

# Mineola League of the Arts <sup>1</sup>

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**2011-2012  
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**President's Corner**

The last two months have been extremely busy. MLOTA volunteered to assist the Mineola Chamber of Commerce with several city and community projects. Vickie Steed, Betty Byford, Bea Nipp and I got involved with the Veteran's Day Parade....blowing up 5000 balloons to release after the parade downtown. Of the group of 18 or so chamber members who got up at 4 am to meet at the Select Theater for this monumental task, 6 were from MLOTA. Seeing the balloons released that day.....representing our veterans and service members was inspirational.

Line dancers preformed at the Iron Horse Festival. We were doing well until some over anxious musician unplugged our music.

December brought the bake sale/Bazaar on the same day as entering our float in the Mineola Christmas Parade. This year when the ad showed up in the paper, we found out we were giving away cookies and drinks...surprise! Members came to the rescue by cooking lots of cookies. Strangely, this probably brought in more people to shop the Bazaar items made by our crafters.

The float for the parade was titled "Deck the Halls" a Christmas movie. We worked many hours to plan, gather items, and construct the float. It had lots of lights, music, and two very good child actors on board. It carried out the theme of the movie, as we were directed to do, but no prize. Special thanks to Barbara and Buddy Rhodes who donated their driveway for a whole week.

Bea Nipp was in charge of our yearly Christmas Party; about 50-60 members and guest shared a great meal and enjoyed guitar music by Glen Burgin. Unwrapped children's gifts and canned goods were donated to be delivered to charities in the area.

You take a deep breath, relax, and enjoy the holidays. Check the new calendar of events for January and February; you can come join us for fun and creativity.

Jo Ellen West  
President

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS FLOAT AND BAKE SALE.**

Barbara Rhodes	Buddy Rhodes	Bea Nipp	Richard Nipp	Jo Ellen West	Frank West
Nancy Gibson	Delton Gibson	Joe Daniels	Connie Fuller	Sandy Griffin	Travis & Raymond
Evelyn Hooton	Jerry Baker	Vera Fingerle	Vickie Steed	Cindy French	Mary McDaniels
Kathy Lacy	Gay Dickerson		And many	others that donated	lights and decorations.

**Office Hours: 8:00am - 5:00pm**

**Fridays: 8:00am - 4:00pm**

Lunch Hour: 12:00 - 1:00pm - It does vary, depending on circumstances at the League.

When calling and there is no answer, please leave a message and someone will return the call.

Thanks, Sharon



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## FIBER/CRAFT GUILD

Vera Fingerle, Fiber Craft Coordinator

The New Year will include many activities that are continuing each Wednesday at 10am, we will be meeting to bead. Bring your beads and ideas and have fun. Wednesday at 1pm we will be spinning and weaving. If you want to learn to spin, we can arrange for you to use a spinning wheel till you know if you would like to invest in a wheel of your own. If you need to use a spinning wheel we will need to know ahead of time.

We have weaving looms you may use for your projects. We also have several large looms, one is dressed to make rugs on. If you are interested in weaving a rug or learning how to weave a simple rug, we are set up to help you.

The regular Fiber Guild meeting is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10am. The first meeting of the month begins with a short business meeting, followed by a interesting activity. The last meeting of each month is Temari or Kimekoni.

Every Thursday afternoon at 1pm we are crocheting and knitting. Come and join us. We are at different levels of experience. If you want to learn how, have a problem project, or want to have something new to try or just want to have a afternoon doing your crocheting and knitting, come along and join us.

Planned activities for the Fiber Craft Guild are:

January 12th 10am Basic Embroidery with Vickie and Vera  
January 26th 10am We will wrap balls for future projects, work on unfinished projects, and help you begin a new project if you need it. (Bring old hose to make your balls).

