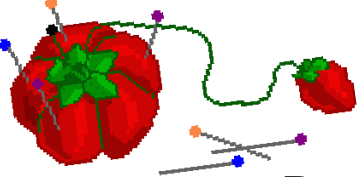


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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Anne Perry, Editor Michaele Jackson, co-editor:

President's Message

Greetings...isn't the Spring weather beautiful (except to y'all with allergies)? The bluebonnets are so pretty. I hope you are working on your show quilts. I have seen a couple that are going to be entered, and they are awesome.

I want to send a special thanks to Nini, who has agreed to take over the Raffle Quilt. I hope you are selling tickets like crazy and will agree to go help her whenever sh asks.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting. I think we have an interesting program planned. If you are not there, you will be missed.

Happy quilting.....Kerry

Welcome New Members

Gaye Cowell, Mari Szabo

QUILTS FOR JAPAN

I received this persons name through my online group. One of my members vouched for her. I then emailed her about the quilts she needs. Here is her reply if anyone wishes to donate.

We are going to run this campaign until May 31. I contacted another friend today and the pilots are going to be taking the quilts with them as carryon and delivering them to my friend's cousin who is in the army in Japan. He will then hand deliver them to the Japanese. They will go in small batches as the men fly. We are hoping to get 300-500 quilts by May 31. Thanks for joining us!

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**THIS
INFORMATION
FROM SUE IDOL**

Summer Retreat

The summer quilt retreat will be held June 24-26, 2011 at Heartland Retreat Center near Independence. Registration will begin at 6:15 at the February 8, 2011, guild meeting. Cost is \$180.00. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit and guild membership is required at registration. The balance will be due by the May 10, 2011 guild meeting. Registration is limited to 24 participants.

Sewing stations will be set up in Mt. Olive Chapel. Accommodations are in the Sunflower House and Annex. Meals include dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meals are served in the dining room attached to the sewing room. The housing units have a kitchen area with a stove, refrigerator, coffee maker and microwave oven. A snack area will also be set up off the sewing room.

Please contact a member of the Summer Retreat Committee if you have questions. Linda B., Deb D., Peggy M., or Rowena R.-----

BEE NEWS

Warm weather and The Big Event sponsored by Texas A & M University has taken lots of my time so I apologize for putting BBQG and quilting on a back burner for a few days. My yard looks great, but my sewing room is a wreck with stacks of new fabric from the Dallas Quilt Show and Lone Star Quiltworks, unfinished projects, block of the month, new patterns, all mixed in with mending for my children (low priority pleasure wise) and adding a new border to an old quilt. Enough about me and on to Bee News

Busy Bees Bee finished their Texas Two Step care quilt and will show it at the April Guild meeting. They continue to work on individual projects and one member will show some Dear Jane blocks at their next bee gathering.

Joyful Quilters have met three times on their new schedule of 6:30-8:30 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights of the month. This bee is made up of new quilters and is concentrating on learning various techniques. Their first project is making placemats. They encourage anyone who would like to learn or demonstrate a technique to join them.

Praying Piecers are going to San Antonio on April 13 to present 17 quilts to the Wounded Warriors at a banquet. The quilts were made and donated by the ladies in the bee, many of whom are not Guild members. This project has been underway since

last fall. The quilts are all twin size in patriotic colors using a variety of patterns. Anyone interested may join the Praying Piecers or contribute quilts for this endeavor next year. They need more help to show these brave warriors our gratitude. Praying Piecers meet at the Methodist Church in Franklin at 9:30 on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Material Girls celebrated with Grace C. who became a U.S. Citizen. She passed her exam with flying colors (red, white and blue, of course) and all bee members had a good review of civics helping her to study.

The Material Girls Bee members are living up to their name. All of them continue to fall in love with (and purchase) new and different fabrics. They shopped in various places, prior to the Winter Retreat where they got a lot of sewing done and then participated in the “oh so” successful Dallas bus trip. Some of them even found a surprise or two in their stash in between trips to visit children and grandchildren.

Just before the end of last year, the Material Girls, who meet at the Arts Center, presented two employees with a quilt: a Koi one for Virginia and a baby one for the expectant Beth. They thank the Arts Center and its employees for adding to their favorite day of the week.

Nadine subbed for Jane in reporting for the Material Girls.

Quilt ‘n Peace Bee had special guests on March 22. Novelist Arlene Sachitano visited and talked about her books. Some members of the Loose Threads, Piecemakers and Happy Scrappers joined Quilt ‘n Peace women for a morning of talk, food, book signing, and quilts.

The bee continues to work on the Trip Around the World quilt to be donated to Hospice. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to join this group in making quilts for charity.

