



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Note – November, 2016

Hello hello,

Isn't the cooler weather wonderful? I just want to be outside all the time now. Time for pumpkin everything. I love the smells and tastes of autumn. And, of course the colors...my favorites.

Congratulations to all our winners at the fair. Beautiful quilts to see. Maybe we can support it more next year. I will surely do something. We did well, though.

Well, Christmas is around the corner. Are you all working hard on gifts at this time? Better hurry; it will be here before you know it. Ha ha. I am going to try and get things done that I didn't get done last year. Sigh. My sewing machine had a headache last year. Ha ha.

Quilt festival is coming, and I am so looking forward to it. Hope to get some great ideas and neat new notions. I always get a pattern there to do when I get home. So much inspiration at this show. All those talented people. Just want to sew, sew, sew, when I get home.

Speaking of patterns, wasn't Karen Buckley wonderful? Everyone who I have spoken to loved her class. Some really beautiful work came out of there. She makes such great quilts, and I would have loved to have taken the class. I won't miss next time we have a great speaker.

Want all of you to know that it was my honor to be your president this year. It was an experience that I will never forget. Hope you have been pleased with all we have done in spite of my limited knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order. We have had some great speakers, and all worked very hard. When we all pull together, things do get done. I wish to be the first one to welcome Charles Gilreath as our next president. I am sure he will be great at it. Welcome, Charles! Hope you have a great time.

The donation quilt is done. Yeah. It turned out very pretty. There is a picture of it in this newsletter on page 2. Time for us all to get out and sell tickets. I am sure that Joyce will inspire us again.

The Christmas party is coming. So much fun. Be sure to attend. The exchange is great fun and the food, oh I dream of the food. Hope all will attend.

I wish all of you peace and joy in your lives. Take time to smell all the flowers.

Peace and hugs,

Sue Idol, President, BBQG

November Board Meeting

Don't forget the board meeting on Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at Hobby Lobby.

All are welcome.

Presenting the donation quilt for 2017,
"Shooting for the Stars."

It was created by Shirley Day, Fran Gray,
Sue Idol, and Linda Bridges.

It did real well at the Brazos Valley Fair.



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MyGrove is on the Way

At our last guild meeting, I announced that the Board has approved our moving much of our communication to a software package called **MyGrove**. This package is currently used by the Houston Coalition of Quilt Guilds and a number of the guilds in our area to manage communications and to share information about events in the area.

It is an excellent way for us to receive reminders about workshops and programs, to maintain more easily our membership roster, and to manage distribution of the newsletter. We anticipate that with **MyGrove** we will eliminate the ongoing problems we have been having with some members not receiving the newsletter emails.

When we begin the process of moving to **MyGrove**, we will send out an email message describing the service in more detail. This message will explain the steps you will need to take in order to join the system—it is very simple.

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You will be able to participate in **MyGrove** at a couple of levels: simply receiving communications such as the newsletter and announcements about events...or more actively so that you can also send inquiries and comments to guild members. In addition, you will be able to control how much information you want displayed about you as a member of the guild. (Only your name, phone number, and email address will be loaded in **MyGrove**.)

Be looking next month for the email announcing our move to this new software.

Charles Gilreath

President-Elect

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 8 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

2016 BBQG Meeting and



Workshop Schedule

- Nov. 8th "Modern Quilt Fabrics" by Nicole; Owner of "The Cloth Pocket" in Austin, TX
Dec. 13th Christmas Party

Bee News

The time is flying by! We'll be getting ready for Christmas very soon. **The Busy Bees** are back to schedule of meeting twice a month, but this past week no-one felt like sewing, so we went to dinner and a movie. We all had a lot of catching up to do, so it was nice. We'll be back to our routine meeting next week. One of our members has a wedding for her daughter this month, so she has been busy working on a wedding quilt for them. The rest of us are working on individual projects and talking about all the UFOs we have. Most of us will be going to a Spring retreat and are hoping to work on projects then.

The Quilt 'n Peace Bee finished numerous care quilts which were turned in at the guild meeting. We were privileged to have **Nadine Stuth** teach us a class on the twice-sliced layer cake. Some quilters used coordinating layer cakes and some made beautiful scrappy quilts.

Most of us were able to finish the quilt top in two weeks, and we enjoyed having Nadine with us.

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects.

All American Bee has finished five Quilts of Valor and are making plans to award them. In addition to quilts, we are making 150 small pillows for distribution by The American Legion in their Christmas baskets to veterans in local nursing homes.

