



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

I would publicly like to thank Dawn and her committee for the great job they did on the Quilt Show. It was a jam up job! From all the folks that I have talked to, both members of BBQG and members of the B/CS community at large, it was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to all the show winners and to all who entered quilts in the show. I know that you worked hard on your quilts, and it really showed. The quilts in our show were as well done, if not better, than any I have seen in any of the quilt shows I have attended.

I know that our next show is two years away, but I hope that you are already thinking of the quilts you will enter in that show. Happy quilting! **Kerry**



Above, Lynn McCartney with her "Springtime in the Brazos Valley" which won Best of Show, Go Texan, and Appliqué - First Place ribbons at the 2011 BBQG Quilt Show

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**Welcome to October's new members:
Norma Reel, Jessica Smith and
Teri Walker**

Habitat For Humanity workshop

...October 24 at the Arts Council, College Station. We will begin at 9:30 so set up at 9:15. We need to stop by 2:30.

We will be making Welcome wall hangings that are given to Habitat for Humanity families the day that the homes are dedicated. Four different blocks will be taught, a bit of raw edge appliqué, and hopefully some binding techniques.

Supplies: One charm pack (OR....22 medium/dark 5" squares and 13 light 5" squares

Light Print- fat ¼
Backing - ½ yard
Binding - ¼ yard

Bring your regular sewing supplies, an open toe presser foot and a walking foot (IF YOU HAVE THEM....you don't need to buy). A small cutting mat, cutter and ruler will make things go faster.

Batting and fusible web will be provided.

Bring a sack lunch OR there are many area restaurants with TO GO items.

Please call Nancy Searcy 693-0688, if you plan to attend so enough tables are available.

15th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

Please join us February 9-13, 2012 for the 15th Annual Winter Retreat at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange. Sign-up for this fun-filled event will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. October 11, 2011 at the Brazos Center. Because of space limitations, the retreat is open to BBQG mem-

bers only. Registrants have the option of signing up for either 3 nights (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) or 4 nights (Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday). The cost of the retreat is the same as last year: \$230 for 3 nights or \$280 for 4 nights. These costs include 3 meals/day and lodging. Space is limited and once the retreat is full, a waiting list will be started to fill vacancies as they occur. A \$50 deposit must be given in person to Jeanne J. at the time of sign-up to confirm your reservation. If you are unable to register in person on October 11, you may have someone who is not going to retreat complete the registration process for you. The balance will be due by the January BBQG meeting. You may also pay for the retreat in installments, but the final payment is due January 10, 2012 - no exceptions!!! Also, please remember that all participants must have paid their 2011 BBQG dues before signing up for the winter retreat and all participants must have paid their 2012 dues before making their final payment in January. All monies collected are deposited when received. Refunds will be given for emergencies per BBQG by-laws. For more information, please contact Jeanne J. at 589-2191 or Connie S. at 776-0272.

Relief For Wildfire Victims

Received Sept. 7 in regards to helping those affected by wildfires: "Calling all Quilters: "Here in Leon County, Texas we have had some bad fires like all of Texas. I am asking the sewing community to step up and make at least one pillowcase this week for these victims to try to make a small difference. You can mail them to me at Country Living Quilts 1816 CR 427, Marquez, TX 77865. [Note: This shop is a new advertiser with BBQG's newsletter.]

Quilt Block Drive For Families in Bastrop!

We have all been touched by the tragedy of the very recent Central Texas Wildfires. Some of us have been affected a lot more than others and our hearts go out to every fire victim. All of us here at Gerline's Quilt Shoppe wants to help and as we are in the business of quilts we have the following plan.

We are taking donations of 12 1/2" quilt blocks. These can be of any color or pattern. These blocks will be sorted and made into quilts. These quilts will be donated to Red Cross fundraiser; to fundraiser benefiting fire victims and, according to how many quilts we can make with the blocks donated, the rest will be given to families who lost their home. I know we can't make a quilt for all 1500 + families but we can all do what we can. Our main focus presently is to get the greatest mileage from these quilts and that would be to raise money with them for the two above mentioned fundraiser.

Benefit to you---For each 12 1/2" quilt block that you donate, your name will be placed in a drawing and at the end of November 2011, there will be a drawing. The
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Above, Deb DeRoche with her "Feathered Fancy Star" which won Best Design, Best Workmanship, Judge's Recognition (Marilyn Hardy) and Theme Quilts - First Place ribbons at the 2011 BBQG Quilt Show

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winner of this drawing will receive a gift certificate for \$100.00.

We only ask that:

The blocks are an accurate 12 1/2".

Use quilt-shop quality fabrics.

Construct the block as if you were making it for yourself (neat).

With a post it note, pin your name and phone # on each quilt block you bring or mail to us so we can enter you for the drawing.

