



# ***Bits and Pieces***

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

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**Anne Perry, Editor    Michaele Jackson, Co-Editor**

### **President's Message**

***The Quilt Show is almost here! I want to thank Dawn and all her committee for all the hard work that has gone into making this show a success. Thank you also for all of you who will volunteer your time during the show. I know it will be a great one and I can't wait to see all the beautiful quilts that you have entered.***

***Have you bought/sold your raffle tickets yet? Remember, we ask that every member sell at least \$25 worth of tickets. There will be tickets available at the show.***

***See you soon.....***

***Kerry***

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**Welcome to August's new members:  
Norma Reel, Estella "Rusty" Michael and Clara Ramey**

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**The Board will meet in the classroom at Hobby Lobby in College Station on September 5th at 6:00 pm. All members are welcome!**

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Above, two US Marines and an Aussie soldier with their Soldier's Prayer Squares.

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## Updates on Quilt Show:

The show will be here soon and we still need help in some areas from the membership. Below is information for you to be aware of:

### QUILT HANGING

JoAnn still needs help hanging the quilts on Thursday. Please call her at 776-5530.

### TURNING IN QUILTS:

1. Quilts will start to be taken at 7am on Thursday at the Brazos Center.
2. Early turn in for quilts will be at Jane Crouse's house on Tuesday, Sept 6th from 10am - 2pm
3. There will be a waiver to sign for all drop offs at Jane's house as they will be in her possession for 2 days prior to the show.
4. Jane could use 2-3 people to help her with quilt intake. Please contact her, <janecrouse56@verizon.net>.

### CONSIGNMENT SHOP:

1. Please bring items no sooner than 8am on Thursday.
2. You may bring props/displays to set up for your items.
3. Items MUST be tagged with your number and priced.
4. You MUST bring an inventory sheet of the items you are selling.
5. We need people to work in this booth. No one signed up to help. Please contact Jeanne Joham, 589-2191.

### BLUEBONNET STORE:

1. Please bring items no sooner than 8am Thursday.
2. If you have an idea of what you would like the items priced at, please indicate that.
3. If you want items that do not sell returned to you, you may get these after 4pm on Saturday.
4. We need workers for this booth. Please contact Theresa Morrison, 450-2143.

### BASKET BLITZ:

1. Any baskets after Aug. 20 are welcomed, but you need to have them wrapped yourself.
2. Please email contents of baskets to Kim DeBona, <dachsie@earthlink.net> to make info cards for the baskets.
3. Baskets taken at Brazos Center will be accepted after 3pm on Thursday.

4. We need workers for Friday for this booth. Please contact Kim DeBona, 690-5030.
5. We are in need of baskets. We have half the amount we had last time. Please consider donating.

### FOOD COMMITTEE:

1. Would like to have a few workers to help each day.
2. If you haven't signed up to make something, please email Sue Sprott, <bssprott@gmail.com>.
3. We will take donations of bottled water if you don't want to make food.

### FINAL NOTES:

1. ONLY JoAnn Williams or Dawn Merker can remove quilts from the display prior to the show's end. If you see anyone doing so, please stop them and get one of these two to help.
2. If you see someone who wants to touch the quilts, please offer to get them a glove.
3. Wear nametags on Friday and Saturday.
4. Aprons will be available for check out at the information booth.
5. You may check in at the information booth to be directed to areas needing assistance if you wish to help during the show.
6. Consider bringing a sweater on Friday and Saturday if you tend to get cold.

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## Quilt Appraisals

Nell Smith, AQS Certified Appraiser, will be one of our quilt judges this year. Appraisals are \$40 and will last about 30 minutes.

Why should you have your quilts appraised? In the wild-fires near Montgomery, TX, I was told that quilts were replaced at \$17.00 each. Not much for all that goes into our art. If there is a disaster or theft, you have proof of the quilt's value. Or if your quilt is a gift, it lets the recipient know that what they received is not a dog blanket but an item of considerable worth.

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Quilts that are hanging in the show can also be appraised. Nell will appraise them on the show floor.

Bunny D. will be taking appointments for appraisals. 10:00-5:30 Friday and 10:00-5:00 on Saturday. If there is a need, Nell can start before the show opens.

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## Bee News

It is still summertime! Bob French tells us we have several more weeks of HOT and DRY weather. Sitting at the sewing machine is certainly cooler and more productive than anything outside in the heat. With the upcoming BBQG Quilt Show, productivity is the number one goal.

**Busy Bee** members canceled their early August meeting because so many of them were out of town. They are meeting August 17 to complete the basket for the Quilt Show and to catch up on each other's news. Two members have entries for the Quilt Show and have been busy working and completing projects. They are still open for new members.

