



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Message – June, 2014

VALIDATING OTHERS.....

It has been on my mind that we need to take the time to validate and compliment others. It's such a simple thing, really. We actually think it all the time.

"She looks great in that dress."

"That color makes her eyes sparkle."

"He's been working out and looks so healthy."

"He spoke so kindly to that small child."

"She handled that situation with such grace."

"He nailed that presentation."

"She's always the first one to work every day."

"Her quilt is amazing and has beautiful colors."

"What an awesome talent he/she has to make such a creation."

I think these thoughts all the time, but find I have to be diligent in actually speaking the words to the teller, the waiter, my loved ones, my co-workers, my guild members, my quilting friends, and my customers. Thinking them is nice, but speaking them magnifies their power, elevates the person's day and sense of value, and usually gets them doing more of the same to others as they move on through their day.

It's simple. It's free. And everyone benefits from it.

This week, find as many reasons as you possibly can to compliment, acknowledge, and uplift everyone and anyone you come in contact with including your children, your co-workers, people you meet as you do business in your community, and certainly your fellow quilting friends and guild members. Give the blessing of validating others.

Norma Reel

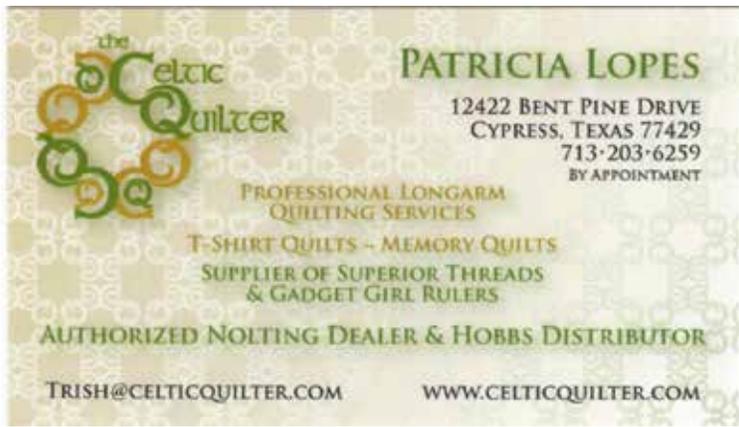
President, BBQG

June Board Meeting Notice

Board Meeting will be Monday, June 2 at Hobby Lobby -- Time: 6:00pm

May's Membership Report:

68 members attended meeting; 7 visitors attended meeting
296 volunteer hours recorded; we have a total of 142 members in the guild



Habitat for Humanity Wall Hangings

Many thanks to the following people who supported Habitat for Humanity with wall hangings: **Dottie Wilson, Janice Mosely, Terry Skrabanek/LoneStar Quilworks, Deb DeRoache, and Delores Rydell.**

At this time we have a good stock of banners, but they are busy building!

Nancy Searcy
Habitat for Humanity

Area Quilt Shows

June 27-28, 2014 - "Fabric of our Lives Quilt Show" presented by The Happy Hearts Quilt Guild. Location: Giddings High School, 2337 N Main St (Hwy 77 N), Giddings, TX 78942; Admission \$5.00 (2 day pass) For more information: (979) 542-2782

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.

BBQG Summer Retreat

The summer quilt retreat, June 19-22, 2014 at Smithville is full. If you would like to be on the waiting list, you can sign up at the next guild meeting.

Rowena Reed
Summer Retreat

Door Prizes

Door prizes for guild meetings are donated by guild members and businesses. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Marty Fuller by phone 979-774-3759 or e-mail martha7fuller@gmail.com, or bring door prize to the monthly meeting.

Our door prize box is almost empty so any donations will be appreciated.

Thank you,
Marty Fuller
Door Prizes

Buzz from Bees

Quilt 'N Peace bee members turned in 19 care quilts to the BBQG meeting in May. Most of the fabric was donated by various individuals, and Connie H. did all the machine quilting. The Bee now has 27 members and spent last week making a personal organizer for quilting tools. Plans are to eventually have several groups working on one project so that there will be teaching or learning opportunities for different quilting skills. Soldier squares are on the schedule for next month.

