



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Message – June, 2015

Got rain? And more rain? I am refusing to whine about the abundance of it.—Come July we will be saying “Remember when it rained....?” Rainy days are great for watching it from a sewing room window. I think my machine sews faster on rainy days!

Our Care Quilt Work Day will be Tuesday, June 9th at the Brazos Center. Our meeting will be that night as usual. I hope you plan to come spend some time—whether an hour or all day. It is a good day to visit with friends—both old and new—and touch fabric. What is the down side of THAT? I plan to work on tying quilts, something I haven't done, using Laverne Ondrasek's tying grid. There is a variety of things to do and learn. I am bringing a crock-pot of soup for the appetites we are bound to have by lunch time after working from 9 AM! The Diamond and Pearls Quilt Show is on the horizon. I hope you are considering the area where your hands, heart, and feet will volunteer! It is going to take “our village” to get it done.

Wishing you time to make some stitches today –

Sue Sprott,

President, BBQG

Thought for the month: “If you pray for rain, be prepared to deal with some mud.” (Mary Engelbreit)

BBQG Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, June 1, 6:00 p.m., Hobby Lobby. All members 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.

Membership Report

There were 65 members and 5 visitors at the May meeting.

SERIOUSLY NEEDED

2016 Donation Quilt Chairperson. Our 2015 Donation Quilt will be going to a happy home at the end of the Diamonds and Pearls Quilt Show. It will be time for the 2016 plans to start forming.

QUILT SHOW NEEDS

1. **Lynn Thurston** needs volunteers to do interviews on KAMU & KBTX. Please contact her if you can help.
2. Two pickup trucks and drivers/helpers to haul supplies from storage unit on Wednesday and back to unit after show on Saturday. – **Contact Jo Ann Williams.**



Quilter's Hideaway Day Retreat

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

THE QUILT SHOW IS COMING! 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> 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>; phone # is 713-899-8696

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.

Bee News

Happy Scrappers are working on a raffle basket for the quilt show and will begin working on a project for the Bluebonnet Store.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee members are working on a retirement quilt for a pastor at First Baptist Church, College Station, continuing to make care quilts for the Guild, and making pillow cases for LoneStar Quiltworks to give to Phoebe's Home. On our first meeting in May, there were 13 members plus a birthday guest. We were treated with a doughnut cake. (Doughnuts stacked in a cake shape with a Happy Birthday decal on top!)

Jane Riggs

Bee Keeper

Basket Blitz

For the Basket Blitz for the Quilt show this year, we will be collecting 2 ½ strips of fabric WOF to create a basket. Please bring any strips you may want to share to the June guild meeting so we can create a basket. Also, please be thinking of other baskets that you may want to put together for the Basket Blitz. This can be as successful as we make it. Thank you for your participation. For any questions, please contact Kimberly DeBona

Thanks!

Kimberly aka *dachsie~~"

Kim DeBona is ready for baskets for the Basket Blitz.

Sue Ryan has stepped up to handle the kitchen operations. Maggie McGuire will be recovering from ankle surgery.

Lynn Thurston can use help with interviews.

Chris Deppe will be doing the program book. Know of anyone that would buy an ad for it?

Think, think, think.....where will you volunteer? It is going to be an exciting and fun (and maybe a little tiring) time for us all!

Sue Sprott



Theresa Morrison shows May meeting attendees some ideas for their contributions to the Bluebonnet Store.



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Above was another contribution for the Bluebonnet Store by Nancy Searcy. The workshop is all day August 11, but members are encouraged to create things at any time for the Bluebonnet Store.



On the rest of this page are some of the Care Quilts created by Quilt 'N Peace Bee members and shown at the May meeting.





BBQG Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2015

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

The Brenham Quilt Guild representatives were introduced and on hand to sell tickets for their quilt.

Pat Patterson introduced the **Amber Mocha**, high school senior scholarship recipient from College Station High School. Her father Denis was also introduced. Amber will be pursuing a degree in music.

