



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Note – June, 2016

Hi all

It is raining again. I am so thankful for the water in spite of the flooding. If anyone knows of a site to help the flood victims, let me know. Some just lost everything they had.

Normally I would be sewing on a day like this and hope you are doing so. I have other things going on today.

It is a very patriotic month. Memorial day and then flag day. And not to forget the fathers. This is a great time to use up those red, white, and blues. Also, please remember that we have a new bee forming. It is a Quilts of Valor bee. I think the contact is Maggie McGuire. Kudos to them. We need so many of those quilts. Many coming back that need to be reminded that we care about the sacrifice's they made.

When father's day comes around I always think of plaids and fish. lol My dad loved to fish. And plaids always looked good on him. I know a lot of men wear plaids. How about using the old shirts in a quilt. I have seen quite a few made and they were outstanding. Just a few ideas for the summer.

June is also the month for weddings. Now, that opens up a whole new world. I like to take the things left over,(wedding fabric, etc) and do a wall hanging or quilt with them incorporated. Makes a great gift for the couple at the 1st anniversary.

Have you ever noticed that up north they do most of the quilting in the winter and we tend to sew in the summer when it is HOT. I am not looking forward to the heat. So I am outdoors as much as possible, getting ideas for the quilts. And, loving on my garden. I have a great cuke ready to pick. Boy is it big.

I am looking forward to the quilt show in Giddings. Only thing going on in June. You know I love to go, go, go. lol

Will see you on Care Quilt day. Hope we get a lot made this year. There are always those in need.

Peace and hugs to all,

Sue Idol

President, BBQG

June Board Meeting

The board meeting will be Monday, June 6th at 6:00 pm at Hobby Lobby. Please join us. All are welcome. Bring us your ideas We would love to hear them.

BBQG Membership Report - May Member Meeting

Nadine Stuth reported 68 members and 2 visitors from the Caldwell Guild in attendance.

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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



Above, Sue Sprott received her quilt on May 14 from a few BBQG members.



You can't see this label on the back of Sue's quilt very well, but the group photo turned out very nicely (see page 6 of this newsletter.)

Area Quilt Shows

June 9-10 - Nacogdoches Quilt Show - at Fredonia Baptist Church

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

March 5-9, 2017 - Applique 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



Above, **Sharon Braunagel** presents the shams she finished to accompany the BBQG 2016 donation quilt.

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2016 BBQG Meeting and Workshop Schedule

- 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

Bee News

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects.

The **Busy Bees** are going to have a sporadic summer, with meetings whenever we can manage to get everyone together. Vacations, retreats and various "Grandma duties" are keeping us very busy. Several of the BB members are participating in the BBQG summer retreat, and some are going to other retreats in the area. Quilting projects include the Farmgirl Vintage quilt class at Lone Star Quiltworks, a wedding quilt for a member's daughter, Jen Kingwell projects in anticipation to her class, and working on those UFOs that keep piling up. Our Bee remains closed to new members due to lack of space.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee contributed 16 quilts to the St. Mary's Quilt Show on April 29 and 30. Nine mem-

bers traveled to Plantersville on Friday to see all the quilts and enjoyed shopping with the vendors and eating there.

The last two Tuesdays were extra busy with sorting donated material and supplies. Our "stash" of scraps is being thinned by cutting into standard usable pieces -2.5, 5, 6, 10 inches square and strips 2.5 inches by WOF. That will make care quilts easier to sew together.

We turned in seven care quilts and three "Books and A Blanket" quilts at the May meeting.

Jane Riggs, Bee Keeper



Above, one of two quilts shown by Vera Mohr at to 5/10 Show and Tell.



