



# ***Bits and Pieces***

## ***Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter***

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### **BBQG President's Note – December, 2016**

Happy holidays to all!

Hope your projects are finished, and you are relaxing before the activities. So much to do!

This is the traditional season for charity. We want to see all little bellies full and children with a toy to play with. Being quilters, we tend towards warm quilts. Since winter has decided to show its face, that is important.

It is my wish to feel this need to give all year long. I rarely keep a quilt I have made. It always seems that someone else needs it more. So next year I am going to make a pact with myself (notice I did not say resolution) to make at least one care quilt every two months. Simple patterns do not take long, and it can be for a child or adult...for the care quilt ladies or someone you personally know who needs a blessing. Quilters just naturally are considered the "peace makers." It is what we do. It is my hope that the spirit of this season can last all year in all of us.

It is also the time of the changing of the guard, so to speak. We welcome all our new officers for next year with the hope for a successful year. It has been an honor to have been your president this year. I hope you have been pleased with my leadership.

May you have a blessed holiday and blessed new year.

Peace and hugs to all,  
**Sue Idol**, President, BBQG

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**December Board Meeting**  
**Don't forget the Board meeting on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at Hobby Lobby.**  
**All are welcome.**



## 20th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

We still have a few spaces open for the BBQG Winter Retreat to be held February 9-12, 2017 at Camp Lone Star in La Grange. The retreat is open to BBQG members only (persons who have been paid-up members since January 2016). The cost is \$250 for 3 nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). A \$50 deposit is required to secure your reservation. The balance will be due January 10, 2017. For more information, please contact **Jeanne Joham** at (979) 589-2191.

### **Diane Bullard**

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## 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](http://www.AppliqueAwayOnGalvestonBay.com)

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## Sept. 22-23, 2017 - BBQG's "Reach for the Stars" Quilt Show

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## Bee News

**Quilt 'n Peace Bee** members will concentrate on making care quilts for the neonatal center as requested by **Stephanie Modrall**, Co-chair of care quilt distributions for the BBQG.. We spent Nov. 1 converting a large scarf into a swiny vest with **Rowena Reed's** instructions. We will not meet the week of Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving week) but are planning a fifth Tuesday trip on Nov. 29.

**All American Bee** has just completed 159 pillow cases for Veteran's Christmas bags. We are also organizing our first presentation of five quilts for January.

Not a lot of new things going on with the **Busy Bees**, but we're rolling into the holidays, and everyone has plans for Christmas projects. We all enjoyed the Quilt Festival in Houston, and we all came home with additional projects and some goodies.

**Happy Scrappers** are working on individual projects.

The **Praying Piecers** presented quilts to 15 Veterans on Sunday, November 13, at Franklin United Methodist Church. Many of the ladies had created two quilts during the preceding year, and the front of the church was truly beautiful with the quilt display. Last year, quilts were presented to Veterans of WW II and the Korean War. This year's Veterans had served in the Viet Nam War, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as on the home front.

### **Jane Riggs**

Bee Keeper

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## 2017 Donation Quilt

The 2017 Donation Quilt fund is off to a great start due to the extraordinary effort of a few people. We made \$475.00 at the Brazos Valley Fair and Expo. The first person that I want to commend is **Linda Bridges**. After she started the quilt, her father was hospitalized, and she was needed. With all this, she was still able to complete the quilting before the Fair started.

