



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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### **President's Message**

Happy June...Are you staying busy finishing up all your quilt entries for the show? Are you making items for the Bluebonnet Store? Are you challenged by the fabric for the Challenge quilt (I am!)? Are you keeping cool?

I am really looking forward to our June meeting and seeing Ginny Eckley's "Fabric Painting" lecture. It will be fun to see a new technique.

Hope to see y'all on the 14th.

Happy quilting.....

***Kerry***

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**Welcome to May's new members - Nancy Duran, Delbert Hughes and Jo Thompson**

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### **Summer Retreat still has two spaces available.**

The summer quilt retreat will be held June 24-26, 2011, at Heartland Retreat Center near Independence. The cost is \$180. Final payment is due at the May 10 guild meeting. **There are still two spots available.** This is a great time for new quilters to get ideas and learn from experienced quilters, and experienced quilters to finish projects and pass on quilting tips to new quilters. We have some interesting demos planned and a few surprises, too. **If you are interested, please contact Peggy M. or other members of the retreat committee, Rowena R., Deb D., or Linda B.**

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.

## Bee News

If you are a teacher, have kids or grandchildren in school or live near a school, you're probably counting the days until school is out. Summertime leisure (and maybe more time for quilting) is almost upon us. Personally I'm delighted that some of my volunteer hours will not resume until September. I may have slept a little later on some days, but I haven't spent much time at my machine.

Some of the Bee Leaders have designated other members as reporters. Last month and for this newsletter Nadine has reported under the title "Society Columnist for the Material Girls Bee." Other reporters are Sue Nan C. for the Wednesday Bee and Bobbie M. for the Happy Scrappers. Jane M. is the contact person for the Monday Bee. The Bee Roster, that includes e-mail and phone numbers, is ready to be included in new member packets and distribution to interested people at the June meeting. Many thanks to the Bee Leaders and/or reporters for the following news items:

**Busy Bees** had a demonstration of spinning and have continued to work on community and individual projects. They now have eight members and are open for more members. The Finishers Bee will meet sporadically during the summer when notified by Bonnie H. Joyful Quilters Bee did not meet the 3rd Tuesday in May. The Bee will not meet the 1st Tuesday in June because of Vacation Bible School; however they plan to meet on the 3rd Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church College Station. Visitors or prospective members are invited.

**The Material Girls** social whirl will soon be interrupted by travel and happy family additions. Seems that the stork will be overworked delivering grandbabies and great-grandbabies this fall and winter: the six (and counting?) expecting families are: Nancy's daughter, Jane's oldest son, Marijane's youngest son, Margie's grand-daughter, plus both this reporter's (Nadine) son and daughter. Even Dottie has a new puppy. Those not planning to travel for family reasons are planning European tours. Quilting is also at a fever pitch. Nancy is a whiz at making the most marvelous creations from her stash, pinwheels from left over corners etc. Annette has finished up a beautiful Texas Star Quilt using Texas bluebonnet fabric. Grace is binding, binding, binding quilts she brought home from her vacation visit with a longarm quilting friend in Missouri. Plus... many other various and sundry projects this reporter is not as familiar with due to her absence from Bee while on a trip to NYC (flea markets, the garment district and shows).

**Out-of-the-Box Bee** members learned how to silk screen print with shaving cream. By the time this is published, they hope to have chosen a new group project and will unveil some new works in progress.

**Praying Piecers Bee** members are making sleeping bags for the homeless from fabric that was dropped off at their church. Although they have no idea where the fabric came from, they are grateful and hope word gets to the donor that the fabric is being used.

**Quilt 'n Peace Bee** recently welcomed two new members. Membership has grown so that not everyone can work on the "Hospice Quilt" so some members are working on care quilts and others on individual projects. Our 5th Tuesday field trip will occur on May 31 when we go to the Lost Pines Quilt Shop in Bastrop. Quilt 'n Peace is planning for their mission trip to LaSara, Texas, in July. One of their projects will be a quilted Christmas Tree Skirt from a pattern that Vickie G. made during the Winter Retreat. They need strips of Christmas fabrics from 1.5 to 3 inches wide and a minimum of 20 inches long. So please sort your stash and

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donate any leftover or unwanted Christmas-themed scraps. They will gladly cut bigger pieces to fit the requirements.