Kathy Ashley
Bee Keeper

News from Luci Smith

[This is the latest news as of 5/28, after Luci suffered a stroke and was in rehab for awhile.]

Hello Friends of Luci:
Luci is going home this Thursday [5/29]!

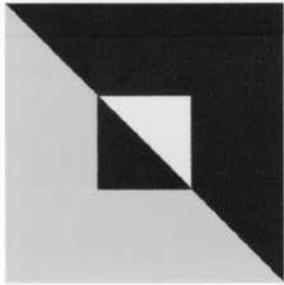
Her daughter, Debbie, will be staying with her and Luci will have outpatient therapy. We don't know the schedule yet.

Things are hectic for them right now. **Please wait until next week, then call before visiting.**

Thank you!
Laura North

THANK YOU!!

Julie Sabrsula has volunteered to take the Secretary-elect position. Thank you, Julie!!



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2014 BBQG Speaker/Workshop Information and Schedule

June 10 - TUESDAY - Care Quilts Workshop, 9-3 - Assembly IV, Brazos Center Please come and join the group at the Brazos Center Assembly 4 to work on care quilts. You can bring your sewing machine, supplies or just yourself. There will be all kinds of things to do that day needing various levels of skills. Stay as long as you like or just drop by. Bring a brown bag lunch. For those of you new to the guild, this is a nice time to come and get to know some of the guild members. Also if you would like to learn some new tricks, there is always someone who does something just a little bit different.

June 10 - Quilts of Valor - Room 201, 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

Minutes for May BBQG Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2014
 Location: Brazos Center

Susan Kelly called the meeting to order on May 13, 2014 at 7:09. It was announced that we would be reordering the meeting tonight by having the business meeting first and the program second.

Pat Patterson was called forward to announce the scholarship winners. He was subbing for Ettie. He announced that **Hannah Moore from Consolidated High School** was the first winner of the \$1,000.00 scholarship. She will be presented with a certificate and a quilt on May 21st. A letter was read from Hannah thanking the guild for it's generosity. The second winner was present at the meeting and introduced. His name is **Connor Armstrong** and he is being home schooled.



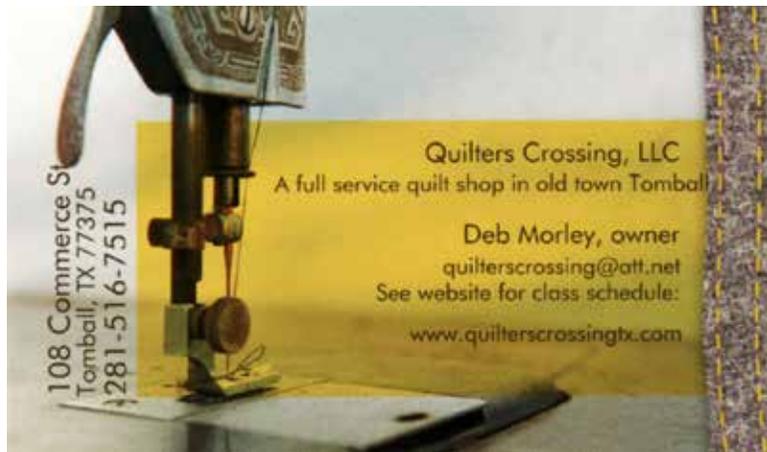
A short biography was read about Connor. He is an Eagle Scout and plays basketball on the Home Schooler's team. He was also the captain of the Home Schooler's football team. He plans to major in Architecture and his brother stated that he is the only person he knows who killed two deer in one day--one with a rifle and one with his truck. His mother, Pat Armstrong, and his brother, Harrison, were both present to see Connor accept his certificate and quilt.

Connor thanked everyone and said he might try and learn how to quilt in the next few years. Each recipient will have \$500.00 of their tuition paid in the Fall (14) and Spring (15). Both recipients will be attending Texas A&M.
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Ettie made the quilt for Connor, and Nancy Searcy made the quilt for Hannah.

Pat had forgotten his copy of the treasure's report. Maggie read the copy that he had given her at the executive meeting.

