



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Message – August, 2014

Recently I was thinking about a truck at an intersection I saw when I was in Seattle, Washington visiting my daughter. It was sporting a bumper sticker with a large triangle on it. On the three sides of the triangle were the words: CHEAP, FAST AND GOOD.

Above the triangle was the phrase: PICK TWO
Of course the message was
Good and cheap: WON'T BE FAST
Fast and good: WON'T BE CHEAP
Cheap and fast: PROBABLY WON'T BE GOOD

Typically this triangle of choices rings true.

This is not an excuse for us to not meet deadlines, sloppy work or exorbitant prices. As I have my own quilting business, I have found it a high level of achievement when I can provide my customers with a quick response and high quality work. Also reminds me of my own consumer expectations of others in the service(s) business. If I want it quick and good, it probably won't be cheap. If I want it cheap and fast, it probably won't be the best. As all of us who quilt know, you can also purchase items like fabric and tools that are cheap, but in the end --not so good. Then again, we love deals! So as you venture out there with your quilting adventures and other service needs, remember the triangle.

Norma Reel

President, BBQG

August Board Meeting Notice

The next board meeting will be Monday, August 4 -- Hobby Lobby at 6:00p.m.

July's Membership Report:

62 members, 163 volunteer hours and 5 visitors

Welcome to new members: **Darcie Tammern, Elizabeth Whitley and Sally Whitely**



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Registration for August Workshop with Lola Jenkins closes August 5

Lola Jenkins is an award winning fiber artist known for her designer art quilts. The mystique of this African American woman is that she started sewing in 2004; thus without any background in sewing, art, drawing, etc. she developed her skills. She has now evolved to master-quilter status. Lola states "I don't know the rules, so I can't break the rules of quilting."

Her program is entitled "Ms. Bubble Buster". The mystery begins!!



Ms. Jenkins' workshop will be on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at the Brazos Center beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. Her workshop is "Portrait 1 Workshop". Students will learn to make a portrait quilt wall-hanging about 11" X 17" using one of the four patterns created by the instructor. Students will leave with a completed portrait without using a sewing machine. Optional kits available for \$20 including all the fabrics and pattern needed to complete the portrait. For further information, please go to Jenkins' website: www.lolasdesignerquilts.net.

Price of workshop is \$30 for BBQG members, non-members is \$40. **Workshop will be open until August 5. If interested in workshop, please email me at <dbay@suddenlink.net> by the deadline or phone her at 979-693-3552.**

Ann Bay
Program Chair

Texas Tax-Free Weekend is August 8-10

For more details, see:

<http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/taxholiday/d/>

Area Quilt Shows

September 12-13 - Creative Memories Quilt Guild 28th Annual Quilt Show - 2014 - Caldwell Civic Center, Hwy. 21 & Main Street, Caldwell, TX; Friday, 9-6 and Saturday, 9-4. No Admission Fee; over 80 quilted items. For more information: cmquiltbc@yahoo.com

October 3 & 4 - Jewett Fall Frolic Quilt Show - Jewett Civic Center, 111 N. Robinson, Jewett, TX 75846. Judged quilt show, quilt shops, quilt appraisals, scissor sharpener, old-fashioned bed turning, quilt auction baskets. For more information, call: 903-626-4202; on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fallfrolicquiltshow.

February 22-26, 2015 - Applique Away on Galveston Bay Go online for more information and to register: www.appliqueawayongalvestonbay.com.

Buzz from Bees

Quilt 'n Peace bee members assembled fabric into 30 kits each for a casserole carrier, a removable cover for a tile (hot pad), a decorative pillow cover and a padded case for a Kendall, iPad or phone. Local bee members plus women from churches in several other towns provided instructions to the women of Lasara, Texas, on how to make each project with the goal of establishing a cottage industry. If you have an easy to make pattern for an item that would sell to "Winter Texans" or at a craft store, please let us know. Bee members are planning to take our 5th Tuesday trip a week early and will probably not meet during August.

The Praying Piecers are making a quilt for the Habitat House being built in Franklin.

Kathy Ashley
Bee Keeper

Did you know?

Guild members qualify for a 10% VIP discount at Jo-Ann's. Apply through the website at www.joann.com/VIP.

Jo-Ann's will send you a card which you take to your nearest Jo-Ann's store, along with a valid photo I.D. and your BBQG membership card to have the discount validated.

You must renew this discount application annually.



Right, Jelinda Pepper with her Summer Retreat quilt.



Below, Maggie McGuire with the Friendship Blocks she won.



Above is the Summer Retreat group. Below, Marijane Deen's quilt.



Terry Skrabanek
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Report from Donation Quilt Chair

We have raised \$1882.00, and the date to give it away is Oct. 14th, 2 and half months away. Please, anyone who has not picked up tickets, get them at the August meeting. For the past several years we have made at least \$6000.00, and we have a long way to go to meet that goal. To reach this goal we need to sell, sell, sell.

