



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Anne Perry, Editor Michaele Jackson, Co-Editor

BBQG President's Message – September, 2014

Trading Weight for Knowledge.....well, Lola certainly took a lot of weight off my shoulders when I attended the last guild meeting, and all I did was laugh and have a really good time getting involved in her stories and quilts. Nothing else was on my mind, and I was taking it all in and enjoying the moment.

There are other moments in life when we get weighed down. People disappoint. They overwhelm, frustrate, worry, judge, scare and deceive. Sometimes I disappoint, overwhelm, frustrate, worry, judge, scare and deceive myself. I judge my state of being by how I feel and these emotions always feel heavy. They weigh on my mind, my heart and my energy. I can recall dark moments in my life when it felt like I literally could not breathe. As though my very existence would be crushed under the weight of those powerful emotions.

As I was watching a video on the Discovery channel by Van Peski who was helping an experienced hiking guide reduce a 42 lb. pack to just under 14 lbs -- a 66% Decrease --- a light bulb went off. Van Peski stated in his video that backpacking gear falls into three basic categories: Food, Shelter and Safety. He urged that those interested in carrying lighter packs should proceed with caution when making choices about what goes and what stays. He cautioned that we should "trade weight for knowledge." The trick is trading weight for knowledge.

That is exactly what we need when we are carrying the weight of heavy emotions....to trade them for knowledge. Like the knowledge that we cannot feel gratitude and scarcity or lack at the same time. Knowledge such as we are stronger and more resilient than we think we are. Knowledge that we have the power to change our perception of reality and create an environment of our own liking. Knowledge like "this too shall pass" and we are endlessly creative beings. Knowledge that resources are never limited, only resourcefulness. Our speaker at the August meeting, Lola Jenkins, was a good example of that for all of us.

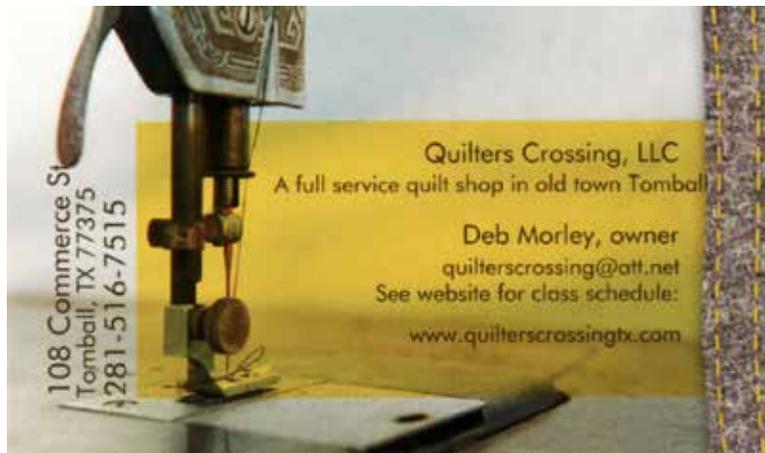
By trading weight for knowledge, we lighten ourselves physically, professionally, emotionally, and spiritually. Imagine what that extra 66% might do for you this week.

Norma Reel
President, BBQG

August's Membership Report:

68 members, 3 visitors, and 215 volunteer hours reported.

Welcome to new member: **Audrey Mulloy**



Photos from Lola Jenkins' program and workshop for BBQG in August are below and on pages 3 and 4. About halfway through her program, she offered the quilt below... "Water"... for auction with half the proceeds to go toward our 2014 donation quilt funds. Judy Beskow, with the help of others, was the lucky winner.

Report From the Donation Quilt Chair

At this time we have raised \$2151.26. Since we need at least \$6000.00 to finance next year's expenses (including the scholarships), we need to raise at least \$4000.00. With only 2 more outings which may bring as much as maybe \$150.00, **we the members need to sell, sell, and sell.** I have volunteers for the last 2 outings, one at Jo Ann's and the other First Friday. Thank you very much for volunteering.