**Joyful Quilters Bee** is small but continuing to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights. One member was out with a broken wrist. At their last meeting, two members added a hanging sleeve on the back of their quilts to be entered in the Quilt Show.

**Happy Scrappers** continue to be very busy with projects for the Quilt Show. Some beautiful quilts have been finished for the Challenge Quilt portion of the Quilt Show. Everyone is excitedly awaiting the upcoming Show!

**Out of the Box** Quilt Show Booth is the biggest item on their agenda. They are going to show some of their work, sell some items and meet and greet all who stop by and might be interested in joining.

**Quilt 'n Peace** members thank LaNelle M. for diligently working on the hand quilting for the Hospice quilt that now is ready to be entered in the Quilt Show. Various members have Challenge or other quilts to enter in the Quilt Show. The Bee will contribute two baskets and members are making items for the Bluebonnet Boutique. Although some members have returned from extended travels out of the country, others are still out of town.

**The Thursday ThumbleBees** have been concentrating most of their efforts on final preparations for the Quilt Show. The group also took a road trip to Giddings to take advantage of the Birthday Sale at All Around the Block Quilt Shop (because as we all know, you can never have too much fabric)!

**Wednesday Bee** members have been working on hot pads for the kitchen and for the Bluebonnet store. They missed a great worker in August - Joyce B. had a bad

fall on her early morning walk. Prayers and well wishes to her.

## Peggy, Beekeeper

August 17, 2011

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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: Cmqqguildbc@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 close by also.



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## Long Arm Machine For Sale

A friend of Jo Ann Williams is selling her long arm machine, Model 923 A-1 stitch rite elite quilting machine with 12' ergo lift steel table, laser light, patterns, batting, fabric and various other supplies. \$12,500. 979-220-1419.

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## 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

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## Bluebonnet Quiltery

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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** – Michael 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. Michael J. will also send it out via email to the membership.

**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.

**Pixey M.**, Secretary

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### Area Quilt Shows

**Now through Sept. 30, 2011 - Story Quilts**

Galveston Historical Foundation's 1861 US Custom House, 502 20th Street, Galveston, TX.

M-F, 9-5. Closed Labor Day

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Bright and lively, these quilts all tell a story, Mary Lou Weidman-style. Most are by Galveston resident Peggy Baldwin-Clayton, who has taken many classes from Mary Lou. There are also 15 of Mary Lou's quilts, including several published in her books, and others from Mary Lou's students throughout the United States. A good show for the family-one even most guys enjoy! Contact Jenny Chiovaro <jenny@chiov.net> for more information.

### 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/bbqgquilt-show.html>

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

**September 30-October 1 - "Lone Star Fiesta"** - Dell Diamond Heritage Center, Round Rock, Texas - Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild;  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; [www.ctquiltguild.org](http://www.ctquiltguild.org).

**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](mailto: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

September 9-10, 2011 - BBQG Quilt Show - Renaissance of Quilts (No regular meeting in September.)

