



# Bits and Pieces

**Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter**

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## **President's Message July 2021**

I thought I would take the time to let BBQG membership know how much I have appreciated the change in mood and atmosphere of the guild. It is a much friendlier place to be, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know some members I didn't know before.

As we move forward, I hope we can work out any rough spots with grace and finesse as we have in the past few months. I believe we can achieve much more through fellowship and working together in a harmonious way, with the best path for the guild moving forward at heart.

Our Zoom guild meetings have been such a fun place to be for the last few months, but now I am ready to move forward with in-person meetings. It is my hope that our meetings are a calm, fun, and enjoyable place to be as well. I know we can work out any problems in a polite fashion. Remember, the Board is here for all the members, and sometimes the best decision for all is not necessarily the one every member would choose.

Believe it or not, your Board membership does not always agree unanimously, but we can still function in an agreeable way. We all want what's best for the membership and strive to do what we think is best.

I would remind all of you (as I do myself) that even though it's sometimes a lot of work, BBQG is a

hobby, and it should be fun – *it is a hobby, not a job*. Please keep this in mind and remember to thank other guild members for all they do. It is easier to volunteer when you know your efforts are appreciated.

I want to share my recent experiences. Several BBQG members have contacted me via email, messenger, phone, or even snail mail to let me know they appreciate my leadership. This has really touched me and helped me continue to see what I can do to improve guild experiences.

Moving forward, the Board is discussing other ways to encourage membership participation in taking a leadership role, joining in groups like Bees, bus trips, sew-ins, workshops, etc. (We have the most affordable workshops I have seen, so I hope you will take advantage of them.) We have more to offer than just a meeting one night a month!

Still feeling like an outsider in BBQG Guild? Try joining one of our groups, or volunteer to help in some way. I promise you it is the best way to meet new people and make lasting friends!

And please remember to welcome any newcomer to the meetings. I have seen members visit one time and never come back. I believe all it takes to have them return is for them to feel welcomed to the group. Be that welcoming person – it's easy and rewarding!

Donna Bracewell

## June 8 Guild Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held by Zoom. It started at 6:34 pm and there were 28 participants.

President's Welcome: Donna announced to the guild that Pixey Mosley has volunteered to be the Guild's next president starting January 1, 2022. She is working with Donna now as President Elect and learning the duties of President. The guild was asked to welcome Pixey in her new position. She will be a great fit for the Board as well as the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild.

Donna's one tip for the night is something you may use in your kitchen. Did you know that the parchment paper that is used to keep cookies from sticking to a cookie sheet can also be used instead of a silicone pressing sheet? It is a lot cheaper, and fusible web will not stick to it. It is a great item to take to a retreat or workshop, and you can throw it away when you are through with it. Great Tip!!!

Donna asked for a motion to approved the May Guild minutes. The minutes were then approved by the Guild.

The Treasurer's report was in the June Newsletter. The report was approved by the Guild. Susan reported that an audit was being done by Mr. Beskow. The question of using Venmo was brought up again. The subject will be discussed again at the next board meeting and a decision will be announced at the next Guild meeting.

Nelda Cohan is very close to completing the membership list to be posted on GroupWorks. Hopefully, this will be completed by her for the July meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Donna led a discussion that the guild will need the use of the American Legion Hall for other meetings,

not just monthly guild meetings. The board approved an amount of \$2100 per year or \$175.00 per month to cover the use of the hall for any additional activities. This amount is still less than the fees charged by the Brazos Center.

The Quilt Show Committee will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Hall.

The BBQG Quilt show is scheduled for June 15-18, 2022. The theme of the show is "A World of Color." The challenge quilt chaired by Maggie is "Color Outside the Box" She will be getting a flyer together and will post it on GroupWorks. The White Elephant Committee has been busy acquiring material and other goods. Marjean Neve and Donna Bracewell went to Joyce Blasi's sale and picked up quite a few items. Many thanks to her for the donations to the Guild!! If anyone has room in their home to store some boxes of items for that booth, please let Melody Nelson, Chris Deppe, Marjean Neve, or Gwen Koval know. If you have any items or baskets for the Basket Blitz booth, please talk to Kitty Ard. Kay Fitzpatrick Simmons has volunteered to chair the Front Desk Ticket Sales. Rachele Kubricht has volunteered for the Hospitality committee. Big thanks to both of them for volunteering!!!! The raffle quilt is still in progress...almost done. The quilt needs to be finished soon so it can be quilted. There is still a vacancy for the Raffle Quilt Sales. Someone is needed to coordinate times, places, and personnel where the raffle quilt can be displayed to sell tickets. If you are interested in this position, please let Donna know. Members could sign up in pairs to take the quilt to local quilt stores or other locations. Remember that the money raised from the raffle quilt tickets is the money that we use for scholarships.

