



Norman Area Quilters Guild

# *The Quilter's Edge*

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Ruth Leidy, Editor

## Program for March 15

Our own Donna Skvarla will present

"100 Years of American Quilts: 1850-1950."

*I will bring at least one quilt from each decade and sometimes more. For instance, during the 1890s Crazy Quilts, Redwork and Log Cabins were all very popular, so for that decade I have three quilts to show! For the 1920s I have a top made of men's shirting samples and an exquisite Morning Glory appliqué from one of Marie Webster's patterns. And I will bring stuff for people to look at--ephemera. It's basically a trunk show with lots of history thrown in!*

*Donna*

## Community Projects

*Wilma DeBerry*

February 23 was a fantastic work day. We welcomed a new member; hello Renee. She jumped right in and sewed bindings like a sweat shop worker.

Come join us March 22 to meet her.

I delivered 30 quilts this week. All the contact people at the agencies marvel at the beauty of the quilts they receive. However, three of our agencies, Abbott House, Ally's House and Crossroads Shelter are begging for larger quilts. All are seeing a rise in the number of older children. Some of those teen-aged boys are almost six feet tall. I told them we would try to get some longer quilts to them. So if you want a new direction, **try to make some twin bed** sizes. I have started one myself. It really doesn't take that much longer.

Denise Raiford is busy making kits with some old and some new patterns for us.

I think she will have some of them ready for our March meeting. No pressure Denise but could you hurry? She makes beautiful kits out of fabrics that sometimes make me pull my hair in frustration. I look at them and say, it is beautiful but where on earth would I put with it. Denise looks at it and says, "Wow this would look great with that stack over there." Thank you, Denise.

SEE ALL OF YOU MARCH 22. Wilma

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## Quilt Show Update

*Anne Watkins*

The 2010 quilt show is approaching fast and the committee is in high gear. All the vendor slots and 3 of the sponsor slots are taken so start saving your money for the exciting new fabrics and ideas. Sabrina Diehl is looking for a fourth sponsor. There will be several ways that you can participate in the near future.

**Jan Hatch** will be asking for contributions of food for the hospitality room.

**Georjana Mauldin** will be looking for volunteers to make things for the bazaar and asking for your orphan blocks.

**Adrienne Fox** will want your quilt room rejects for the Ways and Means table at the show.

**Wilma DeBerry** will have publicity bookmarks for you to give to all your family and friends, (and complete strangers) to advertise our show.

**Michelle Lynch** will be asking for your quilt entries.

**Joann Polgar** wants any promotional items that she can include in goodie bags to give to each attendee.

**Lorraine Provine** has a few T-shirts for sale if you missed the order or want another.

**Bonnie White** and **Shirley Dixon** will have raffle quilt tickets for sales to our families and friends.

There will also be sign-up sheets for volunteers for set-up, take-down, selling tickets etc.

Kathy Heiple has agreed to be our celebrity judge. Kathy was the founder of Health for Friends, a free or low cost clinic for persons with no insurance and limited income. The clinic provides medical, dental and pharmacy services. I don't know if she has ever quilted, but I do know she likes to sew.

You already know that Carrie Miller is the featured artist. Carrie not only makes quilt tops, but she quilts them also. (That is always amazing to me as even Sabrina failed to make a quilter out of me.) Carrie makes traditional and not-so-traditional quilts and has won many ribbons in judged shows. I am looking forward to her exhibit.

I am excited about our quilt show and I hope you will be also.

## Calling All Quilts!

*Michelle Lynch*

It is time to start sending in entry forms for the quilts for our 2010 Quilt Show. The deadline is April 30, 2010. This is not a judged show, just an opportunity to share our quilts with others in the community and let them see the possibilities and creativity in quilting. We want a wide variety of quilts, traditional pieced and/appliqué, art quilts, miniatures, kids quilts, etc.... There will be favorite quilts picked by a local celebrity, the quilt show chair, the guild president, and each of our sponsors as well as viewer's choice 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Ribbons will be accompanied by prizes. But truly this is not a competition. The only criterion for a quilt to be entered into the show is that you be a current member of NAQG. We want to have plenty of quilts, so there is no limit on how many quilts you may enter. There is a place on the entry form to put your priority in case we have more quilts entered than we can hang....so if you enter 5 quilts put #1 on the one you absolutely want hung and so on down your list. Each guild member who enters will have at least one quilt hung, and then hanging of multiples will depend on remaining space available. The entry forms are attached to the newsletter and I will have printed copies available at the guild meeting. Please take one and feel free to copy for multiple entries. Feel free to call me (360-7507) if you have any questions.

