

Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter



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President's Message

Wow, wasn't our visit from Harriet Tubman a great experience? She really made me feel that I was right there with her. If you missed our April meeting, you missed a great program. Thank you Raymonda for a delightful evening.

I am really looking forward to Connie's program at the next meeting. I am sure we will all hear some good tips for getting our quilts finished.

The Quilt Show is drawing closer. We now have a Bluebonnet Store chairperson, so I am sure we will be hearing more about this at our next meeting. I have heard ripples about some of the quilts that are being entered in our show. I know that you are all working hard to get your quilts ready. I am looking forward to a great show.

I don't like to bring up negative items, but at this time, I feel I must. It seems that at every meeting there are a few people that like to chat and carry on conversations with their neighbors while others are speaking. Please, in respect for everyone, Let's keep those conversations for after the meeting. This will help to facilitate getting through our meetings in a timely fashion and will be considerate of everyone. Thank you for your co-operation.

Do something "quilty" everyday.....**Kerry**

Welcome to April's new member - Vernice Stonesifer

Quilts for Japan

This information came from Sue Idol

Please note that Marian Dierschke is sending her quilt to Japan on May 17; bring yours to the May meeting to be sent as a group on May 17 or contact her by May 16 at 979-450-1014.

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!

Marilyn Lewis, 425 Kirby Ct, Vacaville, Ca 95687

Summer Retreat

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

Weeklong Easter preparations made for a wonderful celebration with my family. Eleven of us filled a pew for worship on Sunday morning. My sewing room served as guest bedroom over the weekend and therefore all my quilting was put out of sight. Now I hope to finish one project before starting on another so my sewing room will look as neat next month as it did last weekend. I'll let you know if I'm successful!

Again, the Bee Roster on the BBQG website needs to be updated. I am working on a more complete roster that will be distributed in the BBQG packet for new members. In addition to the information on the website, the new roster will have both phone numbers and e:mail addresses for bee leaders or contact persons. In the meantime, contact me at beekeeperbbqg@gmail.com for additional information on the bees.

The Busy Bees have been working on a variety of projects that include appliqué, quilting, and making adult bibs for a community project. They now have eight members and are still open for more quilters.

Happy Scrappers report that work is progressing rapidly on the Texas-themed raffle quilt for 2012 with most members contributing work to the quilt. They expect to finish the quilt soon. Happy Scrappers member Lucy S. is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery and was able to attend Thursday's bee and do a bit of sewing.

Joyful Quilters continue to meet from 6:30-8:30 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights of the month at First Baptist Church in College Station. They have had several visitors, some experienced quilters and some new to quilting so that bee is open to anyone who would like to learn more or come and work on their own project.

The Monday Bee, formerly the Nimble Needles Applique Society continues to meet at the Arts Council Bldg on the 3rd Monday from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. They have 11 members and Jane M. is serving as Bee Leader. She will report on their activities later.

Out of the Box Bee will have learned snow dying from member Erica D. on April 25. That sounds like a cool, but impossible, task for Brazos Valley quilters this month. The bee leader expressed thanks to guild members for the wonderful comments about the Out of the Box exhibit in the display case at the Brazos Center. She also enjoyed the feedback on her graffiti quilt shown at the last meeting. Anyone interested in visiting the Out of the Box Bee can text 218-9701 or e:mail the beekeeper.

Praying Piecers are making sleeping bags for the homeless. They were given squares ready to use and one of their group found the pattern. They had a wonderful time in San Antonio at the Wounded Warrior banquet where they personally presented 17 red, white and blue quilts.

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Quilt 'n Peace Bee is back at work on the "Trip Around the World" quilt to be donated to Hos

pace. Progress has been slow since several members traveled both in- and out-of-state and abroad. Some members continue to work on care quilts.

Peggy, Beekeeper
April 25, 2011

April, 2011 BBQG Meeting Minutes

1st VP-Programs – Raymonda A. was unavailable, so Linda N. reported Connie S. will give a presentation on "Finishing Your Quilt" at the May meeting. Contact Raymonda if you would like information concerning the workshop. June's presentation will be by Jenny Eckly. The presentation and subsequent workshop will be on the use of watercolor in your quilts. Deb D. will be the presenter in July on "Tools, Tips, & Words of Wisdom." There will be mini-workshops within her main workshop. In August, a workshop will be held for members wishing to make items for the Bluebonnet Store (the Guild's store at our local quilt show, which is scheduled for September). Debbie Caffrey will be the presenter in October.

Treasurer's Report – Eleanor M. gave the treasurer's report (see handout). Linda B. reported that she audited the books and "found nothing wrong."

2nd VP-Membership – Michael J. reported there had been some complaints received from members unable to view or print the 2011 roster. She will print an excel version of the roster and bring copies to the May meeting for anyone needing it. It was said that you can download an excel viewer online or copy & paste the roster into Word to print it. Most computers come with excel preloaded. This can usually be found under Microsoft Office in the computer menu.

