



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Letter – February, 2014

Well here it is the second month of 2014, and we are off and running in 2014. As we look toward 2014, I have been considering how much talent we have to serve others. The volunteering we do to make quilts or projects for others (Care Quilts, Hospice Quilts, Welcome Banners for the Habitat for Humanity, Go Texan Quilts, Challenge Quilts which get auctioned off for our Scholarship Fund, Soldier Squares and Quilts of Valor for our men and women who serve our country). The volunteering we do to serve on a committee, serve as an officer, sitting with the Donation Quilt (which raises money for our scholarships to further educate our youth), helping with the educational outings we provide in the community to our youth, and just raising our hand to serve others.

Bob Hope was one of our nation's greatest treasures and one of its greatest heroes. To me, he is an example of the impact one person can make when they don't give a darn about what others do or what others might think - they just do it. He embodies the notion of embracing our natural gifts and using our calling in service to others. Don't get me wrong, Bob Hope made lots of money and helped his career, but he also saw an opportunity to use those talents as a contribution to the betterment of others.

I am here to encourage you and thank you for using your talents for the betterment of others. Some of us are better at some skills than others; maybe you are a good communicator, a good organizer, a good speaker, a good teacher, a good leader, a good listener, etc. If you love a challenge, can organize and follow a pattern, cut up pieces of cloth for hours, hand stitch like there is no tomorrow, machine stitch until all hours of the night, and create an awesome quilt or end project.....we can teach, we can encourage, we can soothe, we can inspire and we can give.

Norma Reel
President, BBQG

February Board Meeting Notice

Next Board Meeting will be at Hobby Lobby on Monday, February 3rd at 6:00 p.m. All members are welcome.

Welcome New Members!

Judy Alexander, Alma Fonseca, Charles Gilreath, Julie Sabrsula and Donnice White



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Door Prizes Needed

The door prize box is very empty! If anyone has something they would like to donate, please e-mail Marty Fuller at <martha7fuller@gmail.com>.

Thank you!
Marty Fuller

BBQG Summer Retreat

The Summer Quilt Retreat will be held Thursday - Sunday, June 19 - 22, 2014, at Deep Woods Retreat Center in Smithville, TX.

Registration will begin at 6:30 at the February Guild Meeting. Cost this year is \$265.00 for Thursday - Sunday, or \$190.00 for Friday - Sunday.

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required at registration, and your 2014 dues to the Guild must be paid.

We are limited to 24 people, so sign up early.

Thanks,

The Retreat Committee
Rowena R, Peggy M, Deb D, Sue S

BBQG.org is Revitalized!!

If you haven't already noticed, Chris Deppe has done a wonderful job of updating and revitalizing the BBQG's website: <http://www.bbqg.org>.

Officers and committee members are listed on the Guild Information page. There is also a great arrangement of labeled photos from the BBQG Quilt Show last fall: <http://www.bbqg.org/bbqgquiltshow.htm>.

Bee News

The Busy Bees all have quilting resolutions for the new year: complete projects, learn a new technique, go to a retreat, and the list goes on. Hopefully with the encouragement of other Bee members, we'll keep our good intentions!

One of our Busy Bees is in New York awaiting the birth of her first grandchild. Four of the Bees are participating in the Pony Club BOM at LSQW, two are in the Miniature Quilt BOM at LSQW, and others are busy working on (and completing) individual projects.

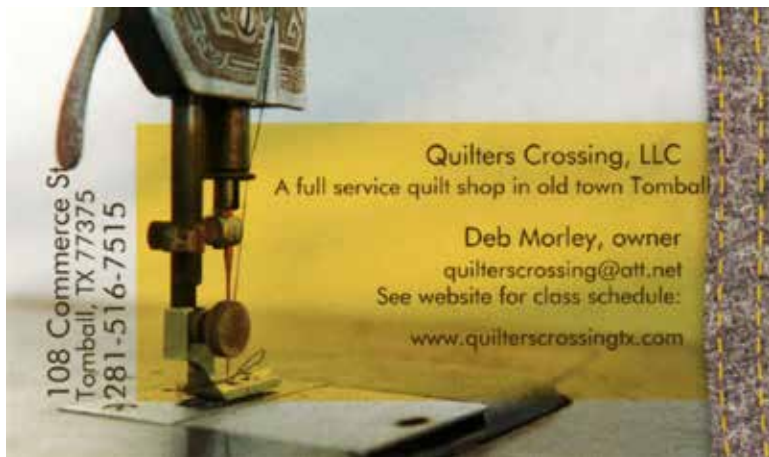
Quilt 'n Peace Bee members met and had a "business" meeting on Jan 7. There are now 23 women that participate somewhat regularly in our weekly meetings. There were actually 17 present on Jan 14, but not all were there at the same time! At the BBQG meeting that night, we turned in 11 care quilts and the Hospice quilt. Members will make up the missed December 5th Tuesday (New Years Eve) shopping trip on Jan 30 to take advantage of the Super Bowl sales.

