



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

July was our first in-person meeting, and it was so nice to see so many of our BBQG membership attending. Those of you who attended via Zoom, I will bring our microphone next month, so you should be able to hear more easily. (Be sure to log in early as I cannot easily monitor the computer and hold the meeting at the same time.) For those of you who got stuck in the downpour in College Station and could not attend, you were missed, and we hope to see you next month.

There was a lot of positive feedback on the new location, and lots of information shared. Lucky members won door prizes and several members volunteered to either take a Board position or help in some other way. What a great start in our return to more normal meetings. I know we will be able to attract new members in this positive climate.

Here are some of the things discussed at the meeting:

Signup Genius is being used to volunteer to sell tickets for our 2021 raffle quilt. If you are not familiar with it and having difficulties, call Denise Mackan, and she can get you signed up. (Best give her a call after working hours.) As of now, I have the quilt, but we really need a designated Raffle Quilt Chair. It is an easy Chair because Denise is doing a lot of the work for you by calling and doing some of the scheduling.

The raffle quilt binding was completed by JoAnn Williams and our 2021 Raffle Quilt was presented at the meeting. Mary Jane Deen completed the handwork, and it looks great! I am sure it will raise enough money for several scholarships.

Remember to pick up some raffle tickets at the meetings to sell to friends and relatives, or even buy some yourself! (Our own Nancy Searcy won the quilt last year!)

I am so pleased to announce that Charles Gilreath has volunteered to Chair the Intakes and Dispersals of the quilts at the 2022 BBQG Quilt Show.

Rachelle Kubrick needs help with the Hospitality Chair as she is still working full time. A co-chair would be helpful for this position. Be thinking about how you would like to help, and when the Quilt Committee Chairs call for volunteers, step up. There is no show without workers.

In closing, I feel like the second Thursday meeting had a positive vibe, and I am looking forward to working with everyone in person moving forward.

Respectfully,

Donna Bracewell

Meeting Minutes - July 8, 2021

The BBQG held their 1st post-Covid in-person monthly meeting at the American Legion Hall on July 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by guild President Donna Bracewell.

Membership - There were 41 members present, 11 zoom participants, 3 visitors, and 1 new member.

Donna Bracewell welcomed everyone to the meeting and began the meeting with agenda items below.

Scholarship – Maryann Durbin introduced one of our 2021 scholarship winners, Sarah Soloman. She is a graduate of Bryan High. Sarah indicated she wants to pursue a career in art communications focusing on animation. The quilt she received was made by Laverne Ondrasek.

Door Prizes – 12 door prizes were distributed to lucky members. Items for the door prizes were donated by Sue Ryan, Laura North, Donna Bracewell, and Janet Kirkpatrick. If you have any items to donate for door prizes for the future, please give them to Sue Ryan.

Minutes – A motion was made by Diana DeFrancesco and 2nd by Linda Shamblin to approve the June 2021 Zoom meeting minutes as written in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Linda Winder made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed in the newsletter and Sue Idol 2nd the motion. The report was approved by members. Benita Ebel agreed to review the financial books for the guild.

New Business –

American Legion- Donna Bracewell gave a brief overview of the American Legion building rooms and availability of the kitchen. She encouraged members to make use of the building by joining the QOV bee that currently meets there as does the new Round Robin group, or scheduling their own

group/bee to possibly meet their. In person workshops will also be held at the American Legion.

Guild Positions Needed – The guild will be voting on board positions in December. If you are interested in a position, please contact Donna Bracewell and let her know. As of tonight, the following members have volunteered for the positions of:

Membership – Susan Beasley
Treasurer – Benita Ebel
President – Pixie Mosely
Secretary – Janet Kirkpatrick

If you are also interested in any of these positions, please contact Donna Bracewell.

Other areas the guild needs assistance with are:

Christmas Party – need chair and committee of helpers to plan the party

Raffle Quilt 2022 – our current quilt – We need a chair who will be the “Keeper” of the quilt and be the contact person for members to collect the quilt when needed to take to places to sell tickets. New tickets have been printed this year that are perforated. Denise Mackan is setting up a SignUp Genius online system. She will schedule places to take the quilt and members can go online to signup to take the quilt and sell tickets at these locations. The quilt was shown to members at the meeting. It is a beautiful Round Robin made by members and quilted by Norma Reel. Final touches are being completed (binding and attaching yoyo flowers and leaves). The Brazos Valley Fair is coming up and will be a venue where we can sell tickets. If you are unable to use internet options, contact Denise and she can get you signed up. Members were also encouraged to pickup packets of tickets to sell. Please contact Denise if you have a venue or quilt Guild you would like to take that Quilt to that's not on the list.

Care Quilts – Rachelle Kubricht, CQ chairman, voiced thanks to Joyce Blasi for fabric donation.

