



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

As I write this brief note two days before the 2017 Quilt Show, we are just on the cusp of a wild flurry of activity. The show is the centerpiece of both our fundraising efforts to support guild activities for the next two years and the showcase for our many efforts to educate ourselves and others about the quilting arts and to serve the community in a wide variety of ways, ranging from care quilts given to a variety of organizations to quilts of valor given to our veterans to scholarships provided to local area high school students. We are a busy organization, and an organization blessed with scores of members willing and able to help out when needed. Judy Beskow and her crew have been working hard for many months now to pull all the strings of this show together, and I know that guild members are standing by now to pitch in wherever needed to make it a success for all those in the community to enjoy. Thank you to all who contribute to this effort. It is a joy to be a part of such an organization.

BBQG Meeting Minutes – September 2017

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by president Charles Gilreath on 09/12/2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brazos Center.

Minutes – The August minutes were corrected by Nancy Searcy to reflect that she asked to purchase a ticket for a non-member who has made a care quilt for the Guild rather than asking for a free ticket be provided. (So noted and changed.)

Treasurer's Report – Benita Ebel reported a 08/31/2017 combined balance of \$26,449.69 in the Guild's checking and savings accounts. She added several checks related to the Quilt Show have been written since that date and encouraged committee chairs to turn in their money as soon as possible.

Programs – Alma Fonseca reported that 14 people have now signed up for the October workshop by Elizabeth Arellano. She added the workshop, which features wool applique, has a short supply list and there are openings to attend. The November program will be presented by Maggie McGuire.

Membership – Sally reported 55 members in attendance, and two new members who were not in attendance. There were no door prizes this month.

Care Quilts – Nicole Pavel reported that 36 care quilts were given to the Red Cross for Hurricane Harvey victims, making a total of 4,617 care quilts donated since the program began. She requested more quilts are needed for inventory as she has only 15 available and 30 on display in the Brazos Center window.

Summer Retreat – Rowena Reed reported the dates for the 2018 summer retreat will be June 21-24th at Magnolia Manor in Waller.

Quilt Show – Judy Beskow thanked all her committee chairmen for their hard work and challenged all members to sign up and/or just come to the Quilt Show next week to help. She reported that the sign-up sheets unfortunately disappeared at the August meeting never to be found, so new ones were available at the meeting this evening. She cautioned the members on making questionable or unkind comments about any quilts lest someone nearby would overhear and share with the maker. She also cautioned the members to share only positive comments with the Vendors. She mentioned the tote bags which will be sold at the show are high quality and encouraged members to buy one. Her chairmans' reports follow:

Jane Crouse – Early quilt intake will be at her house Wednesday (20th) from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.; her address is 5537 Somerford in the Copperfield subdivision. Regular intake will be Thursday morning (21st) at the Brazos Center from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Kim DeBona – 20 baskets are ready to go for Basket Blitz. Jeanie Bassett will provide the tickets for the voting.

Vendors - Debbie Brooks reported four more Vendors were added due to cancellation of Conroe's quilt show. Door prizes will be left with the Vendors so winners will have a chance to thank them.

Donation Quilt – Kitty Ard will need volunteers to help with ticket sales at the Show. Benita and/or Rozan will be available in a curtained area to receive money not previously turned in by members. The drawing for the quilt will take place Saturday at 4:00.

Set-Up – JoAnn Williams said a "gate keeper" will direct volunteers to areas where they are needed. She cautioned members to observe the safety rules of dealing with poles and rods to prevent injuries. She mentioned she needs two mannequins for wearables and was answered by Nadine and Laura who will provide them. Connie Silber added volunteers on set-

up day should wear NO makeup or perfume. The quilts will be judged on Thursday on the stage area and will then be transferred to the set-up crew for hanging.

Publicity – Debbie Ginn reported there will be tv spots with KAMU and KBTX and advertisements will be in the Eagle newspaper beginning Sunday. The banner can no longer be hung on the street so she is hoping to place it on the Brazos Center lawn on Briarcrest. At least 20-30 yard signs will be positioned in various areas announcing the show. Shel Winkley will do a live feed from the Show Friday at noon.

Admissions – Nadine Stuth reported she has a full slate of volunteer help and is ready to go.

White Elephant – Sue Idol was not in attendance but has reported plenty of inventory. Marjean Neve asked members to have their name tags on when the 3:00 announcement is made for members' free shopping.

Bluebonnet Boutique – Theresa Morrison was not in attendance but is working on a "square" processor for credit card purchases.

Challenge Quilts – Linda Winder asked challenge quilt makers to attach a note with their name, address and phone number to the back of their entries, and to have them in a bag. Yellow ballots are ready for the voting on these quilts.

Programs – Christine Deppe reported the program is being proof-read.

Vendors – Debbie Brooks has engaged great and varied vendors. She mentioned Vendor fees received are sufficient to pay for the Brazos Center venue. Volunteers will need to be sure the Vendors are fed and substitutes are available for bathroom breaks.

Judges – Connie Silber reported the two judges are Serena Vrnak and Marilyn Hardy. A volunteer will "scribe" for each judge and Connie cautioned beyond

that, leave the judges alone! She mentioned extra lighting will be required for the stage area. Connie said 130 quilts will hang and they are beautiful.

