



Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – February, 2008

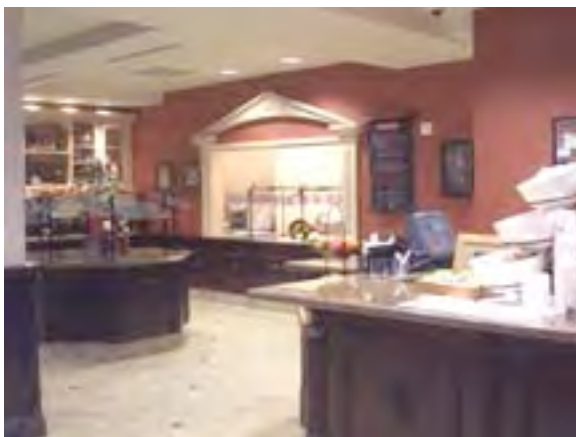
President's Message:

We are so excited!!!

I just came back from the Mid-south Regional Conference in Texas and got to stay at the Hotel where our April International conference is going to be. The Hilton Garden Inn in Lewisville, TX is 10 minutes from the airport (I promise) and brand new and darling! I kept feeling 300 quilters all around me and where you would be sitting, eating, talking, creating, dreaming and inspiring each other!



Hilton Garden Inn Lobby Lounge



Hilton Garden Inn

The Regional conference was very well organized by Nikki Mundt and Nancy Laverdure. We met at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic church in Plano for fun, fellowship, quilting and food. There were 45 quilters in attendance and Nikki wrote a great mystery quilt pattern that we worked on throughout the day.

Susan Ziegler from Loralie Designs and Quiltin'Tia was there to help me talk about how Prayers & Squares had changed our lives and how we ran a chapter. And there were door prizes! My favorite part was having the time to sit and talk personally to so many members that were there.



Nikki Mundt (l) and Nancy Laverdure

Would you like to be inspired and renewed in your work in this ministry? Then don't miss our **International Prayers & Squares Conference** in Lewisville, TX on **April 4-5, 2008!!!** Talk it up in your chapters this month and plan to join us! **Registration forms will be up on the website with information sheets the weekend**

of February 15th and end on March 28. (We had a waiting list for the July 2006 conference in San Diego with 225 attending.) **The conference registration fee will be \$60** and include tote bags and a copy of our new prayer/devotional book as well as lots of other goodies and coupons we are gathering. Once again, the rooms are \$82/night (normally \$159) and have a microwave and refrigerator in each room. Very spacious.

Try to join us **Friday, April 4th for our Shop Hop and Reception**. There will be a short check-in time before the Shop Hop, from 12-5pm with buses, dinner on your own and the evening opening reception starts at 7pm with Tricia Cribbs (Turning Twenty series) speaking, a slide show of chapters that are present and yummy desserts. Read Nikki's column on page 3 for Shop Hop details. One of the shops - Quilt Country - has 10,000 bolts of fabric!!! I almost fainted! Here are a couple of pictures of that shop.



Saturday, April 5th, is our day long conference. We will open with a devotional time and talk about the Creator and the gift of creativity He has given us. We are blessed to have Kimberly Winston speak to us about her new book, **Bead One, Pray Too**, and her creative journey as a writer and beader. (Kimberly also is the author of **Fabric of Faith**, the book about the Prayer Quilt Ministry.) I have to tell you that carrying prayer beads and being intentional about what that means through the day is a humbling experience. It is a new part of my prayer journey and one you might find interesting.

The rest of the morning will be designed around 45 minute workshops with **Alice Wilhoit** talking about Machine Appliqué, **Alexandra Henry** inspiring us with Color Theory, **Eileen Urbanek** will help us get organized both with our stash and our time so we have more time to quilt and **Susan Ziegler and Susan Jackson** from Loralie Designs have titled their talk, "Make It Tonight, Tie It Tomorrow!" (Susan Z. is co-editor of our book, **The Giving Quilt**. Here are Alexandra on the left with her beautiful Swarovski beaded quilt and Alice on the right.



After lunch we will elect a new Board of Directors and then have some great fun playing with and watching demos on embellishing, appliqué, new rulers and quilt blocks, beading, fabric painting and more! This is all included in your registration fee! Be sure to bring a little money to buy books, rulers, pins and whatever your heart desires. So much to choose from!

Quick Notes:

The National Quilting Association did not accept our request for grant funds for streaming video on our website at this time...

Be sure to re-read the "3 Commandments" of this ministry on the website if your chapter is having a discussion about whether someone is "worthy" of receiving a quilt. We have been hearing about this more than usual...

Also, remember that any pattern you use from a book or written by someone else is copyrighted, including **The Giving Quilt**. (Even though it was written by P&S members.) So be sure to buy enough for everyone! ...

Let us know if you feel called to serve on our Board of Directors and we can see where you fit in! This is the year we vote!

Can't wait to see you in Texas!!!!

Kathy Cueva, President

**Nikki's Guide to the Shop Hop!**

Well, it's been really hard to choose just a few shops to take y'all to on the shop hop. I have to admit that we are very blessed with a variety of shops in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and each one is unique. I am so excited for you all to see the three quilt shops and a great little bead store I've picked. And, we have chartered busses to take you from shop to shop to make your "hopping" that much easier. You can reserve a seat by including \$10 with your registration fee (\$15 at the door).

In case you're wondering...let me tell you who is on the Hop:

Sandy Brawner, originator of the Rag Quilt, owns **Quilt Country** (www.quiltcountry.com) and there are 10,000 bolts of fabric in the store! She will also be doing a workshop on Saturday afternoon for us on embellishing.

Sam Lamoreaux, owner of The Quilter's Workshop (www.thequiltersworkshop.net) will be demonstrating her new fan ruler on Saturday afternoon so we are going to drop by her shop and see some fan quilts!

Another darling shop we'll be visiting is The Old Craft Store in Carrollton which is on the Town Square and even has a working post office! See it at www.TheOldCraftStore.com

Beads on the Vine (www.beadsonvine.com) is billed as the "Friendliest Store in Town" and I can't wait for you to see why.

One more thing, as with any good shop hopping adventure, there will be DOOR PRIZES! The "Hop Hostesses" are loading up on the goodies so don't miss it.

We're gonna have a great weekend at the International Conference in Texas in April. I can't wait to see YOU there!

Nikki Mundt
Texas Conference Coordinator
Board Member At Large