



# ***Bits and Pieces***

## ***Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter***

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### **BBQG President's Letter – November, 2013**

**“Double, double, toil and trouble; Fire burn, and cauldron bubble” -  
the witches' spell from Shakespeare's Macbeth.**

If there could be a quilter's spell, what would be your wish...straighter seams, perfect points or quarter inches, faster quilting? I'm going to check this out and will let you know if I come up with something. Meanwhile, I'll continue at my snail's pace on the multitude of projects waiting for me.

Our guest lecturer in November will be Lenore Crawford, who will present “Fusing/Fabric Painting to Create an Art Quilt”. Please check out her web site at <http://www.lenorecrawford.com> to see some of her beautiful work.

**Sherrill Johnson**  
President, BBQG

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### **November Board Meeting Notice**

The November BBQG Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013 at Hobby Lobby in their classroom at 6:00 PM. All BBQG members are invited to attend.

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### **Welcome New Members joining in October:**

**Hester Able**  
**Peggy Albright**  
**Mary Ratke**  
**Elaine Smith**

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### **BBQG Quilt Show Photos - September 27 and 28!**

Briana Morrison took many great photos at the Quilt Show (several with the people who showed quilts), and placed them onto a site for everyone to see. She has even given us permission to download the photos! There is a link on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BrazosBluebonnetQuiltGuild>, OR you can find photos directly at: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/iew6aqfabrp0470/WQc5QztVvN>. See note on page 7 about downloading the photos. Thank you, Briana!!

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## 2013 BBQ Programs and Workshops

Lenore Crawford will be the speaker for November and will be doing a workshop on "art" quilts. Members who want to see her work can go to her Fabric Art at <http://www.lenorecrawford.com>.

### Susan Kelly

First VP - Programs

## Area Quilt Shows

November 8 & 9, 2013 - The Buda Quilting Bee will be having a Quilt Show & Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Onion Creek Senior Citizen Center in Buda, TX.

Sat., Nov. 9, 2013: Knights of Columbus Benefit for Local Charities and Quilt Show featuring "The Supper Quilt". 10:00 to 8:00. Admission is free. KC HALL, 22892 Mack Washington Road, Hempstead, Texas 77445. Questions? Call 979-826-8974

November 23, 2013 - Davy Crockett Quilt Guild "2013 Quilt Show" (in conjunction with Crockett's Annual Christmas on the Square). Free Admission 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 701 E. Goliad, Crockett, TX. Donation Quilt Batik Braid, 108" by 112" - Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5 available from Country Living Quilts in Flynn.



**Congratulations to Sue Idol, who won First Place in "Traditional" at the Brazos Valley Fair, First Place In "Small Pieced" and "Best Workmanship" at the BBQG Quilt Show in Bryan, and "First Place - Wall Hangings" and "Best of Show" at the Jewett Quilt Show!**

## Thanks from the Kitchen Crew

Wow! What a wonderful response! Stephanie and I want to say THANK YOU to all who brought items/donated money for the Quilters' Diner at the quilt show. Everyone who picked up a fork or spoon raved about the tasty food. We had happy vendors and workers! The food kept coming like manna from heaven! Ya'll were truly a blessing to the effort & the vendors loved it. The "Apron Divas" appreciate you very much.

**I do have 2 "orphan" items not claimed: a red HEB hot/cold bag and a small green basket that had cookies in it.**(HAD being the key word!) I won't be at the October meeting, but if you call, text, or email me, we can get together to reclaim the items.

Thanks again for a job well done!

### Sue Sprott (and Stephanie)

979-820-1856 or e-mail <bssprott@gmail.com>

## Chinese Christmas Party

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Yes, boys & girls, it's time to think about Christmas! We will have the optional Chinese Gift Exchange with the party.

Just be imagining what gift you will bring! As usual, no more than \$20 gift, sewing related, either something homemade or bought. If you are a new member and want more information, call me (Sue) at 979-820-1856 or email bssprott@gmail.com.--or contact another member. More about party at Nov. Meeting!

## "Apron Divas"

## Minutes for BBQG Meeting October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Brazos Center

### Introduction of the Evening's Program - Susan Kelly

Susan introduced Bonnie Hunter who talked about how to organize a fabric stash by cutting scraps into usable sizes and organizing them into a workable system. She showed many beautiful scrap quilts.

