



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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A New Year...A New President...

Welcome to the New Year 2021!

The year 2020 has not been kind, and many of us have had more than just an inconvenience; some of us have suffered illness or a great loss. As we begin a new year, I strongly believe that we can help each other hang in there, and hopefully in the near future, we can once again meet in person, to hug one another again, and to share fellowship.

Many of you have emailed me with your great ideas or encouragement, and I must say, it really means the world to me. Also, there are members who put in enormous amounts of personal time on guild board activities, leading a Bee, care quilt duties, creating and posting our BBQG Newsletter, creating slideshows for our Zoom meetings, helping make our donation quilt, and helping with quilt show preparations, education, and scholarship responsibilities. Thinking about all of these things got me thinking...

Quilters are some of the nicest people I know, so I am encouraging all members to think before you let go of any unkind words. Instead, offer to help or suggest an alternative. Remember, many hands lighten the load; In other words, please consider volunteering to help set up or take down before or after a sew-in, help deliver care quilts, help a board member with the job at hand, and so on.

Let's all try encouraging each other to participate in

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Zoom meetings (if possible), start a block exchange, join the Friendship Block activity (see directions in this newsletter), attend a bee, pick up supplies to work on a *Books and a Blanket* or other care quilts, or commit to completing projects that need your touch. We can do this!

Proud to be your 2021 BBQG President,

Donna Bracewell

Meeting Minutes...

The Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Meeting was held on 12/8/2020 via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President, Denise Mackan. There were 33 people attending. November meeting minutes were accepted by a motion from Rhonda Kuboviac and a second of the motion by Peggy Mobley. The motion passed and minutes were accepted as written.

A report from the Nominating Committee announced the Board of Directors nominations for 2021. President Donna Bracewell, Program Chair Laura North, Treasurer Susan Beasley, Secretary Gwen Koval and Membership, Nelda Cohen and Kitty Ard. These nominees were first announced at the November meeting. Sue Chrysler motioned to accept the nominations for the board positions. Rhonda Kuboviac made a second motion. The

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motion passed and the 2021 Board of Directors was accepted.

Donna Bracewell and Denise Mackan are starting a Zoom Bee on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. All were invited to attend. More information will be announced soon. A Zoom invitation will go out to everyone and will also be posted on Groupworks as the bee begins to form.

Members have care quilts and quilts for scholarships awardees. It was discussed that Rachelle Kubricht and JoAnn Williams will handle Scholarships. Members were encouraged to contact these two chairs to bring their donations.

A paper copy of the membership list was requested by Pam Unnasch and an email copy was requested by Kerri Dwyer. This list is uploaded to Groupworks but is last year's list. Due to the pandemic the 2021 list has not yet been uploaded to documents in Groupworks.

Programs Chairman Laura North announced that 2021 will be filled with activities through Zoom. She said that she would give a calendar of events at the January Business meeting as there were still contracts and details to finalize.

Donna Bracewell announced a guild Friendship block project. Donna will provide everyone who wants to participate a square of fabric. The fabric squares will all be the same fabric. Each participant will get instructions to make a block with the fabric. When all blocks are turned in a drawing will be held to see who will receive the blocks. If needed, another drawing will be held giving another participant the chance to win some of the blocks. This should be a fun project for 2021.

Sue Chrysler gave a presentation of over 25 items that members sent in showing their Christmas projects, handmade Christmas gifts or any Christmas item members cherish.

Peggy Mobley announced the Quilt in Peace Bee has provided 72 quilts and 39 walker totes to

the Brazos Valley Council on the Aged this year. The bee also provided 16 Quilts of Valor to Katy Quilters for Heroes. This group has focused on female service members. Connie Harrison wrote a nice thank you note that will be posted on Groupworks.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Submitted by Denise Mackan

Treasurer's Report...

For the Month of November 2020

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

Submitted by Susan Beasley



if you don't already have them. Krista Moser has designed many patterns; visit www.kristamoser.com

Both of these workshops are now open for nonmembers to register: don't miss out! Contact Laura North (email lnorth@gmail.com) for more info.

Programs 2021...

The schedule for next year will be presented at the January 2021 meeting. In the meantime, registration

is open for the February and April workshops which we plan to zoom:



Saturday, Feb. 13, 9-10 am:

Stitch and Flip lecture by Mary Tabar followed by two 3-hour workshops on how to make her Stitch and Flip Stars Spangle Banner on **Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27, 9-Noon.** The cost for the workshops is \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. The pattern is free to participants and her other patterns are available to Guild members at a discounted price of \$5. Visit her website www.marytabar.com to see more of her interesting work.

