



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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### **BBQG President's Letter – January, 2014**

Ready or not-- 2014 here we come. Whew, getting through December was tough, but the holidays are always fun so it is all worth it. The New Year is here, and that means it's time to think about all of the fun ahead and setting some new goals. We are all going to do one more quilt than last year, spend more time in our sewing rooms and finish all those projects in the closet we started last year, right? We have good intentions and desires, but if you are like me....not enough time. Oh where does all the time go? So in this New Year I am here to encourage you and also help remind myself and my fellow quilters that it is "ok" to take our time and enjoy our quilts and projects. Instead of the good ole saying, "Take time to smell the roses,".....in 2014 I'm changing it to "Take time for 'quilting therapy.'"

After all, the *Daily Mail Reporter* this past year placed an article in their health section on how quilting is healthy for you.....I knew it! The *Daily Mail Reporter* stated that "The University of Glasgow team interviewed quilters and found the activity helped their cognitive, creative and emotional well-being, particularly among older people. The use of bright colours was 'uplifting', the activity distracted from the stress of work, and quilting offered challenges such as math and geometry. It also increased confidence and had an important social side. Professor Jacqueline Atkinson, co-author of the study and a quilter herself for five decades, said: 'Doing something that engages you and that you enjoy is key. As adults, we don't often do enough that includes fun and play.'" So let's start this New Year off with a bang and have some fun quilting!

***Normal Reel***  
President, BBQG

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### **January Board Meeting Notice**

The January BBQG Board meeting will be on Monday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Hobby Lobby. The membership is invited to attend.

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### **Membership**

Debbie Ginn, 2013 V-P-Membership, reported 146 members for 2014. No new members joined in either November or December.



## BBQG Winter Retreat Reminder

Winter retreat is just around the corner! Don't forget that if you have signed up to attend the 2014 winter retreat in La Grange February 6-10, your final payment is due by the January 14, 2014 BBQG meeting -- no exceptions!!!

The total cost of the retreat is \$230 for 3 nights or \$280 for 4 nights. The balance due in January is the total cost minus your \$50 deposit and any other interim payments you may have made.

Also, please remember that you must have paid your 2014 BBQG membership dues before making your final retreat payment. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Joham at 589-2191. Thanks for your cooperation!

**Jeanne Joham**

## 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**

The **Praying Piecers** in Franklin haven't decided on a project for the next year, but something will come looking for us. And we always step up. We will finish the Victims quilt for a mother of two slain sons.

The **Material Girls** are still happily covered in "material things" (fabrics of all kinds) for all kinds of projects and things to laugh about at bee. This correspondent is woefully uninformed as to ALL the projects finished and underway in recent times. I do know that all are beautiful and as always made to fit the needs and personality of the recipient. Nancy has completed many quilts including a super sweet modern baby quilt for a college friend's new grand-daughter, and Grace continues to work through quite a few UFOs, the most important being a large batik bed quilt for her daughter. Our speed seamstress/quilter Marijane leaves this reporter's head spinning with projects from quilts to nightgowns to bags of all kinds and much, much more. Margie continues to be able to join us at least once a month and is working on some wonder blocks with so many perfect pieces. Dottie, Annette, Jean and myself keep on keeping on with various projects including quilting, embroidery, knitting and keeping up with the "Jones" (Marijane and Nancy): a goal this writer can never hope to attain. The group is happy to welcome a new member, Sue, who has been busy rescuing a couple of vintage quilts. Another new member, Kim, should be joining us soon. Many of the gals have and will be on the road this year. Mostly to visit family and friends around the US, but with lucky Jean sunning in the Caribbean now and then. Y'all have a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year (2014) and we will see you then.

From the **Monday Bee**: A project took off running when Bobbie Middleton saw Michael Jackson making an appliqued Christmas tree wall hanging and decided she would do one. Bobbie brought it to bee one Monday and since then all the patterns at Lone Star have been bought up. Five or six other Monday Bee workers are working on the wall hangings and they are all using different but beautiful Christmas fabrics. Lynn McCartney has finished hers and it is spectacular. ***This is one of the advantages of sewing bees. - contact with other quilters and exchange of ideas with others of similar interests.***

**Quilt 'n Peace** held their regular meeting on December 3 and continued to work on care quilts and a patriotic quilt for Hospice. The next meeting was a Christmas celebration at Martha's Bloomers. Although no fabric was purchased, good food and fellowship made an excellent outing. Numerous Bee members enjoyed the food, fun and games at the BBQG Christmas meeting that evening. December 17 will be the last meeting of 2013; January 8 the first in 2014. Merry Christmas.

**Kathy Ashley**  
Bee Keeper



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## Christmas Party

The BBQG membership enjoyed its annual Christmas party on December 10 at the Brazos Center. The event was hosted by guild members Sue Sprott, Gloria Warren and Stephanie Fazzino, with approximately 60 members attending. A lavish buffet featured ham prepared by Sue and dishes provided by guild members. Individual tables were adorned with garlands decorated with a Christmas quilting theme. Sue and Gloria had handmade favors at each place setting and Terry Skrabanek from Lone Star Quiltworks provided treat bags for each guest.

Following the dinner, many of the guild members participated in a Chinese gift exchange. It was a fun exchange, with many beautiful handmade gifts, fabric and sewing notions changing hands. The party was a nice ending to the year. Thank you to Stephanie, Sue, Gloria and everyone else who helped make it such a success.

## Betty Bugh

Secretary



**The photo above was taken at the Christmas party and submitted by Sue Sprott.**

## Christmas Party Thank You!

The Christmas party is a memory now--hopefully a little Christmas spirit went home with all who attended! The gathering of friends for visiting, laughing, & sharing is good for the heart & soul.

Thank you to all who contributed to the food collection! The results of our efforts: 140 can/pkg. of food plus \$20 cash! The bounty was delivered to the Pantry and weighed in at 135 lbs. The volunteers were most thankful for our efforts. Good job, Quilters!

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**BBQG Programs Announcement**

On Tuesday, January 14, at 7, BBQG will hold its annual Business Meeting at the Brazos Center on Briarcrest Drive in Bryan. Many of the programs for the rest of 2014 will be announced, and there will be door prizes as usual.

The meeting will be followed by Show 'N Tell... members showing what they have finished recently. Many of us agree that Show 'N Tell is one of the best parts of every meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at this meeting!



**Above, "Lake Tahoe Log Cabin With Stars" by Sandra Smith placed First in "Large Traditional Pieced" in the 2013 BBQG Quilt Show.**



**Theresa and Debbie in the Bluebonnet Shop**



**Above, "Civil War Tribute" by Myrna Nail placed First in "BOM" in the 2013 BBQG Quilt Show.**

*the Celtic Quilter*

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Above, "Bluebonnet Special" by Norma Reel placed First in "Other Technique" in the 2013 BBQG Quilt Show.



Above, "Bunny's Azure Anxiety" by Bunny Douglas placed First in "Mixed Technique" in the 2013 BBQG Quilt Show.



Right, "Renaissance Dress" by Debbie Brooks placed First in "Wearables" in the 2013 BBQG Quilt Show.

## 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:  
BBQG, Attn: Membership, PO Box 9497, College Station, TX 77842**

Please PRINT Clearly

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 \_\_\_\_\_