



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Message – March, 2015

TIC-TOC, TIC-TOC...!

Can it really be March? It's here, ready or not! I'm not through with February! I believe sewing rooms have their own time zone. I go into mine and when I come out, it is always much later than I think. I dare say that we all love being immersed in our "own little Moda world."

What an interesting program we had from the Scissor Guy! I learned that I am a scissor abuser, but he has given me hope of doing better.

Connie Silber will educate us at the March meeting of what judges look for in the quilts at a quilt show. I plan to take notes! Then it is on to the Dallas bus trip—the fun continues!

But for now, I'm headed back to my "Moda world!" I hope you get to spend time in yours, also.

Chinese proverb: Failing to plan is planning to fail!

Sue Sprott,

President, BBQG

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

Membership Report

**There were 64 members present at the February meeting.
Three visitors.**

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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?

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.)

Area Quilt Shows

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 BBQG website:
www.bbqg.org/community_scholarship.html

FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS' QUILTS

We have been blessed with 4 quilts for our future scholarship recipients! The Quilt 'n Peace Bee donated 2 and Mary Ratke donated 2. This covers (no pun intended) our recipients for 2015 and 2016. It is wonderful to be ahead on this effort. A huge THANK YOU to the hearts and hands of the makers of these quilts.

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.

Summer Retreat Registration

Registration for summer retreat began 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. At this time, registration is full, and there is one person on the waiting list.

Rowena Reed

2015 BBQG Dallas Quilt Show Bus Trip Sign-up continues!!

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 at Sam's in Fairfield for dinner. There are 5-6 restaurants to choose from. The cost for members is \$45 and \$55 for non-members.

There is still plenty of space...bring friends!! Sign-up will continue at the March 10 meeting. If you have any questions call Jeanne Rierson at 220-3188 (cell) or 690-0776 (home).

Winter Retreat

Thirty-five BBQG members enjoyed fun and fellowship at the 18th Annual Winter Retreat held last month at Camp Lone Star in La Grange. Of the 35, two were new attendees. Planned activities were minimal which gave everyone the opportunity to work on their own projects. Many brought along projects that they had worked on at previous retreats. A scavenger hunt sent 6 teams scurrying around to locate a long list of quilting related items and prizes were awarded to the winning team. Several demonstrations led by Marijane Deen, Connie Silber and Cindy Stitt were offered resulting in numerous tissue box covers, casserole carriers, table runners, wall hanging/lap quilt tops being completed. As always, retreat was a time to relax, visit, share ideas, snack and sew.

Terry Skrabanek
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Diane Bullard



Right, Winter Retreat participants

Bee News

Busy Bees: Several members of the BB went to a wonderful retreat & enjoyed good food, company & completed more than they even imagined! We'll be meeting regularly for the next few months while planning a trip to Paducah in April. Our Bee remains closed to new members due to lack of space.

Sherrill Johnson

Quilt 'n Peace Bee turned in 11 care quilts at the January meeting. Twenty-seven Soldier Squares were completed and will be given to send overseas. Work started this month on three Quilts of Valor that should be completed for the 2015 BBQG Quilt Show and then donated. Six Quilt 'n Peace members participated in the postponed December 5th Tuesday shopping trip to three fabric shops on Thursday, January 29th. Lunch and shopping were great fun.

Peggy Mobley

Out of the Box Bee will meet the fourth Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. Contact me if interested.

Janice Drees

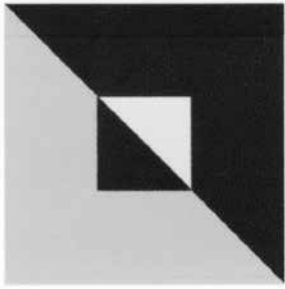
Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects.

Debbie Ginn

Praying Piecers are working on individual projects, but will soon begin quilts for local veterans and for a family with multiple needs.