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The Thursday Thumblebees continue to work primarily on individual pieced, appliqué, and hexagon quilt projects. Many of the members also bring knitting and weaving projects to work on at bee meetings. In September, the bee helped **Linda Novosad** hand sew bindings onto teddy bear quilts that she makes for distribution by her church.

Jane Riggs
Bee Keeper

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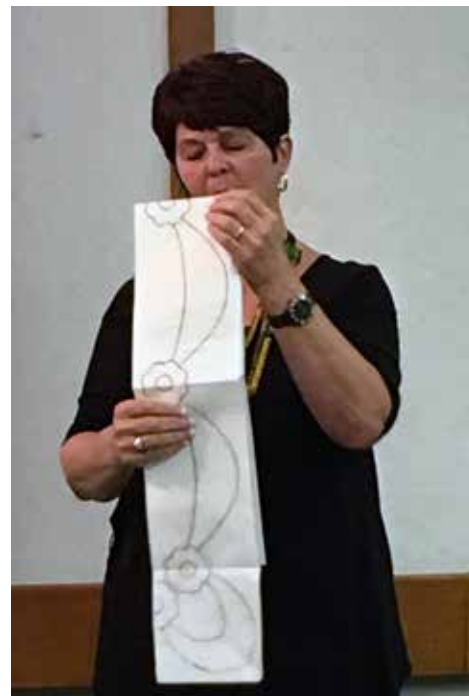
Habitat for Humanity

Families are settling in to their new homes. I haven't reported by newsletter for a while. There were three dedications from late August to early September. On October 28 or 29, there will be two more dedications; Maryanne Durbin has graciously offered to attend in my absence. Thank you, Maryanne!! There will be two more dedications by the end of 2016.

As of January 1, 2017, I will have FOUR banners left. I think only two have been turned in to me from a wonderful new member, Paulette. If I forgot anyone else, please forgive me.

In order to support this, I do need help from our membership. Watch for a weekday workshop in 2017, too.

Peace,
Nancy Searcy
Habitat for Humanity



Karen K. Buckley demonstrated during the guild meeting on October 11.

This photo and the top, left photo on page 5 were submitted by **Judy Beskow**.



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Karen K. Buckley showed this spectacular quilt during the guild meeting on October 11.



At the workshop on Oct. 12:



Above, Karen K. Buckley with **Connie Silber**

Left, **Chris Deppe** and **Melody Nelson**

Right, **Benita Ebel**

Below, **Judy Beskow** and **Laura North**



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Above, **Stephanie Modrall and Nicole Pavel**, Care Quilt Committee Co-Chairs, attended the workshop.

Minutes for Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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

Minutes – Motion was made by **Charles Gilreath** and seconded by **Benita Ebel** to approve the September minutes as written.

Newsletter – A show of hands for those who did not receive the October newsletter indicated a handful of members still had not. Those members were reminded to check their “spam” folders first, then call **Maggie McGuire** if they still had not found her email with the newsletter attachment.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer **Benita Ebel** reported a checking account balance of \$14,129.55 and savings account balance of \$16,832.78, making a total of \$30,962.33. She added that another \$1,800 was deposited this week, and that the budgeted donation quilt ticket income for the year has been met.

Sunshine & Shadows – (Sunshine) **Jelinda Pepper** has been chosen to be a judge at a national dog show. **Judy Beskow** shared that her Hoffman challenge quilt will be exhibited at the Houston International Quilt Show and that it had won the Robin Hoffman’s Choice Award which included a cash prize. **Judy** also won Best of Show at the Jewett Quilt Show.

(Shadows) **Linda Bridges** reported that her dad is still at St. Joseph Rehabilitation Center having fallen and broken some ribs.

Membership – **Nadine Stuth** reported 67 members and 20 visitors were in attendance. Door prizes were won by **Marijane Deen**, **Vickie Carpenter**, **Fran Gray** and **Mari Szabo**.

Winter Retreat – **Connie Silber** reported that eight slots are open for the Winter Retreat to be held February 9 through 12 at Camp Lone Star. Cost for the retreat is \$250.

Nominating Committee – **Charles Gilreath** presented the committee’s slate of nominations for 2018 as follows:

President: **Maggie McGuire**
Secretary: **Lou Ellen Hassold**
Treasurer: **Rozan Cooty**
Membership: **Barbara Mes**
Programs: **Mari Szabo** (a second nominee to this team is pending but was not named)

The nominating committee included **Charles Gilreath**, **Sue Idol**, **Maggie McGuire** and **Nadine Stuth**. Members who wished to add their own names to the list above were asked to contact **Charles** or **Sue**.

