

Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter



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Anne Perry, Editor Michaele Jackson, Co-Editor

BBQG President's Letter – April, 2013

"A quilt bridges the generation gap by connecting people from the past with people yet to come" by Mary Tatem from "The Quilt of Life".

Our March program exemplifies this statement. I think we all enjoyed the wonderful stories & quilts that were shared at our March meeting about our favorite quilt - a special quilt made by someone's Grandmother or Mother, a quilt shared with several sisters, the first quilt we made and baby quilts lovingly made for a baby who isn't even here yet. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful Show & Tell.

Next month our program features Marilyn Watson with a presentation on Barn Quilts. I hope to see everyone there!

Sherrill Johnson
President, BBQG

Board Meeting Notice

The April BBQG Board meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 1, in the classroom at the Hobby Lobby in College Station. All BBQG members are welcome.

Welcome to New Members
Alice "Cookie" Pears and Kathy Vaughn

Dallas Quilt Show Bus Trip

44 happy quilters were on the road trip to the Dallas Quilt Show, March 9th. It seems that a good time was had by all, and we came home tired, but with visions of new projects in our heads! I would like to thank everyone who went for making the trip possible. A big thank you goes to Michaele Jackson for her guidance and experience--I didn't have a clue what I was doing. Thank you to Carol Willson for sharing homemade muffins with us all--I called them "dinner" coming home! Thank you to Vera Mohr for the "chocolate fix" coming home. All things are better with chocolate!!! Hopefully, the non-members who were with us will decide to join BBQG!

Sue Sprott



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Summer Retreat -- New Location

The Summer Quilt Retreat will be held Friday - Sunday, June 28 - 30, 2013, at Deep Woods Retreat Center in Smithville, TX. [Registration is full, and a waiting list has been established.] Cost this year is \$190.00. Also new this year, an extra day on Thursday, June 27 will be available for an additional \$65.00. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required at registration.

The work area, meals and bedrooms are all in the same building. Each person will have their own 4 foot table and 1/2 of an 8 foot table, and an adjustable chair. Electrical plugs for your personal iron if you wish and your own 4 x 8 ft design wall is included. Plus there is a large ironing surface and several ironing boards with irons as well as several cutting tables in the room. There are 6 bedrooms with 4 twin Denver mattress beds and pillows and ample storage under each bed, and shelving units and hanging racks for belongings. There is a ceiling fan in each room. Guests will need to provide their own sheets and pillow case, but towels, wash cloths and soap are provided. There are 6 bathrooms with showers (one Handicapped) and 2 powder rooms.

Meals and snacks are served in the adjoining dining room, or you may eat on the patio. There is a breakfast bar (eat when you want) and lunch and dinner are served buffet style. Meals include Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday brunch. There is a refrigerator for guests to store snacks and a microwave is also available.

The committee is excited to offer you these new changes. We are limited to 24 people.

Rowena R., Deb D., Sue S. and Peggy M.
Summer Retreat Committee



There might have been a few dry eyes left after Linda Winder told us about the history of her Sisters Quilt, but there weren't many! Our hearts went out to Linda and her precious sisters.

Terry Skrabanek
Owner

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2013 BBQG Programs and Workshops

There will be a guest speaker at the April meeting - Marilyn Watson on Barn quilts.

[AccuQuilt sponsors a Barn Quilt contest. Barn Quilts are painted onto the barns in many parts of the country. Since our April 9 speaker will discuss Barn Quilts, you might be interested in this subject. This link will show you many of the winners in AccuQuilt's previous Barn Quilt contests: http://www.accuquilt.com/barnquilt.html?pla=Hero_Sale_Banner?RILT=Hero_Sale_Banner&utm_source=E130314C&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=consumeremails]

There are 4 remaining workshops scheduled for this year:

May - Georgeann Wrinkle - hand applique;
August - Judy Steward - machine quilting;
October - Bonnie Hunter - scrap quilts; and
November - Lenore Crawford - art quilts.

All workshops will be held at the Brazos Center in Ballroom 4.

Susan Kelly

First VP - Programs



Above, Gloria Crenshaw showed a reversible purple and pink "Amish Shadow" quilt which was made for her by an Amish lady after she revealed that her grandmother was part of their community.