Kathy Ashley

Bee Keeper

Benita Ebel shared her quilt (below) with us at





BBQG Dallas Quilt Show Bus Trip

The Dallas Quilt Show bus trip is Saturday, March 8, 2014. The bus will leave the Wells Fargo Bank (HWY 6 and Briarcrest Dr.) at 7:00 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. The bus ride will be straight through to the Quilt show at Dallas Market Center and arrive at approximately 10 a.m. Show tickets will be handed out as you depart the bus. You have until 4:45 to enjoy the day viewing the quilts, attending lectures, watching presentations and visiting the vendor's booths. There are several food vendors in the food court. The bus departs at 5:00 p.m., and we will stop in DeSoto for dinner. There are 5-6 restaurants from which to choose.

The cost for members is \$45 and \$55 for non-members. The sign-up deadline is Feb. 20, 2014. There will be a sign-up table at the February guild meeting. If you have any questions, call Jeanne Rierson at 220-3188 (cell) or 690-0776 (home).

Jeanne Rierson

Dallas Bus Trip

Habitat for Humanity Wall Hanging Workshop

Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Lone Star Quiltworks 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This is a workshop to learn techniques to make the wall hangings the BBQG gives at the Habitat for Humanity home dedications. You will learn about four blocks, layering a quilt sandwich, a binding technique, and have fun with Guild friends. There is no charge to Guild members, but hopefully each participant will contribute a banner to BBQG's Habitat for Humanity efforts. The pattern is available at Lone Star, but you will learn some different options to the pattern. Once you learn, it makes a great hostess gift.

I will have a supply list at the February Guild meeting. You can email (njsearcy@suddenlink.net) or call me (693-0688) to reserve your spot. We can have a dozen participants. Since the event includes the lunch hour, please bring your own brown bag lunch and drink.

Nancy Searcy

Habitat for Humanity



Above is the 2014 BBQG Donation Quilt: SeaScape. Kathy Ashley made it/pieced it and Norma Reel quilted it.

Tickets for sale are available from Luci Smith, and she needs help displaying the quilt/selling tickets.

Tips for Quilters

Sometimes there is a bit of space left in the newsletter which is too small for a photo, but could contain a tip or two for quilters. If you have such a suggestion, please e-mail Anne Perry at <aperry315@gmail.com>.

This time, we are mentioning the APQS.com Blog. These topics seem to cover everything and are not "just" for long-arm quilters. For instance, have a look at the one on spring cleaning: <http://www.apqs.com/blog/2013/03/26/spring-has-sprung-clean-your-studio/> Enjoy!

Anne Perry

Terry Skrabanek
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Minutes for BBQG Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at
Location: Brazos Center

Welcome: Norma Reel

The meeting was called to order by Norma Reel at 7:07 due to minor technical difficulties. Norma announced our meeting focus would be to outline the business of the guild for the New Year.

Budget: Pat Patterson

The new budget for 2014 was introduced. Benita Ebel motioned to accept the new budget as presented. Ann Bay seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Maggie McGuire

No minutes were read as the previous meeting had been the Christmas Party.

Membership: Brenda Brown

62 members were present. New members Doni White, Charlie Gilreath and Judy Alexander were introduced. Three visitors were also introduced. It was noted that new members and visitors were wearing BLUE nametags to help guild members recognize them so they could be welcomed to the group.

Sunshine & Shadows: Lynn Thurston

Lynn sent several cards and asked members to be sure and let her know who might need a card.

Block of the Month: Charlotte Simpson

The new block of the month will come from the book *Union Quilters* by Jennifer Chiaverini. All directions come with a color photo of the block. Charlotte asked that each block be made with similar colors. It was noted that the block directions would also be posted on the website.

