



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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

As I write this, Tropical Storm Bill is making his (unwanted) presence known. Many plans have been changed due to him, but quilters can still sew—and it is a good excuse to do just that!

The Care Quilt Workshop was a great day. A big “thank you” to Luci Smith and Laura North for putting it together, Linda Bridges and Maggie McGuire for the set up, and to the 24 participants with helping hands. Our “village” is at work!

That night, Maggie McGuire shared her “Dating Fabric” presentation. It was a great day from beginning to end.

When you hear the words “two months”, what comes to mind? THE QUILT SHOW! What a fast year this is! I hope your quilts are getting ready for their debut. It is always exciting to see what the guild members have been creating with fabric and thread.

Hoping you are finding time to make some stitches—and maybe some ice cream!

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

President, BBQG

Thought of the month: “Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” (William Arthur Ward)

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### **BBQG Board Meeting**

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, July 6, 6:00 PM, Hobby Lobby. All members are welcome. Committee Chairs, please 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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### **“Note Whisperer”**

One comment I get after each general meeting is “There is way too much talking going on during the meetings and programs. I can’t hear what’s being said by the speaker.” PLEASE remember that when you talk to your neighbor, your voice carries—not the words necessarily, but the sound. Writing notes to each other might be a solution!



## Bee News

**Quilt 'n Peace Bee** members of First Baptist Church presented the retiring Education Minister with a quilt on May 30. We also made 3 pillowcases that Lonestar Quiltworks was collecting for charity. Other members continue to work on care quilts, sort and cut fabric into various width strips or squares to be used in future projects. We have from 8 to 12 members who attend regularly and always welcome visitors or prospective members. We meet from 10 until noon every Tuesday at First Baptist Church, College Station.

**The Busy Bees** are trying to continue to meet twice a month but with summer upon us, several members have travel plans. We'll continue to work on individual projects & are in the planning process for a quilt of valor.

**The Happy Scrappers** had a workday to make items for the Bluebonnet Store.

**The Praying Piecers** will meet Monday July 6th and 20th starting at 9 o'clock. As the hot summer temperatures are approaching, starting at 9 would give us a little more time in the cool of the mornings to sew and visit. It was decided at our last meeting to have salad lunches during the summer and road trips in the fall when it's not so hot to drive. That way we can have them on our calendar ahead of time. If anyone is interested in teaching any type of class or block to the group, please contact me so we can schedule it on our calendars. If anyone has any special prayer requests, please send them to Donna Otto, and she will contact the group.

**Jane Riggs**  
Bee Keeper

## 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

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## Membership Report

There were 52 members and one visitor at the June meeting. The visitor became a new member...**Welcome Bonnie Piernot.**

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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.

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## THE QUILT SHOW IS COMING!

Just a note to say the registration form is on the website for our quilt show entries. <[www.bbqg.org](http://www.bbqg.org)> Thanks to the hard work of Steve and Connie Silber. 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](mailto:rlfielding@yahoo.com)>; phone # is 713-899-8696



### Lost and Found

Two items were left at the Care Quilt Workshop: a small measuring tape and a pair of small scissors. If one or both of these are yours, let Sue Sprott know by phone, email, or text.

### Diamonds and Pearls Quilt Show Information

The quilt show committee is working hard to get our show plans ready. The committee consist 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

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. Signup sheets will be available at the July 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.



Many thanks to Sue Sprott for taking photos at the Care Quilt Workshop in June!! Two of the photos are above and below; others are on page 5.



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## BBQG Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2015

Welcome given by **Sue Sprott**.

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

**The Knitting Guild** was welcomed and present to tell about their group.

**Ettie Hurst** introduced Mae Hansen, a scholarship recipient. Mae graduated from St. Michael's Episcopal School. She will be attending UT in the fall and majoring in art. She thanked the guild for the scholarship and showed the quilt she received from the guild. The quilt was made by **Mary Radke** and quilted by **Norma Reel**.

Budget: **Brenda Brown** presented the budget. Checking balance-\$18,199.27, Savings Balance-\$11,786.89, Cash balance-\$29,986.16. The donation quilt has brought in a total of \$3014 so far.

Minutes: Correction needing to be made-add **Ann Gilreath** as giving a door prize. **Linda Winder** moved to approve the minutes, **Kim DeBona** seconded, minutes were approved.

