



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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**Anne Perry, Editor    Maggie McGuire, Co-Editor**

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

Happy Valentines, everyone! This is the month to think about love, with the most important being to love one another. I also think it is a time to think about other things we love. I love quilting. No surprise there. I also love trying new things. So this month, try something new. You may learn to love it.

Peace to all.

***Sue Idol***

President, BBQG

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### **February Board Meeting**

The Board meeting will be on February 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Hobby Lobby class room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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### **BBQG Charities**

BBQG quilters are known for their generosity!

**Charles Gilreath** has created a new class at LSQW on the second Tuesday of each month from 10-2 for the express purpose of creating quilts for the "Books and a Blanket" program.

The quilt pictured here is **Linda Winder's** latest creation for "Books and a Blanket."





**Quilter's Hideaway  
Day Retreat**

**Country Living Quilts  
936-396-2889**

**Rent for sewing with  
your friends  
(up to 28)  
10 a.m. until 10 p.m.**

## Summer Retreat

The 2016 summer retreat will be held Thursday – Sunday, June 23 – 26, at Magnolia Manor Retreat between Magnolia and Plantersville.

**Registration will begin at 6:15 at the February Guild Meeting.** Cost this year is \$300.

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required at registration, and 2016 guild dues must be paid. You can register for yourself and one other person.

We are limited to 24 participants.

Thanks, the retreat committee

**Rowena R, Deb D, Sue R, Peggy M**

## Area Quilt Shows

January 15 - May 15, 2016 - CALL FOR ENTRIES

Primitive and folk-art quilts exhibit at the 2016 Fall International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. We are calling for the best of primitive quilts - featuring all techniques from hand-pieced and quilted to machine-done. Our Special Exhibit will showcase two categories: 1. Created from your own Original Design, and 2. Those created from a published pattern. It is our hope to spread awareness of primitive quilting, and give overdue recognition to the many gifted primitive artisans in the quilting world.

<[primitivequiltsandprojectsentry.com](http://primitivequiltsandprojectsentry.com)>

February 5-6 - Friendship Quilt Guild Show; at Fireman's Training Center, 1101 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, TX 77833; Friday and Saturday, 10-5; <[www.friendshipquiltguild.weebly.com](http://www.friendshipquiltguild.weebly.com)> <[www.facebook.com/BrenhamFriendshipQuiltGuild](http://www.facebook.com/BrenhamFriendshipQuiltGuild)>

February 18-21 - QuiltCon; International Quilt Show of the Modern Quilt Guild; Austin Convention Center, 500 E Cesar Chavez St, Austin TX 78701 <[www.quiltcon.com](http://www.quiltcon.com)>

February 19-20 - "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" Quilt Show - Golden Triangle Quilt Guild; Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main Street, Beaumont, TX 77701; Friday and Saturday, 10-5; \$6 adults; \$5 children/seniors, 60+. <[www.goldentrianglequiltguild.com](http://www.goldentrianglequiltguild.com)> <[www.facebook.com/TheGTQG](http://www.facebook.com/TheGTQG)>

February 26-27 - Annual Best Little Quilt Show in Texas - "What I Like About Texas;" Fayette County Fairgrounds, Commercial Exhibit Hall, Hwy 77 N, La Grange, TX 78945 <[www.cvquiltguild.com](http://www.cvquiltguild.com)> Kay Marburger (979) 968-5971 or [kaym4@verizon.net](mailto:kaym4@verizon.net)

March 4-5 - Tri-County Quilt Guild Annual Quilt Show "If Quilts Could Talk;" The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, TX 77433 <[www.tcqgtx.blogspot.com](http://www.tcqgtx.blogspot.com)>

March 11-13 - Annual Dallas Quilt Show, Hosted by Quilter's Guild of Dallas; Dallas Market Hall, 2100 Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX; <[www.quiltersguildofdallas.org](http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org)>; (214) 324-5755

March 18-19 - The Quilt Guild of Greater Victoria Quilt Show; Holy Family Catholic Church, 704 Mallette Drive, Victoria, TX

