



TAQG Roundup

A Newsletter from the Texas Association of Quilt Guilds

Letter from the President

2019 has definitely come in with a flurry of activity for all of our TAQG people. It seems Rally Day will be here much too soon & we've still got so much to do! But never fear, our committee will get 'er done and we will once again have an awesome time.

Our Executive Committee has completed the Bylaw revisions and they will be voted on at the May meeting. This is the first time in the 19-year history of TAQG that they have been revised, so it was quite an undertaking.

At our May meeting, we will tackle the subject of Fundraising from other than Raffle Quilts and Quilt Shows. There are other avenues out there and maybe it's time we look at implementing some of them. We hope that you all attend the meeting and bring anyone else that may be interested in this subject.

Cindy Stowe
TAQG President

Coming Soon!!! - May TAQG Meeting

TAQG will hold their May 2019 meeting at:

Mimosa Lane Baptist Church
1233 N. Belt Line Road, Mesquite, TX.

The meeting starts at **Noon on Tuesday, May 28th, 2019.**



Find us on line at: www.taqq.org

Our Mission: To share information between guilds and preserve the art of quilting

2019 Pre-Rally Day Raffle

First Prize

\$100 Gift Certificate **Quilt Mercantile**

215 Highway 69N, Celeste, TX 75423

(903) 568-8739 quiltmercantile.com

\$50 Gift Certificate **Sew Let's Quilt It**

7989 Belt Line Rd., Ste 142, Dallas, TX 75248

(972) 661-0044 www.sewletsquiltit.com

\$50 Gift Certificate **The Quilt Asylum**

166 E. Jefferson St., Van Alstyne, TX 75495

(972) 821-1508 www.thequiltasylum.com

\$75 Gift Certificate **Watt A Find**

910 W Kearney St, Mesquite, Suite. D, TX 75149

(972) 329-1816 www.wattafind.com

Tutto Machine Case on Wheels, Medium (Purple) Retail value:

\$179.00 Sherry Worley sherry-worley@att.net

Pat Sloan Box of Neutrals Thread by Aurifil Retail value:

\$131.43 Sherry Worley sherry-worley@att.net



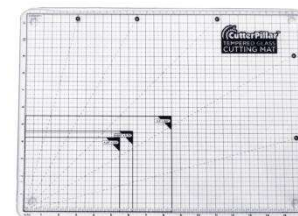
Second Prize

CutterPillar Glow Premium Light Tablet Retail value: \$139.99

CutterPillar Tempered Glass Mat Retail value: \$24.99

CutterPillar Glow Tote Retail value: \$29.99

Sherry Worley sherry-worley@att.net



Third Prize

Positive Trio with Grunge Quilt Kit Retail value \$79.99

Stitched with Love 500 N. Custer Rd., # 110, McKinney, TX

75071 (972) 540-5355 www.stitchedwithlove.us



Exciting TAQG Donation

TAQG was the recipient of an exciting donation at the meeting of the Denton Quilt Guild last month! Master Quilter Barbara McCraw donated two of her paper pieced workshop samples to us. The quilts are samples of the Kimono pattern. One will be used as a prize in the Rally Day Raffle and the second will be a featured quilt in the Silent Auction.

Please visit Barbara's website www.quiltasart.com. The website features an exquisite quilt gallery and information on her accomplishments. Many of you will be familiar with her My Family Reunion quilt. It won first place in the masters division at the Dallas Quilt Show and the Fine Hand Workmanship Betty Carpenter Memorial Award. The website also features an exquisite quilt gallery. The following is excerpted from the biography on her website.

" Her lifelong love of sewing led from taking classes in quilting to teaching classes in quilting. She has achieved quilting Masters Status and her specialty is in telling stories and making statements with fabric art. Along with teaching, she has lectured and exhibited her work in shows, galleries, universities, and museums throughout the U.S., Europe and Africa.

Barbara's submissions to quilt shows and exhibits have won numerous awards and acclaim. Several of her quilts are in private collections, including the Denton County African-American museum, the Denton County Courthouse museum, the University of Michigan and North Carolina Central University."

