



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BBQG President's Note – November, 2015

I'm still waiting for those cooler days that inspire me to bake an apple or pumpkin pie! I suppose I'll just enjoy the anticipation of cooler days!

The Singing Quilter duo at our October meeting made me laugh and smile until my cheeks hurt! What a fun time that was!

I am so thankful to announce that **Nini Hodges** has stepped up to be the 2016 Donation Quilt Chairperson. She and Louis told me this as we sat with the quilt at the Brazos County Fair. **Lynn Thurston** is owed a big THANK YOU for organizing us for the Fair. Nini will need "the village" to help as she lines up places for us to showcase our guild and the quilt this next year.

Since I'm not being inspired to make a pie, perhaps I should go make sure the Blue Bell ice cream is OK in the freezer.....

Thought for the month: Talk about your blessings more than you talk about your problems.

Sue Sprott

President, BBQG

November Board Meeting

The November Board Meeting will be Monday, November 2nd, at Hobby Lobby, 6:00 PM. Committee Chairs, please let me know if you have any items for the agenda at the Board Meeting or the General Meeting. If not, I will not call on you for a report.

WE NEED: 2017 PROGRAMS CHAIRPERSON. Call Sue Sprott for more info.

October Membership Report

There were 63 members and two visitors at the October meeting.

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ing with new things. If you have questions, call Carol at 979-703-7461. Leave a message and she will return your call. Please join us.

Happy Scrappers are working on a wide variety of individual projects. These include appliqué, knitting, embroidery, yo-yos, hexies, etc.

Jane Riggs

Bee Keeper

2015 BBQG Programs and Workshops

Nov. 10 Wearable's Style Show,
Brazos Center, Assembly Room 4

Dec. 8 Christmas Party, Brazos Center,
Assembly Room 4

Bee News

The Quilt 'n Peace Bee - During October Show & Tell, they shared the 12 care quilts that are ready for Luci Smith. Thank you to the heart and hands that made this possible. Thanks to Luci for her dedication to distribute the quilts.

Quilt 'n Peace members shared the BBQG Quilt Show judges comments on any displayed quilt on our first meeting after the quilt show. We learned some of the criteria that the judges look for so we can improve our sewing and quilting techniques. We took our 5th Tuesday shopping trip on the 3rd Tuesday of September to take advantage of Gerline's Quilt Shoppe's going out of business sale and returned with full packages and stomachs. Some members toured the Stark Gallery Quilt Display and marveled at the amazing designs, fabrics, threads, and quilting of the artists.

The cooler Fall weather has all the **Busy Bees** buzzing! We continue to work on individual projects & are looking forward to going to the Houston International Quilt Festival at the end of the month. Some of the Bees are participating in the guild's workshop with the Singing Quilter this week.

Carol Laughlin is starting the **art quilt group** again. It will be at her house, 3804 Woodmere Dr., Bryan from 1:00 - 3:00/4:00 the last Saturday of the month starting October 31. Those attending this first meeting will discuss projects, processes, and techniques which they want to learn. Being an artist or good quilter is not a requirement. Enthusiasm and ideas are requirements. The purpose of the group is to have fun experiment-

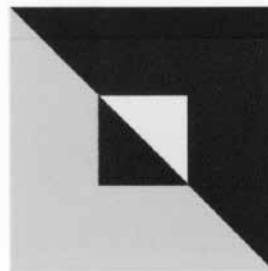
Sale of Shirley Day's Sewing Equipment

Sue Idol has pictures of most of these. Email her for them please. We have several other things for sale. Also, if you are into needle point we have a couple of stands to sell.