Jo Ann Williams



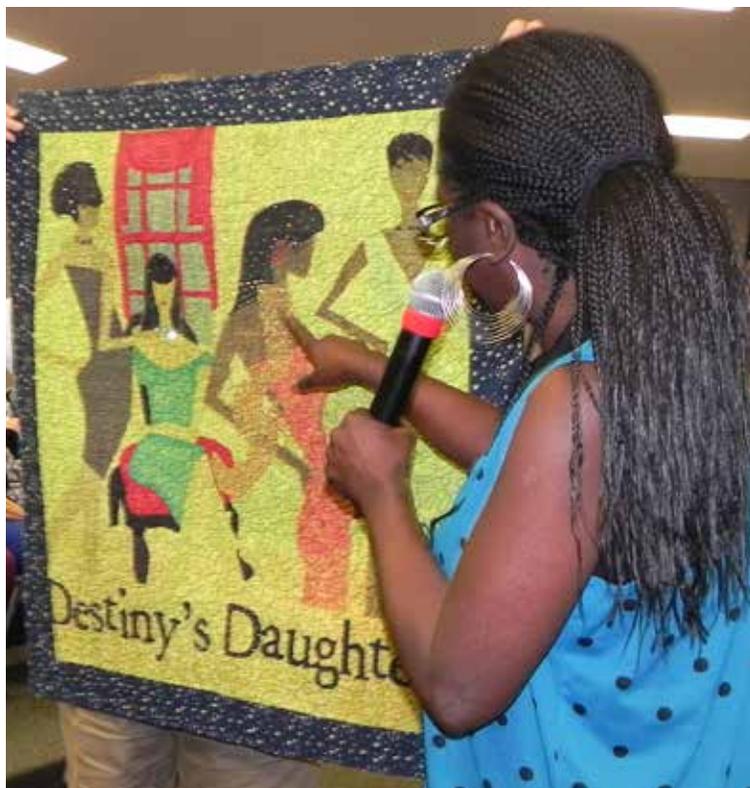
Lola Jenkins' Program and Workshop were HUGE successes!

Those who attended our August evening program with Ms. Jenkins and those who were lucky enough to be able to attend her workshop were definitely blessed by her spirit and

the opportunity to see her works and teaching. A number of us are hoping she will come back in a year or two. If she does, don't miss it!

Both the President's Letter and the Minutes in this issue will help explain why, but another opportunity you can take in the meantime is her Craftsy Thread Art class. The link to it is www.craftsy.com/threadart (and that gives you the class for 50% off regular price). Or you may access other information through: www.craftsy.com/ext/LolaJenkins_holiday.

Her website is www.lolasdesignersquilts.net. Also, if you are a member of Facebook, please "like" her site: Loladesignerquilts - Artist/Teacher.



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Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, July 12, Mary Lopez's home was dedicated. On August 2, the two homes next door to Mary's were dedicated. All three homes are in College Station. Kabrina Tucker's home is handicapped-accessible since she is in a wheelchair. It has a beautiful red door, so I gave her one of the wallhangings with red! Margarita Sanchez is her next door neighbor with two older children at home. Her daughter, Cecia, is a sophomore at A&M, and her brother is an honor student at Consol. They are a lovely family who also assisted Kabrina in her hours. They were caring neighbors before they ever moved into their homes.

Saturday, August 23, a home in Bryan will be dedicated. That house is purple, and I will look in the bin of banners for something with purple!

As you finish projects for loved ones for Christmas, you might think of using the scraps for a Welcome banner. LSQW carries the pattern for us. At this time, we have quite a few, but wonderful families continue to move into affordable, safe homes. We have a number of Aggie banners at this time and several with bluebonnet motifs, so other color palettes are needed.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 693-0688.

Nancy Searcy
Habitat for Humanity

Quilt Education Needs Volunteers for Booneville Days Celebration

Members: again this year, we have been invited to take part in the Booneville Days celebration at the Brazos Center on October 4, 2014. The hours will be 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts; we will have hands-on projects for the kids to try out their sewing skills, designs for coloring for younger children and samples of quilts and blocks to show. It is a fun time to share our love of this hobby and art.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Sept. 9 meeting. Lunch and beverages will be available for those over the noon hour.

If you would like to help, call me at (979) 696-0193 and leave a message or e-mail at willson.carol@gmail.com. No experience needed, come and have fun!

Thank you,
Carol Willson
Qu-Ed

July Minutes Correction

"My mother-in-law, Dorothy Kelly is who celebrated 70 years of marriage."

Thanks, **Nettie Kelly**



Left, Quilt Artist Lola Jenkins demonstrates with workshop participants in rapt attention. (Art intentionally blurred)

Bee Buzz

Happy Scrappers members continue to work on individual projects, including those learned in workshops, UFO's, Christmas table runners for an upcoming event, etc.

The Praying Piecers are still working on a quilt for the Franklin Habitat House.

Quilt 'n Peace did not meet during August. We will resume regular sessions at 10:00 a.m. on September 2, 2014, at First Baptist Church, College Station. Visitors or new members are welcomed.