The minutes were accepted as published by motion made by Linda Bridges and seconded by Lynn Thurston.

Kathy Davis gave the membership report citing 68 members present. **Cathleen Auld, Jan Madeley, Rosemary Sims** and **Kerry Fisher** were introduced as visitors.

Charlotte Simpson introduced the new block, Union Hall. Seven blocks had been returned and Debbie Ginn won them. Charlotte also told us about her 100-year-old mother's birthday party.

Door prizes were hard to give away tonight. A total of 8 people had their names called, but only **Sue Idol, Sue Ryan, Gloria Krenshaw** and **Carol Willson** had their nametags. Suggestions were made to keep nametags in the car.

Happy birthday to **Mary Ellen Bell, Olivia Canales, Marijane Deen, Flo Friend, Alice Luttbeg, Gloria Naiser, Anne Perry, Mary Ratke, Norma Reel, Connie Silber, Dana Sudduth,** and **Teri Walker**. Each birthday girl who was present received a sweet package of chocolate in celebration.

Sunshine and Shadows. **Lynn Thurston** sent out several cards and notes this month.

Luci reported that 36 quilts and 8 Compassionate Care Quilts have been given out. **June 10, 2014 will be our care quilt workday.** Please come and join the group at the Brazos Center Assembly 4 to work on care quilts. You can bring your sewing machine, supplies or just yourself. There will be all kinds of things to do that day needing various levels of skills. Stay as long as you like or just drop by. Bring a brown bag lunch. For those of you new to the guild, this is a nice time to come and get to know some of the guild members.

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Nadine Stuth passed out flyers for the **2014 Challenge Quilt**. It is entitled **Quilt on the Wild Side**. Each quilt must be **approximately 40" by 40" - 60"**. The flyer states that WILD can be "fabric, patterns, ideas, theme, hares, colors..... Questions???? Contact Nadine Stuth 693-1874 or nadinestuth@hotmail.com

Chris Deppe has reorganized the website and added buttons for all the wonderful pictures she has uploaded. She thought it would go live on the 14th of May. Please share your photos with her, but please be sure to include your name.

Carol Willson is working hard with Consolidated Middle School to support their quilting project. In addition to the supplies that she asked to be donated to the program, she is requesting help in the classrooms with the students as they make their quilts. If you would like to help, please contact Carol Willson.

Summer retreat is right around the corner. It is full with three people on the waiting list.

Marian Dierschke has brought Soldier Squares kits if anyone would like them.

Susan Kelly went over upcoming programs. Tomorrow's workshop had to be canceled due to poor enrollment. She asked members to think about whether we need to change the workshops to another day as so many members are working. On June 10th we will be having a meeting that evening (after all day Care Quilt workshop). Our speaker will be someone from the Quilt for Valor program. Pat Patterson showed us a quilt of Valor that he made from blocks given to him by Lone Star Quilt Works [see next page].

OLD BUSINESS:

We are still looking for a replacement for Luci. (This has become critical due to Luci's illness)

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Above, Benita Ebel shows her quilt during Show 'N Tell on May 13.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Ann Bay shared information about Appliqué Away on Galveston Bay.

Susan introduced our speaker for the evening, **Marcie Wendrock**. She spoke on Civil War Quilting. Included in her presentation were the various types of processes used for dyeing fabric. She provided information on dating quilts by the colors they were made with. After her presentation, she provided a trunk show with a multitude of examples of old and new quilts.

The meeting ended with Show and Tell.

I wanted to report what I was told about the temperature in the Brazos Center. I know many of you went out to speak with the employees about how cold it was. I was told that the people who staff the center at night do not have the code needed to control the AC. Hence, we are at the mercy of someone who is not there. Bottom line, you might consider bringing something warm to wear "just in case".

Respectfully submitted by **Maggie McGuire**, Sec.

Quilt Education Activity

For the past two weeks, members and volunteers have been helping with the eighth grade math classes' quilt project at AMCMS in College Station.