TAQG and all of its members thank Barbara and the Denton Quilt Guild for their generous donation. We have already had several buy it now offers! Rest assured that you

will be able to see both quilts at Rally Day 2019 and if you are very lucky you may be the new owner of one of these great quilts.

Submitted by Sherry Worley



2019 Rally Day Information

We could not be more excited about Rally Day 2019. Our speaker, **Pam Holland**, is proving to be as popular as we had hoped. Pam is an Australian who spends 10 months of the year travelling the world taking photographs and teaching quilting. We are very fortunate to have her as our Rally Day Featured Speaker.



Workshops

Two workshops are nearly full, but there is still space available in all. The Woman is a great introduction to thread painting/thread sketching. You will have a pattern to copy so no drawing ability is required. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from an award-winning teacher. The Whimsy of Wandering is also rated for all levels of quilting experience. In it you will learn thread painting/thread sketching, using Inktense pencils, markers and how to make them permanent on your quilt. Geraldine has spaces only because two people who signed up need to cancel. The Geraldine class is a more in-depth study of design, color, shadow, and fabric pattern. Since Geraldine is a two-day workshop this allows the time necessary to plan your quilt. Since Pam does not sell these patterns, taking a workshop is the only way you will be able to make the quilts.



We are pleased to welcome two new sponsors to Rally Day!

The Best Little Retreat Center in Texas is the site for our two-day Geraldine workshop. If you have not had a chance to visit this great addition to the North Texas Quilting community you are missing a treat! The BLRCIT offers a day retreat that features great lighting; comfortable chairs plenty of workspace and a welcoming environment. If you sign up for their emails you will also receive information about workshops taught by some of the best teachers in the area. They are currently expanding to be able to offer a larger class room that is separate from the day retreat.



Located in the same North Dallas shopping center is Sew Let's Quilt It. Since they feature a beautiful array of fabrics it is always a great place to visit when you are starting a new project. Sew Let's Quilt It is a full-service quilt store, so if you forget something a replacement is just a short walk away.

Sew Dallas is a quickly expanding sewing machine store in Plano. Formerly located near Parker and Independence they are currently moving into their new, larger location just off of North Central Expressway. The new address is 605 18th Street, Plano, Texas 75074 in the former Plano Cycling Building. With this expansion they will be selling Brother, Janome and Bernina sewing machines. There is also a wonderful large classroom for classes and national events. A relative newcomer to North Texas the shop has grown very



quickly to be one of the largest machine dealers in the area. Be sure to check their website for upcoming events at www.sewdallastexas.com. If you have not yet experienced Sew Dallas, be sure to stop in for a visit.

We are happy to note that the quilting scene in North Texas is still growing with the expansion of these two great sponsors.

Door prizes

If you attend Rally Day on July 13 you can look forward to the chance to win one of over 100 door prizes. Prizes are donated by large and small businesses as well as many of our member guilds. The door prize list, along with the photos of the prizes with the donor information, will soon be posted on www.taqq.org and will be featured in the next issue of the TAQG Roundup Newsletter.

Silent Auction



Response to the request for Silent Auction items has been fabulous. We not only have some beautiful quilts that will be available, but there are also several wonderful bags and even some hand dyed bamboo socks. Unlike many silent auctions we request any quality handmade fiber item. We have had some really unique items in the past and will continue to bring you a wonderful selection. As a special addition to the Silent Auction we are very pleased to be able to feature a Paper Pieced Kimono



quilt made by Barbra McCraw. That donation is the focus of another article in this newsletter (see page 3).

Goodie Bags

The first 500 people in the doors will be given a Goodie Bag that is filled with donations from the TAQG Member Guilds and information from our donors. To further the spirit behind our mission to share information between guilds we are working to form bonds between guilds. An example of that is The Quilter's Guild of Dallas Inc. and the Quilters Guild of Plano have joined together to provide one item in the goodie bag. We hope that you will enjoy our donation and that the cooperation between guilds will serve as an example to others.

Admission



The admission fee for members of TAQG Member Guilds is \$5.00. We recommend that you purchase an advance ticket but tickets will also be available at the door. You will also need to show a current guild membership card as you enter. We will not be checking membership lists from the guilds this year so bringing your membership card is very important. Please do not forget your card! Admission for the General Public is \$20.00. These tickets are also available from your TAQG Rep or at the door.

