



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

Spring is finally here, and I am so happy for warmer weather and sunshine!!! (Ask me again in August!) Anyway, instead of reflecting on heartaches of the past year, I decided to enjoy the moment. I sat in the sun on the back porch, listening to the birds and the kids playing one street over. And as I was enjoying the joyous sounds, I saw a pair of bluebirds entering and exiting a house my husband built for them last year. I hope they are building a nest for another generation of these beautiful creatures. I also spotted a green anole (lizard) peeking out from the wooden frames around the windows facing the porch. I am so happy they survived the freeze we had in February! They are such funny creatures that grace the garden and eat those pesky bugs. If you have not taken the time to enjoy these beautiful days, you do not know what you are missing.

Spring **IS** here, and it is time for most of us to do some clean-out and decluttering of our houses our quilt rooms. I found some lamps and old dishes to donate to Habitat for Humanity, then I moved to my quilt room and found some craft supplies and quilt fabric, that made me wonder, "What was I thinking when I bought that?" I quickly pawned some of it off on my sister, and the items she said "It's cute, but NO." I put in a box for the White Elephant sale at the 2021 BBQG quilt show.

You know how you like to keep donation items a little longer just to make sure? Well, I saw the theme for the 2022 quilt show, "World of Color," and retrieved the "loud colored" fabrics back out of the box of donation items. Knowing the main theme I know that the challenge contest theme will be in the same direction, I am sure I rescued fabrics that will work for my challenge contest entry. And I have a project that is waiting to be quilted that is screaming, "I'm Colorful, I'm Colorful!", so I am in luck for an entry to the main show as well as the challenge contest! (Friends that know me well can attest that I LOVE lots of color in my quilts!)

The news of an actual in-person quilt show has put a "**Spring** in my step", and I hope it gives all of you purpose to create a beautiful quilt for the 2022 show. Keep up with Laura's posts on the show (when and where), and what positions need to be filled for the success of our show. Have a wonderful Spring, and as always, I am proud to be a part of Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild and the Bryan/College Station quilting community.

...*Donna*

BBQG Meeting Minutes...

March 9, 2021

The Zoom meeting started at 6:32 pm with 43 participants. President Donna Bracewell welcomed the members with an encouraging note about 2021

improving as more people get their Covid Vaccine shots. She also encouraged members to volunteer or at least volunteer assistance to committee chairpersons or to assist in some other capacity for the Guild.

Donna asked for a motion to approve the February Guild meeting minutes. Delores Ryder made the first motion and Sue Chrysler made the second motion to approve. The remainder of the attendees all approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Susan Beasley, Treasurer. First motion to approve was made by Sue Chrysler and Janet Kirkpatrick 2nd the motion. The remainder of the attendees all approved.

Nelda Cohan gave a brief report on membership renewals and membership information that Nelda needs from the members. There are currently 61 members who have paid dues for 2021. People are continuing to submit their dues.

New Business:

- Laura North presented a short peek into the timeline for the BBQG 2022 Quilt show and that many volunteers are needed. The tentative date will be the last weekend in April of 2022. Laura will be meeting with committee chairs in the near future. The possible change in venue will be discussed. The board will then meet and review the options and then vote on the venue for the 2022 show.
- Programs were reviewed for the next few months. On March 20, Warren Bracewell will give a workshop on maintenance and cleaning of Featherweight machines. Workshop is free. In April, Krista Moser will present a workshop on the Double Struck Star. There are currently 7 spots left for signup. In May,

Katherine Redford will present a Folk-Art Lecture.

- Denise Mackan is working with the American Legion Post to see if workshops could be held at the facility on a Friday after the guest lecture on Thursday night.
- Janet Kirkpatrick is chairman of the Raffle Quilt for 2022. It is a Western motif quilt kit that was donated by Susan Beasley. Volunteers have signed up for the various blocks. Janet will try to post the completed blocks on GroupWorks as they are completed. She requested that any extra fabric in the kits be returned to Janet as it may be needed to complete another block. Janet requested that blocks be returned to her as soon as possible. She would like to have them all returned by the end of June. Norma Reel will begin quilting it in September. If anyone has questions, Janet can be reached by text at 979-324-4498 or by email at jk.quilting81@gmail.com
- The Zoom Bee will begin meeting on Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 pm. A link to the bee will be posted in GroupWorks if you would like to attend. There is no limit in attendance to the group. Attendees may bring anything they want to work on.
- Friendship Blocks: There were enough blocks made that 2 names were drawn as winners. They were Margie Williams and Linda Winder.

