**Whisperings from Tall Pines Quilt Guild**

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 ***President’s Notes***

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

It was good to see everyone at the meeting last Monday night.  I think the warmer weather and spring blooms make us all want to get out and hopefully feel better.  It certainly puts a smile on my face!

I want to thank Barbara Pearson for her passionate testimony regarding her journey making charity blankets, quilts, and walker caddies.  She leads the way for all of us to follow along and contribute to the guild's charity projects.  I hope all of you will make it a personal goal to make at least one item for one of our charities.  If you need ideas, guidance, or any information, contact our Charity leader, Robin Rodriguez.  (And thank her for all her hard work as well!)
Congratulations to Susan Craig, Ann Moore, and all the other ribbon winners at the county fair quilt show.  I think Helen Belcher, our chairman, was very pleased with the turn out and the judging results.  She said the judges were very thorough.  A great big thank you goes out once again to Doris and Fabric Carousel for sponsoring this event for us.  We would not have this great event without their sponsorship. I hope you get out and see the quilts and get inspired to enter something next year.  Our community loves looking at the quilts.  Let's keep it going with a bigger participation next year.

Thank all of you who signed up to be a part of the Quilts of Valor Celebration committee.  I think we should get a meeting in the works real soon.  Look for an email in the next couple of weeks.

There are several Quilt Shows in the area this month.  Hope you can go to one of them in Plantersville, the 29-30th, or the Kingwood show, the 15-16th.  Check on-line for details.

Blessings, ***Kay Ohendalski, President***

 ***Sunshine and Shadows***

Keep in your thoughts and prayers, Virginia Wilson, who lost her daughter, Tonya, last month.   Barbara Pearson welcomed Great-grandbaby #5, Mary Elise Suzanna Rodgers, 9 lbs. 15 oz.!  We also give thanks for a beautiful Easter Sunday weekend.

***Donna Hoffman, Sunshine & Shadows***

 ***Programs***

**May 2nd** – Cynthia England’s lecture “Creating a Pictorial Quilt” includes an entertaining slide presentation showing the process of making pictorial quilts using her Picture-piecing technique. Enlarging the design, fabric selection and organizational methods are discussed. Tuesday Cynthia will teach a workshop at Fabric Carousel from 9:30 until 2:30. We will make a small landscape wall hanging. Cost of the **workshop is $35** and the **material kit fee is $35**. No tracing involved; templates are preprinted onto freezer paper. Sewing machines and irons required.

**June 6th** - Helen Belcher’s lecture is Flower Pounding – The art of hammering a flower until you have art. Bring your flat head hammer and smooth board for a hands on demonstration.

**July 11th –** Quilts of Valor Presentations. Be sure to note the meeting is the 2nd Monday this month due to the holiday falling on the 1st Monday.

**August 1st –** Nova Montgomery will present a lecture on Quilter’s Cotton – Your Fabric’s Story. Nova will present an in-depth look at how cotton has shaped our lives and at the history of the fiber that brings us the beautiful fabrics we love.

**August 29th –** Ginny Eckley will present a lecture on Creative Genius and show a few of her beautiful quilts. Ginny teaches in her studio and has traveled all over the United States and Japan. Ginny will teach a workshop on Tuesday. She will provide silkscreens, paints, brushes and notebook with instructions. Cost of **the workshop is $35** **and materials kit fee is $32**.

**October 3rd –** “Why Quilts Matter” video and discussion.

**November 7th –** Miniature Quilt Challenge. Keep your design a secret, since you will be competing against other TPQG members. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 favorites as voted on by the members at the November meeting.

**December 5th** – Christmas Party

***Judy Springer, Programs***

***Tall Pines Quilt Guild Minutes of Meeting***

April 4, 2016

 President Kay Ohendalski called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. April birthdays were recognized.

 Minutes of the March meeting were printed in the newsletter. Jane Richmond made the motion to accept the minutes and Janis Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed.

 Baytown Quilt Guild members sold tickets tonight for their donation quilt “Quilt Round Up”.

 Copies of the Treasurer’s report was available at the back table and will be printed in the newsletter.

 Doris Collins announced winners from the Walker County Fair quilt entries.

 Charity Bee chairman, Robin Rodriquez gave an update on charity bee. Barbara Pierson talked about her involvement in charity bee and shared some of her flannel blankets and quilts she makes. She encouraged everyone to make just one charity quilt a year. Walker caddy kits are always available, also. The next charity bee will be Tuesday, April 19.

 Kay passed around a sign-up sheet for help in determining who will receive quilts and planning the July Quilts of Valor program. The July meeting will be held July 11 this year.