Box Lunches

Lunch tickets are available from your TAQG Rep through the June meeting. The lunches are being provided by McAlisters Deli. This year we are offering an exciting new option! Any of the sandwiches are also available as a gluten

free option. We were very impressed with the way McAlisters Deli handles their gluten free sandwiches. They exercise great care to avoid cross contamination. Unfortunately, the wrap is not available gluten free, but there are three great options that are. If you ordered a box lunch you will be sent a verification email. You will need to show this email at the Tiki Hut in the main hallway to pick up your lunch ticket on the morning of Rally Day.



You are welcome to bring your lunch or go out. We remind everyone that no food or drink is allowed in the sanctuary. If you need to eat or drink during the program we ask you to go out into the atrium.

programs had been scheduled for the remainder of the year. Additionally, they had no information about potential or available speakers. The guild's TAQG rep quickly sent an email out to other reps asking for help. She needed speaker information.

She was hoping some rep had notes from the November 2018 TAQG Speakers Forum. The Speakers Forum is how TAQG brings people who would like to be considered as Guild program speakers to meet the Guild reps and Program planners and tell about their presentations.

Fortunately, the 1st VP at Land O'Lakes Quilt Guild had saved the questionnaires from the 2018 Forum meeting. TAQG had sent a questionnaire to all guild reps in advance of the Forum asking for the name, address, costs and general information about each speaker. This was the information that was scanned and forwarded to the troubled guild's rep. You can imagine what a gold mine this was.

How TAQG Helps



During my time as TAQG rep, I have been asked “*What does TAQG membership get us?*” “*Other than Rally Day, what does TAQG do?*” My response has always been to fall back on the published purposes of TAQG, without being able to offer an example. Today, I have an example.

The troubled guild is now rebuilding and their TAQG rep recent emailed that the information sent to her by the Land O'Lakes 1st VP was an “amazing aid.” She was also thankful that so many guilds had filled out the questionnaires.

So now I have an example of how TAQG makes a difference. Guilds helping guilds was the reason behind the formation of TAQG. I am sure there are many other examples of how we can help each other – a guild just needs to ask.

One of the TAQG member guilds recently got in trouble when their President and 1st VP resigned. When the guild board started to pick up the pieces, they discovered that no

**Submitted by Jeanne Fletcher
TAQG Rep, Land O'Lakes Quilt Guild**

Have you planned for this?

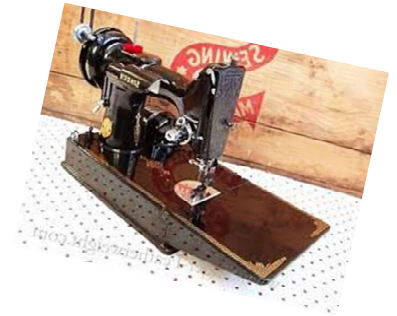
Everyone loves a quilter's estate sale, right? But, have you thought about your own sewing area and what will happen to it when the time comes that someone else has to dispose of it? Do they know the value of all the fabric that you have stashed away in all those little cubby holes and hiding spots? How about all your machines? Not to mention the rulers and other gadgets you've collected over time. Then there's the quilt tops that are yet to be quilted and the ones that are completely done. We all know that the non-quilting world thinks that they should be cheap, yet we know that we've spent hundreds of dollars on fabric, patterns, machines, threads, quilting & not to mention time.

First, we need to think of who's going to be the one disposing of our sewing area. Is it going to be your best quilting buddy or a family member? If it's a family member, do they know who your quilting friends are that can help them? These are things you really need to consider.

What should you do? First, get yourself a journal type book and start a ledger type inventory of your "stuff". I know, it's going to be a pain to do this, but it could save your loved ones a whole bunch of trouble when you're not around.

On the very first page, list your wishes. Wishes, you say? Yes! We all have certain things in our sewing areas we'd like to gift to certain people. Do it right here, right now! It could be an heirloom thimble or a simple pincushion, or even a certain quilt. By writing it down in the journal it'll assure it'll happen.