“My Grove” Software – **Charles Gilreath** advised the membership that he and **Maggie McGuire** were introduced to a software program for quilt guilds by the “Houston Coalition of Quilt Guilds”, who have eleven guilds currently using the program. The software named “My Grove” is intended to manage reminders, communications, workshop availability, donation quilt scheduling, membership lists and more. There is no cost to the guild to join in the centrally-managed utility which can be accessed by guild members who would receive their newsletter through the program. Members could set their preferences as to the amount of their personal information that is shared. Further discussion will take place at the next BBQG Board meeting, and a membership vote will take place at a later guild meeting.

Fidget Quilts – **Maggie McGuire** passed out a handout which explained “Fidget” quilts. **The Happy Scrappers Bee** has been asked by Central Baptist Church (where they meet) to make and donate

BBQG Members Excelled at The Jewett Quilt Show on October 1, 2016



Left, **Judy Beskow** with her "Judges' Choice - Best of Show" quilt which also won "First Place" in "Other Category" at the Jewett Quilt Show. This quilt was painted whole-cloth. Above, is another of **Judy's** award-winning quilts which won "First Place" in "Wall Hanging." Another of her quilts won "First Place" in "Panel."

Below, left, **Lou Ellen Hassold's** quilt won "Second Place" in "Nine Patch" and "Director's Choice." Her quilt below and several others won awards, also.

Photos submitted by **Teri Walker**, owner of Country Living Quilts, whose quilts also won four awards.





the quilts to them for congregational use as a token
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of appreciation for using their facilities. She added that a "Fidget" quilt is a new "trend" and suggested any members who wish can share in the project.

St. Mary's Quilt Show – Guest Lorraine Nelson who attended with fellow guest, Pam Poole, spoke to the membership about their next show to be held the last weekend in April, 2017. Members received rack cards for the event and were encouraged to submit quilts for the show. If 15 or more quilts are submitted, the guild will be recognized in their advertising and on their Facebook page.

Donation Quilt – **JoAnn Williams** requested three more members volunteer to fill a three-month block of time to take the 2017 donation quilt to destinations or schedule others to do so. **Charles, Benita** and **Kitty** tentatively accepted the job. **JoAnn** added that the quilt is not quite finished, but **Linda Bridges** should have it quilted by the Brazos County Fair on October 21-23. **Benita** will supervise the Fair scheduling should the quilt be ready; **JoAnn** will contact those concerned if it is NOT ready.

Quilt Show – **Judy Beskow** advised the group that **there is a serious need for a Publicity Chairman for the 2017 Quilt Show.** **Lynn Thurston** cannot continue due to her husband's illness. **Linda Bridges** suggested those who wish might send **Lynn** a card of encouragement.

Welcome Quilts - **Judy** also passed along **Nancy Searcy's** need for Welcome Quilts for Habitat families. **Judy** will provide the Welcome lettering and **Charles Gilreath** will put together kits with precut fabric for those who wish to help out by putting them together.

Care Quilts – **Stephanie Modrall** shared that 116 care quilts have been donated this year with more going out next week.

The meeting was adjourned as speaker Karen Kay Buckley was introduced by **Sally Coble.**

Following Karen's program entitled "To Border or Not to Border", the following persons participated in **Show and Share:**

- JoAnn Williams** and **Connie Foreman** – Brazos Senior Citizens' Association donation quilt
- Charlotte Simpson** – quilt for great grandson
- Maggie McGuire** – "garbage truck" quilt for grandson
- Barbara Mes** – "twice sliced" quilt made by **Quilt 'N Peace Bee**, plus 10 care quilts
- Jeannie Bassett** – Batik quilt for her sister
- Nancy Searcy** – 2 "Books & a Blanket" quilts
- Kerry Fisher** – Cynthia England snowman quilt and mini barn scene quilt
- Charles Gilreath** – "Books and a Blanket" quilt
- Deb DeRoche** – quilt from Summer Retreat
- Rozann Cooty** – king-sized quilt from Judy Niemeyer class made for her brother
- Nichole Pavel** – 2 quilts for her niece and nephew

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Fisher, Secretary-Elect



Above, **Lou Ellen Hassold's** quilt which won "Viewers' Choice" at the Jewett Quilt Show.



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