



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Message – May, 2015

Spring is in full bloom, the ponds are full, green is the “color of the month”—and quilt shows abound. I hope we all are enjoying many of the things spring offers! I have a big yearning to make a quilt with wildflower fabrics. Judy Steward’s program and workshop were quite informative and fun. Hopefully, a few of the finished wall hangings will find their way to Show `N Tell at May’s meeting!

I hope this month you “don’t hurry, don’t worry, and don’t forget to smell the flowers.”
Keep Stitchin’

Sue Sprott,
President, BBQG

BBQG Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, May 4th, 6:00 p.m., at 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.

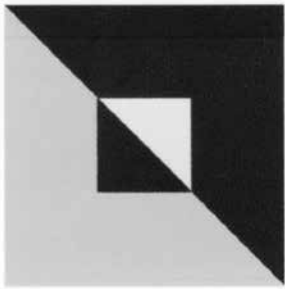
Membership Report

There were 77 members and 4 visitors at the April meeting.
Welcome to new members: Fran Gray, Jane Lowrey and Johnie Smith

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



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Area Quilt Shows

May 2, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Huntsville's Airing of the Quilts, downtown Huntsville

Library for Sale!

Books in the library are being sold for \$1 each. A list of library books is on the [bbqq.org website](http://bbqq.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 Opening

There has been a cancellation for the Summer Retreat on May 21-24. Cost is \$265.00 for three nights or \$200 for two nights. Call Peggy (690-1366) if you would like to go or need more information.

Rowena Reed

Below, Gloria W. helped with the donation quilt sales at St. Mary's Catholic Church while her friend, Della, admired the quilt.



The **THUMBLEBEES** have been busy this spring putting together a lap quilt for bee member Eleanor Mueller who has been hospitalized on several occasions in recent weeks due to kidney failure. Knowing Eleanor's love of batiks, bee members chose dark colored jewel toned batiks from their stashes for the quilt. The finished quilt was presented to Eleanor on April 2 with our prayers for healing and our hope to see her back at bee meetings again soon.

Many thanks to Cheryl's Machine Quilting for her beautiful quilting on very short notice.

(Photo below) Thumblebees members Linda Novosad, Dawn Merker, Bunny Douglas, and Millie Carter presenting lap quilt to Eleanor Mueller during recent hospital stay.



HAPPY SCRAPPERS: The top for the Happy Scrappers's Quilt of Valor is complete and ready to be quilted. Happy Scrappers Bee would like to encourage other bees or individuals to make a Quilt of Valor for the upcoming quilt show.

QUILT 'N PEACE BEE: Members enjoyed a fifth Tuesday shopping trip on March 31. The highlight was dessert at the Whistle Stop Tea Room.

Confirmation and thanks for the soldier squares was received from both groups that Quilt 'n Peace had recommended. Although the grandmothers had thanked us earlier, it is encouraging to learn that they were appreciated by the recipients. Packages to military addresses (especially if a ship) sometimes take a long time!

Jane Riggs
Bee Keeper

Basket Blitz

For the Basket Blitz for the Quilt show this year, we will be collecting 2 1/2" strips of fabric WOF to create a basket. Please bring any strips you may want to share to the May and June guild meetings 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~~"



At Judy Steward's workshop on 4/14, Linda Winder (above) and Georgia Tuttle (below) were among the dedicated students.



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Day Retreat**

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On 4/14, at her workshop, Judy Steward showed several of her lovely quilts. This one is a leaf which was recently created with paints and thread art.

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2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

- 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: Gettys-
burg, 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, Judy Steward demonstrated how to cut the small windmill holes in through the freezer paper and fused fabric.

Please “Show ‘N Tell!”

As you’ve surely noticed, it is impossible for this editor to attend every meeting to take photos of Show ‘N Tell quilts.

Please consider sharing a photo of any special quilts you finish with other members through the newsletter.

Have a photo taken of the quilt (with you in the photo if possible) and send the full-sized digital photo (300 dpi, approximately 4x6”) to aperry315@gmail.com. You may also mail a regular printed photo (which will be returned to you) to: Anne Perry, 10965 Clyde Acord Rd., Franklin, TX 77856.

Just be sure to include a summary or paragraph about any special techniques, process, or story about your quilt along with the photo.

Thank you for improving the quality and content of our BBQG Newsletter!

Anne Perry
BBQG Newsletter Editor



BBQG Minutes, April 14, 2015

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

Budget: **Brenda Brown** gave the report: Checking balance-\$20,734.35, Savings balance-\$11, 784.95, and Cash balance-\$32,519.30. The donation quilt has brought in \$2020 so far.

Minutes: Michaele Jackson made a motion to approve the March minutes, Sue Idol seconded it, and Minutes were approved.

Sunshine and Shadows: **Lynn Thurston** reported that Eleanor Mueller is at the Fortress and would love to have visitors on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays.

Membership: **Cathy Davis** announced the new membership list is available. There were 77 members present and 4 visitors present. We welcomed new members: Gail Tessen, Fran Ray and Johnnie Smith. Cathy will be sending reminder e-mails to those who were members last year, but have not paid this year.

