



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Note – October, 2016

Hello hello,

Hope all of you are having a great month. Welcome the students back. Football is here, and I at least can get a lot of quilting in during the football games.

I had a great time at the show. So many beautiful quilts. Makes you want to come right home and make one. I was so impressed with the workmanship and designs. Fantastic. Congratulations to all the winners. Also, the Go Texan quilt just took my breath away. So many choices I had a hard time deciding which one to vote for.

Anyone else go to the Austin show? Several of us went over. More beautiful quilts to see. Sure wish I had won the donation quilt. That red and white feathered star would have been perfect on my bed. lol Their theme was Red, White and Stars. Fabulous quilt. They had a lot of great quilts there. Several I would love to make. Was a great show.

Also, congratulations to Joyce F. Blasi for her award. Not as much as she deserves, but the scholarship named after her is a good start. She once again made over a thousand in ticket sales. She has truly earned the award. Hopefully, another of our members will take up the torch from her example.

Fall is coming. Hoping for cooler weather soon. lol Gardens are being put in for the autumn. My tomatoes have started putting out again. Awesome.

Don't forget the upcoming Jewett quilt show in Leon Co. Nice little show for some really great work. It is on Sept. 30 and Oct 1. Hope to see you there.

Judy Beskow (BBQG Quilt Show Chair) will be needing a new person for publicity. Lynn Thurston is stepping down after all these years, and we thank her for all of her service to us.

Ann Gilreath is our new Sunshine and Shadows lady. So please give her a call with all our news on our members. New babies, illnesses etc. Thank you for stepping up for us.

Time to start thinking about our show next year. Please get with Judy if you have some time to help out or sign up for the committees that will be needed. And, of course, start planning your entry. lol

I am looking forward to the next meeting. Ms. Buckley is sure to be awesome. I think Melody has a few spaces left for the workshop. Hard to pass up a chance like this.

Hope all have had great vacations. It is great to get away in the hot summer.

May your seams be straight and all your corners be perfect.

Peace and hugs,

Sue Idol, President, BBQG

October Board Meeting

Don't forget the board meeting on Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. at Hobby Lobby.

All are welcome.

Sept. 22-23, 2017 - BBQG's "Reach for the Stars" Quilt Show



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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

2016 BBQG Meeting and Workshop Schedule

- Oct. 11th "Appliqué" by Karen K. Buckley
Oct 12th Workshop - Machine Appliqué - "Ocean Sunrise"
- Nov. 8th "Modern Quilt Fabrics" by Nicole; Owner of "The Cloth Pocket" in Austin, TX
- Dec. 13th Christmas Party

Area Quilt Shows

Sept. 30-Oct. 1 - Jewett Quilt Show

October 14-15 - "2016 Annual Judged Quilt Show" - Texas Star Quilters Guild; Canton Civic Center, 800 Flea Market Rd., Canton, TX 75103; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. both days; Admission \$3.00 - Children under 12 free.
<www.texasstarquilters.wix.com/tsqg>

Bee News

The Busy Bees are settling down after a busy summer of vacations and are excited about the fall events coming up. We're all signed up for the Houston Quilt Show bus trip and are looking forward to the Guild's in-house quilt show this week. Everyone has been busy working on individual quilting projects, and they hope to get back together later this month.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee members enjoyed our fifth Tuesday trip - this time to Jewett and Waco. As usual, we had lots of fun with 10 women, including two first-time travelers. Members continue to work on care quilts and are cutting fabric scraps into 10-inch squares to use in making twice-sliced layer cake blocks. We have invited **Nadine Stuth** to lead the instructions on September 20 and will have a pot-luck lunch and extended session.

Eight members of the Bee attended the Sept. 6 funeral of Dr. Frank Sheppard, a long-term quilt lover and financial supporter to Quilt 'n Peace.

Happy Scrappers Bee is working with Central Baptist Church (who provides our meeting room) on a couple of joint projects that will benefit members of the community. We are just in the discussion stage now, and hope to have more information soon. Stay tuned!

The bee members continue to work on individual projects.

Jane Riggs

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"The Board voted to name one of our scholarships after **Joyce Blasi** [above] who has consistently sold the most number of donation quilt tickets over the years. This year she had \$1,234 in tickets sales."
 ...quoted from the *Minutes*

Photos of Joyce by **Sue Idol**

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Above, **Sharon Braunagel** won the Go Texan Quilt Award at our 2016 Mini-Quilt Show.



