



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

The Brazos Valley Museum Quilt is coming along, and I am just missing two boots. If you have one of the missing, it is due at the next meeting. I have to say it is really cute and even with all the different colors and fabrics, it really looks great together.

The mini quilt show is fast approaching. Please let Marjean Neve know if you will have a What the Cluck to include and if you will be submitting a quilt for the Go Texan. Concerns have been voiced about having too many desserts. I am not sure if it was made clear, but all left overs will be taken to first responders.

Please be thinking about how you see yourself in the guild structure. While we are woefully underpaid, it is a lot of fun working within the guild. Denise Macken will be visiting with members as she puts the nominations together for the 2020 board. In case you are unaware, we pick our boards two years ahead so that new board members are mentored by the current board.

FREE TABLE One of the benefits of getting to Guild early is you get first shot at the free table. If you have items that you feel others would like, feel free to bring it and leave it on the table. It does not necessarily have to be quilt related.

We have two local quilt shows coming up from sister guilds. The Caldwell Quilt show is September 14-15 and The Knights of Columbus Quilt Show is October 27 in Hempstead. The ladies from Hempstead will be sharing a little bit about their show at our next meeting and as it is an open show, they will have quilt entry information.

We were contacted by a lady who lives in Egypt about learning how to hand quilt. She is here visiting her son (A&M) and daughter (Baylor) so we invited to her come

to the Happy Scrapers. Her name is Juliet Shaw and we had a delightful visit with her and she received many options about how to hand quilt. She is a missionary who works in a sewing center in Egypt. I asked her if there were things they needed there. She told me that Egypt has a large textile industry, so they have access to thick heavy fabric. What they are missing is our pretty soft quilting fabric. If you have fabric (any size) that you would like to donate to this sewing center, please bring it to the next meeting and we will get it to Juliet and her ladies.

Keep cool and quilt on! ...

Maggie

Minutes of the July Meeting...

The meeting was called to order by president Maggie McGuire at 7:00 p.m. on July 10th at the Brazos Center. There were 65 members in attendance, including one new member, and four visitors.

Minutes – A motion was made by Kerry Dwyer and seconded by Charles Gilreath to approve the June minutes as published in the newsletter. The minutes were approved.

Programs - Sharon Braunagel showed us beautiful sample quilts for the next two workshops – Basketful of Diamonds by Vicki McGowen is to be held on July 11th, and Circular Borders by Gail Garber in August. Spaces are still available in the July workshop. Sign-up sheets were passed around.

Old Business:

Donation Quilt – Janet Kirkpatrick reported that the donation quilt will be at JoAnn fabrics, Saturday July

16th, and reminded volunteers who have signed up of their times. She also provided sign-up sheets for upcoming appearances of the donation quilt, including a September date at JoAnn Fabrics, the Brenham guild on 8/16, and Bellville guild on 9/17. Maggie McGuire reminded all members to be sure and buy their tickets for the quilt. They should be available at the next meeting.

Care Quilts - The annual care quilt workshop which was held June 13th at the American Legion was a great success. Twenty-five members attended. Seventeen completed quilts were brought to the event, 2 new quilts created, 8 quilts taken home to be bound, 11 quilts sandwiched in preparation for tying, 5 sandwiches sent home for machine quilting, 3 tops still need to be paired with backing, and yards of binding made ready for next year. Maggie informed members that there are still quilts that need to be bound, and she encouraged volunteers to take them home for completion.

Brazos Valley Museum Quilt – Maggie reminded everyone who is making boot blocks to have them complete by August 1st. Many were already on display at the meeting and they look awesome! Maggie will complete assembly of the blocks, Janet Kirkpatrick will quilt it, and Lou Ellen Hassold will bind it.

Mini Quilt Show – The 2018 Mini Quilt Show will be held September 11th at 7:00 pm. Please bring desserts, or sweet and salty snacks. Maggie encouraged everyone to join in the fun by wearing their “Poultry Best”.

Display Cases – Bunny Douglas reports that we still need quilts for the display cases at the Brazos Center. Please contact her if you are willing to share some of your work.

New Business:

2019 Quilt Show - Maggie asked for volunteers to chair three committees, Care Quilt Challenge, Basket Blitz, and Appraisals/Judging. Lou Ellen Hassold volunteered for the Quilt Challenge, and Bunny Douglas for the Appraisals/Judging committee. Anyone interest in the Basket Blitz or other volunteer assignments related to the quilt show should contact Maggie McGuire.

2017 Show Chairman Judy Besko reminded us that following the last show a theme for 2019 had already

been chosen and approved. “Garden Party” will be the theme for 2019.

Nominations Committee – 2019 President Elect Denise Mackan announced that nominations are underway for 2020 officers to shadow the 2019 group during next year. Anyone interested in holding office during 2020 should contact Denise.

Caldwell Quilt Show – Maggie announced that the Caldwell Quilt Guild will be having their show on September 7-8th.

Speaker – Designer and educator Vicki McGowen shared a large number of quilts from her collection, including vintage quilts, and many that she had designed.

Show and Tell – Twenty-four members participated in Show and Tell, sharing a variety of beautiful quilts.

PIPPS – Projects in Progress Previously Started. Chair Kerry Dwyer drew the number “10”, as the project from participating member’s lists, to finish for show and tell at the August meeting. Charles Gilreath was this month’s prize winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ellen Hassold

Treasurer's Report...

For the month of June 2018

Checking

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| Beginning Balance - Checking per bank | 14,820.93 |
| Deposits Made | 230.00 |
| Checks Cleared | <u>(2,956.71)</u> |
| Ending Balance per Bank | 12,094.22 |
| Less Outstanding Checks | <u>(486.50)</u> |
| Ending Balance - Checking per Register | <u><u>11,607.72</u></u> |

Savings

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| Beginning Balance - Savings per Bank | 16,913.60 |
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| Interest Received | 5.56 |
| Transfers to Checking | _____ |
| Ending Balance - Savings | <u>16,919.16</u> |
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| Total Cash Balance | <u>28,526.88</u> |
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| * Outstanding checks | |
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| 12/4/2017 ck 1482 RaNae Merrill | 450.00 |
| 5/7/2018 ck 1526 Chris Deppe | 36.50 |
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| | <u>486.50</u> |

As reported by Rozan Coody

Thank You



THANK YOU to Melody Nelson for donating a beautiful quilt for one of the 2019 scholarship winners!

PJPPS Report...

The PIPPS keep rolling in. Members have completed over 100 projects. That is so exciting. Number 10 was drawn for the next project. Charles won this month's prize. Will you win next month? Keep those PIPPS coming.

Kerry

Nominating Committee

We are looking for members to shadow next year and then take over in 2020 for the following positions - Secretary, and Membership.

These positions are described in the BBQG By-Laws. Short description of responsibilities are -

Secretary takes minutes of Board Meetings and Guild membership meetings. No correspondence is involved except to send out minutes.

Membership welcomes members and visitors. Takes registration and keeps a log of members. A great way to meet the membership!

Please contact Denise Mackan (k_denise@odom.cc or text/call at 979-218-5204) if you are interested in any of these positions.

How is the Quilt Show named?

With Judy's announcement that the last quilt show had already named for the upcoming Quilt show I was very confused. That has seemed to be a theme all unto itself, that members stay confused. Because little is written down or is done consistently.

The 2017 records have just been given to me and so I went back through the records and looked at what had been historically done to choose the theme for our quilt show. Notice I said historically done, not what we have always done in the past. This is actually written down.

In the last complete show book dated 2015, it is written that the first order of business for the quilt show committee is to choose their theme. I spoke to that show chairperson and was told that they chose the theme based on the fact that the show would be held on our 30th anniversary of the formation of our Guild. That is represented by diamonds and pearls, hence, the show was *Diamonds and Pearls*.

I went back to the 2013 show and again the chairperson told me that she had met with her committee and the group decided what their theme would be for that show. Things they took into consideration was the donation quilt for that year.

In 2015 the quilt show committee met and chose their theme. Unfortunately, that chairperson had to step down

for health reasons and Judy Beskow volunteered to step in and organize the show. That show's theme was evidently chosen by the original committee.

For the 2019 quilt show, Charles Gilreath and I volunteered to co-chair the show. He and I met and decided on the theme of *Wild Flowers*. It was presented to the Guild board in June approved and announced at the June guild meeting. It should be noted that we did not consult the quilt show committee for the 2019 show as it had not been formed yet.

There was nothing written down in anything I went through that states the previous show picks the name for the next show. The only documentation I found was that it was the choice of the quilt show chair(s) and their committee.

At this point, the matter is going to be referred back to the Guild Board for discussion and a decision. If you have any thoughts about this please speak with Denise Macken as I am turning this over for her leadership.

Maggie McGuire



Show N Tell









