



# ***Bits and Pieces***

## ***Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter***

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### **President's Message**

December!!!! Already????? Where did the year go? For that matter, where did the last two years go? As I sit here, writing my last President's message for the newsletter, I can only say that it has been a great two years. We had some scary times during the first few months with the IRS and our audit, but we came through it fine. We have had great speakers, great workshops and great celebrations.

I want to thank all of you who have served as committee chairs and Board members the last two years. You have done an outstanding job. Thank you; also, to all of the membership... we couldn't have done anything without you.

Congratulations to all our new Board members. They will be taking office in January, and I am sure that the membership will step up and help when asked. I look forward to the coming year.

Don't forget our Christmas party on Dec. 13th. Stephanie, Peggy and the rest of the committee have some great plans for us. Remember also that we will have a "Finish it up" workshop during the day.

If we don't see you at the party, have a wonderful Holiday season.

**Kerry**

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**Welcome to new members!**

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### ***2011 Guild Christmas Party (and Finish It Up Workshop)***

Where: Brazos Center-large room

farthest from lecture hall

When: December 13, 2011 at 6:00 P.M

Cost: \$5.00 per member

Dinner will be served and then we'll have a "Chinese" gift exchange. Gifts should be an approximate value of \$20.00. Handmade is appreciated but not mandatory this year.

Please sign up if you would like to bring a vegetable dish or a dessert. (This is not mandatory). Menu to be announced.

Don't forget we will have a Finish It Up day in the same room from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.. Bring your UFO's, bag lunch or something to share for lunch and enjoy visiting with fellow members.

If you have any questions please call Peggy Leach at 979-777-9260.

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**Habitat for Humanity** - Nancy Searcy has had 5 of the 12-13 "Welcome" banners turned in and has asked that everyone finish them by January to Show and Tell at guild.

**The Care Quilt Committee** has delivered 153 quilts thus far and Luci's shelves are full of more that will be delivered to local charities in December. Thank you to everyone who supports this effort.

**The Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP)** is accepting donations for seniors in care facilities and receiving support from Meals on Wheels throughout the Brazos Valley. They need clean, gently used clothing (men and women, all sizes), slippers, socks, lap quilts, cologne & perfume, and toiletry items; cash donations are always appreciated so elves can buy what is not donated. RSVP will be stuffing over 300 gift bags from a long wish list; anything you can do to help make a lonely senior's holiday a little brighter would be appreciated by December 10. Please contact Luci Smith to make a donation, volunteer some time, or for more information.

**Nora Lea Barcelona Wasson** passed away on Saturday, November 19, at the age of 88. Nora Lea was an honorary member of the Guild; she volunteered many hours to help sell tickets on our donation quilts. Friends will remember how she would laugh and say, "Forget \$5; I want a twenty from you!" Nora Lee was a wonderful chief and she donated her baked goods to be auctioned off to benefit the Guild, local schools, and other charities. Her cakes have been known to sell at auctions for over \$1,000. Nora Lea was a blessing and dearly loved throughout the Brazos.

**Luci Smith** would like to thank everyone who has supported her with prayers, cards and phone calls after her surgeries this year. Her health is now good and she will be returning to Guild meetings soon. Your support has been a blessing and is deeply appreciated by both Luci and her family.

**BBQG List of Officers for 2012**  
**President -- Nini H.**  
**President Elect -- Cheryl J.**  
**1st VP Programs -- Linda N.**  
**1st VP Elect -- Susan K.**  
**2nd VP Membership -- Lynn T.**  
**Secretary -- Pixey M.**  
**Secretary Elect -- Betty B.**  
**Treasurer -- Sue S.**  
**Treasurer Elect -- Charlotte S.**

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## 15th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

If you want to be placed on the waiting list for the Winter Retreat, please contact Jeanne J. at 589-2191 or Connie S. at 776-0272.