March 18-19 - Quilters' Guild of East Texas presents the Tyler Quilt Show - Scraps! (10-5), Harvey Convention Center, 2000 W Front St (Hwy 31 W), Tyler, TX 75702; For info <[tylerquiltshow@hotmail.com](mailto:tylerquiltshow@hotmail.com)>, <[www.qgetx.org/Quilt\\_Show.html](http://www.qgetx.org/Quilt_Show.html)>

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March 18-19 - Shades of Texas Quilt Show, Sponsored by the Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild; Killeen Civic & Conference Center, 3601 S W.S Young Dr, Killeen, TX 76542; <mpranch@earthlink.net> or <lyndyspencer@sbcglobal.net>; <www.cttquiltguild.org>

April 1-2 - Georgetown Quilt and Stitchery Show, Community Center in San Gabriel Park, 445 E Morrow St, Georgetown, TX 78626; Admission \$6; Featuring: Silent Auction, Raffle Quilt, Tea Room, Scissor Sharpening, Vendors; <www.Handcraftsunlimited.com>; For information, Chris Miller <jcbecmiller@verizon.net>

April 15-16 - Kingwood Area Quilt Guild Biannual Show, Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble, TX; <www.kingwoodareaquiltguild.com> Jerri Dudley (281) 374-8231 or <jsdudley@aol.com>

April 29-30 - Gun Barrel Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2016 "Majestic Stars;" The Cain Center, 915 S Palestine St, Athens, TX 75751; <www.gunbarrelquiltersguild.org/2016-quilt-show.html>

April 29-30 - St. Mary's Annual Quilt Show, St. Mary Catholic Church, 8227 County Road 205, Plantersville, TX 77363...this is north of 105; <www.stmarysquiltshow.com>; <stmarysquiltshow@gmail.com> **Note: They are looking for entries for display!**

June 24-25 - Happy Hearts Quilt Guild presents MEMORIES OF HOME Quilt Show, Friday-Saturday; Fri. 9 am - 6 pm, Sat. 9 am - 4 pm. \$5 Admission. Featuring Vendors, Scissor & Blade Sharpening, Country Store, Stitch 'N Rip Cafe, Fabric Bingo, Demonstrations, Donation Quilt. Giddings High School, 2337 N. Main Street (Hwy 77N), Giddings, free parking. For more information, call Beverly Lee at (979) 542-3006,

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### 2016 BBQG Meeting and Workshop Schedule

- Feb 9th "Barn Quilts" by Suzi Parron  
Feb 10th Make your own Barn Quilt block workshop
- March 8th "Featherweights" by David Werther
- April 12th "Be Colourful" by Jacqueline de Jonge; BEAUTIFUL paper pieced quilts  
April 13/14 & 15/16 Workshops are sponsored by Terry Skrabanek of Lonestar Quiltworks
- May 10th "Evolution of a Quilt" by Barb Gardner (EQ) specialist



- May 11th Workshops 9-12 & 1-4
- June 14th "Care Quilt Workshop" 9-5 with meeting at 7pm
- July 12th "Why Did I Buy This Ugly Fabric" by Cynthia England  
July 13th Workshop "Welcome" create picturesque wall quilt
- 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



**Nadine Stuth and Benita Ebel before the January meeting, handling membership and dues**



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Winter Retreat registration finished off during the January meeting with **Diane Bullard** and **Benita Ebel**.



Left: **Norma Reel** presented **Sue Sprott** with her Past-President's gift, "Metro Rings."

Below, the ladies from St. Mary's Quilt Show brought their donation quilt and information about their Second Annual Quilt Show which will be held on April 29 - 30. A number of BBQG quilters attended last year and were enthusiastic about this show.





## SOS Ministries Request

My name is Jolynn Easter, and I am the Programs Coordinator for SOS Ministries in Bryan. SOS Ministries holds an after-school program that offers a sewing class to the kids on Monday or Tuesday from 3:45-5:00. The actual sewing class is from 4:00-5:00. We have sewing machines, fabric, thread, buttons, etc, but we are still **looking for a teacher**. The class will consist of 3-5 kids in 3-5th grades.

