



# Bits and Pieces

**Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter**

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What a wonderful time we had at the September meeting! There are so many things in the works for our guild, that I feel BBQG is on the way to normalcy!

During the meeting, there was exciting news shared by members: Go Texan Quilt Contest submissions, the Mini Quilt Show 2020 winners silent auction, BBQG's "1st Friday Event" success, Christmas Party update, news about Fall and Winter Quilt Retreats, upcoming programs and guild event plans, and an announcement about our new BBQG Website. Things seem to be getting back on track for a successful 2022!

*(Be sure to attend the October meeting to vote on the Go Texan submissions and enter in the silent auction for the Mini Quilt Show (2020) winning quilts.)*

And to the guild members, I am proud so many of you have "hung in there" to support BBQG, and that membership is stepping up to get things moving forward. You have been very gracious about accepting the changes within the guild over this last year, and I have had members tell me how much they have appreciated the efforts of our volunteers this year.

I would like to express thanks for the support of the Board members and our Quilt Show 2022 Chairs for all their demanding work. It takes teamwork, time, and sometimes "elbow grease" to get things done!

Thanks to Pixey for volunteering to fill in for me at the October meeting! I know the meeting is in great hands while my husband and I enjoy visiting our son (whom we have not seen in over a year). Have a great beginning to the Fall season!

Respectfully,

Donna Bracewell

*If you have something to submit to the BBQG Newsletter, please send it via email to:  
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## **September 2021 Meeting Minutes....**

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the American Legion Hall on September 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by guild President Donna Bracewell.

**Membership** - There were 34 members present. 700+ volunteer hours were recorded. Currently we have 117 members.

**Door Prizes** – Sue Ryan distributed 3 door prizes to lucky winners – Susan Beasley, Diana DeFrancesco, and Janet Kirkpatrick.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Charles Gilreath and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Shamblin to approve the August 2021 meeting minutes as written in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Marjean Neve made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed in the newsletter and Sue Idol 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Members approved the report.

**Programs** – Denise Mackan began with the BOM Churn Dash block drawing. Janet Kirkpatrick was the lucky winner of the churn dash blocks. Denise then discussed her plan to continue the BOM program into 2022. Directions for our next block, **Ohio Star**, will be published in the newsletter. The Ohio Star blocks will be due in October. Rhonda Kuboviak had previously suggested at the board meeting to encourage members to make 2 blocks, turning in one for the drawing and one to be used in a care quilt. Blocks should measure 12.5" unfinished. Then beginning in November 2021, members will be provided directions for another block that will be due in January 2022. Nancy Searcy suggested the blocks be a consistent color theme so they would be more pleasing to the eye as they are incorporated into a quilt. Additionally, Denise reported several members are participating in the zoom workshop with Laura North constructing a wreath wall hanging using the 60° triangle ruler from Krista Moser. Denise also mentioned she would be sending a zoom link to all members for the Thursday Zoom Bee, and everyone is welcome.

**Go Texan Quilt** - The Board made the decision to select the GTQ entry by membership vote at the October Guild Meeting. Entries must be at the October meeting to allow membership to view and vote on their choice. If any member has a quilt they would like to be considered as the GTQ but are unable to attend, Pixey Mosley has graciously offered to bring the quilt to the meeting. Please contact Pixey if you need her assistance in getting your quilt to the meeting. Members must be present to vote, and voting will be by paper ballot. Remember, the GTQ does not require a "Western or Texas Theme." A Link to the Go Texan Quilt contest has been provided for you in Groupworks. Please review all rules for entry.

**2020 Mini Quilt Auction** – The Mini Quilt Contest winning quilts will also be silent auctioned at the

October meeting. Other quilts entered in the Mini Quilt Show are to be donated as Care Quilts. If you have one of these quilts, please bring to the October meeting to be given to our Care Quilt Coordinator.

**Raffle Quilt 2022** – The current Raffle quilt has traveled to several locations. Denise provided signup sheets for members to help take the quilt to various destinations. The Brazos Valley Fair is one of these and is rapidly approaching. Also Saturday, Sept 25, Parc@Traditions and in October the Tall Pines Quilt Guild in Huntsville are proposed destinations. If you can help, please contact Denise Mackan or Sandra Smith.

**Raffle Quilt 2023** – Janet Kirkpatrick, showed the progress to date for this quilt. We are down to the final border pieces. Chris Deppe is also appliqueing the last few stars.

