

Kaufman Quilt Guild



President's Letter

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. ~Charles Dickens, Great Expectations

I don't think Dickens ever made it to Texas, but I do think his words ring true this March! Never can I remember a winter to spring like this one. As I spoke with so many of you, I soon realized that we were all battling allergies. Thank you so much for supporting me and my itchy, sneezy, watering eyes. If I weren't so tall, I do believe I could have passed as one of the Seven Dwarfs!

We are now entering the second half of our fiscal guild year. The time is really flying by and there is always so much to do and so little time to get it done. One thing I never worry about is the fact that I know the guild can always depend on you. Things to look forward to this spring and summer are our annual quilt show, barn quilt workshop, Kathy Dunigan workshop, dresses for Africa, retreats and more retreats, great programs, Plano Quilt Show, and great times with to share with our friends.

Love and stitches,
Laura

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Calendar of Events



April 8	HIQ Alley Sale
April 22-23	Kaufman Quilt Show
May 20	Barn Quilt Workshop

Visit our website at:

<http://www.kaufmanquiltguild.org>

Board Members and Committee Chairs

Board Members

President.....	Laura Murrey
First VP(Membership).....	Cindy Tramel
Second VP(Programs).....	Mary Jo Smith
Secretary.....	Tonya Ratcliff
Treasurer.....	Jane Newberry

Committee Chairs

Block Challenge.....	Jill Wade & Dixie Carrell
Charity Quilts.....	Billie Mohr & Karen Marotta
Community Service.....	Joan Wainscott & Rhonda Richards
Daytime Friendship Group.....	Carol Altom
Door Prizes.....	Debra Wood
Historian.....	Barbara Booth
Newsletter.....	Jane Newberry
Project Linus.....	Cindy Tramel
Quilts for ALS.....	Sue Whisennand
Quilts for Kids.....	Laura Petrash & Carol Stephenson
Quilts of Valor.....	Sue Bohmer & Jody Deller
Quilt Show.....	Laura Murrey
Raffle Quilt.....	Toni Nelson, Laura Murrey & Jane Newberry
Retreats.....	Jill Wade
Sunshine.....	Wilma Lynn
TAQG.....	Tonya Ratcliff
UFO Club.....	Susan Hardi & Billie Mohr
Vintage Farm Girls Club.....	Jill Wade & Marta Thomson
Webmaster/Facebook.....	Cindy Tramel
Welcome.....	Peggy Terrill, Sharon Jones & Carla Little
Workshops.....	Gwynda Brantley, Rea Stock & Mary Jo Smith

Committee Chair Reports

Raffle Quilt— Our raffle quilt "Classic Nutcracker" is being quilted right now. The quilt will be displayed at our annual quilt show in Terrell. Tickets will be passed out at the May meeting. This is our major fund raiser, and **each member is required** to sell or buy at least 30 tickets -- Toni, Laura and Jane

Retreats—We will begin taking deposits for our June 1-4 retreat to Compass Centre in Mt. Calm at the April meeting. I will not be at the April meeting, so please see Dixie at the Welcome Desk to sign up and give her your cash or \$100 check made out to Kaufman Quilt Guild! You may also mail your check to **Jill Wade** at 11Waters Edge Ct., Heath, TX 75023.

Friendship Group—The Daytime Friendship Group meets at the Methodist church in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday from 10-2. Contact **Carol Altom** if you have questions about the daytime group. Members work on their own projects and bring their own lunch or snacks. We'd love to have you join us!!

Quilt Show—Twelve members of the quilt show committee met on March 6 to finalize plans for the Kaufman Quilt Show. So many new and exciting things have been added to your show this year. There will be live soft Jazz music provided at the show as well as the addition of a quilt appraiser and an antique quilt vendor. You can sign up in advance to bring your quilts in for appraisal, or if you have a quilt entered, you may have that quilt appraised at that time. Price for an appraisal will be \$45. The committee has added a "Buy it Now" option to the Silent Auction for the miniature and other small items portion of the show. As you know, the auction is the only fund raising activity of the show and cannot exist without your beautiful contributions. Please plan to enter your beautiful quilts in the show this year. There is a category for everyone from pieced quilts, embroidery quilts, children/baby quilts to machine or hand appliquéd quilts. Get your entry form downloaded at kaufmanquiltguild.org today!

UFO Club— Last month we had seventeen UFOs completed! We're glad the UFO Club is keeping so many people motivated. Remember to bring your completed UFOs to the April meeting to show everyone what you have accomplished. Stop by the Activities Table and mark the project off your list and get a sticker for your badge. Don't forget to fill out a Ticket of Completion to put in the drawing! —Billie and Susan

Webmaster/Facebook— Please check the website at: www.kaufmanquiltguild.org and "Like" us on Facebook. Contact **Cindy Tramel** about either.

