



The Monarch

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild Of Texas

**December
2017**

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: Mark Towle

Meetings:

**Dec 4, -Board Meeting
10-12n**

**Dec 6 Evening Meeting
6:45-8:30p**

**Dec 21— Day Meeting
Business 10a-12p**

**Meetings held
First United Methodist
39 00 Lexington Blvd,
Missouri City, TX**

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CPQG Members,

Welcome to December and all the wonderful holiday celebrations.

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Enjoy Kwanzaa and every other December holiday!

We are still looking for a volunteer to plan and lead the 2018 Shop Hop. If we do not find one by January it is unlikely that there will be a Shop Hop in 2018.

I hope everyone had a terrific time at the International Quilt Festival.

We are now less than 10 months from our guild quilt show. I am looking forward to seeing the wonderful quilts of our guild members.

I hope you find time in December to share your joy with your family and friends.

Have a Happy New Year,
Mark

Note: The January Board meeting will be January 3, 2018 at 3PM at the Spring Creek Barbecue near Dulles and Hwy 6. Prior to the January night meeting.

Programs by Gwen Goldsberry

Since we dont have any speakers for December, I would like to say Merry Christmas. Enjoy your holidays and join us for some holiday fun at our December night, day or both parties.



Merry Christmas

**Financials by Diane Hickey**

This is the last hoorah for this year's raffle quilt. The drawing is December 6, night meeting and Christmas party.

Yeah!!!

Volume 10 Issue 4**Community Service by Sakeenah Mubashsh****Community Service by Sakeenah Mubashshir**

Seasons Greeting Guild Members... Hope you all had amazing Thanksgiving Holiday and are getting geared up for an amazing rest of the year. Look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Holiday Parties.

Thanks so much to the following members who helped with quilting, sewing, and crocheting over the past months:

| | | | |
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| Cathy Price | Barbara Baxter | Barbara Young | Helen Wilems |
| Pauline Mane | Barb Wall | Diane Hickey | Judy Wolter |
| Darleen Patin | Shirley Grover | Kay Tanner | Mary Ashcraft |
| Rookaya Goolam | Wilma Al-Uqdah | | |

I truly appreciate the hard work that all members are doing for the Guild.

HOBBS UPC Labels

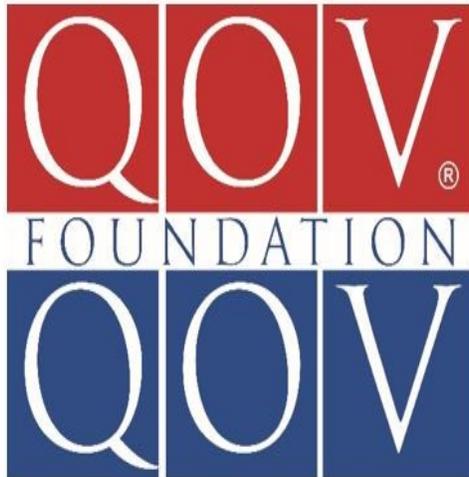
REMINDER, we continue to collect Hobbs UPC Labels. The UPC label provides a discount to the Guild when purchasing batting from the Manufacturer. If you are purchasing Hobbs Batting for your quilting, PLEASE recycle the bags by turning them in to Community Service at the Guild Meetings.

Quilts of Valor

Our December sew-in will be one week earlier on Saturday, December 16th so as not to interfere with the church holiday celebrations.

Five completed tops were turned in at the last sew-in.

A special thanks to the following for their donations to QOV:



QUILT SHOW NEWS by Barb Wall

QUILT SHOW: “A Decade in Stitches” by Barb Wall

With Christmas right around the corner, quilts for our show are probably not on the top of your to do list, but please don't forget that we need them! While you have those holiday fabrics out, why not set some aside to make a wall hanging or table topper for the quilt sale? And keep working on those great show entries! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the show committee.