Now we can start by inventorying all of your machines, to include the make, model & serial number. This should be the easiest one. If you can remember, put down what you paid for it too & when you bought it. That always helps when selling it. You won't get that price, because it's now used, but it gives the seller an idea of the original value.



Next let's do rulers. Since most of us keep our rulers in specific places, this shouldn't be too hard. Also, it gives us a chance to organize them better if we've been putting that project off.

Let's keep going with gadgets, whatnots, threads, tables, chairs, T.V.'s, stereos, and anything else you can think of. Fabric is a little hard to inventory, but you can just wing it with an approximation of yardage and come in with a reasonably close number for any given time.

When you're done with your journal, make sure it's labeled well and put where your family knows where it is. Preferably with your Last Will and Testament. When you make a major change in your area, such as a new sewing machine, make sure you update the journal.

Submitted by **Cindy Stowe**
TAQG President

SAVE MY BLEEDING QUILT!

How to best remove excess dye from a quilt
(and prewash fabric to prevent the problem)

By Vicki Welsh - colorwaysbyvicki.com



There's nothing worse for a quilter than washing our quilt for the first time, pulling it out of the washing machine and finding out that one of the fabrics has run and ruined your quilt. It happens with both hand dyed and commercial

fabrics. Dyeing processes vary so much and different colors of dyes react differently on different fabrics so it's really impossible for a fabric manufacturer to make all fabric perfectly colorfast.....just think about how much our clothes run in the wash.

As a fabric dyer I have spent many hours testing washing processes to make my fabrics as colorfast as possible. My quilts use both hand dyed and commercial fabrics. As a result, I have developed the following guidelines for getting excess dye out of your quilt and for pre-washing fabric.

Whether your quilt has already been washed and dried, you can still do this process to remove excess dye but it's best if this is the process that you use for the first wash.

It's important to have a large volume of water for the quilt to soak in. I use my bathtub. There isn't

enough water or room for the quilt in the washing machine. The quilt needs to be loose in the water. The

water holds the excess dye so the more water the better.

Start filling the tub with hot water. It doesn't have to be boiling but the hotter the better. I have the hot water heater in my house set to 140F so it's quite hot coming out of the tap. If your water isn't very hot you can add some pots of boiling water. The truth is that time is more important than heat but the heat does help the process along.

Add soap and the quilt. For a large quilt I will use as much as a half cup of soap. The soap is what keeps the dye particles from re-adhering to your quilt so don't be stingy. My preference is Dawn Pure Dish detergent. I have used a Free & Clear type laundry detergent with success. Avoid using any detergent with fragrances or additives. The additives can have chemical structures that cause particles to adhere to your quilt or additives that may fade fabric. I have only tested unscented products. Do not use Dharma Textile Detergent, Synthrapol or Retayne especially if you have any commercial fabrics in your quilt. My testing has proven that these detergents do not behave well with some commercial fabrics and it's impossible to tell which fabrics will have problems. Dharma Textile Detergent can cause backstaining on some fabrics and Synthrapol will fade some fabrics. Retayne is for a completely different use. Do not ever use it unless you are very familiar with the product. Once the tub is about half full with water you can add the quilt.



You need gloves but not dye catching sheets. For this quilt I did use some dye catching sheets but subsequent testing proved that they are totally unnecessary. You can use 1 just to see how much dye is

being released but otherwise they are not needed. You will need some heavy duty gloves to protect your hands from the heat. I have 2 sets of these gloves, one inside of the other, to insulate my hands from the hot water.



While the tub is filling agitate and move the quilt in the water. The quilt should have plenty of room to move around in the water and it needs to be agitated for a while. I'll agitate it while it's filling and for another 5

or 10 minutes after the tub is full. If the water gets VERY dark right away let it soak (agitating every 10 minutes or so) for an hour and then drain the water and start over.