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Show and Tell:

- Kitty Ard** – Premie Hats and Rag Rug
- Barbra Mes** – Tropical Fish “Nets and Fishes,” Norway quilt, Northern Lights Baby Quilt
- Nancy Searcy** – Auction for Book and a Blanket
- Margie Williams** – Christmas Tablecloth
- Charles Gilreath** – Books and a Blanket Bee Quilt
- Charlotte Simpson** – Square in a Square Quilt

Respectfully submitted,
Alma Fonseca, Secretary

**Minutes for
Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild
Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

Welcome – President **Sue Idol** opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Brazos Center. She announced that the Texas Quilt Museum was featuring a 21st Century Salutes the American Frontier exhibit, and if anyone wanted to submit a quilt to contact the museum.

Sunshine & Shadows – **Lynn Thurston** sent the names of members who received cards to Sue as follows:

- Sharon Braunagel**’s husband was in the hospital
- Jane Waldrop** - thinking of you
- Sue Sprott** – thinking of you
- Linda Bridges** – congratulations on your son’s wedding
- Dawn Merker** – sympathy for your brother’s death
- Judy Beskow** – congratulations on your Hoffman Challenge ribbon

Sue Idol announced that the Board voted to name one of our scholarships after Joyce Blasi who has consistently sold the most number of donation quilt tickets over the years. This year she had \$1,234 in tickets sales. Joyce was surprised and honored by the announcement. Sue also announced a need for a long arm quilter to quilt two quilts of valor if anyone was interested.

Nadine Stuth announced the **Challenge Mini Quilt Show winners:**

- 1st Place – **Nancy Searcy**
- 2nd Place – **Connie Harrison**
- 3rd Place – **Nadine Stuth**

The **Go Texan Quilt contest winner** was **Sharon Braunagel**.



ALL Photos were taken by Christine Deppe. She called the photo above “Donation Quilt Committee.”

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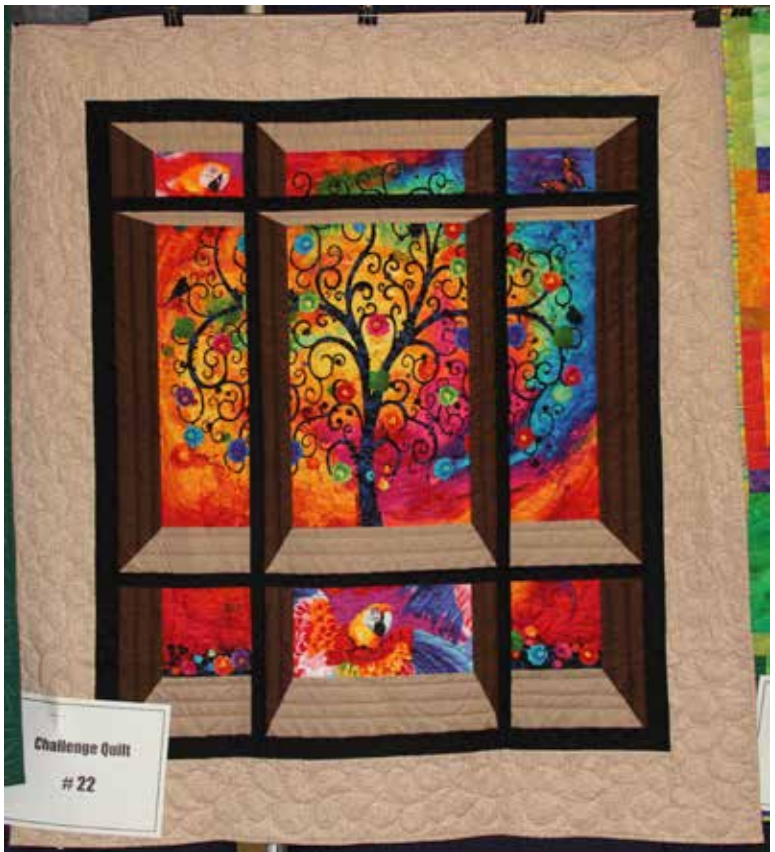
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To the left are photos of the front and back of **Nancy Searcy's** First Place challenge quilt in the Mini Quilt Show; it was auctioned off for \$105.

Below is a photo of **Connie Harrison's** Second Place challenge quilt in the Mini Quilt Show; it was auctioned off for \$50.



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Above, **Nadine Stuth's** quilt was in a three-way three for Third place with **Carol Laughlin's** quilt (left) and **Laura North's** quilt (below, left). Nadine's quilt was selected for auction and brought \$75.




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