



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

Happy November! The days are cooling off and getting shorter...it is a wonderful time for quilting. What are you working on?

We had a great meeting in October. Debbie Caffrey's lecture and slide show was terrific. She gave us some great organizational ideas.

I am so excited about our November meeting. The Wearables are presenting a fashion show for us. Maybe I will be inspired to make myself something.

Don't forget our Christmas party on December 13th. Look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hope to see you at the meeting.....

Kerry

Welcome to October's new member: Rebecca Tucker

"Earlier this year, I saw a post on MYBCS.com asking for someone to write a soldier over in Iraq who was feeling kind down and volunteered to help out. It was the least I could do for one of our brave men in uniform. So I started emailing this young fellow and contacted Marian D. to send his unit some of our Soldier Squares. They received them and he returned to Texas in August just in time to start school at Texas A&M.

"He wanted to thank the Guild, so I arranged for him to come to our October meeting. I was proud to introduce **Senior Airman Taylor Sessions** to the Guild, who in turn, presented the Guild with an American flag that flew over one of their missions in Iraq.

"Taylor received a standing ovation for his appearance and thanked the guild for the support."

Kimberly D.





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2011 Guild Christmas Party

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.

"Thanksgiving for our Blessings" Workshop scheduled for November 8 at the Brazos Center

Come and work with friends on any of the charities which we support. Since the Habitat for Humanity workshop originally scheduled in October had to be cancelled, making those wall hangings will be one of the featured activities. Come at 9:30 a.m. to set up your machines and work area.

Demonstrations for the Habitat for Humanity will begin promptly at 10.

Materials needed for Habitat for Humanity Welcome Banners:

Fabric Requirements: One Charm Pack OR 22 medium/dark 5 inch squares and 13 light 5 inch squares

Light print fat quarter if you appliqué OR a patterned fabric that you could quilt and coordinates with the charm squares.

Backing: ½ yard. This will also make the sleeve
Binding: ¼ yard coordinated with the hanging.

Bring your machine and regular sewing supplies. If you have an open-toed foot and walking foot, bring those (you do NOT need to buy these if you do not own them). Also bringing a small cutting mat, cutter and ruler will reduce lines at a cutting station. Some packets that include instructions, batting, fusible web, and stabilizer are available.

This workshop is for all, but completion kits are limited to those who were registered for the Oct. 24 workshop. You will receive all of the information to complete your wall hanging. If you were not registered, please bring a piece of cotton batting, 13 x 30," and a piece of small-diameter wooden dowel, about 10-1/2 to 11" long. There may be some extra pieces of batting available.

This is a workshop that you can finish in a day. It will work and be fun!!!! Plan on some laughter.

Call Nancy S. if you have questions

BBQG List of Nominated 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.

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.

Texas Quilt Museum in La Grange will hold their Open House on Sunday, November 13, beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is free that day only.

After that, the museum will be open to the public Thursdays through Sundays or by appointment. Hours will be 10-4. Admission will be \$8, \$6 for seniors and students, and \$6 for tours of 20+ when scheduled in advance. (The museum will close for Thanksgiving from November 24-30, and for the Christmas and New Year's holidays from Dec. 22-Jan. 4.) The phone is (979) 249-3104.

Bee News

The last newsletters have started out with weather news. Thankfully it is cooler this month, however we still need rain. It is much too dry to do yard work or planting so sewing is still tops on my list. Bee news has been slack since the Quilt Show and Shop across Texas events are over. We can all take advantage of the down time by leisurely catching up on UFO's before the crunch of holiday sewing starts.

Busy Bees are living up to their name and staying busy. They all participated in the Shop Across Texas and have tons of new projects planned. The Bee is working on Soldier Squares (prayer squares) and one member continues her charity work on wheelchair quilts. They are anxiously waiting to go to the Houston Quilt Festival and getting ready for the holidays. Due to a lack of space, the Bee is not open to new members at this time.

Joyful Quilters invite people to participate on the first and third Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 at FBC College Station.

Material Girls reporter has been out of the loop over the past few weeks but reported that the grandbabies and great grandbabies are starting to arrive in fine shape. The Bee was proud and happy to be a part of the Quilt Show and see it such a great success, plus be honored with a few ribbons. Several of them are looking forward to attending Nancy S. Habitat for Humanity wall hanging seminar on Oct. 24th. The Material Girls seem to have become the Roving Gals as of late, but are looking forward to settling into at least a few full house Tuesdays before the next round of traveling around the U.S. and beyond begins. Those flying might just get their bags checked by one of us as Jane C. is now a full-fledged TSA Agent at Easterwood. Be sure to keep those bottles under 3 ounces and leave the weapons at home!

Quilt 'n Peace had a change from our usual charity quilts last Tuesday when Connie H. taught a class on One Block Wonder to bee members and guests. They had to expand into two rooms to accommodate 13 quilters. Everyone managed to cut out their quilt triangles, play with the arrangement of the blocks, enjoy a lunch and some even started sewing. The class will continue next week.

Wednesday Bee is continuing their quilting fellowship by working on Christmas wreaths with log cabin blocks.

Peggy, Beekeeper
October 25, 2011

Thank you note from Dr. Henry Bohne for soldier square quilts.

Special Guest -- Sr. Airman Taylor Sessions spoke in appreciation of the soldier squares and give back to the guild a flag that flew over Baghdad and a signed certificate from the unit. Marian D. has lots of kits and need some to be made. Almost out of made squares. Nancy S. made a comment that we may want to call them military squares, because not all who serve are "soldiers" but also Marines and Sailors.

1st VP Programs –Raymonda A.