Sunshine and Shadows-**Lynn Thurston** did not have any news to report.

Membership-**Cathy Davis** reported 52 members present with one visitor, Bonnie Piernot.

Door prizes-Prizes were donated by the **Knitting Guild** and a gift certificate was given by **Lone Star Quilt Works**. Winners were **Bunnie Douglas, Elaine Lorraine, Linda Novosad, Audrey Mulloy, and Carol Willson**.

### Committee Reports:

Arts Council-**Mary Anne Durbin** announced receptions the Council is having and welcomed all to attend. The first one is June 16th and the next one will be June 12th.

Brazos Center Window-**Debbie Brooks** has recently changed the display and all were encouraged to view it.

Donation Quilt-**Kerry Dwyer** reported there are two upcoming opportunities to sell tickets-June 20th at JoAnn's and July 4th at Heritage Park. A sign up sheet for volunteers was circulated. Since the last meeting a total of \$369 has been brought in for the quilt.

Library and White Elephant Sale-**Sue Idol** has library books for sale and encouraged the members to buy them. She is also needing empty Tidy Cat Litter boxes for use to store patterns for the sale. She thanked the

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## 2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

- July 14 Paula Barnes,  
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  
- 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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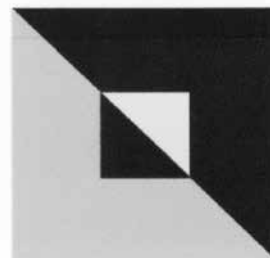
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members for their donations, but **still needs more items to sell for the quilt show.**

Summer Retreat-it was reported that all members had a wonderful time. **Peg Mobley** announced next year's summer retreat will be held June 23-26 at Magnolia Manor in Waller. The cost will be \$300 and there are spots for 24.

**Quilt Show-Rebecca Fielding** reported the last meeting was held with 12 in attendance. **Lynn Thurston** needs volunteers to be speakers at the television station. **Baskets and items for the baskets are still needed for the basket blitz. Quilt entries can be made online. So far there are only 13 entries. Volunteer sign up sheets will be at the next meeting.**

Newsletter-**Michaele Jackson** reported not all the email addresses she has are correct. If a member is not receiving the newsletter, they need to send Michael an email letting her know.

Programs and workshops-**Luci Smith** reported there were 24 members present today for the Care Quilt workshop with 22 quilts finished. **Sue Sprott** and **Gloria Warren** provided lunch. Gloria took the remaining quilts home to be finished.

**Linda Bridges** reminded us that **Pauline Barnes of Red Crinoline Quilts will speak in July.** There are still openings for the workshop on Wednesday for the Star Quilt. Cathy Miller will be the speaker for the October meeting. The following day she will present a workshop on "Mock Molla Applique."

**Maggie McGuire** was introduced as the speaker for the evening. She gave a very informative meeting The Care and Dating of Antique Quilts.

Show and Tell.

The meeting was adjourned by Sue Sprott.

Respectfully submitted by  
**Julie Sabrsula**, Secretary

## Embroidery Machine for Sale

Janome Memory Craft 300E embroidery machine for sale for \$300.00. Call Dawn Merker at 979 774-4605. Includes all accessories and lots of thread.

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## Excerpt from a book by Ilie Ruby submitted by Peggy Leach for your consideration

"Inside abandoned barns, Grant and Echo climbed over reams of old carpets, amidst spider webs sagging in the heat.

Echo would sift through countless antique hope chests in pursuit of the mystical crazy quilts. Within these patternless cloths, she explained, you could sense the quilter's personality. You could read her entire life in those zigzag seams, faded prints and discordant shapes, for these spoke of the secret stories, the ones the quilter never talked about but instead sewed into her memory: the scraps of shirts of the men she never thought she would fall in love with, and the hems of skirts worn by the daughters she never thought would leave her.

The cloth worn over a lifetime held threads of the deepest truth, Echo said. She'd once uncovered a century-old quilt that had handprints of several family members embroidered in its center, along with the dates of their births and deaths.

Echo had buried her face in the soft thread-bare material, as though trying to inhale the family ancestry. Being orphaned had robbed her of her own stories."

Ilie Ruby, Author