



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

September 2021

September meeting went well for our in-person members, but unfortunately, the internet connection was lost near the beginning of the meeting. I am working on a solution for this, but even though I brought a microphone and speaker, we still had issues. For our Zoom members, I apologize. We are working to fix this issue, but I am not sure there is a workable solution. I will let the membership know what we find out before the next meeting.

We have two volunteers to help the Guild with unfilled positions! Sandra Smith will take on the Raffle Quilt Chair, so please help both Sandra and Denise know about opportunities to sell tickets, or volunteer to take the Raffle Quilt to sell tickets. Marjean Neve has volunteered to chair this year's Christmas party. She has great ideas for this year, so think about helping her make this event an enormous success!

Thanks to Bonnie for suggesting a few fresh ideas for the Newsletter. Watch for *Surfing with Denise*, *Block of the Month Drawing*, and *Tips for September* in this month's issue. Remember, you do not have to be a Board Member to submit articles or pictures to Bonnie. I look forward to seeing what other quilters are up to and watching for pictures of newly finished quilts!

If you have something to submit to the BBQG Newsletter, please send it via email to:

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Donna Bracewell

BBQG President 2021

Editor's note: Newsletter articles or information are due by the 20th of the month. My thanks to all how have responded to my requests during the months of no meetings. It all began when I challenged Norma Reel to put her guild presentation into pictures and text. Trooper that she is, the complete presentation was provided to the guild via the newsletter. That said, I am sure there are others who have knowledge from which others could benefit. I challenge you to send me what you have regardless whether it is a paragraph or a full article.

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2021

The BBQG meeting was held at the American Legion Hall on August 12, 2021. The meeting was also held by Zoom for those members unable to attend in person. There were 29 members present, 11 present by Zoom, two visitors, and one new member. The meeting began at 6:30 pm.

Donna Bracewell, President, welcomed all members and visitors. Visiting at the meeting were the 2 high school recipients of the scholarship quilts which were donated by Nancy Searcy. The students were introduced by JoAnn Williams and each student gave a brief talk on their plans for college and their goals for the future.



Door prizes were drawn and the winners were Marjean Neve, Kerry Fisher, and Denise Mackan.

Donna asked for a motion to approve the July Guild minutes which were printed in the newsletter. Charles Gilreath made the first motion, Denise Mackan 2nd it and the attending membership all said aye for approval.

Donna asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Charles Gilreath made the first motion, Rachelle Kubricht 2nd the motion, and the membership all approved it.

At last month's meeting, the members were provided with the proposed By Laws change about the Guild's meeting time and day. Donna asked for a motion to approve the By Laws change. Linda Shamblin made the motion and Bunny Douglas 2nd it. The change was approved by all membership present.

New Business:

Diana DeFrancesco spoke about a new opportunity for the members. She has agreed to start a new sewing group called First Friday Sew-In. The group will be free

and membership in the guild is required. The group will meet in the back room of the American Legion Hall starting on September 3, 2021. The meetings will be held on the first Friday of every month from 10:00 am – 4:30pm. Members can bring their own quilt projects to work on or can bring crochet, knit, or needlepoint projects also. Members can bring a lunch or snacks. There are no eating utensils or cups available so each person needs to bring their own supplies, including paper plates, and napkins/paper towels. Diana will be posting all the information in GroupWorks.

Marjean Neve has graciously volunteered to host the Christmas Party this year which will be held in the meeting room of the American Legion on December 9, 2021. Marjean has said that there will be a meal as in the past. Everyone will be asked to bring a dish for the meal. There will not be a gift exchange this year. Members are asked to bring in something homemade, which does not have to be a Christmas theme. Items will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go to the Food Bank.

Update on the BBQG Quilt Show – June 15-18,2022:

Sandra Smith has volunteered for the Raffle Quilt Chair. Sandra will coordinate with Denise Mackan to get places lined up to take the quilt for ticket sales. She will encourage members to take the quilt for ticket sales and will provide them with tickets to sell, handouts about our guild, and give them the new "bookmarks" to distribute. She will ensure that the quilt is at our meeting unless it is showing elsewhere. All money from ticket sales will be turned in to the treasurer, Susan Beasley.

A Quilt Angel Chair is still needed. The chair will coordinate the hourly schedule for Quilt Angels to assist with the exhibit quilts. Quilt Angels wear white gloves and provide assistance to attendees that wish to see the back of the quilts or to see more detail. Volunteers are needed for these positions.

Update on the Texas Raffle Quilt: Janet Kirkpatrick reported that all the blocks are completed and she is working on the border. She is hoping for it to be completely put together by September 1.

Programs:

Denise Mackan spoke about an upcoming program to be held over 4 Saturdays starting 08/21. The project is a Krista Moser pattern called "The Wreath Quilt Sampler". The program is taught by Laura North and is free to guild members. Email Denise Mackan if interested in attending the classes. Patterns can be ordered from Krista Moser online.

A volunteer is still needed to lead the Winter Retreat. Contact Denise Mackan if interested.

Miscellaneous:

Kitty Ard asked that members write down their volunteer hours. These hours can include hours working in bees such as Quilts of Valor, Care Quilts, and other guild activities.

Donna Bracewell gave a short talk on how to choose colors in quilting. She reviewed a book called the Ultimate 3 in 1 Color Tool by Joen Wolfrom.

Show and Tell:

There was a short show and tell at the completion.

