



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Message from the President:

I hope everyone is staying warm during our Texas winter. Personally, I am enjoying the chance to wear sweaters and coats and snuggle under quilts, but grateful not to have winter like our friends and family in the north. I want to thank all those who have volunteered to help this year. I am excited by all our plans for the coming year, and hope you will mark your calendars and join us in all the activities planned for 2008!

Happy Quilting,

Beverly Alexander

BBQG Officers for 2008

President-	Beverly Alexander
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2 nd VP for Membership	Carmel Hill
Secretary	Stephanie Fazzino
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BBQG Committees for 2008

Arts Council	Mary Anne Durbin
Beekeeper	Becky Holloway
Block of the Month	TBA
Brazos Center Display	Beverly Alexander
Bus Trip – Dallas	Marijane Deen
Bus Trip – Houston	
Care Quilts	Luci Smith
Door Prizes	Sue Ryan
Go Texan	
Habitat Quilts	Dawn Merker
Librarian	
Newsletter	Jane Magill
Quilt Education	Carol Willson
Raffle Quilt Construction	Happy Scrappers Bee
Raffle Quilt Sales	Jeanne Rierson
Retreat – Winter	Connie Silber
Retreat – Summer	Linda Winder
Scholarship	Sue Chrysler
Social/Hospitality	Material Girls Bee
Soldiers' Squares	Linda Novosad

**Check out our new bbqq.org website.
Thanks to Anne Perry for a great job.**

BBQG 2008 Programs and Workshops

Feb. 12	Connie Silber – Designing Your Studio Workspace
Feb. 16	Workshop: Connie Silber Living with Color – Process Class
Mar. 11	Sally Coble – Broderie Perse
Mar. 15	Dallas Quilt Show Bus Trip
Apr. 8	Gail Garber – How Do I Get There from Here? - Every Quilter's Journey
Apr. 9	Workshop: Gail Garber The Goose Is Loose! - Piecing Free-Form Shapes
May 13	Minay Sirous – Best of Both Worlds
May 14	Workshop: Minay Sirous Building Better Blocks
June 10	Kathleen "Kate" Ackley – Grandmother's Flower Garden Today
June 11	Workshop: Kate Ackley – A New Way with Grandmother's Flower Garden
July 8	Becky Goldsmith – It's Not a Quilt 'Til It's Quilted!
July 9	Workshop – Becky Goldsmith How Do You Do That?
Aug. 12	Karen Summers
Sept. 9	Care Quilt Workday
Oct. 14	Go Texan Fest
Nov. 11	Wearable Arts Style Show
Dec. 9	Christmas Party

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

When you get this, one month of 2008 will already be gone! No wonder the year goes by so quickly. Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birth in February!! And Happy Valentines Day to all! Remember your sweethearts and I hope your sweethearts remember you with a card or something nice or sweet. At the guild meeting we talked about Connie Silber and Gloria Avila and Georgia Tuttle having had surgery. Connie is doing well and is up and about at her normal activities. Gloria is confined to a wheelchair and would welcome visitors in person or by phone; she misses all her friends and is looking forward to walking in 3 months or so and coming back to the meetings and bees. Georgia says she is exercising every day and getting better as well. Eleanor Mueller had good news after her visit to M. D. Anderson and just needs a follow up visit in 6 months. Polly Trant is looking forward to having something to help her have better pain management. If you have anything you would like to share with our members via Sunshine and Shadows call me at 979-774-7934 or e-mail me at jeanmahnke@juno.com !

Membership for 2008

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2008 please use the membership form below to do so. It is much easier for our membership chair Carmel Hill, if you fill out the form and mail it with your check to the address at the bottom of the form. You may also print this form, fill it out, and bring it with you to the February meeting. Dues are \$25 per year, or \$20 for members age 55 or older.

If you choose to renew at the February meeting please have the form completed and your check filled out beforehand. It makes the line go so much faster. Thanks.

