



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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

Hello, hello.

Is everyone enjoying the warmer weather? I am still waiting on winter, and here is spring. I will enjoy the flowers blooming in my yard and sunshine, although today the sun has been hiding.

I see that a lot of quilting has been going on. Beautiful quilts, ladies and lads. Quilt show season is upon us. Hope you are seeing your share. There are still seats on the bus to see the one in Dallas. Come and join us. I love that show...big enough to be entertaining and small enough to not kill you with the walking.

Don't forget about our less fortunate, and maybe make a care quilt top or quilt. Sometimes just getting a set of blocks together will give you a great feeling. And they are really needed.

It is still officially winter, so we still have an excuse to stay in the sewing room. I will think of another excuse for next month. Meanwhile, have a great sewing day! Don't let the March wind blow you away.

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

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### **March Board Meeting**

The Board meeting will be on March 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Hobby Lobby in the class room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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### **BBQG Membership Report - February Member Meeting**

78 members and 3 visitors



## Summer Retreat

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

**Registration began 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>

March 4-5 - Tri-County Quit Guild Annual Quilt Show "If Quilts Could Talk;" The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, TX 77433  
<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>; (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>, <www.qgetx.org/Quilt\_Show.html>

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

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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 BBQ Meeting and Workshop Schedule

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 Quilts-works

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



## Bee News

**Happy Scrappers** members are working on individual projects, embroidery, applique, crochet, knitting, baby quilts, etc.

**The Busy Bees** went to a quilt retreat in late January and worked hard to finish projects and get ahead on others. We've declared 2016 the "year of the quilt" and are determined to cut our UFO lists down! Several of us have signed up for the guild's summer retreat in June. Our group remains closed to new members due to lack of space. We meet at night since some of our Bees are still working.

### Jane Riggs

Bee Keeper



Right, **Nadine Stuth** holds a completed "Barn Quilt" after the 2/10 workshop.



*Terry Skrabanek*  
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**Clockwise, left to right,  
"Barn Quilt" participants  
with their projects after the  
2/10 workshop:  
Maggie McGuire,  
Alma Fonseca,  
Sandra Smith, Benita Ebel,  
Debbie Ginn, and  
Marijane Deen.**

Thank you to **Sandra  
Smith** for sending lots of  
photos of these projects!







## 2016 Winter Retreat Report

Thirty-five BBQG members enjoyed fun, fellowship, and beautiful weather at the 19th Annual Winter Retreat held last month at Camp Lone Star in La Grange. Of the 35, three were new attendees. Planned activities were minimal which gave everyone the opportunity to work on their own projects. Many brought along projects that they had worked on at previous retreats.

The one required activity, a log cabin race, sent six teams off to construct as many log cabin blocks as they could in a 45-minute time period. At the conclusion of the race, prizes were awarded to the winning team. Next, several volunteers worked diligently to complete the unfinished log cabin blocks and sew them into lap quilt tops. Enough log cabin blocks were generated to make at least seven quilt tops, and these completed tops will be donated to the BBQG Care Quilt program.

Several project demonstrations led by **Connie Silber**, **Jeanne Joham**, and **Cindy Stitt** resulted in many mug rugs, table runners, lap quilts, wall hangings, and portable design boards being completed. Connie also demonstrated the several methods of constructing flying geese units and how to achieve a perfect 1/4" seam; **Bunny Douglas** demonstrated the technique of spray basting quilts. As always, the retreat was a time to sew, relax, visit, share ideas, and make new friends.

### Above, Winter Retreat Participants

### Right, JoAnn Williams holds a completed Care Quilt top from the log cabin race at Winter Retreat.

Thank you to **Diane Bullard** for the article and photos.



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## Minutes for BBQG - February

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

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

**Minutes** - **Kerry Dwyer** made a motion to approve the January minutes, **Mary Szabo** seconded, the minutes were approved.

**Budget** - **Benita Ebel** reported there is \$27,109.29 in the checking account; \$11,805.13 in the savings account; total assets are \$38,914.42.

**Sunshine and Shadows** - **Lynn Thurston** sent cards to **Connie Silber**, **Elaine Lorange**, **Kerry Dwyer**, **Jane Waldrop**, and **Linda Novosad**.

**Membership** - **Nadine Stuth** reported 78 members and 3 visitors, including **Regina Estes**, **Dominique Figures** and **Courtney Haines**.

**Door Prizes** - **Sue Ryan** awarded winners, **Linda Winter**, **Jeanne Rierson**, **Mary Szabo**, and **Pat Patterson**.

### Committee Reports:

**Summer Retreat:** **Rowena Reed** reported the summer retreat at the Magnolia Manor is full and has a waiting list. Information sheets on the Magnolia Manor are available.

**Dallas Bus Trip:** **Jean Rierson** reported the Mar. 12 Dallas Bus Trip costs \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members and includes bus ride, snacks and ticket to the show. Bus leaves Wells Fargo Bank on Briarcrest at 7 am and arrives at 10 am. Leave to return at 4:45 pm with a stop in DeSoto for dinner and arrival in Bryan at 9 pm. We need 53 people to sign up.

**Programs:** **Melody Nelson** introduced speaker, **Suzi Parron**, author of "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement." After the program, more members

signed up for the Barn Quilts workshop the following day.

### Show and Tell:

**Sue Idol** - Purse

**Mary Jane** - Purse

**Maggie McGuire** - Sewing Jumper and Baby Quilt for grandson

**Charles Gilreath** - 2 Books and a Blanket

**Nancy Searcy** - Care Quilt

**Sue Chrysler** - Chain Link Baby Quilt

**Sharon Braunagel** - Embroidered Aggie Quilt

**Sue Idol** congratulated **Lynn McCartney** for winning the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Quilt Contest and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alma Fonseca**,  
Secretary