Rachelle announced she would like to invite members to go with her to deliver care quilts. Please contact her if you are able to help her deliver quilts.

Quilt Show 2022 – Donna Bracewell announced the QS committee has had its 1st planning meeting. The QS committee still has several positions that need chairs and helpers.

Ticket Sales – Kay Fitzpatrick Simmons has volunteered to chair but will need lots of helpers to sell tickets at the show

Intake/Dispersal of Quilts – a chair and committee helpers needed

Hospitality – members will need to bring food for workers and vendors. Helpers will be needed.

Go Texan Entry – We will need to select a Go Texan Quilt to enter the HLSR Quilt Show. A suggestion was made to select our Go Texan Quilt at the October meeting. It is not required for the quilt to have a “Texas” or “Western Theme”. Several of the quilts shown at show and tell were encouraged to enter and Judy Beskow on Zoom indicated she was also working on a quilt to enter. All members are encouraged to enter a quilt for this event.

Round Robin – Charles Gilreath reported the RR groups would be meeting this Saturday for their first round hand off.

Basket Blitz – Kitty Ard handed out several baskets to be filled with theme items for the basket blitz at the QS.

By-Laws change – Due to a change in meeting day and location, a change to the by-laws is needed. The current by-law wording and the proposed change to the wording was presented to the members. The change will be voted on at the August 12, 2021 meeting.

Fall Retreat – Sign-up for the Fall Retreat is now open. Dates for the retreat are October 17-20, 2021.

If you are interested in going, contact Melody Nelson.

Zoom Bee – Denise Mackan reported on the Zoom Bee. This is an opportunity to work on your own project(s) at home and have access to advice or input from fellow members. The Bee meets every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Programs – Denise Mackan gave an update on upcoming workshops available to members.

- July 17 and 24 – Dresden Neighborhood. Contact Denise ASAP if you are interested in participating in this 2 day workshop.
- Aug. 7th – Care Quilt Workshop

Miscellaneous – Printed Membership lists were offered to members present. The Membership list is also available on Groupworks.

Show and Tell – The meeting was concluded with the showing of the winning Log Cabin challenge quilts that will be auctioned at the October meeting and 9 members showing quilts they had completed as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Kirkpatrick

Treasurer's Report

For the Month of June 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 _____

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BBQG Raffle quilt



HELP!!!!

1. The Raffle Quilt is in need of a **caretaker**. This person will be the custodian for the quilt when it is not out for display. Call Denise Macken or email her at Denisemackan@gmail.com
2. The Raffle Quilt also needs **volunteers** to take it on road trips to Quilt Guilds and other venues. Denise has set up SignUpGenius to track dates and volunteers.

This is the link for members to volunteer to take the raffle quilt to quilt guilds and other places to sell tickets. Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild: BBQG Raffle Quilt - Guild Member Volunteer (signupgenius.com)
3. And finally the Raffle Quilt needs **help in identifying, and arranging for showings.**

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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: Books and a Blanket folks continue to work on the kits we have using Joyce Blasi's fish themed fabrics. So far this year

we have delivered 228 quilts to Books and a Blanket--and we have about four and a half months to go before they start making deliveries to schools.

Quilt in Peace: Quilt in Peace Bee members continue to meet each Tuesday to make care quilts. We have had two new members and several visitors since COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed and our members vaccinated.

Our rooms are full of friendly chatter and busy workers. Care Quilts were given to Books and a Blanket this month and we have a bunch to deliver to BBQG as soon as the storeroom is reorganized. We are a large bee but there is always room for one more so come visit and or join our group on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to noon or anytime during those hours.

Material Girls: Hi all. The Material Girls have been finishing those UFO's. And-are now on to some new projects. Three of us ran away to Giddings and shopped till we dropped at Around the Block. All of us are trying to finish the stuff from 2020. And that might take a bit. Looks like summer may finally get here. Stay cool. Peace The Material Girls

Happy Scrappers: Happy Scrappers are meeting again, working on individual projects.

Scholarship Winner: Sarah Solomon

Sarah Solomon, a graduate of Bryan High School and the recipient of the BBQG Joyce Blasi Scholarship was able to attend the July 8 guild meeting where everyone got to meet her. But more importantly Sarah was able to meet the creator of her special quilt, Laverne Ondrasek.



Sarah plans to attend the University of Texas - Dallas.

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Quilt Show Update

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	Charles Gilreath
Quilt Registration(online)	Denise Mackan & Chris Deppe
Raffle Quilt Construction	Janet Kirkpatrick
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	Unfilled
Vendors	Debbie Brooks
White Elephant	Melody Nelson

Show and Tell



Diane Bullard: Hexagon quilt



Bunny Douglas



Bunny Douglas



Debbie Ginn



Linda Shamblin



Jo Ann Williams



Lee Anne Potter

