



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Message – July, 2014

Life is too short to spend your precious time trying to convince a person who wants to live in gloom and doom otherwise. Give lifting that person your best shot, but don't hang around long enough for his or her bad attitude to pull you down. Instead, surround yourself with optimistic people.

-- Zig Ziglar

As I have been met with some interesting "life changing" events recently at home and at work....I have searched out for support and optimistic people. When you are already dealing with so many negative things, you don't need someone adding fuel to the fire. And then it hit me! If one gloomy person can have that much of an affect on me and make me so tired by the end of the day then imagine what a really happy person could do for me. The next day I taught my quilt class at Lone Star Quiltworks and I had five happy people in one room and I just didn't want the day to end. There was laughter, joy, funny stories and excitement! I wanted to rent all five of them out for the week just to hang out with me. Ha!

Instead...I decided that no more gloom and despair for me. It was going to be a two-way street and I was going to be the person others wanted to hang out with and be happy, rejoicing in each day. And furthermore, I would hang out with others who had that same objective. Don't allow "energy zappers" into your life to hang out and bring you down.

Live, love, laugh often,

Norma Reel

President, BBQG

July Board Meeting Notice

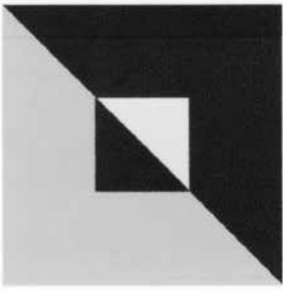
The next board meeting will be Monday, June 30th -- Hobby Lobby at 6:00p.m.

June's Membership Report:

60 members in attendance, 7 visitors, and 239 hours reported.

We welcomed new members: Mary Gammon and Cathleen Auld

Quilt 'N Peace Bee Mission Trip and Needs



Bridges Stitches
Long Arm Quilting Service
Linda Bridges
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College Station TX 77840
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Habitat for Humanity Wall Hangings

Thanks so much to Michaele Jackson and Linda Ralston for your donations of wall hangings for home dedications. Both of these ladies participated in the winter workshop. Linda is a new quilter, and we look forward to her joining the Guild at a future date.

Sincerely,
Nancy Searcy

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: cmquiltdbc@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

The **Busy Bees** haven't been meeting routinely due to personal schedule conflicts but are hoping to get back on track soon. The Bees are participating in several classes & Blocks of the Month at Lone Star Quiltworks & some of us will be going to the guild's Summer retreat this month.

Kathy Ashley
Bee Keeper

Quilt 'n Peace Bee members had a day off last week because of Vacation Bible School. Many members are occupied with summer activities of travel, family reunions and/or grandkids so attendance has been down since school closure. Several members are looking forward to the Summer Retreat and hope to finish UFO's or start and complete a new project.

First Baptist Church and Quilt 'n Peace Bee will continue the LaSara, Texas, ministry the second week of July. Much of the fabric that has been donated will be assembled into kits to make a variety of small projects to be sold to supplement their income. This year we will demonstrate how to make a small organizer, Kendall or I-pad cover, casserole carrier, hot pad with a ceramic tile base, coffee can caddy and several other items.

If you have a easy-to-sew pattern for an item that you think Winter Texans would purchase, please pass it on to us. We can use any good fabrics, especially Christmas fabric. We can also use any color of sew-in Velcro and thread. Your donations are far reaching and we thank you or your generosity.

Peggy Mobley

Care Quilt Workshop

The Care Quilt Workshop was held Tuesday, June 10th. Luci and Laura had the workshop in great shape before it started. Before Luci got ill, she had put together a large number of tops and backs and had cut enough wide strips for several flip and sew quilts. Laura had spent 30 hours quilting and preparing for the workshop.

