



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

Where are Charles' Words of Wisdom? Seems they are somewhere between his brain and the Grandkids. The Grandkids had a great time. Charles returns next month.

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BBQG Meeting Minutes – July 2017

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by President Charles Gilreath at 7:00 p.m. at the Brazos Center.

Minutes – The June minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Rozan Coody substituted for Benita Ebel and reported a combined checking and savings account balance of \$25,747.12 at June 30th.

Membership – Maggie McGuire reported 66 members and 7 visitors were in attendance. Four of the visitors will be joining the guild. Three door prizes were won by Kitty Ard, Marty Fuller and Peggy Mobley.

Scholarships – Mary Ann Durbin introduced Ashley Konderla, scholarship recipient, who will attend the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. Her quilt made by Eddie Hurst and quilted by Sue Chrysler was shown. She shared her story

of winning an art contest recently which resulted in her charcoal drawing being displayed in the U. S. Capitol building.

Quilt Show – Sue Idol advised that September 1st will be the cut-off date for receiving White Elephant items. Debby Brooks reported she has twenty Vendors confirmed with two pending. Judy Beskow reported posters for the Show were now available and reminded the members to seek Program advertisements if possible. Sign up for food to be brought to the Show for members and vendors will be ready at the next guild meeting. She reminded the group to make one, two or more boutique items for the Bluebonnet Store. A workshop to make items for the store will be held the day of the August guild meeting from 10:00 to 2:00 at Lone Star Quilts. She and Laura are working with Mark at Sew Vac City on a sponsorship of the tote bags to be sold at the Show. JoAnn Williams reminded the members that she has tickets for the donation quilt which need to be sold.

Care Quilts – Nicole Pavel reported 112 care quilts have been donated year-to-date, and she has about 100 in inventory. She recommended the members check out the guild's window at the Brazos Center which features the care quilts.

New Business – Chris Deppe reported that the guild has received a Thank-You note from Scotty's House for quilts made and donated by member Joyce Blasi as a personal project involving high

school students. Chris recommended saving soda cans and/or pop tops for Joyce, who uses them to recycle for cash to fund purchasing materials for the project.

Charles Gilreath reminded the members to record their volunteer hours when signing in and stressed the importance of having this information available for the IRS, if necessary, to validate our 501(c)3 status.

Programs – Fran Gray reported openings for the Cindy Needham workshop to be held the following day were still available, and only five members have signed up for the wool applique class in October.

The meeting was adjourned by Charles at 7:29 p.m. Alma Fonseca introduced the speaker for the evening, Cindy Needham, who presented a program and trunk show featuring quilted linens. Following the program, the following members participated in **Show and Share:**

Charles Gilreath – Books and a Blanket quilt

Nancy Searcy – Three quilts made with Jeannie Bassett as gifts for friends

Janet Kirkpatrick – Quilt of Valor and child's quilt with trucks

Linda Shamblin – Care Quilt

Sharon Braunagel – Full size charm quilt

Nicole Pavel – Table topper and “happy prize” tote bag

Marjean Neve – Garden party quilt and cross-stitch quilt

Judy Beskow – Hoffman Challenge quilt

Pat Patterson – Quilt of Valor for Korean veteran friend

Peggy Mobley – Quilt of Valor and Care Quilts

Paulette Mayes – Clothespin doll with crocheted dress

Charlotte Simpson – Missouri Star Quilt tee shirt

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Fisher, Secretary

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Bee News...

Members of the **Joyful Quilters** bee have recently participated in the Care Quilt Workshop and in preparing fat quarters and 2 1/2-inch fabric strips to use in the BBQG quilt show Basket Blitz.

The Joyful Quilters bee welcomes new members as well as those who want to drop in from time to time to quilt with us. We meet on the first and third Tuesday evening each month at 6:30 in room 1010 at First Baptist Church College Station.



Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects.



