



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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

### **BBQG President's Message – April, 2015**

What a month and year we are having! I love hearing about all the activities and the “busy-ness” of our members. The Committee Chairs are working hard for us all, the quilt show committee is seeing time fly by, the donation quilt is logging in lots of miles, the “Finish It” workshop got rave reviews--the list goes on and on.

I am humbled by being a part of a guild that is so full of energy, warm and caring hearts, and the “can do” spirit! I am convinced we ARE a village that knows no bounds! We are so many things—Who do you say we are?

The **next Board Meeting will be Monday, April 6th, 6:00 PM, at Hobby Lobby. All members welcome. Committee Chairs, please let me know if you have something to report at the Board Meeting or the general meeting.** If not, I will not call on you for a report.

Quote for the month: “I cannot count my day complete `til needle, thread, and fabric meet.”

### **Keep Stitchin’**

***Sue Sprott,***  
President, BBQG

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### **Membership Report**

**There were 63 members and three visitors present at the March meeting.  
Welcome to new member Laurie Oder!**

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**BBQG Scholarship Application**  
**Due by April 3**  
**Available on the BBQG website:**  
**[www.bbqg.org/community\\_scholarship.html](http://www.bbqg.org/community_scholarship.html)**

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## HELP NEEDED!!!

We are in need of a **2016 Donation Quilt Chairperson**. Sharon Braunagel generously donated a quilt and shams for 2016, but a chairperson is needed. You will learn much by shadowing/observing Kerry Dwyer during 2015! A Bee project?

Please consider the above position. (It's that "Village" thing.) If this opportunity is for you, please e-mail, text, or call Sue Sprott. [bssprott@gmail.com](mailto:bssprott@gmail.com) Phone: 979-820-1856 (NOTE: 979-776-3583 is no longer a home number for Sue.)

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## Area Quilt Shows

April 24-25 - St. Mary's Quilt Show, St. Mary's Church, Plantersville, TX; April 14 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; April 25 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

April 24-25 - Annual Quilt Show of the Gun Barrel Quilters Guild; Friday, 9-5 and Saturday, 9-4; Cain Center, Hwy. 19, Athens, TX; over 100 quilts, judged show, vendors, scissor man, door prizes, country store. For information, call (903) 340-6547 or visit [www.gunbarrelquiltsguild.org](http://www.gunbarrelquiltsguild.org).

May 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Huntsville's Airing of the Quilts, downtown Huntsville

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## Library for Sale!

Books in the library are being sold for \$1 each. A list of library books is on the [bbqg.org website](http://bbqg.org). If there are specific books you want to purchase, call/e-mail Sue Idol. She will bring them to you at the next meeting, or you can go to her house to get them. She will be bringing an assortment of the books to each meeting to sell. (Think of bringing change/dollars to the meetings!) Proceeds will go into our general fund.

## Summer Retreat Registration

Summer retreat at Deep Woods Retreat Center, May 21-24, 2015, still has one opening. Final payment is due at the April guild meeting.

## Rowena Reed

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## Quilt Entries Requested

The Texas Quilt Museum is still looking for entries for an upcoming juried exhibition. If you missed the opportunity to show at QuiltCon, this is an amazing opportunity to show your work at a renowned quilt museum. The **deadline for submissions is April 30, 2015**, so choose your best quilt and apply today! Here are the details for submissions:

The show will run January to March, 2016. Quilts must have been made in the last 10 years (after 2005).

Submissions are open to MQG members only. (Not a member? Join today!)

The jury committee consists of Karey Bresenhan and Nancy O'Bryant Puentes, co-directors of the Museum, and Dr. Sandra Sider, Curator, Texas Quilt Museum. The jurors will select 18 quilts for the exhibition.

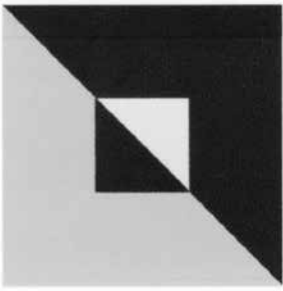
Each applicant may only submit one quilt, identified by maker(s), title, date, and measurements (height by width in inches). There are no size limitations for the quilts and no entry fee, but the quilt cannot have been exhibited within 200 miles of La Grange, Texas, in 2015 (including at QuiltCon in Austin).

The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2015, and the makers of accepted quilts will be notified by August 31, 2015.

Ready to submit? **More details are available at [mqg-callforquilts.com](http://mqg-callforquilts.com)**, where you can also start the application process.