Kathy Ashley

Bee Keeper

2014 BBQG Speaker/Workshop Information and Schedule

Sept. 9 - Deb DeRoche Trunk Show -
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

BBQG Meeting Minutes - August 12, 2014

August 12, 2014
Brazos Center, Bryan, TX

President Norma Reel welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:00 p.m. She thanked the Bellville, TX, Bluebonnet Area Quilt Guild for sharing their quilt with us; tickets were available for sale.

Pat Patterson gave the treasurer's report: \$18,263.57 in checking; \$1073 in deposits, also \$1826; \$630 are still outstanding bills. Assets total \$28,648.62.

Fiona with the Brazos Valley Fair announced this year's fair and quilt show will be October 17-19 at the Brazos County Expo Center. Plans are for a larger fair this year; quilt entries needed for show; there is 24-hour security; send in a photo of your quilt for judging [the rules and entry form are attached to the end of this newsletter]. Check out the website for more information: www.Brazosvalleyfair.com

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved after two changes; Dorothy Kelly had an anniversary and LSQW donated one of the door prizes.



Brenda Brown welcomed 67 members; one new member, Audrey Mulloy, and two visitors.

Sunshine and shadows, **Lynn Thurston** sent out 4 cards, Debbie Ginn, congrats; Charlotte Simpson, thinking of you; Anne Perry, thinking of you, husband's surgery; and Nancy Searcy, congrats on husband's award and position.

Charlotte Simpson showed the next block of the month; patterns available. Blocks needed; members give it a try!

Door Prizes from **Mary Anne Ratke, Gloria Watten and Sue Sprott, Delores Rydell, Country Living Quilts** and **LSQW** - winners **Sue Sprott, Glenn Lorraine, Laverne Ondrasek, Diane Gilliland**; Birthday candy was passed out for August birthdays, 11 members

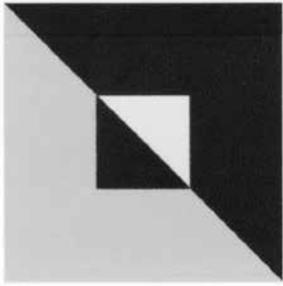
Raffle Quilt - **JoAnn Williams** - volunteers needed for Aug. 30 at Joanne's to sell tickets; we have a ways to go to catch up with last year's ticket sales! On First Friday in Bryan, Sept. 5, we will also be there selling tickets. Please give a little bit of your time to help make sure our scholarship funds continue to grow!

Quilt Show October 14, in house; challenge quilt entries needed; Go-Texan entries needed for viewer's choice - the winner goes to the Houston Livestock Show as the entry from Brazos County; pot luck dinner, meat and beverage provided by the guild; sign-up sheet passed around for side dishes, various choices and dessert. **Linda Bridges** has the sign-up sheet.

Education - **Carol Willson** announced that we will take part in Booneville Days, October 4, at Brazos Museum of Natural History; 9-4, volunteers needed to share quilting with children and visitors. Call 696-0193 to volunteer.

Programs - **Ann Bay** announced that Deb DeRoche will present the September program, some demos with question and answer time.

New Business - **Norma Reel stressed the need for a 2015 Donation Quilt Chairperson**; this may be an ...continued on page 6



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opportunity for two persons to work together and make our 30th anniversary raffle, a great one!! (Luci Smith is retired from this position.) If interested, contact Norma.

Program change: **Linda Bridges and Maggie McGuire will now be program co-chairs for 2015.** The Nomination Committee will be meeting soon regarding 2016 Guild Positions.

Program – **Ann Bay** introduced **Lola Jenkins** for tonight's presentation. Her story, history and unique interest in the type of quilts she makes, made for an entertaining, and at times hilarious hour plus for our members! In the middle of the program, she offered one of her small quilts up for auction, with half the proceeds going to purchase tickets on our 2014 raffle quilt!! Needless to say, several of our members were 'into it' and made for a lively ending to the evening. Congrats to the winner of Ms. Jenkins' donation quilt, Judy Beskow. The workshop with Lola takes place Wednesday morning; spaces still available after the meeting.

Show and Tell –

Dolores Rydell - frogs quilt in greens

Mary Ratke - bed quilt, log cabin w/corner squares and a sofa quilt

Alice Shinn - showed her husband's grandmother's handwork, small quilt - vegetable wall hanging, tulip watercolor quilt, and a wall hanging which will be going to the Netherlands

Pres. Norma Reel thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Willson

(for Maggie McGuire,)Secretary

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: cmquiltbc@yahoo.com

September 19-20 - "Holidaze Galore 2014" presented by Trinity Valley Quilters' Guild of Fort Worth; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Amon Carter Hall, Will Rogers Complex, 3401 W. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107. Admission is \$7 and parking is \$10 for 4 hours and over. Over 200 quilts; vendor mall; live quilt auction Saturday; member challenge and donation quilt drawing.