Denise Mackan is in charge of programs through December 2022. She has a program making the Lemoyne Trails scheduled for two weekends in June, the 19th and the 26th. The cost is \$20.00 for the class. For the July 8th meeting, everyone

should bring their challenge quilt from last fall and be ready to turn them in. The top 4 quilts will be auctioned off in the fall. On July 17 and 24, Michelle Banton of Little Pup Designs will present a workshop on a Dresden neighborhood. Cost is \$25.00 for the class. The October meeting will have 2 classes presented by Phyllis Cohen. It is about Portraits: All about Faces. See GroupWorks for more information on these classes.

The Zoom Bee met again in May and reportedly had a good time. It will continue to meet as long as people attend.

To conclude the meeting, Sue Chrysler presented Show and Tell of members completed projects.

Remember that starting in July the guild meetings will be live in person at the American Legion Hall. The meeting will be on July 8<sup>th</sup> (the second Thursday of the month). Doors open at 6:00pm and the meeting will start at 6:30. We hope to see everyone there.

The meeting concluded at 7:55pm.

Minutes prepared by Gwen Koval.

## Treasurer's Report

For the Month of May 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Balance - Savings \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cash Balance \_\_\_\_\_

\* Outstanding checks

Total 400.00

Submitted by Susan Beasley



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## BBQG Proposed By-Laws Change

Presented to membership at meeting on July 8, 2021. Will be voted on at the meeting on August 12, 2021

**BASIS FOR CHANGE:** After discussion in 2020 and early 2021, the decision was made to move the monthly meetings from the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Brazos Center to the 2nd Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post #159. While the current bylaws do allow the Board to change the dates and times of the meeting with appropriate announcement, there is also wording specifically referring to having the meeting on Tuesday that needs to be addressed.

### CURRENT BYLAWS WORDING:

3.01 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: An annual meeting of the members shall be held on the second Tuesday of January, in each year, beginning with the year 1991, at the hour of 7:00p.m. for the transaction of business as may come before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual business shall be on a legal holiday in the State of Texas, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding Tuesday.

3.02 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING: Regular business meetings, of the Guild will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. However, the time of the regular meeting of the Guild may be any other date chosen by a majority of the Board of Directors upon notification. The purpose of the regular meetings is to further the purposes for which the corporation was organized and to act on any item which may be brought before members.


### PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE IN WORDING:

3.01 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: An annual meeting of the members shall be held during January of each year for the transaction of the business of the guild.

3.02 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING: Regular business meetings of the Guild will be held at a consistent, previously announced time and day each month. The time and date may be changed by a majority of the Board with prior notification of the membership. The purpose of the regular meetings is to further the purposes for which the corporation was organized and to act on any item which may be brought before the members.

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## Buzz from the Bees

I hope your hives are all doing well in this heat! Here is some news!

### Books and a Blanket Bee

Well, the Books and a Blanket workshop has not been squeezing under any fences lately, but we have continued to beaver away on our kits. We are finishing up on a number of kits, in fact, that you inspired--the modern looking quilt with the small triangles snowballed on two corners. I have been quilting them with a "space age" sort of motif, and they look pretty good, if I do say so myself. We have a bunch of fish themed quilts that we will be working on for a while, based on fabric that we got from Joyce Blasi's stash.

Quilt in Peace

Quilt in Peace Bee has had an eventful two months. We delivered a total of 22 Fidget Mats to Claudia Massey of the local Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. She will distribute the mats to local memory units and care workers for their clients/patients.

We also traveled to Austin and surrounding areas on June 10 for our quarterly "Fifth Tuesday" trip and shopped at the Cotton Cupboard and Honey Bee Quilt Shop. Later that afternoon we attended the awards ceremony for the Home Base, a program at Texas Baptist Children's Home for 18-24 year old homeless students. We presented four graduating seniors a quilt with a coordinating pillowcase and enjoyed a delightful reception. While there we donated 26 blankets for babies and/or toddlers for the youngsters and their mothers at TBCH.

#### Zoom Bee

The Zoom Bee has been meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 or whenever you can join in. Yes, sometimes we are finishing our dinner and that's OK. There have been 5 to 6 members joining each month. We enjoy visiting, encouraging each other and sometimes we finish a project. Everyone is welcome to join us and have a fun evening.

#### Material Girls

The Material Girls are scattered about. We have started in person meetings again and have a few still in town. Most are traveling. Margie is in Africa with a mission and others are on vacation. It is that time of year. Our girl Nadine came to visit this week and showed us her finished quilts. It was great to see her.. We miss her here. Of course several are just quilting away. Hope all are in out of the heat.