**Left, Barbara Mes's quilt at March's Show 'n Tell**



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## Washington-on-the-Brazos

This year marked the 21st year for BBQG to participate in the birthday celebration of Texas. For all these years, Luci Smith, Laverne Ondrasek, and Carol Willson have faithfully spent two full days teaching and demonstrating the making of bowtie quilt blocks (on Luci's hand crank machine), yo-yos, and hand quilting. Many of our members have helped through the years, but these three ladies have been so dedicated and faithful.

Our donation quilt proudly hung under a spotlight for all attendees to admire and purchase tickets. It was a joy to watch the audience's faces and see the interest in our quilting world. Both young and old enjoyed it.

Laverne's yo-yos were given to all who wanted them; 76 of Luci's bowties were given away this year, 26 pages of directions were given out. One young man started coming when he was 12 years old. He has received a block each year for 20 years! He proudly brought the completed top he made this year—complete with sashing! Carol encouraged folks try their hand at hand quilting.

There are always memories shared from folks of playing under a relative's quilting frame. It is a happy place to be! Thank you to those who keep this tradition going. Think about becoming a part of the tradition next year!

**Sue S.**



**Above, Luci Smith and below, LaVerne Ondrasek at Washington-on-the-Brazos**




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 Day Retreat**  
**Country Living Quilts**  
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 your friends  
 (up to 28)  
 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.**



## 2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

- April 14 Judy Steward, Lecture: Tips & Tricks That Make Quilting Fun and Easy
- April 15 **Workshop with Judy Steward: Rural Life Series; Assembly Room 4**
- May 12 Teresa Duryea Wong Lecture: The History of Japanese Quilts
- May 13 **Workshop with Cynthia Collier: Fabric Inspired Broderie Perse Assembly Room 4**
- June 9 **Care Quilt Workshop 9 AM-4 PM, Assembly Room 4; Meeting at 7 PM in the same room**
- July 14 Paula Barnes, [www.redcrinolinequilts.com](http://www.redcrinolinequilts.com), Lecture: The Quilts & Their History – Stories from the 1800's including US Civil War, Room 102
- July 15 **Paula Barnes workshop: Gettysburg, scrappy blue & brown; Assembly Room 4**
- Aug.11 **Bluebonnet Store Workshop 9AM-4PM; Assembly Room 4; Meeting at 7 PM in the same room - finalize plans for quilt show**
- Sept. 4-5 QUILT SHOW! Brazos Center
- Sept. 8 Parade of Winners – Bring your quilt that won a ribbon and share the story about your quilt and what inspired you. **Room 102**
- Oct. 13 Cathy Miller (all the way from Canada!) [www.singingquilter.com](http://www.singingquilter.com) - program of songs, stories and quilts; Room 102
- Oct. 14 Workshop with Cathy Miller, "Mock Mola" Appliqué; Raw Edge Machine Reverse Appliqué**

- Nov. 10 Wearable's Style Show, Brazos Center, Assembly Room 4
- Dec. 8 Christmas Party, Brazos Center, Assembly Room 4

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## KAMU ANNUAL AUCTION

KAMU TV contacted us about their annual auction. Once again, Luci Smith and Laura North will deliver a quilt to them on our behalf. Thank you, Luci and Laura!

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## DALLAS QUILT SHOW TRIP

A huge thank you goes to Jeanne Rierson for organizing the bus trip to Dallas. It was a great trip! Her hard work insured we were tired after seeing amazing quilts and doing a little shopping. We were tired coming home, but calendars are already marked for March 12, 2016!

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

March is the month for the membership list to be updated. Cathy Davis is working to get this completed. Those who haven't paid this year will receive a reminder memo.

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## Two Families Open their Front Doors!

Saturday, February 28, Riketra Johnson opened the front doors to her home with her four children and one granddaughter. Riketra is amazing. She went to school for her nurse's aide certificate and the certificate to administer meds. Once her family is settled in their new home, she has her LVN on the horizon!

Mary Anne Durbin wrote the following about the dedication which she attended on March 7: "It was a pleasure to participate in the Habitat Home Dedication for such a deserving family as Hortencia Zacarias and her two teen age sons. They completed the required Five Hundred "Sweat Equity" hours before their home was started. They have since completed over 100 additional hours. It was reported that the crews were very impressed with the skills of the oldest son who happens to be an honor student at the Harmony Science Academy. He will graduate in May. It warmed my heart to hear each family member thank the sponsors, the crews and the organizations who helped build their home.

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"The attendees clapped when they saw the Welcome Banner made by a member of the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild, and several asked to see it before and after the ceremony. This is without a doubt a very worthy and appreciated project that the Guild sponsors."

Thank you to the Guild for making these gifts possible!

