



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message...

In May's message I informed BBQG membership I would be stepping down as your President the end of December 2021. This month I have the pleasure of announcing BBQG President Elect Pixey Mosley! I am excited about Pixey joining our BBQG Board, and I know she will be an asset to the team, and the entire guild. I spoke with her on the phone, and she has some wonderful ideas for our guild moving forward. Don't know Pixey? Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her to the BBQG Board during our in-person July meeting. (And remember to wear your nametag!)

In other news, it is time to begin planning which quilt (or quilts) you will enter in the 2022 BBQG Quilt Show. Don't have one started? *Well, get going on one ASAP!* I have some quilt tops ready to be quilted, and am so glad our theme is World of Color because, if you know me, you know I LOVE a lot of color. (If I am working on a subdued colored quilt, you can bet it is for someone else!) If you love calm colors, not to worry, it is still color (World of Color). If you are not excited about our 2022 BBQG quilt show yet, GET EXCITED, and join the team to make this the best show ever because I believe a quilt show is the best way to showcase the wonderful talent of our guild members.

While I am on the subject of stepping up to help the guild and its members, I'd like to thank members who have volunteered over the years to:

- serve on the BBQG Board as officers, those who
- chair our quilt shows,
- get the BBQG Newsletter put together and out to the members,
- make our BBQG website work,
- serve as a Bee keeper,
- help a Board member perform their duties,
- chair a retreat,
- coordinate the Christmas Party,
- manage the Raffle Quilt sales,
- help with yearly scholarships, or,
- pick up a member to drive them to a meeting or our quilt show

If I have left out anyone, I apologize, as I know many of you have worked over the years to keep BBQG going strong.

If you feel left out because you have not gotten involved or are a new member, there are plenty of upcoming opportunities. If you would like to help with this year's Christmas Party, at the December meeting or you want to oversee the Raffle Quilt ticket sales and booking places to take it, let a board member know. We need to fill these two positions NOW. (Remember, you do not have to do it alone. I had several members help me with the Christmas

Party in 2020.) For other volunteer positions, look at the BBQG Website, GroupWorks, or simply ask a BBQG “worker bee” to see how you can help. As you have heard before, “It takes a village”!

Donna Bracewell

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021 Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild

The Guild Meeting was held by Zoom. It started at 6:33 pm and there were 40 participants.

Donna Bracewell, President opened the meeting with a short welcome to the guild. The guild hosted Catherine Redford who specializes in Folk Art Quilts. She also shared a simple quilt tip about saving fabric scraps.

Donna asked for a motion to approve the February guild meeting minutes. Judy Beskow made the motion and Sue Chrysler 2nd it. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer’s report was read by Susan Beasley. Donna requested a motion to approve it. Sue Chrysler made the first motion to approve it and it was 2nd by Karen Knabe. The report was approved by the guild.

Nelda Cohan shared the membership numbers with the group. Currently, there are 103 paid members. Nelda will post the current membership list on GroupWorks by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donna reviewed the time line for the BBQG Quilt Show which will be held June 15-18 2022. Chair positions are needed for: Front Desk Ticket Sales, Hospitality chair who will work on food for workers and vendors, and Raffle Ticket Sales. If you can help in any capacity, your time will be much

appreciated. Donna will be contacting the Chairs for the show to set up a meeting.

Treasurer Position: The BBQG Board has made the decision to keep Susan Beasley on as our Treasurer for 2022. The ByLaws Article V, Section 5.07 states the treasurer serves for no more than two consecutive years, but an exception has been made because of Covid and the upcoming quilt show. There were no objections to having Susan serve another year.

Linda Bridges brought up questions about whether an audit has been done. She was directed by Charles Gilreath that this is a topic for the Board to discuss.

Programs:

Announcement that Laura North is moving away and Denise Mackan is assuming the role of program director at this time. Denise mentioned that the guild will be able to do Friday workshops at the American Legion Post in 2022. She mentioned the upcoming LeMoyne Star Workshop and that she will send out the workshop information by email.

