



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Note – October, 2015

What a great quilt show we had! Now that the show is a wonderful memory, it is time for a change in our thinking.—So HAPPY AUTUMN! I'm ready for it—scarecrow and (fake) pumpkin on the porch, I'm scoping out mums to buy that could live (or die) at my house. There are several quilt shows in our area that will make great road trips—and hopefully see some leaves wearing their fall colors along the way. October is a good time to take a deep breath, enjoy some simple pleasures, and start thinking of a new project in the sewing room! I know I have some fall fabrics stashed somewhere.....

Thought for the month: Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands—and then eat just one of the pieces.

Sue Sprott

President, BBQG

October Board Meeting

The October Board Meeting will be Monday, October 5th, at Hobby Lobby, 6:00 PM. Committee Chairs, please let me know if you have any items for the agenda for the Board Meeting or the General Meeting. If not, I will not call on you for a report.

2016 Donation Quilt

We are now in desperate need for a chairman for the 2016 Donation Quilt. We have the quilt, it was appraised at the quilt show (written appraisal being mailed to us), I have tickets printed ready to go. If you—or a Bee—or a team—would like this worthy position, please contact Sue Sprott. Lynn Thurston has generously volunteered to oversee the quilt being shown at the Brazos Valley Fair. She needs our help with that effort!

September Membership Report

There were six visitors and 52 members for August meeting.

Brazos Valley Fair
October 16-18, 2015
September 28 – Oct. 02, 9a.m.-4p.m.
Quilt entry deadline and drop-off

Information website:

<<http://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2015/quilt-contest-and-show>>

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Area Quilt Shows (from www.bbqg.org)

October 2-3 - Jewett Quilt Show; Jewett Civic Center;
for more information: jewittchamber@sbcglobal.net

October 16-18 - Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo Quilt
Show; for more information: <http://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2015/quilt-contest-and-show>

October 6-31 - Corsicana Quilt Show; Living Arts Cen-
ter; For more information: [corsicanaquiltguild.com](http://www.corsicanaquiltguild.com)

2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

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

Bee News

The Busy Bees enjoyed the BBQG quilt show. Several participated & won recognition, which is always nice. Several of the Bees are attending other quilt shows in the area, including Caldwell & Conroe. We continue to work on individual projects & a group project for the Quilts of Valor.

Quilt 'n Peace did not meet in August but started September with a lively meeting with new fabric to

sort. We received 2 boxes from an unknown donor and will enjoy making care quilts from some blocks already completed. Many of our members helped with the quilt show and two members took home three ribbons! Carol Laughlin had a third place for her quilt "Love in a Circle" in the Scrap Quilt Category and an honorable mention for her Art Quilt "Rusty Time." Barbara Mes had an honorable mention for her Gladness in my Soul" quilt in Traditional Pieced, Small category. Congratulations ladies.

Happy Scrappers continue to work on individual projects including yoyos, applique, embroidery, fleece blankets, and others.

Jane Riggs
Bee Keeper

Special Thank You!

A special thank you to **Terry Skrabanek at Lone Star Quilt Works** for the amazing baskets she donated for the Best of Show and Go Texan winners. They were truly wonderful. **Debbie Brooks** added the wrappings and bows.

Also thank you to **Joyce Blasi** for beating her own record of donation quilt ticket sales! \$1,300 worth of tickets this year. This more than pays for one of the scholarships!

Sue Spratt
BBQG President

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Sale of Shirley Day's Sewing Equipment

Sue Idol has pictures of most of these. Email me for them please. We have several other things for sale. Also, if you are into needle point we have a couple of stands to sell.

1. Sashiko. Japanese hand quilting stitch on a machine. Original price is \$2500.00 Asking \$1000.00.



2. Bernina 240. Has all the accessories. Works beautiful. One owner. \$900.00.

3. Bernina 930. Has all the accessories and beautiful cabinet. One owner. \$900.00.

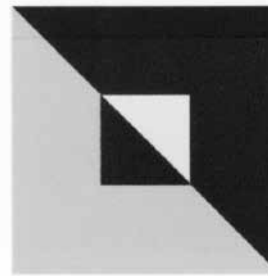


4. Singer Featherweight. White one. Made in 1964 in Canada. Very good condition. \$495.00.



5. Singer treadle. Model 27 from 1865. Has a folding puzzle box of accessories. Model # 13432737. Not perfect but still works. Needs new belt. \$300.00.

6. Singer 15-91. Model # JC751694. Made in 1953. In nice cabinet. Has stool with all the accessories and then some in it. #300.00



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7. White Speedy Lock serger. Needs cleaning. Beginner serger. \$50.00.