September 26-27 - "Quilts Over Texas" presented by Quilter's Guild of Parker County; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$7 admission with free parking; Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds, 2251 Mineral Wells Hwy. (Hwy. 180), Weatherford, TX. A judges show of over 100 quilts; bed turning of vintage quilts; vendors; door prizes; mini quilt auction; drawing for "Texas Quilt" Raffle Quilt at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 27. See www.quiltersguildofparkercounty.org

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.

October 16-18 - Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO at the Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 West Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107. Exhibit Hall Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Sewing, quilting and embroidery; shopping, workshops, trunk shows, make-it take-its, how-to demos, fashion events and quilt displays. For more information, see www.sewingexpo.com.

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

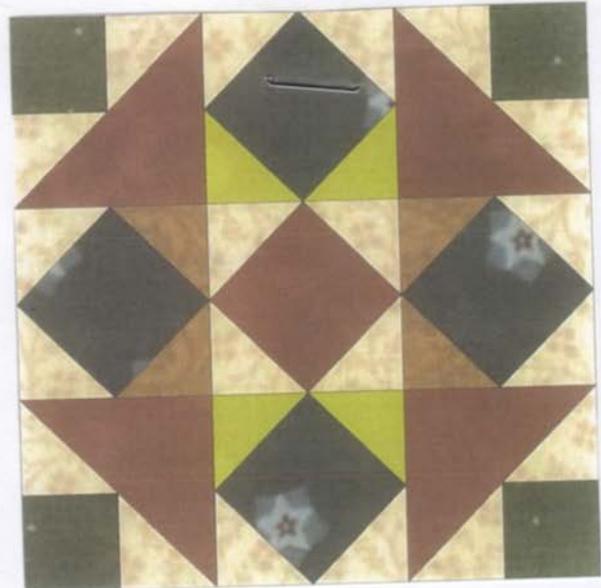
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This Block of the Month is due before the
BBQG meeting on September 9, 2014.

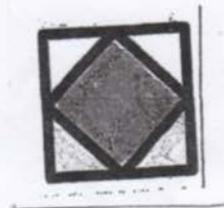
GETTYSBURG
12 1/2" unfinished
From the book "The Union Quilters"
By Jennifer Chiaverini



Cut 4 ~~3 1/2~~ ^{3 3/8} squares
From the blue fabric
For the side squares

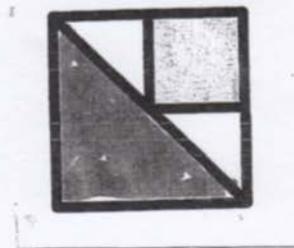
Cut 1 ~~3 1/2~~ ^{3 3/8} square
From the red fabric
For the center square

To make 5 squares in a square:
Cut 10----3" squares from bcgrd
2----3" squares from gold
2----3" squares from light green
Cut each in half diagonally.



For the corners:
Cut 4-----2 1/2" squares from dk green

Cut 2 -----5" from the red fabric
Cut each in half diagonally
For corner triangles'



HAPPY SEWING!!!!



Quilt Contest Rules and Guidelines

N. Each entry must be submitted in a soft pillow case or bag with an identification tag stating your name, phone number and category entered. **ONE ENTRY PER PILLOW CASE OR BAG PLEASE.**

ELIGIBILITY

Participation is open to all ages and levels of quilters.

A. Categories A, B, C, D

- a. Entry categories are open to all quilters with no residency restrictions.

B. Category E, Youth only, must be from the following counties.

- a. Brazos
- b. Burleson
- c. Grimes
- d. Leon
- e. Madison
- f. Milam
- g. Robertson
- h. Washington

ENTRY CATEGORIES

- A. Traditional Pieced-Top can be hand or machine pieced, quilting by hand or machine.
- B. Applique-Top can be hand or machine appliqued, quilting can be done by hand or machine
- C. Mixed Technique- Two or more techniques used in approximately the same amount. May be quilted by hand or machine. For example, a combination of piecing and applique or piecing and embroidery.
- D. Modern Minimalist- Quilting can be done by hand or machine.
- E. Youth Only – Youth 17 and younger are encouraged to express their quilt creativity! Create any type of quilt.