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## Bee News

Happy Thanksgiving! As I write this, it is still before Thanksgiving, however, the holiday will be in the past by the time this is published. So, I hope you will have had a wonderful, thankful day with family and friends. Quilting should have been of lesser importance than thanksgiving togetherness during this week. Again next month, quilting (There is always a day or two crunch to complete those last minute or unfinished Christmas gifts.) should be second fiddle to the Reason for the Season. It is not too early to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and harmonious 2012.

**Joyful Quilters** will not meet during December.

**Material Girls** are once again becoming the scattered girls with members off to see all the new grandbabies and great grandbabies. Annette is sailing the Mediterranean. The bee is active every week but not always with the same gals at the table. Whether slow or fast, there are always great quilts in production. Jane and Grace nearly wore this reporter out when she joined them on opening night of the Houston Quilt Festival. Somehow those two ladies can find every "hidden Jewel" among the overwhelming array of things to see and buy. Ideas, ideas, ideas and then some! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of quilting. Nadine, the Material Girls Society Columnist.

**Out of the Box Bee** will meet January 6 at 7:00 pm at Erica's home. As always, they will be sharing, critiquing, and collaborating on each other's work in progress. They will summarize their experiences at the International Quilt Festival. For more information, contact Joan at joangburnside@yahoo.com or text at 979 218-9701.

**Prayerful Piecers** donated 14 care quilts, 36 x 45 inches, to the Child Protective Services in Robertson County.

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**Quilt 'n Peace** continued to work on individual One Block Wonder quilts under the direction of Connie H. We did not plan a 5th Tuesday road trip because of the busy Thanksgiving/ pre-Christmas activities but will definitely go somewhere on the 5th Tuesday in January. Our bee will meet at Linda W.s home on December 13 for a Christmas lunch but will not meet again until January 2012.

**Thursday Thumblebees** enjoyed a 4-day bee retreat in Galveston in October, then attended the International Quilt Festival in Houston. Several members participated in the Guild's Habitat for Humanity workday in November. Work has continued on wall hangings for Habitat for Humanity, military prayer squares and individual projects. In December the bee will celebrate the holidays with a Christmas luncheon and gift exchange.

**Peggy**, Beekeeper  
November 22, 2011



### November 8, 2011 BBQG Meeting Minutes

**Visitor** - Debby Walters from Quilting Adventures in the Hill Country. Host multi-day quilting seminars here in Texas. Close in studies with a teacher. Further information available at <http://www.quilting-adventures.com> or contact them at [kim-and-debby@quiltingadventures.com](mailto:kim-and-debby@quiltingadventures.com)

**1st VP - Raymonda A.**

Linda N. has done a wonderful job of lining up a full slate of programs for next year. Style show put on by Wearable Art group tonight.

**2nd VP - Membership - Michael J.** reported there were now 160 members, 67 members signed in and 6 visitors.

October minutes were approved as published in the November Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report - Eleanor M.** gave the Treasurer's report of account activity for the past month. Current total assets are \$27,165.68 (\$14,464.53 in checking and \$12,701.15 in savings).

Amount of total income from the raffle quilt, \$7700. This looks like the second largest amount ever and actually probably highest gross because of low expenses. All bills need to be submitted by Dec. 1. Also, committee chairs need to get in their budget requests for next year in as well.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Arts Council -- Mary Ann D.**  
Encouraged to see Wayne Smith exhibit of photography at Arts Council Building. No other report.

**Bee Keeper - Peggy M.**  
Current list of bees are on website, contact her if you wish to join a bee. Dana Albright at 764-3472 is looking for someone to teach basic quilting for Extra Education (CS Parks & Recreation)

**Block of the Month - Charlotte S.**  
18 squares. Rowena R. won them. Showed next block, due for January meeting.

**Christmas Party - Peggy L.**  
Sign in still open, \$5. Still tentatively planning for ham, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, and rolls plus vegetables and desserts contributed from membership. December 13 at 6 p.m. Will have big room all day and will do come and go Habitat banners, christmas projects, UFOs, brown bag lunch.

**Habitat for Humanity - Nancy S.**  
Good turnout today with about a dozen people. Two "overachievers" finished banners. Saturday doing the dedication of the 200th Habitat home. Lynn T. will be doing presentation.