Twenty members and one visitor, Hannah Cook, assisted on Tuesday. We had 23 completed quilts with several being completed by various members. Terry Skrabanek donated fabric and enough 9 patch blocks for several quilts. Several members took quilts home to complete the work that had begun including Diane, Beverly, Linda, Anne, Maggie, Laura and Laverne. Donors include Laverne (6 tops), Sue Idol (2 finished, 5 needing only binding, 5 needing to be tied), Carol Willson (1 finished, 2 to be tied), Gloria Warren with Sue Sprott (20 complete), Sue Ryan (14 tops), Anne (1 complete) and Jo Ann (1 complete). I know that others donated, but I do not have their names. Luci received 24 completed quilts and more quilt tops. Anyone who is willing to quilt and complete a quilt, please contact Luci.

Donation Quilt Update

At this time, Luci has turned in \$1260.00, and she has scheduled several outings for the quilt. It will go to the Caldwell Quilt Guild, to the 4th of July celebration in
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Quilts of Valor - June 10, 2014



Cynthia Chaffee (above, left), Quilts of Valor Region 4 Texas Coordinator, and Karen Feamer made a short presentation about the program on June 10. She asked members to create Quilts of Valor this year.

Recommended sizes are 60" x 80"; make quilt tops less than 55" x 65" or larger than 72" x 90". Red/white/blue are favored colors, but quilts with bright colors NOT red, white, and blue are also requested for women veterans in treatment in Houston. Quilts are packed into a decorated pillowcase. See www.QOVF.org for more specifications or send an e-mail to <cynthia.chaffee@QOVF.org>.



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Heritage Park, to Lone Star Quiltworks for the next Shop Hop, the Antique Show and First Friday in October. I will need assistance when the quilt goes to LSQW on July 12th and 13th. Also, I need members to sit with the quilt at the Antique Show July 25th through 27th. Sign-up sheets will be at the next Guild meeting. If anyone wishes to take the quilt to any Quilt Guild or has a place to show the quilt, please contact me.

Jo Ann Williams

2014 BBQG Speaker/Workshop Information and Schedule

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

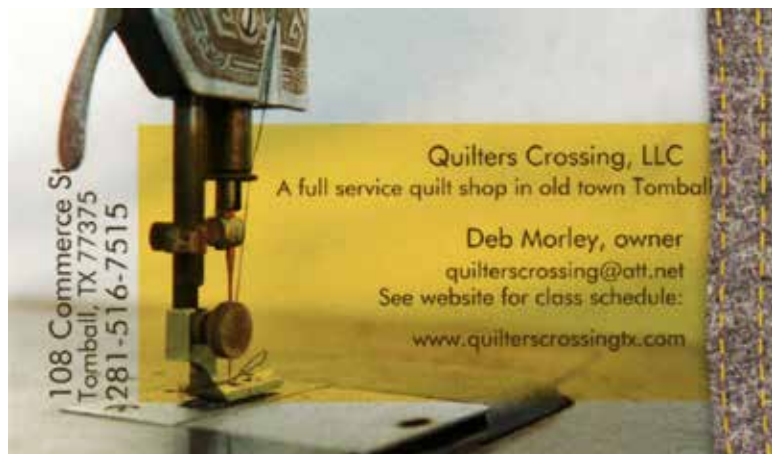
Nov. 11 - TBA - Room 102, Brazos Center

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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A full service quilt shop in old town Tomball

Deb Morley, owner
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www.quilterscrossingtx.com

Terry Skrabanek
Owner

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Round Top Retreat May 11 - 15, 2015

To all Quilters, stitchers, knitters, crocheters, well, you get the idea: the May Retreat in Round Top is a wonderful time of fun, relaxation, creativity, and NO Cooking required. There is nothing out of the ordinary about the group EXCEPT that we have no business/guild underwriting our time away. Thus, each year we, as the group present, review our 'by-laws' for use the subsequent year.

This year we had four gals from outside Texas. That has been the case for the last several years. What a talented group of ladies!

Payment can be in one check or several, i.e. \$50/month as long as the total \$300 is paid by end of November. Make checks payable to Quilt Retreat and mail to Karen McCall, 41236 Kelley Rd, Hempstead, TX 77445. The cost of the retreat after Nov. 30th is \$320.

If you have questions, call or email Jeanette Pynes, 979-220-6331, jnetpynes@yahoo.com.



