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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: Barbara Wall

Last month, I finally made it to a Saturday QOV sew in. I don't get to do that very often, so I really enjoyed it. Lots of laughing, chatter, and of course, tasty munchies. Oh yeah, and we did a lot of quilt making, too! It's much the same with my church quilting/knitting group. Because of all the silliness that goes on there, one of our members has nicknamed our meetings the "Stitch n' Bi...", well, you get the idea. Point is, with all the volunteer positions I've held at church, school and even 18 years as a paramedic, there's one common thread-I always get more out of the experience than I put into it. Over the years, I've learned lots of new skills, had loads of fun, and, most important, formed many strong, lasting friendships with fellow volunteers.

During the next several months, we'll be asking (ok, begging) for members to volunteer for a number of guild positions, but especially for the quilt show. When the request for help goes out, it's often easy to say "I'm too busy", or "I don't know how to do that", but sometimes it just takes a leap of faith to jump in and try. And there's definitely a lot of personal satisfaction knowing that you've been part of helping others or making something a success. For the show, there will be everything from computer tasks that can be done at home, to assisting with judging, to working the floor before and during the event. So please say yes, when asked, or even volunteer to do something on your own. You won't be sorry you did!

Barb

Meetings:

Feb 2nd - Business
Feb 3rd- Night 6:45pm
Feb 18th- Day 10:00am

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Programs!

February 3 nighttime meeting featuring Linda Stokes giving a lecture on Memory Quilts, Wedding Quilts, and Mourning Quilts that Speak to the Recipient.

February 2016

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Community Service By Judy Wolter

I'm pleased to announce there will be another *Community Service Sew In Day* on **Wednesday, February 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Because of the overwhelming popularity last year, I coordinated with **Quilt Your Own Studio** and **Quilter's Emporium** so that everyone attending will have a little more room to sew. A signup sheet will be available at the February meetings. Come for a few hours or all day, we will be providing lunch. If you're unable to attend the guild meeting, please contact me and I'll be happy to add your name to the list. Thanks to Chris Ginkens who has again offered the use of her longarm machines at **Quilt Your Own Studio** and to Rose Ann Cook for allowing us to bring our machines and sew at **Quilter's Emporium**.

Thanks go out to the following people that contributed their time and talent of crocheting or sewing for charity this past month:

Sandi Winston	Sakeenah Mubashshir	Janie Schexnayder	Karen Schubert
Shirley Grover	Pauline Manes	Susie Doe	Nancie Roach
Wilma Al-Uqdah	Judy Kohn	Evelyn Coe	Bonnie Bailey
Barbara Baxter	Gail Hall	Kiki Tomson	Carolyn Lednicky
Jen Pazicni	Janet DeMerchant	Helen Wilems	

REMINDER

We are continuing to collect UPCs that appear on Hobbs batting bags. Please remember to clip the UPCs from your Hobbs batting and bring them to the next meeting. For every five UPCs we turn in, Hobbs gives us a discount on bolts of batting we purchase for charity quilts.

Quilts of Valor By Barbara Baxter

Twelve ladies came to sew on January 23 rd. Many thanks to Liz Narcisse for bringing her fresh apple cake and Joan Bell for the cheese, ham, crackers and hot spiced apple cider. On a cold day, the cider was a real treat. It was a day of good friendship and accomplishment. Come join us on [February 27th](#). We sew from 10 AM until 3 PM.

Bring you sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. I will have kits to be sewn.



∴ quilt of valor ∴

Many thanks to the following for their donation to QOV:

Mary Lou Cooper	Carol Kettlewell	Martha Baldwin	Barbara Hill
Carol Bell	Julie Dayton	Susie Doe	Linda Payonk
Sally Staner	Barbara Young	Liz Narcisse	Kay Paul
Joan Bell	Judy Kohn	Sandi Winston	Gail Hall
Barbara Wall	Donna Pyle		

Quilts of Valor membership dues (\$5) will be collected in February. Make your check out to QOV and I will have a form to be filled in with needed information. I can not accept cash. I will need to mail the checks and forms to QOV by the first of March.

Quilt Show News By Barbara Wall

Quilt Show News

It's time to really get cracking on those show quilts, but if you're having trouble with design ideas, why not try doing a Challenge Quilt? Here are our 2016 challenge categories:

“Texas State of Mind” President’s Challenge - A Texas themed quilt no larger than 60” x 60”.