Door Prizes: Marty Fuller

Teri Walker at Country Quilts, Terry Skrabanek at Lone Star Quilt Work, Delores Rydell and Debbie LeRoche generously donated prizes. The lucky winners were Sue Idol, Linda Winder, Peggy Mobley and Lynn Thurston.

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2014 BBQG Speaker/Workshop Schedule

Feb. 11 - In-house program - Meet the "Pros" - Room 102, Brazos Center

March 11 - TBA - Room 102, Brazos Center

April 8 - Connie Silber - The Memory Quilt - Room 102, Brazos Center

April 9 - Connie Silber - Workshop, 9-3 - Assembly IV, Brazos Center

Note: May and June speakers/workshops may be switched)

May 13 - Marcie Wendrock - Reproduction Quilts - Room 102, Brazos Center

May 14 - Workshop, 9-3 - Assembly IV, Brazos Center

June 10 - Malka Dubrawsky - The Modern Quilt - Room 201, Brazos Center

June 11 - Workshop, 9-3 - Assembly IV, Brazos Center

July 8 - Cynthia Collier - The Baltimore Quilt - Room 102, Brazos Center

July 9 - Workshop, 9-3 - Assembly IV, Brazos Center

Aug. 12 - Lola Jenkins - Trunk Show - Room 102, Brazos Center

Aug. 13 - Workshop, 9-3 - Assembly IV, Brazos Center

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

Find website links on the BBQG website at <http://www.bbqg.org/calendar.html>

Susan Kelly

First V-P, Programs



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Everyone was reminded that to win a prize you must have on your nametag.

Committees:

Arts Council: Mary Ann Durbin

Mary Ann asked if the membership would be interested in having the Arts Council newsletter sent to them by email? She stated that it had a great deal of information in it for members of the community. Concern about having members email addresses visible on the list serve was noted and discussed. Mary Ann made the motion to send a "blind" email from Arts Council to BBQG email list. It was seconded and 45 out of the 62 members voted yes. If Michaele is unable to do the "blind" option, Anne will help.

Bee Keeper: Kathy Ashley

Did not attend

Brazos Center Window: Debbie Brooks

Did not attend

Care Quilts: Luci Smith

309 care quilts were given out in 2013
6 full size Compassionate Care Hospice quilts were made; Luci made pillow cases for these. Sue Sprott and Gloria Warren made 140 care quilts and 13 pillowcases this past year.

Raffle Quilt: Luci Smith/Jo Ann Williams

Luci needs help with sitting with the raffle quilt at the antique show and Go Texas this weekend. **She also will be stepping down from chairing the raffle quilt and needs someone to take the position by March.**

Challenge Quilt: Nadine Stuth

This year's challenge will be to Quilt on the Wild Side. This is to be interpreted by the quilter. Examples might include wild fabric, wild women, wild parties. All quilts must be PG. These will be displayed at the mini quilt show October 14 and should measure roughly 42 x 45 (lap size).

Habitat for Humanity: Nancy Seary

22-25 Habitat quilts were donated this past year. The pattern is available at Lone Star Quiltworks.

Library: Sue Idol

Sue brought lots of books to check out and a wealth of free materials. Please give Sue a call if you would like to come to her home to check out books. Her information is on the website.

Newsletter: Anne Perry

Information for the newsletter must be to Anne by the 20th to get in the newsletter.

Website: Chris Deppe

Did not attend.

Quilt Education: Carol Wilson

Carol facilitated with 18 home schoolers two weeks before Christmas. She shared some of their thank you notes

Summer Retreat: Rowena Reed

Registration for Summer Retreat will be at the February Meeting. A \$50.00 deposit will be due at the time of sign up, and each person who signs up must be a member. It will be held at Smithville. Four days costs \$265.00. Three days costs \$190.00

Winter Retreat: Connie Silber

Winter retreat will be Feb 6-10 at Camp Lonestar. There are 3 openings with the maximum being 36 quilters. It is \$280.00 for four nights and \$230 for 3 nights.

Scholarships: Ettie Hurst

She just volunteered for this position.

Soldier Squares: Marian Dierschke

Did not attend

Dallas Bus Trip: Jean Rierson

This trip is scheduled for 8 March. We will leave Wells Fargo at 7 a.m. The cost is \$45. We are non-stop to Dallas, but will stop for dinner on the way home. Sign up begins tonight.