Judy Oliver read the proposed new standing rule:

For Tall Pines Quilt Guild Scholarship eligibility purposes, the membership area of the Tall Pines Quilt Guild will be defined as the school districts that service the cities where paid members reside.

Ann Barker made the motion to accept the new standing rule and Jane Richmond seconded the motion. The motion passed. With excess funds, this year we will be awarding two $1,000 scholarships. Applications are available for anyone knowing a high school senior who with interest in the area of math or sewing proficiency.

 Judy Springer reviewed our upcoming programs and workshops.

Tonight’s speaker, Margaret Malaer presented *Whittling Your Stash and Getting Organized*. She shared her system for organizing and making her stash usable. She shared many of the quilts she has made in the process.

 Door prize winners were Jean Bradley, and Sandy Owens. Fun exchange winners were Malanie Burleson, Martha Wilson, and Jan Hill.

Show and tell was held.

 There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

 Respectfully Submitted, ***Secretary, Cheryl Rempel***

***April Membership Report***

There was a good turn-out for the guild meeting Monday night. Sixty-six members were present and we had fifteen visitors. We have added six new members since the last meeting.

***Dorothy Wolverton, Membership***

**Welcome New Members**

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Birthday: Nov 12 Spouse: Randy Richardson

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Birthday: March 14 Birthday: April 9

 Spouse: Roy

Jean Vandervort Patsy Biggs

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Birthday: Dec 30

Spouse: David

***Treasurers Report submitted by Martha Wilson, Treasurer***

March 31, 2016

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| **Beginning Balance** |  |  |  |  | **$28,394.55**  |
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| **Categories** |  | **Income** |  | **Expense** |   |
| Membership |  |  389.50 |  |  95.71  |  |
| Charity |  |  47.63 |  |  100.00  |  |
| Fun Exchange |  |  35.00  |  |  -  |  |
| Newsletter |  |  |  |  14.40 |  |
| Programs |  |  |  |  406.50 |  |
| Scholarship |  |  50.00 |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |  |  182.20 |  |
| Workshop |  |  105.00 |   |  105.00 |  |
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| Totals for Month |  | $1,853.14  |  | $1,700.27  |  |
| **Ending Balance** |  |  |  |  | **$28,082.87**  |
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***Show and Tell***

Diane Carrington showed Z-Xmas And OMG

Patsy Biggs showed a quilt called So Many Stars

Nancy Nelson had a quilt called Mother’s Day

Elaine Robinson finished Dresden Star

Martha Wilson showed Quilt Block Small Purse

***Door Prizes***

½ yd. of green, red and white stripes fabric, pattern: Scrap Sack Plus, CD:Fall 2010 fabric files and guilt kitting won by Jean Bradley

CD: Inspire, Design and Create, Pre Printed mini whole cloth, winter love note cards won by Sandy Owens

***Fun Exchange***

Embroidery Thread and Whole cloth quilt top won by Malanie Burleson.

4 Fat Quarters and Log Cabin pattern won by Martha Wilson.

Forty 2 ½” strips and pattern for a wall quilt or tablerunner won by Jan Hill.

***Ruth West, Fun Exchange***

***Announcements***

***May Birthdays***

Susan Montoya--------------- 7th Anita Aldridge------------------9th

Judy Oliver---------------------9th Anetha Wylie-------------------9th

Martha Wilson-----------------14th Martha Hoover----------------18th

Cheryl Remple-----------------20th Teresa West--------------------21st

Maggie Smith------------------27th

***Tall Pines November 2016 Miniature Quilt Challenge***

**Keep your design a secret, since you will be competing against other TPQG members for prizes!**

Theme-Holiday or Seasonal

Size- up to 24” x 24”

The mini may be pieced, appliqued or hand embroidered.

Embellishments such as beads, small buttons and Yo Yo’s are allowed.

The mini must have a label and sleeve on the back.

**Machine embroidery is not allowed.**

**Painting or stenciling is not allowed.**

Challenge deadline is Friday, October 21, 2016 at Fabric Carousel.

Mini Quilts will be displayed at the November meeting and voting will take place at that time. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Mini Quilt can be donated to the 2017 Airing Silent Auction.

If you have any questions, please call Judy Stringer (936-661-8126)

***Scholarship Update***

This year our quilt guild will be offering **TWO** $1,000 scholarships because of generous donations in honor of Barbara Priest, Betty Rhine and Sylvia Rhine.

