



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Anne Perry, Editor Michael Jackson, Co-Editor

BBQG President's Message – February, 2015

Hello, Friends!

The weather was frightful for the January meeting—cold and rainy! I appreciate all who braved the elements to be there! If you were like me, you were ready to see quilting friends and think of good things coming our way!

I realize it was “just” a business meeting, but exciting news was shared from our committee chairpersons: we gained 5 new members that night; Linda Bridges had visuals for us to see for the programs coming this year; changes to the library are coming; Challenge quilt plan.....the list goes on!

Rebecca Fielding and the quilt show committee has met, so our Diamonds and Pearls Quilt Show is rolling along. Rebecca has stepped up to the plate. We all need to be like spokes on a wheel—linked together to make it roll smoothly. Communication is the key to keeping us all going forward toward the goal.

Have you started or finished your quilt(s) for the show? It will be here in SEVEN MONTHS! Wow! I can already see that I have more ideas for quilting projects this year than time will allow! One thing about a quilter—there is never a boring moment!

Quote for the month: “A mirror reflects a person’s face, but what they are really like is reflected by the friends they choose.” Proverbs 27:19 TLB

Sue Sprott, President, BBQG

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING will be Monday, February 2, 6 p.m. at Hobby Lobby.
All members welcome.

Membership Report

**There were 63 members at the January meeting.
No visitors. 5 were new members.**

Welcome to these new members in 2015:

**Carrie Anderson
Jeanie Bassett
Rozan Coody
Nicole Pavel**

**Cynthia Applegate
Sue Chrysler
Barbara Lucas
Betty Williams**



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 Phone: 979-820-1856 (NOTE: 979-776-3583 is no longer a home number for Sue.)

2015 BOARD MEMBERS & CHAIRPERSONS

Sue Sprott, President
 Linda Bridges and Maggie McGuire,
 1st VP-Programs/Workshops
 Julie Sabrsula, Secretary
 Cathy Davis, 2nd VP-Membership
 Brenda Brown, Treasurer

Art Council – Mary Anne Durbin
 BeeKeeper - Jane Riggs
 Brazos Center Window – Debbie Brooks
 Care Quilts – Luci Smith
 Challenge Quilts – Nadine Stuth
 Christmas Party _____
 Dallas Bus Trip – Jeanne Rierson
 Donation Quilt – Kerry Dwyer
 Door Prizes/Visitors and New Members –
 Norma Reel and Sherrill Johnson
 Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Searcy
 Library – Sue Idol
 Newsletter – Anne Perry and Michael Jackson
 Quilt Education – Carol Willson

Quilt Show – Rebecca Tucker-Fielding
 Scholarships – Pat Patterson and Ettie Hurst
 Soldier Squares – Marian Dierschke
 Sunshine & Shadows – Lynn Thurston
 Summer Retreat – Rowena Reed
 Website – Chris Deppe
 Winter Retreat – Connie Silber

2016 ELECT BOARD MEMBERS

Sue Idol, President
 Melody Nelson, 1st VP-Programs/Workshops
 Alma Fonseca, Secretary
 Nandine Stuth, 2nd VP-Membership
 Benita Ebel, Treasurer

Area Quilt Shows

February 19-22 - QuiltCon (the international show and conference of The Modern Quilt Guild)
 Location: Austin Convention Center, 500 E Cesar Chavez St., Austin Texas 78701; show and vendors; lectures; workshops; demos. \$10 show pass; \$35 four-day show pass; lectures \$10 each; www.QuiltCon.com

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

February 27-28 - Quilters Roundup - Heart of Texas One Stop Shop Hop - 40 shops under one roof; Friday, 10-5 and Saturday, 10-4; Admission \$6 for 12 yrs and up; Waco Convention Center - Chisholm Hall, 100 Washington Avenue, Waco; www.heartoftexasshop.com

March 13-15 - Dallas Quilt Show
<http://quiltshownews.com/quilt-shows/dallas-quilt-show/>

March 27-28 - Texhoma One Stop Hop Hop; Friday, 10-5 and Saturday, 10-4; cost \$5 approximately 20 quilt shops under one roof; Wichita Falls' Multi-Purpose Events Center, 1000 5th St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301; www.texhomaonestopshophop.com

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.

BBQG Scholarship Application Available on the website

http://www.bbqg.org/community_scholarship.html

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.

For Sale by Member: Quilting Hoop

29" Hinterberg quilting hoop with floor stand and half hoop adapter. Asking \$100. Contact Betty at (979) 690-2736 for more information or pictures.

