



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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### **BBQG President's Notes – August, 2015**

Well, today I realized my priorities need adjusting—I vacuumed. No, vacuuming wasn't the problem—it was the LACK of thread on my sewing room floor! It was way too clean! A sewing room without threads, snips of fabric, and various tools on the table shows it hasn't been used enough! So how are YOUR priorities? (smile)

The quilt show is coming fast! An amazing 30 years in the making for this celebration of quilts and friendship. A milestone of where we have been and a glimpse of where we are going. I count myself fortunate to be a part of this guild!

Tuesday, August 11, will be our Bluebonnet Boutique workshop. It will be a fun day for making things to sell at the show. I will bring a pot of soup and dessert for lunch—we are bound to sew up an appetite! Hope to see you there.

Stay cool and sew on!

#### ***Sue Sprott***

President, BBQG

Thought for the month: "Your life is made of two dates and a dash. Make the most of the dash."

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### **BBQG Board Meeting**

The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 3, 6:00 PM, at Hobby Lobby. All members are welcome. Committee Chairs, let me know if you have anything to report at the Board Meeting or the general meeting. If not, I will not call on you for a report.

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### **Donation Quilt 2016**

We are in desperate need for someone—or a team—to handle the 2016 donation quilt. We have 2 months before the quilt becomes the center of attention for the next year. Please help!!

#### ***Sue Sprott,***

President, BBQG



## 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**. Proceeds will go into our general fund.

**All the rest of the Library will be sold at the Quilt Show in the White Elephant Shop...never to return to Sue's home again! :)**

## Basket Blitz

Just a reminder that the deadline for turning in Baskets is August 11 – the August guild meeting. They must be turned in to **Kimberly DeBona**. DO NOT bring them to Post Oak Florist. Please make sure you have a list of contents and who is donating the basket with your basket. Also, bring a receptacle for putting in tickets with the theme of your basket. Thank you for all of the donations! Please contact Kimberly with any questions.

## Brazos Valley Fair October 16-18, 2015

September 28 – Oct. 02, 9a.m.-4p.m.  
Quilt entry deadline and drop-off

Information website:  
<<http://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2015/quilt-contest-and-show>>

## Habitat for Humanity

Two families have moved into their homes! The Guadarrama (June 20) and Rodarte (July 10) families are the latest homeowners. Each family was presented with a Welcome banner from BBQG.

**Dawn Merker** donated two banners in May. Thanks.

Right now we are in very good shape for those so finish all of those Christmas gifts early!!!

Peace!

**Nancy Searcy**

## Bee News

**Happy Scrappers** are working on individual projects.

**Quilt 'n Peace** bee members donated 30 port pillows to the American Cancer Society office in Bryan. The little pillows will be given to cancer patients to protect their port areas when using a seat belt, sleeping, or anytime a little extra padding is needed.

We will not meet the second week of July but plan to meet weekly the remainder of July. We will not meet during the month of August, however, BBQG members are encouraged to complete and enter quilts in the September Quilt Show and fill the numerous volunteer positions.

The **Busy Bees** have been scattered this past month due to vacations & travel plans. We'll be getting together to continue working on individual projects & the BBQG Quilt Show later this month.

## Jane Riggs

Bee Keeper



## THE QUILT SHOW IS COMING!

Our quilt show is coming fast! If you have any questions or problems (gasp) call or email Rebecca Fielding. Her e-mail is <rlfielding@yahoo.com>; phone # is 713-899-8696

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### Fees for Quilt Entries Need to be Paid

The entries are closed, and it looks like we are going to have a spectacular show. Total entries came in at about 150 which is good for our size guild. Fewer will be judged since this includes challenge and display entries.

**At this point, there are a lot of unpaid entry fees.** A lot of fees. Some of the unpaid entries just came in this last week, but many unpaid entries are from early, early in the process. **Please mail your fees ASAP!** Instructions note that entries are not complete until the fees are received. I would love to move this process to the next stage, but I am unwilling to have hanging spaces allotted for quilts for which there are no fees paid. **Please check your checkbooks to make sure you did send the fees and if not, then send the fees. And note that you are to make checks out to BBQG.**

**Checks will not be deposited until all the entries are complete.**

Thanks. I'll be lingering near the mailbox waiting to hear from you.

**Connie Silber**

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### Diamonds and Pearls Quilt Show Information

The quilt show committee is working hard to get our show plans ready. The committee consists of:

Show Chairman – **Rebecca Fielding**  
Set Up & Take Down – **Jo Ann Williams**  
Publicity – **Lynn Thurston**  
Quilt Entries – **Connie & Steve Silber**  
Quilt Intake – **Jane Crouse**  
Vendors – **Debbie Brooks**  
Programs & Pins – **Chris Deppe**  
Ribbons – **Betty Bugh**  
White Elephant Booth – **Sue Idol**  
Bluebonnet Store – **Theresa Morrison**  
Basket Blitz – **Kim DeBona**  
Challenge Quilts – **Nadine Stuth**  
Hospitality – **Sue Ryan**  
Show Judges – **Connie Silber**  
Info Table – **Sue Sprott**

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Please think of which area-or areas-where you would like to volunteer. We need lots of hands and smiles to make our show successful. Sign-up sheets will be available again at the August meeting.

**Jo Ann Williams is needing TWO pick-up trucks and volunteers to get supplies from the storage unit.** This requires loading the trucks on Wednesday, store overnight, and have at the Brazos Center early Thursday morning.

