



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Message – November, 2014

We have so much talent in our Quilt Guild! As I sat recently looking at the quilts at our mini quilt show on October 14, I was so impressed. Then when I went to the Brazos Valley Fair to sell tickets for our donation quilt and saw it for the first time, it was "Wow"...very big and colorful. Once again, I was impressed with the quilt itself, the quilting and what our members can do.

And if that was not enough to impress me, I got chills of joy looking at the Grand Prize quilts that were entered in the Brazos Valley Fair because our very own, Lynn McCartney, won two grand prizes with the most exceptional quilts that I have ever seen. As you all know, Lynn McCartney was given an award at our recent meeting by the "Go Texan" committee. Lynn McCartney pieces and does quilting that I call "making friends with the hill."

Personally, I tend to stay in my comfort zone, and I'm pretty sure that most of us do. My favorite poem when I was in school was Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken." Many times we have things come across our path, and it is so much easier to stay on the road we are familiar with or the road everyone else takes. Often times I have to stop and think when I am making a decision as simple as a quilt pattern to pick for my next project; am I going to do what I know or am I going to "make friends with the hill" and attempt that Judy Niemeyer pattern that scares me just looking at it? Am I going to sit at the guild meeting and just be a member because it is safe, or am I going to "make friends with the hill" and raise my hand and "be a President"?

These are just a few examples, but I challenge you to start looking at "making friends with the hill". Let's be clear....it will put you at the edge of your discomfort, and it will be hard...but a good kind of hard. It is the kind of hard that you feel when you dangle your toes over that edge and see a raging river full of rapids and boulders standing between you and your known world and the other side where the things you want reside. It's a good time to get wet. I'm anticipating that you will swim better than you imagined, arrive on the shore ahead of schedule, and be stronger than ever because of the experience. Challenge yourself and get really curious about other options and paths.

Norma Reel
President, BBQG

November Board Meeting will be Monday, November 3, 6 p.m. at Hobby Lobby.

**October's Membership Report:
65 members, 10 visitors, and 241 volunteer hours**

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BBQG Christmas Party!

November 11 Speaker

Martha DeLeonardis will be doing a lecture called Design Opportunities. Her website is www.marthadzines.com.

Below, one of the two Grand Champion quilts entered by Lynn McCartney in the recent Brazos Valley Fair.

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at the Brazos Center; bring food at 6; dinner around 6:30 PM

Maggie McGuire and Linda Bridges (formerly known as the Kitchen Witches!) will plan the event - We'll need lots of help!!

We think guild members make the most wonderful food, so we want it to be **Pot Luck**. Totally! Just bring your favorite dish. We'll need casseroles, salads, breads, drinks, and desserts!! Lots of desserts! You don't need to tell us what you are bringing...we like the idea of throwing caution to the wind!!! And we always have plenty, so come even if you can't bring anything!

Also, we would like to continue the **gift exchange** we have done in the past. For those of you who are new, bring a \$20 quilty-related gift (handmade if possible, but not necessary). Many gifts in the past are worth much more than \$20, but that's all we want you to "spend"! Be prepared to "steal" a gift or have yours stolen in the fun exchange I've always called the "Chinese gift exchange". (We will only allow two steals so we can get home at a decent hour!) At any rate, it is lots of fun and good cheer!

If you wish to help set up or clean up, please contact Linda or Maggie at: lindabridges75@gmail.com maggie@drmaggiemcguire.com




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Area Quilt Shows

January 23-25, 2015 - "Quilts on the Bayou" Fri/Sat, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Location: Jeffersonian Institute, 120 E. Austin St., Jefferson, TX 75657; \$5/adults, \$4/children 6-12, \$9/3-day pass. Viewers Choice Open Show with cash awards, workshops, demonstration, lectures, door prizes, raffle quilt, merchant mall and special exhibits. www.jeffersonquiltshow.com; e-mail <jqshow@yahoo.com>

February 19-22, 2015 - QuiltCon (the international show and conference of the Modern Quilt Guild)
 Location: Austin Convention Center, 500 E Cesar Chavez St., Austin Texas 78701

February 22-26, 2015 - Applique Away on Galveston Bay
 Go online for more information and to register:
www.appliqueawayongalvestonbay.com.