Bee News

Quilt 'n Peace Bee is a mission-oriented group of women that meets at First Baptist Church, College Station each Tuesday morning from 10:00 to noon. Generally, we concentrate on care quilts, and some women participate in an annual mission trip to LaSara, TX where we teach quilting. **We supply all the fabric and materials for this effort and have benefitted greatly from contributions from many BBQG members.** Occasionally we do a personal project. Rowena led the group in making a sweatshirt jacket last November, and this month we are making Soldier Squares for the BBQG. We usually take a shopping trip on the fifth Tuesdays. Quilt 'n Peace is quite productive thanks to a bee member who does all the quilting on care quilts at her home. We have lots of fun together while sewing quilts for others, and **our bee is open to anyone who would like to join us.**

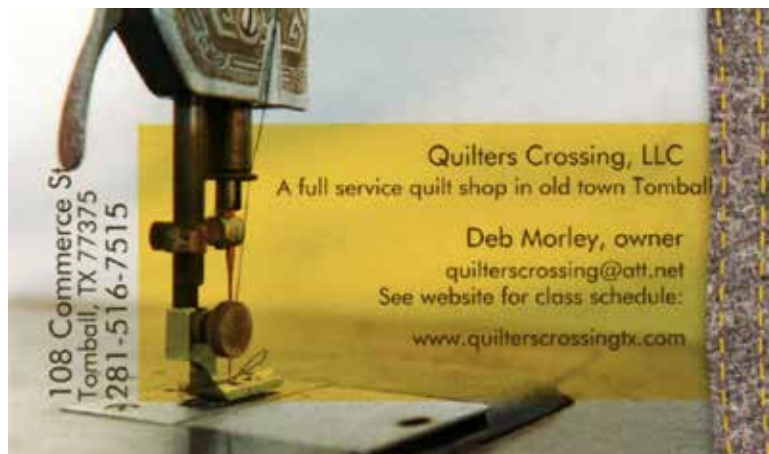
The Happy Scrappers Bee is making a Quilt of Valor to be donated. Most of the blocks were made by Bobbie Middleton, and borders were done by Maggie McGuire. The quilt will be put in the 2015 quilt show. **Happy Scrappers would like to challenge the other bees (or individuals) to also make a Quilt of Valor, and we could have a whole section in the quilt show of Quilts of Valor.**

As the new year begins, the Thumblebees are busy working on individual projects and gearing up for February's BBQG winter retreat in La Grange. Following winter retreat, the Thumblebees look forward to participating in various guild activities (workshops, care quilt workday, donation quilt ticket sales, quilt show production, etc.) as time and health permits.

The Out of the Box Bee is an art quilts group that meets at 1:00 on the 4th Saturday of the month. For more information, contact Janice @ 979-846-2824.

The Praying Piecers meet on the second and fourth Mondays at Franklin United Methodist Church from 9:30 until around noon. They are currently finishing a quilt for the next Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Franklin.

Jane Riggs, Bee Keeper



Summer Retreat

Registration for summer retreat will begin at the February meeting. Dates for the retreat are May 21 - 24 at Deep Woods Retreat in Smithville. Cost of the retreat is \$265 for Thursday through Sunday or \$200 for Friday through Sunday. You must have paid your current guild dues and make a \$50 deposit to sign up. We will be at the meeting about 6:15 to begin registration.

Rowena Reed

2015 BBQG Dallas Quilt Show Bus Trip

The Dallas Quilt Show bus trip is **Saturday, March 14, 2015**. The bus will leave the Wells Fargo Bank (HWY 6 & Briarcrest Dr.) at 7:00 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. The bus ride will be straight through to the Quilt show at Dallas Market Center and arrive at approximately 10 a.m. Show tickets will be handed out as you depart the bus. You have till 4:45 to enjoy the day viewing the quilts, attending lectures, watching presentations and visiting the vendors' booths. There are several food vendors in the food court. The bus departs at 5:00 p.m., and we will stop in DeSoto for dinner. There are 5-6 restaurants to choose from. The cost for members is \$45 and \$55 for non-members. **The sign-up deadline is Feb. 27, 2015.** There will be a sign-up table at the February guild meeting. **If you have any questions call Jeanne Rierson at 220-3188 (cell) or 690-0776 (home).**

Terry Skrabanek
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2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