Area Quilt Shows

Feb 22 Best Little Quilt Show in Texas. La Grange, TX - Colorado Valley Quilt Guild. Fayette County Fair grounds <http://www.cvquiltguild.com/QuiltShow/tabid/55/Default.aspx>

Mar. 14,15,16 Timeless Treasures – Dallas Quilt Celebration. (Our bus trip is Sat. Mar. 15) <http://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org/quiltceleb.htm>

Apr. 25 Lakeview Quilters Guild announces Mayfest 2008 Quilt Show "Fabulous Florals. Alvin, TX

Programs - Kimberly DeBona

Happy 2008 everyone! We have some great programs set up for you this year thanks to Jo Ann Williams' hard work!

In **February** we have our very own Connie Silber who will lecture on "Designing Your Studio Workspace" and provide a workshop for us on "Living with Color". She asks, "How do you choose color? Do you know how to add zing to your quilts? Did the swatches look good but the quilt did not? Do you know why your favorite quilts 'work' color wise?" Join us at Bethel Lutheran on Saturday, February 16th at 9am. There are a few spaces left for sign up at the February meeting.

In March, we have another of our wonderful members, Sally Coble, who will present a trunk show on Broderie Perse. This technique involves the applique of whole flowers, garlands, bouquets, and other motifs on solid fabrics. She will discuss how to find garlands and motifs in floral fabrics and help you come away with a new way of looking at fabric and a basic understanding of how you can incorporate broderie perse in your quilts.

In April we have Gail Garber presenting a lecture titled "How Do I Get There From Here - Every Quilter's Journey" with a workshop on April 9th at Peace Lutheran called "The Goose is Loose! Piecing Free-Form Shapes". We will begin sign-up at the February meeting where I will provide more details.

See everyone at the meeting! Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Dallas Quilt Show bus trip Saturday March 15.

Marijane Deen is in charge of our bus to the Dallas Quilt Show on Sat. March 15. Please call her at 778-2487 or email her at res229cb@verizon.net for information. Sign-up will start in Feb. Price will be \$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members.

**Minutes of Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild meeting
January 8, 2008**

Call to Order: President Beverly Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

Announcements: The Brenham quilt guild will be having their quilt show Friday and Saturday February 8 & 9 at the Washington County Fair Grounds. Alma Fonseca made a request for 4-H fashion show judges. The fashion show will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 27, 2008, at Mitchell Elementary School.

Officers Reports

1st V.P. - Programs / Workshops: Jo Ann Williams reported for Kimberly DeBona that we have some exciting programs and workshops scheduled. Connie Silber in February, Sally Coble in March, Gail Garber in April, Minay Sirous, in May, Kate Ackley in June, Becky Goldsmith in July, Karen Summers in August, and a Wearable style show in November.

2nd V.P. - Membership: Carmel Hill reported 58 members signed in. 2 new members, and 2 visitors.

Secretary: Beverly Alexander reminded that the minutes of the previous meeting are always in the newsletter.

Treasurer: Theresa Morrison reported that we have a current checking account balance of \$9,311.57, savings account balance \$ 2,130.33, 2 CDs \$ 10,968.75 & 5,484.00. Total assets in the amount of \$27,894.65. Beverly introduced Marian Dierschke as the incoming president for 2009, and thanked Linda Bridges for serving as BBQG President for 2007.

Committee Reports

Arts Council: Mary Anne Durbin reported that we will be working with the Arts Council for a July showing of various quilt items. A variety of quilts and ideas are needed for the display. There will also be a reception held for the event.

Beekeeper: Becky Holloway has a list of bees if anyone needs it.

Block of the Month: Discussion about the poor participation in the Block of the Month last year. Vote held on interest to continue. 7 Vote to continue having the Block of the Month.

Brazos Center Display: Sue Sprott is relinquishing this position. The Guild is looking for a replacement.

Bus Trip – Dallas: Saturday March 15. Sign-up will start next month. Price will be \$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members.

Bus Trip – Houston: Will be in November, more information forthcoming.

Care Quilt: Luci Smith reported that in 2007 we donated 275 care quilts, 3 lap pads, 2 cloth books, and 541 ditty bags. Laverne Ondrasek made 67 care quilts and 25 were made by the Oakwood Quilters in 2007. The recipients of the care quilts include Phoebe's Home, Pre-Natal Clinic, Child Protective Services, and St Joseph's Cancer Center. Luci is looking for a co-chair. This is a very rewarding position.

