



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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**Anne Perry, Editor    Maggie McGuire, Co-Editor**

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

Good rainy day to all.

I am so glad to see the rain, and a slow one at that. Nice and soaking. Plants are loving it. Hope you are, also.

I have been reading up on the floods and fires some are going through. Such devastation and loss for so many. Breaks my heart. We must keep them in our prayers. I have looked for a donation site for care quilts just for them but have not found one. If you come across one, let us know.

School has begun, and the summer is ending. Went by fast, didn't it? Now it is time to gear up for the holidays; they are coming up fast. Do you have all your projects done? I know I am just starting and hope I can come up with something.

I want to thank all those that volunteered for some of the positions that were open. If any of you need help with anything, please ask. We are all willing to help.

Also, I want to thank those of you that have donated to the White Elephant. Some are not clear on how I have set it up. So I will explain here. I set it up as a store, similar to the other vendors. I measure and package all the fabric. I set a price of \$4 per yard. I cut fat quarters. We did do some layer cakes and charms in 2015, but we're not doing that in 2017; they didn't sell. Anyway, that is why it comes to me first. Sometimes it needs cleaning, and it all needs pricing. My idea is that I don't want to set out something that I wouldn't want to buy. This takes a little time. I have put stuff in the unit that took me a couple of days to take care of. Those who are familiar with the 2015 quilt show should remember that we had 11 tables of stuff to sell. It takes time to process that much stuff. You can't drag it out the week before and get it all done. That makes too much work. Using my name and fast in the same sentence is a contradiction of terms. Ha ha. If you have any other questions about it, just ask. I am happy to explain it.

So let's keep on quilting and sewing. Many are in need of what we do, including us.

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

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### **September Board Meeting**

**The September Board meeting is Monday September 12 at 6 pm at Hobby Lobby.**



## Area Quilt Shows

September 15-16, "Quilty Pleasures" - Quilt Show and Live Auction, Golden Needles Quilt Guild, Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Rd., Conroe, TX 77303; 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day; Admission \$7 (\$6 Seniors 62+); Over 200 Quilts on Exhibit, Quilt Judging, Vendors, Miniature Quilt Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Raffle Baskets, Special Exhibits & Grab Bags too! Live Auction on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. which includes beautiful quilts of all sizes.

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/tsqq](http://www.texasstarquilters.wix.com/tsqq)>

## BBQG Membership Report -August Member Meeting

**Nadine Stuth** reported that 60 members and 3 visitors attended, including **Debby Walters, Susie Feldman, and Barbara Linick.**

## 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**

## 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](http://www.AppliqueAwayOnGalvestonBay.com)

## 2016 BBQG Meeting and Workshop Schedule

### Sept. 13th Mini Quilt Show

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| 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   |

## Bee News

**Quilt 'n Peace** members did not meet the last two weeks of July but started August off by working on individual project of a small wall hanging for Christmas. Five quilts were donated to BBQG at the August meeting and one to Books and a Blanket. Although many members are out of town or busy grandparenting, we'll continue to meet this month. Members are looking forward to the Mini Quilt Show on September 13 and are finishing up the challenge quilts.

**Peg Mobley**

Our **Busy Bees** have been going in all different directions this summer. With vacations & a remodel project at our meeting place, we haven't been able to get together routinely. Each member has been busy with individual projects including a wedding quilt, finishing up Farm Girl Vintage quilts from a group at LSQW, attending retreats & quilting for other quilters. A couple of our members will be joining a new group at Lone Star Quiltworks to work on Jen Kingwell's Gypsy Wife quilt. Hopefully when September starts, we'll be able to get back to a routine schedule.

**Sherrill Johnson**

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**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.**



## September 13 Mini Quilt Show

**Brazos Center  
5-7:30 p.m.**

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**Many Happy Scrappers** were able to come to the recent bee. It was so good to see those we haven't seen in awhile. A total of 17 members were present. The next donation quilt top was shown, as it was being handed over to Linda Bridges to do the quilting. It is a BEAUTIFUL quilt! Happy Scrappers members continue to work on individual projects, some bringing hand appliqué, felt work, hexies, etc. Even a couple of sewing machines were there.

**Debbie Ginn**

**Jane Riggs**, Bee Keeper



**Above, Carol Laughlin's  
August Show 'n Tell art quilt**

### Order of Events:

**5:00 - ALL Challenge Quilts must be at the Brazos Center**

**6:00 - Side dishes and desserts on the buffet tables**

**6:00 - All raffle tickets must be turned in**

**6:30 - We eat!!!**

**7:00 - Vote for your favorite Challenge Quilt**

**7:30 - Drawing for Donation Quilt**

**Please bring a side dish or dessert to share at the Mini Quilt Show.**

**Sliced ham, along with sweet tea, unsweet tea and water will be provided.**

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more in ticket sales by the end of the year to stay on budget. Scholarships need to be paid to this year's recipients.

**Sunshine & Shadows** – **Mary Anne Durbin** announced that she has a new grandson. **Debbie Ginn** also has a new grandson, and **Deb DeRoche** has a second granddaughter on the way.

**Membership** – **Nadine Stuth** reported that 60 members and three visitors attended, including Debby Walters, Susie Feldman, and Barbara Linick.

**Door Prizes** - **Bunny Douglas, Joyce Blasi, Margie Williams,** and **Diane Gilliland** won door prizes.

**Minutes** – Motion was made to accept the minutes by **Charles Gilreath** and seconded by **Peggy Leach**; minutes approved.

**Arts Council** – **Mary Anne Durbin** encouraged everyone to see Emily May's Experiential Art exhibit at the Arts Council until September 10, 2016.

**New Business** – **Sue Idol** awarded three free tickets to the Quilt Show in Canton to **Angela Harrison**. **Linda Bridges** explained the duties of the Care Quilt Chairperson in an effort to recruit co-chairs. **Stephanie Modrall** and **Nicole Pavel** volunteered to co-chair the Care Quilts.

**Challenge Quilts** – **Nadine Stuth** encouraged members to enter Challenge Quilts at the mini Quilt Show on September 13 and announced the deadline to enter is 5:00 p.m. at the Brazos Center. **Maggie McGuire** reviewed the handout she developed about the September meeting events. **JoAnn Williams** reminded members that the Go Texan quilt entries had to be from Brazos County.

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**Above, Maggie McGuire's Quilt of Valor - one of two!**

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**Minutes for  
Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild  
Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

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

**Treasurer's Report** – **Benita Ebel** reported a balance of \$14,097.87 in the checking account and \$16,825.77 in the Savings account, making a total of \$30,923.64. She added that we have a goal of raising \$5,400 for the donation quilt, and need \$2,900



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**Quilt Education** – **Carol Willson** announced our participation in Boonville Days on October 1 at the Natural History Museum from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. She circulated a signup sheet for volunteers.

**Donation Quilt** – **Maggie McGuire** has scheduled five more locations to sell tickets for the donation quilt. She circulated a signup sheet for volunteers to help with ticket sales and quilt display.

**2017 Quilt Show** – **Judy Beskow** reported that the quilt show would be held at the Brazos Center on either September 23 or 30 depending on the TAMU football home game. A new category includes Modern Quilts. The theme is "**Reach for the Stars**," for both the show and the challenge quilts. Most committee chairs were contacted to help with the Quilt Show.

**Sue Idol** announced that the White Elephant is open for business. Bring items to Sue for sorting and pricing.

**Programs** – **Melody Nelson** announced that the October workshop with **Karen Buckley** would be machine appliqué, not hand appliqué. Five spots are still available for her Ocean Sunrise workshop.

**Fran Gray** has agreed to be a co-chair for the 2017 Program Chair but **needs a second co-chairperson**. Melody introduced our speaker, **Carol Daniel** from Shiner, Texas, who presented Square in a Square method and her beautiful quilts and wall hangings using this creative and fast method of piecing.

### Show & Tell

**Debby Walters** – 3 quilts from teachers at Quilting Adventures

**Bunny Douglas** – 4 framed needlepoints

**Paulette Mayes** – one banner and a Cynthia England wall hanging

**Stephanie Modrall** – Hexi-magnet flowers

**Alma Fonseca** – Cynthia England "America" wall hanging

**Benita Ebel** – Double Irish Chain

**Rowena Reed** – watermelon quilt

**Charles Gilreath** – striped quilts

**Sue Chrysler** – sun wall hanging

**Peggy Mobley** – care quilts

**Carol Laughlin** – art quilt

**Melody Nelson** – Cynthia England wall hanging

**Maggie McGuire** – two quilts of valor

Meeting adjourned by **Sue Idol** at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alma Fonseca**, Secretary



Above, **Sue Chrysler's** sun wall hanging

Below, **Stephanie Modrall** with her hexi magnets



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Above and left, two of many care quilts from Quilt 'n Peace members presented by **Peggy Mobley** and **Carol Laughlin**



**Alma Fonseca** with her **Cynthia England "America"** wall hanging





Above, **Benita Ebel's** Double Irish Chain



Right, **Paulette Mayes's** Welcome banner for Habitat for Humanity; she also brought a Cynthia England wall hanging (see page 8).

Below, **Bunny Douglas's** four framed needlepoints





Many thanks to **Chris Deppe** for sharing the photos she took at the August BBQG meeting! All photos in this newsletter were submitted by Chris.

Left, our August speaker, **Carol Daniel** from Shiner, Texas, presented the "Square in a Square" method. She displayed her beautiful quilts and wall hangings which used this creative and fast method of piecing.

Below, **Paulette Mayes** and **Melody Nelson** with their Cynthia England wall hangings