Peggy, the Beekeeper
March 27, 20

Dallas Quilt Show Road Trip

A wonderful day; thank you Mary Jane for your hard work.

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2010 Programs & Workshops

April 12, 2011: Alyssa Tiptoe. Underground Railroad Quilts. Alyssa invites you bring any quilts you have that belong to the category for discussion.

May 10, 2011: Connie Silber. Finishing Touches. Workshop to follow on Saturday May 21st.

June 14, 2011: Ginny Eckley. "Fabric Painting". Workshop follows on June 15th.

July 12, 2011: Deb DeRoche lecture "Smogasborg of tools and Techniques. with A workshop to follow on July 13th.

August 9, 2011: TBA

September: Quilt show no Tues. meeting.

October 11 and 12, 2011: Debbie Caffery lecture and workshop. Topic TBA.

November 8, 2011: Wearables Style Show.

December 13, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS AND QUILT SHOWS

April 7-10, 2011. 13TH Annual Bluebonnet Patchwork Trail Shop Hop. 12 participating shops; go to www.bluebonnetshophop.com for details.

April 8-9, 2011. Wild About Quilts. Waco Quiltt Show. HOT Fair Grounds 4601 Bosque Blvd. Waco, Tx.

April 8-9, 2011. "In a Quilters Garden" West Houston Quilters Guild Show. Merrill Center, Katy, Tx.

April 15-16, 2011. "Quilt Round-up Texas Style" Kingwood Area Quilt Guild. Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy., Humble, Texas.

September 1-30, 2011. "Quilt Across Texas" Shop Hop. www.quiltacrosstexas.com or Lonestar Quilt Shop for details.

September 9-10, 2011 Bryan, Texas

September 16-17, 2011. Guilty Pleasures Quilt Show. Golden Needles Quilt Guild, Conroe Texas. Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Rd. Conroe, Texas.

October 1, 2011. "Threads of Our Past – Celebrating 30 Years" Midland Quilters Guild, Midland Center, 105 N. Main St., Midland, Texas

November 3-6, 2011 "International Quilt Festival" George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Tx.

For Sale, Janome 10000, manuals, embroidery hoops and six embroidery design cards. \$1500. Originally \$4000.
Contact Marijane Deen. 979-778-2487 or 979-587-0042.

BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD

BBQG March Meeting

1st VP – Programs: Raymonda A. discussed the May program and the workshop scheduled for May 21st. Connie S. will present on "Finish if Off", what she expects as a quilt show judge. She later advised that the speaker for April will be Melissa W. Thibideau (spelling?). There will be no workshop.

Treasurer's Report: Eleanor M. gave her report (see handout) and also stated that the E-card she filed with the IRS has been accepted.

2nd VP – Membership: Michael J. reported a total of 71 out of 145 members signed in, including 1 new member – Gay C.

Arts Council- Mary Ann D. stated the Arts Council building is being sold to College Station and the new name for the Arts Council (committee?) is "Ambassadors of the Arts Council."

Bee Keeper- Peggy M. stated the new Bee list is on the website now. She also discussed the Summer Retreat, stating there are only 21 of 24 signed up. It will be at Heartland June 4, 5, & 6 and you must pay a \$50 deposit.

Block of the Month- Charlotte S. awarded blocks to Rowena R.

Challenge Quilt – Jane C. will have more kits at the April meeting.

Dallas Bus Trip – Maryjane D. reminded all that the bus would leave Saturday at 7am and return around 9pm.

Brazos Center Window – Debbie B. advised that Margie W.'s quilts are being displayed now and the Art Bee will have quilts on display in April.

Raffle Quilt – Luci S. announced that Nini H. agreed to take over this committee. Almost \$1000 was raised at Washington on the Brazos, for a total of \$1,786 so far. Picture cards of the quilt will be at

the next meeting and also at Debbie B.'s store. 2 Soldier Squares have been handed out again. Additionally, Mary Ellen is collecting yarn (NOT WOOL yarn) to make lap throws for wheelchair bound persons.

Scholarships – Sue C. announced that applications are due at the end of the month. Anyone wishing to make the lap quilts that are handed out with the scholarships, the size is approximately 65 x 70.

Kerry D. read a Thank You note sent from a member of the Air Force (who used to attend TAMU).

Soldier Squares – Anne P. advised that she is willing to take over the Newsletter if someone will take over Soldier Squares. Marian Diertschke volunteered to take over Soldier Squares.

Sunshine and Shadows – Lynn W. advised that she sent 4 cards. Contact her for more information.

Door Prizes – Nini H., Chairperson. Prizes were won by Cheryl J., Debbie G., and Dawn M.

The April Board meeting will be held at the Brazos Center at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

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HELPFUL HINTS

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