## Bazaar Happening

*Georjana Mauldin.*

I want to thank those who happily made pincushions for our bazaar. I collected some wonderful tote bags from members too. Also, thank you for the orphan block donations and the fabric - it will help in creating our projects to sell. We have to get really busy now, since we only have 4 months left before the quilt show.

I've asked all those who contributed to the bazaar last time if they would produce the same items again - most all said "Heck, yes!" So thank you for those items that I know are in various forms of completion. If you need any fabric or batting, please let me know. I have heard inklings of great things being made by our guild members.

If you want to make an item or two for the bazaar - remember we are expanding our "product line" from just *What Quilter's Need on the Move* to include kitchen items. I would love to have a basket of pot holders to sell at the booth.

Sincere thanks, - Your Bazaar Chair

## Membership

*Janet Bronston*

Thank you to the 80 people who have renewed or joined so far this year! Your cards will be available for pick up this month. Remember that while memberships are supposed to be renewed by the end of February, we'll be glad to let you re-join at any time. The sooner the better - the membership list book will be coming out soon and only those who are current will be included. Our newsletter e-mail and post office lists will also be edited in the near future. You wouldn't want to be dropped from them, would you? And if you have a fabulous quilt to enter in our show, you must be a member for it to be accepted.

Post Script from Ruth

I'm sending newsletters to everyone who was a member last year as well as our several new members. But this is the last month. Only paid members will receive the April edition. If you can't attend the March meeting, mail it to Janet. Her address is 2525 Linden Ave, Norman, OK 73072. This is an extended deadline. The membership year is from January through December. It is only \$20, but if you are unable to pay, talk to Janet.

## Fat Quarter Lotto

*Celeste Stonecipher*

Each month at our Norman guild meeting, we hold our **Fat Quarter Lotto**. Bring a fat quarter (or more!) for that month's theme. For every fat quarter you turn in you get a chance at winning the pool of fat quarters!

### March meeting theme: "On the Move"

If it has to do in any way with transportation, bring it in. Cars, trains, planes, bikes, buses...



### Coming for the April meeting theme: "Oriental Prints"

**Remember:** Fat Quarters are 18" x 22", which is half of a half-yard of fabric (based on 42" - 45" width). Please give what you would want to receive, to make it fun for everyone.

Send any ideas or suggestions to Celeste Stonecipher at [c.stonecipher@att.net](mailto:c.stonecipher@att.net) ... or find me at the meeting!

## Library Demo Day

*Janet Bronston*

March 27, 2010

10 am - 4 pm

We need quilters of all experience levels to help make this year's quilt demonstration day a success. On Saturday, March 27th, we will meet at the Norman branch of the Pioneer Library System to show the patrons all aspects of making a quilt. This year's pattern will be the old familiar log cabin. This easy to sew, versatile block can be set together in countless ways to make beautiful, graphic quilts. If you can rotary cut, sew strips and blocks, baste, machine or hand quilt, or bind, we need you! If you don't feel confident at any of those tasks, we have other jobs I'm sure you would enjoy. Whether you can come for the day or just an hour or two, please help make this year's demo our best yet!

### Log Cabins in the Gallery Room

During the month of March the Norman library has log cabin quilts in the Gallery Room (the glassed in section straight ahead as you enter.) These have been loaned by Janet Bronston, Carol Combs, Jan Hatch, Donna Skvarla, Theresa Tittle, and Linda Wood. Stop by and see this fabulous array spanning a century of quilt making. While you are there, check out the book stacks. Our library has a nice selection of quilt books you can borrow.

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(Note: I received this message from Nita Beshear who lives in Calvin, Oklahoma (That's between McAlester and Ada.)

### Book Signing at Borders

I am a quilter and an author. My first book, ***Devoted to Quilting*** is now out and available. I will be doing a book signing at Borders in Norman next Saturday, March 13 from 1-3. I hope some of your quilters will be able to join me.