Janet Kirkpatrick spoke about the progress of the Western themed raffle quilt. She stressed that all blocks need to be completed by the end of June. Blocks should be turned in as soon as they are completed to Janet as another person may be adding additional work to the block. Janet is hoping to post pictures on the completed blocks on the quilt in September. For any questions, Janet can be reached by text at 979-324-4498 or by email at jk.quilting81@gmail.com

Zoom Bee: Denise shared information about the second meeting of the bee. Quite a few people attended. Some people worked on personal projects and Denise was even able to help someone get through a project. The bee will continue to meet the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Donna introduced the speaker, Catherine Redford. Catherine is a nationally known speaker. She is a fiber artist and has created many beautiful works of art using different fibers and incorporating embroidery into the pieces. She has traveled worldwide studying fiber art and developing her own ideas for projects based on local cultures in the places she has visited. She presented many of her projects for the audience to see.

Sue Chrysler concluded the show with a show and tell slide show. She included the quilts that Nancy Searcy donated to the scholarship recipients. She commented on each of the projects submitted.

The meeting ended at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by **Gwen Koval, Secretary.**

Treasurers' Report

For the Month of April 2021

Checking

Beginning Balance - Checking per bank

Deposits Made

Checks/Debits Cleared

Ending Balance per Bank

Less Outstanding Checks

Ending Balance - Checking per Register

Savings

Beginning Balance - Savings per Bank

Interest Received

Transfers to Checking

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Ending Balance - Savings	_____
Total Cash Balance	_____
Total	650.00

Submitted by **Susan Beasley, Treasurer**

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Venue Change for the 2022 BBQG World of Color Quilt Show

The 2022 BBQG quilt show will **NOT** be at the Brazos Center as in years past. Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild is *stepping out of the box* and moving the show to the **Brazos County Expo Center**. The Board as well as the Quilt Show Committee felt like this was a good year to move forward with a bigger show. The Expo Center gives us the opportunity to spread out and include more quilts, more vendors, displays of projects made through our workshops and Bees, and a working concession with seating. We believe our guild has some amazing skills, and we would like to share them with the community

and surrounding areas, so the Expo Center seemed like the best facility for that. I hope you will join me in welcoming this change and look forward to the opportunity to include a quilt or other item into the *World of Color* show June of 2022.

Quilt Show Venue:

Brazos County Expo
5827 Leonard Road
Bryan, TX 77807

Show Set Up Dates:

June 15 – 16 2022 8:00am - 6pm

Show Dates:

Friday, June 17th, 2022

Saturday, June 18th, 2022



2022 "World of Color" Quilt Show Committee

The 2022 Quilt Show Committee will begin meeting on a date yet to be determines but it will be sometime in the next two months. At this time the different committee members are being polled for a best date to meet. I am also looking for a good location for this meeting and additional meetings. As soon as I have a date and a location I will send out an announcement to the committee chairs and the BBQG membership. The recurring meeting

times and dates will be determined by the committee at that 1st meeting.

The following are members of the 2022 BBQG Quilt Show Committee. I hope others will consider taking on an available position or consider helping a committee member to fulfill their quilt show responsibilities.

If you are willing to support the guild by taking one of the unfilled committee positions, please call or email:

Donna Bracewell
2021 BBQG President/ 2022 *World of Color* Quilt Show Co-Chair
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If you are willing to assist any of these committee chairs please contact the chair directly.