Do you think anyone in your group would be interested in working with us once a week? Or having a couple members co-teach and rotate weeks they teach?

Thanks for your time!  
jeaster@saveourstreetsministries.org

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## Robertson County Request - March 12

My name is Jerry Deal. I am a representative of the Robertson County Independence Day celebration committee.

I was contacting you to find out if any of your members would be interested in participating, demonstrating the art of quilting at the Robertson county Independence Day celebration which will be on March 12, 2016.

Currently our celebration is scheduled to last from 10 until 2, though those hours are still being reviewed.

Please feel free to share my email address with any members who might be interested.

Thanks.  
Jerry Deal - <deal farms@me.com>

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## Bee News

**Happy Scrappers** continue to work on a variety of individual projects, including crochet, yo-yos, scrubbies (yes, making scrubbies!), embroidery, grandbaby quilts, applique, etc. Some of the members enjoyed a trip to the Waco Shop Hop and Quilt Show.

After some chaotic holidays, the **Busy Bees** got together for our first meeting of 2016 last week. We're all looking forward to going to a quilt retreat at the end of this month, and most of us are

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busy getting projects ready for that. One of our Busy Bees has been visiting Australia. We're eager to hear if she hit some quilt shops down under! Big plans for 2016 include retreats, guild workshops, quilt shows and lots of shopping!

**The Monday Bee**....."Applique and More" meets the first and third Monday of every month at the Arts Council Brazos Valley on Dartmouth at 1:00 PM. Many members do applique, but some work on other projects, embroidery, cutting for projects, etc....all handwork. Visitors or new members are welcome. **Bobbie Middleton**

**Quilt 'n Peace Bee** had a busy year in 2015. We made 56 care quilts presented to the guild, 6 quilts to Books and a Blanket, 2 Scholarship quilts, 3 Quilts of Valor, 1 quilt for a retiring minister, 27 soldier squares, 38 port pillows for the American Cancer Society in Bryan, 3 pillow cases for Phoebe's Home, and 40 neck coolers for the LaSara summer missions workers. We also did three personal projects: Sweatshirt jackets (taught by Rowena), Christmas Ornaments (taught by Amy) and Zipper Bags (taught by Connie and Louise). We have 24 on our roster and average about 10 quilters each week. New members are always welcome. We meet at First Baptist Church in College Station on Tuesday's from 10:00-12:00.

**Jane Riggs**  
Bee Keeper

**Right, Barbara Mes' quilt for a lady who works with dementia patients**





## BBQG Minutes - January

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

Welcome: The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Sue Idol.

**Minutes** - **Michaele Jackson** made a motion to approve the November minutes, **Linda Winder** seconded, minutes approved.

**Sunshine and Shadows** - **Lynn Thurston** was absent; **Connie Silber** fell and cracked her knee. **Norma Reel** presented a pieced "Metro Rings" quilt top to outgoing President, **Sue Sprott**, with thanks.

**Membership** - **Nadine Stuth** reported 61 members, 3 visitors, and 7 new members - **Lou Ellen Hassold**, **Kitty Art**, **Marjean Neal**, **Rhonda Kuboviak**, **Suzanne Hinson**, **Janet Bowman** and **Stephanie Modrall**.

**Door Prizes** - **Sue Ryan** awarded winners, **Sharon Braunagel** and **Sherrill Johnson**.

### Committee Reports:

**Arts Council:** **Mary Anne Durbin** stated we are an affiliate member and get the Arts Council's newsletter. A Judged Show 2016 will be Jan. 8-30 with an Opening Reception at the Arts Council on Jan. 7 at 6 pm. David Sites "Impressions of the Landscape" will be Jan. 22-Mar. 28 at the Kyle House in Bryan with an Opening Reception Jan. 21 at 6:30 pm.

**Care Quilts:** **Lucy Smith** reported 272 Care Quilts were donated in 2015 to Phoebe's Home, Prenatal Clinic, St. Joseph Cancer Center, Hospice Brazos Valley, Texas Dept. of Child Protective Services, and Hope Pregnancy Center. Since 1996, we have donated 4,209 quilts.