I desperately need help for the Antique Show on July 25, 26, and 27th especially on Saturday when I have 1 volunteer; I need volunteers for all day Saturday. The slots are 12-2 PM, 2-4 PM, and 4-6 PM. Please contact me if you can help.

The quilt has 2 more outings, Jo Ann's on Aug. 30th and First Friday on Oct. 3rd. Signup sheets will be at the next meeting.

The quilt has gone to several events recently and made some money. Thanks to Luci's sister-in-law Barbara Graves, we showed the quilt at the Caldwell Guild and made \$92.00. Sue Sprott and Debbie Ginn helped me show the quilt at Heritage Park for the 4th of July, and we made \$161.00. Terry allowed the Guild to sell tickets during the big Bus Trip/Shop Hop on July 12th and 13th. The nice bus riders bought \$218.00 of tickets. Thanks to Terry Skrabanek.

Jo Ann Williams

Donation Quilt Chair

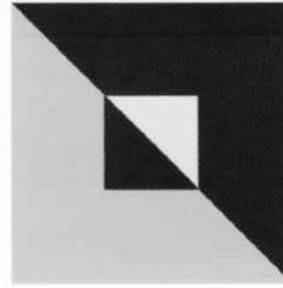


Above, "Ms. Lil" Follis visiting our Donation Quilt at Heritage Park. Below, left, Sue Sprott and Jo Ann Williams. Below, Peggy Leach at Summer Retreat.





Above is Michaelae Jackson with the quilt she finished at Summer Retreat. Below, Sue Sprott with her project.



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2014 BBQG Speaker/Workshop Information and Schedule

Sept. 9 - TBA - Room 102, Brazos Center

Oct. 14 - "Mini" Quilt Show & Pot Luck Dinner - Assembly IV, Brazos Center

Nov. 11 - TBA - Room 102, Brazos Center

Dec. 9 - Christmas Party & Pot Luck Dinner - Assembly IV, Brazos Center

BBQG Meeting Minutes - July 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by **Norma Reel** on July 8, 2014 at 7 p.m.

A special showing of three quilts that Barbara Mes had made for her grandchildren began the meeting. Each grandchild presented his or her quilt.

Greta: "Springtime in my soul"

Austin: "Music in my soul"

Melinda: "Sunshine in my soul."

The minutes were accepted as presented with the one correction of the misspelling of Ann Bay's name. Brenda Brown presented three new members: Darcie Tammer, Elizabeth Whitley and Sally Whitley; and five visitors: Susan Milstead, Jamie, Melinda, Austin, and Greta Mes.

Lynn Thurston sent out 6 cards for Sunshine and Shadows.

Charlotte Simpson was unable to develop the block of the month this time due to her husband's illness. She said that he is markedly better and she will have a new block for us next month. In addition to her husband's improved health, she had some very exciting news that she was going to become a great grandmother in December! Everyone wished her well on both counts.

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We had a busy birthday month with Beverly Alexander, Susan Beasley, Bunny Douglas, Benita Ebel, Mae Fazzino, Diane Gilliland, Elaine Lorange, Lynn McCartney, Dawn Merker, Jelinda Pepper, Jeanette Pynes, Charlotte Simpson, Terry Skrabanek, Lynn Thurston and Helen White. Door prizes were donated by Sue Sprott, Gloria Warren, Country Living Quilts and Delores Rydel. Winners were Jane Waldrup, Jane Riggs, Shirley Wood and Mary Jane Dee.

Jo Ann Williams has sign ups for various dates to sit with the raffle quilt. If you have not picked up your tickets to sell, please do so immediately. Sales are not as robust as they need to be, and it is everyone's responsibility to sell tickets. If you have not done your part, please set up and see Joann for tickets.

Next year's summer retreat will be held May 21-24. It is being held early this year because the retreat family will be gone next summer to Colorado, and we had to schedule early to meet their departure date. Maggie McGuire won the friendship blocks and has already finished (With lots of help from Teresa and Jane) the quilt top. It has gone to the Long Arm Queen. Each person who made a block for the quilt signed it.

Deb DeRoche shared that Janice Joiner will do a trunk show at Lone Star Quiltworks on July 11 from 6-8. The cost is \$10.00. There will also be a class for \$35.00. For this special night, everyone who wears their pajamas will receive 10% off!

Ann Bay reported that our August meeting would be **Lola Jenkins from OKC**. Her program Tuesday night is called "Miss Bubbles". The workshop on Wednesday is entitled "Portraits 1". In the class, you will make a wall hanging. Please see her web site: www.lolasdesign-quilts.net.

It was announced that our own Nettie Kelly was celebrating her 70th wedding anniversary! Congratulations and well wishes were given.

Ann Bay introduced **Cynthia Collins**. She brought a variety of quilts that included appliqué and piecing. She presented many Baltimore Album quilts that she had made and discussed a variety of techniques and strategies of these very intricate quilts.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maggie McGuire
Secretary



Above is Debbie Ginn with her Show 'N Tell quilt for June. Below, a wonderful memory quilt shown in June.

