



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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**Anne Perry, Editor    Michaele Jackson, Co-Editor**

### **BBQG President's Message – May, 2014**

It has been such a joy this year to see all the bluebonnets and just stop wherever we are and snap a photo so that we can remember this moment. Many of you have been traveling or have seen all the people stopping to take photos along the highway and various roads. Photos in the middle of bluebonnet fields have been showing up all over Facebook. Everyone looks so happy and peaceful sitting in those bluebonnet fields. The popular bluebonnets will be vanishing before long and our photos will keep reminding us how beautiful and pleasant those bluebonnets made us feel.

Just a quick reminder that our photos such as they are -- digital, computerized, hard copy can make us all feel better and bring us laughter, peace and tears. (My photo of my very first quilt brings me tears and laughter. Ha!) Yet that same photo will bring feelings of pride and success. As seasons come and go, as children run and grow, as our family life rapidly flows, and as some days we move fast and then slow; don't forget to snap those special moments, places, people, quilts, etc. that make for so many special feelings for years to come.

***Norma Reel***

President, BBQG

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### **May Board Meeting Notice**

**Board Meeting will be Monday, May 5 at Hobby Lobby -- Time: 6:00pm**

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### **April's Membership Report:**

**61 members, 8 visitors, 281 volunteer hours reported**

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### **Openings for positions in BBQG:**

**Raffle/Donation Quilt (to replace Luci) --- NOW**

**Secretary Elect for 2015**

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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](http://www.facebook.com/fallfrolicquiltshow).

## THANK YOU!!

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

## Habitat for Humanity Wall Hangings

On Saturday two families received the keys to their homes after 500 hours of "sweat equity" on other people's homes. There were tears and laughter as volunteers who had bonded with the families attended. A beautiful sight.

At the April meeting three banners were received from Melody Nelson, Kerry Dwyer, and Mary Anne Durbin. Marijane Deen gave me hers a little later. Thank you so much.

**Nancy Searcy**  
Habitat for Humanity

## Quilting Bee Frame Needed

Marty Fuller is teaching 16 ladies at the Lincoln Center to quilt. They are working on lap quilts now but would like to make larger quilts and start having Quilting Bees and need a frame.

Does any one have a frame they would like to donate or loan or sell to the center? Please call (979-774-3759) or e-mail ( [martha7fuller@gmail.com](mailto:martha7fuller@gmail.com) ) .

## Area Quilt Shows

May 16-17 - "First Love" - Lakeview Quilters Guild 2014 Quilt Show. Victory Camp at Living Stones Church, 1407 Victory Lane, Alvin, Texas; Friday, 9 - 5; Saturday, 9 - 4 Admission: \$7; Children 12 & under free. Boutique, raffle quilt, vendors, and small quilts at auction. Many beautiful judged quilts will be displayed. [www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org](http://www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org)

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

## 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

## 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](mailto: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**

## Buzz from Bees

**The Happy Scrappers** held a workday to make flannel baby blankets for the nursery at Central Baptist Church. This was in appreciation for the church providing a room for the bee to meet. The bee made over 30 blankets.

All of our **Busy Bees** have been occupied with grandchildren & other activities lately, so our meetings have been short on member participation. But we've each been busy with individual projects and active in the Farmers Wives Pony Club and the Miniatures Club at LSQW.

**Quilt 'n Peace** bee turned in 11 care quilts and one twin-size quilt at the April Guild meeting. Thanks to Connie H. for machine quilting our care quilts. Participation at weekly meetings continues to be high (and fun) with 5 of the 24 members celebrating a birthday with cake the second week of April.

**Kathy Ashley**  
Bee Keeper



## 2014 BBQG Speaker/Workshop Information and Schedule

There are still spaces in Connie Silber's workshop on April 9 - Deconstructing and Reconstructing Clothing for Quilts. We've been waiting for another "Connie workshop" for several years as we have not wanted to over-use her. The supply list is posted on the website or members can call me at 979-595-6603, and I will send a copy.

May's workshop with Marcie Wendrock will be her "Tickled Pink Stars" wall hanging - May 14. I am still waiting for her supply list. The pattern looks like it would also make a wonderful Quilts of Valor, with different colors and an extended size. Her workshop sign-up sheet will be available at the April meeting or members can contact me by phone or email.

