



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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

Hi all,

Hope you are getting some quilting done in the heat of the day, or a siesta, or both. It is the first day of summer. I remember the lazy days of summer, down at the creek catching crawdads. I have cleaner pastimes now. Children always have fun in the summer. I spent most of mine at the pool. Some things never change.

Soon the shops will be having their "Christmas in July" sales. Now that will be something. It is way too hot to get into for me. But, when you think about it, it is the perfect time to start that special quilt for that special person.

I hate to bring up business here, but alas I must.

For those of you that were not at the workshop or meeting this month, our Very Special **Care Quilt Coordinator**, Luci Smith, has said she is retiring. She has put in many years of work on this system of dealing with the making and distributing of the care quilts. She is willing to pass on her information to a new chair. I would say a committee of two would be perfect. Stuff for the quilts that is donated can now be stored in the new climate-controlled storage unit. Therefore, it will not be a storage problem for the chairperson's home. That storage unit will be shared with the White Elephant. This is a very emotionally-rewarding position. I do hope that some of you are moved to step up for it.

Also, we need a **Programs Chair** person for 2017. This could also be a two-person position. Friends could take it on together. This one needs to be filled a.s.a.p. Melody has 2017 done. 2018 needs to be worked on. The good teachers are booking 2019 and 2020 right now, so if we want any big names, we have to get on it. **There will be a sheet at the meeting to put down who or what you would like to see at a workshop/program. This is your guild, and we would like to know what you would like to see or do. Please think about it before the meeting.**

And, we need **someone or a bee to take on the 2018 donation quilt**. Let Charles or I know if you would be interested.

I hope you are having a great quilting time. And, enjoying our time off, for vacations and trips.

Don't forget the Giddings quilt show on the 24th and 25th. Next month is the East Texas Thimble Trail in Huntsville. That is a one stop shop hop. There is always something quilty going on. I love it.

Please pray for those that are having bad times right now. We had a lot of Shadows this last month.

Well, back to the cool sewing room. There are patterns going through my head.

Peace and hugs to all,

**Sue Idol**, President, BBQG

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Laura North

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### July Board Meeting

The board meeting will be on the Monday, July 11 at Hobby Lobby class room. It is the second Monday due to the Fourth celebrations. Please come and let us know what is on your mind.

### BBQG Membership Report - May Member Meeting

**Nadine Stuth** reported 45 members and 4 visitors were in attendance. Visitors included the two scholarship recipients and **Marie Herridge** and **Trish Wright** from the Bellville Quilt Guild who brought their donation quilt to share ticket opportunities.

### 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**

### 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)

## 2016 BBQG Meeting and Workshop Schedule

- 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

### Bee News

**Quilt 'n Peace Bee** took our usual fifth Tuesday trip. Seven of us plus two visitors went to Quilter's Quarters in Conroe, ate at Pie in the Sky and then drove to Montgomery and shopped at Montgomery Quilt Co. This trip, we only "detoured" around the block one time! Because of Vacation Bible School, we did not meet the first Tuesday in June. Some of us will meet in our usual place, and others will participate in the BBQG Care Quilt Workshop on June 14.

Not much news from the **Busy Bees**; a lot of vacations going on and remodeling where we normally meet, so we haven't had a routine schedule to get together. Some of us are going to the Guild's summer retreat and looking forward to that. Hopefully more news after the summer months!

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**Happy Scrappers** are working on individual projects. It's so interesting to see the handwork that they bring to work on; appliqué, cross stitch, embroidery, etc. And an occasional sewing machine shows up. Some members will be attending the Summer Retreat.

**Jane Riggs**, Bee Keeper

**Attention Bee Contacts:**  
Please send your Bee News directly to [aperry315@gmail.com](mailto:aperry315@gmail.com) by August 20 and September 20 for those months.



**Sue Spratt** receiving her quilt from the BBQG guild on May 14.



Many thanks to **Chris Deppe** for taking photos on June 14 and for providing them for use in this newsletter!



**Hailey Goodman** (above) and **Hannah Hunt** (page 5) received their scholarship quilts from the BBQG guild on June 14. Both quilts were made by **Ettie Hurst** and quilted by **Norma Reel**; each recipient thanked the membership for the honor.



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## Minutes for Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Tuesday, June 14, 2016

**Welcome** – The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by President **Sue Idol** at the Brazos Center.

**Scholarship Recipients** – **Mary Ann Durbin** introduced the two young ladies in attendance who were chosen for BBQG scholarships: **Hailey Goodman** and **Hannah Hunt**. The quilts, made by **Ettie Hurst** and quilted by **Norma Reel**, were shown, and each recipient thanked the membership for the honor. Ettie has already made two more quilts for next year, but **a quilter is needed to complete them.**

**Minutes** – Motion was made to accept the Minutes by **Peggy Mobley** and seconded by **Charles Gilreath**; Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – **Benita Ebel** reported a 5/31 balance of \$11,061.32 in the checking account and \$16,818.76 in the Savings account, making a total of \$27,880.08. She stated an additional \$3,000 in Summer Retreat income was deposited in June, due to a delay getting to the bank.