All students had a pattern and instructions to follow and worked in groups of four. They took turns with measuring, cutting, sewing and pressing. A little practice and staying on task (though not easy) showed results when the 4-patch blocks came together. One student in each group will get to keep the quilt. At this writing, most are putting the layers together and are thrilled with the finished product!

Big 'thank yous' go out to **Sherrill J., Carolyn S. Linda B., Debbie G., Jayne G., Pat P., and Charles G.** We appreciate the time they gave to assist the students.

Also, thanks to **Norene R., Arlene G., Vanessa M., and Eileen B., and the teachers, Ms. Sofka, Ms. White and Ms. Pruitt** for helping in the classrooms, too.
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I think the teachers learned some of the skills needed for this project. With six different classes taking part in the activity, they were very thankful to have experienced quilters to rely on. Most classes were very productive; maybe we even cultivated the 'quilting bug' in a student or two. We hope to have photos included in next month's newsletter and on the website.

My thanks to all who helped the students be successful and proud of their work.

Carol Willson
Quilt Education

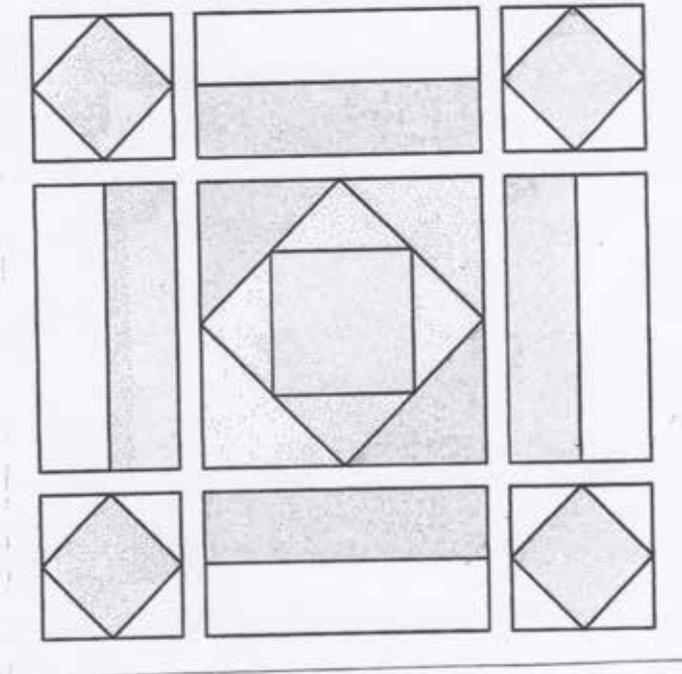


Quilt 'N Peace bee members turned in 19 Care Quilts, showing only a few during Show 'N Tell on May 13. Wonderful!!!



This block is due on June 10, 2014.

Union Hall
From "The Union Quilters"
By Jennifer Chiaverini
Due June 10, 2014



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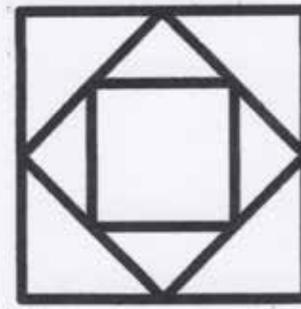
Union Hall

Center sq.

From the red cut---1- 3 1/2" sq.

From the blue cut ---1-4 1/4" sq. Cut diagonally both way, sew the triangles to the red center piece

To make a 4 3/4 sq.



From the gold & green, cut 1- 4" sq from each
Cut diagonally once. Sew to the 4 3/4" blue
& red sq. Sq to 6 1/2" if needed.

Cut 1 strip from red, blue 13" x 2"

Cut 2 strips from bkgrd 13" x 2" sew blue, red to
The bkgrd fabric--cut each in half, making
2-6 1/2" strips.



Corner stones--from the red, cut 4--2 1/2" sq.

From the bkgrd cut 8--2 1/2" sq. cut diagonally once.

Sew to red sq on each side. Trim to 3 1/2"



Sew the corner blocks to the ends of red & bkgrd strips

Sew the blue & bkgrd strip to sides,
then the red & bkgrd to the other sides.



Happy Sewing!!!!