Membership/Volunteer Hours Program—We had 314 Volunteer Hours worked by 18 members in February. Be sure to record your volunteer hours each meeting or email Cindy **before** the meeting.

Quilts of Valor- Did you know that Quilts of Valor do not have to be red, white, and blue? They can be any color. Maybe you have a quilt that you made, and you don't have anyone in mind to give it to. Why not give it to a veteran in appreciation for his/her service? Think about it! **Carol Stephenson** presented a QOV to Tech Sgt. Robert Chad Ragland (USAF).—Sue and Jody

Farm Girls Report— Hi, Farm Girls!! Congratulations to **Allyson Klenzendorf** for winning March's drawing! The next two blocks that will be due at the April meeting in order to qualify for the prize drawing are Spring Star Block and Summer Star Block. Keep up the good work!!

Charity Quilts—We did not have any new volunteers sign up to make blocks for our Charity quilts. At this time, we have had 23 (Scrappy) and 21 (Patriotic) signed up to do blocks. We need 25 to complete each quilt. This is a voluntary project, but remember you do count your hours and you will receive a ticket upon completion to go into the drawing for a free retreat. All blocks are due by the April meeting. If you would like the pattern before the next meeting, contact Karen. Thanks to all who have already completed their blocks! —Karen and Billie

Community Service— In April, we will collect feminine hygiene products for Hilltop Recovery Ministries. This facility supports women with drug and alcohol addictions. In May we will be collecting dresses for African girls. **Cindy Tramel** sent out the pattern for the little dresses. Let's all make a minimum of three dresses and reach our goal of 200 dresses.

Project Linus— We had five Project Linus quilts turned in this month. The quilts will be given to children at hospitals, homeless shelters and to children of fallen soldiers. If you would like to receive a kit, email **Cindy Tramel** before the meeting time each month, and she will bring you however many kits you need. Please return the completed quilt to Cindy when finished.

Bag Ladies— **Billie Mohr** and **Jane Newberry** are collecting all your fabric scraps and will donate them to the Genesis Center and Terrell State Hospital. Both organizations sell them by the pound as rags. We will collect them at each meeting and deliver them, so instead of adding your snippets to the landfill put a bag near your sewing machine, bring them to Guild meetings and help out these two worthy organizations! Please place them in the back of the sanctuary as you walk in. In June we took the scraps to San Antonio member **Jan Unruh**. She and guild member **Dee Touchstone** as well as Jan's granddaughter made 23 dog beds to donate to the Humane Society.

Kids Quilts—Thanks for the quilts we received in March They are beautiful. Whatever quilts come in between now and August will be distributed at that time. Keep them coming. Lots of kids enjoy and need them!—Carol Stephenson and Laura Petrash

Annual Block Challenge— This year's theme is "Life's A Beach"!! If you want to be eligible to win all of the blocks when we draw in August, please have a 9 1/2" block of your choice with a beach theme.

Hopes and Dreams Challenge—

To raise awareness of ALS-Lou Gehrig's Disease.

To provide quilts & bring recognition, hope, and warmth to the lives of ALS patients.

To raise funds for research for treatment and a cure.

Please give the gift of a quilt to warm the life, the heart and the lap of an ALS patient, and help raise awareness and research money for ALS-Lou Gehrig's disease. Your donated quilts will be given to ALS patients or used to raise awareness and research money for ALS by being photographed, displayed, auctioned, or raffled. In addition to contributing your quilt to a wonderful cause—all donated quilts are eligible to win exciting and wonderful prizes through Quilters Dream Batting Company. Hopes & Dreams is a non-juried quilt challenge. All donated quilts will be entered into general prize drawings, plus there are incredible prizes recognizing the most generous quilter, quilt shop, professional quilter and guild. Special prize categories for theme quilts and 'most popular' quilt. For the comfort of the patient, we request that quilted or tied quilts be a minimum of 35" x 44" - Lap and Bed size quilts of all sizes are welcomed. We look forward to your joining us in this unique quilting event - the Hopes & Dreams Quilt Challenge for ALS! The deadline for turning in quilts to be shipped is the July Kaufman Quilt Guild Meeting. All the donated quilts will be boxed and shipped from the Kaufman Quilt Guild.—Sue Whisennand

Retreats for 2016-2017

Mt. Calm	June 1-4, 2017
Sunset	September 14-17, 2017
Mt. Calm	January 7-11, 2018

Things to Remember:

1. Our next Guild Meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, at Landmark Church of Christ.
2. Wear your badge.
3. Record your Community Service Hours.
4. Community Service: feminine hygiene products for Hilltop Recovery Ministries.
5. Show and Tell.
6. Please turn your cell phone to "Silent" during our meeting.
7. Check the Swap Table for free goodies!
8. Charity Quilt blocks are due!

