



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Note – December, 2015

My goodness! Where has this year gone? I cannot believe I'm writing my last note for the Newsletter!

"The village" has been busy this year. I want to thank the board members, the committee chairs, the quilt show committee, and everyone who donated their time, resources, hearts and hands to make this year a success in so many ways. It has been an honor to be President and be a part of this amazing guild.

We have our Christmas party on December 8th, and then a new year will be in front of us. Let's meet in January to support our new President, board members and committee chairs—a new year of possibilities!

Now I must start thinking of my plan for the 2016 Challenge Quilt! Nadine Stuth has given us the gift of time to get a quilt finished by our September in-house quilt show!

I leave you with a prayer for a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: "Life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved."
Evelyn Brandenburg

Sue Sprott

President, BBQG

December Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be Monday, Dec. 7th, 6:00 p.m. at Hobby Lobby. Committee Chairs: If you have a report for the Board Meeting please contact Sue Sprott.

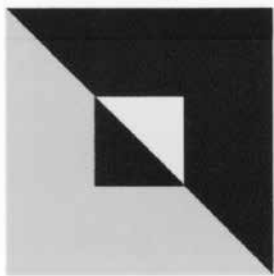
What Did We Do?

Our guild was very busy this year--so many hearts and hands at work. I'm going to make an attempt of listing some accomplishments. Forgive me if I leave something out—EVERYONE & EVERYTHING is important! Some achievements for 2015:

Care Quilts: 276 care quilts were donated by caring hands. These were faithfully delivered by **Luci Smith** and **Laura North** to designated agencies.

Habitat for Humanity: Many banners were made, and 13 were delivered by **Nancy Searcy** and her helpers.

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Donation Quilt and Door Prizes Chairs

We need a 2016 Donation Quilt Chair, as well as a Door Prizes Chair. Please contact Sue Idol at <sueidol@yahoo.com> or 979-219-9051 if you are willing to serve.

Bee News

The Busy Bees will be having a Christmas party in December, then will take a break from meetings to enjoy the holidays with family. We all enjoyed going to the Quilt Festival in Houston and are getting projects ready to work on at our January retreat.

ThumbleBees meet on a regular basis, but many of our members are dealing with health and family issues and aren't finding much time to quilt these days...they just come to meetings for the fellowship.

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects. We are happy to hear that members who have had surgeries/procedures are recovering, and look forward to seeing them again at bee. A local military service member has been selected to receive the Quilt of Valor that the bee made. The presentation of the quilt will be scheduled soon.

Out of the Box Bee met at Sue Idol's at 1 p.m. until people were tired on Saturday, November 28. Sue provided materials and stuff to experiment in making material with scripto pens. The first class was for quilted cards 4"x6" or 5" x6" (or whatever size they wanted to make it). If people are interested in joining, please contact Carol at 979 703 7461.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee took a personal day and made a 12-part fabric Christmas ornament instructed by member Amy. We also turned in nine care quilts and six quilts to Charles for the "Books and a Blanket" program. Some of the blocks had been completed, and nearly all the fabric was donated to our bee. Thanks for keeping us busy! We will meet the first week in December and have Christmas lunch the next week, but not meet the last two weeks of the month.

Jane Riggs, Bee Keeper

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Quilt Ed: **Carol Willson** oversaw three educational venues this year.

The **Washington-on-the-Brazos** celebration was led again by **Luci Smith** and helpers.

Diamonds and Pearls Quilt Show: The quilt show was "all hands on deck," and it was a success both with teamwork and financially.

Donation Quilt: A financial success due to **Kerry Dwyer's** dedication. (Kerry said, "The donation quilt went out more than I did.")

Programs and Workshops: **Linda Bridges** and **Maggie McGuire** brought together amazing programs and workshops for this year. The enjoyment and education gained was priceless! **Melody Nelson** has a lineup for 2016 waiting for us.

There are members who do so many other things in our community—Books and a Blanket, RSVP, LaSara mission trip—and many other things that are second nature to them.

Sue Sprott
President, BBQG

November Membership Report

There were 58 members and two visitors at the November meeting.

19th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

The BBQG Winter Retreat to be held February 11-15, 2016 at Camp Lone Star in La Grange is full. A waiting list has been started to fill vacancies as they occur. If you would like to add your name to the waiting list, please contact **Jeanne Joham** at (979) 589-2191. If you are already registered to attend, please remember that your final payment for retreat is due January 12, 2016.



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Christmas Party

December 8, 2015

Visit

5-6 pm

Eat

6 pm.

Gift Exchange

If you would like to participate in the *Pick or Steal* gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (value of at least \$20.00).

Attire

In honor of our 30th Anniversary, we are asking everyone to come dressed in his or her best

Diamonds and Pearl's

What to bring?

