



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Note – August, 2016

Hello all,

Hope you are keeping cool. Supposed to hit 100 this week. Perfect weather to stay indoors and sew, sew, sew.

Wasn't Cynthia England a great speaker? I really enjoyed taking her classes. She has so much to share...very down to earth and a wonderful person to spend time with.

This class was a wonderful experience. It was way out of my comfort zone. I think we all can grow when we try new things. Getting out of the comfort zone is a great challenge to your creativity, not counting all the fun you have.

Anyone going to the West Austin Shop Hop? I think it is Sizzling Summer Shop Hop? I love shop hops, but not this year. The quilt shows will be starting soon, and I want to see as many as I can. I love the smaller ones, as they have some of the best ideas. lol

We have several members that have been ill and having medical issues. Sad things have happened to some. Let's keep them all in our prayers.

We still need a care quilt chair. Please see if you have the time to devote to this job. It is very rewarding.

Hope your vacations are fun, and you have time to sew. That is our mission...to cover the world in quilts.

Peace and hugs,
Sue Idol, President, BBQG

August Board Meeting

Board meeting will be August 1 at Hobby Lobby at 6 P.M. Please come and share your ideas with us. All are welcome.

BBQG Membership Report - July Member Meeting

Nadine Stuth reported that 64 members and 8 visitors were in attendance.
Welcome to new member: **Debbie Howkin**.



Area Quilt Shows

September 15-16, "Quilty Pleasures" - Quilt Show and Live Auction, Golden Needles Quilt Guild, Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Rd., Conroe, TX 77303; 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day; Admission \$7 (\$6 Seniors 62+); Over 200 Quilts on Exhibit, Quilt Judging, Vendors, Miniature Quilt Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Raffle Baskets, Special Exhibits & Grab Bags too! Live Auction on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. which includes beautiful quilts of all sizes.

October 14-15 - "2016 Annual Judged Quilt Show" - Texas Star Quilters Guild; Canton Civic Center, 800 Flea Market Rd., Canton, TX 75103; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. both days; Admission \$3.00 - Children under 12 free. www.texasstarquilters.wix.com/tsqg

20th ANNIVERSARY WINTER RETREAT

We have received the dates for our 20th Annual Winter Retreat in La Grange: February 9-13, 2017. If you did not pre-register earlier this year, you may sign up for the Winter Retreat at 6:15 p.m. before the November 8th BBQG meeting. There are still seven spaces available!

Diane Bullard

Bee News

Quilt 'n Peace Bee members continue to make care and Books and a Blanket quilts. Several members participated in the Summer Retreat. **Peggy M.** returned home and had a message that her name was drawn for the raffle quilt by Happy Hearts Quilt Guild at their Quilt Show on June 25 in Giddings. **She bought a ticket when they showed the quilt at BBQG earlier this year.** ...continued on page 3

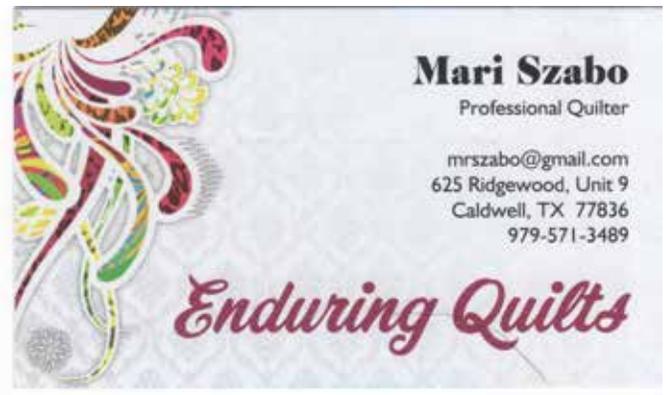


Appliqué Away on Galveston Bay

March 5-9, 2017 - Appliqué Away on Galveston Bay. Featured teachers: Angela Lawrence, Sylvia Pippin, Deborah Tirico, and Janice Vaine. All skills levels and a variety of hand techniques. Conference vendor: Lone Star Quiltworks of Bryan, TX. www.AppliqueAwayOnGalvestonBay.com

2016 BBQG Meeting and Workshop Schedule

- Aug. 9th "Square in a Square" by Carol Daniel
- Aug. 10th Workshop
- Sept. 13th Mini Quilt Show
- Oct. 11th "Appliqué" by Karen K. Buckley
- Oct 12th Workshop
- Nov. 8th "Modern Quilt Fabrics" by Nicole; Owner of "The Cloth Pocket" in Austin, TX
- Dec. 13th Christmas Party





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For the first two weeks in July, **Carol L.** will teach a watercolor class and supply most of the materials. We will not meet the last two weeks in July.

Not much going on with the **Busy Bees** this summer. We usually meet at my house, but we're having remodeling done, so meetings are on hold until that's done. We may start getting back to our routine in September.

The Bees are busy with traveling and vacations right now. One of the BBs just finished a wedding quilt for her daughter and is planning on having it quilted before the wedding in October. We're all doing some babysitting for grandchildren, so a lot of our sewing is getting done after hours when we have some quiet time. Four of the Busy Bees went to the BBQG Summer Retreat in Magnolia and had a wonderful time. We got some sewing done there...caught up on Farmgirl Vintage blocks, completed three quilt tops and a few smaller projects!

Happy Scrappers are beating the heat by working on individual projects.

