

Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter



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BBQG President's Letter – May, 2013

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." - Edwin Way Teale

We're in our 2nd quarter of the year, with only five months left until our guild's quilt show. If all things seem possible in May, that quilt you're thinking about entering could be finished! That new technique you're wanting to perfect could happen! That idea for a quilt pattern could come true! Don't let yourself be the only thing holding you back from accomplishment. I'm looking forward to our May program with Georgann Wrinkle and her beautiful appliqué. The workshop is on Wednesday following the program on Tuesday night, so be sure to sign up for this great opportunity to learn from a master.

Sherrill Johnson

President, BBQG

Board Meeting Notice

The BBQG Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, at Hobby Lobby in their classroom at 6:00 p.m. All BBQG members are invited to attend.

Welcome to New Member:

Barbara Neyes

Note to Members about Meetings:

Our BBQG guild meeting is meant to run as smoothly & efficiently as possible. We welcome any suggestions members might have to help us with this effort. If we have a speaker for our program, we usually take a 5-10 minute break between the program and the business meeting. This break is to allow members to look at items the speaker may have to sell, sign up for any workshops, take a needed bathroom break or even give those who need to leave early a inconspicuous way of leaving. If we have an in-house program, we usually don't take a break, which does move the meeting along a little quicker. Thank you for any of your suggestions.

Sherrill Johnson

President, BBQG

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Area Quilt Shows

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/Quilt
Show2013-r.htm

2013 BBQG Programs and Workshops

There are 4 remaining workshops scheduled for this year:

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

Georgann Wrinkle will be coming in **May**. The workshop will be a mid-range level – not too easy, but not too advanced.

June is a care quilt workday and the room is reserved all day. We might have a local speaker that evening.

July will be a workday for the Bluebonnet Store and possibly a "getting to know you" potluck dinner.

Judy Stewart will present a machine quilting lecture and workshop in **August**.

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

Susan Kelly
First VP - Programs

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild

Minutes for BBQG Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Location: Brazos Center

Introduction of the Evening's Program – Susan Kelly
Marilyn Watson gave a slide presentation on barn quilts. It was interesting to note that 46 states have started quilt trails since 2001. Unfortunately, Texas is not one of the states that has been really active in this endeavor.

Start of Business Meeting:

Nini Hodges addressed the group briefly to give us an update on her treatment and to thank everyone for the cards and other well wishes. She urged us all to be diligent in taking charge of our own health and well being. Her good spirits were an inspiration for the group.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte Simpson gave the Treasurer's report of account activity for the past month. Current total assets are \$ 23,866.55 (\$11,129.46 in checking and \$12,737.09 in savings).

March minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

2nd VP - Membership – Debbie Ginn

We had 69 members present, 5 visitors and one new member.

Sunshine & Shadows – Lynn Thurston

Sherrill reported that Lynn sent out two thinking of you cards for hospital stays.

Block of the Month – Linda Winder

There were 18 Tulip Time blocks turned in, and they were won by Jayne Goetz. Next month's block is Friendship Star and some yellow fat quarters were available. Linda also showed off her "quilt witch" pendant, which she says she will wear with pride.

Door Prizes – Marty Fuller

Seven door prizes were provided by Teri Walker, Sue Ryan, Sandra Smith, Lone Star Quiltworks, and Marilyn Watson. Door prizes were won by Jeanette Pynes, Betty Bugh, Sherrill Johnson, Teri Walker, Dottie Wilson, Sherry Teller and Melody Nelson.

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Norma's Quilt Studio
"Long Arm Magic"

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College Station, TX 77845

Quilts completed
in 3-5 weeks!

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Committee Reports

Arts Council - - Mary Ann Durbin

There will be a Brazos Valley Arts League member show on April 27th.

Bee Keeper - - Kathy Ashley

Kathy reported that the Busy Bees are working on next year's raffle quilt, but did not have input from the other bees. Sherrill reminded the bee leaders that they need to report bee activities to Kathy.

Brazos Center Window - - Debbie Brooks

Debbie is ready to change out quilts in the window and asked for someone to loan her quilts for the next window. Linda Novosad volunteered some of her quilts.

Care Quilts - - Luci Smith

We have donated 37 care quilts this year. Luci read thank you notes from two St. Joseph patients who had received quilts from us.

Donation Quilt - - Luci Smith/Jo Ann Williams

The donation quilt was on display. We now have picture postcards available, as well as tickets. Ticket sales to date total \$1,402. We have volunteers to help with the donation quilt, but still no one has volunteered to be the committee chair.

Challenge Quilt - - Nadine Stuth

"Quilt Your Pet" challenge quilts – whether your pet peeve or your favorite animal pet – will be **due in June or July** when the judged quilts are registered. No hanging sleeve is needed, but please get a guild quilt label from Luci to attach to your quilt before turning it in.