1. Sashiko. Japanese hand quilting stitch on a machine. Original price is \$2500.00 Asking \$1000.00.
2. Singer Featherweight. White one. Made in 1964 in Canada. Very good condition. \$450.00.
3. Singer treadle. Model 27 from 1865. Has a folding puzzle box of accessories. Model # 13432737. Not perfect but still works. Needs new belt. \$200.00.
4. Singer 15-91. Model # JC751694. Made in 1953. In nice cabinet. Has stool with all the accessories and then some in it. #200.00
5. White Speedy Lock serger. Needs cleaning. Beginner serger. \$50.00.
- 6.. Kangaroo Cabinets - Tasmanian Height Adjustable table. It holds one machine and can be cranked up to become a cutting table. \$800. You can get all the specifics here.

Photo Gallery: Tasmanian Height Adjustable Table
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Thanks for looking. Peace to all,
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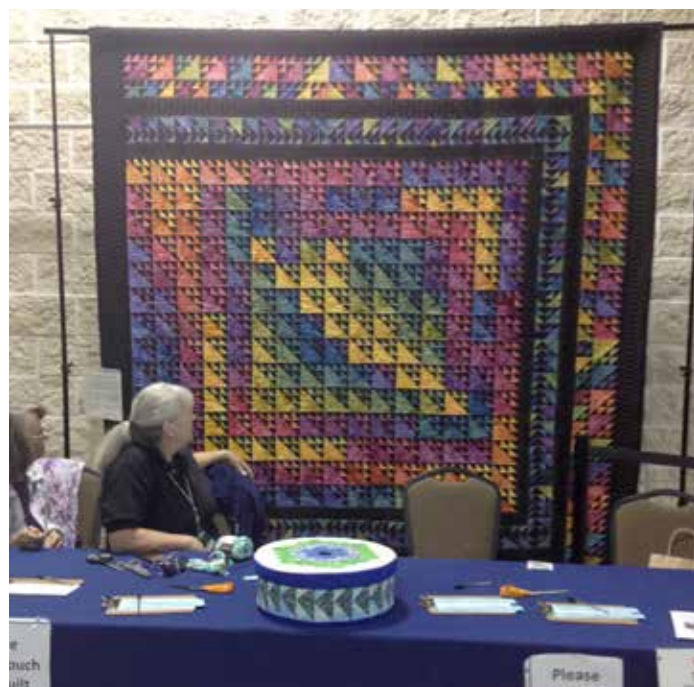
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Boonville Days

It was a fun time spent at Boonville Days—as you can see from the photos. (pictured by Sue S.: Laverne Ondrasek, Carol Willson and Maggie McGuire)



Below is our 2016 Donation Quilt. Thanks to piecer Sharon Braunagel and quilter Norma Reel for its completion! This photo was taken at the BV Fair by Sue Sprott.



Photos from Cathy Miller's Lecture on 10/13/15
and "Mock Mola" Workshop on 10/14/15





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Thanks from Cathy and John

"To say that we enjoyed our visit to the Brazos Bluebonnet quilters would be a gross understatement. You guys rock!! The Standing Ovation and the ongoing response throughout our program gave us a real boost after a slightly rocky start to the tour. And the workshop participation was especially encouraging.

"All the best with your future activities. We'll certainly let you know if and when we are back in this area."

cheers, John & Cathy

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BBQG Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Sue Sprott.

Budget: **Brenda Brown** presented the following budget-checking balance-\$25110.45, savings balance-\$11796.77, cash balance-\$37,219.10.

Minutes: Motion was made by **Michaele Jackson** to approve minutes, seconded by **Bunny Douglas**, minutes approved.

Sunshine and Shadows: **Lynn Thurston** reported several cards have been sent this month. There will be a carwash this Sat. to raise funds for **Alma Fonseca's** grandson's medical expenses.



Donation Quilt: **Lynn Thurston** still has a few slots open for volunteers this weekend. Members may call her to sign up.

Membership: **Cathy Davis** reported 63 members present with 2 visitors.

Door Prizes: **Norma Reel** had donations from **LSQW**, **Ann Gilbreath**, and **Maggie McGuire**. Winners were **Brenda Brown**, **Betty Bugh**, **Sharon Braunagel**, and **Rozan Coody**.