**Raffle Quilt - JoAnn W.**  
Beginning to make rounds. Was at First Friday. Let JoAnn know if you are interested in helping to take it to another guild.

**Retreats -- Winter -- Jean J.**  
1 space left. Weekend before Valentine's day in February.

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Military Squares -- Marian D.  
Gave out packets and has more available. Some have been sent through an acquaintance of Pat P. to Afghanistan.

Sunshine & Shadows -- Lynn T.  
Sent several cards, but shadows and sunshine.

Web site -- (Kerry S. for Anne P.)  
Some new pictures up.

Door Prizes -- Nini H.  
3 Door Prizes won by Nancy D., Glenn L., Sherry P.

## OLD BUSINESS

Election of officers--  
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All nominees were elected by unanimous show of hands.

## NEW BUSINESS

At First Friday, a Ringer Library representative invited us to put brochures in the library.

Meeting adjourned with commencement of Show and Tell followed by speaker.

Respectfully reported by **Pixey M.**, Secretary

## Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2011 Programs & Workshops

Dec. 13 - "Finish it up" Workday - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Christmas Party begins at 6 p.m. (see note on p. 1)

Jan. 10 - Business Meeting

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## 2012 Committee Chairs (until others volunteer)

Arts Council - Mary Anne Durbin  
Beekeeper - Peggy Mobley  
Block of the Month - Charlotte Simpson  
Brazos Center Window - Debbie Brooks  
Care quilts - Luci Smith  
Challenge Quilt - Material Girls  
Christmas Party - Peggy Leach  
Dallas Bus Trip - Marijane Deen  
Door Prizes - Nina Hodges  
Habitat for Humanity - Nancy Searcy  
Library - Sue Idol  
Newsletter and Website - Anne Perry  
Quilt Education - Carol Willson  
Quilt Show (Sept. 9-10, 2011) - Dawn Merker  
Raffle Quilt Sales - Nini Hodges  
Scholarships -  
Soldier Squares - Marian Dierschke  
Sunshine and Shadows - Lynn Thurston  
Spring Retreat - Rowena Reed  
Winter Retreat - Connie Silber



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# BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD BEE SURVEY 2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a member of the following BBQG Bee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## If interested in joining a bee, please indicate your preferences below:

Location: Bryan \_\_\_\_\_ College Station \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Week: Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tue \_\_\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_\_\_ Thu \_\_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Day: Morning \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Place: Private Home \_\_\_\_\_ Church or community center \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Meeting Place: \_\_\_\_\_

## Quilting Survey

### Please check all that apply

I am a: Quilt Admirer \_\_\_\_\_ Quilt Collector \_\_\_\_\_ Quilt Maker \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Quilt Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Long Arm Quilter \_\_\_\_\_

My skill level is: Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_

My preferred quilt technique is: Appliqué \_\_\_\_\_ Piecing \_\_\_\_\_

My preferred quilt style is: Traditional \_\_\_\_\_ Contemporary \_\_\_\_\_

My preferred method of piecing is: Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Machine \_\_\_\_\_