The Viewers' Choice winners of the Challenge Quilt competition were as follows:

First Place: Linda Winder with "Wild Things of Alaska"



Second Place: Linda Novosad with "Wild African Friends"



Small Quilt Show - October 14, 2014

The winner of the Go Texan competition was **Luci Smith** with this quilt:

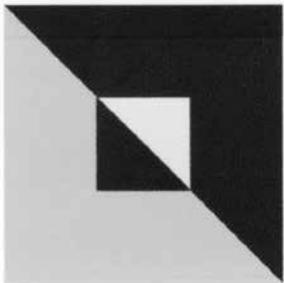


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Pat Patterson's quilt, "The Outback - Wild" arrived too late for the voting, but earned the highest auction dollars.



Winner of the 2014 Donation Quilt was Nini Hodges. (She used Louis' address labels on her entry tickets.)



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Third Place: Charlotte Simpson with "Window to the Wild"



Quilt Education Thanks

A big thank you to our volunteers who helped make Booneville Days a great success!

Jayne Goetz, Linda Novosad, Maggie McGuire, Sherrill Johnson and Laverne Ondrasek made it easy to have our times covered for the day. A few children did try their hand at stitching, some younger children were happy just to color a pretty quilt design!

I so appreciate all your help; a sincere 'thank you' to each one of you.

Carol Willson

Quilt Education

Bee News

The **Busy Bees** have been meeting routinely & have enjoyed taking classes at LSQW for Judy Niemeyer & Sue Daley patterns. We also participated in the Quilt Across Texas Shop Hop & even won some prizes. All the BBs are looking forward to the Quilt Festival in Houston. Our Bee remains closed to new members due to lack of working space.

Quilt 'n Peace took our usual 5th Tuesday shopping trip to the Austin area the last of September. Members visited three shops and came back with fabric and new ideas for quilts. Because there are 26 people enrolled now, we have divided into 3 groups to work on care quilts. There was a new member last Tuesday and we are still open if you would like to join our "fantastic" group. We plan to do an individual project in November instead of the care quilts. Rowena will lead is in constructing a sweat-shirt jacket. Some members work and can only participate during the summer or holidays, so for now, there is room for more.

Kathy Ashley, Bee Keeper



The Brazos Valley Go-Texan Committee visited our October mini quilt show/dinner and presented both BBQG and artist/quilter Lynn McCartney with plaques of appreciation for "dedication and support".



Eighteenth Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

Fall is in the air and it's time to start thinking about winter retreat! The 18th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat will be held February 5-9, 2015 at Camp Lone Star in La Grange.

If you would like to attend (and did not pre-register last spring), you may sign up for the winter retreat beginning at 6:30 p.m. November 11 at the Brazos Center.

Because of space limitations, the retreat is open to BBQG members only (persons who have been paid-up members since January 2014). Registrants have the option of signing up for either 3 nights (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) or 4 nights (Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday). The cost of the retreat is the same as last year: \$230 for 3 nights or \$280 for 4 nights. These costs include meals and lodging. Twelve spaces are left and once the retreat is full, a waiting list will be started to fill vacancies as they occur.

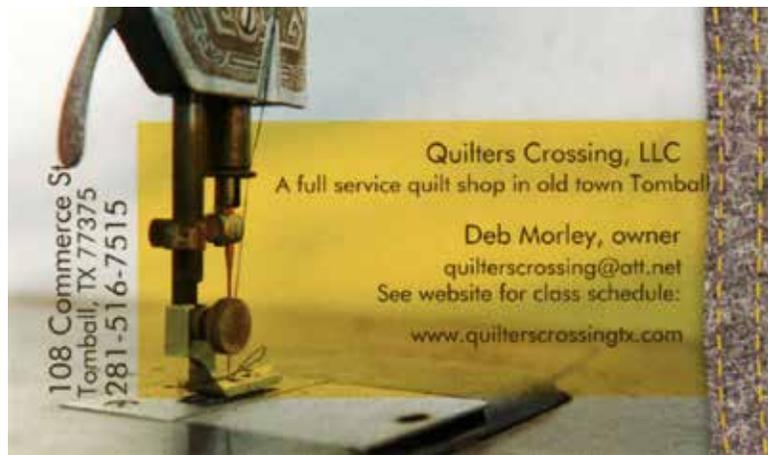
A \$50 deposit must be given in person to Jeanne Joham at the time of sign-up to confirm your reservation. If you are unable to register in person November 11, you may have someone who is not going to retreat complete the process for you.