**Kitty Ard** needs a lot of thanks also. She opened the Fair each of the three mornings.

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## 2017 BBQG Programs and Workshops

**Please join us for an exciting year of fun and learning new skills!**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>
1/10/17	Business Meeting	Charles Gilreath		Brazos Center 102
2/14/17	Program	Diane Rose	Quilting Without Sight	Brazos Center 102
3/14/17 3/15/17	Program Workshop	Maggie Ball Maggie Ball	Innovative Quilts, Traditional Roots Trunk Show Bargello Quilts with a Twist	B. C. 102 Brazos Center Assembly IV
4/11/17 4/12/17	Program Workshop	Dot Collins Dot Collins	Yesterday's Charm in Today's Quilts Spinning Stars	Brazos Center 102 Brazos Center Assembly IV
5/9/17 5/10/17	Program Workshop	Barbara Crawford Barbara Crawford	Wearable Art Jackets Trunk Show Esther Fitted Jacket	Brazos Center 102 Brazos Center Assembly IV
6/12/17 6/13/17 6/14/17	Workday Program Workshop	Stephanie Modrall Sharon Wilhelm Sharon Wilhelm	Care Quilts Box of 96 Colors, Legos, Lace & a Vegetable Bag Which Witch's Boot	Brazos Center Assembly IV B.C. 102 Brazos Center Assembly IV
7/11/17 7/12/17	Program Workshop	Cindy Needham Cindy Needham	For the Love of Linens Linen Ladies Workshop	Brazos Center 102 Brazos Center Assembly IV
8/8/17 8/9/17	Program Workshop	Judy Beskow Judy Beskow	Art Quilts Art Quilts	Brazos Center 102 Brazos Center Assembly IV
9/12/17	Discussion	Judy Beskow	Quilt Show	Brazos Center
10/10/17 10/11/17	Program Workshop	Elizabeth Arellano Elizabeth Arellano	History, Care and Use of Wool Applique Wool Applique and Stitches	B. C. 102 Brazos Center Assembly IV
11/14/17	Program	Maggie McGuire	Vintage Quilts	St. Thomas Episcopal Parish Hall
12/12/17	Christmas Party	Potluck and Gift Exchange (\$20 value)		Brazos Center Assembly III & IV

**Alma Fonseca and Fran Gray, Co-Chairs**





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Third on my list, **Sue Idol** and **Fran Gray** pushed to complete the binding and the sleeve, finishing shortly before it was needed at the Fair. The next day, they took their turn selling tickets mid afternoon. Then the rush started, and they stayed into the evening selling tickets. We made \$475.00.

I also need to thank the following who manned the desk the rest of the time: **Marijane Deen, Charles Gilreath, Donnice White, Bonite Ebel, Joyce Blasi, Paulette Mayes, Melody Nelson, Sherrill Johnson, Debbie Ginn,** and **Laura North.**

**JoAnn Williams**

Donation Quilt Chair

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**Christmas Party - Dec. 13**

Come join us at the Guild Christmas Party on December 13 at 6 p.m. at the Brazos Center.

We will provide ham, tea and water and ask everyone else to bring a dish to share. Whatever you bring will be wonderful!

To celebrate the season, we ask everyone who would like to participate in the gift exchange to please bring a wrapped (\$20.00 value) sewing/quilting-related gift. Each participant will be given a number, and gifts will be chosen and opened in numerical order. Of course we have the added zing that gifts can be swapped, traded or stolen as they are opened. All gifts must be openly displayed, but can be frozen after two steals.

Confused, come join the fun and share in the holiday spirit. Seasonal attire is appreciated, tiaras optional.

**Maggie McGuire**

Christmas Party Chair



**Maggie Ball Workshop  
Bargello Quilts With A Twist**

**March 15, 2017  
Brazos Center Assembly IV**

The Bargello 16-piece block, as featured in her book, Bargello Quilts with a Twist, provides enormous potential for creating original designs.

If you've felt intimidated by the Bargello technique of sewing numerous strips together, never fear. To make this easily constructed strip-pieced block, you only need to sew four strips at a time.

You will be amazed and delighted by the many possibilities for designing your own unique quilts, and students are encouraged to explore a variety of options.

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## Minutes for Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Tuesday, November 8, 2016

**Welcome** – President **Sue Idol** opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Brazos Center.

**Treasurer's Report** - **Sue** gave the treasurer's report of account activity for the past month. Current checking account balance is \$13,484.38, savings account balance is \$16,836.34, and total assets are \$30,320.72. **Fran Gray** moved and **Joyce Blasi** seconded to accept the report; motion passed.

