



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

Volume 39, No. 5, May 2016

Anne Perry, Editor Maggie McGuire, Co-Editor

BBQG President's Note – April, 2016

Hi all!

Hope everyone is having a great month. It sure passes by quick.

Are you working in your garden? I have been. You get so peaceful in a garden. I love piddling around. And the color when they bloom is such an inspiration. Maybe a floral quilt is in order. I read in the *Herb Journal* that it is beneficial to your health to garden; that has to do with stress relief and high blood pressure.

Hope a lot of you go to the St Mary's Quilt Show. Even writing this before the show, I am sure the quilts will be great. Love the church. Their gardens are wonderful, also. It is worth going for the church alone. I understand that St. Anthony's is also a "painted church."

Charles Gilbreath is doing such a wonderful job on the "Books and a Blanket." They meet on the Tuesday of the guild meeting at Lonestar Quiltworks from 10-2. Stop by and help them out or talk to Charles about doing one at home.

Wasn't our speaker great? Loved the quilts she brought. Wonderful color.

I am working on the donation quilt for next year. I do believe it will be done in time. And that will be a wonder with me. Never been on time in my life. Ha Ha. I really like how it is turning out.

I have not found a site yet for the flood victims. Also, need prayers for the poor folks in Ecuador; that was a lot of earthquakes. I keep wondering why we are so lucky. Surely we are blessed.

Hope the ones who went to Paducah had a wonderful time. It was a little green around here. Ha ha. I wish I could have gone with you.

Also, need to remember Luci and Laura for care quilts. They are an important part of our mission. Be well and sew.

Peace and hugs to all,

Sue Idol

President, BBQG

May Board Meeting

Don't forget the board meeting on May 2 at Hobby Lobby at 6 p.m. All are welcome to come. If you have a great idea, come and share it.

BBQG Membership Report - April Member Meeting

There were 71 members and 10 visitors in attendance.

Visitors included Barbara Keese, Sandy Thompson, Sharon Hustetler, Eleanor Jones, Lenora Mabray, Judy Hendrickson, Jan Foster, Brooke Amador, Lisa Fallin and Connie Threadgill.

Norma's Embroidery & Quilt Studio

Norma Reel

NjqUILts@verizon.net
586-770-7166

310 Stoney Hills Ct
College Station, TX 77845



A note about Sue Sprott

Dear Friends,

Sue Sprott's cancer has returned. Sue and Bob have sold their house here and are living in Palestine with Sue's sister, Gloria.

It would mean a lot to Sue to receive cards, notes or letters from her friends in Bryan /College Station. Perhaps you have a funny experience with Sue to share. Maybe Sue has done something special for you which you could let her know you remember. We have all been touched by Sue's kindness, gentleness, generosity, thoughtfulness, selfless giving and dedication to others.

Hopefully we can offer her some peace, encouragement and let her know she is loved as she fights this disease. Please pray for her and her family and keep her in your thoughts.

Her new address is:

Sue Sprott
c/o Gloria Warren
299 Private Road 6139
Palestine, Texas 75801-0536

Summer Retreat

The summer retreat is full, but we will be available at the May meeting to put you on the wait list or make a payment. Final payment is due at the May meeting.

Thanks,
Rowena R.

Until 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>

May 6-7 - Quilt Show - Wheelock Community Center; 10-4 at the original Community Center (from OSR, turn north on Hwy. 46 to Wheelock, then west on Barziza; there will be signs); 75-100 quilts; show not judged except for "Viewers' Choice;" lunch available for \$5; baked good available, too; \$5 admission; for information, call Betty Madura at (979) 828-3790.

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,

2016 BBQ Meeting and Workshop Schedule

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 *...continued on page 3*

Terry Skrabanek
Owner

Exquisite Fabrics
Notions, Patterns, Books, Classes
Authorized BabyLock Retailer
Handi Quilter Rep

LONE STAR
Quiltworks

4301A S. Texas Ave.
Bryan, TX 77802
www.lonestarquiltworks.com

(979) 595-1072
FAX (979) 595-1074
lonestarquiltworks@suddenlink.net

Northcraft

Laura North

Professional Quilter

2184 Chestnut Oak Circle, College Station TX 77845,

Phone: 979-450-6558

Email: lbnorth@gmail.com

continued from page 2...