Address:

Gerline's Quilt Shoppe
1383 County Road 205
Giddings, Texas 78942

Hopefully we will have LOTS of blocks to make many quilts. Gerline's Quilt Shoppe will be providing the backs, batting and quilting to finish these quilts. We may later have a work day(s) to put the tops together.

Let us show how much we care and this effort will make a big difference.
Gerline & Staff

Texas Quilt Museum in La Grange will open soon. See http://www.texasquiltmuseum.org/Texas_Quilt_Museum/LANDING.html



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Bee News

It is still summertime temperature wise. However by the time this is published it will be officially fall. Hopefully, the 100-degree plus weather is behind us and thankfully, we've had a little rain!

Since I was out of town and failed to notify the bee leaders to send in their news, only the Out-of-the Box bee reported. I'm sure everyone would have written about THE BBQG QUILT SHOW. What a wonderful weekend.

Thanks and mega kudos to all those who planned, set-up, displayed their quilts, contributed to the Bluebonnet Boutique or Friends of the Guild consignment area, raffle baskets, food, food, and more food, white glove workers, take down, judges, appraisal director, and everyone who participated in any way. Congratulations to all the ribbon winners!!! Your talents set a high standard for our future shows. Congratulations to all those who made Challenge quilts and especially the top three viewer's choice winners and the buyers of those charming quilts. I'm sure we all look forward to the reports to see just how financially successful the 2011 quilt show was.

Out-of-the-Box Bee reported that they raised art quilt awareness with their booth. They were delighted to meet and talk to many people who made the connection between the art quilts and their booth. They hope to have a booth at the next show and encourage other Bees to show off what they do. Their next meeting is Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m. For more information about this bee, text 979-218-9701.

Peggy, Beekeeper
September 22, 2011

August, 2011 BBQG Meeting Minutes August 9, 2011

Kerry read thank you notes from scholarship winner, Taylor W. and Claire H. Thank you note from Ginny Eckley. Thank you note from Nat Hilliard for booth participation in 25th Anniversary Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration.

1st VP Programs –Raymonda A.

Had a good workday today for Bluebonnet Boutique items, 14-15 people attended. Theresa M. had it well organized. October workshop, Debbie Caffrey, is full right now with waiting list. Linda N. is working on getting 2012 schedule finalized, 5 speakers are booked. Found it is very difficult to coordinate shared travel expenses (airfare) with other guilds because of timing. One that we are sharing is the program by Joyce Becker, who coming from out of state and does landscape quilts. This was a topic where members had indicated interest in the survey earlier this year.

Minutes from last month were approved as read. It was reported that Pixey M. was taking minutes for Rhonda C. Treasurer's Report—Eleanor M. gave the Treasurer's report of account activity for the past month. Current total assets are \$21,298.41 (\$5,606.04 in checking and \$15,692.37 in savings).

2nd VP - Membership – Michaele J. reported there were 56 members signed in, 5 individuals who joined this past month (4 new, 1 renewal), and 0 visitors. Total membership is up to 151.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bee Keeper – Peggy M. All 12 bees alive and well. List is on the web site and is up to date. Bees are listed in new member packets with contact information.

Block of the Month – Charlotte S.

6 squares turned in. Elaine L. won them. Next block is due in October because of the quilt show.

Brazos Center Window – Debbie B.

Quilts from Marijane D. are in the regular window. Got a call from the Brazos Center about the larger window being available. Put in quilt by Laverne O. and renaissance costumes and posters to celebrate the show. Looking for someone to provide quilts for October.

Care Quilts – Luci S.

It was reported that Luci had surgery August 9. She has family with her and does not want visitors at this time. She does enjoy getting cards. Her address is on the membership roster. Michaele J. will also send it out via email to the membership.

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Challenge Quilts – no report

In response to a question from the floor, if you did not enter your challenge quilt, it cannot be put in the show.

Habitat for Humanity – Nancy S.

Doing a dedication in September.

Christmas Party – Kerry S.

Has found volunteers, will do dessert party with gift exchange. Watch for more information at October meeting.

Library –no report

Newsletter – Anne P.

Website has been acting up, apologies to anyone that has been having trouble accessing it. Should be better now. Always looking for items for the Newsletter.

Quilt Show – Dawn M.

Last meeting before the quilt show. Very final stages in all parts of it. Had workshop for Bluebonnet Boutique today. Jean J. was introduced and is the representative for Friends of the Quilt Guild, who will be managing the basket raffle and the consignment sales out of a booth and subsequently donate it to the guild. Consignment pricing should represent full price (with donation and tax).

Dawn M. announced that they will have a table for check-ins for those who want to come and help but were unsure about signing up on one of the other sign-in sheets. Activities will include vendor relief and other various on-the-fly coverage needs.

Did do the television show and was on KAMU, August 4, 6, 7. More coming up on KBTX and other venues. Hoping for an article in the Eagle.