Elaine Lorange's Quilt - shown 6/10/2014

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Above - James Williams' Quilt
From the Arikara Tribe

James Williams (Jo Ann's husband) recently accompanied his friend, Tommy Byrd, to a Memorial Service in White Shield, ND. Tommy had served in the Marine Corps with a couple of Indians from the Arikara tribe from this area. The town is located in central North Dakota on the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation.

On Memorial Day, the Arikara tribe went to several cemeteries and held a Memorial ceremony for the veterans at several local cemeteries ending at the Indian Scout Post No. 1 cemetery. This tribe fought in the battle at the Little Big Horn against Custer. The tribe members killed at this battle are buried at this cemetery. It also includes many other tribe members who served in the US services during the years.

After the cemetery services, everyone assembled at the tribe's meeting house for lunch and more ceremonies. During the ceremony, the tribe handed out a cap and a quilt to each of the visiting veterans who came from Texas, Nebraska, New York, Florida, and Pennsylvania.



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Scholarship Recipient Hannah Moore

The second 2014 BBQG Scholarship recipient is Hannah Moore; she will attend Texas A&M this fall. It was an inspiring event on May 21 at A&M Consolidated High School....amazing young folks!! Hannah's award quilt was created by Nancy Searcy. The photo of Mary Ann Durbin with Hannah and the quilt below.



A business card for 'the Celtic Quilter'. The logo features a stylized green and yellow Celtic knot. The text on the card includes: 'PATRICIA LOPES', '12422 BENT PINE DRIVE CYPRESS, TEXAS 77429 713-203-6259 BY APPOINTMENT', 'PROFESSIONAL LONGARM QUILTING SERVICES', 'T-SHIRT QUILTS - MEMORY QUILTS', 'SUPPLIER OF SUPERIOR THREADS & GADGET GIRL RULERS', 'AUTHORIZED NOLTING DEALER & HOBBS DISTRIBUTOR', 'TRISH@CELTICQUILTER.COM', and 'WWW.CELTICQUILTER.COM'.



Laura North showed this wonderful quilt during Show 'N Tell on May 13.



Above and to the left are three photos from the Care Quilt Workshop, held June 10. Above, Maggie and Luci showed their participation spirit!



BBQG Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by **Norma Reel**. As per our new schedule, the business meeting was held first.

The budget was presented by **Pat Patterson**. We have \$18,929.17 in our checking account. The majority of the activity was tied to summer retreat. We have \$11,765.33 in our savings account and we earned \$2.00 in interest last month. Our grand total is \$30,694.50.

Minutes were approved by a majority vote. Ann Day made the motion and Jeanette Pynes seconded it.

Brenda Brown reported that we have 59 members present at the beginning of the meeting. There were multiple people that were fashionably late and were not counted. We welcomed one new member, Mary Gammon, to the Guild. We had quite a few guests, Hannah Moore, Twana Brenna, Donna Harris, Audrey Mulky, Linda Ralston, Jackie Culver, and Elizabeth Whitley.

Lynn Thurston reported that she sent Luci and Debbie Malard (I could not find her name on the roster, so do not know if it is spelled correctly or not) cards.

The new block of the month is called Jonathan's Satchel.

Rather than go through all of the committees (with many who do not have regular reports), each chairperson has been asked to contact Norma if they would like to speak at the meeting.

Debbie Brooks is in charge of the Brazos Center window. The lovely quilts in the window belong to Charlotte Simpson. It was brought to the Guild's attention that people who are looking at the window would like more information about the quilts, who made them, what the pattern is called, etc.) While Debbie is agreeable to put the information in the window, it is up to the person who owns the quilts to provide the information. Maggie McGuire will have the next window display in September.

Please remember to pick up your raffle tickets and get them sold. We are behind on sales and need to make up lost ground. Remember, this is how we fund our programs and speakers.

Care Quilts Workday was held on June 10 and there was a huge crowd working the tables. **Jo Ann Williams** has volunteered to chair and the ladies of her bee will also be involved. We need several quilts to submit to the Go Texan Program. See Jo Ann if you have one.