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

Ten **Quilt 'n Peace Bee** members enjoyed a trip to Heavenly Threads in Trinity and lunch at the Farm House in Huntsville, followed by a visit to Fabric Carousel on the fifth Tuesday of March. We donated two care quilts to BBQG and one to "Books and A Blanket" at the April meeting.

Members wrote the story about and transported 16 quilts to Montgomery be shown at St. Mary's Catholic Church Quilt Show in Plantersville on April 29 and 30.

Members of **Happy Scrappers** are working on individual projects. Linda, Laura and Maggie are traveling to the quilt show in Paducah. Judy is also going, and has a quilt entered in the show.

The Busy Bees had a mini quilt retreat last week for two days and had so much fun visiting, eating and doing some sewing. The Quilt of Valor was shown at the guild meeting earlier this week. Some of the members are participating in Jacquelyn DeJonge's workshop at LSQW this week. Our bee will be short a couple of members due to travel, but will be meeting next week as usual. We're still not open to new members due to lack of space.

Jane Riggs, Bee Keeper



Above, **Paulette May** with her care quilt at Show 'n Tell; below, **Charles Gilreath** brought a "Books and A Blanket" quilt



Texas Quilt Museum

140 West Colorado | La Grange, Texas 78945

Phone 979-968-3104 | Fax 979-968-6010

projects@TexasQuiltMuseum.org

www.TexasQuiltMuseum.org



Mari Szabo
Professional Quilter

mrszabo@gmail.com
625 Ridgewood, Unit 9
Caldwell, TX 77836
979-571-3489

Enduring Quilts



**Jacqueline DeJong, owner of
Be Colourful from The Netherlands
was our featured speaker on
April 12.**



**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.**



312A John A. Butler
 Montgomery, Texas
 832-580-9445

Tuesday - Saturday
 10:00am - 5:00pm
www.pre-cuts.com

Minutes for Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild - Tuesday, April 12, 2016

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

Minutes - **Fran Gray** made a motion to approve the March minutes, **Kerry Fisher** seconded, minutes were approved.

Sunshine and Shadows - **Lynn Thurston** sent a sympathy card to **Charlotte Simpson**, and congratulations cards to **Judy Beskow** for her quilt entered in the Paducah Quilt Show and one to **Maggie McGuire** on the birth of her new grandson. Cards were also sent to **Sue Sprott**, **Peggy Leach** and **Cathy Davis**.

Brazos Center Window - **Debbie Brooks** secured quilts from Sue Idol for March-May. She prefers one person to loan quilts for each of the following 3-month periods: June-Aug., Sept.-Nov. and Dec.-Feb.

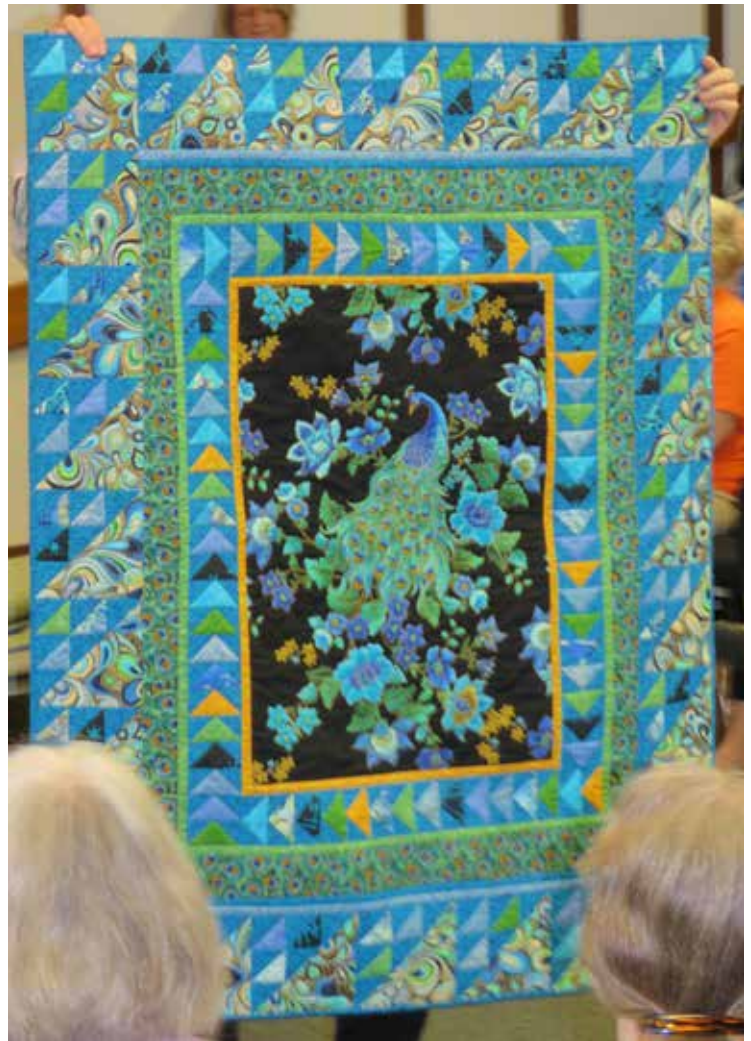
Summer Retreat - **Rowena Reed** announced that final payment for summer retreat is due in May.