- Feb. 10* Hayward Erwin - the Scissors Guy Meeting in Assembly Room 4 at the Brazos Center
He will also sharpen scissors for \$4 each beginning at 6:30
- March 10 Connie Silber - "What the Judge Does" - Room 102 Brazos Center
- March 11 **Workshop with Connie Silber: "Finish it" - Assembly Room 4 (She teaches adding borders and bindings to your quilt)**
- March 14 Bus Trip to Dallas Quilt Show
- April 14 Judy Steward, Lecture: Tips & Tricks That Make Quilting Fun and Easy
- April 15 **Workshop with Judy Steward: Rural Life Series**
- May 12 Teresa Duryea Wong Lecture: The History of Japanese Quilts
- May 13 **Workshop with Cynthia Collier: Fabric Inspired Broderie Perse**
- June 9 **Care Quilt Workshop 9 AM - 4 PM Brazos Center**
Meeting at 7 PM in the same room
- July 14 Paula Barnes, www.redcrinolinequilts.com, Lecture: The Quilts & Their History - Stories from the 1800's including US Civil War
- July 15 **Paula Barnes workshop: Gettysburg, scrappy blue & brown**
- Aug.11 **Bluebonnet Store Workshop 9AM - 4PM Brazos Center**
Meeting at 7 PM in the same room
- 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.
- Oct. 13 To be determined
- Oct. 14 To be determined
- Nov. 10 Wearable's Style Show, Brazos Center
- Dec. 8 Christmas Party, Brazos Center

* Karen Couch, Missions Coordinator for Christ United Methodist Church in College Station, will be at our February meeting. She will tell us how we can offer hope, healthier lives and freedom from foot-related diseases by donating our fabric scraps to Soul Hope.

Kerry Dwyer



Above, Quilt 'N Peace Bee members

Minutes for BBQG Meeting
 Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Welcome and introduction of program: **Sue Sprott**

Business Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: The budget for the new year was presented to the members. Kerry Dwyer made a motion to accept; seconded by Connie Silber; budget approved.

1st VP Programs-**Linda Bridges**

The programs for the year were presented and will soon be on the website. Members were encouraged to participate in the workshops.

Membership-**Cathy Davis**

63 members present, 5 new members, 0 visitors

Committee reports:

Sunshine and Shadows-**Lynn Thurston**

Lynn has been busy sending cards this past month.

Door Prizes-**Norma Reel, Sherrill Johnson**

Door prize donors were **LSQW, Country Living Quilts, Mary Radke, Chris Deppe ...continued on p. 5**

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Door prize winners were Anne Perry, Mary Anne Durbin, Chris Deppe, Connie Harrison

Art Council-**Mary Anne Durbin**

She encouraged members to read their website for upcoming events. Currently two bees meet there.

Bee Keeper-**Jane Riggs** has agreed to chair. Bees should report to Jane by the 18th of each month so that she is able to assemble the report and send it to Anne Perry on the 20th.

Brazos Center Window-**Debbie Brooks**

A new display will be up on Wednesday. She is needing any Go Texan Quilt Show winning quilts for the display.

Care Quilts-**Luci Smith**

Quilts are sent to: Hospice Brazos Valley, St. Joseph's, and S&W. Quilts are also given to children and Quilts of Valor. 300 quilts collected last year, 151 distributed.

Donation Quilt-**Kerry Dwyer**

Each member is responsible for selling \$20 worth of tickets. \$712 has been collected so far, seeking to reach \$7000. It is scheduled to be shown at Antique Show, Go Texan, Country Living Quilts. Post cards will be available soon.

Challenge Quilts-**Nadine Stuth**

This year's theme is Diamonds and Pearls. The approximate size of the quilts is 40"x45". The public will vote at the quilt show for the top three; these are auctioned off, and the rest are sent to a charity.

Habitat for Humanity-**Nancy Searcy**

Banners are made by guild members and given to each new home owner at the Habitat Dedications. 11 were presented in 2014. The pattern is available at LSQS. There are currently 20 banners on hand.

Library- The library has been disbanded to due lack of use. **Books will be sold at upcoming meetings for \$1.** The remaining books will go to the White Elephant booth at the quilt show.

Newsletter-**Anne Perry, Michaele Jackson**

Information to be published must be sent to Anne by the 20th of the month.

Quilt Education-**Carol Willson**

This is the 20th year of Quilt Education. They will again be at the celebration of Texas Independence, Feb. 28-March 1 and would like helpers.

Quilt Show-**Rebecca Fielding**

The 30th Anniversary Quilt Show will be Labor Day weekend, 2015. Rebecca **needs chairmen for Publicity, Founder History, and Bluebonnet Store.** She can be contacted at rffielding@yahoo.com.

Dallas Bus Trip-**Jeanne Rierson**

The trip will be March 14, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. The cost is \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members and includes the cost of the quilt show ticket (\$8).



Winter Retreat-**Connie Silber**

35 members have signed up; there is room for one more.