Mary Ann Durbin introduced Hannah Moore, one of our scholarship winners. She is going to attend TAMU and major in Electrical Engineering. Hannah attended the Care Quilts workshop and was an eager learner as she began to explore the world of hand sewing. I sat at a table with her, and I can vouch for her tenacity. She never gave up.

The Quilt in Peace Bee is going on a mission trip to Lazarus, TX. **They are in need of donations of thread, Christmas fabric, sew-in Velcro and general fabric.**

Quilt Education chair, **Carol Willson**, brought back some items that had been loaned to the middle schoolers. The classes received lots of supplies, so the only thing they will need next year are new rotary blades.

Rebecca is looking for Chairs for the Quilt Show in 2015. If you are interested, please contact her. The date is not confirmed as they are consulting the A & M football schedule.

Ann Bay is replacing Susan Kelly as the Programs Chairperson. Unfortunately Susan is experiencing health issues and had to step down. Please send Happy Thoughts to Susan, and I know we all hope your health improves.

Program for July 8 is Cynthia Collier and she will be speaking on Baltimore Album Quilts. Her workshop on the 9th will be a block from one of her patterns. The blocked is called Cynthia Parker's dogtrot. It is one of four blacks in the wall hanging. Ask Ann if you would like to purchase the pattern or a kit. She is gathering that information to give to Cynthia. The kit is \$25 and the pattern \$28.

Jeanette Pynes spoke about a Retreat that is held in Round Top each year. The date is May 11-15, 2015 and the cost is \$300.00. Their group's preference is that you pay in full by 1 November.

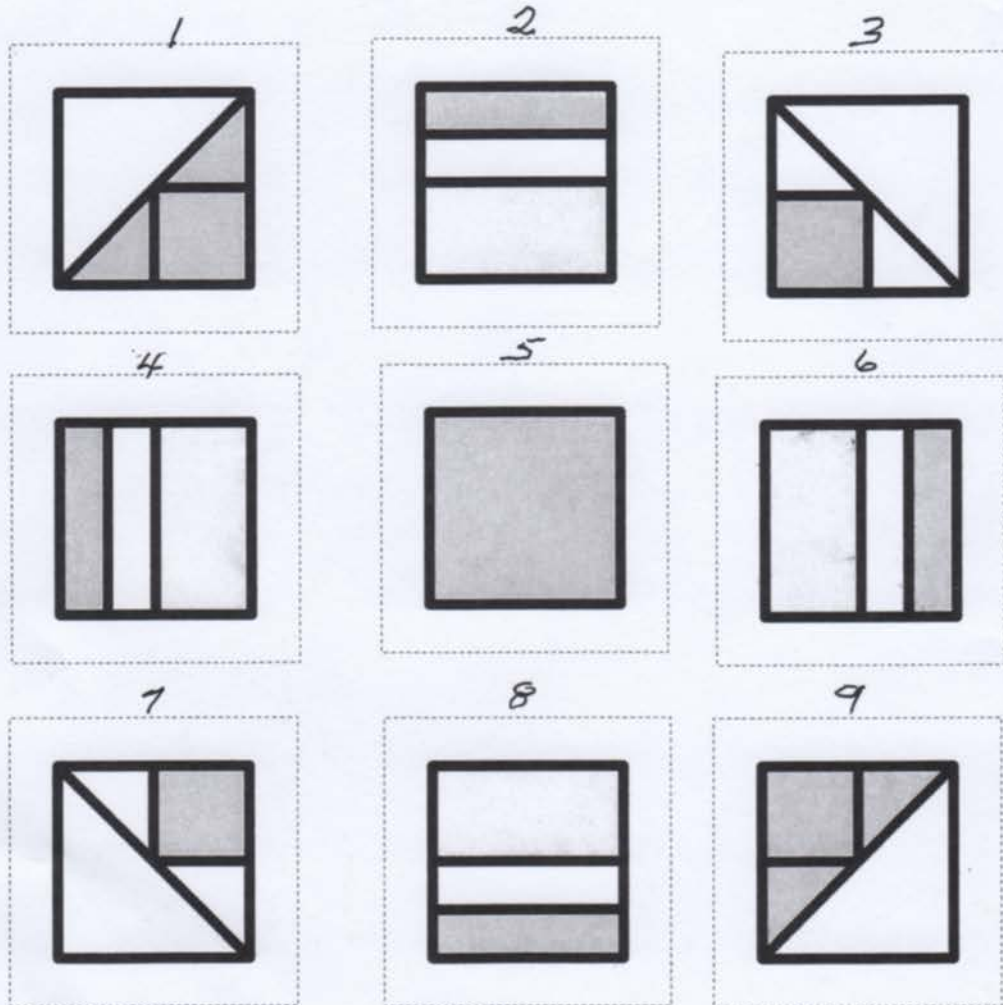
Alma is presenting a program entitled "Discovering the Art of Quilting" on Thursday, June 12 at First United Methodist Church in Bryan. This was a program that she developed through the extension service.