CONTEST GUIDELINES

- A. All quilts will be juried then judged.
- B. Quilts must have been made in the last two years.
- C. Each person/group may enter one quilt per category.
- D. All persons who stitched on the quilt, including the quilter, must be listed on entry form.
- E. All quilts must be quilted through 3 layers by hand or machine or both. Quilts in hardwood frames are not accepted.
- F. All quilts must have a 4" deep rod sleeve, top of sleeve can be no more than 90" from bottom of quilt.
- G. Quilts must be clean and in show condition.
- H. Quilts must be available from October 4-21, 2014.
- I. Quilts and/or persons who made them may be photographed and/or videotaped for promotional purposes.
- J. All decisions by the jury and judges are final. The Brazos Valley Fair & Expo reserves the right to reject or reclassify any entry.
- K. The Brazos Valley Fair's goal is to allow display of all quilts entered. If necessary, due to space restrictions, only quilts selected by the judges will be displayed during the Brazos Valley Fair & Expo.
- L. Quilts must have a 3"x5" cloth tag sewn securely to the reverse side of the work which states: name, address, phone number, e-mail address, category entered and date of completion.

- M. Credit must be given for a quilt submitted that uses an existing pattern or quilt as inspiration for the entry.
- N. Each entry must be submitted in a cloth pillow case or bag with an identification tag stating your name, phone number and category entered. ONE ENTRY PER PILLOW CASE OR BAG PLEASE.

ENTRY PROCESS

September 20, 2014 – Deadline for Entry fee and photographs

- A. Each entry requires a separate entry form and \$10 entry fee.
 - a. Make checks payable to: Brazos Valley Fair & Expo. Cash not accepted.
- B. Two 4"x 6" high-quality color photos printed on photo paper: one full view of the quilt hanging, showing all quilt edges and one close-up showing quilting/stitching details must be submitted by September 20. Doctoring of images will result in disqualification.
 - a. Paperclip photos to entry form.
 - b. Images will not be returned.
- C. Photographs will be used for the jury process and any quilt NOT accepted will be contacted prior to September 29th 2014 by Brazos Valley Fair Quilt Committee.

September 29 – October 4, 2014 - Quilt drop off open between 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Brazos County Expo Complex, Fair Office.

- A. Quilt exhibitors are encouraged to deliver projects to the Brazos Valley Fair & Expo at the Brazos County Expo Complex. Entries may also be mailed in. If exhibitors choose to mail their entries a certified return receipt and signature are required. The Brazos Valley Fair & Expo is not responsible for any damage done during the shipping process.

Mailing Address:

Brazos Valley Fair & Expo
Attention: Quilt Contest
P.O. Box 594
Bryan, TX 77806

Physical Address:

Brazos County Expo Complex
5827 Leonard Road
Bryan, TX 77807

- B. Entries will not be delivered or mailed after the show.
- C. Quilts are to be picked up between October 21, 2014 – October 24, 2014 between 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

AWARDS

Awards will be distributed as follows:

Grand Champion (in each category)
Reserve Champion (in each category)
Honorable Mention (in each category)
Best of Show (one awarded)



October 17-19, 2014
www.brazosvalleyfair.com

Quilt Contest

Entry Deadline: September 20
Quilt Delivery Dates: September 29-October 4

ONE ENTRY FORM PER EXHIBITOR

Name:		Age: (As of Sept. 1)	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:		

Age Division (CIRCLE ONE): 17 & Under or 18 & Older

Categories: Traditional Pieced, Applique, Mixed Technique, Modern Minimalist, Kids Only

Category	Title	Entry Fee (\$10.00 per entry)	Tag # (Office Use)
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Total of Entry Fees Included		\$	

By signing this entry form and as a condition of entry in the Brazos Valley Fair & Expo, I certify that I have read, understand and will abide by the rules and regulations of the 2014 Brazos Valley Fair & Expo Quilt Contest. I acknowledge that all of the above stated information and representations are true and correct. I understand that all recipes submitted hereunder will become the property of the Brazos Valley Fair & Expo and that the Brazos Valley Fair reserves the right to edit, adapt, publish, publicize, assign and/ or use any or all of such recipes, including my name, in its business promotion and advertising without compensation to me. I acknowledge that the Brazos Valley Fair & Expo reserves the right to publish any photographs or images taken during the contest events and use such photographs and images in its business promotion and advertising without any compensation due to me. By signing below, I voluntarily agree to these terms.

PARENT MUST SIGN IF EXHIBITOR IS A MINOR AND UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Signature of Exhibitor:	Date:
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Entry fees will not be refunded or transferred, but categories may be changed when entry is delivered. Entry form must be completed in its entirety and payment included.

Mail entry form to: Brazos Valley Fair & Expo Attn. Creative Arts P. O. Box 594 Bryan, TX 77806