



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Bonnie Piernot and Maggie McGuire, Editors

From the President...

Once again, we have made it through all the holidays and are at the beginning of a new year—a time for looking back and a time for looking forward. As I was finishing up a couple of quilts for my daughters' Christmas gifts, I was struck by how much quilting is an opportunity to do both the looking forward and the looking back at the same time. Clearly our projects are looking forward in that we are making a quilt for future use, either by a loved one or to be given to someone in need or to a good cause. (If you are like me, there are very few of the quilts I have made that are still around my house: almost everything I make is given away.) While one hopes that the quilts made today and given away will provide comfort and pleasure in the future, the very act of making a quilt is a way of paying homage to those who have gone before us. Perhaps the pattern we have used is one from the past, or the fabric selected for the project is either genuinely historic (how old IS that stash!!) or, more likely (we hope) a reproduction of some historic fabric design. The very act of cutting, piecing, and quilting itself is also a form of recognizing the value of and honoring this activity by those who have gone before us—mothers, grandmothers, or other loved ones. In my own case I have the additional pleasure of having been gifted by my mother with a box of needles that my grandmother had used back in the 1950s (fifteen cents for a packet of

between!). I take inordinate pleasure in using one of those needles for whipping down bindings, thereby adding in a way too subtle for most to appreciate a bit of history to the modern quilt I am making to send out into the future.

That is a lot of philosophy, but I hope that as you tackle your new projects—or re-tackle some of those UFO's lurking in the secret places of your space—you take pleasure in being part of a long continuum of quilters, which we can all hope stretches long into the future. Happy new year and happy quilting.

Charles

Minutes for Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Welcome : The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by Charles Gilreath

Minutes - Charles Gilreath asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November minutes. None were raised, and the minutes were approved as written.

Sunshine and Shadows - Charles Gilreath reported that cards were sent to Benita Ebel, Joyce Blasi, Chris Deppe, and Kerry Fisher.

Treasurer's Report - **Rozan Coody** reported balances of \$12,106.56 in the checking account; \$16,843.36 in the savings account; and a total cash balance of \$28,949.92.

2017 Budget – **Rozan Coody** presented the proposed 2017 budget, reflecting total income of \$10,540 and \$9,299 in total expense. The quilt show budget is a net profit of \$9,531, but will be modified to reflect a maximum of 140 entries. The biggest change in expenses for 2017 comes from increased rental rates for use of the Brazos Center. **Maggie McGuire** moved to approve the budget as presented, and **Sharon Braunagel** seconded the motion. The 2017 Budget was approved.

Membership – **Maggie McGuire** reported that prior to the meeting, 39 members had paid dues for 2017, but that many more were submitted at the meeting. Attendance was 56, including 2 new members: **Denise Macken** and **Sally Robinson**. We also have another new member, **Lynn Rians**, who was not in attendance.

Door Prizes/Birthdays – **Maggie McGuire** and **Sue Ryan** awarded door prizes to **Connie Silber** and **Sherry Payne**. There were 11 members with January birthdays. Gifts were presented to those in attendance by **Kitty Ard**.

Habitat for Humanity – **Nancy Searcy** reviewed the Guild's involvement with Habitat for Humanity and explained that we provide "Welcome" wall quilts for new homeowners. If anyone is interested in presenting a quilt at a dedication ceremony, they should contact Nancy. Several examples of the quilts were shown, and Nancy explained that we need more in our inventory. A workshop will be held at Lonestar Quilt Works on February 7th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Kits will be provided for making 10 Habitat quilts, or you can use your own materials.

Donation Quilts – **JoAnn Williams** reported that the 2017 donation quilt earned \$475 at the Brazos County fair, and \$75 at the Kingwood Quilt Guild. Upcoming events where the quilt will be displayed and tickets sold include Go Texan the second weekend in January, and the Antiques Show on February 10-12. **Kitty Ard** and **Lucy Smith** will coordinate the Antiques show, but need other volunteers to assist. The quilt is also scheduled to be at Washington on the Brazos the first weekend in March.

The 2018 Donation quilt will be made by **Judy Besko**, and will feature large hexagons in bright fabrics, including Kaffe Fasset designs. **Norma Reel** will be quilting it.

The 2019 Donation quilt is being made by the Happy Scrappers Bee. A kit has been purchased for this purpose.

Programs – **Alma Fonseca** and **Fran Gray** provided copies of a list of all programs scheduled for 2017. They also provided a sheet with course descriptions for planned workshops. February's program will feature Diane Rose, on Quilting Without Sight. If you would like to see Diane's work, donate materials to support her ministries, or purchase one of her quilts, you can visit her website, theamazingquilter.com, prior to the February meeting.

