

Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter



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BBQG President's Letter – February, 2013

"All quilts are acts of love. They embody love of color, love of creativity, and love of things practical and useful." ...Patricia Wilens from "Quick & Easy Scrap Quilts".

I hope you're able to pursue something you love this month. Several of us are going to quilt retreats where we have time to sew without interruptions or distractions. It's also a month for our guild to come together at a business meeting to organize a year full of exciting programs, projects and opportunities to grow as guild members. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to chair or serve on our long list of committees. It's because of you that the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild has been able to continue in our community.

Happy Valentines' Day!!

Sherrill Johnson

President, BBQG

Board Meeting Notice

The BBQG February Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 2/4/13, at 6:00 at the Hobby Lobby classroom. It is open to all members.

Welcome to New Members **Jane Riggs and Connie Threadgill**

Announcing the Bus Trip to the Dallas Quilt show!

Here are the facts:

1. When: Saturday, March 9th
 2. How: By chartered bus. The bus will arrive by 6:30 AM at the Wells Fargo parking lot located at Briarcrest & Hwy. 6 in Bryan. We will leave for Dallas at 7:00 AM. In Dallas, we will re-board the bus at 4:30 PM & head for home at 5:00 PM. We will stop at a fast food area for dinner. (This cost is NOT included in the trip cost.) We will arrive back in Bryan between 9:00 & 10:00 PM.
 3. Cost: \$55.00 per member (dues must be paid for 2013); \$65.00 per non-member
- This includes the cost of the bus & your ticket into the show. We will have the show tickets to hand out on the bus.--No waiting in line at the show!

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I will be taking sign-ups at the Feb. 12th Guild Meeting. Payment must be made at the time of sign-up.

If you prefer, you can mail your check made out to BBQG to me:
Sue Sprott, 6090 Oak Hollow Circle, Bryan, TX 77808

If you wish to mail it, but haven't paid the guild dues this year, please print & fill out a membership form from the website, mail it to me with your check for dues & bus trip (made out to BBQG).

If you have questions, email me at bssprott@gmail.com or call 979-820-1856.

Note: The trip will be open to the public immediately after the Feb. 12th meeting. We must have 40 paid spots by Feb. 25th or the trip will be canceled.

Let's go have fun!
Sue Sprott

BBQG Winter Retreat Reminder

Winter retreat is just around the corner! Don't forget that if you have signed up to attend the 2013 winter retreat **in La Grange February 7-11**, your final payment is due by the January 8, 2013 BBQG meeting -- no exceptions!!! The total cost of the retreat is \$230 for 3 nights or \$280 for 4 nights. The balance due in January is the total cost minus your \$50 deposit and any other interim payments you may have made. Also, please remember that you must have paid your 2013 BBQG membership dues before making your final retreat payment. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Joham at 589-2191. Thanks for your cooperation!

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 will begin at the February 12, 2013 guild meeting. 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. Guest 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 guest 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 so sign up early.


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

In Memory:

Fifty quilts with matching pillowcases were donated to Hospice clients in December 2012. The following donations were made in memory of loved ones.

Gloria (my sister) & I (mostly my sister!) made 30 quilts in memory of Momma. She received her angel wings 2-26-10. We realized later that 30 quilts represented one for each day she was on Hospice care. Sue Sprott & Gloria Warren

Laura North donated six quilts in memory of her Father, William H. Banks (lost in 1995). The family appreciates Hospice support.
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Anne Perry and her daughter-in-law, Mary Perry, each donated a quilt in memory of Anne's Mother, Anne Hovey (lost in 2012).

Area Quilt Shows

"Kickin' Quilts of Texas" February 15-16, 2013 presented by the Coastal Bend Quilt & Needlework Guild (Corpus Christi). Over 200 quilts, needlework, wearable art, live & silent auctions, country store, opportunity quilt, vendors, quilt appraisal by appointment. American Bank Center - Watergarden Room in Corpus Christi Hours 10:00 - 5:00 Admission \$6 For more information visit - http://www.peacriverquilters.org/new_page_2.htm

The Plantation Quilting Guild (Lake Jackson) will hold its 10th quilt festival and market on February 22 & 23, 2013. The name of the show is "The Quilter's Palette". The festival will open on Friday morning, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. the times are Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The admission is \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. We have rented the entire Lake Jackson Civic Center (333 Hwy 332 E, Lake Jackson, TX 77566), and it will be filled with over 200 beautiful quilts, over 30 vendors, live auction and the Plantation Café. It is a juried show and we have a big show planned, which I know will delight all. For information, call 979-299-9538 or 979-548-1008.

QuiltCon will be held February 21-24, 2013, at the Austin Convention Center.

The quilters of The Modern Quilt Guild bring a bold new aesthetic to a craft dominated by traditional and art quilting. The clean lines and stylish color schemes prevalent in modern quilting appeal to fans of sophisticated modern design. Founded in Los Angeles, California in 2009, the Guild has attracted a new generation of design-conscious quilters "It became obvious to us that the next step for our Modern Quilt Guild members was offer an event that was custom tailored for them." said Latifah Saafir, Founder and Board Member of The Modern Quilt Guild.

With workshops and lectures by Denyse Schmidt, Malika Dubrawsky, Elizabeth Hartman, Anna Maria Horner, Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr, no other quilt conference or show will offer such a complete experience for modern quilters. "We hope our conference attendees can learn new techniques and strengthen their quilting skills with the most influential and recognized modern quilters in the world." said Alissa Haight Carlton, Founder and President of The Modern Quilt Guild. For more information go to their website @ <http://www.quiltcon.com/quilt-show/show-information/>

There are at least four shows in Texas in March... Dallas (March 8-10) <http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org/quiltcelebration2012/showsched.htm> and Shiner (15-16), Tyler (22-23), and Victoria (22-23). See <http://quiltguilds.com/march.htm>

APQS Ultimate II Longarm for sale

A real honey used for home quilting not commercially used. Made in the USA and currently resides in Caldwell, TX with Donna.

Included with machine: 12 foot wooden table, 20" throat, micro-handles for close work, various feet (including 1/4" for ruler work), extended base for ruler-work, 2 dozen extra bobbins, spare bobbin case, separate bobbin winder, extra light bulb and black light bulb, front & back handles, oil, thread, needles, and original manual.

APQS said the Ultimate II was manufactured between 1993 and 2003 and that all parts are available. Does not have a stitch regulator. Purchaser is responsible for pickup, transportation, and set up costs.

Reduced to \$5,000; Telephone: 979/315-4626
Email: donnabquilts@yahoo.com

2013 BBQG Programs and Workshops

Of most immediate concern is that the February meeting, which is the yearly business meeting, will be held in Ballroom 3, not 102...at the Brazos Center.

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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.

We are planning on an in-house program for the **March** meeting with **a show and tell from the members as to their "favorite" quilt**. Each presenting member is encouraged to say a little bit about their favorite quilt, its origins, etc. so that it will be a longer version of the normal show and tell.

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

Susan Kelly

First VP - Programs

A Quilter's Spring Break

Quilting Adventures is very pleased to extend an invitation to your Guild members to take advantage of our Spring Seminar set up at T-Bar-M Resort in New Braunfels, Texas to enjoy a A Quilter's Spring Break.

During the week of March 10-15, 2013 we will be holding classes with several nationally known instructors for QA students.

We are offering your members the following:

- Double occupancy hotel room with 2 queen beds, double sinks in bathroom, cable, wireless Internet, daily maid service
- All meals from dinner on arrival day thru lunch on departure day (arrival and departure must be between March 10-15)
- Classroom with all tables, chairs, extension cords, irons/boards, cutting stations, and 40" x 60" individual design boards provided
- Coffee, tea, fresh fruit in classroom each day
- On-site quilt store and private shopping event
- Cocktail hour before dinner (cash bar)

- SAQA trunk show
 - Inclusion in the evening events if desired.
- All of this is available for \$165 per person per night for double occupancy or \$210 for private room, with a minimum stay of 3 days/2 nights. This offer would require a minimum 8 quilters. Your quilters can arrange for a Guild retreat, a Bee retreat, or a group of several ladies who want the opportunity to get away, enjoy themselves in a lovely setting and quilt together.

Call Kim Buchmann @512-736-2971 or Debby Walters @281-610-2543 for further details and to make your reservations. www.Quilting-Adventures.com

2013 Officers:

- President - Sherrill Johnson
- President Elect - Norma Reel
- 1st VP Programs -- Susan Kelly
- 1st VP Programs-elect - Ann Bay (volunteered in December)
- 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 & Chairs:

- Arts Council - Mary Anne Durbin
- Beekeeper - Vacant
- 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

BBQG Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2013
Location: Brazos Center
Welcome - - Sherrill Johnson

Introduction of Program – Susan Kelly
Peggy Barkle, "Twisted Bargello"

Resumed business meeting after program.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlotte Simpson gave the Treasurer's report of account activity for the past month. Current total assets are \$23,670.93. (\$ 10,940.11 in checking and \$12,730.82 in savings).

1st VP Programs – Susan Kelly

The programs for this year will be on the website soon. All programs for 2013 are planned and work has begun on programs for 2014. We will have a business meeting and no program in February. In March, there will be a themed show and tell with members bringing their favorite pattern quilt or favorite quilt or their first quilt and tell the story behind the quilt.

2nd VP - Membership – Debbie Ginn

People who paid membership dues in December got their receipts tonight. Those who paid tonight will get receipts at the next meeting.

63 members in attendance and 1 visitor
2 new members, both former members

Sunshine & Shadows – Lynn Thurston

4 cards were sent out – 1 sympathy, 1 get well and 2 thinking of you

Block of the Month – Linda Winder

20 Amish style 9 patch blocks were turned in. Sue Idol won the blocks. Next month's block is Hole in the Barn Door. Red fat quarters were made available to those wanting to make blocks.

Door Prizes – Marty Fuller

5 door prizes were given out including 2 provided by the speaker and a gift certificate provided by Lone Star Quiltworks. Winners were Jayne Goetz, Norma Reel, Linda Novosad, Melody Nelson and Sharon Braunagel

Committee Reports

Arts Council -- Mary Ann Durbin

No news but Mary Ann urged everyone to go see the current exhibit.

Brazos Center Window – Debbie Brooks

The window is currently empty, but will be filled soon.

Care Quilts – Luci Smith

329 Care Quilts were given out in 2012. 130, plus another 50 given to Hospice; many were made by Sue Sprott and her sister Gloria Warren. We also donated 200 bibs and 80 walker bags to RSVP and 90 pillowcases to the mission

Raffle Quilt – Luci Smith

Someone is needed to sit with the raffle quilt at the antique show January 18, 19 and 20th. Luci also showed a Red Hat Lady quilt that will be donated and raffled in memory of Norma Lee Wasson at Go Texan. Luci needs

someone to take over the raffle quilt after the March showing at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Searcy

There were two home dedications before Christmas. She received a thank you note from Rachel for the quilts donated to Habitat by the guild.

Library – Sue Idol

Sue will be happy to meet with anyone wanting to check out books. Just give her a call.

Website - - Chris Deppe

Chris is working on the revised website and would welcome pictures from the bargello workshop.

Retreats -- Summer – Peggy Mobley & Rowena Reed

Summer retreat will be at the Deep Woods quilter's retreat at Smithville the last weekend in June. There will be 24 spots and sign up will begin next month.

Retreats Winter – Jeanne Johan & Connie Silber

There are still a few spots available.

Military Squares -- Marian Dierschke

There are plenty of military squares available. She will provide more to the American Legion who sends about 20 packages a month and would like to include prayer squares in them.

NEW BUSINESS - - Sherrill Johnson

There are several important positions that need to be filled ASAP. These include beekeeper and raffle quilt chair.

Meeting adjourned with commencement of Show and Tell.

Respectfully reported by

Betty Bugh, Secretary

BBQG Scholarship Application Form Now Available

Please be aware that the Scholarship Application Form has been sent to local schools and is available for downloading from the www.bbqg.org website on the Community Service Projects page: <http://www.bbqg.org/community.html>

Completed Scholarship Applications are to be mailed to BBQG, Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 9497, College Station, TX 77842 with a post mark no later than April 1, 2013.

Becky Holloway is in charge of this committee.

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.

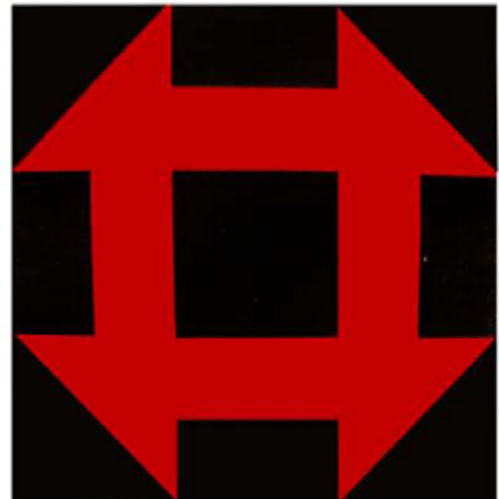
Mitering is rare in Amish-style quilts, as is bias binding.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: HOLE IN THE BARN DOOR

FEBRUARY, 2013

Cut:

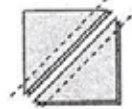
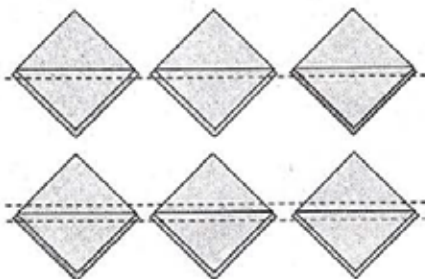
- 1 – 4½" square of black fabric
- 2 – 5¼" squares of black fabric
- 4 – 2½" x 4½" rectangles of black fabric
- 2 – 5¼" squares of red fabric
- 4 – 2½" x 4½" rectangles of red fabric



Sew: *Stitch a scant ¼" seam*

Make 4 half square triangles using the 5 ¼" squares of red and black.

Layer a black square and a red square (right sides together). Use a pencil and ruler to draw a diagonal line on the red square. Stitch a scant ¼" on each side of the drawn line (see diagram and additional instructions on following page). Rotary cut each pair of squares apart on the drawn line. Open, press toward black, trim squares to 4½". (Square was intentionally cut larger.)



Stitch 4 black 2 ½" strips to 4 red 2 ½" strips on the long side.

Press toward black.

You now have pieces for a basic 9-patch block.

Sew block together as illustrated in picture on first page. 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" borders to each block and re-cut to desired size.

**BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD
MEMBERSHIP FORM 2013**

Membership Forms must be updated annually. If you have revisions to this information at any time throughout the year, please notify the membership chairman, either at the guild meeting or through email so that we can update your information. Updates for inclusion in the directory must be made by the March meeting.

The membership year is from January 1 through December 31. **Dues are \$35; if over 55, dues are \$30. Members over 80 years of age (who have been continuous members of the guild for the previous 5 years) are exempt from dues; they become honorary members.**

**Make checks payable to BBQG. Forms and checks should be mailed to:
BBQG, Attn: Membership, PO Box 9497, College Station, TX 77842**

Please Print Clearly **Date** _____

Name: _____

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Complete Following: ALL MEMBERS:

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(Please * preferred phone #)

Email: _____ Birthday (Month & Day) _____

I would be willing to participate in following activities or committees (please circle all that apply):

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|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bookkeeping | Care Quilts | Library | Raffle Quilts |
| Bee Keeper | Challenge Contests | Membership | Retreats |
| Block of the Month | Door Prizes | Newsletter | Scholarships |
| Bluebonnet Store | Education/Quilt Demos | Programs/Workshops | Social/Hospitality |
| Brazos Ctr. Window | Habitat for Humanity | Publicity | Soldier Squares |
| Bus Trips | Historian/Photographer | Quilt Shows | Sunshine & Shadows |

I would be willing to chair _____ Committee.

I am interested in serving as guild officer: _____ Yes _____ No

(Please circle all that apply):

President, VP-Programs, Secretary, President-Elect, VP-Membership, Treasurer

Bee Survey

Name: _____

I am currently a member of the following BBQG Bee(s): _____

If interested in joining a bee, please indicate your preferences below:

Location: Bryan _____ College Station _____ Other _____

Day of Week: Mon _____ Tue _____ Wed _____ Thu _____ Fri _____ Sat _____

Time of Day: Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Night _____

Meeting Place: Private Home _____ Church or community center _____

Suggested Meeting Place: _____

Quilting Survey

Please check all that apply

I am a: Quilt Admirer ___ Quilt Collector ___ Quilt Maker ___

Quilt Judge ___ Quilt Teacher ___ Long Arm Quilter ___

My skill level is: Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___

My preferred quilt technique is: Appliqué ___ Piecing ___

My preferred quilt style is: Traditional ___ Contemporary ___

My preferred method of piecing is: Hand ___ Machine ___

My preferred method of quilting is: Hand ___ Machine ___