Vera Fingerle

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## Materials Girls Quilt Guild

Nancy Gibson, Co-Guild Coordinator  
Cindy French, Co-Guild Coordinator

Quilting Classes for the Spring

Blooming Nine Patch - Saturday, February 11  
9:30 to 4:30 Lynn Astumian

Strip Tubing Class - Saturday, February 25  
9:30am to 4:30pm Lynn Astumian

Wanda Sharp will do a class on Monday, March 26  
9:30am to 4:30pm

Freezer Paper Piecing Class - Friday, April 27  
All Day Joyce Hulbert

I Spy Class - Saturday, May 12  
9:30am to 4:30pm

MLOTA will host the TAQG on Saturday, January 28th.

Cindy French

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## LINE DANCE GUILD

Bea Nipp  
Guild Coordinator

Mthly Meeting—1st Tuesday

A look at the calendar reminds me that the year 2011 is almost gone - - we've done and accomplished so much - - Thanks to you all, especially Barbara! Plans are underway for an even better one in 2012!

We'll close out the year with a revised schedule - - no classes on Friday, December 23rd and 30th only. A few dancers performed at the Wesley House in Quitman, Thursday, December 15th. We will delay our December 20th class to 11am-1pm to allow for one more performance at the Memorial Nursing home, Tuesday, December 20th at 2:30pm.

**January and February, 2012 Barbara Rhodes will continue teaching 3 classes a week:**

Basic Beginner class, Tuesdays, 8:30am-9:30am

Beginner class, Tuesdays, 9:30am-11:30am

Intermediate/Advanced class, Fridays, 9:30am-11:30am

In January, a few of us will join other line dancers on a Cruise. We are learning new dances - come practice with us. Also coming up - February 16th-19th, Big D Bash in Dallas "where all levels of line dance workshops" will be taught.

If you would like more information on classes, please let me know. Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.

**A great big Thank You to all helpers for making the Christmas Party such a success...beginning with the decoration: Evelyn Hooton, Connie Fuller, Sandy Griffin, Sue Robtoy, Jo West, and Barbara Rhodes; Vera Fingerle and Vickie Steed for tables, chairs and tablecloths set up; and kitchen helpers: Vickie Steed, Cindy French, Gay Dickerson and Sharon & Dave Robertson.**

**A Special thank you to Nancy & Delbert Gibson for engaging the services of Glenn Burgin and his great music.**

**Thanks, Everybody  
Bea Nipp**

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## PAINTERS' GUILD

Joyce Terrell, Guild Coordinator

Apparently the Painters are already on vacation for the Holidays as I haven't heard a word from anyone.



**SCULPTING AND 3 DIMENSIONAL ART GUILD**

Teresa McKenzie, Guild Coordinator

The guild met for our regular guild meeting on Tuesday, December 6th, and discussed progress on glazing and firing our pieces and the water bowl/feature project for the raffle next year. We have glazed/fired most of the pieces and only have a few more to do. After the first of the year, we will be working on our project for the raffle fund raiser. We plan on doing about three items and choosing the one we like best. We would love to have everyone's hands on participation in the creation of the items. We will be working on these on Tuesdays at 1:00pm and maybe some Friday afternoons. Please join us! We also will be planning for demos and workshops for the coming year. No experience necessary. Make it a New Years' resolution to learn to sculpt, or improve on your skills. Information will follow via email.

I hope your holiday season is off to a great start and I want to wish you ALL a Merry Christmas and the best of New Years!!!

Teresa McKenzie

**We wish to thank everyone that has donated fabric, yarn and books to our guilds.** The guilds really appreciate the fabric and put it to good use. Some of the fabric has been used in quilts, pillow cases to give to charity and as gift items. The yarn has come in handy during workshops. The books have given us a variety of patterns from which to choose, and a lot of knowledge to use. Your donations are what keep us going, so they are truly appreciated. **Again, many thanks! MLOTA**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
Paula Hodge	Jan 16	Edna Forbes	Feb 4
Roberta Jackson	Jan 9	Andrea LaVigne	Feb 11
Willie Kay Paradez	Jan 15	Vera Fingerle	Feb 14
Rochelle Block	Jan 16	Ray Layman	Feb 16
Rosemarie Kastrau	Jan 18	Sharon Robertson	Feb 16
Deborah Brothers	Jan 21	Vivian Barnett	Feb 22
Nancy McCutchen	Jan 24	Lucy Carr	Feb 27
Agnes E Farmer	Jan 26		
Susann Robtoy	Jan 28		
Marge Rau	Jan 29		
Barbara Rhodes	Jan 30		