“Scrap Happy” – A quilt made up of orphan blocks or scraps of fabric from your stash. The more variety the better! Use at least 25 different fabrics. No larger than 60” x 60”.

“Make Something New from Something Old”- Just what the name says! Your “something old” may be T-shirts, vintage blocks, old linens, etc. No larger than 60” x 60”.

“Kiss a Frog”- All quilters are given the same 3 fat quarters of “ugly” fabric to which only 3 additional fabrics may be added. No larger than 24” x 24”. Check with Susie Doe for fabrics.

“Happy Words” – Use commercially available fabric with ‘words’ printed on it as your inspiration. No larger than 24” x 24”.

Check the website under “Quilt Show 2016” for a complete list of categories and requirements. The full show committee will meet on Saturday, February 20, 10am-12 noon, at the University Branch Library. All committee chairs are encouraged to attend. There are still a few areas that need coordinators, so if you'd like to chair something, please come to the meeting, too.

Show T-shirts will be available for pick up at the February 3 meeting. Contact Lisa Patterson to arrange an alternative delivery, if you can't pick yours up then.

Quilt Happy!



Cinderella-Cinderfella

I recently had an email from Eva, the lady in charge of the Cinderella-Cinderfella organization. She just wanted to let us know that they are no longer taking donations for this organization. She will let me know if they need any blanket donations in the future. Thank you to all of the Guild members that contributed to this cause.

Bees!!! By Rebecca Trevino and Kay Paul

News from the Hive ... Quilt Bees ... Please contact Rebecca Trevino, our Bee Keeper, if you are an aspiring Queen Bee and would like to start a new bee. Let Rebecca know the details of your bee, and it will be included in the monthly calendar. Please consult the calendar below for our bee days/times for February. For the RSVP bees (in green), all you need to do is contact the queen bee and let her know you would like to come on a particular date. If you need additional information about a bee, or want to chat, please contact Rebecca either by phone (H) 832-363-3951 or by e-mail: rmt739@gmail.com.



BEES at a glance (Queen Bee & contact listed): **Green = RSVP Bees** **Blue = Sign Up Bees**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Beginners (11-3) Liz Narcisse Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com	4	5	6
8	9	10 Beginners (11-3) Liz Narcisse Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com	11	12	13
15	16	17 Beginners (11-3) Liz Narcisse Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com	18	19 Social Bee (6:30) Pattie Fox "Foxy Quilters" pafox7@gmail.com	20
22	23 Paper Piecing (12:30 PM) Lisa Patterson mardanmom@gmail.com	24 Beginners (11-3) Liz Narcisse Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com	25	26	27
29 Social/Hand Piecing (10am) Carol Bell jcbell9@att.net					

Pattie Fox wants us to know that her home is in Sienna Plantation, which may be convenient for an after work evening with your quilting friends. Lisa Patterson's home is in Katy, for all of you guild members in that area (and there are a lot of you). Please remember, bees are a wonderful way to make new friends that share your love of quilting.

Workshops By Martha Baldwin

On Saturday, February 6th, Jackie Hillman will give a workshop on Steps to Better Finishing our quilts. That fee is \$30. It will be in the music room at the church and it will be from 9:00 to 4:00.

On Thursday, February 18th, Debbie Maddy is giving a workshop on the Labyrinth Quilt. The fee is \$30. It will be in the Music Room at the church from 1:00 to 4:00.

Programs By Katherine Onstott

February 3 nighttime meeting – Linda Stokes – lecture on Memory Quilts, Wedding Quilts, Mourning Quilts that Speak to the Recipient

February 18 daytime meeting – Debbie Maddy – lecture on No Diamonds No “Y” Seams/Old Quilts New Methods

Online Auction - Quilt Show 2016

Hello! My name is Dana Comer, and I will be collecting your quilts for the 2016 Quilt Show's online auction. If you're still sitting on the fence about exactly what you want to do for your quilt show entry, and have a few UFO's taking up much needed space in your sewing room, why now pull them out and finish them and donate to the auction? I find that I get some great inspiration for my NEXT project while working on a project (isn't that how UFO's happen in the first place?). So get them out, get them finished, and get them into MY hands so you'll have more space to work on your PAWQ(s) (Potential Award Winning Quilt(s)).