Summer Retreat-**Rowena Reed**

Sign-up will be at the Feb. meeting. Requirements: a \$50 deposit and 2015 membership dues must be paid. (see related article in this newsletter on page 3)

Scholarships-**Ettie Hurst**

Information has been sent to the schools and is on the [bbqq.org website](http://bbqq.org).

Website-**Chris Deppe**

Chris will be updating us on the progress and whereabouts of the Donation Quilt.

Old Business-**A chairman is still needed for the 2016 Donation Quilt.**

Show and Tell

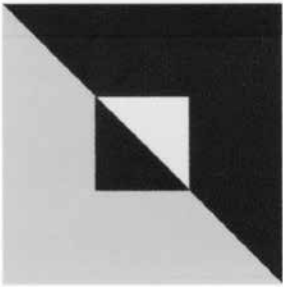
Meeting was closed by **Sue Sprott**.

Respectfully reported by

Julie Sabrsula, Secretary



Linda Novosad showed this Aggie quilt at January's Show 'n Tell.



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Above, Alma Fonseca showed her beautiful quilt during January's Show 'n Tell.

Left, one of Susi Schamp's quilts. Norma quilted it with owls.



Susi Schamp showed the dragon quilt above during January's Show 'n Tell. The label was precious!!



Above, Rowena Reed's "Lyle Lovett" quilt shown at January's Show 'n Tell. Below, Anne Perry's mother...a "preliminary" of a larger one to follow... based on Lola Jenkins' Thread Art class offered by Craftsy.



**Quilter's Hideaway
Day Retreat**

**Country Living Quilts
936-396-2889**

**Rent for sewing with
your friends
(up to 28)
10 a.m. until 10 p.m.**



Above, members of the Quilt 'n Peace Bee showed eleven Care Quilts which they presented to Luci Smith!

Below, Cynthia Applegate's seventh quilt



Membership Dues

The membership form on this page and the next is also available on the bbqg.org website, and it will be available from Cathy Davis at February's meeting.

NOTE: HONORARY MEMBERS MUST ALSO FILL OUT THE FORMS EACH YEAR TO KEEP BBQG FILES CURRENT

BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM 2015

Membership Forms (**two pages**) must be updated annually. If you have revisions to this information at any time throughout the year, please notify the membership chairman, either at the guild meeting or through email so that we can update your information. Updates for inclusion in the directory must be made by the March meeting.

The membership year is from January 1 through December 31. Dues are \$30; Members over 80 years of age (who have been continuous members of the guild for the previous 5 years) are exempt from dues; they become honorary members.

**Make checks payable to BBQG. Forms and checks should be mailed to:
BBQG, Attn: Membership, PO Box 9497, College Station, TX 77842**

Please Print Clearly Date _____

Name: _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Honorary _____ Amt. Paid _____ CK _____ M _____ MO _____

Complete Following: ALL MEMBERS:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Work Phone: _____ **(Please * preferred phone #)**

Email: _____ Birthday (Month & Day) _____

I would be willing to participate in following activities or committees (**please circle all that apply**):

Bookkeeping	Care Quilts	Library	Raffle Quilts
Bee Keeper	Challenge Contests	Membership	Retreats
Block of the Month	Door Prizes	Newsletter	Scholarships
Bluebonnet Store	Education/Quilt Demos	Programs/Workshops	Social/Hospitality
Brazos Ctr. Window	Habitat for Humanity	Publicity	Soldier Squares
Bus Trips	Historian/Photographer	Quilt Shows	Sunshine & Shadows

I would be willing to chair _____ Committee.

I am interested in serving as guild officer: Yes No

Please circle all that apply:

President, VP-Programs, Secretary, President-Elect, VP-Membership, Treasurer

BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD BEE SURVEY 2015

Name: _____

I am currently a member of the following BBQG Bee(s):

If interested in joining a bee, please indicate your preferences below:

Location: Bryan _____ College Station _____ Other (list) _____

Day of Week: Mon _____ Tue _____ Wed _____ Thu _____ Fri _____ Sat _____

Time of Day: Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Night _____

Meeting Place: Private Home _____ Church or community center _____

Suggested Meeting Place: _____

Quilting Survey

Please check all that apply

I am a: Quilt Admirer _____ Quilt Collector _____ Quilt Maker _____
Quilt Judge _____ Quilt Teacher _____ Long Arm Quilter _____

My skill level is: Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

My preferred quilt technique is: Appliqué _____ Piecing _____

My preferred quilt style is: Traditional _____ Contemporary _____

My preferred method of piecing is: Hand _____ Machine _____

My preferred method of quilting is: Hand _____ Machine _____

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild

Debbie Brooks, Vendor Chair
1408 Lawyer St
College Station, TX 77840

January 14, 2015

Dear Prospective Vendor:

The Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild is proud to announce its Biannual Quilt Show. We invite you as a vendor to join us for our quilt show on September 4th and 5th 2015. The show will be held at The Brazos Center in Bryan TX. Show hours will be from 10 am to 5:30 pm on Friday and from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday. We hope that you will participate in our show.