#### **Quilt Show Committee –**

- **Quilt Angel Chair** - Donna Bracewell reported all chairs filled except the Quilt Angels. This entails getting members to sign up for shifts at the show, wear a glove and show the back of quilts to interested quilt show attendees.
- **White Elephant Pricing Party** – Marjean Neve gave an update on the pricing party. Charles Gilreath, Melody Nelson, Pixey Mosley, Sue Ryan, and Marjean Neve attended and were able to accomplish a lot of work.
- **Bluebonnet Shop for the Quilt Show** – Donna Bracewell reminded all that we will need items for the Bluebonnet Shop. Suggestions include baby quilts, potholders, tea towels, etc... Items need to be priced before the show. In addition, Maggie McGuire has agreed to help sell members' quilts. Remember a small portion of all quilt sales go to the guild and you keep the rest.

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Sew-In** – Diana DeFrancesco reported on the 1st Friday Sew-in held at the American

Legion Friday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were 16 attendees, and all had a great time. Please contact Diana to register if you would like to participate in the October 1<sup>st</sup> Friday event.

**Christmas Party** – Marjean Neve has agreed to chair the party, and several have volunteered to help. In lieu of the Chinese Gift Exchange, we would like members to make/provide a quilt related gift for silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to the food bank. Be looking for the signup to bring a dish for the meal as well.

**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.

**Winter Retreat** – Jeanne Joham reported the Winter Retreat will be the last weekend in January 2022. Signup will begin in November. The Retreat will be at Camp Lonestar in LaGrange.

**Program** – Donna Bracewell presented a quilters’ tip – how to use Mr. Clean sheets to remove pencil/chalk marks and how to construct a nickel block. She then presented a “Bed Turning” highlighting awesome quilts made by her mom, her daughter, and herself.

**Show and Tell** – The meeting concluded with the showing of a number of beautiful quilts made by our members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Kirkpatrick

### Treasurer's Report

For the Month of August 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

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

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

\* Outstanding checks

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Submitted by Susan Beasley



### October Workshop...There's Room for More

Phyllis Cullen will provide a Zoom Workshop Oct 2 and Oct 9, 2021. Join us for both Saturday sessions on Zoom and learn a new technique to expand your quilting abilities. The cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non members.

The photo shows a few of Phyllis' students holding their class project as well as a few other student samples.





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## QOV Presentation

A Quilt of Valor (QOV) was presented to Master Sergeant John McGuire at his retirement ceremony in July. He served in the Air Force for 20 years. Maggie McGuire made the quilt and it was quilted by Tamra Walters.

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## Free...Free...Free

Norma Reel has free tutorials on You Tube, Norma's Learning Corner. These are filmed on location and sponsored by Stitchin' Heaven quilt shop. A new one is posted the first Thursday of the month and each are on a different topic. Norma has links posted on her website.



Here is the Link:

<https://www.njbestquilts.com/learningcorner>

## Quilt Surfin' with Denise

<http://www.blog.tiedwitharibbon.com>

Tied with a Ribbon Jemima Flendt has written two books "Weekend Quilting" and "Quilt Big" Jemima's blog is full of good information. She recently completed a Quilt Along.

## BBQG included in Bryan 150 Anniversary

Bryan 150 anniversary historical display includes BBQG photos, on website. See the display at the Mounce Lib, Bryan, TX, 2nd floor <https://.150.Bryan.tx.gov/artifacts/#quilt> BBQG is included in the city historical display along with videos, city, school, photos... all submitted to the website for the anniversary celebration.

Submitted by Carol Willson



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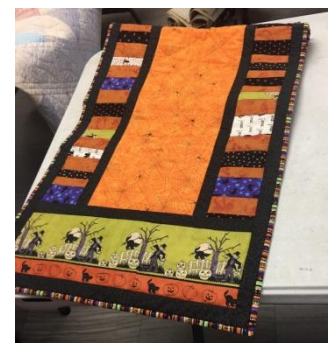
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## Bee News...

Well, the Material Girls are all busy. Mary Jane is finishing up quilt tops right and left. Nancy is doing the same. Seems we are all using up fabric and getting things done. I have one on the way to Nadine to get quilted. Fran is starting something new. We all get excited about her original designs. We have a new member from outside the guild. Carolyn. She is a sweetheart. Since it is cooling down I am getting outside to plant some trees. But, still working in the sewing room.

Hope all are having a good time. Holidays are coming so get busy.



Submitted by Sue Idol



## 2022 BBQG Quilt Show World Of Color

### 2022 Care Quilt Challenge

#### Color Outside of the Box

**RULES:**

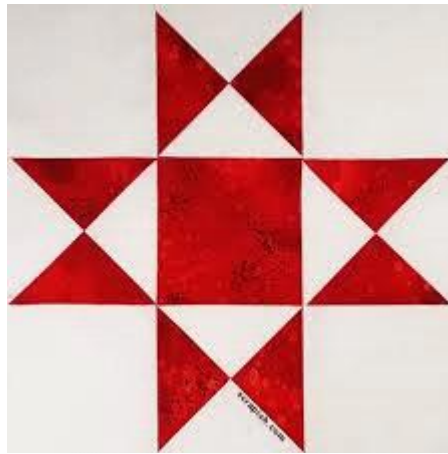
- Quilt must be at least 42" x 42" and must be finished.
- There is no "focus fabric", **but here is the challenge.** All fabric must be from your stash or you may "shop" someone else's stash.
- Quilts will be judged by viewer's choice.
- The top three quilts will be auctioned off on Saturday at 2 pm. The rest will be donated to the guild's Care Quilt Project.