Saturday, April 24: Krista Moser will zoom her "Double Struck Star" workshop using Creative Grid's large diamond ruler. The class is limited to 20 students; \$25 member, \$35 non-members of the Guild plus \$30 for the ruler and \$10 for the pattern



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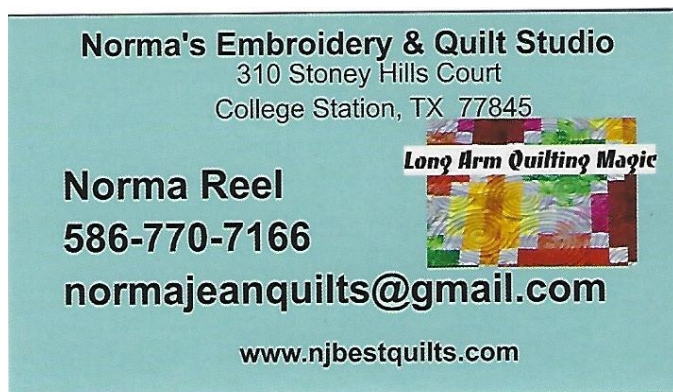
Quilt of Valor "Sew In" Day

Come and join the fun of piecing together quilts that will be given to veterans. The American Bee will be hosting their 4th annual Quilt of Valor Sew In day on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 9 am, at the American Legion Post. Lunch will be provided and all you need to bring is your sewing machine, thread, general sewing supplies, extension cords, and anything else you use for your personal quilting.

Iron boards, irons and cutting mats will be provided along with block patterns already cut for you to work on.

To confirm that you will be attending or if you need more information, please email marjeanneve52@gmail.com or call 913-683-4140.

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Friendship Block Fun...

I announced a **Friendship Block** idea at our December guild meeting, and it was well received, so I wanted to give you follow-up.

(I am going to ask for a sign-up before or during the January meeting, so read the guidelines below, and decide whether you want to participate or not, as I'll need a general count.) You can either email me

at dbracewell53@gmail.com or tell me at the January meeting that you wish to participate.

This is how it will work...After the sign-up, I'll purchase the "friendship" fabric you are to incorporate into your 12 1/2" block (finished 12"). You do not have to use all of the fabric I send you, but you **MUST** incorporate some of it. Take note of the colors in the fabric I send you, and use fabrics in colors which will match or compliment the ones in the "friendship" fabric.

You can construct your block in any manner you prefer including, but not limited to, paper-piecing, appliqué, pieced, added embellishment, painted, etc. Just have fun with it to create a block you would be proud to share. Be sure to add your name in within the seam allowance on the back of the block, so the winner of your block will know who made it!

Here's how you WIN...Every participant has their name entered into a drawing to win the blocks at the March guild meeting!!! If we have enough members participate, there can be more than one name drawn to win blocks! Don't worry about how the blocks will get to you if you win. I'll collect the blocks from participants either by mail, or front porch pick-up, then either deliver or mail them to the winner.

I hope you will consider getting involved in this "Friendship Block" activity. It will be fun, quick, and you have a chance to win enough blocks to complete a project with blocks from your quilting friends to treasure!



Others are getting ready for the big day. We wish all a wonderful Christmas and a safe, happy New Year.

New Zoom Bee

BBQG is proposing a new Bee to tide us over until everyone feels safe enough to attend an in-person Bee. A Zoom Bee will give many of us a chance to sew and chat together in an informal and safe setting, and I believe it will be a lot of fun!

In the next couple of weeks, I will be posting messages on GroupWorks about our vision for this new bee. We are considering the evening of the 2nd Thursday of the month around 6:30 pm, but that could change if there is another day or time that would work better for most members.

We also need to know if there is real interest in pursuing this Zoom Bee idea. So watch your email, and GroupWorks in the next few weeks to respond. Contact Donna Bracewell for more information.

Bee News...

Quilt in Peace Bee met at Martha's Bloomers in December for our annual Christmas celebration. Bee members had made 72 lap quilts and 40 walker totes that were taken to the Council on the Aging for distribution. The Bee will not meet again until next year. Merry Christmas everyone.

The **Material Girls** are getting ready for festivities. Some are sewing up the last minute projects. Sue did complete a quilt started sometime in the 80's.



From Generation to Generation

Cameron, Alma Fonseca's grandson spent his summer learning to piece a quilt. That was when he was 7 years old. And he won a blue ribbon for this quilt in the youth division of the BBQG Quilt Show that fall.

Fast forward to Thanksgiving vacation 2020. Cameron returned to his grandmother's house to work on Christmas gifts for his friends. This time...prayer quilts based on the Shabby Fabrics pattern. End result...



And a snowman made of batting and fabric.



Nice job Cameron using your skill and make something special for your friends. Thanks Alma for teaching the next generation.



Show N Tell

Alma's has also been busy making Christmas presents...pillows with pictures of each grandchild. Now the question... will these be used to hug a sibling, for a nice nap or in a pillow fight? Cute and a special treasure for sure.

**Merry Christmas
to all
and
to all
Happy Quilting!**