### Start of Business Meeting:

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**Left, Lynn McCartney with her quilt, "Hummers in My Garden" which won Best of Show, Go Texan, and First Place in Applique.**

**Above, Kate Catalena won Honorable Mention in Youth Quilts. Both photos were taken by Briana Morrison.**



mother-in-law, a card to Rebecca Tucker congratulating her on her engagement and a card to Judy Hubnik whose son was injured in a workplace accident.

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**Treasurer's Report - Charlotte Simpson** gave the Treasurer's report of account activity for the past month. Current total assets are \$ 36,275.77 because of deposits from the quilt show. (\$ 24,526.05 in checking and \$11,749.72 in savings).

September minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Laura North** asked that members bring their fat quarters for "Fat Thanks" for officers and committee members who served this year. They will be distributed at the December board meeting.

**2nd VP - Membership - Debbie Ginn**  
 We had 7 visitors and 71 members present, including 3 new members

**Sunshine & Shadows - Lynn Thurston**  
 4 cards were sent out - a get well card to Sandy Smith, a sympathy card to Debbie Schulz on the loss of her

**Block of the Month - Linda Winder**

Linda is stepping down after this year, so a new BOM "witch" must be found. 13 Flying Geese blocks were made and were won by Marian Dierschke. Linda has patterns available for both the November and December blocks, but December blocks will not be drawn for at the Christmas party.

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### Door Prizes – Marty Fuller

Marty had door prizes from Country Living Quilts, Lone Star Quiltworks and 2 from Delores Rydell. They were won by Connie Harrison, Luci Smith, Diane Bullard and Melody Nelson

### Committee Reports:

#### Care Quilts - - Luci Smith

202 care quilts have been given out. At the end of our quilt show, Vera Mohr donated all of her leftover fabric (approximately \$2,000 worth) to the guild for care quilts.

#### Raffle Quilt - - Luci Smith

This year's donation quilt brought in \$6,650 minus expenses. Joyce Blasi was top ticket seller once again. The 2014 donation quilt will be shown for the first time at the First Friday Art Steps next month.

#### Challenge Quilt - - Nadine Stuth

The first place challenge quilt brought in \$140, second place sold for \$50 and third place sold for \$70. A mystery buyer bought a fourth quilt for \$50. The other quilts were brought to Luci to be distributed as care quilts.

#### Habitat for Humanity - - Nancy Searcy

Nancy still needs more welcome banners. Terry has the pattern at Lone Star Quiltworks.

#### Library - - Sue Idol

No library books tonight. Sue asked that everyone take something left over from the White Elephant booth.

#### Quilt Education - - Carol Willson

Booneville Days was a success. Carol will be working with a home school group on December 9 and 10 at Central Baptist Church. They will meet from 9:30 to 11 and will need some volunteers to assist.

#### Winter Retreat - - Connie Silber

Winter retreat will be February 6-10 at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange. Cost is \$230 for 3 nights and \$280 for 4 nights.

### Quilt Show - - Betty Bugh

The quilt show is over and it was a success! Thank you to the committee chairs, volunteers, people who brought food and everyone else who helped in any way. Preliminary numbers show \$4,991 in ticket sales with approximately 872 people attending. Basket Blitz brought in \$1,556, the White Elephant Booth brought in \$3,517 and the Bluebonnet Boutique brought in \$2,148. We won't have a final tally on how much profit we actually made until all the bills are in.

### 1st VP Programs - - Susan Kelly

There has been a good sign-up for Lenore Crawford's workshop next month.

The Christmas party will be December 12. Bring a gift (\$20 or less) for an exchange. Meat will be provided for the dinner and members will bring side dishes.

### OLD BUSINESS:

We received a thank you note from Quilts of Valor Region 5 coordinator, Karen Demaree. There will be 100 troupes coming home in February, so there is a need for more quilts.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Dana had a request from someone who attended the quilt show. Their mother saw a quilt that she wanted to buy. It was the 2005 Donation Quilt, "Lone Star Sampler" made by the Quilt Friends Bee, but no one has any information about who has the quilt, whether it was at our show, or if it is even for sale.

Dana and Terry at Lone Star Quiltworks also had a request from someone wanting a quilt made as a wedding present . . . . and they need it by October 26.

Sue Idol mentioned that someone left a paid bag of fabric under the table in the White Elephant booth. No one has claimed it.

Sherrill announced the officers for next year and officers elect for 2015. They are:

Officers for 2014:

President – Norma Reel  
1st VP (Programs) – Ann Bay & Susan Kelly  
2nd VP (Membership) – Brenda Brown  
Secretary – Maggie McGuire  
Treasurer – Pat Patterson

Official voting of these nominations into office will be done at the November guild meeting.