This very remiss society correspondent for the **Material Girls Bee** is happy to report that the Girls have been (and will be) quite busy with quilt projects, retreats and general travel to exotic places, as well as loving on grand babies, old and young. Quilts finished (or almost so) include an red and black Arkansas, bright pinwheels, an Aunt Gracie's with prairie points no less, the Lone Star Quilt Works Row by Row winner and the 2017 "Donation Quilt." Our only sad news is that due to limited space and the addition of a couple of new members we are a closed bee for the time being. Over and out for now, **Nadine**.

Quilts of Valor - - This bee is open to all. Our purpose is to make Quilts Of Valor for local veterans. We meet every Monday from 10 until 3 at the American Legion, 101 Waco St, Bryan. The building faces HWY 21. You only need your sewing machine and sewing supplies. Bring a lunch if you would like. Contact: Maggie McGuire 979 204-4737 or Linda Bridges 979 255-0570

Jane Riggs, Bee Keeper



Sue Sprott's Bee friends created the Sunbonnet Sue quilt above to comfort her during her battle against cancer.

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Sue Sprott's Happy Scrappers friends created the quilt above for her sister, Gloria Warren, who is at her side during her battle with cancer.

Minutes for Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Welcome – President **Sue Idol** opened the meeting at 7 p.m. at the Brazos Center. She asked if everyone had received the last newsletter. **Maggie McGuire** explained that she resent the newsletter in groups of 12 to those emails that had rejected the first email and requested that members mark her as an okay sender from their SPAM folders. Contact Maggie if you did not get the newsletter.

Minutes – Motion was made to accept the minutes by **Kerry Dwyer** and seconded by **Judy Beskow**; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – **Benita Ebel** reported a balance of \$14,658.76 in the checking account and \$16,822.21 in the savings account, making a total of \$31,480.97.

Sunshine & Shadows – **Sue Idol** reported that **Nettie Kelly** received a sympathy card for sad events in her life, and **Ann Gilreath** received a thank you card for providing handmade cards for the Guild to use for Sunshine & Shadows. She congratulated **Paulette Mays** for getting the first Row by Row done.

Arts Council – **Mary Anne Durbin** announced a Save the Date event on 9/22 at the Expo Center at 6 p.m. with an Orient Express theme.

New Business – **Sue Idol** received a request to restore a 1958 baby quilt if anyone is interested in this. She asked members to think of an alternate meeting site for November 2017 when the Brazos Center will not be available due to renovation. She asked members to complete the survey in their chairs.

Membership – **Nadine Stuth** reported that 64 members and 8 visitors were in attendance. One new member, **Debbie Howkin**, joined. La Grange brought their donation quilt to share ticket opportunities. **Rowena Reed** and **Barbara Mes** won door prizes.

Habitat for Humanity – **Nancy Searcy** attended a dedication July 9. She needs more welcome banners from members. The next dedication is August 6. **Mi-chaele Jackson** volunteered to present the banner.

Summer Retreat – **Rowena Reed** reported on a successful summer retreat with 24 in attendance. Next year's retreat will be June 22-25 at the Magnolia Manor in Plantersville.

2017 Quilt Show – **Judy Beskow** reported that the quilt show would be held at the Brazos Center on either September 23 or 30 depending on the TAMU football
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home game. A new category, Modern Quilts, has been added, and the theme is Reach for the Stars, for both the show and the challenge quilts.

Houston Coalition of Quilt Guilds – Charles Gilreath reported that BBQG joined the Houston Coalition of Quilt Guilds, which met in June. The group shares information and speaker/workshop opportunities, generates program ideas, has a website for members and will help us in recruiting workshop participants. **Maggie McGuire** also attended and secured two bookings for our donation quilt.

Donation Quilt – Maggie McGuire recruited **Benita Ebel** to go to Waco on July 16 with the donation quilt. Each member is to sell \$20 in tickets and can secure post cards with photos of the quilt from **Maggie**. The quilt was appraised at \$2,000, which does not include the two pillow shams.

Programs – Melody Nelson passed around sign-up sheets for two future workshops. Members were encouraged to take advantage of workshops, especially those taught by nationally known teachers such as Karen Buckley, an applique expert, in October.

Show & Tell

- Sue Idol** - Shaker box that Sue Sprott's husband made for her as the new 2016 President of BBQG
- Fran Gray** - Antique Civil War Quilt
- Charles Gilreath** – Books and a Blanket featuring next month's striped quilt
- Rowena Reed** – Basket quilt with blocks colored with crayolas by her granddaughter
- Nancy Searcy** and **Jeanie Bassett** – 4 quilts for Books and a Blanket
- Sue Chrysler** – Snowman in a Snow Globe quilt, flannel baby quilt, 2 layer cake quilts, Improvisational Pieced quilt, guitar quilt
- Debbie Ginn** - Red, white and blue stars quilt with red, white and blue sashing
- Barbara Mes** – I AM small wall hanging

- Mary Anne Durbin** – pink granddaughter's quilt started 14 years ago
- Theresa Morrison** – Christmas Owl wall hanging, Row-by-Row wall hanging
- Carol Laughlin** – Heart of Gold quilt
- Judy Beskow** – Hoffman Challenge quilt

Respectfully submitted,
Alma Fonseca, Secretary

Many projects were created during Summer Retreat. The following photos (below and on the next three pages) were all taken by Rowena Reed. Below, Theresa Morrison with her wall hanging.



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Summer retreat quilters - from top, clockwise: **Nadine Stuth**, **Marijane Dean**, **Melody Nelson** (right) and **Peggy Mobley**





Summer retreat quilters - from top, clockwise: **Margie Williams, Maggie McGuire, Lisa Hahn and Jalinda Pepper**





Summer retreat quilters - from top, clockwise: **Deb DeRoche**, **Carol Willson**, and **Debbie Ginn**

