



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

It's hard to believe that the holidays are upon us already and that my year as president of the guild is drawing to a close. Don't get me wrong, I am happy to hand over guild affairs to Maggie McGuire and the very capable group who have agreed to serve with her, and I know that we are in for another great year in 2018. It has been a great joy for me to have discovered the quilt guild a few years ago. You are a supportive and engaging group and a great deal of fun to be around, and I thank you for having given me the opportunity to participate in the many activities in which you engage.

As with any organization of any size very little of substance gets done without the participation and--cooperation of a number of people: the guild's work is the work of many hands--whether that work be the mounting of a beautiful and impressive quilt show as we did this year, the various educational projects in which we engage, or the growing impact we have had on this community and beyond with our work on care quilts. We have much to be proud of.

Next month will be time for us to get together and celebrate this past year at our holiday party. Maggie McGuire, Linda Bridges and their co-conspirators have a good time planned for our soiree back at the newly spiffed up Brazos Center on December 12. The festivities will begin earlier than our usual meeting time. This is a pot luck affair; ham and tea are already taken care of, so you will need to bring desserts, salads, or side dishes (a former priest at our church said that "side

dishes" means "brownies"). Food needs to be to the center by 6, with plans for eating to begin at 6:30. This will give us time for the annual insanity of the gift exchange. If you wish to participate in that activity you will need to bring a wrapped quilting/sewing-related gift valued around \$20.

Charles Gilreath

BBQG Meeting Minutes - November 2017

The November meeting of the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild was held Tuesday, November 14th in the sanctuary of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church on George Bush Drive. The alternative location was necessitated by remodeling being done at the Brazos Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Charles Gilreath. Charles began the meeting with a brief commentary on the history and repair of the pipe organ in the sanctuary. He also read two thank you notes, one from the Ronald McDonald house thanking the guild for Raggedy Ann & Andy dolls, and the Brazos Heritage Foundation thanking the guild for participation in their July 4th event.

Minutes – The minutes from the October meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Benita Ebel presented the Treasurer's report which shows a combined checking and savings balance of \$34,129.90.

Programs – Sharon Braunagel distributed a handout of the 2018 programs which will be presented and mentioned it is also available on MyGrove.

Winter Retreat – Connie Silber reported that there is one spot open for the retreat which will take place February 8th – 11th at Camp Lone Star. She added the projects and demos will use precuts such as jelly rolls and layer cakes.

Care Quilts – Nicole Pavel reported that the guild has made 288 care quilts year-to-date, and 270 have been donated. She added the inventory of each size is short and needs to be replenished.

Membership – Kitty Ard reported 55 members and 4 visitors were present at the meeting. Three door prizes were awarded.

Officer Nominations – Maggie McGuire distributed a handout with the slate of officer nominations and committee chair positions in place for 2018 and 2019. She added a correction to the secretary position shown on the handout for 2018: LouEllen Hassold is the correct nominee for that position. Several nominee positions for 2019 are unfilled and need volunteers or recommendations; voting will take place at the December meeting. The officer nominations as they stand follow:

President – 2018 Maggie McGuire	2019 Denise Mackan
Secretary – 2018 LouEllen Hassold	2019 *none yet*
Treasurer – 2018 Rozan Coody	2019 Rozan Coody (2-year position)
Membership – 2018 Kitty Ard	2019 Nelda Cohan

Habitat Banners – Nancy Searcy reported that there was a Habitat dedication in the past month and another will take place December 7th. Sally Robinson will replace Nancy as the chairman of this committee in 2018.

Christmas Party – Maggie McGuire provided a handout with information about the Christmas Party scheduled during the December meeting.

New Business – Charles Gilreath reported that Sue Idol will have a quilt featured at the Texas Quilt Museum entitled "Rivers of Sunshine". Judy Beskow has a quilt featured in the VanGogh traveling exhibit. Maggie McGuire informed the group that Terrence Nunn, a Bryan law enforcement officer, has requested the guild participate in the Blue Christmas campaign by providing 48 lap size quilts. She added fleece quilts were approved for the project and the members who wish to participate can purchase 1.25 yds of fleece and make one or purchase one at HEB or elsewhere for a cost of around \$5. The deadline is December 1st, no exceptions. Kerry Dwyer reported a large desk is available from the Aggieland Pregnancy Outreach if anyone is interested, and she thanked those who provided quilts for her friend in League City to distribute to children whose homes were compromised by Hurricane Harvey in August.

Maggie McGuire presented a program to the group entitled "African Flannels" at this point in the evening. The meeting resumed following her presentation:

Quilt Show Wrap-Up:

Financial – Benita Ebel reported income for the Show was slightly down but attributed that in large part to the effects of devastation of Hurricane Harvey in our Gulf Coast area just prior to the Show. She added that the net profit shown as \$9154 was slightly up from the 2015 show, but there are still possibly some reimbursable expenses that have not been turned in to her. Benita requested in the future receipts and bills should be

turned in to the treasurer by the committee chair person only, to avoid expenses being put into the wrong categories. In response to questions she offered these tidbits of information: Admission revenue was around \$4000, less than in the past due to the reduced admission fee. Vendor booth income was \$5200. White Elephant Booth income was around \$4000. Basket Blitz revenue was \$2232. Bluebonnet Boutique revenue was \$1085, which was quite low but suggested reason was incorrect inventory which did not sell. Donation quilt income at the show was \$1640; 58 bags were sold which was short of prediction but attributed to the lack of a person stationed with the bags to promote them. Bags can continue to be sold at other events, including donation quilt showings.