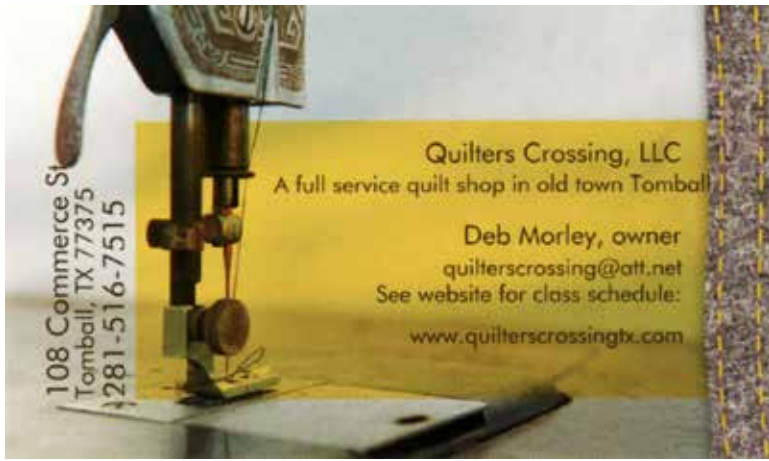
Officers Elect for 2015:

President – Sue Sprott  
1st VP (Programs) – Ann Bay  
2nd VP (Membership) – Cathy Davis  
Secretary –  
Treasurer – Brenda Brown

We still need a secretary elect for 2015.

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The city of Navasota is having lunch seminars on Wednesdays in November and has asked if we have someone who can come from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. on one of those days to talk about the history of quilting or discuss different types of quilts. Francie Baxter volunteered to do a presentation.

Meeting adjourned with commencement of Show and Tell.

Respectfully reported by  
**Betty Bugh,**  
 Secretary

## FAT THANKS: CALL FOR DONATIONS

This is an opportunity for BBQG members to show their appreciation for all of the volunteers who have served the Guild this year.

Many individuals volunteer their time and talent each year to keep the BBQG an exciting, fun, and rewarding gathering of friends. They offer us opportunities to learn and serve our community. These volunteers step down from service at the December Board Meeting; this is our opportunity to allow them to pick their favorite fat quarters--our way of saying "thanks."

Please donate fabric and be generous; we have many people to thank. If you want to buy yardage, I will gladly cut your donation into fat quarters. Please bring your donation to the November meeting or call Laura North to make other arrangements.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE INVITED:** All of the Officers and Committee Chairs are invited to attend the December Board Meeting as well as ANYONE who stepped forward to volunteer to organize and/or chair ANYTHING. Did you organize the most outstanding advertising campaign our show has ever seen? Did you organize the constructions of the last Donation Quilt, find guest speakers, organize workshops, or coordinate the displays in the Brazos Center Windows? Chair the Show in-take, food, or the Bluebonnet Store? So many have served! I'd

send each of you a personal invitation, but it's impossible know who did what.

If you stepped up, This Is Your Invitation! Let the Guild thank you by attending the December meeting. If you can't be there, please find someone to attend for you.

Thank you to all 2013 volunteers and everyone who participates in FAT THANKS.

### Laura North



Above, Bonnie Hunter's workshop attendees.



Left, Bonnie Hunter at the meeting.

Both photos submitted by Betty Bugh.

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## 17th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

Fall is finally here and it's time to start thinking about the winter retreat! The 17th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat will be held February 6-10, 2014 at Camp Lone Star in La Grange. If you would like to attend (and did not pre-register last spring), **you may sign up for the winter retreat beginning at 6:30 p.m. November 12, 2013** at the Brazos Center.

Because of space limitations, **the retreat is open to BBQG members only** (persons who have been paid-up members since January 2013). Registrants have the option of signing up for either 3 nights (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) or 4 nights (Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday). The cost of the retreat is the same as last year: \$230 for 3 nights or \$280 for 4 nights. These costs include 3 meals/day and lodging. Nine spaces are left, and once the retreat is full, a waiting list will be started to fill vacancies as they occur.

A \$50 deposit must be given in person to Jeanne Joham at the time of sign-up to confirm your reservation. If you are unable to register in person November 12, you may have someone who is not going to retreat complete the process for you. If more than one person from your group cannot register in person, each of them has to send a different person not going to retreat to register on their behalf **We will not accept more than one registration per person** (regardless of whether that person is registering themselves or someone else).

