



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

Something needs to get better. Do you feel this way, too?

The weather alone is enough to put you in a tail spin. And when can I put away my heavy coat and gloves! They are so in my way. And who works during Spring Break?! Hello!

I'm writing this on Worldwide Quilting Day. I'm using this special day as a reason to not clean house and lock myself in my "happy place". Bluebonnet log cabin blocks bring thoughts of spring.

It was great to see so many members at our March meeting. In April the speaker is our own Linda Winder. Linda's presentation is titled: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. I recall the 60s spaghetti western. But somehow I don't think Linda will be giving us her family recipe for spaghetti.

Reviewing quilting techniques, searching for best practices is a never ending quest. As someone relatively new to quilting, I enjoy anytime someone is willing to share what they have learned. I find that I can combine what I have learned from different individuals for great results. It's all about what works for you and the intended use of your project.

I have written before about show and tell and I'm gonna write about it again. :) We were all encouraged to enter our work in The Quilt Show, meaning the BBQG show. (There are also other opportunities for showing your work with other shows). As everyone showed their work I was looking at what might be entered. The diversity alone was reason enough to put all work presented in the show.

I so much appreciated the comments and interest in my work from my fellow members when I showed my cute and colorful quilt for my grandson. It made me think that there is a place for simple, easy quilts that are meant to be enjoyed by a young one. At our quilt show our visitors should enjoy variety that sparks their imagination. We would hope that our entries would give our visitors the encouragement to try the art of quilting that we all love to share. So, let's share our quilts this year. Let's show that our membership is a wide variety of imagination and talent.

See you soon, Denise

March 2019 Meeting Minutes....

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the Brazos Center on March 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by guild president Denise Mackan. There were 61 members present and 1 visitors.

Door Prizes – Sue Ryan presented door prizes to Rowena Reed and Linda Bridges.

Minutes – A motion was made by Rozan Coody and seconded by Sue Idol to approve the February minutes as published in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Donation Quilt – The Donation quilt was displayed in the foyer before the meeting. Members were encouraged to buy/sell tickets for the quilt. A basket of tickets was shared from which members could take tickets to buy or sell. Current receipts reported total \$923. Our goal is \$6000.00.

Programs – Sharon Braunagle gave a brief overview of upcoming workshops and presenters. She also reported the Ann Loveless workshop is full but if you are interested she will add you to a waiting list. A big thank you to Lonestar Quiltworks for helping us advertise both Ann Loveless and Debbie Jones. Members are highly encouraged to signup for workshops early. Upcoming workshops are listed below. Contact Sharon Braunagle to signup. She is taking signups through the June workshops. Please note, the workshop for April is a Care Quilt Workshop. No signup is needed. We need lots of member participation.

Month	Presenter	Topic	Workshop
April	Linda Winder	Lessons I Have Learned: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly	Care Quilt Workshop
May	Ann Loveless	Landscape Art Quilts	Impressionistic Poppies Wall Hanging
June	Debbie Jones	Fabric Becomes Fine Art <i>(Note: Debbie Jones is available to us via a grant through the Brazos Valley Arts Council. Participation is open outside the guild. Early signup is highly encouraged.)</i>	1 – Silk Bowls 2 – Butterfly Decollag 3 – Fabric Stamping and Painting 4 – Landscape Decollage 5 - Fabric Ice Dyeing
July	Lou Ellen Hassold	Quilting through Generations	Bluebonnet Store and Quilt Show Prep
August		Quilt Show Prep and Quilters and their Tools	Appliqué Workshop presented by guild members
September 6-7		BRAZOS BLUEBONNET GUILD QUILT SHOW	
September		Quilt Show Recap	
October	Rae Nae Merrill	Spiral Mandella Trunk	2 Day Workshop – Magnificent Spiral Mandella Boot Camp <i>(Co-Sponsored by Lonestar Quiltworks)</i>
November	Sabrina Szymczyk	Round Robin Quilts	Developing a Round Robin Quilt
December		Christmas Party	

Old Business –

- We were well represented at the Washington on the Brazos event. Thank you to those members who stepped up to help Carol Willson.
- Care Quilts – Rachelle Kubricht asked that BBQG labels be attached to quilts before they are turned in. Labels and fabric are available from Rachelle.

New Business –

- Bees – Jane Riggs asked that Bee representatives contact her and report about their Bee activities. We are adding Books and a Blanket to the Bee list. Charles reported Books and a Blanket will have a new meeting location beginning April 2nd. They will now meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 906 George Bush Dr., in College Station. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- 8 members shared their awesome projects during Show and Tell.