2015 Quilt Show: (NO ONE IN THIS POSITION)

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Programs: Susan Kelly

Susan Kelly announced our 2014 programs:
January 14, 2014 - Annual business meeting
February 11, 2014 - In house program- Meet the Pros
March 11, 2014 - TBA
April 8, 2014 - Connie Silber- The Memory Quilt
April 9, 2014 - workshop 9-3- Assembly IV
May 13, 2014 - Marcie Wendrock- Reproduction Quilts
May 14, 2014 - workshop 9-3 Assembly IV
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June 11, 2014 - workshop 9-3 Assembly IV
July 8, 2014 - Cynthia Collier- The Baltimore Quilt
July 9, 2014 - workshop 9-3 Assembly IV
August 12, 2014 - Lola Jenkins- Trunk Show
August 13, 2014 - workshop (Fantasy Landscape or Thread Art) - 9-3 Assembly IV
September 9, 2014 - TBA
October 14, 2014 - Mini Quilt Show and Pot Luck Assembly IV
November 11, 2014 - TBA
December 9, 2014 - Christmas Party and Pot Luck Assembly IV

Ann Bay asked for input so she can begin to plan the 2015 workshops. Call her at 693-6552 if you would like a special topic or speaker.

Old Business: Norma Reel

No old business

New Business: Norma Reel

- Sue and Marty introduced new ways to welcome new people by using Blue nametags for those people.
- Marty introduced "Birthday Celebrations". Each month, members having birthdays will be recognized and presented with a small gift. This month Kathy Ashley, Judy Beskow, Diane Bullard, Ruth Cunningham, Julie Dromgoole, Lisa Hahn, Nina Hodges, Michael Jackson, Nettie Kelly, Linda Novasad, Cookie Pears, and Delores Rydell were honored.
- To facilitate linking names with pictures of show and tell projects, a sign up sheet for show and tell will be available next to the sign in sheet. All show and tell participants will need to sign up on that list each meeting.

Show & Tell: Membership

Many lovely projects and stories were shared by the membership.

Close: Norma Reel

Norma adjourned the meeting at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted by

Maggie McGuire

Secretary

Two of the seven quilts donated to Hospice Brazos Valley by BBQG members are on the right. Others will be shown in the next issue. The top quilt was created by Shelby Jaedicke and the lower quilt was created by Sherrill Johnson. Photos by Luci Smith



BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM 2014

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 \$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. For NEW members who join after June 30, dues are pro-rated to \$15.**

**Make checks payable to BBQG. Forms and checks should be mailed to:
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Date _____

Name: _____

New Member: _____ Renewal: _____ Honorary: _____ Amt. Paid _____ CK _____
Cash _____ MO _____

Complete Following: ALL MEMBERS:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work Phone: _____
(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

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**BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD
BEE SURVEY 2014**