**Wednesday Bee** is one of the older, if not the oldest bee in BBQG. They are fewer members than in past years but have lots of quilting energy. They have several projects underway, however, the newest is Christmas in July. They are making placemats with Christmas fabrics. If interested in visiting this bee, contact a member for an invitation.

**Peggy**, Beekeeper

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## Caldwell Quilt Show

September 8-10 - 25th Annual Creative Memories Quilt Guild's annual show; Civic Center on Hwy 21, Caldwell; Over 100 quilted items; Raffle Quilt, Country Store; Hours: Thursday, September 8, 12 noon-6 p.m.; Friday, September 9, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; E-mail: [Cmqguildbc@yahoo.com](mailto:Cmqguildbc@yahoo.com)

The last day of the quilt show, September 10, the Kolache Festival is being held on the downtown square in Caldwell. A unique place to have lunch is the Mad Hatter's Tea Room & Boutique. Yesteryears Antique Shop is closeby also.

**Quilters' Club of America has a forum offering tips shared by other quilters.** For instance, at <http://www.quiltersclubofamerica.com/forums/t/19333.aspx>, quilters suggested purchasing rotary cutting blades sold by Harbor Freight Tools for carpet cutting. These are really great and inexpensive compared to the rotary cutting blades most of us have.

## June Program and workshop

The program will be presented by Ginny Eckley of Kingwood, Texas, on quilts with painting enhancements. Check out her wonderful quilts on her web site <http://www.fabricpainting.com>.

The workshop is the next day on fabric painting, cost is \$25 to BBQG for the workshop and \$10 to Ginny for all the supplies you will need for the class including use of her paints. Be sure to wear older clothes and an apron. Class is filling up but there are a few spaces left. **Call Ramonda A. at 778-0476 for info.**

## May, 2011 BBQG Meeting Minutes

**1st VP-Programs** –Raymonda A. discussed Connie S.'s workshop to be held Saturday May 21st from 9-3 at Peace Lutheran Church [This location has been changed.]. Lunch will be Potluck.

She also advised that Ginny Eckley will be the program presenter in June. Ginny's program and workshop will be about Fabric Painting. All supplies for the workshop will be provided at the workshop for a \$10 fee.

**Treasurer's Report** – Eleanor M. gave the Treasurer's report (see Handout) and advised that the Guild did receive a \$100 refund from the IRS.

**2nd VP-Membership** – Sue R. reported there were 73 members, 3 new members, and 2 visitors signed in.

**Block-of-the-Month** – Charlotte S., Chairperson Peggy M. won the 12 blocks that were turned in. Visitors and new members were advised of the rules for Block-of-the-Month.

**Challenge Quilt** – MaryJane D. discussed the rules for the challenge and advised that no hanging pocket is needed on the back of the quilt, but Joann W. does need to know the size of the quilt in order to properly hang it. Quilts are due on Quilt Show set-up day (Thursday, October 8).

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**Habitat for Humanity** – Nancy S. discussed recent and upcoming events. Lynn T. attended one and MaryAnn D. went to a “double-head-er.”

### **Quilt Show** – Dawn M., Chairperson

There was much discussion about the Show. The Bluebonnet Store will be chaired by Theresa M. and will be “Boutique” style. Items for sale must be quilting/sewing related (no books or magazines). You may donate items to the store to solely benefit the Guild’s finances or you may keep a majority of the profits from the sale of your items. The percentage the Guild will keep has yet to be determined.

Joann W. reported what is required for physically hanging quilts and asked for more volunteers. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Set-up for the Show is Thursday October 8th. Food will be provided then and during the show for everyone working the Show, set-up, and take-down. However, desserts, snacks, et cetera will be welcomed!

Kim D. discussed the Silent Auction portion of the Show: The Guild hopes to have several baskets containing various contents for Show attendees to bid on. Volunteers are needed to make and donate these baskets. Examples of possible contents: Chocolates, quilting supplies, gardening supplies, material.