Speaker tonight Debbie Caffrey, do have some spaces left in workshop tomorrow because some people had to cancel. Will be held at Peace Lutheran, please arrive about 8:45 so it can start promptly and end on time so she can catch her flight out. Next month program will be a style show from the wearables group.

2nd VP - Membership –Michael J. reported there were 80 members signed in, and one new member, Rebecca Tucker, and 12 visitors.

September minutes were approved as published in the October Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report—Eleanor M. gave the Treasurer's report of account activity for the past month. Current total assets are \$26,314.45 (\$13615.46 in checking and \$12,698.99 in savings). Made approximately \$7000 on the raffle quilt. Will report specifics next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bee Keeper – Peggy M.
Joyful Quilters have changed their night to avoid conflicting with the guild meeting. Looking for more people to join.

Block of the Month – Charlotte S.
Got 5 blocks tonight. Won by Peggy M. Showed new block for next month, 8" block from book Quilts From the Heart. *continued on page 4....*





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Brazos Center Window – Debbie B.
 It is still up. Will be changing it out soon.

Care Quilts – Luci S.
 No report. Kerry collected care quilts.

Challenge Quilts –
 Had 23 entries and made \$265 on auction of challenge quilts,

Christmas Party – Peggy L.
 December 13, will be here at Brazos Center at 6 p.m..
 Sign up sheet went around, \$5 to attend and can also
 donate a vegetable or desert to go with meet. Still do-
 ing gift exchange, where members have an option to
 bring a gift \$20 max, handmade is encouraged. Will
 have a do-your-own-project workday starting at 9:30.
 It was suggested this would be a good opportunity to do
 military squares that day. Suggestion was made regard-
 ing collecting donations rather than gift exchange. We
 will do the gift exchange but the board will continue to
 discuss this at the next meeting.

Habitat for Humanity – Nancy S.
 Showed some variations of new Welcome banner. Terry
 will be getting additional copies of the patterns. Copy-
 right prevents sharing or distributing of patterns.

Library – Sue I.
 Library will be moving closer to town.

Quilt Education -- Carol
 A group worked Booneville Days and did some demon-
 strations. See Newsletter story.

Quilt Show– Dawn M.
 Thanked workers. Had just over 900 attendees and
 ended up well in the black. Consignment store went well
 and one of our members sold a quilt for \$1195. Total
 \$2234.48 and guild got \$447 (20%) and the Bluebonnet
 Boutique realized \$2100. Baskets realized \$1275.
 Regarding the decision from the last meeting to get the
 Raffle Quilt appraised, the appraiser (Nell) donated the
 appraisal for this year's quilt. Appraisal was \$3500 this
 year's and \$3600 for next year's quilt. Connie S. ex-
 plained that appraisals are certified for a specific person
 so next year, Nell will need to be notified who wins it and

she will send a certified copy of the appraisal to the win-
 ner.

Raffle Quilt – Nini H.
 First Tuesday in December will be having Raffle Quilt at
 an event at the Brazos Valley Museum (in the Brazos
 Center).

Retreats -- Connie S.
 Retreat is full and waiting list started.

Scholarships – Sue C.
 Sue C. is leaving to move to Iowa for a new job. Becky
 H., who has served on the committee in the past, will be
 taking over as chair of Scholarships Committee.

Sunshine & Shadows –Lynn T.
 Sent 12 cards. Marian D. told about a new grandbaby.
 Lynn reminded she likes to send sunshines as well as
 shadows.

Web site -- Kerry S. & Anne P.
 Got some statistics on hits to the web site. Very active
 with typically 60+ hits with a lot of international hits.
 Also a lot of mobile hits.

Door Prizes – Nini H.
 3 Door prizes, went to Flo F., Debbie B., Marty F., Ellen C.

OLD BUSINESS

Jane W. commented how glad she was to be back and
 praised the guild for continuing the military squares that
 she had started her year as president.
 Vicki told an encouraging story about a family member
 with muscular dystrophy and did a request if anyone
 wants to donate fabric or supplies for her to do muscular
 dystrophy quilts.

NEW BUSINESS

Read some e-mails the guild had received:
 Bluebonnet Area Quilt Guild in Bellville doing quilt show
 October 22-23, at the American Legion Hall in Bellville,
 TX

E-mail from someone that has a Rocky Mountain Star
 Wall Hanging and has lost the pattern and looking for it.
 It was suggested that this might be one of Gail Garber's
 patterns.

E-mail from Gerline's shop, that she is still collecting 12
 1/2" squares to make quilts for victims in Bastrop fires.
 Gail Cowell is coordinating Project Linus blankets, re-
 ferred her to Lucy and will be coming to a future meet-
 ing. Accepting quilts, afghans, blankets, etc. at Bryan
 Sew Vac City store.

Announced the Nominating Committee's slate of nomi-
 nees for office:

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Jo Ann Williams with her "Miniature Sampler" which won First Place - Miniatures at the 2011 BBQG Quilt Show.



Rowena Reed with her "Stars Across Texas" which won First Place - Other Techniques at the 2011 BBQG Quilt Show.

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Secretary - Rhonda Casey/Pixey Mosley

Treasurer - Eleanor Mueller

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 - 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 - Sue Chrysler
Soldier Squares - Marian Dierschke
Sunshine and Shadows - Lynn Thurston
Spring Retreat - Rowena Reed
Winter Retreat - Connie Silber

Arkansas Cross roads
 Due 11-8-11
 8 " finished block



From background fabric (white)
 Cut 2- 4 1/2" squares.

From scraps cut 12 -2 1/2" squares.

Sew 2 - 2 1/2" squares to each white
 square on opposite corners.



Sew the rest of the 2 1/2" squares into
 2- 4 patches.