Appraisals – Angela Harrison has been relocated to Houston for work related to Hurricane Harvey, but she will be at the Show as planned. Several members have had difficulty reaching her to schedule appointments so Judy will check into that.

Food – Sue Ryan asked for snacks and sandwiches on Thursday, and save hot dishes for Show days. She reminded the group the Brazos Center can be cold.

Ribbons/Awards – Judy Beskow reported the ribbons are looking good despite a snafu with the Florida vendor due to Hurricane Irma. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd plus two honorable mentions for each category. There will be no “participant” ribbons. Four VIP awards will be given by 1) Lone Star Quiltworks (corporate sponsor), 2) Sew Vac City (corporate sponsor), 3) Brazos County Sheriff, and 4) Shel Winkley with KBTX.

New Business – Charles advised the group that the November guild meeting will NOT be at the Brazos Center because it will undergo remodeling. The November meeting will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in the fellowship hall. Charles also thanked the Happy Scrappers Bee for adding hair to 17 Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls which were then presented to the Ronald McDonald House. Jeanie Bassett mentioned that the Cancer Center at CHI St. Joseph Hospital gave quilts to patients transferred here from Houston due to the hurricane, and of those 40 some were from the Guild members.

Boonville Days is being held at the Brazos Center on October 14th and a sign-up sheet is available for volunteers to represent the Guild at the event.

Judy Beskow showed the 2018 donation quilt which has been completed and features Kaffe Fassett fabrics. The quilt was made by Judy with help from Laura North and LouEllen Hassold.

There was no program for this meeting, so the meeting was adjourned by Charles and the following persons participated in Show and Share:

Paulette Mayes – Care quilt and scarf
Alma Fonseca – Hat and dress for baby girl
Donna Bracewell – Care quilts and a bag
Linda Shamblin – Small Christmas quilt
Charles Gilreath – 2 Books and Blankets quilts
Sharon Braunagel – Charmed Lady of the Lake quilt
Rowena Reed – Baby quilt and Turning 20 with a Twist quilt

Nancy Searcy – 3 care quilts
Laura North – Ode to Cindy Needham quilt
Kitty Ard – Care quilt w/pillow, coffee can keeper, unique pin cushion
Michael Jackson – Bed quilt and bag for 50th reunion
Donnice White – piecing idea for strips
Linda Bridges – Quilt of Valor quilt
Sandy Smith – Karen K. Buckley quilt being donated to Guatemala

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Fisher, Secretary

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Bee News...

It's Not Just Quilts...



One of the projects of the Happy Scrappers is to finish about 25 Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls which were started by Polly Niles. Prior to passing away, Polly made the dolls to donate to the children at the Ronald McDonald house. Members of the bee have been making bloomers, hats, and adding hair to finish the dolls, so that they can still be donated to the children.

In September members of the **Thumblebees** focused most of their efforts on the BBQG Quilt Show. Several members also worked on care quilts. At the end of the month the Thumblebees traveled to Galveston for a mini retreat.



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Quilt 'n Peace Bee is enjoying the return of many members who have been away for the summer. September 19 we had 14 members present. We are always busy making care quilts.

We have quilters from several foreign countries, and many of our members traveled abroad during the summer, we assembled an international basket for the quilt show's Basket Blitz. We always have fun at our Bee. We enjoy sewing, visiting and caring for one another.

We meet each Tuesday from 9:30-2:00 (bring a sack lunch) at First Baptist Church in College Station. We welcome new members.



Quilt 'n Peace Bee Front row: Peggy M., Linda W., Gay W., Louise D., Mona N., Back row: Penny G., Darleen M., Sharon B., Amy K., Barbara M., Neera M., Kitty A., Jane R., Rowena R.

Show N Tell...



ShowNTell 1 Paulette Mayes – Care quilt



ShowNTell 2 Alma Fonseca – Hat and dress for granddaughter



ShowNTell 3 Quilt of Valor by Linda Bridges





ShowNTell 4 ShowNTell 4 Charles Gilreath Books and a Blanket



Quilter's Hideaway Day Retreat

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



ShowNTell 5 Donna Bracewell Care Quilts and Bag



ShowNTell 6 Sharon Shamblin Christmas Quilt



ShowNTell 7 Charmed Lady of the Lake by Sharon Braunagel



ShowNTell 8 Donation for Guatamal by Sandy Smith



ShowNTell 9 Donice White shows her piecing idea



ShowNTell 10 Laura North – Ode to Cindy Needham quilt

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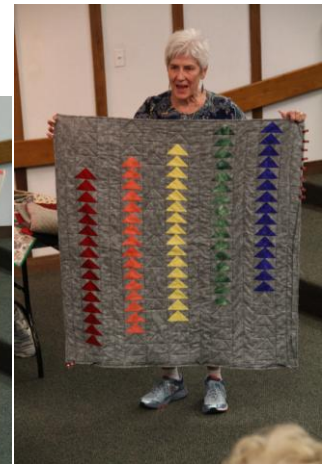
ShowNTell 11 Three quilts by Nancy Searcy



ShowNTell 12 Kitty Ard's basket of ideas



ShowNTell 13 50th Reunion quilt by Michael Jackson



ShowNTell 14 Rowena Reed and her quilts

October 10 Guild Meeting
Program: [Elizabeth Arellano](#) - "History,
Care & Use of Wool Applique"
(Brazos Center Assembly 102)