**Challenge Quilt:** **Nadine Stuth** chose a Tropical Surprise theme using parrot fabric to make Challenge Quilts as care quilts to be entered at the mini Quilt Show this fall. Viewers' choice votes will select the top 3 quilts to be auctioned off. See Nadine for contest guidelines.

**Habitat for Humanity:** **Nancy Searcy** showed examples of Welcome wall hangings presented to Habitat families at dedications. She has instructions and 12 wall hangings available. If interested in presenting or making wall hangings, let Nancy know.

**Newsletter:** **Anne Perry** requested items for the newsletter by the 20th of the month, including photos of Show and Tell when she cannot be at the meetings. **Maggie McGuire** is co-editor. Anne thanked **Michaele Jackson** for all her work in years past.

**Web site:** **Chris Deppe** reported the web site is up to date, and photos will be added soon.

**Quilt Education:** **Carol Willson** reported we will be at Washington on the Brazos Mar. 5-6.

**Summer Retreat:** **Peggy Mobley** reported there is room for 24 members at the Magnolia Manor Retreat on June 23-26, cost is \$300, 4 persons per room, and sign up in February.

**Winter Retreat:** **Diane Bullard** reported 36 members are going to Camp Lone Star in La-Grange on Feb. 11-15. A supply list was handed out for one required activity. A 20% off coupon for All Around the Block Quilt Shop is good for the weekend.

**Soldier Squares:** **Marian Dierschke** reported that packets are available to make red, white and blue squares to send to soldiers. If you have names/addresses of soldiers, let her know.

**Dallas Bus Trip:** **Jean Rierson** reported this huge quilt show with lots of vendors and demos is Mar. 12. The \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members includes bus ride and ticket to the show. Bus leaves Wells Fargo Bank on Briarcrest at 7 am and arrives at 10 am. Leave to return at 4:30 with a stop in DeSoto for dinner and arrival at 9 pm. We need 53 people to sign up beginning this month so the guild does not have to subsidize the trip.

**Programs:** **Melody Nelson** requested sign-ups for "Barn Quilts" program in Feb. Fee includes treated wood and paint to create a painted quilt that hangs outdoors. Bring your own pattern for the 2'x2' project. [www.countrylivingquilt.com](http://www.countrylivingquilt.com) has patterns and examples.

### Old Business:

**Donation Quilt:** **Sue Idol** proposed naming a committee to schedule and set up the quilt to sell tickets. **JoAnn Williams** volunteered to schedule locations, while **Charles Gilreath**, **Michaele**

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**Jackson, Maggie McGuire, and Kitty Art** volunteered to set up the quilt at guilds and public events. A sign-up sheet for the Antique Show at the Brazos Center on Feb 5-7 was circulated.

#### **New Business:**

**St. Mary's Quilt Show:** Sue introduced Lorraine Nelson who invited us to the **free St. Mary's Quilt Show in Plantersville on April 29-30** in a historic painted church. Donated proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul. **They need quilts to be entered, and guilds entering 15 or more quilts will be listed in the program. Entry forms are on their web site [www.stmarysquiltshow.com](http://www.stmarysquiltshow.com);** [specifically, it's <http://www.stmarysquiltshow.com/quilt-entry-form.html>] A Gala Preview with seated dinner is \$50 per person on April 28. They will have great vendors, lunch under the pavilion, and beautiful quilts.

**2016 Budget:** **Benita Ebel**, Treasurer, handed out the proposed 2016 budget, reflecting a \$9,470 income and \$15,870 outflow. The revenue from the 2015 Quilt Show covers budgeted expenses in 2016. Under Programs, the Dallas Bus Trip must break even, and the monthly workshops must fill up as they are already paid for. The Donation Quilt must make \$5,000. Insurance cost increased, and web site decreased. This is an Audit year. When funds or reimbursements are needed, let Benita know ASAP. **Charles Gilbreath** moved and **Rosanne Coody** seconded to approve the budget, motion passed.