Quilt 'N Peace Bee members are having a busy summer. We are taking vacations, having company, and going on mission trips; but we still have a large number who meet each Tuesday from 9:30-2:00 to make care quilts. A few of us were able to go to Meme's sale in July.

submitted by Jane Riggs

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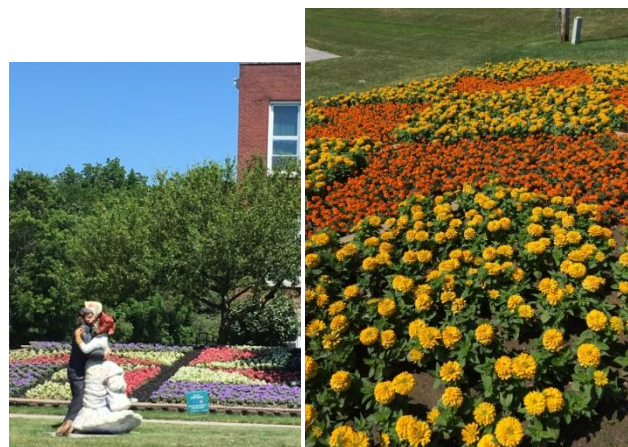
Shipshewana - The Destination, LaGrange County - The Surprise!

The Shipshewana (IN) Quilt Show was on my bucket list. But as things turned out I just got there a week after the show. No problem. There is more to

this area of Indiana than a quilt show as we soon found out.

Oho and Kentucky have wonderful Barn Quilt tours and routes that allow you to see the beautiful countryside. LaGrange County (just west of Shipshewana) has **Quilt Gardens!**

Flowers and other plants are planted in quilt block layouts. In a coordinated effort between the Visitors Bureau, a local nursery, Master Gardeners, Quilters and garden hosts the Quilt Gardens are planted and maintained throughout the growing season for everyone to enjoy.





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Show N Tell

But there was more to discover. This year, in celebration of the 10 years of Quilt Gardens, a traveling exhibit of Seward Johnson bronze sculptures was added. 58 sculptures were located throughout the county, some near or as part of the Quilt Gardens and others in logical environments depending on the sculpture.

A postman was in front of the Post Office. A young girl reading a book was on the bench of the local library. A police officer writing a ticket was on a main street near a parking meter. A street musician was on a corner in front of the local bank.



ShowNTell 1 The Latest Books and a Blanket design

While the goal was the Shipshewana Quilt Show, the Quilt Gardens and Seward Johnson art were an unexpected surprise which will call us back another year.

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ShowNTell 2 Can you guess where Charlotte Simpson has been?



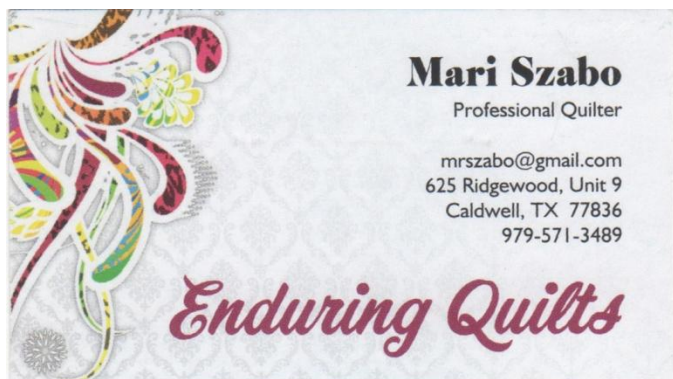
ShowNTell 3 Janet Kirkpatrick's baby quilt



ShowNTell 4 Judy Besckw's Hoffman Challenge entry



ShowNTell 5 Nicole Pavel changed to "small" this month with this cute table topper



ShowNTell 7 Nancy Searcy's gift for a friend



ShowNTell 6 Pat Patterson shows off his Quilt of Valor quilt



ShowNTell 8 One of several Peggy Mobley care quilts



ShowNTell 9 Sharon Braunagel Charm Quilt



Quits that are part of Joyce Blasi's High School project. Reminder" Save aluminum cans for Joyce



From the Cindy Needham Lecture and Workshop

