



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Notes – September, 2015

Can you believe it is almost SHOW TIME? The year is flying by! It is time for all of the planning, thinking, and doing to come together for an amazing celebration of quilts. The show is a labor of love for "our village"! Let's enjoy the show and meet on the following Tuesday night to talk about it and see the "Parade of Winners"!

I appreciate the Quilt Show Committee and all the volunteers who have their comfy shoes ready to help at our Diamonds and Pearls Quilt Show!

See you there!

Sue Sprott

President, BBQG

Thought of the month: Explore your own world by working together with your friends.

Change for the September BBQG Board Meeting

The Board Meeting for September will be Monday, August 31, 6:00 PM, at Sue Sprott's house. 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

(see page 7)

A big THANK YOU to : **Sharon Braunagel** - made quilt top and donated it to us

Norma Reel – longarm quilting

Beverly Alexander – making binding & sewing onto quilt

Thimbleberries Bee – hand sewing binding down

2016 Chairperson(s)*

***Does your name go here?**

August Membership Report

There were four visitors and 49 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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Bee News

The Busy Bees are getting back on a routine after vacations and lots of traveling. Several are working hard on completing their entries for the BBQG quilt show next month and the Brazos Fair and Rodeo in October. We're all making plans to go to the International Quilt Show in October. It seems far away, but the time seems to be flying by.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee members filled out worksheets to enter three Quilts of Valor in the BBQG Quilt Show during our last meeting in July. We have not met during August. However, several bee members attended the BBQG Boutique Workshop on August 11. Members are working on personal quilts to enter in the show.

The Happy Scrappers are still meeting during the summer to work on individual projects.

Jane Riggs

Bee Keeper

Habitat for Humanity

It has been a busy summer for Habitat for Humanity with wall raisings, building, and dedications. The Cortez family moved in August 1, and on August 22, the Arreola/Escalante family will move into their home. These families live next door to one another! What a wonderful way for the children to start the new school year.

At the Cortez dedication, I met a woman who lives in a Habitat for Humanity home in the same neighborhood. She continues to help build the homes and attends the dedications to bless the families. She told me she still wants to give back and help her neighbors.

She is a beautiful example of God's love at work.

Peace!

Nancy Searcy

Diamonds and Pearls Quilt Show Information

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

EARLY QUILT CHECK IN FOR BBQG SHOW:

Early quilt check in will be on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 10-11:30 AM, at Jane Crouse's house. All quilters will be required to sign a liability waiver when leaving their quilt(s) at early check in. (Regular check in will be at the Brazos Center on Thursday A.M.)

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We have several of these signs for placing at highway intersections. They have wire frames to put in ground. **Do we have a volunteer(s) to put them out?** Let Sue Sprott know if you are interested!

Area Quilt Shows

(from www.bbqg.org)

September 4-5, 2015 - "Diamonds & Pearls: Guild 30th Anniversary; Presented by the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild; Location: Brazos Center - 3232 Briarcrest Dr, Bryan, TX; For more information: www.bbqg.org

September 18-19, 2015 - "Quilty Pleasures;" Presented by Golden Needles Quilt Guild; Location: Lone Star Convention Center - Conroe, TX 78028; For more information: www.goldenneedles.org

September 18-19, 2015 - "Heritage on the Brazos" Quilt Show; Presented by the Hill Country Quilt Guild; Location: Somervell County Expo - 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd (Hwy 67), Glen Rose, TX 76043; For more information: www.granburyquiltguild.com

September 2015 - Quilt Across Texas Presented by 57 Quilt Shops; For more information: www.quiltacrosstexas.com

September 2015 - 18th Annual North Texas Quilt Shop Hop; Presented by 11 Quilt Shops; For more information: www.northtexasquiltshophop.com

September 18-19, 2015 - The 16th Annual - "Texas - Deep in the Heart" Quilt Show; Presented by the Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild; Location: Recreational Outreach Center - the First Baptist Church - 115 Putman St., Sulphur Springs, TX 75482; For more information: www.sulphurspringstxquilts.com/quilt_show.htm

September 18-19, 2015 - "Sew Many Favorites" - Quilt Show; Presented by the Trinity Valley Quilters Guild;

Northcraft

Laura North

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Location: Amon Carter Exhibit Hall - Will Rogers Complex, 3401 W Lancaster Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76107; For more information: www.tvqg.org

September 25-26, 2015 - "Annual Quilt Show;" Presented by the Busy Bee Quilters Annual Quilt Show; Location: Post Oak Community Center - Schmittou Rd at FM Rd #2127, Post Oak, TX 76230; For more information: www.postoakquilters.com

September 25-26, 2015 - "Star Gazing" Greater San Antonio Quilt Show; Presented by the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild; Location: San Antonio Event Center - 8111 Meadow Leaf Dr., San Antonio, TX 78227; For more information: www.sanantonioquilt.org

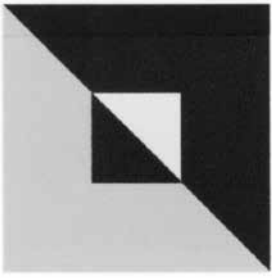
September 25-26, 2015 - "The Art of Quilting - Yesterday & Today" Quilt Show; Presented by the Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild; Location: Dell Diamond Heritage Center - 3400 East Palm Valley Boulevard, Round Rock, TX 78665; For more information: www.ctquiltguild.org

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

October 6-31 - Corsicana Quilt Show; Living Arts Center; For more information: corsicanaquiltguild.com

Right, Jane Riggs making gifts for Bluebonnet Shop





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Above, Nicole Pavel, Rowena Reed, and Linda Winder work on projects for the Bluebonnet Store at the show.