**Nancy Searcy**  
 Habitat for Humanity

**April BBQG Workshop -  
 Judy Steward**

The April 14th speaker will be Judy Steward, and her lecture topic is "Tips and Tricks That Make Quilting Fun."

The April 15th workshop taught by Judy Steward is called "Rural Life Series #1 Windmill." See the BBQG.org for a picture and information [also on page 6 of this newsletter]. Contact Linda Bridges if you would like to attend this class. It is \$30 for members, plus Judy will collect a \$10 Pattern fee the day of the workshop. There is room left!!

**Linda Bridges**  
 Programs

**BEE NEWS**

**Happy Scrappers:** Some members attended Applique Away on Galveston Bay. Members took the donation quilt to the Texas Independence Day celebration held at Washington on the Brazos State park. In addition to selling donation quilt tickets, they demonstrated different quilt techniques such as hand quilting, making yo-yo's, hand-crank sewing machine and hand applique.

**Praying Piecers:** At our next meeting we will be planning a road trip to Country Living Quilts in Flynn.

**Quilt 'n Peace:** Bee members are continuing to work on three Quilts of Valor to be shown at the Quilt Show and then given away. Four care quilts were donated to the BBQG in March. Many thanks to Connie H. for doing all our quilting. We received a nice thank you note for the Soldier Squares from the grandmother of the sailor that the BBQG sent the squares to. Two bee members are planning our 5th Tuesday shopping trip which is always a fun day. Quilt 'n Peace meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 until noon and will always welcome visitors or new members.

[Photo below] "Quilt 'n Peace members enjoyed sorting through seven boxes of donated fabric, blocks, sewing notions, patterns, etc. delivered by Lynn T. from a friend's mother. Numerous care quilts can be assembled from this amazing stash. Thank you Lynn!" (from Peggy Mobley)



**Applique & More:** We'd like to invite new members to join us at the Arts Council on Dartmouth for applique or any kind of handwork you prefer. We meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Some of the projects our current members are working on are a Wool Appliqued Nut Cracker Table Runner, a hand appliqued Alamo quilt with a myriad group of Texas Wildflowers, Baltimore style Rose Sampler. Some have also worked on hand embroidery, needlepoint and cross stitch and other hand stitching projects. We have a lovely, peaceful setting in a large conference room with very good lighting and we would welcome you. For more info contact Bobbie Middleton, bbmidd@suddenlink.net or 979-696-8480.

**Jane Riggs**, Bee Keeper

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## Information for Judy Steward's Workshop on April 15:

### PRE-CUT BEFORE CLASS

**Gold:** Four- 9 1/2" squares (**Background**)  
One- 10 1/4" square (**Background for Star Points**)

**Red:** One- 10 1/4" square (**Small Center Star Points**)  
One- 9 1/2" square (**Center**)  
Four- 6 1/2" squares (**star corners**)

**Dark Brown:** Two- 9 7/8" square (**Large Center Star Points**)

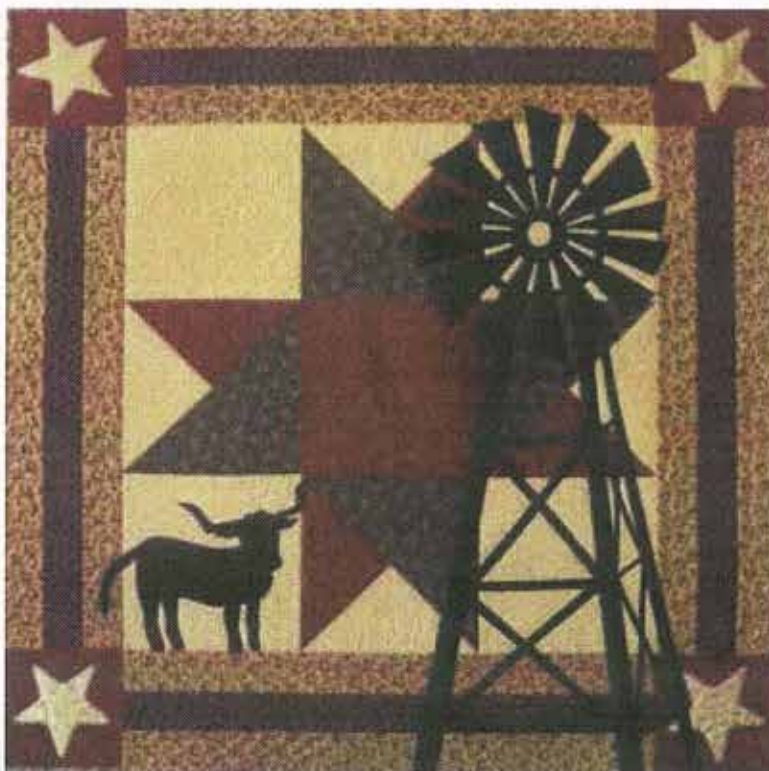
**Dark Purple:** Four- 2 1/2" x 27 1/2" strips (**Border**)

**Dark Gold:** Eight- 2 1/2" x 27 1/2" strips (**Border**)

You can use any colors that you want. The cutting instructions and fabric requirements just match what I did so that you can see what color goes where. One of my students did it using bluebonnet fabric and it was wonderful!