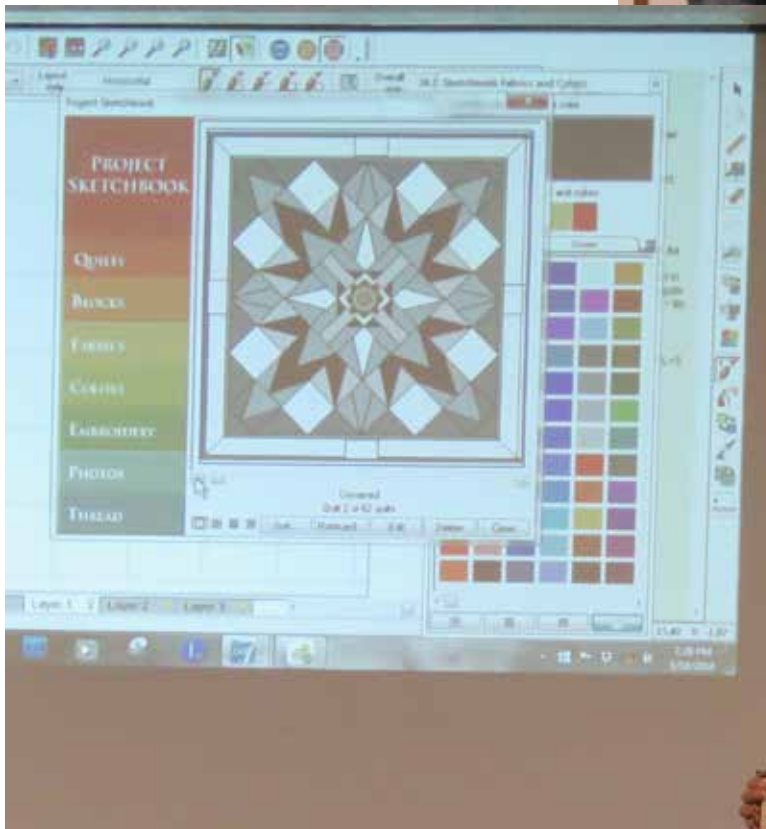


Quilter's Hideaway Day Retreat

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your friends
(up to 28)
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Look closely at the computer designs by Barb Gardner, BBQG's May 10 speaker who is an Electric Quilt specialist from Colorado. It is the same design with different colors/tones. See www.electricquiltcompany.com



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Minutes for Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild - Tuesday, May 10, 2016

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

Sunshine and Shadows - **Lynn Thurston** sent sympathy cards to **Mary Ellen Bell** and **Luci Smith**, a congratulations card to the Quilt 'N Peace Bee for representing us at the St. Mary's Quilt Show, and thinking of you cards to **Rowena Reed**, **Sue Sprott**, **Gloria Warren** and **Laverne Ondrasek**.

Treasurer's Report - **Sue Idol** reported there is \$19,706.64 in the checking account; \$16,815.20 in the savings account; total assets are \$36,521.84. **Glenn Lorange** moved and **Lynn Thurston** seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report; motion passed.

Care Quilts - **Laura North** reported that a Care Quilts workshop will be held on June 14th from 9 am - 5 pm at the Brazos Center before our monthly Guild meeting.

Appliqué Away on Galveston Bay - **Sally Coble** announced the Appliqué Away on Galveston Bay classes on March 5-9, 2017 at the Tremont House and distributed postcards. Instructors will be Angela Lawrence, Sylvia Pippin, Deborah Tirico, and Janice Vaine. **Vera Mohr** and **Kathleen Auld** showed their appliqué projects from the 2016 classes.

Bee - **Maggie McGuire** announced the formation of a new bee, All American Bee, starting in June. The bee will meet every Monday from 9 am - 3 pm to make Quilts of Valor. Location TBA.

Sue Idol reminded officers elect and the 2017 Quilt Show Chair to attend 2016 BBQG Board meetings at Hobby Lobby at 6 pm. She also announced that she will collect White Elephant donations for next year and store in the new storage unit starting any time this year.

Membership - **Nadine Stuth** reported 68 members and 2 visitors from the Caldwell Guild in attendance. **Maggie McGuire** presented the visitors with gifts.

Door Prizes - **Sue Ryan** awarded sewing supplies to winners, **Kathy Sharp** and **Peggy Mobley**.

Minutes - **Linda Winder** made a motion to approve the April minutes, **Sharon Braunagel** seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Habitat for Humanity - **Nancy Searcy** is looking for a volunteer to take charge of the Habitat for Humanity duties in 2017 and would like for this person to shadow her this year.

Program - **Melody Nelson** introduced speaker, **Barb Gardner**, an Electric Quilt specialist from Colorado, who presented "Evolution of a Quilt." Melody passed around folders to sign up for future workshops.

Show and Tell:

Maggie McGuire - purchased Tobacco Flannel Quilt with flag motifs

Charles Gilreath - Books and a Blanket quilt top, Celtic Knot Quilt

Vera Mohr - 80's Revisited Quilt, Lone Star Appliqué Quilt

Barbara Mes - Grandson's Green Teen Quilt

Kerry Dwyer - Amish Quilt for Books and a Blanket

Carol Laughlin - The Gate Art Block, Tibet Flags

Linda Bridges - Happy Scrappers Bee Friendship Quilt with Sunbonnet Sue blocks for Sue Sprott

Sharon Braunagel - Pillow shams that match the 2016 Donation Quilt

Peggy Mobley, Connie Harrison, Carol Laughlin - Care Quilts, Books and a Blanket Quilts

Sue Idol adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alma Fonseca, Secretary



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Above, **Maggie McGuire** with her purchased Tobacco Flannel Quilt with flag motifs



Left, **Peggy Mobley, Connie Harrison, and Carol Laughlin** presented a quilt for "Books and A Blanket" and a Care Quilt.

Below, our BBQG group in the May 10 photo taken for Sue Sprott's encouragement quilt