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Area Quilt Shows

April 5-6 - "Cheers for 20 Years!" Quilt Show
Presented by West Houston Quilt Guild
Leonard E. Merrell Center, 6301 South Stadium Lane,
Katy, TX 77494
www.whqg.org/2013whqgquiltshow.htm

April 12-13 - "And God Created..."
Presented by Bay Area Quilt Guild
2320 Hatfield Rd., Pearland, TX
www.bayareaquiltguild.org

April 13-14 - "Celebrate America"
Presented by Woodlands Area Quilt Guild
Legends Sports Complex, 602 Pruitt Rd.,
Spring, TX
www.waqq.org

April 19-20 - "The Quilted Forest Quilt Show"
Presented by Kingwood Area Quilt Guild
8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX
www.kingwoodareaquiltguild.com

April 26-27 - "Springtime Blooms"
Presented by Gun Barrel Quilters Guild
Hwy. 19 South, Athens, TX
www.gunbarrelquiltersguild.org/quilt-show.html

May 3-4 - "Quilting...An Affair of the Heart"
Presented by Baytown Area Quilt Guild
www.baytownareaquiltguild.com

May 4 - "Airing of the Quilts"
Tall Pines Quilt Guild, Huntsville, TX
www.tallpinesquiltguild.com/airing-of-the-quilts.htm

May 24-26, 2013 - "Quilts in Motion"
Presented by Hill Country Quilt Guild
Edington Gymnasium, Schreiner University
Kerrville, TX 78028
<http://www.hillcountryquiltguild.com>



Minutes for BBQG Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Location: Brazos Center

Introduction of the Evening's Program – Susan Kelly

The program for the evening was a Giant Show and Tell. Everyone had been asked to bring their favorite quilt and tell why it was their favorite. Many beautiful quilts were shown. Some were new and received "favorite" status by being the most recently finished quilt. Many others were vintage, having been made by a mother or grandmother. Some were the first quilt that the quilter had worked on as a child. Others were made for special occasions such as weddings and there was a very special sisters quilt whose story brought tears to our eyes.

After a 10 minute break, Sherrill Johnson called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report - Charlotte Simpson gave the Treasurer's report of account activity for the past month. Current total assets are \$28,340.04 (\$15,605.11 in checking and \$12,734.93 in savings).

February minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.

2nd VP - Membership – Brenda Brown for Debbie Ginn - 57 members signed in, 3 visitors and 2 new members

Sunshine & Shadows – Lynn Thurston - Sherrill reported that Lynn had mailed out 6 cards - 4 thinking of you and 2 sympathy

Block of the Month – Linda Winder

17 blocks were turned in and 2 more will be brought next time. Brenda Brown won the blocks. Next month's block is Tulip Time.

Door Prizes – Marty Fuller - Marty thanked those who have donated door prizes including Michael Jackson, Sue Ryan, Sue Sprott, Gloria Warren, Terry Skrabanek and Delores Rydell. Door prize winners for this month were Carol Laughlin, Sue Sprott, Marian Dierschke and Sandy Smith.

Committee Reports

Arts Council -- Mary Ann Durbin - Joann Williams, Delores Rydell & Luci Smith showed the raffle quilt at Art Steps. The next one will be the first Friday in June.

Bee Keeper – Kathy Ashley - Anne reported that Kathy had sent her the bee news, but she did not receive it. They are checking to see what happened.

Care Quilts – Luci Smith - Luci was not present, but Sherrill read a letter from KAMU asking for a raffle quilt. Written on the letter was the statement that "your quilts are one of our most popular auction items." Although they probably tell each donor that, it was suggested that the letter be passed on to Lynn Thurston for part of the documentation that KAMU is asking for in exchange for giving us publicity for our quilt show.

Raffle Quilt – Luci Smith - JoAnn Williams reported that the raffle quilt has been taken to First Step twice, to Go Texas, to the antique show and to Washington on the Brazos. Approximately \$1,200 has been raised to date. There are volunteers to help, but we still need a raffle quilt chair.

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Above, Sherrill Johnson, showed her favorite quilt, a portion of her grandmother's original quilt which featured yoyoes she remembers her grandmother making. Below, Betty Bugh, told us that her favorite quilt "is usually the one I just finished;" this one was finished in 2012.