Committee	Chairperson
Basket Blitz:	Kitty Ard
Bluebonnet Boutique	Theresa Morrison
Challenge Quilt(donated to Care Quilts)	Maggie McGuire
Front Desk Ticket Sales:	Unfilled
Hospitality(Food for Workers Vendors)	Unfilled
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	Jane Crouse
Quilt Registration(online)	Denise Mackan & Chris Deppe
Raffle Quilt Construction	Janet Kirkpatrick
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Unfilled
Vendors	Debbie Brooks
White Elephant	Melody Nelson

Terry Skrabanek
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BBQG Scholarship

The final presentation of scholarships and quilts was made on May 24. This one was presented by Mary Anne Durban to Elizabeth Bueno an Honor graduate of College Station Collegiate School. Nancy Searcy made the quilt in the picture.

Scholarships and quilts were also presented to Demi Hu from College Station High School and Sarah Solomon, a graduate of Bryan High School. The quilts for these two recipients were made by Nancy Searcy and Laverne Ondrasek.

All recipients submitted very impressive examples of their art projects.



Who's Pixey

There is information about Pixey posted on GroupWorks but I wanted to know more of her quilting journey. I asked the following questions:



- When did you begin your quilting journey?
- What inspired you to begin quilting and continue quilting?
- Who is your favorite quilt artist and why?
- What is your most inspiring quilt adventure?
- Anything else you would like to share about your quilt journey.

Here are Pixey's responses:

I began my quilting journey with some BBQG workshops and Deb DeRoche classes at Lone Star Quiltworks in 2009. I was looking at exploring my creative side more to balance the procedural emphasis of my job. I was also interested in expanding my sewing interests and wanted to learn

Show N Tell

some quilting techniques to incorporate into my purse making and home decor projects, such as placemats and wall hangings. I was also exploring machine embroidery and incorporating it into quilts seemed to be a natural evolution. I tend to prefer doing smaller lighter weight quilts, such as baby or lap quilts or wall hangings.

I really don't have a favorite quilt artist. I find some aspect of most quilts interesting and enjoy learning about the artist's creative process, even if it is a technique that is not likely to be in my repertoire because of personal taste or required manual dexterity. To be honest, my answer would be similar if you asked about favorite authors, favorite musicians, favorite artists, etc.

I think my most inspiring quilt adventure was when I participated in my first Guild Care Quilt Workday. Seeing all that productivity toward a common goal and the finished quilts at the end of the day going to people in need really left a lasting impression on me. Since then, some of my most memorable projects have been baby quilts for some friends with NICU babies.

Because of time limitations while I was working and competition from my other creative hobbies, my quilting output has tended toward panel or one-piece wonders with interesting fabrics and pieced borders. However, I have often added machine embroidery elements for some uniqueness and my wall hangings tend to include some hot fix crystal bling. I hope to explore more quilt styles and techniques now that I am retired.

And one final comment, "During my year as President I hope to focus on making the Guild more welcoming for novice quilters."

Thanks Pixey.





Marjean Naeve



Kay Fitzpatrick
Simmons



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Creator Not Identified

Go Texan Quilt

Here is the link for the Go Texan Quilt Contest for next year's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

<https://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Quilt-Contest>

If you are thinking about entering, this link gives you all the information needed to enter.

Here are a few important points:

There are 2 divisions: **Machine Quilted** and **Hand Quilted**. Both these divisions have these 5 categories

- appliqué,
- piecework,
- pictorial (theme quilt),
- wall hanging (minimum size is 18" x 18"; maximum size is 60" x 60"), and
- mixed technique (which includes any technique not covered in other specific categories).

Timeline for entries:

Nov. 2	Call for entry opens, online entry only
March 21	Entry deadline
March 22 - 23	Jurying
March 24	Entry notifications made, along with shipping & return instructions for accepted quilts.
April 8	Pieces accepted must be received in Rodeo offices by this date. Advise tracking method as questions regarding receipt of quilt will not be acknowledged.
April TBD	Judging
May 3	Result announced on website
June 1 - 4	All quilts will be return shipped or available for pick-up

Contest Rules:

<https://www.rodeohouston.com/Portals/0/Content/GetInvolved/Exhibitors-Participants/Quilt%20Contest/QuiltContestRules.pdf>

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