2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

- 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,
 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



Mary Anne Durbin introduced the other recipient, **Miana Soto** from Bryan High School. Miana will be pursuing a degree in Graphic Art. Both recipients received **quilts made by Jan Madely and quilted by Connie Harrison.**



Budget: **Brenda Brown** presented the budget. Checking balance-\$19,133.78, savings balance-\$11,786.89, cash balance-\$30,920.67. The donation quilt has brought in a total of \$2,646 so far. Brenda noted a difference of \$934.51 compared to the report given to the Board. This was due to the inclusion of a check of that amount dated May 1st being given for the previous month. It was moved to the May report.

Minutes: **Kerry Dwyer** made a motion to approve the April minutes, seconded by **Kim DeBona**, minutes were approved.

Sunshine and Shadows: **Lynn Thurston** was absent. It was reported **Sue Idol** was in a car wreck, but happily we can say she was in attendance at the meeting. **Linda Novosad** will be having foot surgery.

Membership: 65 members were present and 5 visitors were welcomed. They were Cynthia Collier, Bonnie Lou Pernot, Doris Jane Owens, Sandra Muth, and Suzanne Hinson.

Door Prizes: Donations were given by Gloria Warren and LSQW. Winners were Jeanie Bassett, Millie Carter, Charles Gilreath, and Linda Winder.

Donation Quilt: **Kerry Dwyer** thanked all those who helped the past month showing the quilt. It was shown at the St. Mary's Quilt Show in Plantersville and at LSQW. It will be shown for four days starting May 23rd at JoAnn's. It will also be shown at Heritage Park and in Conroe during the month of July. Other upcoming showings will be announced.

Habitat For Humanity: **Mary Anne Durbin** represented the quilt guild at the dedications this past month. **Nancy Searcy** reported she still has plenty of banners on hand.

Quilt Education: **Carol Willson** needs volunteers for teaching quilting at A&M Consolidated.

Summer Retreat: **Peggy Mobley** reported there is one spot left for the summer retreat. If you would like to attend, call her.

2015 Quilt Show: **Rebecca Fielding** reported she now has the signs to be placed in cars. The signs announce the quilt show information. **Sue Sprott** announced that two men are needed for transportation of the show equipment to and from the storage unit to the Brazos Center. The equipment needs to be picked up Wed, stored overnight, and delivered Thurs. morning. It will be taken down Sat. afternoon after the show. **Kim DeBona** is collecting strips for the baskets. The August meeting is the deadline to turn in strips. **Jo Ann Williams** noted registration of quilts for the show begins May 19th. **Information regarding this is on the website** [www.bbqg.org].

Programs: **Melody Nelson** reported all program slots for 2016 have been filled. Melody is working with LSQW for the program and classes for Jacqueline DeJong. There will be 15 students/class with two 2/day classes being held. The guild members will have first opportunity to sign up before it is open to the public. Already out of town interest is being expressed.

Old business: Vintage Quilt Donation-**Maggie McGuire** purchased two of the quilts. The third was taken



to Paducah for appraisal. There she found out the quilt was of no value due to damage. She would like to have the guild approval to use the quilt for educational purposes. The guild heartily gave their approval.

New Business: Scholarship Awards for Graduating Seniors. **Mary Anne Durbin** reported that after announcing the two winners, three more applications arrived. The applications were postmarked by the deadline, but not delivered until much later. Upon inquiring at the Post Office in College Station, Mary Anne learned that a letter mailed in College Station goes to Bryan, Houston, Bryan and then to College Station. One applicant excelled in many areas of the application. **Linda Bridges** made a motion to award three students this year only, seconded by **Michael Jackson**, passed by the guild. The committee is seeking ways to prevent this from happening in the future. **Sue Sprott** pointed out that **Chris Deppe** as web master doesn't accept compensation for this job. The money not used in that area can be applied to this extra scholarship.

A "Special Interest" table will be provided in the lobby for future groups approved to provide information to the guild. This will keep the meeting time focused to the paid speaker.

A member survey was provided to see if educational needs are being met. It also inquired of types of programs members desire and the amount of workshops conducted.

Teresa Duryea Wong was announced as our speaker by **Linda Bridges**. She gave an excellent program on the history of Japanese Quilts.

Show and Tell

Meeting was adjourned by Sue Sprott

Respectfully submitted by
Julie Sabrsula, Secretary

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Teresa Duryea Wong gave an excellent program on the history of Japanese Quilts during the May BBQG meeting.