Peggy Cooper

Jane Riggs, Bee Keeper



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2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

- March 10 Connie Silber - "What the Judge Does" - judging a quilt show; Room 102 Brazos Center
- March 11 **Workshop with Connie Silber: "Finish it" - adding borders and bindings; Assembly Room 4, 9-3**
- March 14 Bus Trip to Dallas Quilt Show - Contact Jeanne Rierson
- April 14 Judy Steward, Lecture: Tips & Tricks That Make Quilting Fun and Easy
- April 15 **Workshop with Judy Steward: Rural Life Series; Assembly Room 4**
- May 12 Teresa Duryea Wong Lecture: The History of Japanese Quilts
- May 13 **Workshop with Cynthia Collier: Fabric Inspired Broderie Perse Assembly Room 4**
- 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



Above, Thimble Bee members at their Bee meeting on Jan. 22. Missing are Beverly Alexander and Eleanor Mueller.



Above, Praying Piecers Bee members on February 23 with their almost-finished quilt for owners of the next Franklin Habitat for Humanity house

Long Arm Quilt Frame for Sale

Long arm quilt frame for a Bernina 430 or 440. Made by Grace Company for Bernina. It's white metal and is adjusted to use sitting down. Will quilt up to queen size. Price \$600.00 Peggy Cooper (979) 828-3460

BBQG Meeting Minutes February 10, 2015

Welcome and introduction of program: Sue Sprott

Budget: Treasurer **Brenda Brown** gave a report of the monthly budget. The checking balance is \$23,692.88, savings balance is \$11,781.14 and total cash balance is \$35,474.02. Since the first showing of the donation quilt \$1500 has been raised.

The **minutes** for the January were presented. Sue Idol made a motion to approve, Linda Winder seconded, minutes approved.

Sunshine and Shadows: **Lynn Thurston's** husband is not well. Shirley Day needs our prayers.

Cathy Davis gave the report for **Membership:** 64 members present with 3 visitors.

Door prizes were donated by **LSQW, Mary Radke, Lucy Smith. Winners were Maggie McGuire, De-lores Rydell, Alma Fonseca, and Lynn McCartney.**

Committee Reports:

Brazos Center Window: **Debbie Brooks** has decorated the current window with three beautiful quilts.

Donation Quilt: **Kerry Dwyer** gave an updated report of the money raised this month. Volunteers are still needed for Washington on the Brazos. She presented a list of upcoming guilds that the quilt will be taken to.

Habitat for Humanity: There will be two dedications on Feb. 28th. Please contact **Nancy Searcy** if you would like to attend.

Summer Retreat: **Rowena Reed** reported there are two openings left for this retreat.

Winter Retreat: **Connie Silber** reported the retreat was a great success. Next year's retreat will be held over Valentine's weekend.

Dallas Bus Trip: **Jeanne Rierson** has 25 openings on the bus. The cost is \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members.

Care Quilts: Sue Sprott read a note of appreciation from a recipient of one of the quilts.



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.

Library: **Sue Idol** reported the books are for sale at \$1 apiece. She is also willing to pick up items for the white elephant sale.

2015 Quilt Show: Everything is on schedule and is going smoothly.

Programs: **Connie Silber** will present the program for March. She will talk about judging a quilt show. A workshop will be held the next day and Connie will talk about finishing a quilt.

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

New Business: Maggie McGuire reported there is a new manager at JoAnn's. He would like to know what quilt supplies are needed.

Programs:

Ben and Melody from Christ United Methodist Church presented a program called Sole Hope. This program assists children in Uganda with obtaining shoes and thus preventing sand flea infestation. They need help with donations of fabric and volunteers to cut out the patterns for the inside of the shoes. Kerry Dwyer will be the liaison from the guild.

The Scissor Guy presented a very informative and enjoyable program pertaining to the care of scissors.

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned by Sue Sprott
Respectfully submitted,

Julie Sabrsula, Secretary



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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild

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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

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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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