Donation sent to Texas Quilt Museum

Note from Sherrill after the 3/12 meeting: "We got a majority approval from the BBQG Board to send a \$35 donation to the Texas Quilt Museum. They're having a fundraiser drive right now & we wanted to support them. This is their web site address: <http://www.texasquiltmuseum.org/join.html>"

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Challenge Quilt – Nadine Stuth - The challenge this year is “quilt your pet”, whether it is a real animal pet or your pet peeve.

Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Searcy - There have been 4 dedications. Nancy will pass a sign-up sheet next month for volunteers to attend upcoming dedications.

Library – Sue Idol - Lots of books were checked out tonight.

Newsletter - Anne Perry -

Anne asked that all information for the newsletter be sent to her by the 20th. There was some discussion of ads in the newsletter/website. Only members can advertise and only sewing related items, but is there supposed to be a fee charged? Sherrill will do some checking & see what she can find out.

Retreats - Summer - Peggy Mobley & Rowena Reed - Summer retreat is full with a waiting list. Marian visited with someone who had been to a retreat at Smithville and said that it is a wonderful retreat center.

Military Squares - Marian Dierschke - Marian has some kits available for anyone wanting to make military squares.

Dallas Bus Trip - Sue Sprott - The Dallas bus trip was a success! 44 people paid and went to the show, so the trip covered all expenses & actually made a little money.

Quilt Show - Debbie Schulz - Betty reported that the committee will meet again in two weeks, so there will be more to report next month. The show theme is Quilts Across Texas. Show dates are September 27-28. Everything is moving along smoothly.

1st VP Programs – Susan Kelly - Georganne Wrinkle will be coming in May. A sign-up sheet with a tentative supply list was passed around. Next month’s lecture (no workshop) will be on Barn Quilts by Marilyn Watson.

OLD BUSINESS

We still need a raffle quilt chairman. There are plenty of volunteers, but someone is needed to coordinate the effort, organize & schedule volunteers to sit with the quilt and keep up with the money and get it turned in to the treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherrill asked everyone to sign the card for Nini. She is recovering from her surgery and doing well.

Sherrill brought a copy of the latest **Home In Style** magazine with an article on Norma Reel.

We received a letter from M.D. Anderson asking for a raffle quilt to support ovarian cancer. Donated quilts will be displayed at the Houston Quilt Festival.

Debbie Ginn is working on the membership roster, and Michaela will be e-mailing it out soon.

Michaela mentioned that the Texas Quilt Museum in LaGrange has been doing a fund raiser and asked if the board would consider supporting it. [See note on p. 4.]

It is open Thursday through Sunday, and the exhibits change quarterly. Check the museum website for more details. The quilt shop next door, the Quilted Skein, is open and is in our Quilt Across Texas group. According to Terry, they have a good selection of yarn.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully reported by

Betty Bugh,
Secretary

2013 Officers:

President – Sherrill Johnson
President Elect – Norma Reel
1st VP Programs -- Susan Kelly
1st VP Programs-elect – Ann Bay
2nd VP Membership--Debbie Ginn
2nd VP Membership-elect – Brenda Brown
Secretary -- Betty Bugh
Secretary Elect – Maggie McGuire
Treasurer -- Charlotte Simpson
Treasurer Elect -- Pat Patterson

Committees and Chairs:

Arts Council - Mary Anne Durbin
Beekeeper - Kathy Ashley
Brazos Center Window - Debbie Brooks
Block of the Month - Linda Winder
Care Quilts - Luci Smith
Challenge Quilts - Nadine Stuth
Christmas Party - Vacant
Dallas Bus Trip - Sue Sprott
Door Prizes - Marty Fuller
Habitat for Humanity - Nancy Searcy
Library - Sue Idol
Newsletter - Anne Perry
Quilt Education - Carol Willson
Quilt Show - Co-Chairs: Debbie Schulz and
Betty Bugh
Raffle Quilt - Luci Smith (replacement needed
in March)
Scholarships - Becky Holloway
Soldier Squares - Marian Dierschke
Sunshine & Shadows - Lynn Thurston
Summer Retreat - Rowena Reed
Website - Chris Deppe
Winter Retreat - Connie Silber



Above: Michaela Jackson told us that this was her favorite quilt “because it has a little bit of a lot of people in this room.” It was a “pizza box exchange” which was involved 10 friends after her first BBQG retreat in 2007.

