



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Bonnie Piernot and Maggie McGuire, Editors

From the President...

If you are like me, most of the quilts I make go out my door when they are finished, never to return again. Friends, relatives, and good causes are most often the recipients of our work, and we enjoy their pleasure in the quilts almost as much as we do our pleasure in making them. I have recently received a thank you from Books and a Blanket that adds a new twist in our efforts supporting this charity. Melissa Cunningham recently forwarded to me the following email:

We thought you needed to read the note below:

Thank you so much for the gift of books and the incredible quilted blankets. So many of our international families were so appreciative and want to take them home to their own countries with them as a piece of Americana!! Please tell the quilters THANK YOU!!

Over the past year members of the guild have provided over 100 quilts to this local charity either through their donation of completed quilts or by participating in the monthly bee at Lone Star. It's great to think that as we are stitching away on our quilts, we are also potentially creating a bit of Americana for someone to enjoy around the globe!

While we are in the thank you mode, we have also received two more notes which highlight other aspects of this guild's giving heart. First, we received the following note from Tammy Broussard:

And then we received this note from Terry at Lone Star:

BBQG—Thank you so much for all of the “goodies” that keep showing up at our back door. I do not know who they are really from in the guild but I truly appreciate you keeping the lovely LSQW ladies supplied with chocolate, etc. to keep their spirits up. My sister is slowly on the mend and I am back in the store a little more. You all are the best!

It is a delight to be associated with such a caring and thoughtful group as the BBQG. The opportunities to keep that giving spirit alive keep on coming, of course.

Remember that the annual care quilt workshop is coming up in June. This year the workshop has been shifted both in time and place. It will happen on the MONDAY before our next guild meeting in the parish hall at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 906 George Bush Drive. Entrance to the parking lot there is off Dexter behind the Hillel Center.

Also, it is time to start thinking seriously about the upcoming quilt show in September. Sue Idol is still in need of items for the white elephant booth, Kim DeBona will need baskets of goodies to auction off, and Theresa Morrison will need items to sell in the Bluebonnet Shop. Lots of stuff to keep us busy, giving, and happy!

Charles

BBQG Meeting Minutes – May 2017

May 09, 2017

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

Minutes – The April minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Benita Ebel reported a 04/30/17 balance of \$14,368.36 in the Checking account and \$16,857.95 in the Savings account, with a combined balance of \$31,057.88. The report was approved. Benita mentioned she would be unavailable several months of the summer and Rozan Coody would be filling in for her.

Sunshine and Shadows – Charles Gilreath reported one card was sent in the prior month, which was a thank you card for a donation. Sunshine shared included Lucie Smith will turn 90 years young in June and will throw out the first pitch at a Rangers game, and Maggie McGuire shared she has another grandchild on the way. Shadows shared were Nadine Stuth fell and broke her right arm involving surgery, and Linda Novosad's father passed away.

Membership – Maggie McGuire reported 51 members were present at the meeting which included 2 new members, Cookie Pairs and Katie Putman. Visitors included representatives from two quilt guilds and the speaker and her husband. Three door prizes were awarded; recipients were Peggy Leach, Linda Winder and Katie Putman.

Workshops – Charles Gilreath reported the new location for workshops will be at the American Legion Hall located at 100 Waco Street in Bryan, which will be at a lower rental fee and has excellent facilities. Fran Gray summarized the June and July workshops with Sharon Wilhelm and Cindy Needham. Nicole Pavel announced the date for the Care Quilt workshop is June 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in College Station.

Old Business – Charles Gilreath reported two students chosen for scholarships were from Bryan High School. Ashley Renee Konderla and Elizabeth Ruthann Lafon will each receive a check from the Guild and a quilt. JoAnn Williams reminded the group each member should strive to sell \$20 in donation quilt tickets. The donation quilt will be shown at JoAnn's on June 10th and volunteers are needed for this sitting.

New Business – The Maggie Ball wall hanging was auctioned off and won by Kerry Dwyer for \$60.00. Bunny Douglas requested participation and/or suggestions for the Guild's display window at the Brazos Center. Sharon Braunagel suggested a display of Care quilts and signage to explain where they are used. A mention of our September Quilt show dates and venue was also advised.

Adjournment – The business meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Alma Fonseca introduced Barbara Crawford, the speaker for the evening.