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 - Care Quilts 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

## Minutes for April BBQG Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at

Location: Brazos Center

**Norma** called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

### Susan introduced **Connie Silber and her presentation of "Treasured Memories in Clothing Quilts."**

Connie spoke about a commission that she accepted which included over six tubs of clothing from a family that wanted her to turn them into remembrance quilts from their grandparents. Included in her program was how to choose which parts of the clothes would work best and special pieces to save. In addition to her photos, Connie brought samples of other items that she has made from clothing.

**Pat Patterson** gave his budget report. When all items had been explained, we ended up with a positive balance of \$32,270.24.

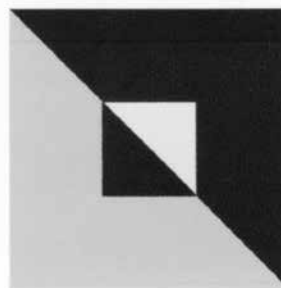
**Minutes** were clarified to read there are 12 remaining slots for the winter retreat and Block of the Month is being organized by Charlotte Simpson. Previous minutes had been unclear and Charlotte had been misidentified. Bunny Douglas made the motion to accept the minutes with the clarification. Glenn Lorange seconded the motion.

**Brenda Brown** noted that we had 61 members signed in and 8 visitors.

**Lynn Thurston** shared that she had sent one sympathy card.

**Linda Bridges substituted for Charlotte Simpson** for Block of the Month. Cookie Pears won the blocks. Next month's block is called Pennsylvania.

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**Marty Fuller** had a variety of door prizes donated by Lone Star Quiltworks, Country Living Quilts and Charlotte Simpson. They were won by Eddie Hurst, Melody Nelson and Louise Darcey.

**April birthdays** were celebrated by Brenda Brown, Kassie Collins, Catherine Davis, Kimberly Debona, Christine Deppe, Kerry Dwyer, Carol Laughlin, Maggie McGuire, Bobbie Middleton, Peggy Mobley, Theresa Morrison, Elaine Smith, Kathy Vaughn, Jane Wert and Carol Willson

### Committee reports began with:

- Jo Ann Williams telling us about First Friday.
- The Hospice quilt is red, white and blue stars. There have been 9 quilts donated to Hospice and Pat is working on an additional one.
- A very honest lady by the name of Judy Turner sent a \$1.00 to the guild when she discovered that her quilt pack of 5 actually contained a sixth ticket.
- Nancy Searcy provided fliers for the Challenge Quilts for Nadine. These will be displayed at the mini quilt show in the fall. All Challenge Quilts should be 40x40 or 40x46. The top three will be auctioned and the rest are given as care quilts. Please be sure to NOT put a sleeve in them.
- Nancy reported that she has three more Welcome banners that have been turned in by Melody Nelson, Kerry Dwyer and Mary Ann Durbin.
- This Saturday there will be two dedications of Habitat Homes.
- Please call Sue Idol if you would like to look through the library.
- Please have all information turned in for the newsletter and web site by the 20th of the month.
- Summer retreat is full with 4 on the waiting list.
- Winter retreat has 12 openings left.
- Ettie Hurst reports that the scholarship quilts are ready to be delivered. Pat Patterson, Charles Gilreath and Mary Anne Durbin have agreed to serve on the selection committee.
- Susan Kelly noted that our next program would be Marcie Windrock speaking on Civil War Quilts. Her

workshop will be a wall hanging. The June workshop will be working on Care Quilts.

### Old Business:

• **We are still in need of a Secretary and someone to replace Lucy who has Chaired the Raffle Quilt for many years.**

- We donated a quilt for KAMU Super Auction, which will be held April 28 through May 7.
- Debbie Walters from Quilting Adventures told us about her services. Anyone who is interested can go to her website to see what is available for 2015.

### New Business:

- Norma shared information that she had received from Ricky Timm's about sending emails to our list serve to promote a workshop he is giving in San Antonio. In return for sending three email blasts, our guild would receive \$120.00 of promotional materials. A discussion was held and Sue Sprott made a motion to not participate. Kerry Dwyer seconded it and the motion carried.
- Vicky Carpenter shared that a quilt that she made for a raffle benefiting Muscular Dystrophy raised \$1550.00!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02

Respectfully submitted by

**Maggie McGuire**  
Secretary

April 15 2014  
12 1/2" unfinished block  
Pennsylvania- from  
Jennifer Chiaverini  
"The Union Quilters"



Center block----1--4 1/2" blue square

Gold--4--2 1/2" X 4 1/2" rectangles

Red--4--2 1/2" squares

Bkgrd--4-- rectangles 2 1/2" X 8 1/2"

Brown--4--2 1/2" squares for outside corners

**HAPPY SEWING!!!!!!**