Quilts-Susie Doe, 619does@sbcglobal.net

Vendors-Helen Wilems, hrwilems@aol.com

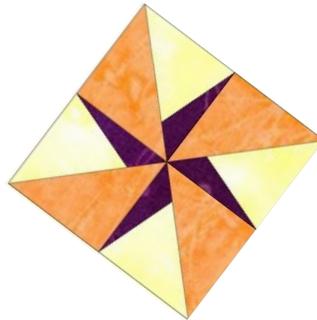
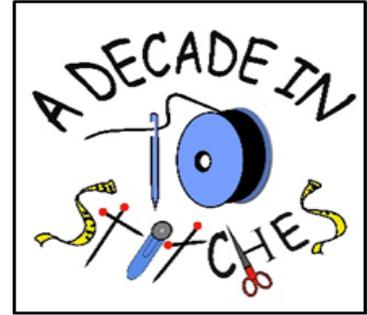
Facilities-Pam Biswas, pam_biswas@yahoo.com

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Coordinator-Barb Wall, bmwmom@aol.com



REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE SHERRI STRINGFIELD

Well, the By-Laws Committee has completed their recommendations for By-Laws changes. The Board plans to vote on those changes in Dec, then the recommended changes will be posted on the website for member review for two months. During that time, the membership will be able to provide any comments they have. Hopefully, the new By-Laws can get approved in the first quarter of next year.

We will be ordering blue 10th anniversary shirts (with 'A Decade in Stitches' logo) after the January meetings. Sample shirts of several sizes will be available at the Christmas Parties in December and you will need to bring your money/checks in January for the shirts, which are expected to cost no more than \$20/23-- the bigger the order, the lower the price, so buy 2 if you like them!!! Shirts will only be available by advance payment. Barring any difficulties, the shirts will be distributed in February. Also, you will be able to get names monogrammed on the other side for \$7 more.

In December we will be holding the pot-luck Christmas parties. This year, please bring a WRAPPED \$5-10 quilting related item for some kind of game exchange. The parties should be fun and a good way to get to know your other members better!!!

And once again, thank-you for the many door prize donations I have gotten!! But keep those donations coming in!!! In January-February, it would be great if you could go through your stash and see if you could part with any fat quarters that could be donated for meeting door prizes or building the quilt show door prize stash!!

If you have any suggestions or comments that you think would improve our guild or its function, please contact me and I will carry the message to the Board.

Current Bees

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| <p>BEGINNER BEE <i>RSVP BEE</i> Every Monday and Wednesday 11:00-3:00 bring lunch Liz Narcisse 832 343 6523 Beulah.narcisse@gmail.com</p> <p>Sharps Town Community Cntr 6600 Harbor Town Dr. Houston, TX 77036</p> | <p>ELECTRIC QUILT 2nd and 4th Wednesday 9:30-noon Nancie Roach 713 771 6762 c. 832 483 8544 nancie.roach@gmail.com Bayland Park Center 6400 Bissonnet Houston, TX 77074</p> | <p>SUGAR LAND BEE Every Tuesday 10:00-2:00 bring lunch Barbara Baxter 281 242 5403 twobs@comcast.net Keegan's Wood Community Cntr 9600 Keegan's Wood Drive Houston, TX 77083</p> |
| <p>PECAN GROVE QUILTERS Every Wednesday 10:00-2:00 bring lunch Judy Wolter 270 498 3633 jmwolter@yahoo.com</p> <p>Joy Lutheran Church 717 FM 359 Richmond, TX 77406</p> | <p>MATERIAL GIRLS CLOTH DOLL CLUB 3rd Saturday Nancie Roach 713 771 6762 c.732 483 8544 nancie.roach@gmail.com</p> <p>Quilt Works 9431 Jones Road Houston, TX 77065</p> | <p>BAYLAND QUILT TOPPERS Every Friday, except 3rd Friday 9:00-1:00 Nancie Roach 713 771 6762 c. 832 483 8544 nancie.roach@gmail.com Bayland Park Center 6400 Bissonnet Houston, TX 77074</p> |

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 Workshops Elect: Nancie Roach
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 Sakeenah Mubashshir
 Lone Star Santa: Pauline Manes
 Project Linus: Jennifer Pazicni
 Quilts for Kids: Barbara Young
 Quilts of Valor: Barbara Baxter
 VA Hospital/VA Initiatives:
 Gwen Goldsberry
 Donation Quilt: Diane Hickey
 2018 Donation Quilt: Katherine Onstott
 Quilt Show: Barbara Wall
 Hospitality: Peggy Johnson, Rita Evans
 Webmaster: Jennifer Pazicni
 Library: Linda Towle

The Monarch is published monthly by the Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas. It is distributed, via e-mail, free to members. We are always looking for news items, articles, and suggestions. Inclusion subject to space availability.