You can give them to me at the evening meetings, or contact me via email to set up a time to do a handoff. I'm at Danadlc@yahoo.com Please put "Online Auction" in your subject line so it won't get lost in my inbox.

Birthdays By Barbara Elliott

Mary Lou Cooper	February 1	Maggie Henry	February 20
Judy Kohn	February 7	Debbie Garner	February 22
Barbara Penning	February 7	Veta Kirsch	February 26
Jennifer Pavolini	February 15	Kay Tanner	February 26
Barbara Seelhorst	February 18		

Library By Linda Towle

Are you looking for ideas for the Scrap Happy Challenge for our 2016 quilt showcase? If so, check out some of the books found in our library. *Scrap Happy: Quick-Pieced Scrap Quilts* by Sally Schneider has 13 quilts made from half-square triangles, quarter-square triangles, strips and/or squares. *Scrap-happy Patchwork* by Nancy Zieman has 3 quilt ideas. One is made from strips and a few triangles. The other two require you to use your imagination and creativity with a few simple guidelines. *Scrap Quilting Made Easy* by Sandra Hatch has small, medium and large quilts, as well as vests, gift bags and holiday-themed items. In the book *Simple Strategies for Scrap Quilts* by Lynn Roddy Brown you will find eight blocks. Two different quilts are made with each of the eight blocks. If you are looking for something bold and unusual you may want to try one of the 15 quilts in *Spectacular Scraps: A Simple Approach to Stunning Quilts* by Judy Hooworth and Margaret Rolfe. All the quilts are made with half-square triangles. They are just put together in many different ways.

Treasurer's Report By Pauline Manes

January 2016 Financial Report

Income: \$1,135.25

Expense: \$4,748.99

Balance: \$31,769.33

Representative - at - Large By Barbara Young

I found a website I had not used before that has free patterns, sewing and quilting info and tutorials.
www.allfreesewing.com

The proposed by-laws were passed at the December meeting. Barbara Elliott will be glad to e-mail you a copy of the directory with updated changes.

If you start out the new year by cleaning your sewing studio, any donations in good condition or fabric for door prizes would be appreciated.



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Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild
Minutes of the December 1, 2015 Board Meeting
(Approved at the January 5, 2016 Board Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Wall, President, at 1:30 p.m. at the Keegan's Woods Community Building.

Board members in attendance: Barbara Wall, Helen Wilems, Barbara Elliott, Katherine Onstott, Martha Baldwin, Pauline Manes, Susie Doe, Lisa Patterson, and Barbara Young. A quorum was present. Committee members in attendance: Julie Dayton.

The Minutes of the November 3, 2015 Board Meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's Report for November (reporting through Nov 29, 2015) was approved as presented.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charity Projects for FUMC - Barbara Wall said that FUMC was very pleased with the guild's participation in the Seafarer's Project. The guild donated 42 scarves. FUMC was also pleased with the amount of food and toiletries donated towards other charity projects.

Sew-In at November Day Meeting - The Charity Sew-In scheduled in lieu of the cancelled November program was very well attended (28-30 members). Thanks go to Martha Baldwin for arranging it.

Chris Ginkens has announced she is trying to arrange a Sew-In at Quilt Your Own for some time in January or February.

FUMC Request - FUMC has asked us to announce that they are looking for someone experienced in needlework repair to help them refurbish a set of kneelers.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Committee - The Audit Committee consisting of Helen Wilems, Nancie Roach and Bonnie McCormick met on November 19th. The books were all in good order and well documented except for there being no monthly or year-end bank reconciliation reports. Upon further examination it was found that there were no outstanding or missing checks. See full report attached.

New Member Orientation - The New Member Orientation on Wednesday, November 11th was attended by 5 new members and many board and committee members. Plans to improve attendance at new member orientations were discussed. Suggestions included scheduling the event earlier for placement on our calendar and in the new member packets; phoning, e-mailing or mailing invitations at least 2-3 weeks prior to the event.

Bylaws Revisions - Because the Bylaws change occasionally during any given year, the Bylaws printed in the Membership Directory tend to be out of date. It was recommended that a version date and a disclaimer directing members to check the updated version posted on the guild website be included in future printings.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation Quilts - The drawing for the 2015 Donation Quilt 'Lemons & Licorice' will be held at the day meeting on December 17th. Barbara Young will get the tumbler and sell additional tickets prior to the drawing.

Kay Paul has agreed to be the Donation Quilt Coordinator for the 2016 Donation Quilt. It was agreed that Barbara Wall will order 4000 tickets for 2016.

BOARD REPORTS

President-Elect - Helen Wilems

Transition of the job of liaising with FUMC is now complete. Helen will arrange for tables to be set up by the church staff for our December meetings.

Programs – Katherine Onstott

December meetings will be our holiday parties. On January 6 Teresa Wong will present “Japanese Inspired Quilts”. Heidi Pridemore will present a program on ‘Tips and Tricks for Piecing’ for the January day meeting

Membership – Barbara Elliott

Barbara Elliott’s suggested that the membership should be informed the number hours donated by the guild for charity purposes. The board agreed, so Barbara will begin tallying the hours reported on the sign-in sheets and relate that information to the membership each meeting.

Workshop Chairman – Martha Baldwin

Heidi Pridemore will present a workshop on “Ribbon Twist Quilt” on January 21. A sample of this quilt will be available at the December day meeting and January evening meeting.

Treasurer – Pauline Manes Nothing to report.

Secretary – Susie Doe Nothing to report.

Representative-at-Large – Barbara Young Nothing to report.

Editor/Advertising – Jennifer Pazicni (absent)

It was requested that everyone should have their reports for the January newsletter in to Jen no later than the Monday after the day meeting (i.e. December 21).

Program Chair-Elect – Lisa Patterson

Lisa reported that she is finding it difficult to contract will ‘local’ speakers as so many of them are already presenting programs this year. She is asking for suggestions. She has been in contact will several other potential speakers. See additional information in attached report.

Workshop Chair-Elect – Debbie Garner (absent) No report.

QUILT SHOW (Julie Dayton)

Julie reported that the Quilt Show Co-coordinators plan to meet on December 14th and a full Quilt Show Committee Meeting will be scheduled in January. Jen Pazicni has agreed to work under the tutelage of Candy Horsley as curator for the show. Sakeenah Mubashshir has agreed to become the Show Quilt Coordinator responsible for hanging quilts at the show. Dana Comer is in charge of the on-line auction. We are hoping for a selection of quality quilts for this year’s auction. Barbara Young is investigating possible patterns to be used in for the Charity Sewing booth.

Lisa Patterson reported that to date orders have been placed by members for 40 T-shirts. She will continue to collect orders at the December meetings. The final order will be placed with the manufacturer in late December or early January; shirts should be available for pick-up beginning at the January 21st day meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Activities** – Diane Aleman (absent)

Dana Comer has been working to co-ordinate activities for the December night meeting. Sandi Pedersen is making arrangements for the December day meeting.

The board agreed that we should contact Diane about the possibility of getting another volunteer to take over as Activities Chair.

Bazaar/Fall Festival – Sally Staner & Linda Payonk (absent)

Linda Payonk’s report indicates that traffic was very low for the Bazaar this year, so proceeds were quite low.

Bee Keeper – Kay Paul/Rebecca Trevino (absent)

Kay Paul has agreed to take on the position of Donation Quilt Coordinator for 2016. Rebecca Trevino has volunteered to take over as Bee Keeper.

Community Service Report – Judy Wolter (absent) No Report.

Donation Quilt - Cheryl Jacobs/Kay Paul (absent)

The 2015 Quilt will be drawn for at the December Day Meeting. Kay Paul has agreed to become Coordinator for the 2016 Donation Quilt.

Hospitality – Carol Ann Barley (absent) No Report.

Librarian - Linda Towle (absent) No report.

Quilts of Valor -- Barbara Baxter (absent)

Quilts of Valor Sew-In for December will be held December 19th at FUMC, 10 am – 3 pm.

Parliamentarian – Barbara Young

Changes to the Bylaws will be voted on at the December 17th day meeting.

Retreats – Sally Staner (absent)

Sally has put down a deposit of \$1000 with the Jordan Ranch for the April retreat. The weekend retreat has been postponed.