Judy Beskow received two rounds of applause for her work as chairman of a successful show. She thanked her chairpersons profusely. Parade of winners' quilts included showings by Joann, Laura, Luci, Lynn, Carol, Kerry and Judy.

Show and Share:

Charles Gilreath – Books & Blanket quilts

Sue Chrysler – Care Quilt tops by Sue Ryan

Nicole Pavel – Baby quilt

Denise Mackan – Quilt for granddaughter

Nancy Searcy & Jeanie Bassett – Care quilts, baby quilt, quilt for a friend who is leaving town, Mother-Daughter quilt

Nancy Searcy, Jeanie Basset, Delores Rydell and Kerry Fisher – Reformation anniversary quilt for Peace Lutheran Church

Peggy Mobley – Care quilts

Felice Regina – Halloween quilt and rainbow quilt

Rozan Coody – Labrinth Star quilt

Kerry Fisher – 2 crazy quilts and barn quilt

Respectfully submitted,

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21st Annual BBQ Winter Retreat

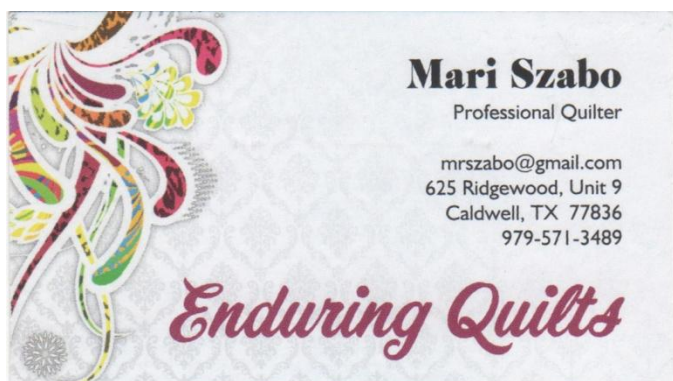
The BBQ Winter Retreat to be held February 8-11, 2018 at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange is full. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list for vacancies, please contact Jeanne Joham at (979) 589-2191.

Bee News...

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects, but also on projects to support the guild and other charitable programs. Some of the members are working on the Guild Christmas Party. And several have volunteered to make fleece blankets to support a local Blue Santa program.



Quilt 'n Peace has been busy. Our bee turned in 15 care quilts to the BBQG in November. We also added backs to 16 care quilts made by other individuals. Our bee continues to grow and we enjoy using our donated stash to make care quilts. In lieu of exchanging gifts at Christmas, the bee members will make diaper changing pads for Hope Pregnancy Center. We will have our Christmas gathering at Martha's Bloomers on December 5 and probably not meet again until 2018. Happy Holidays to all.

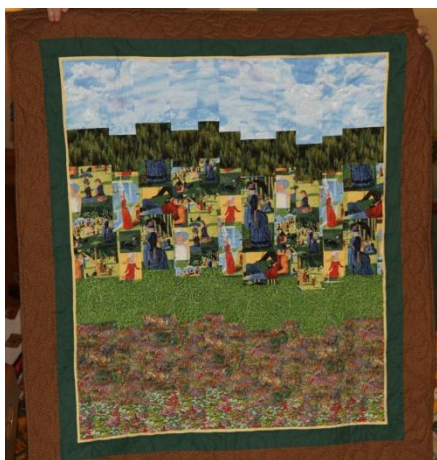


Road Trip...

Quilt ' Peace members had a wonderful trip to Salado and Georgetown on our 5th Tuesday shopping trip on October 31. The Bee visited The Sewing Basket in Salado, and Poppy Quilt and Sew in Georgetown. 11 Bee members and one guest traveled in the First Baptist Church, CS, bus. Lunch at McCain's in Salado. There was never a quiet moment!



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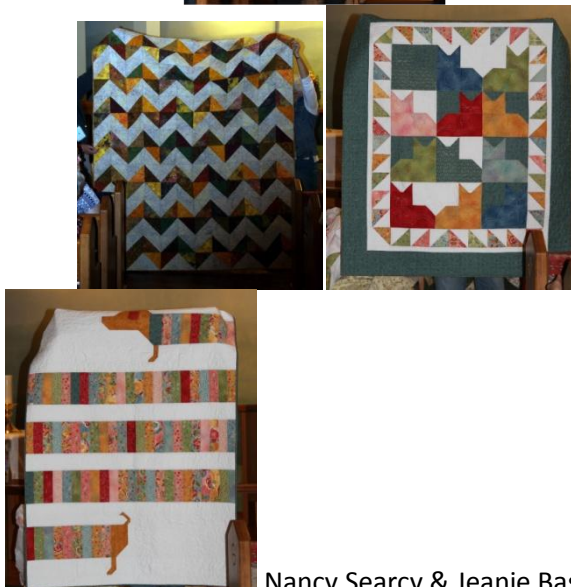


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your friends
(up to 28)
10 a.m. until 10 p.m.**



Laura North Wallhangings



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