I can't wait to see what color combinations you choose.

Judy Steward  
[judysteward@gmail.com](mailto:judysteward@gmail.com)



## BBQG Minutes, March 10, 2015

**Welcome and introduction of program** by **Sue Sprott**.

**Budget:** Report given by **Treasurer Elect Benita Ebel**. Checking balance is \$16,887.05, Savings balance is \$11,782.95 with a total balance of \$28,670.00. The Donation quilt has brought in \$1944 so far. Let's all help our treasurer: If you have a check made out to BBQG, please turn them in promptly. If you have receipts to be reimbursed, please turn them in promptly. Brenda Brown will make arrangements to meet you if you email, text, or call her.  
Our 2014 tax form (E-card) has been filed and accepted by the IRS.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Lynn Thurston to approve the Feb. minutes, seconded by Sue Idol, with unanimous approval.

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Former member Lorraine Jackson has passed away. Numerous cards have been sent by **Lynn Thurston** the past two months.

**Membership:** **Cathy Davis** reported 68 members present, 3 visitors were welcomed, total membership is 119. Membership list is being updated.

**Door prizes:** Donations were made by **LSQW, Mary Radtke** and **Gloria Warren**. The winners were Luci Smith, Audrey Malloy, Anne Perry, and Norene Raushel.

### Committee Reports:

**Donation Quilt:** **Kerry Dwyer** reported the quilt has been traveling again with good results. It was appraised at \$7500. Volunteers are still needed to show the quilt in April. A new incentive has been started for those volunteering to show the quilt. For every 2 hours of volunteering or \$25 worth of tickets sold the participants are eligible for winning prizes. Postcards are ready for delivery.

**Library and White Elephant Booth:** **Sue Idol** reported there are many books at the meeting to purchase. She is in need of more items to be donated for the booth. She will not be accepting sheets or draperies.

**Newsletter:** **Anne Perry** reminded everyone to please have announcements for the newsletter to her by the 20th of the month.

**Website:** Thanks to **Chris Deppe** for updating the website. It looks great!

**Summer retreat:** **Rowena Reed** announced there is one spot left. Final payment is due in April.

**Dallas Bus Trip:** There are 37 people signed up.

**2015 Quilt Show:** **Rebecca Fielding** reported the committee met last Monday night. There are flyers available to be placed in cars for advertisement. The pattern on the back of the postcard was donated by Jessica Smith. Sue Chrysler will obtain a hand counter to be used at the show. Lynn Thurston will be in charge of publicity.

**Old business:**

**Donation Quilt:** A chairman is still needed for the next quilt.

**Christmas Party:** **Maggie McGuire** and **Linda Bridges** will head up the party.

**New Business:**

**Programs:** **Linda Bridges** and **Maggie McGuire** gave the updates to upcoming programs. There are still openings in the Connie Silber workshop on Wednesday. Judy Steward will be the speaker in April. A quilt was shown for the workshop the following day. Teresa Duryea Wong will be the speaker at the May meeting. Cynthia Collier will hold a workshop the following day. Paula Barnes will speak in July on Civil War quilts. A quilt was shown for the workshop to be held the following day. In October the Singing Quilter will be here and conduct a workshop on reverse applique.

**Connie Silber** was introduced as our speaker. She gave a very informative program on "**What the Judge Looks For**" in quilts at the quilt shows. Thank you Connie- it was a very interesting program and we all learned a great deal.

### Show and Tell

The meeting was dismissed by Sue Sprott.

Respectfully submitted by  
**Julie Sabrsula**  
Secretary



**Left, Charles Gilreath displays one of the quilts he has created for the "Books and A Blanket" program developed by College Station students. [See <http://booksandablanquet.com>.]**

On this page, photos from Connie Silber's presentation on March 10 and a few from Show 'n Tell after that program.



Examples of Connie's work were used to illustrate quilting aspects important to judges.



Left, one of Connie Harrison's three quilts displayed at the March Show 'n Tell

Right, Julie Sabrsula's quilt



Left, Susi Schamp's Frozen quilt



Two baby quilts were shown:

Left, Peggy Mobley's

Right, Kerry Dwyer's