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 _____

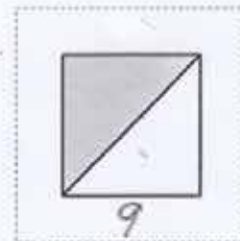
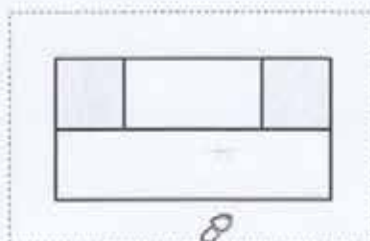
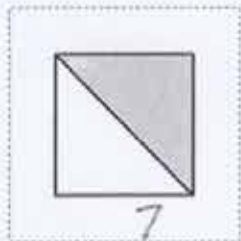
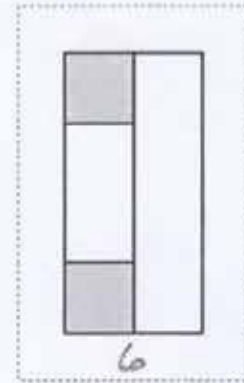
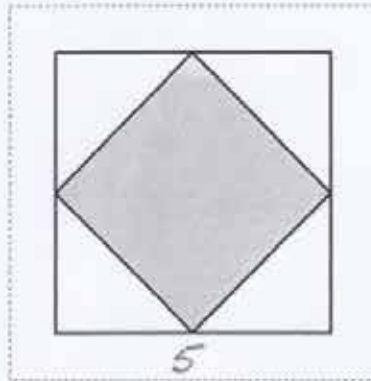
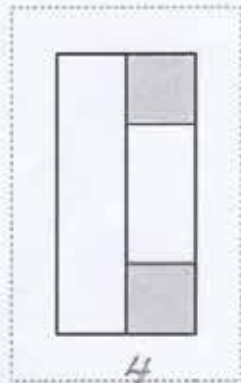
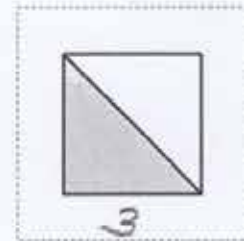
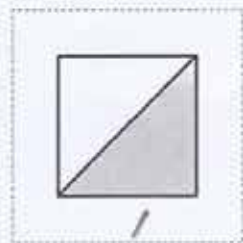
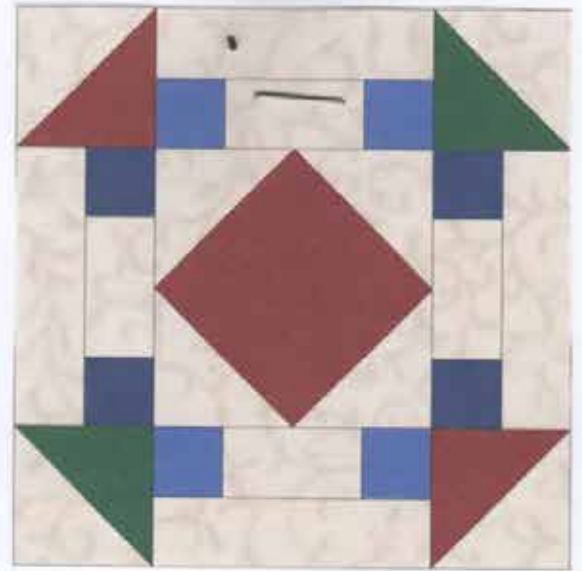
My preferred method of piecing is: Hand _____ Machine _____

My preferred method of quilting is: Hand _____ Machine _____

Due February 12 at the
BBQG monthly meeting.

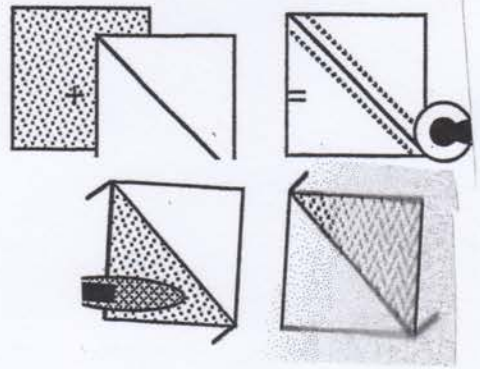
campfire

January 14, 2014
12 1/2" unfinished block found
In the book "the Union Quilters"
By Jennifer Chiaverini.



Pattern for "campfire" as 3.000 by 3.000 (inches) block, printed from EQ7!

1 & 9--make 2- 3 1/2" half sq. triangle with bkgrd & red.
 2-- 4" sq's put face to face, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Sew 1/4" on each side of line. Will make 2 -- 3 1/2" sq. Trim if needed.

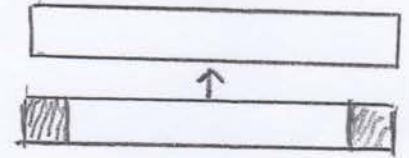


3 & 7--make 2- 3 1/2" half sq. triangle with bkgrd & green.

2 & 8-- cut from bkgrd 2- 2" x 6 1/2" strips
 And 2- 2" x 3 1/2" strips
 From lt blue cut 2 - 2" sq's.

Sew the blue to the 3 1/2" strip, then sew the 6 1/2" to the 3 1/2" w/blue,
 To make a 6 1/2" x 3 1/2" piece.

4 & 6 same as above only use a 2" sq of drk blue.



5 center, from bkgrd cut 2- 4" sq's . Cut diagonally once.
 Cut a 4 3/4" sq from the red. Sew the triangles to the sides of red sq.
 To make a 6 1/2" sq.

Sew together using the grid on page 1.

Happy sewing!!!!