Last year was so stress free that we are going to do it again. Please bring whatever you want! No sign ups, no reminders, just goodies and fun. We do need whomever is going to bring sweet tea or tea to let us know but otherwise let your tummy be your guide.

Maggie, Linda and Judy

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Books and a Blanket

Last fall, we had the opportunity in the guild to hear from Harper and Maggie Cunningham, 11- and 9-year-old students in College Station who head up **Books and a Blanket**. This program provides underprivileged children in the Brazos Valley elementary schools with 12 to 15 age-appropriate books and either a fleece blanket or a quilt. So far, the girls have distributed over 20,000 books and some 1200 blankets/quilts to children in the schools of Bryan, College Station, Somerville, Navasota, and Hearne.

Last year the girls were recognized by the Disney organization and Family Fun magazine, which garnered them a spot on the Today show. In September, Harper and Maggie were winners of the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, and in October they were recognized at the Points of Light Conference on Volunteering and Service in Houston as the day's Daily Point of Light Award honorees, a recognition that allowed them to meet President George H. W. Bush.

You may have also seen the lengthy editorial about them in the October 25 Eagle. They continue to gather books, blankets and quilts for delivery to schools throughout our area before the winter break in December.

If you have used books or new care quilt size quilts/blankets that you would like to donate to the effort this year, you can contact Books and A Blanket directly by emailing to <booksandablanket@gmail.com>, or you can contact **Charles Gilreath** at 979-422-2102 or at gilreathcl@msn.com.

Summer Retreat

The 2016 summer retreat will be held Thursday – Sunday, June 23 – 26 at Magnolia Manor Retreat between Magnolia and Plantersville.

Registration will begin at 6:15 at the February Guild Meeting. Cost this year is \$300.

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required at registration and 2016 guild dues must be paid. You can register for yourself and one other person.

We are limited to 24 participants.

Thanks,
the retreat committee

Rowena R, Deb D, Sue R, Peggy M

Area Quilt Shows

January 8-9, 2016 - Happy Sew Year! - Heart of Texas One Stop Shop Hop; 40+ Shops Under One Roof at the Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave.,

Waco Texas. Friday, 10-5; Saturday, 10-4; Admission \$6 for 12 years and up. <heartoftexashop.com>

February 5-6 - Friendship Quilt Guild Show; at Fireman's Training Center, 1101 Hwy. 290 W., Brenham, TX 77833; Friday and Saturday, 10-5; <www.friendshipquiltguild.weebly.com> <www.facebook.com/BrenhamFriendshipQuiltGuild>

February 19-20 - "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" Quilt Show - Golden Triangle Quilt Guild; Beaumont Civi Center, 701 Main Street, Beaumont, TX 77701; Friday and Saturday, 10-5; \$6 adults; \$5 children/seniors, 60+. <www.goldentrianglequiltguild.com> <www.facebook.com/TheGTQG>

Winners of First, Second, and Third Places in each category at the Diamonds and Pearls BBQG 2015 Quilt Show are featured on the coming pages. Photos were taken by Christine Deppe. Thank you, Chris!!



Above, First place, Youth, Cameron Liotta's "Rail Fence Melody"; below, Second place, Youth, Olivia Davis' "Cathy"





Above, First place, Miniature, JoAnn Williams' "Grandmother's Flower Garden My Way;"



Left, Second place, Miniature, Jane Crouse's "There's a Zebra in my Garden;"



Right, Third place, Miniature, JoAnn Williams' "Stellar Journey IV, a Miniature"

There was no photo of Debbie Brooks' First Place in Wearables, "I Need a New Dress."



Right, First place, First Quilt, Courtney Richardson's "Two-sided T-shirt Quilt: College Days"

Left, Second place, First Quilt, Mollie Walker's "A Storm in the Form of a Girl"





Above, right, First place, Group Quilt, Judy Beskow's "Asian Elements;"

Right, Second place, Group Quilt, Luci Smith's "Angels Watching Over Luci"



Above, Third place, First Quilt, Johnnie Smith's "Time Flies (when you're learning to quilt)"



Left, First place, Other Techniques, Judy Beskow's "Garden Secrets;"

Right, Second place (tied), Other Techniques, Judy Beskow's "Just Playing"





Above, left, Second place (tied), Other Techniques, Lynn McCartney's "Lavender Lace;" Left, Third place, Other Techniques, Norma Reel's "Jewels"



Above, right, First place, Traditional Pieced-Large, Karon Jackson's "Tierne's Bali Wedding Star;" Below, left, Second place, Traditional Pieced-Large, Jeanette Rose Pynes' "Love Is Patient;" Below, right, Third place, Traditional Pieced-Large, Melody Nelson's "Catch Me If You Can"



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BBQG Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2015

Meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by **Sue Sprott**, President. She welcomed the Homespun Quilt Guild from Waco who were present to sell tickets for their donation quilt. Their quilt show will be the weekend of Jan. 8th, 2016.