The March workshop will feature Maggie Ball, teaching Bargello with a Twist. To sign up for a workshop, send checks to **Fran Gray**, and she will put you on a list. Workshop fees have been raised from \$30 to \$35 this year.

Winter Retreat – **Connie Silber** reported that there is still one spot open for the Winter Retreat which will be held the 2nd weekend in February at Camp Lone Star. This is our 20th annual winter retreat.

Summer Retreat – Rowena Reed announced that she will take sign ups for the Summer Retreat at our next monthly meeting. The retreat will be held June 22-25 at Magnolia Manor. The cost is \$300, with a \$50 deposit to register.

Dallas Bus Trip – Jeanne Rierson reported that the annual bus trip to the Dallas Quilt Show is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th. We will depart from Wells Fargo at 7:00 a.m., and arrive in Dallas around 10:00 a.m. The bus will leave the Dallas show at 4:30 p.m., and stop in DeSoto for dinner. Cost is \$50 for members, and \$60 for non-members, and does not include meals. Bus capacity is 54. Charles Gilreath emphasized that we need to fill the bus if we want this activity to continue in future years. In the past, the guild has lost money on the Dallas trip.

Care Quilts – Nicole Pavel and Stephanie Modrall reported that 194 quilts were donated in 2016 to Phoebe's Home, Trauma Patients, Cancer Patients, Hospice, and the Prenatal Clinic. Since 1996, the guild has gifted 4,424 care quilts. We collected 206 care quilts in 2016. The current inventory on hand includes zero baby quilts, 26 kid quilts, and 20 adult quilts. There are also 25 unquilted tops which will be quilted at our June 12th workday. The evening bee at First Baptist Church, CS, will be demonstrating and making flannel cuddle quilts on February 17th from 6:30-8:30 p.m., if anyone would like to participate.

Charles Gilreath reported that 76 completed quilts were provided to Books and a Blanket in 2016. In addition, Sue Ryan provided 50 tops which Charles Gilreath and his mother quilted. The monthly bee for Books and a Blanket produced 40 quilts.

Quilt Show – Charles Gilreath reported that Judy Besko was absent due to family business, but that all the bases seem to be covered for duties related to

the 2017 Quilt Show. Charles encouraged everyone to become involved and to support the show. In particular, he stated that we need people who will “shadow” Sue Idol in White Elephant, and JoAnn Williams for setting up quilts. These two ladies would like to retire from their duties after many years of service, and we will need people trained to step into their roles in 2019.

Miscellaneous – Charles Gilreath stated that we need a volunteer to coordinate the display window for the Brazos Center.

Maggie McGuire invited everyone to a National Sew Day for Quilts of Valor at the American Legion, Post 159 in Bryan, on February 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Marjean Neve if interested, as lunch will be provided.

Chris Deppe reminded everyone to list monthly volunteer hours related to the guild on the meeting sign in sheets. We need to document these hours to maintain our 501c3 status.

Show and Tell:

Carol Laughlin – Twice Sliced Purple Thing quilt
Charles Gilreath – Books and a Blanket project
Kitty Ard – Messy Bun Cap
Maggie McGuire – Vintage quilt with newspaper batting
Nicole Pavel – Pink and Gray baby quilt; Celtic Solstice quilt
Sharon Braunagel – Squares Quilt
Quilt 'n Peace members – Care Quilts
Debbie Ginn – Gray and Aqua quilt

The meeting was adjourned by Charles Gilreath.

Respectfully submitted, Lou Ellen Hassold
(alternate to Kerry Fisher, Secretary)



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Bee News...

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects. We were so pleased to have Sue Sprott join us at one of our January meetings.

Some of our members are working on both the 2018 and 2019 donation quilts for the guild. We've seen the beginnings of these quilts, and they are beautiful!

Quilt 'n Peace Bee started off the year in grand fashion by contributing 23 care quilts to the Guild. Thanks to Connie H. who used the plethora of bowl games to piece and quilt over half of the quilts. Our second meeting this year was devoted to making individual mesh bags. Although the main purpose of our bee is to quilt for charitable causes, we will do one personal project each quarter led by Rowena R.

2017 seems to be the year that most of the **Busy Bees** want to finish UFOs. We'll start meeting again at the end of this month, then we're having a retreat to motivate ourselves to finish those projects!