At our April 4, 2016 TPQG regular guild meeting a new "standing rule" for our Bylaws was adopted to clarify the definition of the TPQG membership area.  The approved standing rule is as follows:

*"For Tall Pines Quilt Guild Scholarship eligibility purposes, the membership area of the Tall Pines Quilt Guild will be defined as the school districts that service the cities where paid members reside."*

Applicants must be a graduating senior (public, private or home school) residing within the TPQG membership area and apply in one of the following categories : 1) *Demonstrates Proficiency in Sewing (photo displaying a sample of* *proficiency will be required)* (note:  no specific major is required for the sewing proficiency category) **or** 2)*Intention to major in Math Education.*

The deadline has been extended to Friday, May 20, 2016.  Applications are available on high school websites, on our website:  *www.tallpinesquiltguild.com* and at Fabric Carousel.   Thank you to all those members who attended our "mini" Scholarship meeting last month and to Helen Belcher (our Parliamentarian) who clarified proper procedure.  A notice will be sent once a Scholarship Selection place, date and time is decided.  All interested members are invited to participate.

***Judith Oliver, 2016 Scholarship Chairman***

***Walker County Fair Quilt Show***

**Best of Show: Susan Craig Midnight Garden**

**Judges Choice: Ann Moore Odyssey**

*Judging Categories*

**Junior Dividsion**

**1st Place Victoria Bounds Bubbling Batiks**

**2nd Place Adelynn McKeever Kites and Strings**

**3rd Place Victoria Bounds Cross My Heart**

**Small Wallhangings**

**1st Place Virginia Wilson Come on Baby, Lets Go Downtown**

**2nd Place Susan Craig Wintertime Friends**

**3rd Place Virginia Wilson Mammaw’s Tatting**

**Medium Wallhangings**

**1st Place Grettle Payne Up & Away, at work & at Play**

**2nd Place Ann Moore Rainbow Leftovers**

**3rd Place Kay Ohendalski Celebrate**

**Small Quilts- Category 1**

**1st Place Ann Moore Odyssey**

**2nd Place Ann Moore Montana Walk About**

**3rd Place Anne Barker Sew Sisters Row Robin**

**Small Quilts- Category 2**

**1st Place Kay Ohendalski Rachel’s Star**

**2nd Place Dorothy Wolverton Let’s Play Ball**

**3rd Place Janis Voldbakken Month by Month**

**Large Quilts**

**1st Place Susan Craig Midnight Garden**

**2nd Place Dorothy Wolverton Grand Illusion**

**3rd Place Dorothy Wolverton Allietare**

**Hand Quilts**

**1st Place Toni Bruner A Perfect Union**

**2nd Place Nancy Packet Does Anyone Have More Blue?**

**3rd Place Nancy Packet Warm and Cozy**

 ***Library Book Notes***

The previously accessed books have all been transferred to the shelves at the Fabric Carousel. Kudos to Kristi Munson and Loretta Doyle for using the library this month. After the raffle quilt is off to the quilter and I catch my breath, I will begin processing the books in waiting.

On the subject of the raffle quilt, many thanks to all of you who pitched in and got your blocks finished and turned in. Work is progressing on the quilt and I will have more details next month. **To those of you who are still in arrears on your block construction, PLEASE get them finished and turned in ASAP (immediately)** since we still need to assemble the top and get the label made, quilting done and binding and sleeve finished!! To quote Charlie Brown\_AARRGGHH!!!

Thanks, ***Jane Richmond, Librarian*** / ***Donation quilt***

***BEE BUZZZZZZZZ!!!!***

***Charity Bee***

Another record broken!  $73.00 was collected at the April guild meeting for the local food bank, bringing this year's total so far to $236!  Your generosity is Unbelievable!!  This time last year, the total was only $108.  Many, many thanks.  The next Charity Bee meeting at Fabric Carousel is on Tuesday, April 19, beginning at 9:30 am.  Sewing machines would be a big help.  Since most of our charities prefer deliveries throughout the year, 10 HUGS and 4 blankets were delivered to the Pregnancy Care Center in March.  They were so appreciative, as always.  As a reminder, we are not making any more support pillows at this time, and therefore, have no need for fabric scraps.  We will, however, gladly accept batting scraps, Hobbs Batting UPC labels, and Fabric Carousel fat quarter wrappers.  Hobbs batting was ordered this week (hoping it comes in time for Charity Bee).  We have a lot of new members and I hope that Barbara Pearson's plea at the guild meeting for EACH MEMBER to make at least one HUG this year will be taken to heart.  As Barbara said, they need not be fancy and you can make them from the charity fabric we have in the closet at Fabric Carousel.  No need to purchase or use your own fabric.  Just a few hours of your time is all it takes.  And if you need instruction, Charity Bee is a great place to get it.  Hope to see some new faces at the next meeting, along with the usual few faithful.  And as always, we appreciate everyone who comes to Charity Bee to work on our projects, or works on our projects at home.