To complete the meeting, Sue Chrysler presented a slide show with quilts completed by Janet Kirkpatrick, Jeanie Bassett, Sue Chrysler, Fran Gray, Nancy Searcy, and LuAnn Dotzour. The blocks that were submitted for the Friendship Quilt were presented next.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Submitted by Gwen Koval, Secretary

Treasurer's Report...

For the Month of February 2021

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

Total _____

Submitted by Susan Beasley, Treasurer



Programs

The Krista Moser "Double Struck Star" workshop will be zoomed, Saturday, April 24, 9-3; we still have 5 openings.

Registration for the June "Lemone Trails" Workshop by Pam Goggans of Sager Creek Quilts is now open (\$20 members, \$30 nonmembers); supplies may be purchased directly from Pam Goggans (email her at sagercreekquilts@gmail.com). Details about the workshop as described by Pam are attached to this newsletter.

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2022 Quilt Show - "World of Color"

That's correct we have a theme: "World of Color" One big decision made to give you time to think of your entry.

The theme of the Challenge contest is in the talking and decision making stage.

The Committee will hopefully meet in late March and take a date and venue recommendation to the Board in the April Board Meeting.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered to chair a portion of the Show. We still need more volunteers; contact Laura North if you are interested in chairing something or the

individual committee chairs if you want to help their efforts. We need everyone's support to raise enough funds to carry the BBQG through two years of operating costs and educational opportunities. Thank you

Quilt Show 2022 Co-chairs: Debbie Brooks & Laura North
Basket Blitz: Kitty Ard
Bluebonnet Boutique: Theresa Morrison
Challenge Quilt - Maggie McQuire
Front Desk Ticket Sales
Hospitality (organize food for vendors and workers)
Judges and Awards: Connie Silber
Printed Programs: Chris Deppe
Ribbons: Rhonda Kuboviak
Setup and Hanging: Linda Bridges
Publicity: Debbie Ginn
Quilt Appraisals: Bunny Douglas
Quilt Intake and Dispersals
Quilt Sales
Quilt Registration (Online): Denise Mackan and Chris Deppe
Raffle Quilt Construction: Janet Kirkpatrick
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales
Vendors: Debbie Brooks
White Elephant: Melody Nelson, Gwen Koval & Chris Deppe

Bee News...

The **Books and a Blanket** Bee has been able to begin our monthly sew-ins at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on the second Tuesday mornings of each month. So far the Bee has produced nearly three dozen quilts for distribution to school children in Brazos and surrounding counties. With the shutdown caused by the pandemic B&B has not been able to distribute to the schools, so they now have a full year's quilt/blanket receipts in store and with this year's production they anticipate a very generous distribution once the school schedule normalizes. ...reported by *Charles Gilreath*

Happy Scrappers are not meeting at this time. ...reported by Debbie Ginn

The **Material Girls** are just pushing on. MaryJane is working on a new quilt. Some are traveling. And a lot of us are planning our gardens. Have a blessed month. ...reported by *Sue Idol*

Quilt in Peace has resumed weekly meetings but still following COVID-19 restrictions. With our two rooms and a new huge closet we can easily stay 6 ft apart. We are still rearranging and organizing fabric by size, color and squares or strips. Our production of care quilts is far less than last year this time, but we look forward to selecting fabric from our now almost organized closet space. ... reported by *Peggy Mobley*

Well, between Covid-19 and the Snowmaggeon, it has been a challenging month for the **Praying Piecers**. We missed a couple of meetings due to either ICE, or lack of heat once the ice melted. Our members are doing well, we are operating at about 80% of our normal attendance, with 8-12 people showing up regularly for sewing and lunch on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. We are all so thankful for all the quilts around the house. Some of our members were out of electricity (and heat) for as much as a week. Quilters rule! ...reported by *Benita Ebel*.

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Have You Seen IT?

The newly revised BBQG website is now production. Check out the new look. The address is still the same (BBQG.org) but you will find a pretty blue page with instructions and information.

Thanks Chris Deppe who worked to make this a reality.

Show N Tell...

It's not quilted yet but MaryJane has this much completed!!!



BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD

Home Page

Remember to direct your questions and concerns to the correct person! Newsletters are available for download on this website, as well as BBQG Board Members are listed on their own web page! You can email any one of these volunteers for information!