Door Prizes: Four door prizes were donated, one was from LSQW. The winners were Peggy Leach, Nicole Pavel, Laverne Ondrasek and Theresa Morrison.

Committee Reports:

Donation Quilt: **Kerry Dwyer** passed around a signup sheet for volunteers to sit with the quilt at LSQW April 16 and 29. Volunteers are also needed April 24 and 25 for the Plantersville Quilt Show. Kerry encouraged the members to be diligent in selling tickets. There will be chances to win prizes for those who sell at least \$20 in tickets or sit at least 2 hours with the quilt.

Summer Retreat: **Rowena Reed** reported that the summer retreat is full and that the final payment is due tonight.

Scholarships: **Pat Patterson** reported that the committee met and has selected two recipients of the scholarship. Amber Mocha will be graduating from College Station High School. Miana Soto will graduate

from Bryan High School. Both girls and their parents will be invited to the May meeting to be congratulated. They will also be presented a quilt at their high school recognition ceremonies.

Quilt Show: The committee will meet April 20th. **Kim DeBono** explained the Basket Blitz to new members. Donated items will make the baskets to be auctioned off at the quilt show. She also asked for donations of 2 ½ inch x WOF to be used in a basket. The baskets may contain quilt or non-related quilt items. **Sue Idol** thanked everyone for their generous donations for the white elephant sale. She encouraged members to keep to donations coming. **Theresa Morrison** explained what the Bluebonnet Boutique was. She encouraged members to make items to be sold at the show. She also suggested we price our own items. There will be a workshop in August to make items.

Programs: **Linda Bridges** asked for suggestions for speakers.

New Business: Three quilts were given to Sue Sprott to be used by the guild as we wished. **Maggie McGuire** has generously offered to buy two of them for \$75 apiece. Members were asked if anyone cared to make a better offer for purchase. There were no volunteers. Benita Ebel moved that we sell the quilts to Maggie McGuire for \$75 apiece, Glen Lorange seconded the motion. The other quilt was offered for sale as well, but did not sell. Maggie will take it to the Paducah Quilt Show for appraisal.

Sally Coble gave a report on the Applique on the Bay retreat. All details may be found on the retreat website.

Linda Bridges introduced our speaker for the night, Judy Steward. Judy gave a very informative meeting about tricks she uses in quilting and showed several of her lovely quilts.

Show and Tell

The meeting was dismissed by **Sue Sprott**.

Respectfully submitted by
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Show 'N Tell

Many thanks to the following quilters who brought quilts for Show 'N Tell. We're sorry no photos were taken!

Carol Laughlin, Judy Beskow, Luci Smith, Alma Fonseca, Debbie Ginn, Laura North, Sue Idol, Mary Anne Durbin, Nancy Searcy, Nettie Kelly, Bobbie Middleton and Maggie McGuire.

Norma Reel

Show 'N Tell

May and June Workshops

Our next speaker is Teresa Duryea Wong. She will provide a lecture on the history of Japanese Quilts on Tuesday, May 12.

On Wednesday, May 13, our workshop is titled: "Fabric Inspired Broderie Perse," a type of appliqué taught by Cynthia Collier. There is still space if you are interested. Contact Linda Bridges.

In June, there will be a Care Quilt workshop all day on the day of the meeting at the Brazos Center. Come join us and learn quilting techniques and make new friends.

See our website for further details, including pictures and supply lists. bbqg.org

Thank you!

Linda and Maggie

Please Help Victims of

Domestic Abuse ... A request from member Terry Skrabanek



Above is a picture of my beautiful friend, Autumn, who passed away on August 18th, 2014. Autumn was the victim of a senseless act of domestic violence. Autumn was first and foremost my friend, and second one of my customers. During the month of April we are asking you to help us make pillowcases to honor Autumn. All proceeds from this event and the pillowcases themselves will be donated to Phoebe's Home, our local domestic violence shelter and prevention centers. **Stop by the shop (Lone Star Quiltworks) to pick up a pillowcase kit.**

Your cost will be \$8.00, (cash or check only please.) Directions to make the pillowcase will be included in your kit. **We are asking that you take the kit home, make the pillowcase, and return it to the shop by Saturday, May 30th.**

I strongly believe in keeping our fundraising efforts local. Additionally, we are primarily a women centered business and while I am well aware that domestic violence affects men as well, statistically women and children are at great risk. We plan to make this an annual event each April in conjunction with our shop anniversary, both to honor Autumn and continue support for Phoebe's Home.

My prayers are that maybe we can prevent one more family from dealing with senseless tragedy and violence.

Terry Skrabanek

Owner, Lone Star Quiltworks



Those lucky enough to attend St. Mary's Catholic Church's First Quilt Show in Plantersville on April 24-25 were amazed!! What a beautiful way to display quilts. Below is a lollipop tree quilt by Karla Colle. Thanks to Sue Sprott for the photo of the back of the church; the other two photos were by Anne Perry.