Thank you - Quilt Education

A BIG THANK YOU to all our BBQG members who volunteered to help with seventh grade math and the quilting project at AMCMS. I had great reports that it was fun, the students accomplished a lot, and the results of their efforts will, hopefully, be shown in a small display at the quilt show in September! Maybe some future quilters in this group??!!...

Thanks to **Charles, Pat, Jayne, Michaele, Norene, Maggie** and other parent volunteers at school; I appreciate all of you and hope I haven't forgotten anyone.....And special thanks to **Maggie M.** for taking photos and arranging with the teacher and school for including the project information in an article for an upcoming quilt magazine. What great publicity!! Kudos to all our volunteers !

Carol Willson
Quilt Education



Judy Beskow showed this photographic printed fabric from Mexico.



Carol Laughlin with her owl wall hanging



Above, Barbara Mes

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 Laura North
Professional Quilter

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Many thanks to Norma Reel for taking photos at the May BBQG meeting!



Above, two of four quilts by Jeanie Bassett
 Left, a quilt by Charles Gilreath
 Lower left, "Beach Quilt" by Nicole Pavel
 Below, Sharon Braunagel with her quilt

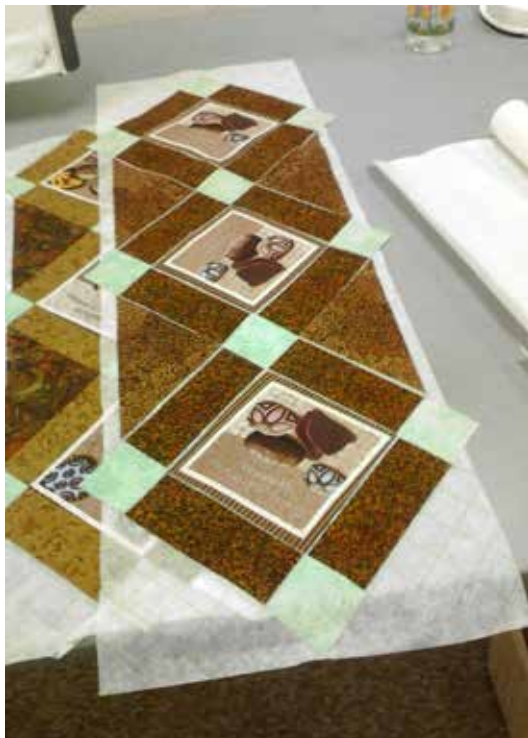




Summer Retreat is a "sweet" memory. Chocolate was the theme. Many projects were worked on, demos enjoyed, shopping, and lots of visiting! Many thanks to Peggy Mobley for submitting the group photo!

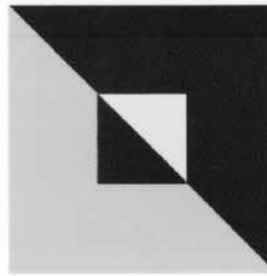
Sue Spratt developed this table runner demonstration (Crooked Nickel pattern from Country Living Quilts), and it was part of the project gift package for participants.

Below, Marijane Deen and Linda Winder





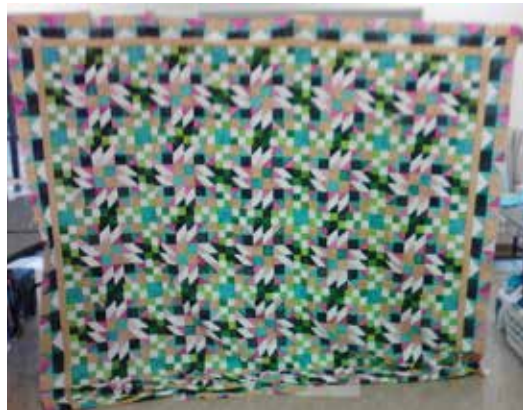
**Above, Peggy Mobley's king-sized quilt
Below, Jane Riggs' Christmas quilt**



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**Above, Jelinda Pepper's batik
Below, left, Rowena Reed
Middle, Linda Bridge's king-sized
Below, right, Michaele Jackson**





Left, Peggy Leach's birds

Many thanks to Peggy Cooper for the photos from Retreat!

Below, photos of windmill quilts finished after Judy Steward's workshop in April.