Board meeting are typically held on the first Monday of the month at Hobby Lobby, in the back of the store. However they are being held via Zoom at the present time. See GroupWorks for Zoom login information. Meetings starts at 6pm and all members are welcome!

Next BBQG Meeting: March 9th
 Event: Monthly Guild Meeting
 Location: Zoom Meeting Venue (See Groupworks for login information)

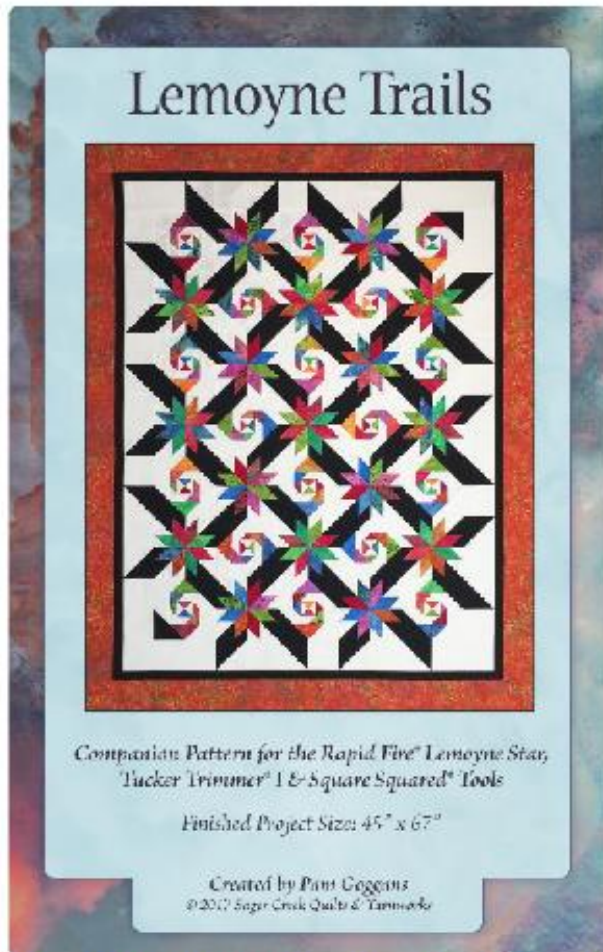
Workshops: To Be Determined Via "Zoom" and/or (American Legion Post 159 101 Waco St. Bryan. 9am-4pm)

Who we are: organized in 1985 non-profit, tax exempt organization 130 members Dedicated to help those in need & to share with the community their love of quilts. Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays 6:30 sign-in & visit 7pm-9pm meeting Meet at: The Brazos Center, 3232 Blarcrest Dr. Bryan, TX 77802 Guild Mailing Address: PO Box 9497 College Station, TX 77842 contact us 2021 membership form

COVID-19: It is so great to start participating in monthly meetings and workshops again, even if they are via ZOOM! Be sure to check the calendar page to see what we are up to, and your GroupWorks account for sign-in info. Our top priority is to protect the health and safety of all of our Members and Visitors!

The BBQG Membership application for 2021 is available for download from either the information page, newsletters page, or the home page of our website! Please mail the completed application, along with your membership dues, to the BBQG post office box. Applications for the 2021 Joyce F. Blasi Scholarship and the Luci Smith Scholarship are now available! Please download the application form here. After downloading, please follow directions carefully!

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Lemoyne Trails—Virtual Class

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild—June 19 and 26, 2021

This class is dedicated to instruction for using the Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star, and Square Squared tools for making the Lemoyne Trails quilt.

Lemoyne Trails features 2 alternating blocks that create an exciting secondary pattern.

In Session #1 we will be working on learning to use the Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star tool for making the star blocks.

Session #2 we will make the Snails Trail blocks using the Square Squared tool and begin to assemble the blocks.

Fabric Requirements:

Background (White)—1 3/4 yd.

Assorted Colors—10-12 Fat Quarters— or Scraps to equal approximately 2 yds. For a scrappier look just use more scraps.

Accent (Very Dark)—1 1/8 yd.

Inner Border—1/4 yd,

Outer Border—3/4 yd,

Binding—1/2 yd

A note about fabric selection: Choose at least 6 different fabrics for your Assorted Colors. To make a “scrappier” look, choose more assorted colors—the more the merrier! The fewer colors you have the more likely your project will look more repetitive.

Also, since there is a high contrast in the background and the Accent fabric, make sure the assorted colors you choose contrasts well with BOTH the background and Accent.