Program – Judy Beskow

Judy Beskow presented our program for the night. She gave us lots of information on what a judge wanted to see in a show quilt. We were treated to many quilts that Judy has made and exhibited in shows locally, state-wide, and nationally. Judy encouraged all of us to exhibit our quilts and share them with others.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kirkpatrick

Treasurer's Report

For the Month of February 2019

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 _____

* Outstanding checks

12/4/2017 ck 1482 RaNae Merrill
 2/8/2019 ck 1594 Chris Deppe
 01/07/2019 ck 1581 Chris Deppe
 01/08/2019 ck 1583 Chris Deppe
 2/16/2019 ck 1594 Beverlt Alexander
 02/18/2019 ck 1598 JKM Quilting _____

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Bee News

Happy Scrappers continue to work on individual projects. Some members are taking quilt-related trips, others plan to go to the Dallas Quilt Show.

Quilt N Peace is like the Eveready Bunny - it just keeps going - oops growing. We've welcomed four visitors (potential new members) since the first of the year and had a high attendance of 24 last month. We've expanded into two rooms at First Baptist Church College Station, have lots of fabric in usable squares, strips or fat quarters, long arm quilters eager to practice on care quilts and room for willing sewers to work. Come join us anytime between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm on Tuesdays. There is always fun, fellowship and fabric to enjoy. Bring your lunch if you plan to stay beyond noon.

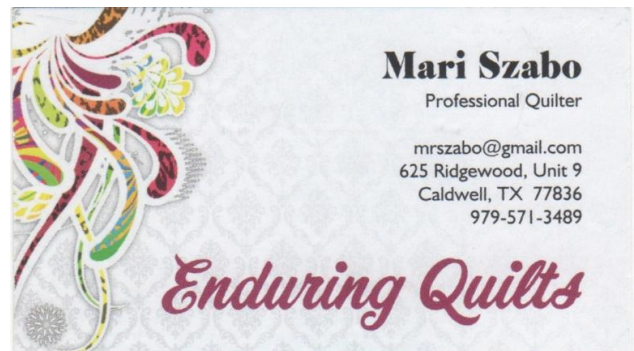


Summer Retreat

The 2019 summer retreat will be held Thursday-Sunday, June 20 -23, 2019 at Magnolia Manor Retreat between Magnolia AND Plantersville

Registration will begin at 6:15 at the February guild meeting. Cost this year is \$300.

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required at registration and 2019 guild dues must be paid. We are limited to 24 participants.



Quilt Surfing with Denise

If all else fails, be a mermaid. Be a mermaid, why not. Check out this adorable quilt as you go pillow tutorial at www.polkadotchair.com, search for - patchwork pillow using the quilt as you go method.

www.gogokim.com has a very interesting posting from Friday, March 1, 2019. The first article is titled: National Quilt Museum Block of the Month.



Quilt Cities...Other than Paducah!

Every April Paducah Kentucky becomes Quilt City USA. But there are other areas in these United States that also celebrate their quilt heritage.

Twelve years ago in Elkhart County Indiana, several persons gathered to discuss the idea of creating a new tourist attraction that would celebrate two loves of the citizens of the county, quilting and gardening.



One idea flowered into a million blooms that beautify the county from May to October. This began the Quilt Gardens. Over the years, organizers and



volunteers have learned together about how to create living art every year. Sometimes locations shift. Occasionally weather creates challenges. But every May, volunteers gather to plant 8,000 to 10,000 flower plants in a plot that in previous months has been plotted on paper.

Now let's head west of the Mississippi to the small community of Kalona Iowa. Kalona is part of the largest Amish community west of the Mississippi. Several years ago the community leaders worked to capitalize on the Amish heritage and the love of quilting.

Kalona is now better known as the "Quilt Capitol of Iowa"



boasting a plethora of stores dedicated to preserving the art of quilt making. And they have taken the title seriously which is apparent through over 40 quilt designs paved into the downtown streetscape.



Organizations and volunteers engaged in designing, coloring and mixing concrete and making pavers to create

the different quilt block patterns that are now permanently embedded in streets and intersections throughout the community.



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Dates to remember

April 1 - Board Meeting 6 p.m.

April 9 - Guild Meeting 6:30 p.m. meet & greet; 7 p.m. meeting begins