**If you have any questions, please contact Robin Rodriquez at 936-435-1246.**

***Cut Ups***

Cut Ups will meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month at the Fabric Carousel. All are Welcome. Bring your quilting problems for lots of advice and help from your friends. Bee starts around 10 and lasts all day.

***Embroidery Bee***

Next meeting will be on April 16. We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 11 AM, at the Ohendalski building, next door to the Chicken place across from the mall. 1425 Brazos Dr.

Contact ***Barbara Flebbe*** for info. 936-436-0219

***Susie’s Tips***

I saw this tip on Facebook the other day and thought it would be good to pass it on to you. I plan on giving it a try soon. I have 3 large mats and two are really showing signs of wear. I hope it works. Those mats are expensive.

**OLFA Cutting Mats love moisture!**It is recommended that you soak your mat from time to time. Your self healing mat loves moisture.

To soak it, put your mat in a bathtub or large container (would have to be large so it can lay flat) and soak it for 15-20 minutes in a solution of 1/4 cup white vinegar to every gallon of cool water. Let me repeat, **cool water**. Do this every so often to help extend its useful life.

Then use a squirt of mild dishwashing soap (Ivory) and clean the mat with a mushroom brush (**soft** is the key word here). The purpose of this gentle scouring is to remove the fibers that get trapped in the cuts marks preventing the cuts from "healing".  Rinse well and lay flat to dry. Not in the sun. Maybe on some towels on the kitchen table.

I hope you got to go to the Walker County Fair and see all the beautiful quilts. We have some very talented ladies in Huntsville and Walker County. If you have never entered, you should really consider doing so next year. It is a lot of fun.

I have been working on some Charity items for Charity bee. I volunteered to do something with all the left over blocks from the Christmas Block Challenge last year. Rory Ross won and was allowed to choose 12 blocks to make a quilt as her prize. I took the rest and we will sell them at the Fair on the Square in October. I have made 6 Mini or one block Wall quilts, 5 Table runners and one large wall quilt with 9 blocks. They all look really nice. I think we will make a lot of money with these items. I have 2 table runners and the large wall quilt that still need to be quilted. If you are interested in helping out with that job, give me a call.

***Happy Quilting, Susie***

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$18.00 a month or $180.00 per year for a one-half page advertisement.

$36.00 a month or $360.00 per year for a full page advertisement.

Member ads are free and will run for one month per request.





**Your ad could go here !!! Contact me if you would like to advertise in the newsletter.**

**Road Trips**

**April 15-16**

Treasures from Grandma’s Attic

Kingwood Area Quilt Guild

Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX

The Piney Woods Quilt Festival

Carthage Community Shelter and Civic Center, 1702 S. Adams, Carthage, TX

**April 16**

Annual Airing of the Quilts

City of La Port, TX

**April 22-23**

Ties That Bind, Quilters’ Guild of Arlington. Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S Center St. ,Arlington, TX

**April 29-30**

Gun Barrel Quilters Guild Quilt show 2016 “Majestic Stars”

The Cain Center, 915 S Palestine St.

Athens, TX

St. Mary’s Annual Quilt Show

St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 8227 County Rd. 205, Plantersville, TX

**May 6-7**

Baytown Area Quilt Guild “Quilt Roundup” Lee College Sprots Arena, 200 Lee Dr. Baytown, TX

**May 7**

Boerne Hauptstrasse Quiltfest

Main Plaza and Downtown Boerne

100 N. Main St. Boerne, TX

**Tall Pines Quilt Guild**

**P.O. Box 7272**

**Huntsville, Texas 77342-7272**



**Tall Pines Quilt Guild Meeting**

You are invited to join us the first Monday of each month. The guild has a variety of programs, nationally known speakers, workshop and charity projects.

We meet at the University Heights Baptist Church, 2400 Sycamore Ave.

Park in the back lot off Palm Ave.

Refreshments are served at 6:30PM and the meeting starts at 7 PM.

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***Guild Calendar Reminders***

 **May 2,** 6:30 PM **GuildMeeting**

 **April19, Charity Bee**

 **@ Fabric Carousel: 9:30 AM**

 **April 16** ,**HandEmbroideryBee**

 **2nd & 4th Friday @ 10 AM ,**

 **Cut Ups Bee** @ Fabric Carousel

 **Meeting Reminders**

 **Bring Show and Tell Items**

 **Bring money for Food Bank**

 **Bring labels for Raffle tickets**

 **UPC labels from Hobbs Batting FQ bands from Fabric Carousel**

 **For Charity Bee.**

 **Visit the web site @ www.tallpinesquiltguild.com**