Buzz from the Bees – originally for March

The **Busy Bees** have been working hard on the BBQG 2014 Raffle Quilt. Some members have gone to retreats in February and came home with new projects and ideas. We each continue to work on individual projects in addition to the Raffle Quilt. The Busy Bees are closed to new members at this time due to lack of space.

The **Praying Piecers** in Franklin, TX have just finished 8 Wounded Warrior quilts (twin size) and they will be presented at the Texas Open Valero Banquet in San Antonio on April 3. We will be making a quilt for our Habitat House in Franklin next. We stay very busy with the Robertson County needs.

The **Happy Scrappers** are working on individual projects which include hand quilting, applique, crochet, embroidery and the list goes on!

Piece til next month,
Kathy Ashley,
Beekeeper



Above is the Block of the Month Quilt for this year.

AMISH-STYLE QUILT

You are encouraged to make a block-of-the-month for the BBQG and a block for yourself. At the end of this year you will have 12 Amish-style blocks to make your own Amish-style Sampler Quilt. Amish-style quilts are made of solid color fabrics. Amish-style quilts typically feature two or three dominant colors. An inner border is added to frame the quilt; a second border (twice as wide as the first) is added. Additional borders may be added as desired. A color already in the central design of the quilt is used in at least one border. Light colors and white are rarely used in Amish-style quilts.

Kona Cotton is a good choice for Amish-style quilts.

Mitering is rare in Amish-style quilts, as is bias binding.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: TULIP TIME

APRIL, 2013

Cut:

4 – 2 ½" squares of black fabric

4 – 3 ⅜" squares of black fabric

4 – 4 ½" squares of black fabric

4 – 2 ½" squares of pink fabric

4 – 3 ⅜" squares of pink fabric

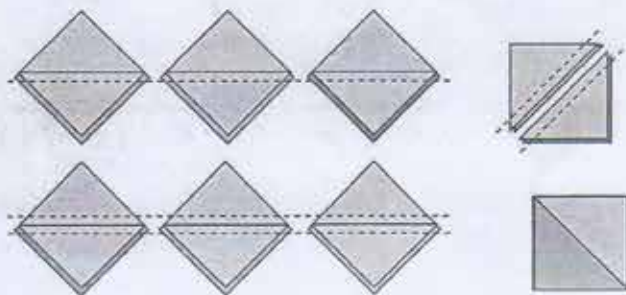
1 – 4 ½" square of pink fabric

Sew: *Stitch a scant ¼" seam*



Make 8 half square triangles using the 3 ⅜" squares of pink and black.

Layer a black square and a pink square (right sides together). Use a pencil and ruler to draw a diagonal line on the pink square. Stitch a scant ¼" on each side of the drawn line (see below). Rotary cut each pair of squares apart on the drawn line. Open, press toward black, trim to 2 ½".



1. Stitch the black 2 ½" squares to 4 of the half-square triangles as shown in the illustration.

Press toward black.

2. Stitch the pink 2 ½" squares to 4 of the half-square triangles as shown in the illustration.

Press toward pink.

Make the corner "tulips" by stitching 1 and 2 above as shown in the illustration. When assembling the Tulip Time block, the black square must be on the outside corners. Press toward black corner squares.

You now have a basic 9-patch block to assemble. Lay out the squares as illustrated.

Stitch the corner squares to two black 4 ½" squares.

Press toward black.

Stitch a black 4 ½" square to each side of the pink 4 ½" square.

Press toward black center.

Stitch the block together as illustrated. Press well.

The block should measure 12 ½" square.

If you are the winner of the BBQG blocks, and the blocks vary in size more than ¼", add 2 to 2 ½" borders to each block and re-cut to desired size.

BBQG Quilt Show Information September 27-28, 2013

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild
Debbie Brooks, Vendor Chair
1408 Lawyer St
College Station, TX 77840

March 1, 2013

Dear Prospective Vendor:

The Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild is proud to announce its Biannual Quilt Show. We invite you as a vendor to join us for our quilt show on September 27th and 28th 2013. The show will be held at The Brazos Center in Bryan TX. Show hours will be from 10am to 5:30 pm on Friday and from 10am to 5pm on Saturday. We hope that you will participate in our show.