Show and Share followed:

Charles Gilreath – Books & Blanket quilts which included a Maggie Ball project

Carol Laughlin – Twirling Stars project she named "Midnight Jewels"

Bunny Douglas – 4 quilts

Sue Chrysler – Baby bib bandana and 2 quilts

Kerry Fisher – Karen K. Buckley project quilt

Jane Riggs – Feedsack replica quilt

Sharon Braunagel – No Quilt Police sign

Laura North – Quilted table cloth

Maggie McGuire – Soldier squares bee project (129 made by Kitty!)

Rowena Reed – Maggie Ball table runner & another using coffee filters

Sandra Smith – Moda panel project featuring dolls and blankets

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Fisher, Secretary

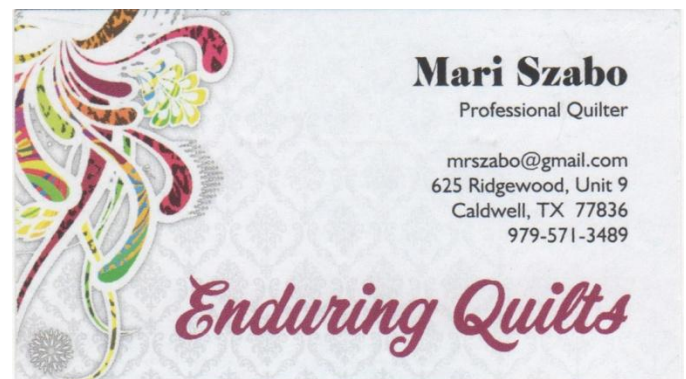
2017 BBQG Scholarship Winners

Elizabeth Lafon on left; Ashley Konderla on right-our two scholarship recipients this year with Maryanne Durbin of BBQG

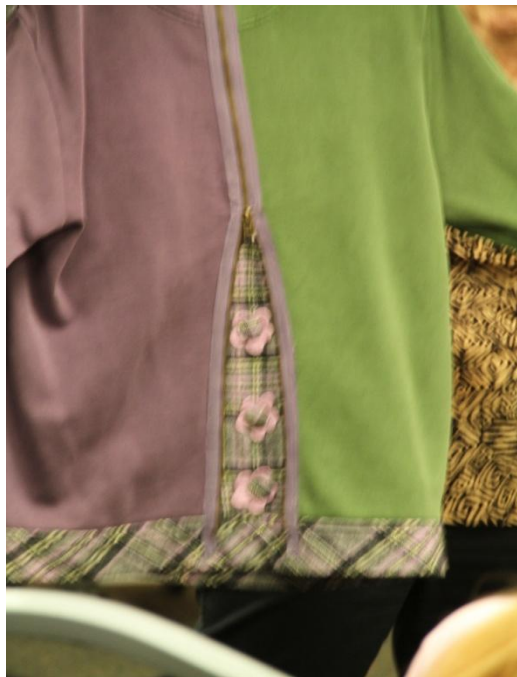


Barbara Crawford Show and Tell...

From a sweatshirt



More Barbara Crawford...from two tee shirts, some coordinating fabric and a zipper.



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Quilt 'n Peace Bee will not meet June 6 because of VBS at FBC. In past years we have not met during the month of July, however we have not discussed canceling all meetings at this time. Members have responded positively to longer hours so that will continue. This has enabled us to complete many more care quilts. We decided to take our first Bee overnight trip in May to quilt shops in Kerrville, Fredericksburg, and Dripping Springs. We believe in having fun!

Bunny Douglas displays her scrappy Quilt



Bee News...

Happy Scrappers have been doing all sorts of things. These include working on individual projects, working on guild donation quilts for the next 2 years, gathering items for the Basket Blitz, quilting donation quilts, taking this year's donation quilt to other guilds to sell tickets, and many more. Some of the Happy Scrappers have been traveling to exotic places such as Paducah, Plantersville and Wimberley for quilt shows and classes. Future travels include Summer Retreat.

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Charles displays Jane Riggs Feed sack Replica quilt

Kerry Fisher's Karen Kaye Buckley Project



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Carol Laughlin displays her Twirling Stars project which she named "Midnight Jewels"



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Rowena Reed displays her table runner which used coffee filters



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Sue Chrysler's Disappearing 9 Patch.



And another Charles Gilreath Books and a Blanket quilt



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