8. Great sewing chairs. \$50 and \$75.

9.. Kangaroo Cabinets - Tasmanian Height Adjustable table. It holds one machine and can be cranked up to become a cutting table. \$996. You can get all the specifics at the Photo Gallery: Tasmanian Height Adjustable Table www.kangarookabinets.com

Thanks for looking. Peace to all,
Sue Idol <sueidol@yahoo.com>

2015 Diamond and Pearls Quilt Show

Thanks for the memories! What a pretty show we had! The quilts on display were amazing. The hard work of the volunteers made the quilt show a fun place to be.

Thank you to all who helped—members, husbands, sons, daughters, and vendors. The vendors had so much to offer. There was truly something for everyone.

The dust is settling from receipts and deposits, but a profit of over \$8,000 is the expected outcome. A final tally will be shared at October's meeting.

Our "village" worked hard to make this a true success.

Sue Spratt
BBQG President



BBQG Meeting Minutes, September, 2015

The meeting was opened by **Sue Sprott**, President.

She welcomed members of the Golden Needle Quilt Guild of Conroe. They were on hand selling tickets for their donation quilt.

Budget: **Brenda Brown** gave the following report: Opening checking balance-\$14,941.85, ending checking balance-\$11,977.40, ending savings balance-\$11,794.83. Total cash balance-\$23,772.23. She encouraged all members with outstanding receipts to turn them in as soon as possible.

Minutes: **Kerry Dwyer** moved to approve the August minutes, **Lynn Thurston** seconded the motion, minutes were approved.

Sunshine and Shadows: **Lynn** has sent out several cards to members this past month. In the sunshine department it was noted that 4 members are new grandparents and Maggie McGuire's son is home from his assignment overseas.

Membership: **Cathy Davis** reported 52 members in attendance with 6 visitors. The visitors were warmly welcomed by Sue.

Door Prizes: The prizes this month included a rotary cutter set, 3 patterns, pin cushion, box and pot holders. The winners were **Kim DeBona**, **Julie Sabrsula**, **Delores Rydell**, and **Jelinda Pepper**.

Donation Quilt: **Kerry Dwyer** reported a profit of \$1052 made during the quilt show. The quilt made a total of \$6198. The quilt was won by Kathy LeBlanc of Houston. Kerry thanked everyone for their hard work this year. **Joyce Blasi** sold the most tickets for a total of \$1300. She will receive a paid workshop or a bus trip. **Norma Reel** was the volunteer winner. Sue thanked Kerry for all of her hard work as chairman of this quilt the past year.

Brazos County Fair: Oct.16-18 at Brazos County Expo. **Lynn Thurston** has graciously volunteered to be in charge of the 2016 Donation Quilt at the fair. She will need volunteers to help with the debut of the quilt. Please contact her to sign up. She will also have a sign up sheet at the Oct. meeting.

Quilt education: **Carol Willson** needs volunteers for Boonville Days to be held Oct. 10 at the Brazos Center. Lunch will be provided. Members are also needed to volunteer for a show at the Stark Gallery Sept. 20. Carol will organize this as soon as she returns home.

Workshops: **Melody Nelson** gave an update on the April workshop with **Jacqueline DeJonge**. The price of each of the two classes will be \$160 for members, \$200 for non-members. Melody informed the guild that **signups need to be completed by Oct. 1**. This will include ½ down payment and purchase of the pattern from Terry at LSQW. The classes will be held in the quilt shop. The **lecture is April 12, classes are April 13-14 and 15-16, 2016**.

Quilt Show: Sue thanked all the members for all of the hard work done to make the show a success. Each chairman present at the meeting thanked their workers. **Kerry Dwyer** thanked **Rebecca Fielding** for an outstanding job as show chairman. The guild gave her a standing ovation. **Brenda Brown** stated that this show cleared more money than in previous years. The total income for the show was approximately \$25,000 and expenses were \$11,000. The final tallies will be forthcoming as receipts are submitted.

The vendors at the show were very complimentary. **Sue Idol** reported a profit of \$4900 from the White Elephant store. It was reported that the Bluebonnet Store made approximately \$1700. The Basket Blitz made \$1829.50.

The Challenge Quilts were auctioned during the meeting. Winners were:

Marijane Dean - \$110

Chris Pepper - \$85

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Nini Hodges - \$80
Carolyn Stigler - \$170

Sue Sprott announced she was volunteering to head the 2017 Quilt Show. **Judy Beskow** volunteered to be in charge of the ribbons. The members voted to name the show "Reach for the Stars."

Sue Idol and **Fran Gray** have begun work on the 2017 Donation Quilt.