Come mingle at Meet & Greet at 6:00. The Snack supper will begin at 6:30. The April program will be "Making Quilts Using Machine Embroidery" by Brenda Jeschke.

March Birthdays

8 Jody Deller
23 Amy Hurst

April Birthdays

14 Dora Stoker
16 Jan Fort
24 Carol Stephenson
30 Toni Nelson



Thank you to each of you that sent cards, notes or called when the flu caught up with me. The day each greeting arrived was a ray of Sunshine.

April Hostesses

Dora Stoker, Coordinator

**Barbara Booth
Jody Deller
Paula Stephens
Stacy Jarrett
Jackie Gilbert**

*Remember if you can't serve as a hostess for your assigned month, please check with another guild member to switch months. All hostesses for the year are listed in the yearbook.**

Quilt Show Silent Auction News

We have over 20 lovely mini quilts and other items for the mini auction. We are looking forward to this fund raiser for the Kaufman Quilt Guild. The proceeds are used to give cash awards, buy ribbons and to pay some judges' expenses. We will begin the bidding on Saturday morning and continue until Sunday about 2:00pm. This year, we have a new feature, "Buy It Now!" This will let people purchase the item for a set price instead of waiting to see if they won the item with the highest bid. We look forward to seeing who bids on the wonderful quilts!--Katie Sotzing and Cindy Tramel



April Program

"Making Quilts Using Machine Embroidery" by Brenda Jeschke

Brenda's lecture will show you how to take your embroidery machine and, using purchased designs, to stitch and combine with your quilting skills to make unique quilts. The trunk show consists of 30-35 quilts and inspires you to get out the other half of your sewing/embroidery machine and use it!

"SAVE THE DATES FOR WORKSHOPS"

May 20 **Barn Quilts-** We have about four spots left for this workshop. We will be painting a 2' x 2' wooden barn quilt to display at your home. The cost of the workshop is \$12, which includes most of your supplies. A small supply list will be given to you when you sign up. If you have any questions, please give one of us a call. **Jane Newberry, Cindy Tramel, or Mary Jo Smith**

June 10 **Kathy Dunigan Appliqué-** see Mary Jo to sign up at meetings.

November 11 **Brazilian Embroidery**

Newsletter Advertising Rates

1 Issue

Business Card Size \$8
1/4 Page \$15

3 Issues

Business Card Size \$20
1/4 Page \$35



Katie Phillips, County Extension Agent

Join us on Face Book!

In February, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension started a "Healthy Kaufman County" Facebook page. We are posting great ideas for table discussions at family meal time, healthy lunches, reading the new food label, tasty recipes, and upcoming events for the Family & Consumer Sciences Program. We are very close to having 100 people following the page. Join us with a "Like" and a "Follow"!

Here is a popular recipe we posted last week! This recipe is for 2 meals. Prepare once and fix twice. You will have a meal in your freezer ready to go on those days you are too busy to cook. (More time to sew!)

Cozy Beef Stew

12 Servings

326 Calories, 2.1 g Sat. Fat, 182 mg Sodium per serving

This beef stew uses baby red potatoes and baby carrots, eliminating some of the peeling and chopping usually needed when using traditional baking potatoes and large carrots.

Ingredients

- 4 lbs boneless sirloin steak (all visible fat discarded, cut into 1-inch cubes)
- 4 cups baby red potatoes (halved)
- 4 cups baby carrots
- 2 medium onions (chopped)
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1, 15-oz can no-salt-added tomato sauce
- 1 10-oz package dried lima beans, sorted for stones and shriveled beans, rinsed, and drained
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp plus 1 tsp quick-cooking tapioca
- 2 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp celery salt
- 1 tsp dried parsley (crumbled)
- 1 tsp dried thyme (crumbled)
- 1 cup water

Directions for Assembly

- In a large bowl, stir together all the ingredients. Divide the stew between two 1-gallon resealable plastic freezer bags. Place the bags flat in the freezer and freeze.

Directions for Cooking

- Thaw the bags overnight in the refrigerator. Pour the contents of the bags into a slow cooker. Pour in 1 cup water, stirring to combine. Cook, covered, on low for 4 to 6 hours, or until the vegetables are tender.

Tax Free Day

Attention! April 23 will be a tax-free day for Kaufman Quilt Guild. Our silent auction will be conducted that day at our Quilt Show in Terrell.