2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

- 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

More Bee News...

The Material Girls Bee is still alive and sewing on Tuesdays at the Arts Council Building. Several of the members have been working on the quilt show committee, plus they and others will have quilts in the upcoming Quilt Show. Sue worked very hard to be able to offer the best bargains at the "White Elephant Booth". Sue collected a great array of your fellow quilters' overflow of fabric, notions, patterns etc.

Along other lines, members are doing the usual traveling, baby sitting of grandchildren and generally keeping too busy to remember what they have been up to, plus sometimes having life get in the way of their life, as life will do!

Take care and hope to see and/or have seen you at the show. **Nadine Stuth**, Social Reporter



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BBQG Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2015

Welcome given by **Sue Sprott** at 7:00 p.m.

Sue announced the Jewett Quilt Show is Oct. 2 & 3, and the Corsicana Quilt Show is October 6-31 where **Connie Silber** will be a judge. Free fabrics are available at the front of the room after the meeting adjourns.

The Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild was introduced and on hand to sell tickets for their quilt.

Budget: **Brenda Brown** presented the budget. Checking balance \$13926.65, Savings balance \$11792.83, cash balance \$25719.48.

Minutes: **Kim DeBona** made a motion to approve the July minutes, seconded by **Sue Idol**, minutes approved.

Sunshine and Shadows: A sympathy card was sent to **Shirley Day's** family, and get well cards were sent to **Kim DeBona, Mary Ellen Bell,** and **Pat Patterson.** **Benita Ebel** thanked us for cards sent after her mother died.

Membership: **Peggy Leach** filled in for **Cathy Davis** and reported there were 46 members and four visitors in attendance. A total of 501 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours of service were reported for this month.

Door Prizes: Two patterns from **Pauline Barnes, LSQW** gift certificate, fabric squares and a ruler were won by **Kerry Dwyer, Susie Schamp, Jane Riggs** and **Connie Silber.**

Donation Quilt: A chairman is still needed for 2016. **Norma Reel** quilted the quilt, and **Beverly Alexander** and **Thimblebees** are binding the quilt. The 2015 quilt has brought in just under \$4500. **Kerry Dwyer** recruited volunteers for August 15 at JoAnn's and at the Quilt Show on Friday and Saturday.



Above, Melody Nelson and Sherrill Johnson during the workshop for the Quilt Show's Bluebonnet Shop.

Quilt Show: **Rebecca Fielding** reported there are postcards available from **Kerry Dwyer** and signs posted in Downtown Bryan. She shared the event on Facebook and wants to link the post to the Guild's website. **Chris Deppe** is keeping up with the web site. We have three VIP judges, and all vendor slots are filled. If anyone changes their minds about entering, please let her know. A counter will be used to keep track of total attendance. There will be a Quilt Show meeting at Rebecca's house Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. **Connie Silber** reported we have 155 entries including 141 judged entries. **Nell Smith** will be appraising quilts, and **Dawn Merker** is scheduling appointments. Results will be mailed three weeks after the show. Sue recommended adding this information to The Eagle and KBTX ads as well as in the newsletter.

EARLY TAKE IN OF QUILTS FOR SHOW: **Jane Crouse** will take quilts for early take in on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 10-11:30 a.m. at her house. This is the only early take in. All other take in will be Thursday morning at the Brazos Center.

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Chris Deppe needs to know if anyone wants to pay \$20 for "shout out" ads in addition to vendor ads in the printed program.

Kim De Bona secured 22 baskets and announced volunteers are needed to help with ticket sales. Volunteers are also needed for punching holes in postcards, stamping hands and Bluebonnet Boutique sales during the Quilt Show.

Sue Ryan could use more food items for Thursday and has signup sheets for food, paper goods, etc.

Brenda Brown instructed anyone needing a bank for the Quilt Show to email her the amount and the committee requesting the bank so she can collect it back after the Show.

Quilt Education: **Carol Willson** requested volunteers for the Boonville Days at the Brazos Valley
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Below, Debbie Ginn, Linda Novosad, and Theresa Morrison with just some of the many items to be featured for sale in the Bluebonnet Shop at the Quilt Show.



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Museum of Natural History on Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, there will be a table in front at the Quilt Show on Sat. from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with kits for children who attend. She could use 1-2 volunteers to help there.

New Business: The Nominating Committee will meet after the Quilt Show to work on a slate of officers for 2017. Anyone wanting to serve should contact **Sue Sprott**. Next year's Program Chair is securing the 2017 programs.

Program: Today's workshop was a success. Items created were shared by **Theresa Morrison** who will take additional items up until Thursday, Sept. 3. **Linda Bridges** announced the September program will feature the Quilt Show Parade of Winners. The October workshop on Mock Moda Reverse Machine Applique will be given the day after the October program by the Canadian Singing Quilter. The November program will be the Wearable Arts Group Style Show, and the December Christmas Party will round out the year. Sue thanked Linda and Maggie for our programs.

Show and Tell: **Nicole Pavel**, **Maggie McGuire**, and **Rozann Coody** showed quilts made and acquired.

Theresa Morrison will accept additional items for the Quilt Show's Bluebonnet Store until Thursday, Sept. 3.

Sue announced that the September Board meeting will be held the last Monday in August – Aug. 31. Following an announcement about a Fibers Arts exhibit at TAMU's Stark Gallery between now and October 6, the meeting was adjourned by **Sue Sprott**.

Respectfully submitted,
Alma Fonseca
for the BBQG Secretary



Above, Peggy Mobley and Jane Riggs at the Bluebonnet Store workshop.



Left is a sneak preview of our finished 2016 donation quilt!

It is ready for appraisal at the Quilt Show, and its picture for postcards!