



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Message – January, 2015

Happy New Year!

Here we are with a brand new year before us! A year full of hope, resolutions in place—a clean slate. So much promise! I'm honored to be the BBQG President for 2015. As Norma Reel says "I'm making friends with the hill!"

I've never been president of anything, so please be patient with me. I am thankful for the Board and Committee Chairpersons who have stepped up to the plate—it "takes a village".

BBQG is 30 years strong in 2015.—Quite a milestone for us to share.—Our Diamonds and Pearls Quilt Show is Sept. 4 - 5. It will take all of us to get it done. We are a "village" of 154 members. WE CAN DO THIS! What will each of us do?

Retreats! Programs! Workshops! OH, MY! Opportunities to volunteer, learn, and enjoy quilting friends—I count that as a blessed year!

Quote for the month: "If you can't excel with talent, triumph with effort!"

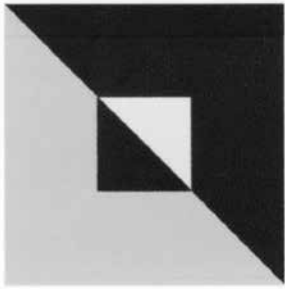
Sue Sprott, President, BBQG

JANUARY BOARD MEETING will be Monday, January 5, 6 p.m. at Hobby Lobby. All members are welcome to attend. 2015 Board Members required to attend.

SUGGESTION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2015:

To save time in line at the January meeting, print out membership form from the website (bbqg.org) or this newsletter, fill in, attach check, and mail in to our P.O. box. This will save you time and help Cathy Davis, our Membership Chairperson.

NOTE: HONORARY MEMBERS must also fill out forms each year. No money is paid, but we must keep updated forms on file.



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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?

We are also in need of a **Bee Keeper**. Job Description: A person from each of the Guild Bees gives you an update of their activities. You compile this and send it via e-mail to Anne Perry for the Newsletter. (Perk: You get to know first what exciting things we are doing!)

Please consider the above two positions. (It's that "Village" thing.) If either of these opportunities 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 - _____
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

January 23-25 - "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 - 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

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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 Winter Retreat Reminder

Winter retreat is just around the corner! Don't forget that if you have signed up to attend the 18th annual winter retreat in La Grange February 5-9, 2015, your final payment is due by the January 13, 2015 BBQG meeting -- no exceptions!!! The total cost of the retreat is \$230 for 3 nights or \$280 for 4 nights. The balance due in January is the total cost minus your \$50 deposit and any other interim payments you may have made. Also, please remember that you must have paid your 2015 BBQG membership dues before making your final retreat payment. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Joham at 589-2191. Thanks for your cooperation!

Habitat for Humanity

Many thanks to Mary Anne Durbin for presenting three new home owners with welcome banners on December 6. What a wonderful Christmas these families had!

Connie Harrison and her sister, Cathy Lang, made five welcome banners for future homes. Thank you!

At this time we are set with a variety of banners from gracious members and their families!

Thank you all and Happy New Year!

Nancy Searcy
Habitat for Humanity

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.



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Sherrill Johnson presented Norma Reel with her President's Quilt on December 9.



Right, the food at our Christmas party was MARVELOUS!!



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2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

Jan. 13	Business Meeting
Feb. 10	Speaker to be determined
March 10	Speaker to be determined
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 Sept. 8	QUILT SHOW! Brazos Center 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

BBQG Master "Bee" List – 2015

Name of Bee:	Date & Time:	Location:	Status:	Contact:
Busy Bees;	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m - ??;	Various homes –	Contact Sherrill;	full; Sherrill Johnson
Joyful Quilters;	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m;	First Baptist Church C.S., 1700 Welsh Ave, C.S.;	open;	Helen White
Material Girls;	Every Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - ??;	Arts Council Bldg., 2275 Dartmouth, C.S.;	open;	Jane Crouse, Nadine Stuth
Monday Bee;	1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.;	Arts Council Bldg., 2275 Dartmouth, C.S.;	open;	Jane Magill
Out of the Box Bee;	4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.;	Various locations –	Contact Alice;	open; Alice Luttbeg
Praying Piecers;	2nd & 4th Monday, 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.;	Franklin Methodist Church, 100 W Dechard, Franklin;	open;	Peggy Cooper
Quilt 'n Peace;	Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.;	First Baptist Church C.S., 1700 Welsh Ave, C.S.;	open;	Peggy Mobley
Stichin' Bees;	1st Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.;	Northview Baptist Church, 1809 Tabor Rd., Bryan;	open;	Candy Lunsford
The Finishers;	Every Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.;	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1001 Woodcreek Dr, C.S.;	open;	Bonnie Horak
The Happy Scrappers;	Every Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.;	Central Baptist Church, 1991 FM 158, College Station;	full;	Laverne Ondrasek and Bobbie Middleton
Thursday Thumble Bees;	2nd & 4th Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.;	Various locations –	Contact Diane;	full; Diane Bullard

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Wednesday Bee; Every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Beacon Baptist Church, 2001 E Villa Maria Rd, Bryan; open; Lil Follis, Joyce Blasi



Among the many wonderful gifts at the Christmas party were the two, created by Mae and Stephanie Fazzino....



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**):

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| 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 _____