Challenge Quilts: **Nadine Stuth** announced the theme for next year is tropical adventure. There were two pieces of fabric left for participants.

Habitat for Humanity: There were two dedications this month, **Nancy Searcy** and **Jane Waldrop** made the presentations.

Donation Quilt: [**Nini Hodges** volunteered after the meeting.]

Quilt Education: **Carol Willson** reported there was a nice turnout for the Stark Gallery. Volunteers were **Carol**, **Norene Rauschel** and **Maggie McGuire**. Boonville Days was well attended with **Carol**, **JoAnn Williams**, **Laverne Ondrasek**, **Maggie McGuire** and **Sue Sprott** volunteering.

Winter Retreat: **Sign ups** will be held next month.

Old Business: **Sue Sprott** reported that over \$14000 was made between the quilt show and the donation quilt.

New business: 2017 Board Elects: **Charles Gilbreath**-President, **Rozan Coody**-Treasurer, **Kerry Fisher**-Secretary and **Maggie McGuire**-membership. **A program person is still needed.**

Next month elections will be held for 2016. **Sue Idol** -President, **Benita Ebel**-Treasurer, **Nadine Stuth**-Membership, **Melody Nelson**-Programs and **Alma Fonseca** -Secretary.

The Creative Memory Quilt Guild from Caldwell is interested in participating in a block exchange with this

guild. They also are interested in any speakers we might have in the guild to do a program for them. **If you would like to be the contact person for this, please call Sue Sprott.**

Linda Bridges introduced the speaker **The Singing Quilter** who gave a very entertaining and informative program.

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Sabrsula, Secretary

19th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

Fall is in the air, and it's time to start thinking about winter retreat! The **19th Annual Winter Retreat** will be held **February 11-15, 2016 at Camp Lone Star in La Grange**. If you would like to attend (and did not pre-register last spring), you may **sign up for the winter retreat beginning at 6:30 p.m. on November 10th at the Brazos Center**. The retreat is open to BBQG members only (persons who have been paid-up members since January 2015). Registrants have the option of signing up for either 3 nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) or 4 nights (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday). The cost of the retreat is the same as last year: **\$230 for 3 nights and \$280 for 4 nights**. These costs include meals and lodging. A **\$50 deposit** must be given in person to Jeanne Joham at the time of sign-up to confirm your registration. If you are unable to register in person November 10th, you may have someone who is not going to retreat complete the process for you. If more than one person from your group cannot register in person, each of them has to send a different person not going to retreat to register on her behalf. **We will not accept more than one registration per person**. 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 12, 2016 – no exceptions!! Also, please remember that all participants must have paid their 2016 BBQG annual dues before making final payment for the 2016 winter retreat. All monies collected are deposited when received. Refunds will be given for emergencies per BBQG by-laws. For more information, please contact **Jeanne Joham** at 589-2191.



