

Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter



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BBQG President's Letter – March, 2013

“Spring is the time of plans and projects.” Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina

Sounds like Leo & our guild have something in common! Our plans for March include a bus trip to the Dallas quilt show on the 9th, our meeting on March 12 with a giant show & tell, & and we're beginning preparations for the BBQG quilt show in September. I know several of us have just returned from a quilt retreat; you have time to start that special project that you saw or dreamed up. I encourage everyone to enter something in the show - it's an opportunity to show off our talents, ideas & quilting skills. It's Spring - let's get busy!

Sherrill Johnson

President, BBQG

Board Meeting Notice

The BBQG March Board Meeting will be held on March 4 at Hobby Lobby in the classroom at 6:00 P.M. It is open to all members.

Welcome to New Members

Kathy Ashley, Lisa Hahn, Charlene Jones, Sue Kiel and Gloria Warren

Bus Trip to the Dallas Quilt show still needs 8-10 more riders!

This is an update on the Dallas Quilt Show bus trip. **We still need at least 10 more paid spots for the bus trip to go. We have one more week to make it happen.** I have put fliers up at Lone Star Quiltworks, both Sew Vac City locations, & JoAnn's. No outside interest as of yet.

Hopefully!

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hosting five baby showers all around Texas between March 6 and Sept. 12. There will be a total of 200 first time mom's-to-be, and I am making it my mission to find quilters who are interested in donating baby quilts/homemade articles to the cause. You can read more about it on my blog:

<http://www.kaholly.blogspot.com>

and see if it might be something your group or some of the members of your group might be interested in.

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. 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 so sign up early.

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

Operation Homefront

I am a quilter from New Braunfels (part time, anyway) and I have learned that **Operation Homefront - TX** is

Area Quilt Shows

Dallas Quilt Celebration 2013 - March 8-10; Friday & Saturday, 10-5; Sunday, 12-5; <http://www.quilters-guildofdallas.org/quiltcelebration2012/showsched.htm>

March quilt shows are also held in Shiner (15-16), Tyler (22-23), and Victoria (22-23). See <http://quiltguilds.com/march.htm>

Quilt Guild of Greater Victoria - "Threads in Bloom"
 March 22-23, 2013
 Holy Family Catholic Church, Victoria, TX 77904
www.quiltguildvictoria.org

West Houston Quilters Guild Show - "Cheers for 20 Years"
 April 5-6, 2013
 Leonard E. Merrell Center, Katy, TX 77494
www.whqg.org/2013whqgquiltshow.htm

Quilters Guild of East Texas - 32nd Annual Quilt Show
 March 22-23, 2013
 Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, TX
www.qgetx.org

Hill Country Quilt Guild - "Quilts in Motion"
 May 24-26, 2013
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2013 BBQG Programs and Workshops

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.

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

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

Minutes for BBQG Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Location: Brazos Center

Sherrill Johnson called the meeting to order.

January, 2013 minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report - Charlotte Simpson gave the Treasurer's report of account activity for the past month. Current total assets are \$ 29,361.78 (\$16,628.80 in checking and \$ 12,732.98 in savings).

2nd VP - Membership - Debbie Ginn

We had 53 members, 2 new members and 1 visitor present. Membership cards and receipts were available for those who have paid their dues.

Sunshine & Shadows - Lynn Thurston

Lynn sent 5 cards this month - 1 thinking of you, 3 get well and 1 sympathy

Block of the Month - Linda Winder

This month's block was Hole in the Barn Door. Rowena Reed won the 13 blocks that were made. Linda had green fabric available for next month's Shoo Fly block and asked that people only take the fabric if they intend to make the blocks.

Door Prizes - Marty Fuller

Four door prizes were available and were won by Brenda Brown, Susan Schwartz, Lynn Thurston and Sandy Smith.

Committee Reports:

Arts Council -- Mary Ann Durbin

Mary Ann announced that there is a new exhibit at the Arts Council and the reception for it will be held on February 21st. Luci, Delores & Jo Ann will be taking the raffle quilt to Art Steps on the first Friday in March at St. Andrews Church.

Bee Keeper - Kathy Ashley

Thank you to Kathy Ashley for volunteering to be our new beekeeper!

Care Quilts - Luci Smith

Two quilts have been given to Hospice this year for their raffle. When Luci asked how many quilts they need, they told her that they have around 1,000 patients. Our quilts are only given to those individuals who are near the end of their lives. Luci indicated that quilts that are 43-45" x 50" are good. The best size for wheelchair quilts is about 42"x42" (width of fabric) so that they do not get caught in the wheelchair wheels.

There will be a care quilt workshop on either June 11 or July 9 depending on which day works best for Luci.

Raffle Quilt - Luci Smith

Star Delight is the name of this year's raffle quilt. Pictures have been taken, and we hope to have postcards soon. \$698 has been raised so far by showing the quilt. We are still looking for someone to be in charge of the raffle quilt beginning next month. Sherrill pointed out that whoever chairs the committee does not have to go to all showing of the quilt as there will always be individuals who sign up to sit with the quilt. According to Luci, the job is work, but fun with one advantage being that you meet new people.

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Challenge Quilt – Nadine Stuth

Nadine was not present, but Michaele announced that the theme for the challenge quilt is "Quilt Your Pet". It can be an actual pet – dog, cat, guinea pig, or even your pet peeve. The top three, plus viewer's choice, are auctioned and the others are donated as Care Quilts, so the size should conform to care quilt guidelines.

Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Searcy

Lynn Thurston announced that she will be attending two home dedications on Saturday in Nancy's place. Nini attended one last month. Lynn showed one of the banners made by the guild which is presented to each new home owner.

Library – Sue Idol

Several art books have been donated to the guild as well as a couple of Joan Burnside's books.

Newsletter – Anne Perry

Anne asked that all information for the newsletter be sent to her by the 20th of each month.

Quilt Education -- Carol Willson

Carol will be at Washington-on-the-Brazos again this year demonstrating hand quilting along with knitters, tatters, musicians and other educational groups. Dates are Saturday, March 2 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Sunday March 3 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) No admission charge.

Retreats - Winter – Jeanne Johan & Connie Silber

The unanimous verdict from attendees was - "wonderful!"

Retreats - Summer – Peggy Mobley & Rowena Reed

The retreat is full and they will start a waiting list. Dates are June 27 or 28 through 30 at Smithville.

Dallas Bus Trip - - Sue Sprott

Currently there are 30 people signed up for the March 9 bus trip to the Dallas Quilt show. **We need 40 people signed up and paid by February 25th or the bus will be cancelled. Contact Sue.** This show is smaller than the Houston show and can be more than adequately covered during the day. Cost is \$55 for guild members and \$65 for non-members. This includes the cost of the show ticket.

Quilt Show - - Debbie Schulz & Betty Bugh

Betty reported that the quilt show committee met and has begun planning for the show. The various committee chairs from the last show have all agreed to serve

this year, and Norma Reel will head up the ribbon committee. This year's theme is "Quilts Across Texas."

OLD BUSINESS

Kerry Dwyer presented Nini Hodges, our outgoing president, with a book and quilt. The book was *Baby Honu's Incredible Journey* and the quilt top showcased baby turtles.

NEW BUSINESS

Sherrill read a thank you note from Geneva Mitchell whose husband Joe received one of the Hospice quilts last year. He has since passed away and she said that the quilt will help her in her grieving.

The 2013 budget was presented and approved. The only question raised was why the winter retreat has a larger budget than the summer retreat. More people attend the winter retreat, so it brings in more money. It was also pointed out that we are a non-profit organization so each part of the guild is pretty much self-supporting. Money that comes in goes back out for the same purpose.

The Plantation Quilting Guild in Lake Jackson is having a quilt show February 22nd and 23rd.

Janice Drees announced that the Copper Shade Tree Gallery in Round Top is having a fiber art exhibit during the month of February. She has two quilts on display there. Just five miles from Round Top is Windale which is having an Old Quilt Show February 11-22.

The LaGrange show is February 22nd and 23rd. Carol Willson has a quilt in this show.

The first Modern Quilt Show will be held in Austin February 21 – 24 at the Austin Convention Center. Several members plan to carpool to the show.

Lynn Thurston is in charge of publicity for the quilt show and expressed a need for a "promo" to justify why we deserve publicity. It should include items like pictures, statistics about care quilts and community service, thank you notes from recipients of our quilts, scholarships, etc. Sherrill is going to pull together some information for her.

1st VP Programs – Susan Kelly

Susan presented the schedule of speakers and workshops for the year.

March – giant show and tell. Bring your favorite quilt and tell the story behind it.

April – Marilyn Watson – lecture on barn quilts. No workshop.

May – Georgann Wrinkle – Baltimore Album lecture, workshop on hand appliqué

June and July – one month will be a care quilt workday and the other will be a workday for the Bluebonnet Store. In-house programs both months

August – Judy Steward from Waco – free motion machine quilting.

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September – Quilt Show

October – Bonnie K. Hunter, scrap quilts

November – Lenore Crawford – art quilts

December – Christmas party

Susan indicated that next year we will again do a January speaker and workshop and business meeting in February, as we are able to coordinate and share speaker expenses with another guild in January. She would welcome any artist suggestions for next year. One meeting will be a “getting to know you” with bee leaders sharing what their bees are doing.

Meeting adjourned with commencement of Show and Tell.

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

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: SHOO-FLY

MARCH 2013

Cut:

4 – 4 ½" squares from black fabric

2 – 5 ¼" squares from black fabric

1 – 4 ½" square from Kelly green fabric

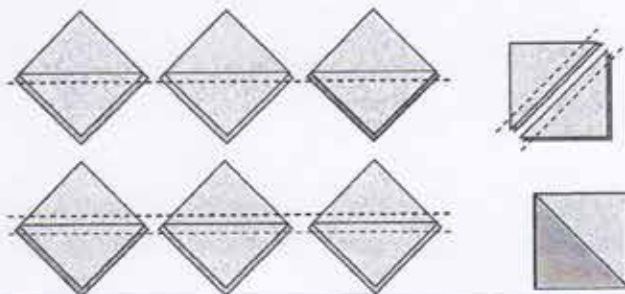
2 – 5 ¼" squares from Kelly green fabric



Sew: *Stitch a scant ¼" seam*

Make 4 half-square triangles from the 5 ¼" black and green squares.

Layer a black square and a green square (right sides together). Use a pencil and ruler to draw a diagonal line on the green 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 half-square triangles to 4 ½" (half-square triangles cut to be larger intentionally).



Stitch a half-square triangle to each side of a black 4 ½" square. Press toward black.

Stitch a black 4 ½" square to each side of a green 4 ½" square. Press toward black.

Sew block together as illustrated. Press well.

The block should measure 12 ½" square.