**Mug Rug Exchange:** **Maggie McGuire** proposed a Mug Rug Exchange between the Caldwell Guild and BBQG in May. Each will share a recipe and short bio about the quilter with the mug rug. Participants will be added to the newsletter list from each guild and invited to workshops. Their guild meets the 4th Wed. of each month at the Methodist Church. This joint venture will increase participation for both guilds.

**Sue Idol** bought a combination lock for the storage locker after vandals tampered with the old lock. See Sue if you need to access locker. Volunteers are in the process of sorting items in the locker.

#### **Show and Tell:**

**Charles Gilreath** - 2 queen, 1 lap quilt  
**Linda Bridges** - Grand Illusion Mystery Quilt  
**Benita Ebel** - Drunkard's Path Quilt  
**Kitty Art** - Surprise  
**Sue Idol** - Dog raffle quilt won  
**Debbie Ginn** - 3 Care Quilts  
**Connie Harrison** - 2 quilts  
**Barbara Mes** - 1 quilt  
Meeting adjourned by **Sue Idol**.  
Respectfully submitted,  
**Alma Fonseca**, Secretary



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**Charles Gilreath** brought three quilts. Above is one for **Books and A Blanket**. Below is a wedding quilt from a **John Mullins** pattern.







Above, **Benita Ebel**, with "only two years of quilting" showed her **Drunkards' Path**.



Left, **Sue Idol** won this quilt from Fairfield's **Leash on Life Humane Society**. She plans to donate it to the **Hope Shelter in Hearne**.

Below, left, new member **Kitty Art** went "dumpster diving" and found this old **AJ 627 Singer**.

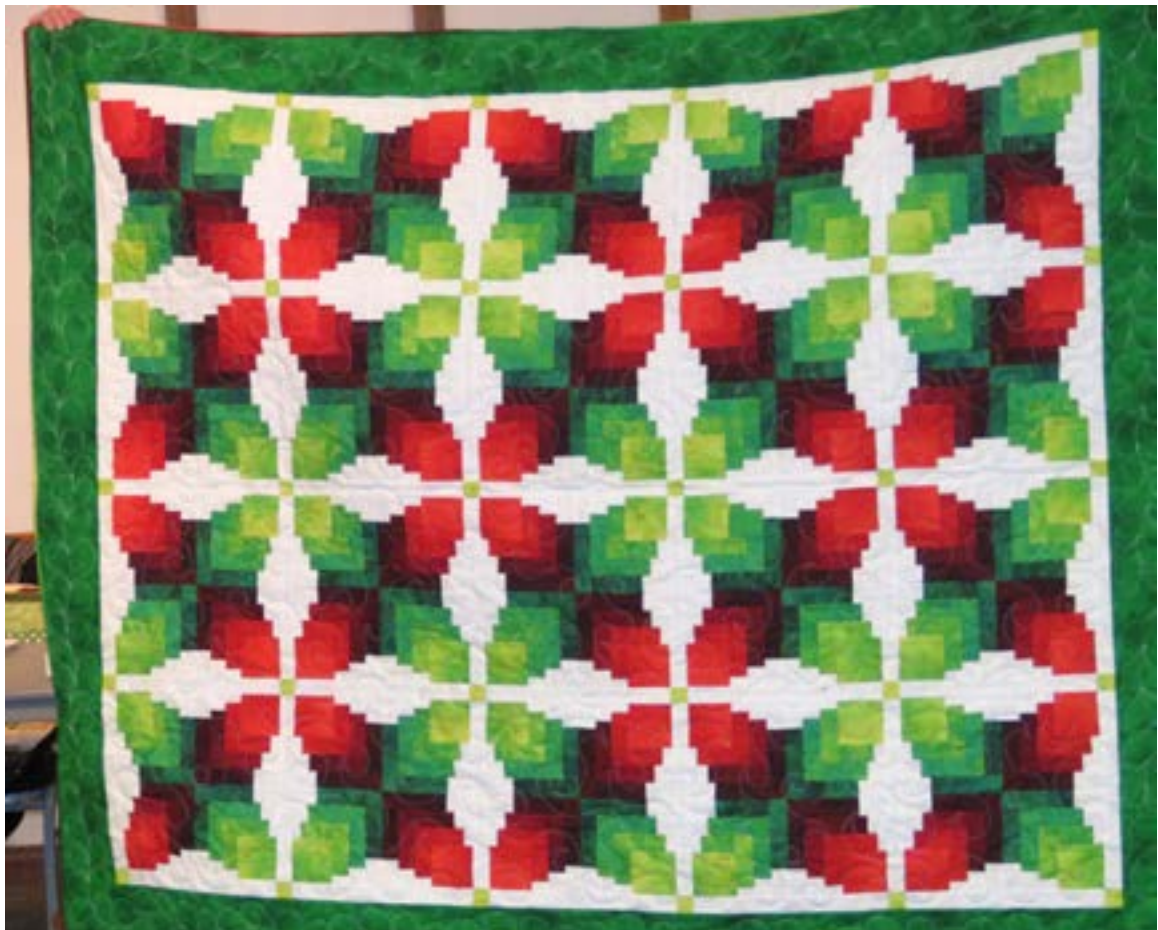
Below, right, **Debbie Ginn** brought three **Care Quilts**.