If more than one person from your group cannot register in person, each of them has to send a different person not going to retreat to register on their behalf. We will not accept more than one registration per person.

The balance will be due by the January BBQG meeting. You may also pay for the retreat in installments, but the final payment is due January 13, 2015 -- no exceptions!!

Also, please remember that all participants must pay their 2015 BBQG annual dues before making final payment for the 2015 winter retreat. All monies collected are deposited when received. Refunds will be given for emergencies per BBQG by-laws.

For more information, please contact Jeanne Joham at 589-2191.



Mary Gammon and Catherine Auld, who recently joined BBQG, were among the volunteers selling tickets for the 2015 Donation Quilt at the Brazos Valley Fair.



Here are two winning quilts from the Jewett Quilt Show on October 3-4: above, Teri Walker with her First Place "Braided Frogs" quilt in the Small Quilt-Machine Quilted division. Below, Teri's granddaughter, Kaeli Walker, placed First in the Youth division for 5-10 year-olds and Best of Show for Youth with her "Best Friends" quilt.



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In addition to the two quilts at left, BBQG member Bunny Douglas won First Place in the Wall Hangings division with her "Sunset and Ducks" quilt.

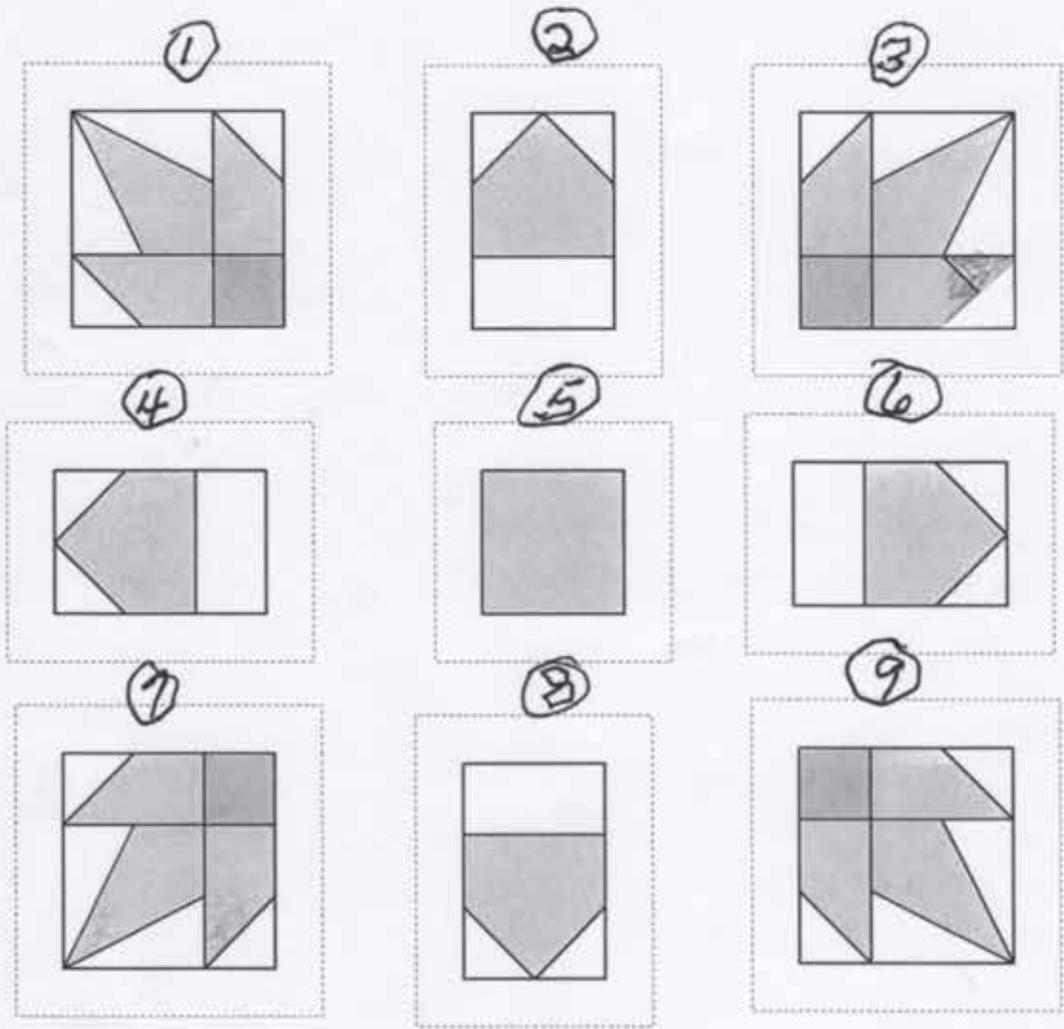
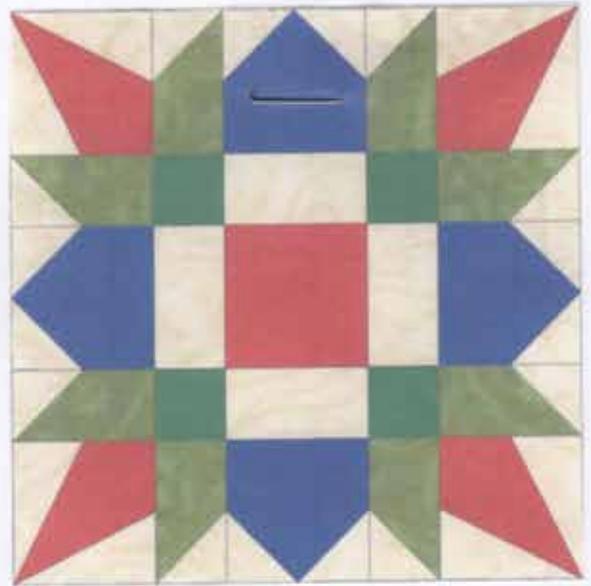


Anne Perry won Second Place in the Wall Hangings division with her "Troutfest Donation" quilt.



Charley Stokey's Star
 From "The Union Quilters"
 By Jennifer Chiaverini
 12 1/2 inch unfinished square.
 Due Nov. 2014

This Block of the Month is due prior to the
 November 11 meeting.



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

Charley Stokey's Star

Blocks 1 3 7 9

Cut 2 bkgrd and 1 red with templates
For each corner square.

Cut 8 lt green strips 2" x 3 1/2" .

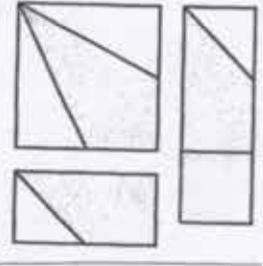
Cut 8- 2" squares from bkgrd.

Sew a 2" square to each green strip

Corner to corner. Fold open. Cut off excess.

THE GREEN PIECES MUST BE MIRROR
IMAGES. 4 to the left and 4 to the right.

Sew a 2" drk green square to the bottom of 4
Lt green strip.

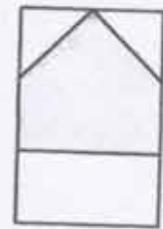


Blocks 2 4 6 8

Cut 4- 3 1/2" squares from the blue. Snow ball

The 2 top corners with 2" bkgrd fabric.

Add a 2" x 3 1/2" rectangle from the bkgrd fabric to the bottom.



Block 5

Cut a 3 1/2" square from the red.

Happy sewing!!!!