Benita noted \$5,000 is budgeted for donation quilt income and to date only \$1,293 has come in. **The membership was urged to take \$20 in tickets each to sell or keep.**

At its June meeting, the Board discussed the advantage of making the Treasurer position a two-year term to enable easier handling of the Quilt Show finances every second year. As the change does not require a By-Laws amendment, the Board voted to enact this change, and **Benita Ebel** has consented to serve for the second year.

**Sunshine & Shadows** – **Lynn Thurston** reported names of those who received cards since the

last meeting. **Carol Laughlin** sent a thank you note for her S&S card received during shoulder surgery and expressed her appreciation of comfort it provided. **Ann Gilreath** has provided handmade cards for the Guild to use for Sunshine & Shadows.

**Membership** – **Nadine Stuth** reported 45 members and four visitors were in attendance. Visitors included the two scholarship recipients and **Marie Herridge** and **Trish Wright** from the **Bellville Quilt Guild** who brought their donation quilt to share ticket opportunities. Door prizes were won by **Sharon Braunagel** and **Nichole Pavel**.

**Care Quilts** – **Linda Bridges** reported over 17 members turned out for the Workshop held earlier in the day, and at least 18 quilts were completed. Linda reported that **Luci Smith**, who turned 89 years young last week, is retiring from her position as Care Quilt chairman, and the membership gave her a round of applause for her service. **In the 20 years Luci has been chairman, 4,209 care quilts have been gifted to recipients.** Care Quilts are provided to Hospice, St. Joseph's Cancer Center, Phoebe's House, and Pre-Natal. **A volunteer is needed to replace Luci as chairman.** Supplies can now be stored at the Guild's climate-controlled storage location on Harvey Road.

**Houston Coalition of Quilt Guilds** – **Sue Idol** reported that a letter from the Kingwood Quilt Guild has invited BBQG to join the Houston Coalition of Quilt Guilds, which meets twice a year and shares information and speaker/workshop opportunities. **Charles Gilreath** and **Melody Nelson** will attend the next meeting on June 27th.

**Soldier Squares** – **Sue Idol** reported finding a certificate and a flag flown over Iraq in 2011 as gifts of appreciation from soldiers who received Soldier Squares from BBQG. They were framed by **Maggie McGuire** and were placed in the Guild's window at the Brazos Center after the meeting.

**Programs** – **Melody Nelson** has sign-up sheets for three future workshops. There is no program  
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scheduled at this evening's meeting. **Linda Bridges** implored the members to take advantage of workshops, especially those taught by nationally known teachers.

**Sue Idol** reported the **2017 Program Chair position has re-opened and the Guild needs one or even a team of two members to volunteer for the position.** The program schedule for 2017 is complete but reservations need to begin for 2018.

**Summer Retreat – Rowena Reed** announced the retreat will begin Thursday, and members can come at 1:00 since there is not a group ahead of ours. The attendance list is full and there is a waiting list for vacancies.

### Show & Tell

- Linda Bridges** – Four Care Quilts, two from **Quilt'n Peace Bee** and two made at the workshop earlier
- Paulette Mayes** – a Welcome banner
- Sharon Braunagel** – a quilt top made of tiny fabric scraps, and a quilt made from a Judy Niemeyer class
- Charles Gilreath** – a French braid quilt, and a quilt using SEC colors/logos
- Lynn Thurston** – a red and purple hat quilt made for her sister
- Norma Reel** - a Hungry Caterpillar quilt made for newborn grandson
- Peggy Mobley** – three childrens' Care Quilts
- Nancy Searcy** – four quilts including two with sock monkeys and one from a **Connie Silber** class

Respectfully submitted,  
**Kerry Fisher**,  
 Secretary-Elect



**Hannah Hunt** received her scholarship quilt from the BBQG guild on June 14 when it was presented by **Mary Anne Durbin**. Both quilts were made by **Ettie Hurst** and quilted by **Norma Reel**; **Hannah and Hailey** (page 3) thanked the membership for the honor.





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Above, **Norma Reel** brought a **Hungry Caterpillar** quilt which she created for her new grandson.

Right, **K. Paulette Mayes'** **Welcome banner** for **Habitat for Humanity**



**Charles Gilreath** brought a quilt he created using **SEC colors**.





Care Quilts! Three are from **Happy Scrappers**, and one is from the June 14 workshop.







Above, **Lynn Thurston's** quilt for her 70-year-old sister.

Below and left, **Sharon Braunagel** brought two quilts to Show 'N Tell.



Above,  
**Nancy Searcy's** quilt