**CHRISTMAS PARADE**



**NEW MEMBERS**

Shirley Meeks 3669 FM 1801 Mineola, Texas 75773 903-569-6808	Nancy Douglas 3914 Post Oak Rd Tyler, Texas 75701 903-561-2737
Marge Rau 10951 CR 4103 Lindale, Texas 75771 206-755-2162	Kathy Lacy 1080 CR 2425 Mineola, Texas 75773 903-569-5313
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**BAZAAR SALE**



**BEADING  
WITH  
BEA NIPP**



**TABLE RUNNER  
WITH VICKIE STEED**



**CHRISTMAS PARTY - Good time was had by all.**



**GLENN BURGIN**



# JANUARY-FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	2	3 <u>8:30am</u> Beg Line Dance <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance <u>1:00pm</u> Sculptor Guild	4 <u>10:00am</u> Painters Guild <u>10:00am</u> Beading <u>1:00pm</u> Spinning	5 <u>10:00am</u> Quilt Guild Business Mtg & Demo <u>1:00pm</u> Crochet/Knit	6 <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance	7
8	9	10 <u>8:30am</u> Beg Line Dance <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance <u>1:00pm</u> Sculpture Gld	11 <u>10:00am</u> Painters Guild <u>10:00am</u> Beading <u>1:00pm</u> Spinning	12 <u>10:00am</u> Fiber Craft <b>Basic Embroidery with Vickie &amp; Vera</b> <u>1:00pm</u> Crochet/Knit	13 <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance	14
15	16	17 <u>8:30am</u> Beg Line Dance <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance <u>1:00pm</u> Board Meeting	18 <u>10:00am</u> Painters Guild <u>10:00am</u> Beading <u>1:00pm</u> Spinning	19 <u>10:00am</u> Quilt Guild <u>1:00pm</u> Crochet/Knit	20 <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance	21
22	23 <u>2:00pm</u> <b>Painters Bus Mtg &amp; Demo</b>	24 <u>8:30am</u> Beg Line Dance <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance <u>1:00pm</u> Sculptor Guild	25 <u>10:00am</u> Painters Guild <u>10:00am</u> Beading <u>1:00pm</u> Spinning	26 <u>10:00am</u> Fiber Craft Temari Ball Class <u>1:00pm</u> Crochet/Knit	27 <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance	28 <u>9:15am</u> <b>TAQG Meeting</b>
29	30	31 <u>8:30am</u> Beg Line Dance <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance <u>1:00pm</u> Sculptor Guild	1 <u>10:00am</u> Painters Guild <u>10:00am</u> Beading <u>1:00pm</u> Spinning	2 <u>10:00am</u> Quilt Guild Business Mtg & Demo <u>1:00pm</u> Crochet/Knit	3 <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance	4
5	6	7 <u>8:30am</u> Beg Line Dance <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance <u>1:00pm</u> Sculptor Guild	8 <u>10:00am</u> Painters Guild <u>10:00am</u> Beading <u>1:00pm</u> Spinning	9 <u>10:00am</u> Fiber Craft <b>More Basic Embroidery</b> <u>1:00pm</u> Crochet/Knit	10 <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance	11 <u>9:30am</u> <b>Blooming 9 Patch Quilt Lynn</b>
12	13	14 <u>8:30am</u> Beg Line Dance <u>9:30am</u> Line Dance <u>1:00pm</u> Board Meeting	15 <u>10:00am</u> Painters Guild <u>10:00am</u> Beading <u>1:00pm</u> Spinning	16 <u>10:00am</u> Quilt Guild <u>1:00pm</u> Crochet/Knit <b>Line Dancers at Big D Bash in Dallas wrkshp</b>	17 <b>Line Dancers at Big D Bash in Dallas workshop</b>	18 <b>Line Dancers at Big D Bash in Dallas wrk-</b>
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