Have a great month sewing

Submitted by Nancy Searcy, Denise Macken and Sue Idol

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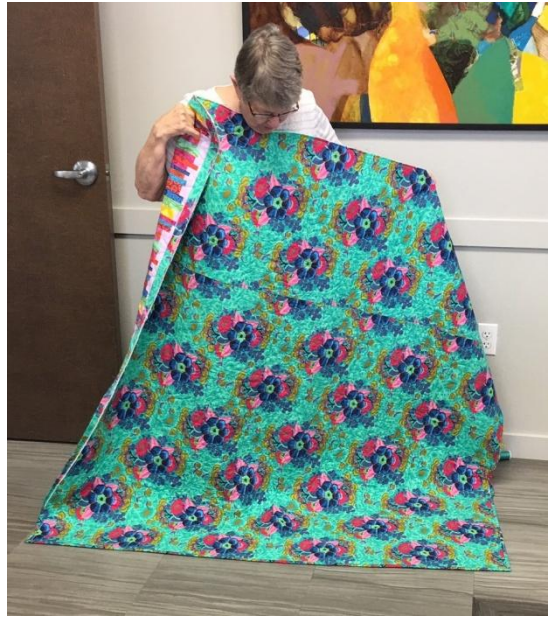
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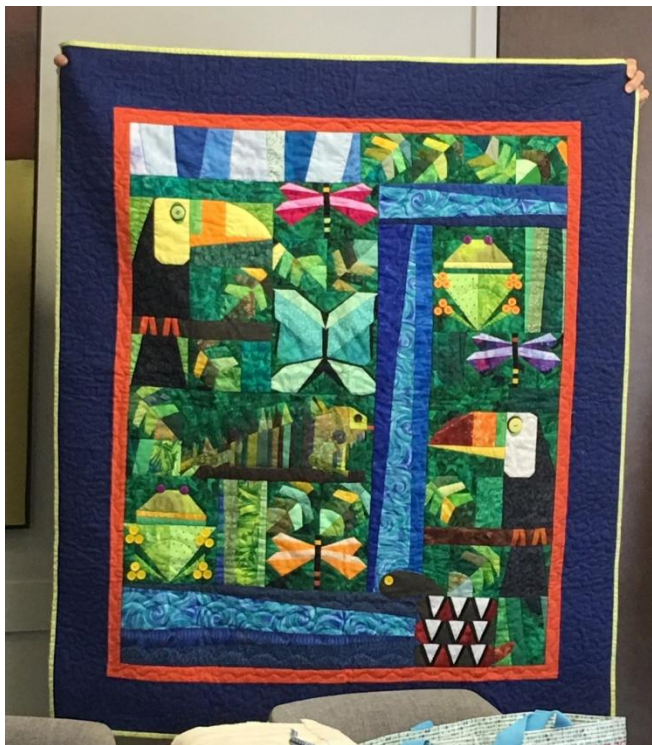
**Dottie and her Civil War quilt**



**Mary Jane butterfly quilt.**



Mary Jane front and back of newest Quilt



Nancy's Newest Quilt



Nadine Covid quilt.



Nadine finished retreat quilt..

