



# Bits and Pieces

**Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter**

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

It's the beginning of the end..... of summer. Kids are back at school. Christmas decorations are up at Hobby Lobby, Aggie Football kicks off Thursday and Fall Retreat is just around the corner. Knowing that, it begs the question- Why is it so HOT!

This week I have been concentrating on getting projects finished. I sewed binding on three quilts and even with AC and a fan, I was hot. Yes, I would like some cheese with my "whine".

The Boot quilt for the Museum is ready to go to the quilter (Janet). Thank you to everyone who helped make the boots. It is really a happy quilt. If you want to make one, it is a free Moda pattern I found on line.

Charles and I still have one slot unfilled. Basket Blitz still needs a chairperson. Her/his responsibilities would be to encourage bees, businesses, individuals to donate baskets for the booth at the quilt show. This is how the Happy Scrappers did it last show. We started talking at bee and John Deere came up. We decided to go with it and everyone was on the hunt for John Deere fabric and stuff. Rather than put it in a basket, we went to the local John Deere dealer and he GAVE us a huge John Deere truck for FREE! We made sure to have his donation recognized in the program and Charles (president) sent a guild thank

you. The rest is history. It was a huge hit. Once the baskets are gathered, the chairman and Debbie Brooks get together and the baskets are dressed up with clear wrapping and ribbons. We have the cans for the tickets to be placed in and you are ready to go. During the show, the chair and his/her helpers sell tickets which people put in the basket cans of what they hope to win. At the designated time, tickets are pulled, and winners are notified. After the show, the remaining tickets in each can are counted to see what brought in the most money. The chairperson can be more than one person, it could be a whole group. This is our second biggest money maker and one of the easiest to do.

Just a reminder that there will not be show and tell or PIPPs in September. In fact, you have two more opportunities for PIPPs- October and November. The PIPPs will be ending this year and Denise will have something new to do in January.

I also would like to thank you for being such a friendly, welcoming guild. As you know, I am moving to Lindale, Tx and attended my first guild meeting in Tyler. I had to ask how to sign in and it was downhill from there. No one greeted me, introduced me to anyone or even spoke to me. They weren't unfriendly, they just ignored me. It is too late to cancel the move, but I might have to check out the other guilds in the area. First impressions are huge.

*Maggie*

## ***BBQG Meeting Minutes – August 2018***

The meeting was called to order by president Maggie McGuire at 7:00 p.m. on August 14th at the Brazos Center. There were 60 members in attendance, including one new member, and nine visitors.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Charles Gilreath and seconded by Sharon Braunagel to approve the July minutes as published in the newsletter. The minutes were approved.

**Programs** - Sharon Braunagel showed us beautiful sample quilts for the next two workshops – Circular Borders by Gail Garber to be held on August 15th, and Gum Drops by Nancy Mahoney in October. Workshop sign-up sheets were passed around.

**Hempstead Quilt Show** – Representatives from the Hempstead Quilt Guild were present to tell us about their upcoming show on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hempstead. The show will feature more than 65 quilts in 12 categories, vendors, and silent and live auctions. Deadline for entries is October 19<sup>th</sup>. Maggie McGuire will present three different bed turnings at the show. Ninety percent of proceeds will go to the needy.

### **Old Business:**

**Donation Quilt** – Janet Kirkpatrick displayed the donation quilt prior to the meeting and made tickets available to members.

**Mini Quilt Show** – Marjean Neve passed out flyers for the Mini Quilt Show will be held September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. She also reminded us that we need Go Texan entries.

**2019 Quilt Show Theme** – Denise Mackan announced that the 2019 Quilt Show theme will be Garden Party. The theme category for quilt competition will be Wild Flowers. She also explained new procedures approved by the board for selecting show themes in the future. It was also announced that the care quilt challenge category

theme has been tentatively set as Garden Creatures.

**Nominations** – Leadership positions within the guild still need to be filled for the 2020 year. Please contact Denise Mackan if you are interested.

**Caldwell Quilt Show** – Maggie McGuire announced that the Caldwell show will be held September 14-15<sup>th</sup> at the Caldwell convention center.

**MyGrove** – The name of the MyGrove website has been changed to GroupWorks.

### **New Business:**

**Christmas Party** – Maggie McGuire announced that the guild Christmas Party will be held December 11, 2018. It is for guild members only; not guests. The theme is Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

**Speaker** – Gail Garber shared stories behind many of the beautiful quilts she has designed, as well as her love of birds. Her quilts were stunning.

**Sunshine and Shadows** – Please contact Donna Bracewell if you have sunshine or shadows to report.

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

**PIPPS** – Projects in Progress Previously Started. Chair Kerry Dwyer drew the number “3”, as the project from participating member’s lists, to finish for show and tell at the next meeting. Melody Nelson was this month’s prize winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ellen Hassold

# Treasurer's Report

For the month of July 2018

## Checking

Beginning Balance -

Checking per bank

Deposits Made

Checks Cleared

Ending Balance per Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Less Outstanding Checks \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Balance - Checking  
per Register \_\_\_\_\_

## Savings

Beginning Balance - Savings  
per Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Interest Received \_\_\_\_\_

Transfers to Checking \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Balance - Savings \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cash Balance \_\_\_\_\_

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## Volunteers Needed!

Board Nominations 2020

**President** – facilitates board meetings and membership meetings. Receives updates from committee chairpersons. Provides information/updates to the Guild membership. Requests volunteers for events on the guild calendar.

**Secretary** – takes minutes at board meetings and at membership meetings. Provides minutes to post in the monthly newsletter. This is a voting member of the Board of Directors.

**Treasurer** - Pay the bills, make deposits and track the income and expenses in Quicken. This is a voting position on the Board of Directors. The Board feels that someone with an accounting background would be the best fit for the position.

**Programs Chair**- Programs are scheduled a year ahead, so the program chair for 2020 will already have programs in place. Then during 2020 the program chair will schedule programs for 2021. Program chair is available for members to sign up for workshops and collects workshop fees. This is a voting member of the Board of Directors.



**Programs Host** - Program Chair works with Program Host to coordinate taking speaker to dinner before meeting, setting up hotel for speaker and representing the Guild during their stay in our area.

**Membership Chairman**— collects registrations for membership, keeps a list of members, and invites members to create BBQG account in MyGrove/GroupWorks. Handles meeting signup and reports attendance at meeting. This is a voting member of the Board of Directors.

The Board meets once a month on the first Monday at Hobby Lobby. The meetings begin at 6 p.m.

The time spent volunteering for your Guild is greatly appreciated. We have an awesome guild and it is because of the many volunteers that it takes to run the Guild Calendar of events.

Please consider one of the positions listed. You can shadow the current Board member during 2019 so that your year will be easier.

Contact Denise Mackan at [k\\_denise@odom.cc](mailto:k_denise@odom.cc) or at the next Guild Meeting.



**Bee News...**

**Happy Scrappers** are beating the heat by staying indoors and working on individual projects. Projects include embroidery, care quilts, hexies, knitting, etc. Some members have quilting trips planned, including the Fall Retreat.

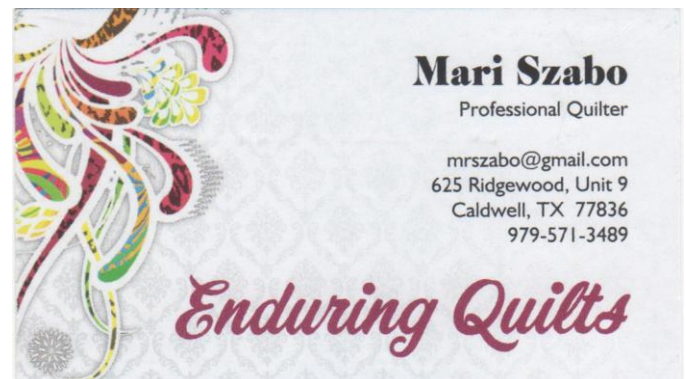
**Quilt 'n Peace Bee** has had a busy summer with a large attendance each Tuesday. We have had several donations of fabric, a sewing machine and

partially completed blocks or care quilt tops during the past two months. Our stash has been organized by size and fabric smaller than a fat quarter cut into usable squares or strips. We have a notebook of easy care quilt patterns and enjoy the ease of selecting squares, sewing them together and completing the binding after Connie H. does the quilting. We took one Tuesday to make a small zipper bag for personal use.

After a summer break, the **Joyful Quilters quilt bee** will resume its regular schedule of meeting the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in room 1010 at First Baptist Church College Station.

The **All American bee** is continuing to finish the quilts for a large presentation for the Women Veterans in the American Legion, Post 159.

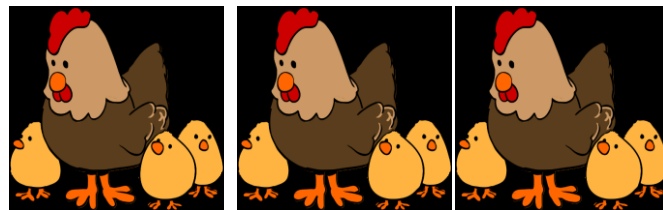
Report from Jane Riggs



### **Monthly PJPPS Report**

PIPPS is winding down, but what a great year it has been. Many many projects came out of the closet

and have been finished. The next PIPPS will not be due until October (we will not have Show and Tell at the mini quilt show) and we will only have one more after that. So keep those stitches coming.



## What the Cluck! Challenge Quilt Mini Quilt Show

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**  
7 pm at the Brazos Center  
(Will be in the room farthest to your left)

*Desserts and Ice Tea will be served*

*Please bring either a sweet dessert or a salty treat.*

*Quilts can be dropped off between 10-11am on Tuesday morning, September 11th, at the Brazos Center. If you cannot turn your quilt in at that time, please contact Marjean at 913-683-4140 and arrangements can be made to deliver to Marjean's house either Sunday or Monday evening.*

**Remember, these are donation quilts, and the top three will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.**

### Rules:

**Theme: Chickens**

1. Quilt must be at least 42 x 42 and finished.
2. Quilt must have the piece of chicken wire fabric somewhere on the quilt. You may cut it to any size, but it must be recognizable.
3. You may use any type of chicken on the quilt or chicken related item
4. Top three quilts will be auctioned off and the rest will be donated to our Care Quilts.

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## Sunshine and Shadows

Send Sunshine and Shadows news to Donna Bracewell either by email or phone? I will then send a greeting card out.

Email: [dbracewell53@gmail.com](mailto:dbracewell53@gmail.com)

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Show and Tell



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***Next Meeting:***

***MINI Quilt Show***

***September 11, 2018***

***7:00pm***

***Brazos Center***

*Come to see the quilts*

*Come to share in the fun*

*Come to share your favorite dessert or salty snack*