As you know, every quilt has a story, sometimes more than one. ***Devoted to Quilting*** is a collection of personal quilt stories. I wrote every story, although some of the stories were shared with me by other quilters. You can read an excerpt of the book here:

<http://www.awocbooks.com/Book.cfm?b=78&f=e>

The book also includes a Bible verse and prayer with each story, as well as a quilting/sewing tip.

I am also available to do a presentation and signing for your quilting group. You can contact me by email at: [nita@nitabeshear.com](mailto:nita@nitabeshear.com) or phone: 580-892-3525.

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### Now here's a Real Challenge Quilt

But for money not prizes.

A young man at Mike's Tire and Auto wants someone to make a quilt for him out of Chevis Regal velvet bags. I don't want to do it but thought someone in the guild might like to make some money by doing it for him. Contact Dianne Bauman at 364-1873.




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### Retreats & Special Activities Enjoyed by Some of our Members

*Verna McNabb*

February was a good month for me for quilting. First, I attended Elsie Campbell's class on string quilting. I just can't seem to throw away leftover fabric - I guess a holdover from my grandmother's dust-bowl depression era mindset and watching her use up fabric scraps in the quilts she made us.

I've always been interested in making a scrappy string quilt, and had previously been cutting leftover project fabrics into 1.5", 2" and 2.5" strips (a tip I'd learned from a TV quilting show). I didn't have a specific project in mind when I signed up for the class, and decided to use my string scraps and just let it happen! I loved her techniques and watching the new fabric yardage designs take shape as I added one strip after another, trying to go from light-to-dark, and using a multi-colored strip for color transition on the yardage strip. Now, at home, I've continued to make yardage strip sets, and have reorganized my scraps into 3 large tubs. I swear, the fabric strips are self-breeding - I can't seem to make a dent in using up the strips! I can't wait to see the finished product, or products, that is, as I continue to use the strip sets for different patterns in quilts. I've decided to name my first string quilt "My First 10 Years", representing scraps accumulated from my first 10 years of quilting. If you didn't get a chance to take her class, I highly recommend purchasing her book, **String Quilts** by Elsie M. Campbell, as a great starting point for techniques and design ideas.

Also in February, I gave myself a birthday present by attending the 2nd Mystery Quilt Retreat weekend hosted by Patchwork Place. The location and the quilt project were both mysteries. A group of friends of mine signed up for the same weekend. One of our gang couldn't make it as she tore her rotator cuff using her new Wii! We went anyway and had great fun. The house was a real treat and had been remodeled with retreats in mind - everyone loved this old home located close to campus, and I discovered I knew the owner as I had worked with her in a previous job. We each had our own work space and electrical outlets but were located in the same room, so there was plenty of jibber-jabber going on all day. The retreat started out on Friday morning and ended on Sunday when you were ready to leave. It was fun watching each person's quilt unfold - we all had the same pattern, but different combinations of fabrics, so each quilt was different. We also did some fabric trading. We had pretty free reign of the house and could stay up as long as we wanted working on our project (one stayed up all night). It was a great way to meet new quilters and get to know others better. I will definitely do one again, and plan on doing at least one a year.

### *Ruth Leidy*

Dianne Bauman and I attended the same two activities and both had the same great time. At the retreat I thought my flying geese might fly away – with a little help! I decided that one thing that could improve the problem was if I had my single-hole throat plate. Being on Chautauqua, I called my thoughtful, loving husband and in just a few minutes the throat plate and a few other tools arrived. About the house, Marci Cary has done an incredible job of redoing her home to make it into a place for groups to meet for retreats. While it is ideal for quilters – imagine a 5 foot table all to yourself with plenty of light and electric plugs --other groups would certainly enjoy it too - like scrap bookers.

### About the same Retreat - different weekend

#### *Wilma DeBerry*

I recently enjoyed a weekend retreat at a new facility in town. Actually it was not technically new since it was one of those beautiful older homes at 724 Chautauqua near the campus. The house has been beautifully restored and the converted garage is a dream with a table and an outlet for every quilter. I was there with 12 other quilters, some of whom are members of our guild; Liz Bergey, Brenda Daniel, Lorraine Provine, Anne Watkins, Ann Geiger and Suzanne Green. We worked on a mystery quilt and some even finished theirs. While I didn't manage to finish even all the blocks, let alone the top, I am certain that I got to visit more, eat more and laugh more than all the others. I took some beautiful pictures and if I were able to find the camera, I would share them with you. It was great fun working with friends and making new friends. I look forward to an anniversary return trip next February. You might want to check this out. I think you can book weekends through Billie at Patchwork Place.

