



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

Just in case you have forgotten, there are plenty of good quilt shows in the area, and a particularly good one is coming up next weekend—the St. Mary's Quilt show in Plantersville. This will be the third show at St. Mary's, and it promises to be as wonderful as the past two offerings. If you have not yet taken this show in yet, it is worth the short drive down 105 to Plantersville.

We are now only five months from our own quilt show in September. Things are cranking along well with the planning, but it is not too early to be thinking about the many opportunities to participate available to you .

Sue Idol says that the contributions for the white elephant booth are at this point lagging behind past years, so as you engage in weeding/cleaning out activities over the next couple of months, keep Sue in mind and get your contributions to her as soon as you can. Organizing and pricing all these bargains is no easy feat and takes time to have them ready by September.

Theresa needs you to be thinking about those cute, irresistible items she can sell in the Bluebonnet Bazaar booth, and Kim needs you to be planning for contributions for the basket blitz booth—charming items packaged together for choose-your-own raffles.

In addition, Stephanie and Nicole are looking for guild members to contribute fat quarters and/or 2 ½ inch strips that they will bundle into jelly rolls for part of the

basket blitz. The FQs and strips can be brought to the next guild meeting.

Happy spring!

Charles



Meeting Minutes... April 11, 2017

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by President Charles Gilreath at 7:07 p.m. at the Brazos Center.

Minutes – The March minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – In Benita Ebel's absence Kerry Fisher read the Treasurer's report which showed 03/31/2017 balances of \$14,433.49 in the Checking account and \$16,853.79 in the Savings account, with a combined balance of \$31,287.28. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Membership – Barbara Mes reported 63 members and 5 visitors in attendance. Door prizes were awarded to Debbie Brooks, Peggy Leach, Marjean Neve, LouEllen Hassold and Kathy Laughlin.

Sunshine & Shadows – Alma Fonseca has had surgery on both hands. Former member Judy Neff passed away recently.

New Business – Charles Gilreath displayed the banner given to the guild at the March meeting by guest Maggie Ball and announced it will be auctioned off at the May meeting. He also mentioned that the Scholarship Committee met Wednesday and has selected two of twelve applicants. The names will be announced at the next meeting. Linda Winder announced that former member Georgia Tuttle has stage four cancer and would like some help to finish some quilt projects she had started.

Old Business – Nancy Searcy showed a Habitat for Humanity banner and reminded the group that more are needed. Two banners have been presented recently at Habitat dedications. One opening is available for the Summer Retreat and participants were reminded that final payment is due.

Quilt Show – Judy Beskow thanked Chris Deppe for the bookmarks which were available tonight. Category list is still not available but opening date for entries is July 2nd and will close August 12th with no exceptions. Entries can be posted online but money must be mailed to Connie Silber before the registration is completed and official. Judy showed examples of the winners' ribbons which will be used. Members were reminded to bring 2-1/2" fabric strips and fat quarters for the Basket Blitz baskets, and items for the White Elephant booth and the Bluebonnet Boutique. Marjean Neve has agreed to replace Sue Idol as White Elephant booth chair following this 2017 show. A volunteer is still needed to replace JoAnn Williams following this year to organize and hang the quilts. Judy urged the members to approach businesses with a flyer (available next

meeting) to solicit business card-sized advertising in the Quilt Program, a bargain at only \$25.

Adjournment – The business meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Judy Beskow introduced Dot Collins, the speaker for the evening's program.

Show and Share followed:

Paulette Mays – Care Quilt

Kitty Ard – knitted caps for infants

Delores Rydell – blocks from Block of the Month project

Charles Gilreath – Books and a Blanket quilt, completed project from Maggie Ball's class

Julie Sabrsule – Alma Fonseca's completed project from Maggie Ball's class; antique quilt she purchased at Thrift Shop

Nancy Searcy – Care quilts from her Lenten promise to make one a week during Lent

Nicole Pavel – Care Quilts from Quilt and Piece Bee and Sue Sprott and her sister

Barbara Mes – Quilt for friend made using a cheerful panel

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Fisher, Secretary





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Request for help...

Many members will remember Georgia Tuttle. Recently, I met her and she told me to tell everyone hello! She would love to hear from you; her address is 6704 Rose Hill Road Calvert 77837. She had to quit the Guild because she has stage 4 cancer. She has a pile of grandchildren and great children along with a few unfinished quilt tops. If you would like to help out by finishing a top or donate your time to quilt for Georgia, please contact me.

Thank you, Laura North

Quilt 'n Peace Bee changed our meeting hours this month. We start at 9:30 and end about 2:00 with a "come when you can and stay as long as you wish. Those who plan to stay the entire time bring a lunch. There were 12 women who stayed past noon on our initial longer meeting time. We have 13 care quilts for the Guild in April. We are planning a group trip to St. Mary's Quilt Show on April 28.



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Bee News

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Quilt Show Calendar...

St. Mary's Quilt Show

April 28-29

Plantersville, Texas

Heart of Texas Quilt Show

April 28-29

Brownwood, Texas

Hauptstrasse Quilt Fest

May First Weekend in May

Boerne, Texas

Tall Pine Quilt Guild Show

May 6

Huntsville, Texas



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