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

## 2011 Officers

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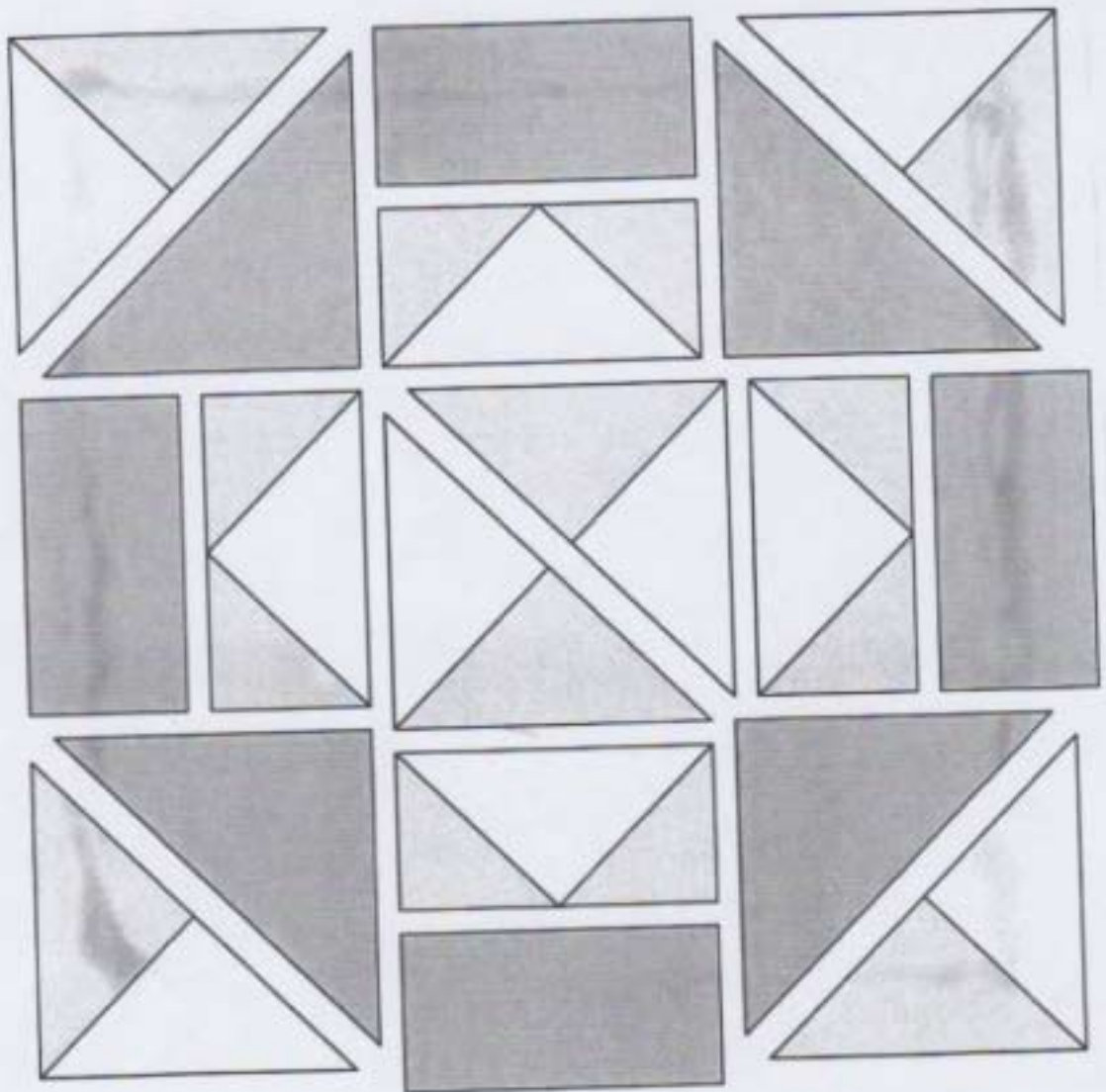
## 2011 Committee Chairs

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



This Block of the Month is due at the October 11, 2011 meeting:

ROCKY ROAD  
12' finished block  
DUE OCT 11-11



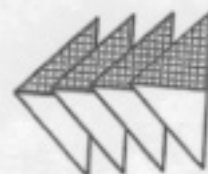
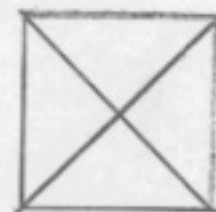
## BLOCKS 1,4,7,9

From the blue & background  
cut 1 square of each  $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$   
Cut these square diagonally from each  
Corner to make 4 triangles from each  
fabric.

place the bkgd triangle face up with  
the square corner next to the needle.

Place the blue triangle on top face  
down & sew down to the point.

(make 4 units)



From the brown, cut 2 squares  $5'' \times 5''$ .  
cut these diagonally 1 time, to make 4  
large triangles. Sew these to the blue  
& bkgd units, trim to  $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ .

Blocks 2,4,6,8.

From the bkgd fabric cut 4 rectangles,  
 $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ .

From the blue, cut 8 --  $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$   
squares to make flying geese.

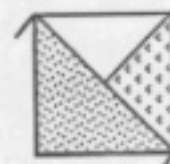
From the brown, cut 4 rectangle  
 $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ . sew to the top of the  
flying geese.

Center block

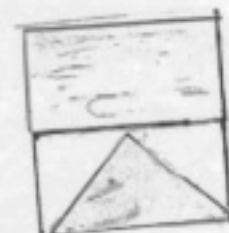
From the blue & bkgd, cut 1 square  
from each  $4'' \times 4''$ .

Cut diagonally 1 time. Sew together to  
make an X. trim to  $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$ .

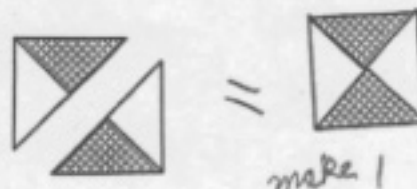
Sew all squares together using the grid  
on the front.



make 4



make 4



make 1