Sue presented the **budget**.

Opening checking balance - \$25,440.29, closing - \$25,502.48

Opening savings balance - \$11,796.83, closing - \$11,798.77

Total cash balance-\$36,301.25

Minutes - **Glenn Lorance** made a motion to approve the Oct. minutes, seconded by **Sue Idol**, motion passed.

Sunshine and Shadows-**Lynn Thurston** brought her husband home from the hospital today. She sent cards to **Sue Ryan**-her husband, **Judy Beskow**-knee surgery, **Betty Bugh**-son, **Theresa Morrison**-her husband. **Kerry Dwyer** has had knee surgery.

Membership-**Cathy Davis** reported there were 58 members present with 2 visitors.

Door Prizes- **Sue Sprott** and **Lone Star Quilt Works** each donated a door prize. Winners were **Melody Nelson**, **Bunny Douglas**, **Sandra Smith**, and **Mari Szabo**.

Donation Quilt-**Nini Hodges** has volunteered to be in charge of the quilt.

Habitat for Humanity-There will be 2 dedications this weekend. **Mary Anne Durbin** and **Nancy Searcy** will attend and present the wall hangings to the families.

Winter Retreat-There is one spot left.

New Business

The **slate of officers for 2016** was presented:

Sue Idol, President
Melody Nelson, Programs, 1st VP
Nadine Stuth, Membership,
Benita Ebel, Treasurer, and
Alma Fonseca, Secretary.

Linda Winder made a motion to accept the nominations, **Mari Szabo** seconded, motion passed.

The **slate of officers for 2017** was presented.

Charles Gilbreath President, **Maggie McGuire** Membership, **Rozann Coody** Treasurer, **Kerry Fisher**, Secretary. **Nancy Searcy** made a motion to approve the slate, seconded by **Peggy Mobley**, motion passed.

Nettie Kelly volunteered to be 1stVP, Program chair. **Bunny Douglas** made a motion to approve her nomination, **Charles Gilbreath** seconded the motion, motion passed.

Sue Sprott read a card from the Singing Quilter who thanked the guild for such a warm reception.

Program-**Melody Nelson** introduced the Wearable Group whose leader is **Mary Anne Durbin**.

Show and Tell

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Sabrsula, Secretary



Above, First place, Innovative and Art, Judy Beskow's "Desert Moon;"



Right, Second place, Innovative and Art, Judy Beskow's "Let's Get This Party Started"



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Above, left, Third place (tied), Innovative and Art, Mary Ann Vaca-Lambert's "The Birds Dropped a Sunflower Seed;"

Left, Third place (tied), Innovative and Art, Lynn Mc Cartney's "Birdies"



Right, First place, Scrap Quilt, Lou Ellen Hassold's "Bling From String;"

Above, right, Second place, Scrap Quilt, Betty Bugh's "Pineapple Crazy;"

Left, Third place, Scrap Quilt, M. Carol Laughlin's "Love in a Circle"





In Traditional Pieced, Small, there were four winners.

Top, left, First place, Lou Ellen Hassold's "Indigo Feathered Star;"

Below, left, Second place, Jenna Graham's "Wavy Pods;"



Top, right, Third place (tied), Melody Nelson's "Feathered Star;"

Below, right, Third place (tied), Carol Willson's "Elegant Crosspatch Medallion"



Left, First place, Reproduction, Sue Idol's "Bow Tie Medallion;"

Right, Second place, Reproduction, Margie K. Williams' "Back to The Future"





**Left, Third place,
Reproduction, Betty
Bugh's "Charlotte's
Quilt"**



**Right, First place,
Mixed Technique,
Judy Wolff's "Paisley
Park Feathered
Stars"**



**Left, Second place (tied),
Mixed Technique, Betty
Bugh's "Dear Jane;"**



**Right, Second place (tied),
Mixed Technique, Michael
Jackson's "My Jane"**

**Below, left, Third place
Mixed Technique, Sue
Sprott's "Live Simply"**



**Right, First place,
Block of the Month
and Kit Quilts,
Margie K. Wil-
liams' "Civil War
Tribute 1"**





**Left, Second place,
Block of the Month
and Kit Quilts, Lin-
da Bridges' "Hal-
loween Fun"**



**Right, Third place,
Block of the Month
and Kit Quilts,
Kimberly DeBo-
na's "Batiks in
Bloom"**



**Above, left, First place Applique, Lynn McCartney's "Remem-
ber;"**



**Above, right, Second place Applique, Judy Beskow's "Gentle
Giant;"**

Left, Third place Applique Kassie Collins' "Red Fox"



**"Wearables" photos from the November meeting will
be featured in the January newsletter. Thank you
ALL for your patience! Our talents are immeasur-
able!!**