Articles *must* be received by the Monday following the Thursday morning meeting for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Send articles to cpqgtx@gmail.com

If you do not have e-mail capability, legibly written information will be accepted by the deadline.

According to the CPQG By-laws, if you need a printed copy of the newsletter, please notify the editor.

A fee applies to all printed copies of **The Monarch**.

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

Minutes of the October 2, 2017 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mark Towle, President at 10:03 am in Room 306 First United Methodist Church (FUMC). This is the new meeting location for 2017-2018 unless otherwise specified.

Board Members in attendance: Mark Towle, Rebecca Trevino, Cathy Price, Gwen Goldsberry, Diane Hickey, Pam Biswas, Nancie Roach, and Sherri Stringfield. A quorum was present.
Committee Members in attendance: Barb Wall, Sakeenah Mubashshir, and Penny Hurst.

The Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Board meeting were approved as presented.
The Treasurer's Report from August 2017 was deferred for approval until everyone can review the copy being circulated.
The Treasurer's Report from September 2017 was approved as published.

Mark requested that the monthly financial summary report be done for the Board at each meeting. Also, a question about the retreat expenses was raised. Diane will report on this once she has reviewed the items in question.

The Board requested that a Quilt Show 2018 Budget for end of year 2016-2017 be compiled for review. Pauline Manes will be the Quilt Show Treasurer and will be asked to provide the report. She will keep the Quilt Show 2018 books which span the 2016 – 2019 expense and revenue period for this show.

Discussion Points:

By-laws Biennial Review

The review needs to be completed by end of year.

Audit Committee:

Need to have their report at the next business meeting.

Hand-over of Materials for New Board Members:

Pam reported she has the computer, but did not receive any instructions for the job itself. Rebecca Trevino offered to help Pam with this.

Future Board Meetings:

The following dates have been confirmed for Board Meetings –

December 4, 2017

January 3, 2018 Prior to evening meeting. Sherri Stringfield will find a location.

February 5, 2018

March 5, 2018

April 2, 2018

April 30, 2018

June 4, 2018

July 2, 2018

July 30, 2018

Mark Towle reported that the Board reports still need to be done from the front of the hall. This makes it much easier to hear the announcements/reports.

Mark Towle made a motion that we wait until after the October 21st meeting to send the membership listing out for publication. This was seconded by Nance Roach. The Board approved this motion.

VP Programs – Gwen Goldsberry

October 4th is Carol Thelen and Quiltworx. October 19th is Janice Schindeler, who is a Greater Houston Quilt Guild past president. She will be presenting “Journey into Quilt making “and the workshop on the Pizza quilt.

VP Programs-Elect – Joan Bell
Workshop Chair – Kay Paul

Absent
 Absent

Workshop Chair-elect – Nancie Roach

Nancie will be working with Joan to coordinate workshops and programs. Nancie was questioning if her budget amounts have been approved. Mark Towle noted that she does not have a budget since her programs will be in 2018-2019. She is requested to look at balancing the costs for the speaker with the target audience and participation. She may be able to coordinate with other Guilds to share speakers who travel.

Secretary – Cathy Price

No Report

Mark Towle requested that Cathy verify the date of the last electronic version of the By-Laws. The date in the title indicates December 2015, but there was an approved update in April 2016. Barb Wall noted that the version published in the directory has the updates from April. Cathy will verify the date and check to see if any other paper or electronic versions of the By-laws can be found. She will report this to Mark.

Treasurer – Diane Hickey

Diane reported that the 2017-2018 budget meeting will be held on October 4th. Mark Towle indicated the budget committee will be looking at changes made last year and needed for this year to balance the spending. If anyone has suggestions, needs, or changes, let this committee know as soon as possible.