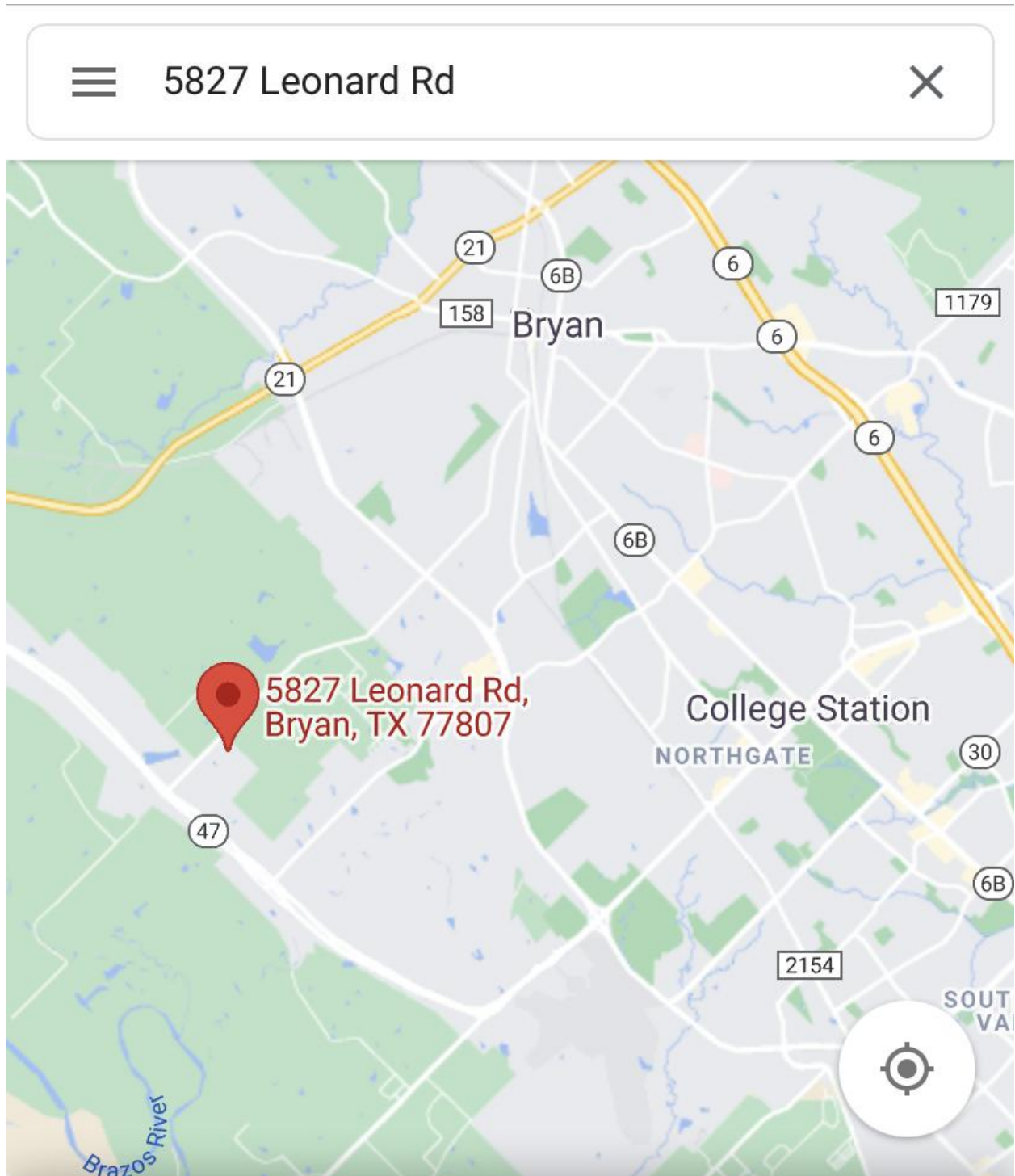
## Announcements and (maybe) Useful Information

Quilt Show Committees: Contact the Chairman if you are interested in helping.

Committee	Chairperson
Basket Blitz:	Kitty Ard
Bluebonnet Boutique	Theresa Morrison
Challenge Quilt(donated to Care Quilts)	Maggie McGuire
Front Desk Ticket Sales:	Kay Fitzpatrick Simmons
Hospitality(Food for Workers Vendors)	Rachelle Kubricht
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	<b>Unfilled</b>
Vendors	Debbie Brooks
White Elephant	Melody Nelson

## Quilt Show Venue

For those members who are not familiar with the new venue for the BBQG Quilt Show here is a map to help you find the location when you are out and about.





## Online Quilting Classes

If you have extra time on your hands, want to learn a new quilting technique or skill, or just want to try out something different. The following Quilt personalities have mastered the on-line world of teaching and have classes ready to go. You do not have to leave your sewing room and in most cases the classes are less expensive than those offered at quilt shows and other large venues.

ReNae Merrill	<a href="http://ranaemerrillquilts.com">Online Classes - RaNae Merrill Quilt Design (ranaemerrillquilts.com)</a>
Carole Lyles Shaw	<a href="#">Live Quilt Classes/Workshops - Carole Lyles Shaw</a>
Carolina Oneto	<a href="#">Online Quilt Classes - Carolina Oneto</a>
Jamie Wallen	<a href="#">Whole Quilter Classes – Quilters Apothecary</a>
Heidi and Matthew Pridemore	<a href="http://thewhimsicalworkshop.com">Zoom Quilting Classes (thewhimsicalworkshop.com)</a>
Elizabeth Eastmond	<a href="http://opquilt.com">Online Classes – OccasionalPiece–Quilt! (opquilt.com)</a>
Alethea Ballard	<a href="#">Exuberant Appliqué Basics Online Course – Alethea Ballard</a>
Ann Shaw	<a href="http://annshawquilting.com">ZOOM WORKSHOPS AND FEES (annshawquilting.com)</a>
Nancy Prince	<a href="http://nancyprince.com">Thread Painting Quilts Open Enrollment Zoom Workshops (nancyprince.com)</a>
Dana Jones	<a href="http://danajonesquilts.com">Classes to Make Dana's Designs   Mysite (danajonesquilts.com)</a>
Julia Graves	<a href="http://soquilts.com">Special Occasion Quilts LLC – Custom Quilts that Show Your Love (soquilts.com)</a>
Rachel Derstine	<a href="#">All Courses 2 - Artful Quilting and Sewing</a>
Darlene J Price	<a href="#">QuiltScapes by Darlene</a>
Cindy Grisdela	<a href="#">Online Learning – Cindy Grisdela Art Quilts</a>
Kathy Groves	<a href="http://Bobkatquilts.com">Upcoming Events – Bobkatquilts.com</a>