued (by hand or machine). Please, no “cheater” panels. Each quilt must have a Small Quilt Auction Donation Entry Form attached (see form above).

For this quilt show, we plan to have the auction on two days—Friday and Saturday. And that means we really need to get those mini-quilts made and turned in. The more the merrier, as all the monies come back to the guild for future programs and events.

Thank you so much in advance for all you do!

Tina Deaton
and
Vickie Ludiker
Redbud Quilt Run Highlights

The SewFlakes Crew (tattoos and all!)

“Coloring Books”

Packaging is everything!

(Fat quarter trees from The Tangled Thread in Pawhuska)
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. The day group, formed in 1978, meets the day following the night group meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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**Tip of the Month:**

We’ve heard about *selvages* a lot lately, but here’s a tip from our very own Katherine Shinn on what to do with your trimmed-off selvages (unless you’re going to make them into a quilt, of course!). Katherine uses her selvage strips to tie up her tomato plants in the summertime (works great on rose bushes too!). Then, in the fall, she throws those shredded strips out into her yard, where the birds pick them up and use them to weave into their nests in the spring. Katherine says she just loves it when she comes upon a nest and sees her colorful selvage shreds woven in among the twigs. Talk about recycling! Thanks, Katherine, for that great tip!

*The Editor*

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**Green Country Quilters Guild**

**September Meetings**

**Guild Meetings:**

**Night**—September 15, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

**Night Location:**
Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church
4102 E. 61st Street
Tulsa, OK 74136

**Day**—September 16, 2011, 9:45 a.m.

**Day Location:**
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**GCQG Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 20, 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.