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**Below, one of Paula Barnes' quilts from her Civil War patterns. For more information, see <www.redcrinolinequilts.com>.**



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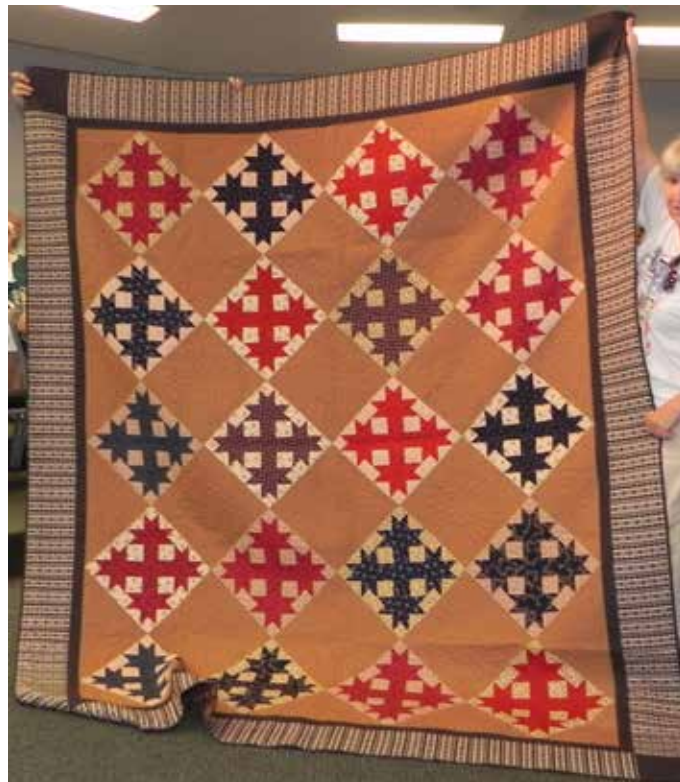
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## 2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

- 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

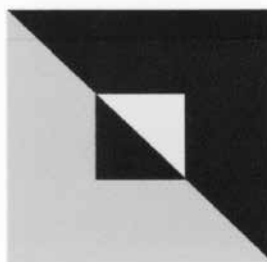


**Paula Barnes' program with stories about her Civil War quilts was a hit!**



## Embroidery Machine for Sale

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## BBQG Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2015

Welcome given by **Sue Sprott**.

The Bellville Quilt Guild was introduced and on hand to sell tickets for their quilt.

**Budget:** **Sue Sprott** presented the budget. Checking balance \$16510.12, savings balance \$11790.83, cash balance-\$28.301.03, outstanding checks-\$23.62. The Donation Quilt brought in \$93 for the month with a total of \$3400 for the year.

**Minutes:** **Michael Jackson** made a motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by **Linda Bridges**, minutes approved.

**Sunshine and Shadows:** **Shirley Day** is in the hospital and would enjoy visitors. Former member **Pin-kie Brauer** has had surgery and would enjoy visits. The Guild's sympathy goes out to **Benita Ebel** who



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lost her mother while visiting her in Australia.

**Membership:** **Cathy Davis** reported there were 58 members in attendance with 4 visitors.

**Door Prizes:** Sewing Machine teapot, LSQW gift certificate, and 3 patterns by Red Crinoline Quilts were won by **Sue Ryan**, **Betty Bugh**, **Marijane Deen**, **Carol Willson**, and **Debbie Ginn**.

**Donation Quilt:** A chairman is still needed for 2016. **Kerry Dwyer** thanked **Luci Smith** and **Jo Ann Williams** for their work during Heritage Days. She needs another volunteer for June 18th at JoAnn's. The quilt will be taken to the Conroe Quilt Guild this Thursday night.

### Quilt Show:

**Kim DeBona** needs more baskets with information provided for the contents of the baskets and the donor. She has collected enough strips for nine jelly rolls. **JoAnn Williams** reported the deadline for quilt entries is July 24th. She needs volunteers for all categories. TWO trucks are still needed for pickup and delivery starting Wednesday night. Please contact her to volunteer.

**Sue Idol** will be accepting items for the White Elephant booth until the August meeting. If you cannot get them to her she will pick them up.

**Theresa Morrison** still needs items for the Blue Bonnet Store. She reported the aprons were good sellers last year.

**Sue Ryan** needs donations for the kitchen. She sent a sign up sheet around for water, paper goods, Crock Pot Soups, and sandwiches.

### New Business:

The Brazos Valley Fair and Expo will be held Oct. 16-18. They are accepting entries for quilts. More information can be found on the website: [brazosvalleyfair.com](http://brazosvalleyfair.com).

**Linda Bridges** announced there are still openings in the workshop given by Red Crinoline Quilts. She introduced **Paula Barnes** who gave an excellent program on Civil War Quilts.

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**Show and Tell**

The meeting was adjourned by **Sue Sprott**.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Julie Sabrsula**  
 BBQG Secretary



Left, **Sharon Braunagel's** "Pink Embroidered" quilt; Above, **Alma Fonseca's** "Maliasian W H Teal"; Below, **Nancy Searcy's** "Care Quilt"





Left, **Julie Sabrsula** brought **FOUR** finished quilts; here are three of them.

Above, **Charles Gilreath** brought **TWO** finished quilts which he plans to give to "Books and Blankets."