Education: Carol Willson and volunteers work with the students at College Station Middle School. They work hands-on to create projects like a 9 patch pillows up to small quilts. Some of the quilts were displayed at our quilt show in 2007. Carol is always looking for volunteers to assist with this committee.

Habitat Quilts: Dawn Merker will be chairing this committee. BBQG donates wall hangings that are presented to the homeowner at the dedication ceremony of each new Habitat House. Patterns are available for anyone wishing to make a wall hanging.

Newsletter: Jane Magill will be printing the newsletter. If you did not receive the January Newsletter, please contact her with current information on where and how you would like to receive it.

Raffle Quilt –Construction: Quilt top was shown by Linda Bridges. A Big Thanks to Laverne Ondrasek and the Happy Scrappers for the work that they did on the quilt top and thank you to Linda for quilting it.

Raffle Quilt – Ticket Sales: A committee is needed for the raffle ticket sales. , Luci will have the raffle quilt at the Go Texan Dance on January 19, at the Texas Hall of Fame; The Antique Show on January 26, at the Brazos Center; and at Washington on the Brazos in March.

Retreat – Winter: Connie Silber reported that the Winter retreat is scheduled for February 7 – 11, in LaGrange Texas. The list is full and there is a waiting list. Many fun events are scheduled.

Retreat – Summer: Deb DeRoche reported that the Summer Retreat is scheduled for June 27 – 29 at the Heartland Retreat Center in Independence, Texas. Sign-up will start at the February meeting a \$50.00 deposit is required with the balance due at the May meeting. There will be a maximum number of 24 attendees for this retreat.

Scholarships: Sue Chrysler will chair this committee.

Soldiers' Squares: Linda Novosad reported that 45 Soldier Squares were distributed in 2007. Kits are available for anyone interested in making soldier squares. There will be a work day on January 24. Fabric donations, in patriotic colors, are needed for this project.

Sunshine & Shadows: Jean Mahnke reported that Bud Stovall, the father of Kerry Dwyer and Peggy Leach, and grandfather of Kimberly Hausmann and Catherine Davis, passed away on December 31, 2007. Georgia Tuttle had hip replacement surgery on January 3, and she is doing well. Polly Trant is still homebound and will have surgery soon. Gloria Avila is also recovering from her surgery and not able to get out much. Our thoughts and prayers are with these guild members and their families during this difficult time. Jean also requests that you keep her updated with any sunshine and shadow information that you may hear about.

Web Site: Anne Perry will be maintaining the website. You can contact Anne at aperry315@gmail.com Anne is requesting pictures that she can use on the website.

Old Business: Carol Willson reminded all that the guild members are invited to the Go Texan reception that is held at the Texas Hall of Fame on January 19, at 5:30 P.M. BBQ is served. They enjoy having guild members present because having the quilt to enter in the Houston Go Texan show increases the scholarship monies awarded to local students through the Go Texan Event.

New Business: The proposed budget for 2008 was passed out and discussed with expenses and income set at \$32,950.00. Mary Anne Durbin moved to increase the donation to the Arts Council from \$50.00 to \$100.00 because of the monthly board meetings being held there. Nancy Searcy seconds and the motion passed. This motion increases the 2008 Budget to \$ 33,000.00. Connie Silber moved to accept the Budget as modified, Lynda Gustavus seconded and the motion passed.

Door Prizes: A drawing was held with the following winners: Margie Williams, Beverly Alexander, Janice Mosley, and Theresa Morrison. Thanks to Janet Jones Worley, Susan Clark, and Sue Ryan for donating the prizes and Thanks to Sue Ryan for chairing this committee.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:15.

Show & Tell

Jane Wert -Presented the Presidents Quilt Top to Linda Bridges

JoAnn Williams -Baby Quilt

Marian Dierschke -Jacobs Ladder

Jo Walker -1960's Rose Quilt

Dottie Wilson -Care Quilts made by The Material Girls

Nancy Searcy -Dutch Pinwheels

Linda Novosad -Care Quilt (for technique)

Millie Carter -Birth Announcement for 4th Grandchild

Thanks to the Show & Tell quilt holders: Nadine Stuth, Elaine Lorange, Delores Rydell and JoAnn Williams.

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