Winter Retreat - **Connie Silber** announced dates for the 2017 winter retreat - February 9-12 or 13 - which will be the 20th year we will host winter retreat.

Scholarships - **Charles Gilreath** reported on 10 applications from deserving graduating seniors. Two recipients were selected, including **Haley Goodman** from Bryan High School who will attend Texas A&M University and **Hannah Hunt** from Bryan Collegiate who will attend Austin College. **Ettie Hurst** will make the presentation in May.

Membership - **Nadine Stuth** reported 71 members and 10 visitors, including **Barbara Keese**, **Sandy Thompson**, **Sharon Hustetler**, **Eleanor Jones**, **Lenora Mabray**, **Judy Hendrickson**, **Jan Foster**, **Brooke Amador**, **Lisa Fallin** and **Connie Threadgill**.

...continued on page 6



Above, Kerry Fisher brought her Peacock Fabric Wall Hanging to Show 'n Tell

<p>Mark Wynn Manager mark@sewvaccity.com</p>	<p>Full service sewing and vacuum repair Bernina Brother Janome</p>
<p>Sew Vac City</p>	
<p>Service & Integrity Since 1986</p>	
<p>3800 State Hwy 6 S. Suite 100 College Station, TX 77845</p>	<p>979-693-6592 www.sewvaccity.com</p>



continued from page 5...

Door Prizes - **Sue Ryan** awarded winners, **Rowena Reed** and **Nini Hodges**.

Treasurer's Report - **Benita Ebel** reported there is \$19,376. 73 in the checking account; \$16,811.75 in the savings account; total assets are \$36,188.48.

Old Business - **Judy Beskow** made a motion and **Susie Schamp** seconded the motion to amend the Bylaws requesting to change from an annual audit and a professional review every three years to a semi-annual internal review due by July 31 and Jan 31 in order to put internal controls in place. Discussion followed with clarification given by **Benita Ebel**, who distributed voting ballots. The final vote on the Bylaws amendment was 51 in favor of the change, and 5 opposed. The amendment passed with an overwhelming majority.

Program - **Melody Nelson** introduced speaker, **Jacqueline DeJong**, owner of Be Colourful from The Netherlands. Her presentation on "Color Stories" and quilts were magnificent.

Show and Tell:

- Rowena Reed** - Books and a Blanket quilts made at Winter Retreat from charm pack
- JoAnn Williams** - Joy Quilt
- Charles Gilreath** - Two "Books and a Blanket" Quilts and a Celtic Knots Quilt
- Paulette May** - Care quilt and Crocheted Blanket with fuzzy yarn
- Nelda Cohan** - Scrappy Aggie Brick and Stepping Stones Quilt
- Nicole Pavel** - 4-Patch Wedding Quilt
- Melody Nelson** - Enchanted Stars Quilt
- Kerry Fisher** - Peacock Fabric Wall Hanging
- Carolyn Stigler** - Quilt of Valor

Announcements -

St. Mary's Quilt Show -April 29-30
Sue Sprott stepped down from chairing the 2017 BBQG Quilt Show; **Judy Beskow** volunteered to chair. Nacogdoches Quilt Show - June 9-10 at Fredonia Baptist Church - 2 free tickets were given away.

Sue Idol adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, **Alma Fonseca**, Secretary



Above, one of two quilts brought by Nelda Cohan to Show 'n Tell

Below, Melody Nelson's "Enchanted Stars" quilt