The Parade of Winners followed the business meeting. Winning quilts were shown by the makers of the quilts.

Show and Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Sabrsula

Secretary

"Civil War Tribute" by Margie K. Williams won "Judge's Recognition" from Judge Winnie Fleming, as well as First Place in "Block of the Month and Quilt Kits."



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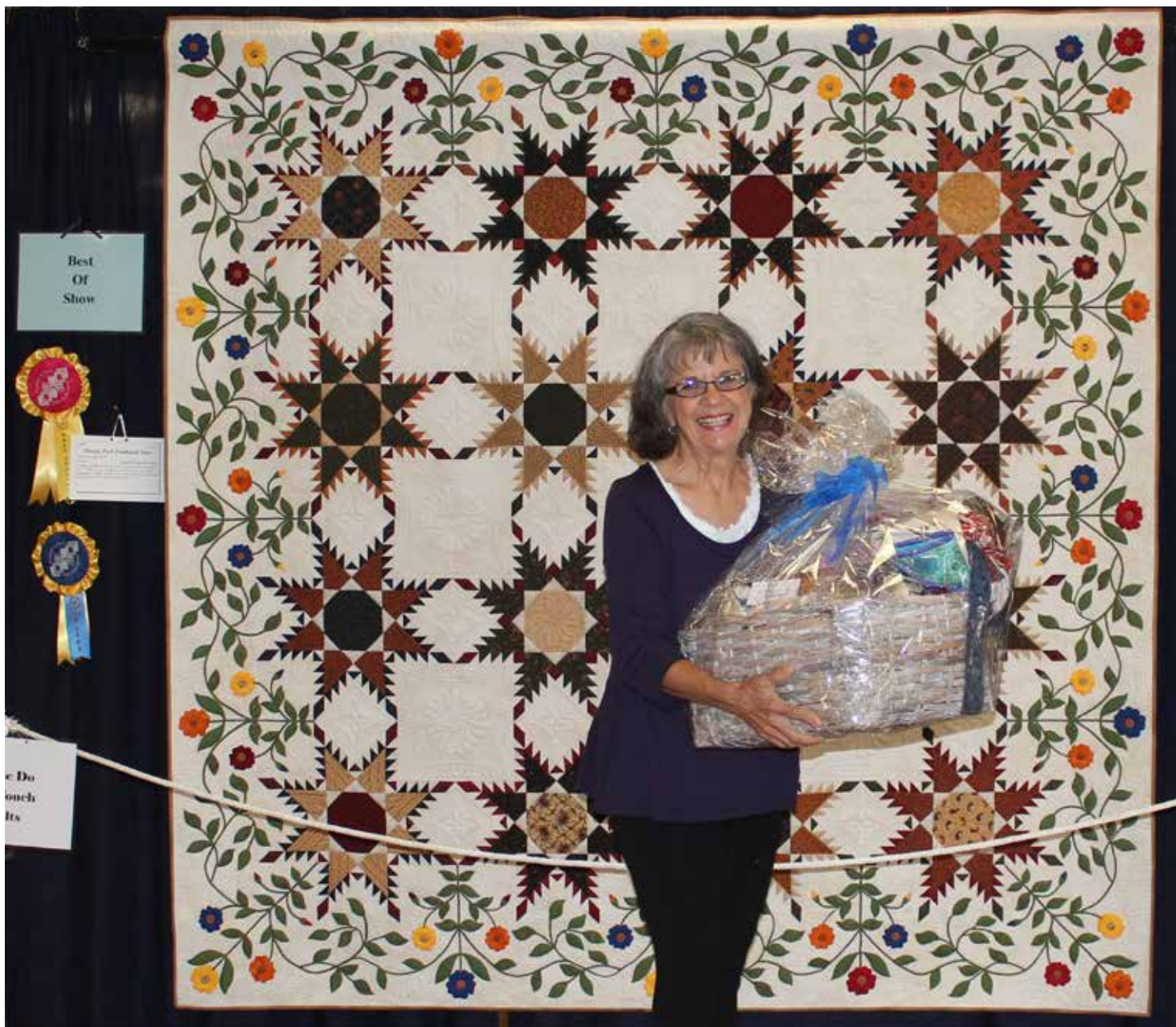
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"Remember" by Lynn MacCartney won the Go Texas Award, as well as Best Design, Best Applique, and Best Machine Quilting.





Judy Wolff from Lincoln, Texas, won Best of Show and First Place in Mixed Technique with her "Paisley Park Feather Stars" at the 2015 Diamonds and Pearls Quilt Show. Angela McCorkle was the quilter.