Kim D. reported that next week is when baskets should be brought to Post Oak Florist on Harvey Road in Post Oak Village (Debbie B.'s shop) 9-6. If you provide a basket, they will wrap it for \$5 (which covers supply costs). Email Kim D. a copy of the contents of the basket, put BBQG in the subject line so she can prepare the placecards. Also please provide a box for tickets. Still need helpers to watch baskets on Friday. Note: Do not leave baskets with things that could melt or explode under pressure in your car...a couple of members have discovered this is a bad idea.

Sue S. is coordinating vendor and worker food. Has a signup sheet and still looking for food contributors. Call Sue S. if you need to arrange for early food drop off. Otherwise drop off after 9 a.m..

Question came from the floor on whether there is a dress code. There is not a dress code. But BBQG members are encouraged to wear name tags and can check out aprons.

Dana S. reported that the program is going well. Advertising space is still available. Costs: Business card add is \$20, half-page is \$30, full-page is \$50.

Connie S. reminded that appraisals will be available. Can contact Bunny D. if decide to do appraisals later.

Raffle Quilt – Nini H.

Going well. \$4072 to date. Will be displaying it at Jo Ann's Fabric on Sept. 5, Labor Day, and at quilt show. See Nini H. if you want to help out.

Retreats -- No report

Scholarships – Kerry S. reported that all scholarships have been given out and were appreciated.

Soldier Squares – Kerry S. reported getting a picture of some soldiers with their squares.

Sunshine & Shadows – contact Lynn T. if you know of anyone needing a card.

Door Prizes – Nini H.

We had 3 door prizes, won by Betty B., Nancy D., and Shirley W.

OLD BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

Question was brought up on whether the Go Texan and Raffle quilts (this year's and next year's) be appraised, since they travel.

Motion by Glenn L.: The two raffle quilts will be appraised with cost paid by the guild and an appraisal slot will be reserved for the Go Texan so that if that owner wants to get it appraised, he/she can do so at his/her cost. Seconded by John P.

Several spoke on the issue, pro and con including some clarification on the selection of the Go Texan quilt. 54 For, 1 Against. Motion carried.

Board Meeting moving again because of new logistical issues. For the remainder of the year, it will be going to Hobby Lobby, 1st Monday of each month for September, October, and December at 6 p.m.. Exception will be November when Board Meeting will be at 6 p.m. on November 8, before the regular guild meeting. Kerry S. announced that she is looking for members for the Nominating Committee. Contact her if you would like to volunteer.

Respectfully reported by
Pixey M., Backup Secretary



Below is a picture of Ying Zhu with the lap quilt which Theresa Morrison made her. She graduated with her PhD and was moving to Canada, so Theresa thought this would be something she could use. She was very excited.



BBQG Block of the Month due on October 11 was featured in the September, 2011 newsletter and is also in an Adobe .pdf file on our website at www.bbqg.org.



Above, Nadine Stuth with her "Leftover Popcorn" which won Judge's Recognition (Nell Denman Smith) and tied for Scrap - First Place ribbons at the 2011 BBQG Quilt Show

Area Quilt Shows

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; E-mail: 4cpqgnews@verizon.net; "Free parking, vendors, demonstrations"

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

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2011 Programs & Workshops

October 11 - Debbie Caffrey - "How to Have it all, How to Move it, Use it and Never Lose it"

October 12 - 9-3 - Debbie Caffrey - "Open a Can of Worms and Another Can of Worms;" Her website is: <http://www.debbiescreativemoments.com/>

Nov. 8 - Nouveau Wearables Style Show

Dec. 13 - Christmas Party



Above, Julie Dromgoole's "Indian Orange Peel" which won Best Use of Color and tied for Scrap - First Place ribbons at the 2011 BBQG Quilt Show



Above, Ann La Rhea Query Bay's "Baltimore Beginnings" which won Best Machine Quilting and Appliqué - Second Place ribbons at the 2011 BBQG Quilt Show



Above, Dana Sudduth's "Norma Sue and Friends" won First Place in the Care Quilt Challenge. Marijane Deen won Second Place with "Challenge 2011," and Connie Harrison won Third Place with "Think Inside The Box."



Above, Betty Bugh's "Welsh Beauty" won Best Hand Quilting and Block of the Month Kits - Third Place ribbons at the 2011 BBQG Quilt Show

Congratulations to Patsy Spearman of Wheelock, Texas! She won the 2011 Donation Quilt, "A Jacobean Album." That quilt, created by The Appliqué Society Bee, won the Group - First Place ribbon.

2011 Officers

- President Kerry Dwyer
- President Elect Nini Hodges
- 1st Vice President - Programs - Raymonda Almand
- 2nd Vice President - Membership - Micheale Jackson / Sue Ryan
- 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 - OPEN
- 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