Editor/Advertising – Diane Aleman

Absent

Mark Towle reported that the October newsletter has been delayed. An email with a link to the newsletter will be sent out to the membership as soon as the October version is ready.

Representative-at-large – Sherri Stringfield

Sherri Stringfield reported that she is setting up a committee meeting for the by-laws committee. Everyone has a copy for review. Also, she will be asking membership for any input they may have at the October meetings. The goal is to have this ready for membership approval in January 2018.

Sherri noted that February 10th and July 14th 2018 are events where the Donation Quilt could be shown. She will coordinate with Katherine Onstott to get these dates on the calendar.

Bee Coordinator – Penny Hurst

Penny Hurst reported that there are eight active Bees. She will get the listing updates so it can be on the website and in the directory.

She reported that a new Bee is forming in the Greatwood area. More details will follow.

She would like to focus on a Bee in each of the next newsletters to let everyone know what that specific Bee is doing.

She will be asking the Bees to publish an agenda and supply list and encourage attendance by new members.

Community Service – Sakeenah Mubashshir

Sakeenah reported that she will be contacting Jen Pazicni about Project Linus. Previously, the Project Linus group had indicated they would not be accepting donation through September 2017. The Guild needs to know if that has changed. The Guild may need to buy fleece and supplies if Project Linus is expecting donations now. We have yarn.

Gwen Goldsberry noted that fleece is also used to make the Veteran's lab quilts, so donations of fleece would be appreciated.

Rebecca Trevino has volunteered to teach one-on-one lessons on how to make the pillowcases if any members are interested.

Donation Quilt 2017 – Diane Hickey

Diane reported that she is waiting for responses on emails she has sent out about additional showings of the quilt.

Quilt Show 2018 – Barbara Wall

Barb reported that the Save the Date cards for the show are available.

The Quilt show committee meeting was held on September 30th at the FB University Branch Library and about 20 members were present. Three area coordinators are still needed – decorations, program advertisements, and event publicity chair.

The next committee meeting is December 2nd at the Fort Bend University Branch Library, 10 am – noon.

Barb noted that the promotion of 10th Anniversary items will be a board activity, not a quilt show activity.

Sherri Stringfield made the motion that the Board appoint or look for volunteers to coordinate the 10th Anniversary item selection and any commemorative events. Diane Hickey seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion.

Retreat – Sally Steiner

Absent

Mark reported that 63 pillowcases were made at the retreat.

Dixie Mullins will be getting these to Pauline Manes for the Lone Star Santas to use. Sakeenah noted that she has 87 additional pillowcases that members have donated.

The August 2017 Treasurer's report from Pauline Manes was approved as reviewed by the group.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Price, Secretary
Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

Minutes of the November 16, 2017 General Meeting of the Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild

The meeting was called to order by Mark Towle, President, at 10:00 am.
Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes for the October 19, 2017 business meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
The Treasurer's report for October 2017 was approved as published in the newsletter.

There were no new members today. Four visitors were present and were welcomed by the group.

Announcements

Mark Towle:

This year's By-Laws Review Committee report and recommended changes have been presented the Board. The Board will review these at the next meeting.

This year's Audit Committee report has been presented to the Board. It was discussed and will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

A volunteer to head up the 2018 Shop Hop in June is needed. Please contact Mark if interested.

The January 3rd Board Meeting location is still being determined.

Mark reminded all members that Advertising is directed by the Standing Rules, Section 3 a. "Promotion of personal businesses or solicitation of donations for outside charitable causes (other than scheduled donation quilts from other guilds) is not permitted at any guild activity or through electronic means."

The Donation quilt drawing is to be held on December 6th. Please continue to sell tickets.

Both December meetings will be parties. The Board and committee chair members will be decorating tables for the December 6th meeting. Volunteers are needed to help decorate tables for the December 21st meeting. There will also be a Quilts of Valor presentation at the December 21st meeting. These are both Pot Luck dinners and more information about what to bring will be mailed later. There will be a gift exchange at each of the events (price range 5 – 10 dollars) for those who wish to participate.

