



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

Iris Blooming and Other Happy Things.

Isn't May a wonderful month. It's beginning to warm up, my blue iris are blooming, and birds are building their nests.

Haven't our guild meeting programs and workshops been great? For the next two months we will have opportunities to learn new techniques.

The workshops have been offered to non-guild members and I am expecting a large visitor count at the May and June meetings. For May, the Ann Loveless workshop is full but much can be learned and enjoyed from her presentation. In June, Debbie Jones is our weeklong artist-in-residence. There are spots available in her classes and there are 5 classes to choose, beginning with Silk Bowls that will occur during the day of June 11th before the Guild meeting that night.

With the quilt show coming up, fun workshops and needing members to handle taking the quilt out for donations, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved in the guild. Getting involved in guild activities is the best way to meet other guild members. I have seen that this is true of other guilds.

Lastly, I need to express my gratitude for everyone being so attentive during the guild meetings. This is a great help to get through the guild business so that we can get to the program, which is why everyone came to the meeting (after visiting, of course).

Anytime you would like to be put on the meeting agenda, just let me know at denisemackan@gmail.com.

April 2019 Meeting Minutes....

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the Brazos Center on April 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Charles Gilreath as Denise Mackan was unable to attend. There were 70 members present and 7 visitors.

Door Prizes – Sue Ryan presented door prizes to Nancy Searcy and Nadine Stuth. Nadine also announced this would be her last guild meeting. She is moving out of state to be closer to family.

Minutes – As no corrections were needed, the March minutes were approved as written.

Programs – Charles Gilreath reported in Sharon Braunagle's absence there are still spots available for the Debbie Jones workshops in June. Upcoming workshops are listed below. Contact Sharon Braunagle to sign up. She is taking signups through the June workshops. Due to a schedule conflict, the Wednesday, April 10th Care Quilt Workshop was postponed. Upcoming programs and workshops are listed below. Please contact Sharon Braunagle to sign up.

May – Ann Loveless – Landscape Art Quilts

Workshop – Impressionistic Poppies Wall Hanging (FULL)

June – Debbie Jones – Fabric Becomes Fine Art

Workshop 1 – Silk Bowls

Workshop 2 – Butterfly Decollage

Workshop 3 – Fabric Stamping and Painting

Workshop 4 – Landscape Decollage

Workshop 5 - Fabric Ice Dyeing

(Note: Debbie Jones is available to us via a grant through the Brazos Valley Arts Council. Participation is open outside the guild. Early sign-up is highly encouraged.)

July – Lou Ellen Hassold – Quilting through Generations

Workshop – Bluebonnet Store and Quilt Show Prep

August – Quilt Show Prep and Quilters and their Tools

Workshop – Applique Workshop presented by guild members

September 6-7 - BRAZOS BLUEBONNET GUILD QUILT SHOW

September – Quilt Show Recap

October – Rae Nae Merrill – Spiral Mandella Trunk Show

2 Day Workshop – Magnificent Spiral Mandella Boot Camp

(Co-Sponsored by Lonestar Quiltworks)

November – Sabrina Szymczyk – Round Robin Quilts

Workshop – Developing a Round Robin Quilt

December – Christmas Party

New Business –

- **Donation Quilt** – A volunteer is needed to handle the Donation Quilt during the months of April through June. Duties would be to display and sell tickets at other guild meetings during those months or to secure other members to help. Stephanie Modrall

will provide a list of other guilds willing to have us attend their meeting. Please contact Stephanie if you would be willing to serve in this manner.

- Next month's meeting will be held in the Brazos Center Assembly room 3.
- Nancy Searcy and Jeanie Bassett displayed their Relay for Life raffle quilt. They are selling raffle tickets and proceeds will benefit the Relay for Life event held May 4th @ the Brazos Expo Center. Please contact one of these ladies if you are interested in purchasing tickets.
- **Summer Retreat** – Rowena Reed reported places are still available for this retreat. Dates are June 20-23 and the retreat will be held at the Magnolia Manor. Please contact Rowena if you are interested in attending.
- A representative from the Huntsville guild announced they would NOT have the Airing of the Quilts event this year.
- Quilt Show – Maggie McGuire gave a report on the show committee. The following items were mentioned:
 1. A chair person is needed to help Chris Deppe with the sale of ads for the quilt show program. Please contact Maggie or Charles if you can fill this position.
 2. A quilt show committee meeting will be held Thursday, April 11th at the Am Legion.
 3. Aggie volunteers will be helping set up the quilt show this year!
 4. Sue Idol requested members send her pictures of finished workshop projects from past workshops.
 5. Marjean Neve thanked those who helped her with preparations for the White Elephant booth.
- 10 members shared their awesome projects during Show and Tell.

Program - Charles Gilreath introduced our speaker for the night, Linda Winder. We thoroughly enjoyed her trunk show of quilts and talk titled "Lessons I Have Learned: The



Good, The Bad, and the Ugly”. Thank you so much Linda for sharing your quilting journey with us.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kirkpatrick



Treasurer's Report...