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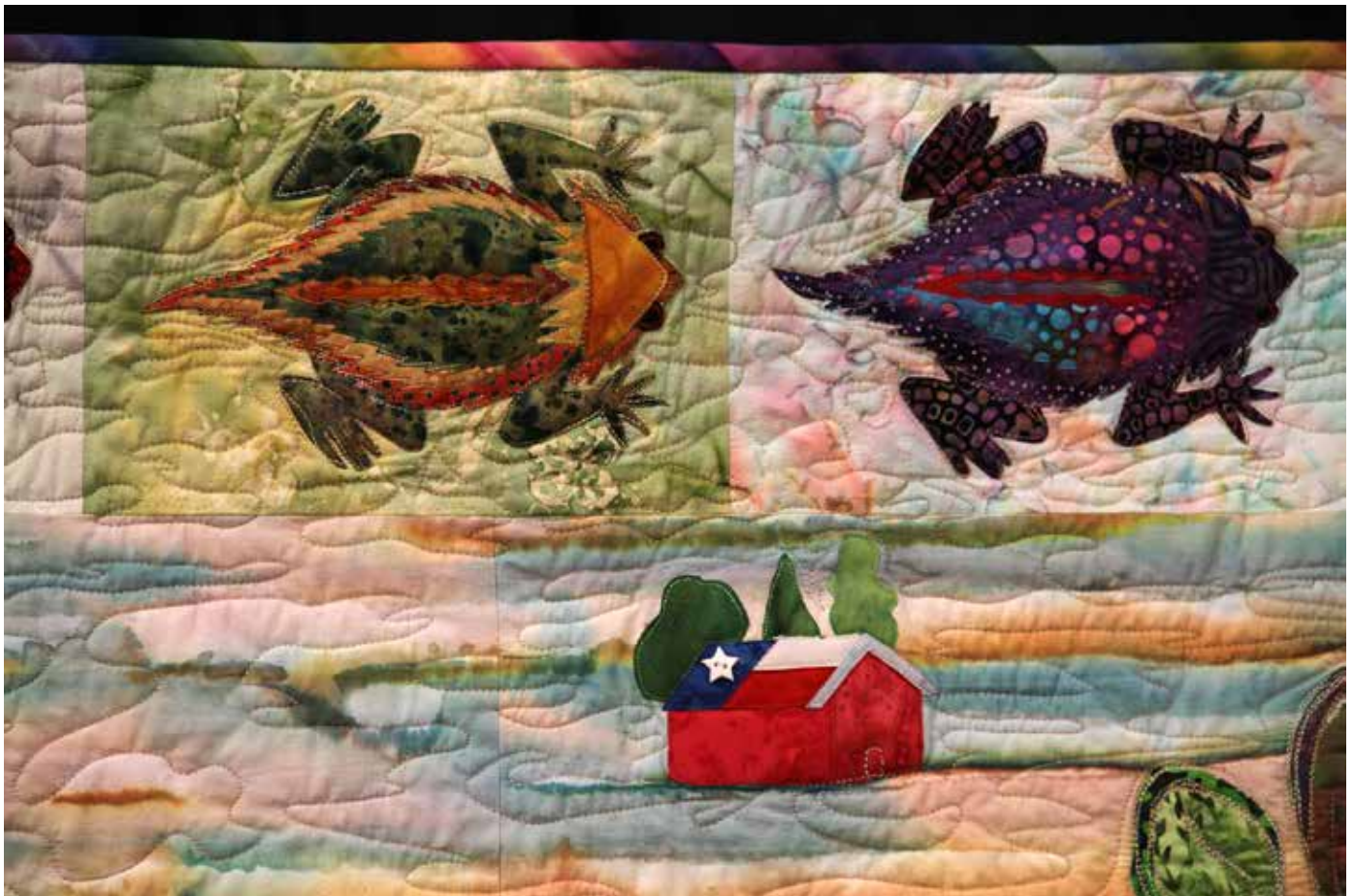


Lou Ellen Hassold's "Indigo Feathered Star" won the "NQA Certified Judge Award of Merit - Susan K. Whatley," Best Workmanship and First Place in "Traditional Pieced, Small;" quilted by Linda Bridges (based upon Lou Ellen's ideas, Linda told us.)





Karon Jackson's "Meme's Critters" won "Best Use of Color."





Above, Lynn McCartney's "Lavender Lace" won "Best Design" and Second Place in "Other Techniques."

Right, Anne Perry's "Mother" was awarded "Judge's Recognition" by Susan K. Whatley.





Many thanks to Christine Deppe, BBQG Webmistress, for her excellent photography and documentation of our 2015 Quilt Show, "Diamonds & Pearls!!" December's newsletter will include other winners, thanks to Chris' wonderful photographs. See www.BBQG.org.

Left, Sue Sprott's "Live Simply" won "Best Hand Quilting" and Third Place in "Mixed Techniques."

Below, Cameron Liotta's "Rail Fence Melody" won First Place in "Youth."