Sixty-six members signed in and recorded 232 volunteer hours. We have one new member – Bernice S. There were six visitors.

Two ladies from the Conroe guild brought their raffle quilt.

Committee Reports

Bee Keeper – Peggy M. / Helen W.

There is a Bee for beginners being held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the 1st Baptist Church in College Station (on Welch).

Block of the Month – Charlotte S.

Debbie G. won the 6 blocks that had been turned in.

Block of the Month is a volunteer program within the guild. Each month a quilt block is chosen and directions are handed out to members wishing to participate. These members make at least one version of said quilt block and turn it in at the next meeting. You write your name on a separate slip of paper for each block you turn in and put it in a container provided. During the meeting, a name is drawn from the container and that person wins all the blocks turned in at that meeting (and any matching blocks turned in later). The winner keeps the blocks and uses them however he or she wishes.

Brazos Center Window – Debbie B.

The Art Quilting group had their work on display. Volunteers are needed for future displays.

Challenge Quilt – Jane C. and Material Girls

For this particular quilt, participants were given a small bag containing various small pieces of fabric (all bags had the same fabrics). These fabrics are to be used in conjunction with other fabrics of the participants' choice to make a quilt. However, the fabrics from the bag must be readily recognizable in the quilt. The quilts will be judged at the quilt show and the top three winners will win cash prizes.

Christmas Party – Still need a Chairperson!!!

Dallas Bus Trip – No Report

Habitat for Humanity – Nancy S. asked for volunteers to help with presentations.

Habitat for Humanity provides homes for qualifying families. These family members and others work building these homes using various materials donated from various businesses and others. When the homes are ready for occupation, a Dedication Ceremony is held for the new home owners. A representative

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from the BBQG attends and presents the family with a quilted wall hanging. The wall hangings have been 12 inch quilt blocks with a house or school house on them; but, the Guild is considering changing to a long narrow quilt that will hang down a wall with the word "Welcome" on it.

Library – Sue I.

A big "Thank You" to all who donated books in March!

The library is housed at Sue's home. A list of most titles is available on the BBQG website. It will be updated as soon as possible. If there is a particular book you are interested in perusing, contact Sue at home or at a meeting and she will make arrangements to get it to you. Books may be checked out for one month at a time. Each month, Sue chooses several books to display at the meeting.

Magazines are no longer part of the library's contents. If you wish to pass on any magazines, bring them to a meeting and they will gladly be accepted into new homes.

Newsletter – Anne P.

Anne is working on recruiting advertisers for the website and newsletter. Michael J. will continue to e-mail, print, and mail copies of the newsletter. Anne will do the rest and is in charge of posting pictures of BBQG Officers on the website, so members can recognize them.

Quilt Show – Dawn M.

Set-up will be September 8. Volunteers are still needed to help with the set-up and take-down.

Bluebonnet Store: Still needs a Chairperson! Members will be allowed to sell their own stuff, but the Guild will get a small portion of the profits.

Raffle quilt tickets and picture postcards are still available. Visitors to the show that present one of the postcards at the entrance to the Show will be given a discount of \$1 towards the entry fee.

Raffle Quilt – Nini H.

Nini, among others, has tickets and postcards available. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Members are requested to sell \$20 worth of tickets each.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the showing of the quilt at various locations. Contact Nini for details.

Retreats – Summer retreat is scheduled for June 24th – 26th.

Scholarships – Sue C.

Pat P. reported that 13 applications were received and he will make a decision on the winners around May 1st.

Soldier Squares – Marian D.

New packets of materials for making the squares are available. Contact Marian for more details.

Sunshine and Shadows – Lynn T.

Sunshine and Shadows is a guild program in which reports are made to Lynn by members concerning any births, deaths, accidents, surgeries, and such; and then she sends appropriate cards to those concerned. She cannot do this without the help of the membership! She needs to know Who, What, When, and Where. Donations of cards & envelopes and stamps are greatly appreciated!

Door Prizes – Nini H.

Joyce B., Elaine L., and Joann W. won door prizes this month.

Old Business

The Board meeting will be held May 3rd at Hillcrest Baptist Church off Booneville Road.

New Business

Mollie Williams, from Isle at Watercrest, made a small presentation concerning this new assisted living and skilled nursing facility and invited the Guild membership to visit the facility at 4091 Eastchester Drive in Bryan. Phone: 979-774-2220.

Marian D. is collecting "Quilt for Japan" quilts. Contact her for more details.

Linda B. is involved with the "Quilts of Valor" program. Contact her for additional information.

Rhonda, Secretary

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2010 Programs & Workshops

May 10 - Finishing Touches by Connie Silber

May 21 - Saturday - Workshop by Connie Silber: "Finish it Off"

Connie's website is: <http://www.conniesilber.com/>

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

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.

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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.

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.

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