The date for the December business meeting is wrong in the Trifold and the Directory. The correct date is the 21st of December.

Reports:

President-Elect: Rebecca Trevino

Absent

Programs: Gwen Goldsberry reported Nancie Roach will be presenting a Trunk Show of Cloth Dolls at today's meeting.

January 3rd will be a presentation on Feed Sacks and Chicken Linen: Using what they had by Maggie McGuire.

January 18th will be a presentation on Redwork Through the Years by Rosie deLeon-McCrady.

Gwen also reported that she took approximately \$1800 worth of quilts and lap robes to the Michael DeBakey Veterans Center in Houston on Veteran's Day. They were very appreciative of the items.

Membership: Pam Biswas reported that we have 112 paid members as of today. The new directories are available. She has added an addendum of new members since print date. She would like any correction needed to be forwarded to her for update.

Workshops: Kay Paul announced that today's workshop will be presented by Nancie Roach on how to make a Pin Doll.

Nancie has all of the materials needed to make the doll and there are still spaces available.

The January 18th workshop will be Hand Embroidery featuring That String Thing.

The February 10th workshop will be an all day Saturday workshop presented by Cynthia Englund on a picture piecing method to create block using a State of Texas or Texas pattern.

Treasurer: Diane Hickey.

Absent

Representative-at-Large: Sherri Stringfield reported on the By-Laws review being held this year. There are many changes that have been submitted for Board review. Once a draft copy is approved by the Board, the membership will be presented with the draft for a review period of two months. After the review is completed and a final draft compiled, the Board will then vote again on the change approval.

In some cases, items will be moved from the By-Laws to the Standing Rules to be more consistent with the existing Standing Rules.

Any comments from members would be appreciated. The preliminary change summary is as follows:

- Many typos and punctuation discrepancies were corrected,
- The section that refers to suspension of members was reworded,
- The section on meeting scheduling was updated,
- The section that has requires committee chairs to attend special Board meetings was reworked,
- The transition method for new Board members was defined in more detail,
- Notification of Board meeting absence by members was defined,
- References to complimentary workshops were removed,
- The Editor role will be moved to a committee chair to remove the current term limit on this position,
- The Rep-at-Large will not "greet guest" as part of the job description since this is also a Hospitality function,
- Better define the time frame for the election of Board members, and
- Better define the time frame for the biennial By-laws review.

All changes are included in the document in tracking mode and will be reviewed by the Board prior to the next meeting. If changes are to be made, a draft of the proposed changes will be submitted to the membership for review, comment, and vote. By-laws are voted on by both the Board of Directors and the Guild membership for approval.

Sherri announced that she has a shirt that is being considered for the 10th Anniversary commemorative item. She is getting samples of the shirt so the membership can try on the shirt and see the material. She will have these in December. The shirt will have the Decade in Stitches logo and have CPQG 2008-2018 on the logo.

2018 Quilt Show Committee: Barb Wall reported the next meeting will be December 2nd at the University Branch (Fort Bend) Library at 10 am.

She needs everyone to be working on Quilts for the Show, the live auction, and the quilt sale at the show. The biennial Quilt show is our primary fund raiser so that our charities, our workshops and our presenters can be funded.

Community Service: Sakeenah Mubashshir reported that she has the Goal Board for this year's charities in the activity room for review. She has quilts to be finished and kits to be turned into quilt tops. She also has treats!

Sakeenah announced that the November Quilts of Valor sew-in is Saturday, the 18th. This will be in the FUMC Music Rooms A&B from 10 am – 2:30 pm

Helen Wilems reported that she has 32 scarves and 30 hats to be donated to the FUMC Seafarer's Scarf project. They will be boxing these up on the 26th of this month. Any additional donations before that date can be brought directly to the church. They will need more scarves next year!

Sherri Stringfield announced the November birthdays for the members present. Door prize winners were announced.

Show and Share was presented.

Nancie Roach presented a trunk show of the many dolls she and her Material Girls Doll Guild have created.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Price, Secretary Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild