



# Bits and Pieces

**Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter**

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## ***From the President...***

Car is packed, and I am ready to leave for retreat. I am so excited!!!!!!! But wait, reality has crept in and I missed the deadline again for the Presidents newsletter (actually just one day late).

A HUGE awesome to Bonnie Piernot for her fabulous program on quilting tools. Also, a huge thank you to her husband for carrying everything and all of her friends for coming.

Welcome to all of the people who joined at the meeting. We are thrilled to have you and please read our website for information about how this group works. Need clarification or more information, email, text or call me. You will also find the list of board members and many committee chairs on the website, so you can contact them direct.

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to read the new Bylaws and coming to vote on them. They were passed with only one negative noise. Not a negative vote, just a negative noise.

Speaking of negative noises, I had several people texting me during the meeting to tell people to be quiet. I agree there were a lot of side conversations. If you were guilty, please remember to be respectful. Also, please refrain from texting me during the meeting. My phone kept going off and disturbing everyone around me, just ask Marty.

I have already received the first boot for our quilt donation for the Brazos Natural History Museum. Congrats to Linda Bridges for being an over achiever. If



you did not get an opportunity to do a boot and you would like to help, let me know and I will invite you to the "Putting the Boot Together Party".

It is sad to say goodbye to Nicole Pavel and it was wonderful to see all of your "surprised" faces. To say I was surprised when Rochelle

Kubricht and Karlisa Peroski volunteered to take over from Nicole and Stephanie. Wowzer! Thank you, Thank you.

Mini Quilt show is coming (ready or not). Marjean has gotten all of her chicks in a row and the menu will be sweet and salty desserts! Show time is being moved to 7 pm and anything left over will be delivered to first responders. If you would like to participate, it is not too late. I happen to have several yards of the focus fabric that I would love to share. Let me know.

Charles and I are looking for two chair people for the Quilt Show. If you are interested in chairing the Basket Blitz or Care Quilt Challenge, please let one of us know. It was also announced that the theme for the 2019 show is wildflowers or wild flowers or WiLd FLOWerS.

*...Maggie*

## ***BBQG Meeting Minutes – June 2018***

The meeting was called to order by president Maggie McGuire at 7:00 p.m. on June 12th at the Brazos Center. There were 69 members in attendance, including five

new members, and nine visitors. Maggie explained to those attending that we would be limiting the business portion of the meeting to thirty minutes to allow more time for our program. Sunshine and Shadows will now follow the meeting before show and tell.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Kerry Dwyer and seconded by Rozan Coody to approve the May 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 in July, and Circular Borders by Gail Garber in August. Sign up sheets for these workshops were passed around.

**Donation Quilt** – Janet Kirkpatrick provided sign up sheets for upcoming appearances of the donation quilt, including two dates at JoAnn Fabrics, the Brenham guild, and Bellville guild. Members were reminded that this is the major fundraising event for our guild this year, and that we are behind in ticket sales. All members are encouraged to sell at least \$25 worth of tickets. The drawing for the current donation quilt will be held September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The 2019 donation quilt top has been completed by Lynn McCartney. It will be quilted by Linda Bridges.

**Scholarships** – Our 2018 scholarship winners were introduced and presented with quilts.

**Quilt Show** – The 2019 quilt show will be held September 5-7<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be “Wild Flowers!”

#### **Old Business:**

**Retreats** – New Retreat Guidelines have been approved and are available on MyGrove. They will be effective with the next Winter Retreat.

**Care Quilts** - The annual care quilt workshop will be held June 13th at the American Legion beginning at 9am. Bring your lunch and sewing machine. All other materials will be provided.

#### **New Business:**

**Brazos Valley Museum Quilt** – Maggie McGuire announced that the Brazos Valley Museum has asked our guild to provide a quilt for an upcoming fundraising event in September. We will be using the pattern “Caravan Roundup”, featuring applique boot blocks. Members were asked to complete individual blocks, and

a sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers. Background fabric will be provided. The blocks need to be finished by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mini Quilt Show** – The 2018 Mini Quilt Show will be held September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will have deserts, salty snacks, water, and tea. Margean Neve is in charge. The show will include Go Texan entries, and “What the Cluck” challenge quilts. Please let Margean know if you plan to enter a quilt. Leftover refreshments will be distributed to area first responders.

**By Laws** – Maggie asked if anyone had additional comments or questions concerning the proposed new by laws which were made available to members via MyGrove in May. There was no additional discussion. A motion was made by Charles Gilreath and seconded by Bunny Douglas to approve the new by laws as written. The motion was approved.

**Speaker** – Guild Member Bonnie Piernot gave us an excellent presentation on “Favorite Tools”, with many excellent tips for improving organization and workmanship as we quilt.

Following the program, Maggie McGuire announced that Care Quilt Committee chairman Nicole Pavel will be leaving for a new job opportunity in North Carolina. Maggie thanked Nicole for her contributions to the guild, and presented her with a gift and card signed by the members. Maggie also announced that we are seeking someone to chair the Care Quilt committee. Two of our new members, Rochelle Kubricht, and Karlisa Petroski volunteered.

Nancy Searcy is collecting large shopping bags similar to those given away by Handi Quilter at shows. They will be used for walk in customers at the Brazos Valley Food Bank.

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

**PIPPS** – Projects in Progress Previously Started. Chair Kerry Dwyer drew the number “8”, as the project from participating member’s lists, to finish for show and tell at the June meeting. Nicole Pavel was this month’s prize winner. So far this year, 37 members have completed 78 PIPPS projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lou Ellen Hassold





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## Care Quilt Workshop

**Care Quilt Background:** Care Quilts collects quilts created by members that are typically 45x45 at each monthly Guild meeting. "Bluebonnet Quilting Guild" labels are placed on the quilts before being distributed to local groups like: Hospice, Phoebe's Home, BCS Prenatal Clinic, Child Protective Services, and cancer patients. Once a year in June, the Guild has an all day Care Quilt event that focuses on hand tying quilts. Since the inception of Care Quilts, a total of 4,794 quilts have been given by the Guild.

**On National Sewing Machine Day**  
June 13<sup>th</sup>,  
twenty-five people came together to make Care Quilts.



Progress was amazing. With two groups tying quilts and a volunteer to take the remaining home, the stash of quilt sandwiches that need to be tied, is close to ZERO!



**About the day:** A station for cutting, quickly turned out fabric for binding and squaring up quilts. We had four

people sewing binding and putting binding onto quilts. At the end of the day, we had a pile of quilts ready to be taken home for hand binding.



### The stats:

- 17 completed quilts were brought to the event (Laverne 14 and Nancy 3).
- 2 quilts created, 8 quilts taken home to be hand bonded,
- 11 sandwiches to be tied (8 with Linda),
- 5 sandwiches sent home to be machine quilted,
- 3 tops to be paired with backing, and
- yards of binding ready for next year!

Awesome job and a big THANK YOU to those who came and helped us with the Care Quilt workshop.

There is still fabric for more quilts...



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## ***New Care Quilt Chairmen***

Rachelle Kubricht and Karlisa Petroski have volunteered to become the new chairmen of Care Quilts the same night they became members. Nicole will be meeting them to transition the resources to them, while Stephanie will be there to cheer them on over the next year. Please start looking for Rachelle and Karlisa in the future for handing off your quilt donations.

## ***Thank You Nicole and Stephanie***



Nicole is relocating this summer to North Carolina for a Quality Management Engineering position. She has been a

very energetic member and will be missed. Nicole provided a workshop for making baby cuddle quilts when inventory was low. She was very active in the Quilt Show: volunteering to help create raffle baskets, selling raffle tickets, creating items to sell, and displaying her quilts during the show.

Stephanie became Co-Chairman with Nicole. Care Quilts offered a great starting place for Stephanie as a novice quilter. In November, Stephanie accepted a position in a department that was just getting started with limited resources. Her focus has been turned to her career and needs to pass the responsibility to a new team. She hopes to continue to make an impact in the Guild as a member.

**Quilter's Hideaway  
Day Retreat**  
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## ***After the Meeting...***

**What's in Your Toolkit...What Helps You Finish More quilts or quilt more efficiently?**

Below are the links (if not available locally) or source of the tools that were identified during the June 12 meeting presentation.

- [Fabric Organizers](#)

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**Enduring Quilts**

- **Art Bins** available at JoAnn Fabrics (use a coupon or watch for a 50% sale)
- [Art Bin Cubes](#)
- **Plastic storage bags** (No longer available from Quilt In A Day but available at Target or Wal-Mart)
- [Kitchen Cart](#)
- [Ruler Storage](#)
- **Tool kit** ([Harbor Freight](#))
- **Small Clear bag** (No longer available from Quilt In A Day but available at Target or Wal-Mart)
- [Pencil Case](#) for small tools
- **Bed risers** (Bed, Bath and Beyond)
- [Folding table](#) or [Multi-height Table](#)
- [Arrow Gidget II Machine table](#)
- [Heavenly Sewing Chair](#) (use link to locate a dealer) or similar chair at Lone Star Quilts
- [Nova Montgomery LED Machine Light](#)
- **Portable Light** (Bed, Bath and Beyond)
- [Lighted Magnifier Light](#)
- **Visor Lights** (Academy or other sporting goods stores)
- **ShapeCut Ruler** (JoAnns)
- **Binding Tool ruler**(Lone Star Quilts)
- **StripTube Ruler** (Lone Star Quilts)
- [Karen Kay Buckley scissors](#)
- [Wonder clips 50 count](#)
- [Wonder clips 100 count](#)
- [Superior Masterpiece Thread in Granite color](#) or smaller spools available at Lone Star Quilts
- [Superior titanium machine needles](#)
- **Machine Needle threader**
- [Susan Cleveland Piecing Guide](#)
- [Nova Montgomery Sew Straight Guide for the Featherweight.](#)
- Eleanor Burns likes the [Sew Straight guide.](#)
- [Steady Betty](#)
- **June Tailor Binding Express** (JoAnn's [or online](#))
- **Machingers** (JoAnn's)
- [Turntable Mat](#)
- [Fat Max](#) or locally at Lowes or Home Depot
- [22" Square Up Ruler](#)

*Next Meeting*

*July 10, 2018*

**Lecture: Vicki McGowen  
– "Tales of Two Friends"**

**(Brazos Center Assembly  
102)**

*Next Workshop*

*July 11, 2018*

***Basketful of Diamonds***

**(American Legion Post 159  
101 Waco St. Bryan: 9am—  
4pm)**