Habitat for Humanity - - Nancy Searcy

A sign-up list was passed for individuals wishing to volunteer to attend Habitat dedications. Two house dedications will be coming up next month and five more are planned for the near future. One is sponsored by the Bush School of Public Service. Nancy also showed the Welcome banners and said that more will be needed for future dedications.

Library - - Sue Idol

Books were available in the foyer. Please let Sue know if you would like her to bring specific books for you.

Newsletter - - Anne Perry

Reminder to get information and pictures to Anne by the 20th of the month for the newsletter.

Website - - Chris Deppe

Chris has been busy making updates to the website. Please send information and pictures to her so that she can keep the website moving forward. Just be sure you indicate exactly what the picture or information applies to so that she can get it posted correctly.

Quilt Education - - Carol Willson

Caroline Herman's math class at A&M Consolidated Middle School will be working on their crib size quilt project and they need resource people to assist. The students will do the cutting, sewing, etc. but they need people to oversee the project in 2 ½ to 3 hours time slots. Contact Carol for more information.

Summer Retreat - - Rowena Reed

The retreat is full with three on the waiting list. Final payment is due next month.

Scholarships - - Becky Holloway

Pat Patterson reported that the committee will meet next week.

1st VP Programs - - Susan Kelly

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OLD BUSINESS - - Sherrill Johnson

The professional three year review of previous year's finances will be done by Amy Restivo.

NEW BUSINESS - - Sherrill Johnson

Fiona Lockhart addressed the last meeting of the BBQG Board. The Brazos Valley Fair & Expo, to be held September 5-8, will include a small quilt show. They are
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"For those who love quilting, needlework and fine fabrics."

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seeking volunteers to help and also offer suggestions and advice. Applications to volunteer are available on-line at their website. Cathy Herrin is the quilt show chairman. Quilt entries are open to anyone in the U.S. and will be judged from photos – one close up and one of the entire quilt. They must have been made within the last 5 years. Only the winning quilts in each category will be exhibited at the fair due to lack of space. They would appreciate either a monetary donation to the show or a door prize from the guild. We were told that we could exhibit our donation quilt, but Fiona would have to check to see if we can sell tickets.

Dana Sudduth set up a Facebook page for the guild, but has not had time to keep it updated recently. Kerry Dwyer volunteered to take over administration of the site.

Meeting adjourned with commencement of Show and Tell.

Respectfully reported by

Betty Bugh,
Secretary

Anne Perry wishes to extend her apology to Gloria Crenshaw for mis-identifying her as the person with the "Amish Shadow" quilt in the April newsletter. However, she doesn't know who was describing that quilt...help!

Below is Nadine Stuth's favorite quilt (from 3/13)



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

Right is Pat Patterson's favorite quilt...his winning quilt in the BBQG 2011 Quilt Show (from 3/13)



Buzz from the Bees – originally for May

Busy Bees are working on the 2014 donation quilt. Several members are traveling this month - one is even going to Paducah!

The **Praying Piecers** are not meeting on Memorial Day. June meetings will be as usual. We are finishing a quilt for the Franklin Habitat Home. We are planning to interest more people in quilting in Robertson County with planning meeting on Monday, April 29 in the Methodist Church activity center in Franklin at 7 PM. All are welcome.

In April the **Thumblebees** went on a mini-retreat to Galveston. In addition to our individual hand and machine projects, we enjoyed knitting, working on a jigsaw puzzle, walking on the beach and simply relaxing.

The **Happy Scrappers** are currently working on individual projects.

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: FRIENDSHIP STAR

MAY, 2013

Cut:

4 – 4 ½" squares of black fabric

2 - 5" squares of black fabric

1 – 4 ½" square of yellow fabric

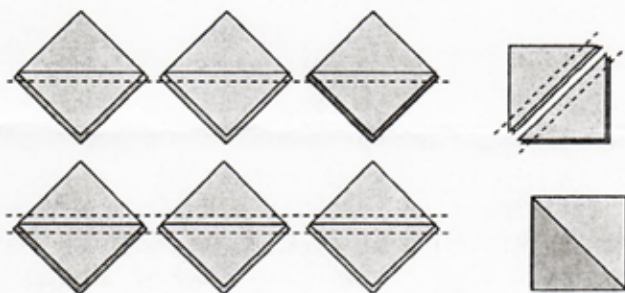
2 - 5" squares of yellow fabric



Sew: *Stitch a scant ¼" seam*

Make 4 half-square triangles from the 5" squares of black and yellow fabric.

Layer a black square and a yellow square (right sides together). Use a pencil and ruler to draw a diagonal line on the yellow 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 4½".



Lay out half-square triangles with black and yellow squares as shown in picture above. You now have a basic nine-patch block. Stitch together in rows. Press top and bottom rows toward the black; press center row toward yellow.

Join rows. Press well.

The block should measure 12 ½" square.

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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