Our program was Cynthia Chaffee and Karen Feamer from the organization Quilts of Valor. Cynthia is the Texas Region 4 coordinator. When this program was started in 2003, the goal was to make 100 quilts. That goal actually took them 3 years to meet. Now they have made over 101,000,000 quilts. Cynthia told many stories about the program and the many creative ways they get the job done. The mission of the organization is to make quilts for all warriors of our county who have visible or invisible wounds. One interesting tidbit concerned women who have served. There is a sexual abuse unit at the Houston VA (also at the Temple VA) that works directly with women soldiers who experienced sexual trauma while serving. These woman love quilts that are brightly colored rather than the traditionally red, white and blue. This is all about feeling pretty and not so military. There were many more stories but I was so busy listening, I forgot to write them down. Such an inspiring program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maggie McGuire, Secretary

This block is due on July 8, 2014.

Due July 2014
"Jonathan's Satchel"
From the book "The Union Quilters"
By Jennifer Chiaverini



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

Center

From the dark blue floral---

Cut 1 sq 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"

2-4-6-8 sq's

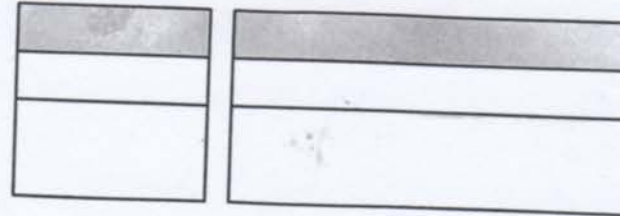
Cut 1 Light green strip-----2 1/2" x 20"

Cut 1 Bkgd strip ----- 1 1/2" x 20"

Cut 1 dark red floral strip-----1 1/2" x 20"

Sew together to make a strip--- 4 1/2" x 20"

Sub cut to make 4- 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" block's
(there will be some left over)



1-3-7-9

From the dark red floral cut 4- 2 1/2" sq's

From the darker green cut-- 2-3" sq.

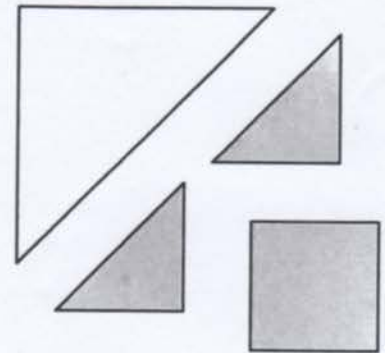
Cut diagonally once.

To make 4- half sq triangles.

From the gold cut -----2- 3" sq.

Cut diagonally once.

To make 4-half sq triangles.



From the bkgd cut----- 2 --5" sq's

Cut diagonally once

To make 4 half sq triangles for the corners

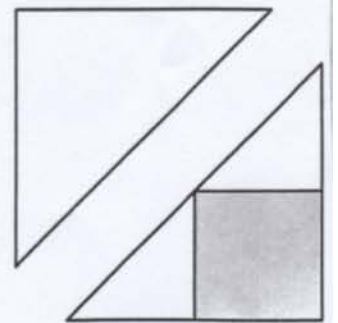
Sew 2 small triangles to each 2 1/2" sq.

Sew the larger half sq triangle

to the previous triangles

Making a 4 1/2" block sew together

using graft on 1st page.



HAPPY SEWING!!!!!!!