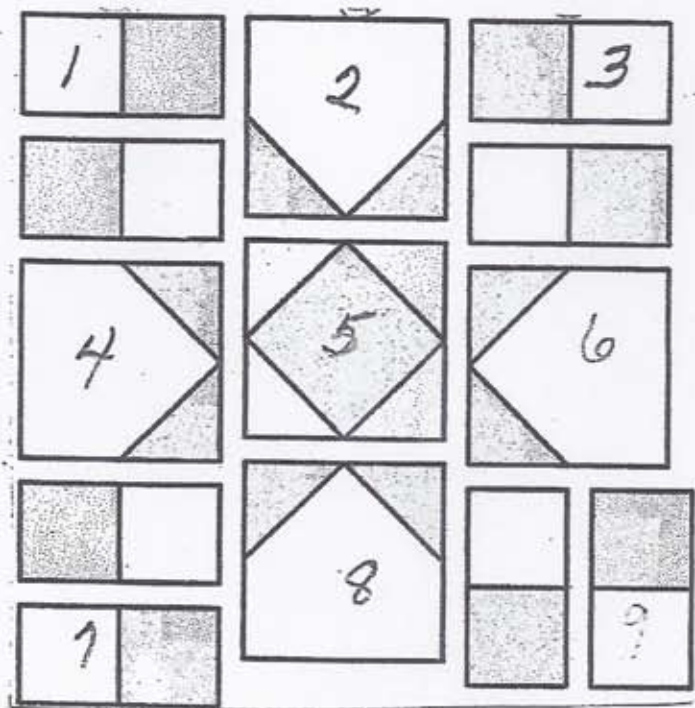
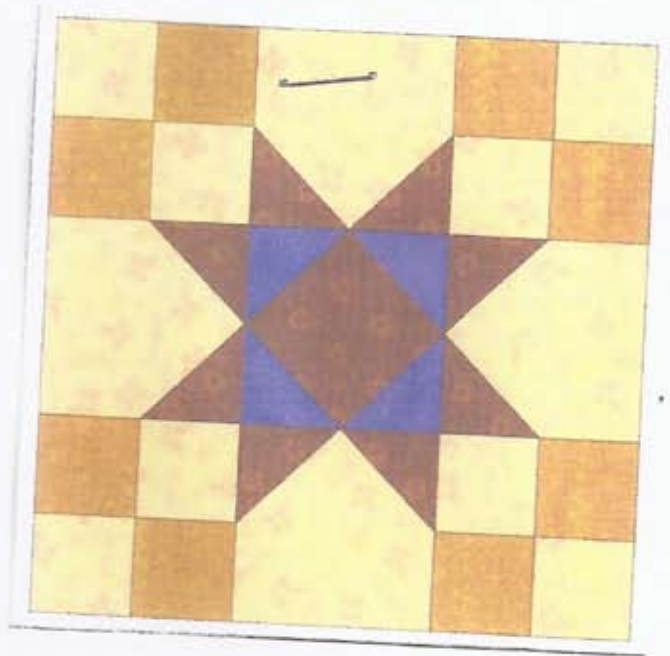
My preferred method of quilting is: Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Machine \_\_\_\_\_

Block of the Month due at the January 10, 2012 meeting:

Something Borrowed

12" finished block

DUE - 1-2012



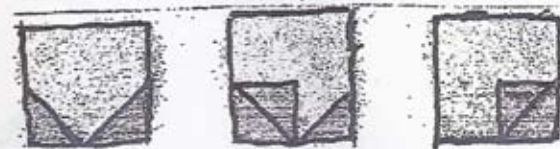
## Something Borrowed

2,4,6,8

From background fabric cut 4--4 1/2" squares.

From the Brown cut 8--2 1/2" squares.

Sew 2 on each 4 1/2" background square corners.



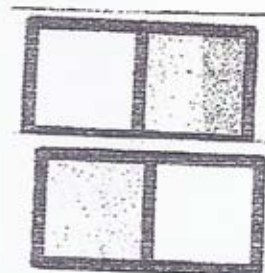
*Sew, trim, and press. Make 4*

1,3,7,9

Cut from the gold fabric, cut 8 --2 1/2" squares.

From the background fabric, cut 8--2 1/2" squares.

Sew the gold & the background 2 1/2" squares to make 4-four patch squares 4 1/2" square.

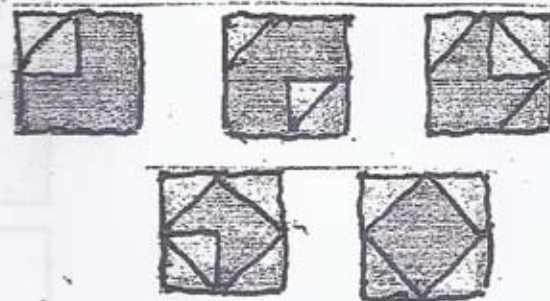


Middle square (5)

From the brown, cut 1--4 1/2" square.

From the blue, cut 4--2 1/2" squares.

Sew the blue squares to each corner of brown square.



Put together using the grid on first page.

## HAPPY SEWING