The **All American Bee** awarded 5 QUILTS OF VALOR to an Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard Veteran at the American Legion dinner January 5, 2017.



Figure 1 New quilt display at the Brazos Center thanks to Bunny Douglas





them to us. We chose several photos which were used in the design and returned them to her.

The quilt project involved many guild members at the time. These names are included on a label on the back of the quilt, which proudly hangs in Bryan City Hall.

The design of the quilt including the photos provides a unique look at some history of the city. I thank Clara Mounce, once again, for sharing her photos with us which made the quilt project a unique part of the celebration.

CAROL WILLSON

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild

College Station



Tribute to Clara Mounce

(From *The Eagle*: January 2, 2017, Opinion Column)

Bryan librarian Clara Mounce helped so many people, organizations

I was sad to hear of the passing of Clara Mounce. She was a beloved resident of Bryan and her name is synonymous with the Bryan Public Library.

In the mid 1990s, the city of Bryan commissioned the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild to make a quilt celebrating the 125th anniversary of the city.

The design of the quilt included transferred photos, on fabric, of various historic buildings in Downtown Bryan. Those original photos belonged to Clara and when I approached Clara with our design and idea, she was very gracious in loaning

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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild's
[Quilt of Valor National Sew Day](#) is
happening on Saturday, February
4th, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the
American Legion, Post 159 in
Bryan,

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2017 BBQG Dallas Quilt Show Bus Trip:

The Wheels on the bus go round and round.....It's that time of year again. The Dallas Quilt Show bus trip is Saturday, March 11, 2017. The bus will leave the Wells Fargo Bank in Bryan (HWY 6 & Briarcrest Dr.) at 7:00 a.m. and return at approximately 9:00 p.m. The bus ride will be straight through to the Quilt show at Dallas Market Center and arrive at approximately 10 a.m. when the show opens. Show tickets will be handed out as you depart the bus. We will have till 4:30 to enjoy the day viewing the quilts, attending lectures, watching presentations and visiting the vendor's booths. There are several food vendors in the food court. The bus will depart at 4:45 p.m. and stop in DeSoto for dinner. There are 5-6 restaurants to choose from. The cost for BBQG members is \$0 and \$50 for non-members. The sign-up deadline is March 1, 2017. There will be a sign-up table at the February guild meeting. If you have any questions call **Jeanne Rierson** at (979) 220-3188.





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Show and Tell



Figure 2 Carol Laughlin's Twice Sliced Purple Thing

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Figure 3 Charles Gilreath Books in a Blanket



Figure 4 Kitty Ard Messy Bun Cap

New Exhibits at the Texas Quilt Museum

Three Museum premieres will run from January 5 through March 25, 2017.

SAQA: TRANQUILITY

Features 26 works from members of the Studio Art Quilt Associates on the theme of tranquility and emanate quiet, peacefulness, calmness, or serenity
Featured quilt: Morning Mist by Linda Anderson.

SACRED THREADS 2015

Explores themes of spirituality, joy, inspiration, peace, grief, and healing in a beautiful collection of 20 art quilts. *Featured quilt: Joy by Judy Warner*

QUILTS: A WORLD OF BEAUTY PRIZEWINNERS 2016

Features 32 award-winning quilts from the prestigious annual Judged Show of the International Quilt Association. *Featured quilt: Baltimore in Bloom by Sally Magee.*

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More Show and Tell...



Figure 5 Maggie McGuire displays her quilt with newspaper batting/piecing paper



Figure 6 Nicole Pavel and a baby quilt



Figure 7 Care quilt from the Quilt N Piece Bee



Figure 8 Nicole Pavel's Celtic Solstice quilt

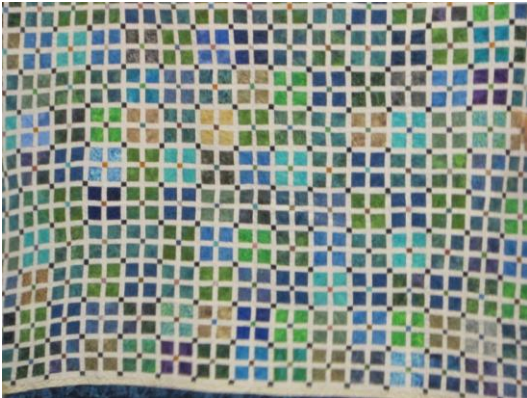


Figure 9 Sharon Braunagel's Jelly Roll quilt Or "I really dont like Jelly rolls"



Figure 10 Debbie Ginn Wedding gift



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