## First Tuesday Christmas Party

*Jaquita Moore*

Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, was the Annual Christmas Party for the First Tuesday Quilters of Purcell. The event was held at the home of Jaquita Moore. As always, the highlight of the evening was the "Gift Exchange", and this year those participating exchanged Halloween Blocks. It was a really fun theme, and all the blocks turned out so pretty. A delicious finger food and salad dinner was enjoyed by all.



Barbara Carroll,  
Shirley Dixon,  
Adrienne Fox,  
Betty Pat Goddard,  
Sue Hurt,  
Janone McCoy  
Jaquita Moore,  
Anne Watkins,  
Bonnie White,  
Linda Wood

## **NEW** Do you have a Quilting Tip that you would like to share?

Please send it to Ruth. Wilma will start us off with one of hers. I would also like to hear about your trips, workshops, quilt shows, and anything else you find interesting. How did you get started quilting? Are there certain colors you gravitate to?

I find that if I will accordion fold my quilt binding into a bread pan with the folded side down, I can bind an entire quilt with no fuss. As I use the binding, it unfolds neatly and it is easy to tie up the unused portion to donate to Community Quilts. Wilma

## Area Shows & Events

*Sheryl Heinrichs*

These listings come from tourism websites, lists of quilt shows, and guild pages. Efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of these listings; however, they are subject to change without notice to me. Before traveling, check with the show contact person or organization.

### March

- 12-14 **A Log Cabin Odyssey – Dallas Quilt Celebration 2010** – Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway.  
<http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org/quiltcelebration2010/default.htm>
- 14-19 **Seminar 2 at Quilting Adventures**  
<http://www.quilting-adventures.com/seminars/quilting-adventures-2010-brochure.pdf>
- 21-26 **Seminar 3 at Quilting Adventures**  
<http://www.quilting-adventures.com/seminars/quilting-adventures-2010-brochure.pdf>
- 26-27 **With Heart and Hand Quilters Guild of East Texas** – Tyler, TX <http://www.qgetx.org/quiltshow.php>

### April

- 8-10 **Round Bobbin Quilt and Sewing Expo** – St. Louis, MO <http://www.roundbobbin.com/>
- 9-10 **Ozark Memories** – Calico Cutups Guild Show. St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 1 St. Bernard Lane, Bella Vista, AR <http://www.calicocutups.org/quilt-show/index.php>
- 9-11 **Remembering a Simpler Time** – Bear Creek Quilt Guild Show, Fort Worth, TX  
[http://www.bearcreekquiltguild.org/show/quilt\\_show.html](http://www.bearcreekquiltguild.org/show/quilt_show.html)
- 21-24 **Paducah Quilt Show** [http://www.americanquilter.com/shows\\_contests/paducah/2010/general\\_info/index.php](http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/paducah/2010/general_info/index.php)
- 23-24 **Pontotoc County Quilt Show** – Pontotoc County Agriplex, Ada, OK  
<http://www.travelok.com/toDo/eventsDetail.asp?id=1-41SD7>
- 23-25 **2010 Hop the River Shop Hop** <http://www.quiltndbee.biz/shophop/>
- 24 **Quilt Show** at Springs Abloom Festival

<http://www.travelok.com/toDo/eventsDetail.asp?id=1-48C9D>

29-May 2 **Denver National Quilt Festival V** – <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=35>

May

1 **Quilt Show** at Spring Fest and Hops Weekend Car Show, Perry, OK

<http://www.travelok.com/toDo/eventsDetail.asp?id=1-432GX>

6-8 **Home Machine Quilting Show** – Salt Lake City, UT <http://www.hmqs.org/>

7-8 **America the Beautiful** – Quilters' Guild of Arlington, Arlington, TX <http://www.qgoa.org/>

12-15 **MQS (Machine Quilters Showcase) 2010** – Overland Park, KS <http://www.imqa.org/>

15 **Quilt Show** at Junque Arte Festival, Nowata County Fairgrounds, Nowata, OK

<http://www.travelok.com/toDo/eventsDetail.asp?id=1-42BPT>

20-22 **Martha's Sewing Market** – Arlington, TX <http://www.marthassewingmarket.com/>

28-29 **Quilt Show** at Magnolia Festival, Durant, OK

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