For the Month of March 2019

Checking

Beginning Balance - Checking per bank	9,427.34
Deposits Made	5,114.00
Checks Cleared	<u>(2,065.31)</u>

Ending Balance per Bank	12,476.03
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>(590.00)</u>

Ending Balance - Checking per Register	<u>11,886.03</u>
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Savings

Beginning Balance - Savings per Bank	16,964.27
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Interest Received	5.76
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Transfers to Checking	<u>-</u>
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Ending Balance - Savings	<u>16,970.03</u>
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Total Cash Balance	<u>28,856.06</u>
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* Outstanding checks

12/4/2017 ck 1482 RaNae Merrill

03/22/2019 ck 1603 Linda North

Submitted by Rozan Coody



Bee News

Happy Scrappers are working on an assortment of projects: embroidery, cross-stitch, wool applique, bindings, etc.

The Wednesday Bee is participating in a "Pizza Box" exchange. Each participant chooses focus

fabrics and places them in a box along with any other fabrics to be included, or extra instructions. Each box is then passed around the group during the year, and each month whomever has your box, completes a block for your quilt. The fourth Wed. of the month, the new blocks are revealed.

Quilt in Peace Bee turned in 15 care quilts for distribution. Some were made from the strip piecing race at the Winter Retreat, others were made from donated blocks, and some were original designs by bee members.

We mourned the death of one of our bee members, Darlene Morris, and 13 of us attended the funeral service.

The Appliqué and More Bee meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 1:00 PM. The meeting is held at the new Arts Council which is on Highway 6 just south of Barron Road on the west side of the highway. We will meet on Monday, April 15



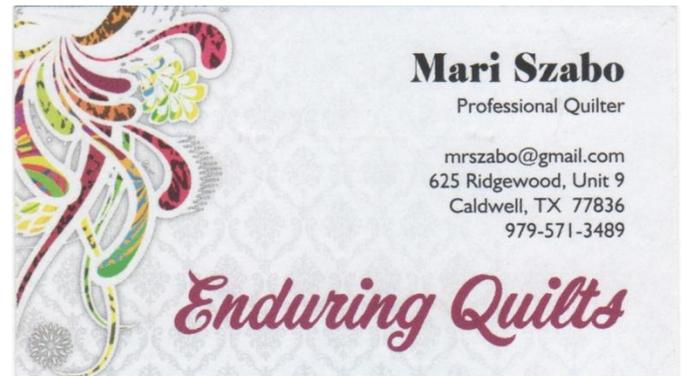
Donation Quilt

Our donation quilt is not getting out to collect donation tickets. I think that Washington on the Brazos was the last event for the quilt. We want to hang it at the May and June Guild meetings.

Members are needed to sit with the quilt at these two meetings.

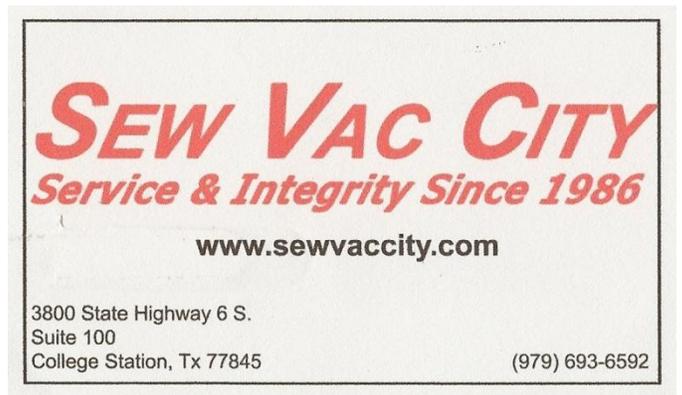
Also, Stephanie has scheduled the quilt to be at the Woodland's Guild May 1 at 6PM. We need you to let Stephanie know if you can take the quilt to the Woodland's Guild.

There is also a need volunteers to sign up members to take the quilt to events and guild meetings for the July to September months and the October to December months. If you have ideas for other events in the area that the quilt can be setup to sell tickets, please give your suggestions denisemackan@gmail.com or contact Stephanie Modrall at 432-230-0969.



Surfing with Denise

Benartex has an e-zine titled, Modern by the Yard on the Benartex website. Find the Blog page titled "Sew in Love with Fabric." This page has a picture of the American flag. Just below the flag picture is a down arrow. Select the arrow to open the menu where you will find the e-zine.



Dates to Remember

May 1 - Donation Quilt - Woodlands Area Quilt Guild

May 6 - Board Meeting - Hobby Lobby Meeting Room

May 14 - Donation Quilt - BBQG meeting

May 14 - BBQG Monthly Meeting - 6:30 to 7:00 pm Meet and Greet, 7:00 Meeting and Guest Speaker - Brazos Center, Assembly Room 3*
*Meeting room Change

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Show N Tell...



One group of
Care Quilts



Alma's Fish Wall Hanging



Becky Holloway - Fall Out



And another Judy Beskow workshop finish



Charles finished his Judy Beskow Workshop Project and showed the current Books and a Blanket Quilt



Judy Beskow's Wonder Woman and Sue Chrysler Scrap Quilts





Nancy Searcy's scrappy quilts and Judy Niemeyer designs by Penny Grief and Lou Ellen Hassold



Stephanie Modrall Wall hangings