The meeting completed at 7:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Gwen Koval, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

For the Month of July 2021

Checking

Beginning Balance -	
Checking per bank	
Deposits Made	
Transfer	
Checks/Debits Cleared	
Ending Balance per	_____
Bank	
Less Outstanding	
Checks	_____

Ending Balance -	
Checking per Register	_____

Savings

Beginning Balance -	
Savings per Bank	
Interest Received	
Deposit	
Transfers to Checking	
Ending Balance -	_____
Savings	_____

Total Cash Balance	
	1826
	1827

Submitted by Susan Beasley

Apologies to Sew Vac City for the inadvertent omission of their ad last month.



Stop the Bleed

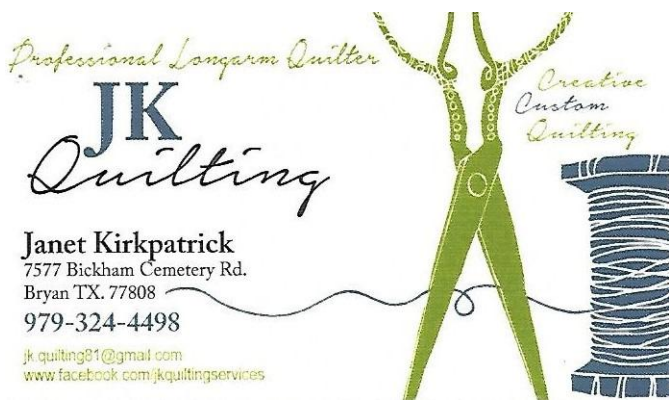
You never want to see a beautiful quilt, usually a red/light combo, ruined by bleeding. And you will not know which fabric will bleed. Here are three products that can save a precious quilt!

Retayne is used in dyeing fabric, but it can be used to stop fabric from bleeding. I wash every piece of fabric I am concerned about bleeding with Retayne before I use it. You can hand wash it in the sink or put it in your washing machine. I usually wash like colors together.

Retayne sets the dye and prevents it from bleeding in the future. You can find it at Lone Star or Amazon. Be sure to follow the directions on the label.

Synthropol is both a detergent and it prevents the excess dye from resetting on the fabric or other fabrics. (Use Retayne on fabric before you sew it into the quilt and use Synthropol on a finished quilt that has already bled.)

Dawn Ultra dish soap can be used instead of Synthropol. It acts the same as Synthropol. It is a lot cheaper but make sure you use Dawn Ultra and do not use more than a tablespoon or two so you don't have suds everywhere!



September Block of the Month Drawing!!!

Below is a pattern to make a block for a Block of the Month Drawing in September. You can make the block to keep and make one for a drawing at the September meeting. (or keep both) For every block you turn in, you will get your name placed in for the

drawing. (For example, 3 blocks turned in, 3 chances to win.)

We are starting with a churn dash block because it is easy and fast to make!

You will use any two colors that contrast, and you can use either fabric for the background. (Let's stick with 100% cotton fabric, printed or solid – no flannel or batik.)



Please be as accurate as you can with cutting and sewing so the results create the correct block size.

You will need the following pieces from one light print

and one dark print:

- 4- 3 7/8" squares,
- 1 – 3 1/2" square,
- 2 – 2 x 20" strips. (If you lay the two fabrics right sides together, you can cut both at the same time.)


Take a light 3 7/8" square and draw a diagonal line on the reverse side from corner to corner. Place the light fabric right sides together on a dark fabric square and sew 1/4" away from each side of the drawn line. Cut along the drawn line to yield two half square triangles (HSTs). Open the half square triangle unit and press seam allowance toward the darker fabric. Trim "dog ears". The finished square should now measure 3 1/2" square. Make 8 HST units.

Next take one light and one dark 2” strip and stitch together along one long edge with a ¼” seam allowance. Press the seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Cut the strip unit into 4 – 3 ½” squares. Reserve the leftovers for the optional pieced border. Repeat with the second set of strips.

Lay out the HSTs, strip units, and a center square as shown in the pictures above and stitch together to make two 9 ½” Churn Dash blocks. (They will finish 9”)

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Quilt Calendar

BBQG	Aug. 21, Sept 4, 11 & 18, 9-Noon	Free sew along Krista Moser's Christmas Wreath hosted by Laura North
Quilt Show	September 10, 11	Creative Memories Quilt Guild Civic Center in Caldwell. Free admission.
Quilt Show	Sept 24 & 25, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.	Quilt Guild of Greater Victoria annual quilt show Quilt Show quilt show victoria texas quiltguildvictoria.org
Quilt Show/Tour	October 1-2 2021	Montgomery Quilt Walk
BBQG	Oct. 2 & 9:	“It's All About the Face” workshop
Quilt Show	October 2	Homecoming of Quilts Woodlands Area Quilt Guild The Grand Palace, 314 Pruitt Road Spring, TX.
Quilt Show	October 28-31	Houston International Quilt Festival, Houston, TX
Tour	October 30	Smithville Airing of the Quilts and Tour of Homes - Smithville
Quilt Show	November 13	Knights of Columbus Charity Quilt Show Hempstead, Texas

Internet Quilt Surfin' with Denise

Rachellehandmade.com is a fun website that offers tutorials and new designs.

Rachelle put together a cute pattern and tutorial to work on 60-Degree triangles.

Check it out. <https://rachellehandmade.com/workbasket-mini-quilt-tutorial/>

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

Committee	Chairperson
Quilt Angels	<u>Unfilled</u>
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	Sandra Smith
Vendors	Debbie Brooks
White Elephant	Melody Nelson

Something to put a smile on your face.
 Made by Alma Fonseca for the new baby of
 her Physical Therapist. Lucky therapist,
 lucky baby.