The balance will be due by the January BBQG meeting. You may also pay for the retreat in installments, but the final payment is due January 14, 2014 -- no exceptions!! Also, **please remember that all participants signing up must have been paid-up members of the guild since January 2013 and all participants must pay their 2014 annual dues before making final payment for the 2014 winter retreat.** All monies collected are deposited when received. Refunds will be given for emergencies per BBQG by-laws. For more information, please contact Jeanne Joham at 589-2191.



**Right, more photos submitted by Briana Morrison:**

**Top: "Pat" Patterson with First Place in Block of the Month and also "Best Machine Quilting" (quilted by Linda Bridges)**

**Middle: Luci Smith with Second Place in Group Quilt and the VIP Award from Jason Bienski, Bryan Mayor**

**Bottom: Nat Hilliard of Bryan won the 2013 Donation Quilt**



## Challenge Quilt Winners:

**First Place - Laura North**

**Second Place - Linda Winder**

**Third Place - Nadine Stuth**

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## Bee News

**The Busy Bees** completed the 2014 Donation Quilt, which will make its debut at First Friday Art Steps in Bryan on November 1st. Two members of the Busy Bees won \$100 gift certificates in the Quilt Across Texas Shop Hop in September. Several of the Bees attended Bonnie Hunter's workshop & have started a Sister's Choice quilt from scraps they have at home.

**The Joyful Quilters Bee** will meet once a month during November and December--Tues., Nov. 19 and Tues., Dec. 17. We meet at 6:30 in room 1010 at First Baptist Church, College Station. New members are welcome! Quilt 'n Peace Bee members participated in many activities at the Quilt Show from taking food, helping with the quilt intake, hanging, showing, selling tickets, contributing and or buying items at the Boutique and White Elephant booths, viewing the many beautiful quilts and taking everything down after a successful show. Most of the bee time is spent making care quilts, however, members took two days in October to make a purse. Linda Winder led the classes of 11 participants. Plans for a field trip to Country Living Quilts in Flynn and A Cowgirls Quilt Shop in Jewett are underway for the last week of October.

**Praying Piecers** are doing the quilt for the lady in Robertson County who lost both her sons. We are in contact with her and will do this project.

**Kathy Ashley**

Bee Keeper

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**About downloading  
Briana Morrison's photos  
from the "dropbox: website**

All of the photos on the Dropbox link < <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/iew6aqfabrp0470/WQc5QztVvN> > are the full resolution.

Once you're in the folder, click on the photo you want to download. In the bottom right-hand corner, you'll see three little dots. When you hover over those, it should say "More Actions." Click that, and the option to download the image will pop up. When you click download, you should have the option to save the photo on your computer.



**Above, the Viewers' Choice Award went to "Radiant Lone Star," which also was Third Place in Theme Quilts, shown by Lou Ellen Hassold**



**Above, the VIP Award from College Station Mayor Nancy Berry, "Sweet Dreams," which also was Third Place in Large Traditional Pieced Quilts, shown by Pat Ross**

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: PINWHEEL

Cut:

4 – 4 ½" squares of black fabric

4 – 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangles of black fabric

4 – 4 ½" squares of medium brown, camel,  
or taupe fabric

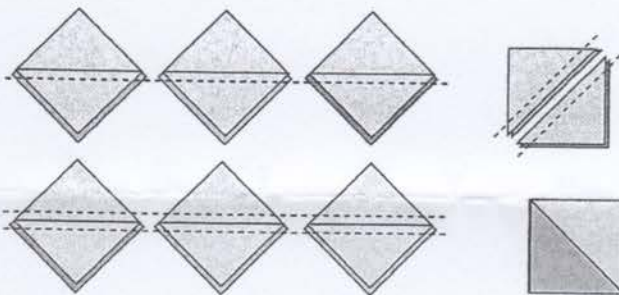
Sew: Stitch a scant ¼" seam

Make eight half-square triangles: (illustration on following page.)

Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each 4 ½" square of brown-toned fabric.

Place a brown-toned square on a black 4 ½" square, right sides together, stitch ¼" each side of the diagonal line.

Rotary cut on the drawn line; press toward black fabric. Trim squares to 3 ½".



Make a pinwheel for the center square by placing four half-square triangles together as shown in the picture. (Check the picture carefully if you want your block to be like others' blocks!) Stitch together in two rows; press toward black. Stitch top to bottom.

Lay out block as shown in picture. Stitch in rows, pressing carefully toward black.

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.