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### **Raffle Quilt** – Nini H., Chairperson

Approximately \$2000 has been raised so far from ticket sales and there are still tickets available. There are 7-8 venues currently set-up for showing the quilt and more volun-

teers are needed to sit with it at these venues. Some venues are here in the B-CS area. Contact Nini for more information.

**Care Quilts** – Luci S. reported 84 have been donated, with 2 of these going to Scholarship recipients.

**Summer Retreat** – This is scheduled for June 24th - 26th and there are still openings. Contact Peggy M. or Rowena R. for information.

**Scholarships** – Sue C. reported that 13 applications were turned in and 3 were chosen:

Andrew Carson, Rudder High School; Taylor Whittlesey, A&M Consolidated; and Claire Holloway, from St. Joseph’s. Contact Sue for more information.

**Soldier Squares** – Marian D. explained what the Squares are and what they are used for. She advised that new kits are available.

**Sunshine & Shadows** – Lynn T. stated that 10 cards and 4 post-cards were sent out. She advised that some of the recipients’ names & information were asked to remain confidential, but she read aloud what she could. Contact her for more information or to advise her of any needs.

**Door Prizes** – Nini H. handed out prizes to Vera M., Terri S., Ellen C., and Diedre R.

### **Old Business**

President Kerry S. (formerly D.) read a Thank You note received from Mollie Williams of Water Crest.

She also advised that Guild Board meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are every 1st Tuesday of the month at Hill Crest Baptist Church on Booneville Road (past Kroger’s and on the left). Every Guild member is invited to attend.

### **New Business**

Terri S. (Lone Star Quilt Shop in College Station) discussed the upcoming Bus Trip

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## Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2010 Programs & Workshops

June 14 - Ginny Eckley "Fabric Painting" lecture

June 15 - Ginny Eckley Workshop on Fabric Painting

Her website is <http://www.fabricpainting.com/>

July 12 - Deb DeRoche - Topic TBA

July 13 - Workshop by Deb DeRoche - Smorgasborg of Tools and Techniques

August 9 - Workshop to finish items for the Bluebonnet Store at the Brazos Center

September 9-10, 2011 - BBQG Quilt Show - Renaissance of Quilts

No regular meeting in September.

October 11 - Debbie Caffery - lecture topic TBA

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Her website is: <http://www.debbiescreativemoments.com/>

Nov. 8 - Nouveau Wearables Style Show

Dec. 13 - Christmas Party

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## BRAZOS BLUEBONNET QUILT GUILD 2011 SHOW

### ENTRY RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Entry Deadline: Your entry forms must be received by July 25, 2011. No entry forms will be accepted after July 25, 2011. On-line entry will be used as in 2009. One entry per entered quilt will be required. The worksheet assists you in having the information collected for the on-line entry.

Each completed entry form must be accompanied by an identifiable color photograph. On the back of each photograph write the exact width and length of the quilt, your name, address and phone number.

There is a \$15.00 per quilt fee for non-Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Member entries. There is a \$5.00 per quilt fee for Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Members for judged quilts. Challenge quilts and "For Display Only" quilts do not have an entry fee. "For Display Only" quilts will be displayed at the quilt show if space is available.

There is a limit of two (2) quilts per category per person except in the traditional pieced quilt category. The traditional pieced quilt category is limited to four (4) entries per person because this category is so large. The traditional pieced quilt category will be divided before judging in order to equalize the judging.. The division will be made by size.

You may indicate a category on each entry form. The final decision regarding the category will be made by the entry committee. Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild reserves the right to refuse any entry that it deems inappropriate or that does not meet requirements.

Other than Go-Texan, each quilt may be entered in only one category. Go-Texan entries must comply with Go-Texan rules.

All entries must be clean and in excellent condition.. No exceptions. No substitution of the original entry will be allowed. All entries must be displayed for the duration of the show. All entries must have been completed within the last three (3) years. *...continued on p. 6*

No unfinished or unquilted tops will be accepted in any category. However, the photo to identify the quilt may be of the unfinished quilt.

Each entry must have a cloth label sewn to the back of the quilt or the inside of the garment stating your name, address and telephone number.