We are working hard to ensure good attendance both days of our show through advertising on the internet, newspapers, magazines, and television and guild newsletter ads. Our quilt guild has about 175 members, and the paid attendance was 754 at the 2013 show.

If you wish to join us, please return the enclosed contract along with your deposit. Please type or print legibly as this information will be used for our mailing list and show program. Make a copy for your records and send us the original.

Each application is given a number when it is received. Booths are assigned in that order: first come, first served. If you have specific request as to location, next door neighbors, etc., please make that notation and get your application in early. Please be specific as to your needs.

Confirmation, map and hotel information will be included in the exhibitor packets, to be mailed in July. The final payment is due by August 1st. We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to seeing you at our biggest show to date!

For more information contact:

Debbie Brooks

979-229-2117

debbie_mackay@yahoo.com

Sincerely yours,
Debbie Brooks
Vendor Chairperson

2015 Exhibitor Rules
Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild
September 4th and 5th 2015

Booth Rental

We have four booth sizes this year. All displays must be within your booth space.

5' by 10' – \$ 95 (a very limited number)	10' by 10' – \$ 150
15' by 10' – \$235	20' by 10' – \$ 275

Equipment

The following describes the number of eight foot tables and folding chairs that will be provided per booth purchase. Additional tables can be purchased for \$10.00 per table. There will be two folding chairs per booth. There is one table for the 5' by 10', two tables for the 10' by 10', three tables for the 15' by 10', and four tables for the 20' by 10'. Please specify if you need additional tables. Tables must be covered and you are responsible for proper table covers. Electric power is available. Bring your own extension cords. Wireless Internet is available for a charge through the Brazos Center at an additional charge.

Pipe and drape is not provided, but is available for an additional charge.

Please contact us about the price.

Check-in Thursday, September 3, 2015

Check-in is from 10 am to 4:30 pm on Thursday, September 3, 2015 only. There will be no set up on Friday. Check in at the back loading dock of the Brazos Center. We will direct you to your booth. Please be considerate of you fellow vendors. Please unload as efficiently as possible and move your vehicle. You MUST BE finished setting up your booth by 4:30 pm.

Check out Saturday, September 5, 2015

Do not break down your booth until the close of the show on Saturday, September 5, 2015. Again, please be considerate of your fellow vendors. Do not move your vehicle into loading area until you are fully packed and ready to load out.

Additional Information

Booth sitters will be provided for exhibitors who are the sole operators of their booths. Booth sitters will watch your booth for a 20 minute lunch break. Lunch and snacks will be provided by the guild for all three days for the vendors.

Vendor name tags will be provided by the guild. These tags must be worn at all times during the show and will allow you to enter the show each day.

Exhibitor Packets

Packets will be mailed in July and will include confirmation of your space and other pertinent information. This weekend is not a home football game for the Texas A & M Aggies but it would be wise to make hotel reservations as early as possible.

Application and Contract for Exhibitor Space

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild
September 4th and 5th 2015

Please type or print legibly, as this information is used in the program:

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone (day): _____ Evening: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____
E-mail: _____
Type of Business (Merchandise Description): _____
Sales Tax Number: _____

Please Reserve:

Booths

_____ Booths (5x10')@ \$95 \$ _____
_____ Booths (10x10)@\$150 \$ _____
_____ Booths (15x10)@\$235 \$ _____
_____ Booths (20x10)@\$275 \$ _____

8-Foot Tables (extra) # _____ Tables @ \$10 \$ _____

Show Program Advertisements

I wish to purchase a _____ (full, half, business card) page ad in the show program.
(Full size is 5 1/2 x 8 1/2") **Cost:** Full = \$50, Half = \$35, Business Card = \$20 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____
Non-refundable \$50 deposit enclosed \$ _____
Balance due by August 1, 2015 \$ _____

Special Requests (e.g., not next to a competitor, wants to be near a specific exhibitor, etc.
Please be specific): _____

Will you be willing to donate door prizes? Yes _____ No _____
If so, how many? # _____

The undersigned agrees to be responsible for all loss, damage, or injury to his/her merchandise and personnel, or that are caused by his/her personnel. I have read and agree to abide by all the rules.

Name (please print) _____ Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Please return to:

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Phone: (979) 229-2117 E-mail: debbie_mackay@yahoo.com

For office use only:

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