Make sure the entire quilt is under water and let the quilt soak for 12 hours. I use plastic bin lids and containers of water to weight the quilt and make sure it stays under water. If any part of the quilt sticks above the water dye will stick to the quilt at the water line. You can see the dye catching sheet in the water but it's really not necessary. The important thing is time. I've found that there is a point in the soak where the fabric seems to "burp" and release the rest of the dye. That can happen between 3 and 12 hours. Blue is the most difficult dye to get out (especially turquoise blues) and red is the most

likely to stain the quilt. The soap is what keeps the dye particles suspended in the water.



Repeat until the water is clear. If there is color in the water after 12 hours repeat the entire process until the water remains clear for at least 6 hours. I do not add a lot of soap to each subsequent soak. I

make a judgement call on each soak to determine how much I need. In this wash I knew that most of the dye was gone so I did not add more soap. There was soap still in the quilt and that was plenty.

Carefully drain and remove the quilt. You can rinse it either in the tub with cold water or in the washing machine. I can't promise that this will work 100% of the time because different fabrics react differently but this has worked for me consistently with *commercial and hand dyed cotton fabrics*. Test on swatches of fabric if you are unsure or are using different fiber content fabrics. The quilt in the photos is one that I knew would run and that's why I chose it for testing the process. (Note: Article with photos is available at colorwaysbyvicki.com.) If you have different results and want to discuss them please contact me at vickiwelsh.com.

For new fabric I do this process in the washing machine. I tested it by running a new batch of fabric through a wash cycle with a dye catching sheet. After a normal wash cycle in hot water the dye sheet was clean. Next, I soaked the same fabric for 12 hours using the

process above. After 12 hours the dye catching sheet was very dark! At some point in the soak the fabric released the excess dye. That dye would have eventually released onto my quilt. Maybe not in the first wash, but eventually. Better safe than sorry.

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UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS & EVENTS

July 19 – 20, 2019

Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County

Welcome Home Quilt Show

Friday 9 to 5, Saturday 9 to 4

Judged show 100+ quilts, Silent Auction, vendors, door prizes &

Quilt appraisals, quilting demonstrations

Sokol Hall

3622 TX-34, Ennis, TX 75119

July 26 – 27, 2019

Common Threads Quilt Guild

Stuck On Quilts

Temple Baptist Church

1811 E. California St., Gainesville, TX

Follow Common Threads Quilt Guild on Facebook

August 9 – 10, 2019

The Quilt Guild of Plano

Quilt Plano 2019

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Plano Event Center

2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75074

August 22 – 24, 2019

Bear Creek Quilt Guild

North Texas Quilt Festival

Classes, 350+ judged quilts, quilt auctions, quilt raffles, quilt sales,
& vendors

Esports Stadium Arlington & Expo Center

(formerly the Arlington Convention Center)

1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington TX 76011

September 3, 2019

The Garland Quilt Guild will have a Silent Auction and Salad Supper at 6:30 pm.

First Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall)

930 West Avenue B, Garland, TX 75040

(Enter through kitchen door on north side of the building.)

September 20 – 21, 2019

Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild

Lone Star Heritage Quilt Show

Entry forms are available on our web site:

www.sulphurspringstxquilts.com

October 11 – 12, 2019

Waco Homespun Quilt Guild

Quilting Connection

Friday 10 to 5 and Saturday 10 to 4

\$8.00 admission p/d, free parking, buses welcome, vendors, door prizes, silent auction, judged quilts, door prizes, school house sessions at each booth, Grand Prize drawing for completion of school house, start to finish tips and techniques, bazaar booth

Waco Convention Center

100 Washington Ave., Waco, TX 76701

Website: <http://wacohomespunquiltguild.org/>

October 12, 2019

The Lewisville Guild

2nd Annual LOLQG Quilts Galore Sale

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Garden Ridge Church of Christ

102 N. Garden Ridge Blvd, Lewisville, TX.

October 18 – 19, 2019

Texas Star Quilters Guild

Texas Star Quilters Quilt Show

Friday 9 to 5 and Saturday 9 to 4

\$3.00 admission, free parking, vendors, door prizes

Canton Civic Center

800 Flea Market Road, Canton, TX

October 31 – November 3, 2019

International Quilt Festival

George R. Brown Convention Center

1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston TX

Website: <https://tradeshowz.com/international-quilt-festival-houston>

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