Each entry must have a four (4) inch double casing sleeve stitched to the reverse side of the entry. To prevent quilts lying on the floor, quilts longer than 84 inches should have sleeves attached 84 inches from the bottom of the quilt. Other than garments, no entry will be accepted without a sleeve.

Each entry must be in a clean fabric bag/pillowcase. The entrants name must be legibly written and visible on the outside of the bag. One item per bag. No exceptions.

Delivery: Early entries may be turned in to Jane Crouse, 5537 Somerford, Bryan, Texas 774-1695 Tuesday, September 6 from 9am to 2pm. Call for earlier/later times. Quilts received on September 6 will require you to sign a liability waiver for the two days Jane will be storing them. All other entries may be turned in to the intake table between 7:30am and 9:00 on Thursday, September 8, 2011. No entries will be accepted after 9:00am September 8, 2011. Contact Jane Crouse 774-1695 if neither of these options will work for you.

When you bring your quilt, you will be given an identification card for your entry which you will need to have present when you pick up your entry at the end of the show. All entries must be picked up at the Brazos Center between 6:30-8:00pm on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

DISCLAIMER: The Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild will take every precaution to protect all entries in the show however the Guild is not liable for any damage or loss.



## 2011 Committee Chairs

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 - OPEN  
Dallas Bus Trip - Marijane Deen  
Door Prizes - Nina Hodges  
Habitat for Humanity - Nancy Searcy  
Library - Sue Idol  
Newsletter - Anne Perry  
Quilt Education - Carol Willson  
Quilt Show (Sept. 9-10, 2011) - Dawn Merker  
Raffle Quilt Sales - Nini Hodges  
Scholarships - Sue Chrysler  
Soldier Squares - Marian Dierschke  
Sunshine and Shadows - Lynn Thurston  
Spring Retreat - Rowena Reed  
Website - Anne Perry  
Winter Retreat - Connie Silber

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Secretary - Rhonda Casey  
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scheduled for July 16th and 17th. Cost is \$150 and participants will visit 3 quilt shops on Saturday, spend the night at Hampton Inn, and visit 3 more quilt shops on Sunday. Contact her for more information.

There was much discussion concerning **bus trips and workshops**:

- Chairpersons must provide concrete financial proposals to the Board 4 months before the event in question, in order to adequately plan for contingencies.
- Sign-up for events will be open to the Guild members at a regular meeting first and after said meeting will immediately be open to the public, on a first-come – first-serve basis, in order to ascertain that enough slots are filled to meet financial needs.
- Costs for events are based upon expenses and non-members must pay a slightly higher fee to participate.
- Non-members may take advantage of this opportunity only twice. After that they must join the Guild to attend events.
- Anyone signing up for an event must pay the required fee(s) at the time they register.

**Rhonda**, Secretary

## Area Quilt Shows

**August 5-6** - "Remembrance" - Sponsored by the Ft. Worth Quilt Guild, 3901 S. Hulen, Ft. Worth, TX; \$5; Email: dollieblevins@gmail.com;

"Fabulous quilts, boutique, vendors"

**September 1-30 - Quilt Across Texas Shop Hop** - [www.quiltacrosstexas.com](http://www.quiltacrosstexas.com) or Lone Star Quilt Works shop for details.

**September 9-10 - Renaissance of Quilts - Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild** - <http://www.bbqg.org/bbqgquiltshow.html>

**September 16-18** - "Call to Colors" - Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, 8101 Pat Booker Rd, San Antonio, TX; \$7; Email: [jmiller@satx.rr.com](mailto:jmiller@satx.rr.com); "Over 250 judged quilts and 35 vendors"

**October 8** - "West Texas: Sunsets, Wind, and black Gold" - Midland Quilters Guild - Midland Center, 105 N. Main St., Midland, TX; quilt appraisals by Nell Smith; "Quilters Market, Silent Auction, Quilt Sale Vendors, Featured Quilter"

**October 14-15** - "Harvest of Quilts" - Cotton Patch Quilt Guild; Hunt County Fairgrounds, Greenville, TX; \$6; Email: [4cpqgnews@verizon.net](mailto:4cpqgnews@verizon.net); "Free parking, vendors, demonstrations"

**November 3-6** - International Quilt Festival - George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX