



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

Well, after months of anticipation, the 2017 Quilt Show is just about on us. Judy Beskow and her team have worked hard to get all the pieces in place, and it is shaping up to be an exciting event. It is still not too late for you to make tangible contributions to the effort: Sue Idol's deadline for contributions to the White Elephant booth is absolutely September 1. Give her a call right away if you have stuff you want to donate. Theresa Morrison will be accepting items for the Bluebonnet Boutique up until our September Guild meeting on the twelfth—typically handmade gift shop type items.

We won't have a speaker at the September guild meeting, but this will be our last chance to make sure we have all the bases covered for the show. A successful show will be the work of many hands, and we are counting on you all to pitch in sometime between set up on Thursday and take down Saturday evening, September 21-23. Some of the opportunities to help will be: staffing guild booths—White Elephant, Bluebonnet Boutique, Basket Blitz, Donation quilt ticket sales, Entrance ticket sales; Sue Ryan will need help with food both Friday and Saturday (we feed our volunteers and our vendors, not the public); JoAnn Williams will need assistance in hanging quilts on Thursday and in taking them down once the show is over Saturday afternoon. With a complex operation such as this there will undoubtedly be many more opportunities that present themselves during the show, so come prepared to enjoy the show and to help make it a success for the hundreds of people we hope come to enjoy some great quilts.

While we won't have a formal program in September, please do plan on a good show and tell session—one of my favorite parts of our time together each month. Since we probably have a little extra time at this meeting, it might also be fun for those of you who are so inclined to think about bringing and sharing one of your most treasured quilts—a family heirloom or just a special quilt with a story.

See you in September!

Charles

BBQG Meeting Minutes – August 2017

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by president Charles Gilreath at 7:00 pm on August 8th at the Brazos Center.

Minutes – The July minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Benita Ebel reported a 07/31/2017 combined balance of \$24,034.78 in the guild's checking and savings accounts. She commended Debbie Brooks, chair of Vendors, for making her budget goal, and encouraged other committees to turn in their money.

Membership – Maggie McGuire reported 65 members and 6 visitors signed in for the meeting, which includes three who joined tonight. Door prizes were won by Peggy Leach, Shirley Wood, and Denise Mackan.

Care Quilts – Nicole Pavel reported the guild has given 136 care quilts so far this year. The total number given since the program began is 4,571. She encouraged members to check out Brazos Center window which features care quilts.

Habitat for Humanity – Nancy Searcy announced there will be a dedication this Saturday and invited any members who are interested to come.

Quilt Show – Judy Beskow reported that Mark with Sew Vac City has agreed to be a sponsor for the Quilt Show and his donation will be used to purchase tote bags which will feature his logo as well as the logo of the guild. She added that she and Laura North will be visiting with Lone Star Quiltworks to offer a sponsorship opportunity. Shel Winkley with KBTX has agreed to do a live feed from the Quilt Show on Friday. Judy encouraged the members to sell program advertising and passed out a form for that purpose. The business card-sized ads can also be purchased for personal messages such as congratulations or good luck.

To date, 115 quilts have been entered in the competition and Judy reminded the group that the deadline is August 12th. Theresa Morrison, chair of the Bluebonnet Boutique, reported a successful workshop held earlier in the day to make items for the booth. She will take items from members up until the September meeting. Sue Idol, chair of the White Elephant booth, will take booth donations until September 1st. She informed the group of the plan to offer the remaining booth items to the members at 4:30 on Saturday at no charge, and emphasized “no stashing”! Kim DeBona, chair of Basket Blitz, reported she will have about 20 baskets. No further donations will be taken. The drawings for winners will take place Saturday at 4:00.

Chris Deppe, who will publish the program for the Show, begged the chairpersons to share information and/or a written narrative on their booths so she will have accurate information in the program. She emphasized that it will go to press on September 1st so please get this information to her in the very near future.

Carol Laughlin suggested information be provided to the new members and/or the public about how the money made at the Quilt Show is used, for example scholarships, general fund for budgeted items, supplies for charitable programs such as Habitat banners or care quilts, educational programs and such. Judy mentioned a flyer has been made and copies are already available which address these answers, and will be available at the Show.

Nancy Searcy requested the guild provide free show tickets to people who have made Care Quilts for the Guild but are not actually members.

The meeting was adjourned by Charles at 7:45 p.m.

Following the evening’s program by Judy Beskow, the following persons participated in **Show and Share**:

Charles Gilreath – Watermelon quilt

Alma Fonseca – Witch’s Boot wallhanging

Linda Shamblin – Gray lap quilt

Kerry Dwyer – Quilt with winter scenes and snowmen

Sue Idol – Quilt purchased at an auction which was made at the 2000 winter retreat by Delores Jones

Carol Laughlin – CareBear quilt for great grandchild and small wall hanging

Sandy Smith – Baby quilt with owls

Quilt ‘n Piece Bee – 12 Care Quilts

Kitty Ard – Soldier squares made by Penny Grief

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ShowNTell 2 Charles used his ants themed fabric to add a touch of whimsy to a watermelon quilt



ShowNTell 1Alma Fonseca shows off her "Witch's Boot"

Bee News...

When not traveling or hosting company, members of the **Thumblebees** continued to meet twice a month throughout the summer. They worked on a variety of individual quilting, cross stitch, and knitting projects and prepared two baskets of batik fabric for the BBQG Quilt Show Basket Blitz. Several members also attended a very relaxing and enjoyable 3-day bee retreat at Hummingbird Retreat Center in Huntsville.

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ShowNTell 3 Carol Laughlin has a lucky great grand child who will enjoy these "Care Bears"

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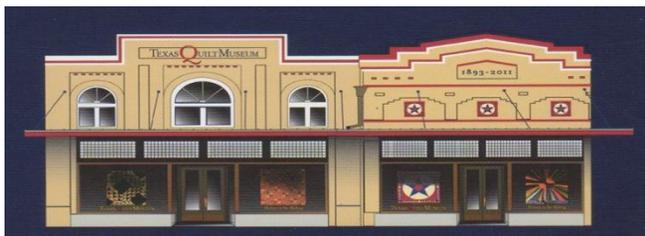
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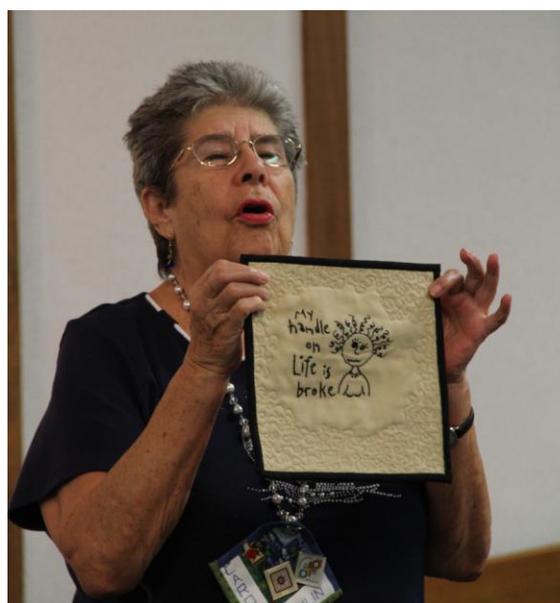


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The **Joyful Quilters bee** meets the first and third Tuesday nights of each month at 6:30 at First Baptist Church College Station. This past month, bee members put together two baskets for the upcoming quilt show raffle.



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ShowNTell 5 Carol Laughlin bids us farewell with these final words..."My handle on life is broke" Carol we will miss your laughter and your creativity.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee members have been busy this summer. Several have traveled to distant lands (India, Egypt, England, Scotland, Ireland, Korea and Norway), many have had family visit, and we've sewn and sewn. At last guild meeting, we turned in 11 care quilts and an "International" basket for the quilt show raffle. We continue to be **BUSY BEES!**



ShowNTell 4 Kitty Ard Soldier Squares made by Penny Grief



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ShowNTell 6 Kerry Dwyer Snowman quilt

Volunteer Hours...

One of the markers that we must keep track of is our volunteer hours each month. This helps us keep our tax exempt status. If you have not noted your volunteer hours on the sign in sheet each month at the Guild meeting, would you please estimate your hours and send them to Charles at gilreathcl@msn.com. No one is going to jail if they get the number wrong, he just needs a best guess.



Quiltfolk...the magazine

"From the cutting table to the coffee table.

Quiltfolk is a premium print magazine with a single mission to excite and inspire the quilting community. Through the power of storytelling and visual arts...Quiltfolk provides an authentic and inside look at the homes, towns, shops and creative minds that make this community so incredible."

Quiltfolk is a print only, advertising free publication that takes a look at the quilting community in a state. The first issue celebrated the quilting activities and people in the state of Oregon which is the home state of the publication. Iowa and Hawaii were the next two issues. Tennessee will be the feature of the upcoming issue.

If you have not seen and browsed through an issue of this magazine I encourage you to find an issue, grab a cup of coffee or glass a tea and retreat to your favorite reading spot. It is a captivating read from start to finish with features and insights not found in most of the advertising-filled quilting magazines,

Happy reading.



ShowNTell 7 Linda Shamblin – Gray lap quilt



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Dates and Deadlines..

September 1....Last date for ads for the quilt show program

September 1...Quilt Show program goes to press. All adds and information

September 1... All **White Elephant** items should be in the safe keeping of Sue Idol.

September 12... Guild meeting to finish final preparations for the Quilt Show

September 21...Quilt Show Setup

Sept. 22-23 -- 2017 BBQG Biennial Quilt show: "Reach For The Stars"



ShowNTell 8 One of the Quilt 'n Piece Bee Care Quilts



ShowNTell 9 Sandy Smith – Baby quilt with owls



ShowNTell 10 Sue Idol – Quilt purchased at an auction which was made at the 2000 winter retreat by Delores Jones