We are working hard to ensure good attendance both days of our show through advertising on the internet, newspapers, magazines, and television and guild newsletter ads. Our quilt guild has about 175 members, and the paid attendance was 754 at the 2011 show.

If you wish to join us, please return the enclosed contract along with your deposit. Please type or print legibly as this information will be used for our mailing list and show program. Make a copy for your records and send us the original.

Each application is given a number when it is received. Booths are assigned in that order: first come, first served. If you have specific request as to location, next door neighbors, etc., please make that notation and get your application in early. Please be specific as to your needs.

Confirmation, map and hotel information will be included in the exhibitor packets, to be mailed in July. The final payment is due by August 15. We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to seeing you at our biggest show to date!

For more information contact:

Debbie Brooks
979-229-2117
debbie_mackay@yahoo.com

Sincerely yours,

Debbie Brooks
Vendor Chairperson

Exhibitor Rules

Booth Rental

We have four booth sizes this year. All displays must be within your booth space.

5' by 10' \$ 95
15' by 10' \$235

10' by 10' \$ 150
20' by 10' \$ 275

Equipment

The following describes the number of eight foot tables and folding chairs that will be provided per booth purchase. Additional tables can be purchased for \$10.00 per table. There will be two folding chairs per booth. There is one table for the 5 by 10, two tables for the 10 by 10, three tables for the 15 by 10, and four tables for the 20 by 10. Please specify if you need additional tables. Tables must be covered and you are responsible for proper table covers. Electric power is available. Bring your own extension cords. Wireless Internet is available for a charge through the Brazos Center at an additional charge.

Pipe and drape is not provided, but is available for an additional charge.

Please contact us about the price.

Check-in Thursday, September 26, 2013

Check-in is from 10am to 4:30 pm on Thursday, September 26, 2013 only. There will be no set up on Friday. Check in at the back loading dock of the Brazos Center. We will direct you to your booth. Please be considerate of you fellow vendors. Please unload as efficiently as possible and move your vehicle. You MUST BE finished setting up your booth by 4:30pm.

Check out Saturday, September 28, 2013

Do not break down your booth until the close of the show on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Again, please be considerate of your fellow vendors. Do not move your vehicle into loading area until you are fully packed and ready to load out.

Additional Information

Booth sitters will be provided for exhibitors who are the sole operators of their booths. Booth sitters will watch your booth for a 20 minute lunch break. Lunch and snacks will be provided by the guild for all three days for the vendors.

Vendor name tags will be provided by the guild. These tags must be worn at all times during the show and will allow you to enter the show each day.

Exhibitor Packets

Packets will be mailed in July and will include confirmation of your space, map, hotel information and other pertinent information. This weekend is not a home football game for the Texas A & M Aggies but it would be wise to make hotel reservations as early as possible.

Application and Contract for Exhibitor Space

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild
September 27 and 28, 2013

Please type or print legibly, as this information is used in the program:

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone (day): _____ Evening: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail: _____
Type of Business (Merchandise Description): _____
Sales Tax Number: _____

Please Reserve:

Booths

# _____ Booths (5x10') @ \$95	\$ _____
# _____ Booths (10x10) @ \$150	\$ _____
# _____ Booths (15x10) @ \$235	\$ _____
# _____ Booths (20x10) @ \$275	\$ _____

8-Foot Tables (extra) # _____ Tables @ \$10 \$ _____

Show Program Advertisements

I wish to purchase a _____ (full, half, business card) page ad in the show program.
(Full size is 5 1/2 x 8 1/2")
Cost: Full = \$50, Half = \$35, Business Card = \$20 \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____
Non-refundable \$50 deposit enclosed \$ _____
Balance due by August 10, 2013 \$ _____

Special Requests (e.g., not next to a competitor, wants to be near a specific exhibitor, etc.
Please be specific): _____

Will you be willing to donate door prizes? Yes _____ No _____
If so, how many? # _____

The undersigned agrees to be responsible for all loss, damage, or injury to his/her merchandise and personnel, or that are caused by his/her personnel. I have read and agree to abide by all the rules.

Name (please print)	Signature	Title	Date
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Please return to:
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