Show and Share - Carol Kettlewell (absent) No Report.

Web Administrator – Pauline Manes Nothing to report.

There being no other business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Doe, Secretary
Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

Minutes of the January 21, 2016 General Meeting of the Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Wall @ 10:00 am.

The minutes of the December 17th general business meetings were approved as posted in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report for December was approved as presented in the newsletter.

Barbara Wall began the meeting by reminding everyone that our guild is extremely fortunate that First United Methodist Church allows us to use their facilities. We met in the main sanctuary due to a scheduling snafu for the chapel, but the church staff made every effort to accommodate us even posting signs to alert our members of the venue change. Barbara suggested that members should find an opportunity to stop in at the office and thank the church and especially Marie Abbott who liaisons with our President-Elect to arrange for use of the facilities for meetings, workshops, sew-ins and special activities.

Donation Quilts – Barbara Wall presented our 2016 Donation Quilt, “Texas Treasurers” to the membership. Members are asked to check with Kay Paul to volunteer the showing of the quilt at other guilds and venues during 2016.

Lisa Patterson and Debbie Garner announced to the membership the proposed design (Stars on a Black Background) for the 2017 Donation Quilt which will need to be completed by late summer. All members are asked to participate by constructing a star block made with jewel tone fabrics on a black background fabric (which is being provided by the committee). Blocks can be 12½”, 9½”, 6½”, 4½”, or 3½” *unfinished* size. Completed blocks together with a few scraps of the colors used should be returned by the next day meeting in February.

Barbara Wall introduced the Kingwood Guild member who was presenting their donation quilt to our guild today. She also announced that Helen Wilems is in charge of scheduling showings of other guild donation quilts at our meeting.

Programs & Workshops: Katherine Onstott announced that Debbie Maddy will present a program on “No Diamonds No ‘Y’ Seams” at the next day meeting on February 18th evening meeting. The next night meeting on February 3 will feature Linda Stokes on “Memory Quilts, Wedding Quilts, Mourning Quilts using Photo Transfers”.

Martha Baldwin announced a special weekend workshop on February 6 -- Jackie Hillman will present “The Perfect Finish (Bindings)” from 10am – 4 pm. Debbie Maddy will teach a workshop called “Labyrinth” (\$30) on February 18. On March 17th Kathie Beltz will present a “Migrating Geese” workshop.

Charity Quilts: Judy Wolter announced that to-date the guild has donated 78 quilts, 41 pillowcases and 17 pillows. She said that she currently has 38 completed quilt tops that are in need of quilting. She also announced that there will be a special Charity/Community Sew-In on Wednesday, February 24th to be held in cooperation with Quilt Your Own Studios and Quilter’s Emporium. Members wishing to participate should sign-up with Judy.

Quilts of Valor: Barbara Baxter announced the January’s Quilts of Valor Sew-In will be held this Saturday, January 23th in the FUMC Music Rooms A&B from 10 am – 3 pm.

Quilt Show Committee: Julie Dayton reported that the Quilt Show Coordinators met this past Monday. She stated that currently we are in need of a Judging Coordinator (Mark Towle volunteered) and a Ribbon Coordinator (no one volunteered).

The full Quilt Show Committee will meet on February 20th at 10 am at the University of Houston Sugar Land Library.

Quilt Show T-shirts are available for pick-up beginning at today’s meeting.

Beekeeper – Rebecca Trevino informed the members about several bees meeting during the next several months. All bees are listed in the monthly newsletter. Anyone wishing to start a new bee should contact Rebecca.

Membership Committee: Barbara Elliott announced that 409 hours of community service hours had been reported on today’s sign-in sheet. January’s total stands at 752 hours donated.

Hospitality – Carol Ann Barley introduced two new members and five guests.

Door prizes were awarded and Show & Share held.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by Susie Doe, Secretary, Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

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 Donation Quilt: Cheryl Jacobs
 Fall Bazaar: Linda Payonk and Sally Staner
 Guild Guide: Rita Evans
 Hospitality: Carol Ann Barley
 Librarian: Linda Towle
 Online Auction: Lisa Patterson
 Parliamentarian: Barbara Young
 Quilt Show: Committee Members
 Retreat: Sally Stanner
 Show & Share: Carol Kettlewell
 Web Admin: Pauline Manes

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