**Arts Council** – **Sue** announced an "Embodiment" exhibit at the Arts Council Building, Nov 10 – Dec 22.

**Membership** - **Nadine Stuth** announced that 40 members and one visitor was present.

**Door Prizes** – **Kerry Dwyer** presented door prizes to winners, **Maggie McGuire** and **Jayne Goetz**.

**Minutes** – **Sharon Braunagel** moved and **Roseanne Coody** seconded to accept the October Minutes as published in the newsletter; motion passed.

**Sunshine & Shadows** – **Maggie McGuire** announced she has a new granddaughter. **Sue Ryan** is having a knee replacement surgery, and **Jane Riggs** is having lower back surgery.

**Old Business** – **Sue Idol** read the slate of officers for 2018. **Linda Winder** moved and **Linda Bridges** seconded to accept the slate of officers for 2018 including,

President: **Maggie McGuire**,  
Secretary: **Lou Ellen Hassold**,  
Treasurer: **Rozan Cooty**,  
Membership: **Barbara Mes**,  
Programs Logistics: **Sharon Braunagel**, and  
Programs Hospitality: **Mari Szabo**

**New Business** – **Alma Fonseca** surveyed members about Cindy Needham's workshop choices for July 2017. The majority voted for Linen Ladies Workshop.

**Donation Quilt** – **Sue Idol** pieced the donation quilt and **Fran Gray** applied the borders. **Linda Bridges** quilted the quilt and **Shirley Day** cut out the pieces for "Shooting for the Stars." **Sue** and **Fran** shared a photo of the quilt taken at the Brazos Valley Fair with Paula Barnes who plans to add it to her international blog and refer quilters to our home page to purchase tickets with Pay Pal. **Kerry Dwyer** suggested adding the link on our Facebook Page. We made \$474 in ticket sales at the Brazos Valley Fair.

**Care Quilts** - **Carol Laughlin** suggested buying baby quilts available at WalMart for \$5.47 for the Care Quilts inventory. Care Quilts Co-chairs announced a need for baby quilts and adult hospice and cancer center patients.

**Winter Retreat** – **Beverly Alexander** announced that there are four spots available and anyone interested should contact **Jean Joham**. The retreat is February 9-12, 2017. A request was made for the Board to review the rule stating that you must be a member from the previous January to be eligible to attend.

**Christmas Party** – **Maggie McGuire** handed out a flyer about the Christmas Party. **Charles Gilreath** and **Carol Laughlin** volunteered to provide hams for the party. **Kerry Dwyer** will prepare beverages.

**Charles Gilreath** reminded members that they would be getting an e-mail soon from the "My Grove" communication software describing how to sign up for the new electronic system.

**Program** – **Melody Nelson** introduced the program, "Modern Quilt Fabrics" by Nicole, owner The Cloth Pocket in Austin. Her shop is located at 5501 N. Lamar Boulevard.

### Show and Tell:

- JoAnn Williams** – quilt top
- Quilt N Peace Bee** – twice-sliced layer cake quilts
- Alma Fonseca** – cat lap quilt , Welcome banner for Habitat, Christmas Tree skirt
- Maggie McGuire** – 1930's quilt 1940
- Carol Laughlin** – art quilt , purple twice-sliced layer cake quilt, vest
- Donnice White** – quilt basket
- Sharon Braunagel** – Venice Rose Quilt
- Charles Gilreath** – king quilt, two books and blanket quilts
- Vicky Carpenter** – two fractured four-patch, donation, and Duchane MD quilt

Respectfully submitted,  
**Alma Fonseca**, Secretary





Thanks to **Bonnie Piernot** (Newsletter Editor beginning with the January, 2017, issue) for submitting the photos on these pages from the November 8 Show 'N Tell.




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All three of these quilts were shown by **Victoria Carpenter** at the November 8 Show 'N Tell.