Pieced blocks, appliqué and/or fabric embellishments are encouraged, but remember it may be given to a small child so be cautious of buttons or other things that could be swallowed. Everything should be tacked down carefully and securely.

All challenge entries must complete the entry process, however, there is no registration fee.



Questions?? Contact Maggie McGuire 979 204-4737 [maggie@drmaggiemcguire.com](mailto:maggie@drmaggiemcguire.com)



Ohio  
Star Block

Ohio Star is a nine-patch quilt block made with five plain squares and four quarter-square triangle units. It's a classic block that's easy to make, but do take care to sew an accurate quarter inch seam allowance when assembling the patchwork units.

#### Cutting

Center Block - Cut (1) 4 ½" Square accent fabric

Star Points -

Cut (2) 5 ½" Square of Accent Fabric

Cut (2) 5 ½" Square of Background Fabric

Corner Blocks –

- To make solid blocks for Corner Blocks

Cut (4) 4 ½" Square of Background Fabric

#### Making units for block –

##### Making Star Points

Combine a 5 ½" Accent Square with a 5 ½" Background Square, right sides together and edges matched.

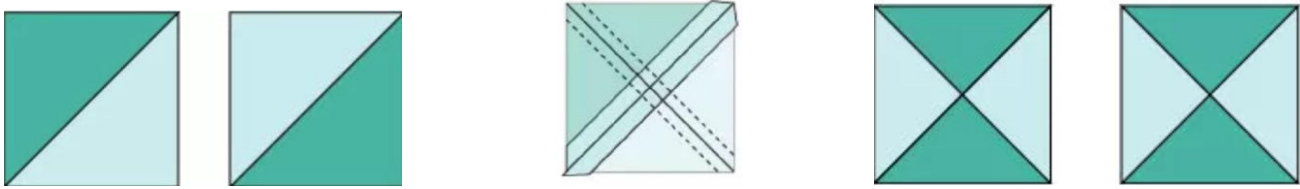
Draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner on the reverse side of background fabric.

Sew ¼" on each side of the drawn line. After sewn together, cut along drawn line. This will create 2 half square triangles.

Make another set of half square triangles for a total of 4 half square triangles.

Using two half square triangles

Turn one half-square triangle unit to its wrong side. Using the marking pen and ruler, draw a diagonal line corner to corner, crossing the seam. (see picture below middle square)

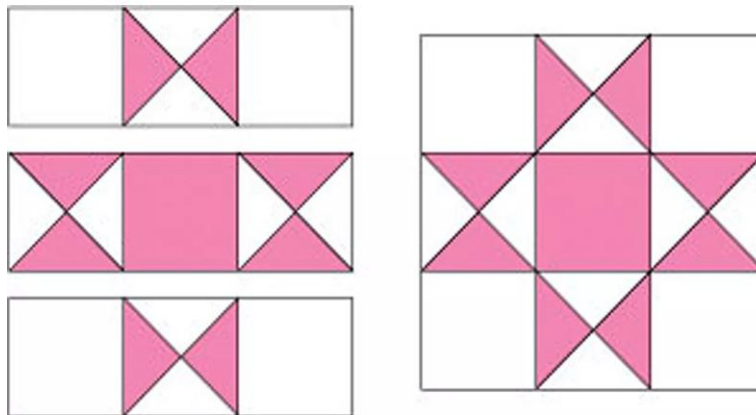


Placing right sides together, line up the two units with contrasting triangles facing each other (same fabrics aren't stacked on top of each other!), edges matching all around. The seams should nest.

Sew a ¼" seam on each side of the drawn diagonal line. After both seams are sewn, cut along drawn line. A quarter square triangle is created as in picture. You will need a total of 4 quarter square triangles. Trim these quarter square triangles to 4 ½" square.

### Sewing Block Together

Arrange units as shown. Sew top three units together, then middle units together and then sew bottom units together. Sew each row together. Block should measure 12 ½".



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# Show N Tell



Kerry Fisher Kaleidoscope



Linda Shamblin



Diane DeFrancisca







Good Dad work by Charles



Marjean's Halloween quilt and her memory quilt of her farm girl background



Dot Collins Spinning Stars pattern, wall hanging begun by Ann Perry but finished by Kathy Loflin





Marijane Deen



Janet Kirkpatrick