**Connie Harrison** brought two of her own creations for Show 'n Tell. She also does most of the quilting of her bee's Care Quilts. For many years, Quilt 'N Peace bee has made numerous contributions of Care Quilts.



## BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016

Membership Forms must be updated annually. If you have revisions to this information at any time throughout the year, please notify the membership chairman, either at the guild meeting or through email so that we can update your information. Updates for inclusion in the directory must be made by the March meeting.

The membership year is from January 1 through December 31. Dues are \$30. Members over 80 years of age (who have been continuous members of the guild for the previous 5 years) are exempt from dues; they become honorary members. For NEW members who join after June 30, dues are pro-rated to \$15.

Make checks payable to BBQG. Forms and checks should be mailed to:  
BBQG, Attn: Membership, PO Box 9497, College Station, TX 77842

Please PRINT Clearly

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_ CK \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ MO \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete Following: ALL MEMBERS:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please \* preferred phone #)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month & Day ) \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to participate in following activities or committees (please circle all that apply):

Bookkeeping	Care Quilts	Library	Raffle Quilts
Bee Keeper	Challenge Contests	Membership	Retreats
Block of the Month	Door Prizes	Newsletter	Scholarships
Bluebonnet Store	Education/Quilt Demos	Programs/Workshops	Social/Hospitality
Brazos Ctr. Window	Habitat for Humanity	Publicity	Soldier Squares
Bus Trips	Historian/Photographer	Quilt Shows	Sunshine & Shadows

I would be willing to chair \_\_\_\_\_ Committee.

I am interested in serving as guild officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please circle all that apply:

President, VP-Programs, Secretary, President-Elect, VP-Membership, Treasurer

ALSO, please complete next page to submit application...



**BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD  
BEE SURVEY 2016**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I am **currently a member** of the following BBQG Bee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**If interested in joining a bee, please indicate your preferences below:**

Location: Bryan \_\_\_\_\_ College Station \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Week: Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tue \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ Thu \_\_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Day: Morning \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Place: Private Home \_\_\_\_\_ Church or community center \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Meeting Place: \_\_\_\_\_

**Quilting Survey**

Please check all that apply

I am a: Quilt Admirer \_\_\_ Quilt Collector \_\_\_ Quilt Maker \_\_\_  
Quilt Judge \_\_\_ Quilt Teacher \_\_\_ Long Arm Quilter \_\_\_

My skill level is: Beginner \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_

My preferred quilt technique is: Appliqué \_\_\_ Piecing \_\_\_

My preferred quilt style is: Traditional \_\_\_ Contemporary \_\_\_

My preferred method of piecing is: Hand \_\_\_ Machine \_\_\_

My preferred method of quilting is: Hand \_\_\_ Machine \_\_\_