



# Bits and Pieces

**Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter**

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## *From the President...*

As I sit here waiting for the “wintery mix” to hit, I was reflecting on how much I enjoy quilting and being with my friends. Actually, I was giving myself a pep talk as once again the thread on my long arm broke and that got me thinking about quilting and my friends. Regardless, I wanted to share with everyone how in awe I was on Tuesday night as the committee chairs shared what their groups do. Dang ladies and gents, we are a force to be reckoned with.

Kitty has been busy renewing members and our membership continues to grow. Those of you who are new to the guild, my best advice is get involved. There were quite a few years in the beginning when I sat back and waited to be invited. I was not happy. NEWS FLASH, people were too involved to send me an invitation and expected me to just join in. Credit Linda Bridges for setting me straight and I went to my first retreat. The rest is history.

So, what are my goals for this year? I want to have fun and do no harm. I have my PIPPs list written and taped to the wall. Kerry said #5 and in checking the list I found that this was a sampler I

started in 2000 something when trying to teach myself some new blocks. I can do this!

I also want to hear what your quilting goals are. Is the guild meeting your needs or is there another way to thread that needle? To help with this, I will be visiting all of the bees to see what your thoughts are. If you are not in a bee, do you want to be? FYI, all bees that are listed with the Guild are open to all members, however, some bees cannot accommodate new people due to meeting space. Can't find a bee that meets your needs? Why not start one. To advertise your bee with the Guild the only requirement is that the contact person be a member of the Guild. There is no requirement for people in the bees to all be guild members.

As to the challenge quilt--- What the Cluck!!!!  
Can't wait!



Please note for the record that I am writing this on the 15th and it is not due until the 20th. Being ahead of schedule may not happen again, but I have the best of intentions.

Maggie

## BBQG Meeting Minutes – January 2018

The meeting was called to order by president Maggie McGuire at 7:00 p.m. on January 9th at the Brazos Center. There were 58 in attendance, including five visitors.

Budget –

Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Charles Gilreath, and seconded by Linda Bridges to approve the budget as submitted. The budget was approved.

Treasurer's Report –

Maggie McGuire stated that the treasurer's report will no longer be presented at future meetings, due to privacy concerns and the presence of visitors and speakers at meetings. Reports will be available to members through MyGrove.

Minutes – The December minutes were read by Lou Ellen Hassold. A motion was made by Charles Gilreath and seconded by Rozan Coody to approve the minutes as read. The minutes were approved.

## Committee Reports:

**Care Quilts** – Nicole Pavel reported that 270 care quilts were given out in 2017, bringing the total donations for the guild since 1996 to 4,694. 316 quilts were received in 2017. In addition, 356 quilts were given to Books and a Blanket, and 18 Quilts of Valor were presented. The annual care quilt work day for the guild will be June 13th.

**Scholarship** – Chair Marty Fuller was not in attendance, but past president Charles Gilreath reported that 2 scholarships will be awarded to area graduating seniors again in 2018, and that the application is available on the guild web site.

**Summer Retreat** - Rowena Reed reported that the summer retreat will be held on June 21-24, at Magnolia Manor, and that the cost will be \$300. Sign ups will begin at the February guild meeting.

**Winter Retreat** - Connie Silber reported that the winter retreat, to be held in February at Camp Lone Star is full, but there is a waiting list available to those who are interested.

**Programs** - Sharon Braunagel will present February's program on Color and Design, followed by a Luminous Squares workshop on February 14th. March's program will feature Lois Hallock on Creating the Perfect Quilting Space, followed by her workshop on Quilt Studio Design. In April Carol Morrissey will be the featured artist. Sign up sheets are available prior to every guild meeting.

**Newsletter** - Bonnie Peirnot reminded everyone that the deadline for submitting items to the newsletter is the 20th of each month.

**Dallas Bus Trip** - The annual bus trip to the Dallas quilt show will be on March 10th. Linda Bridges asks that everyone arrive at the Wells Fargo

parking lot by 6:45 am. Cost is \$50 for members, and \$60 for non-members. This includes admission to the show, snacks and water. The bus will stop for dinner on the way home and should return by about 9:00 pm.

**Website** - Chairperson Chris Deppe was unable to attend, but Maggie McGuire reported plans to update the website, and asked for feedback from members. Suggestions should be emailed to Maggie.

**Brazos Center Window** - Bunny Douglas reported that the display window at the Brazos Center is currently empty following recent renovations, but would soon feature quilts by Judy Beskow. If anyone is interested in having their quilts in future displays, they should contact Bunny.

**Sunshine and Shadows** - Ann Gilreath sends cards as needed on behalf of the guild. Please contact Ann by email (same address as Charles Gilreath) to have a card sent if you know of someone who should receive one.

**Bee Keeper** - Jane Riggs is beekeeper and reports updates from bees in the newsletter each month. Please let her know of activities and events from various guild bees. Maggie McGuire reported that the All American Bee will host the national sew in day for Quilts of Valor at the American Legion hall on 2/3, beginning at 9:00 am.

**Habitat for Humanity** - Sally Robinson is chair. Welcome banner quilts are presented to families who move into new homes via habitat. If anyone is interested in making a welcome banner, they should contact Sally for instructions.

**Donation Quilt** - Joann Williams is responsible for scheduling appearances for the 2018 donation

quilt, and providing tickets for sale. Janet Kirkpatrick, Kitty Ard, and Charles Gilreath have each volunteered to keep the quilt and coordinate getting it to venues for one quarter this year. All members are encouraged to sign up to sit with the quilt at appearances. This is a major source of revenue for the guild.

**Quilt Education** - Chair Carol Willson reports that guild members will participate in Texas Independence Day activities at Washington on The Brazos, and at Boonville Days this fall. Letters will be sent to area schools to remind them of education programs available through the guild.

**PIPPS** – Projects in Progress Previously Started. Chair Kerry Dwyer drew the number “5”, as the project from participating member’s lists, to finish for show and tell at the February meeting.

**Arts Council** – \$50 has been paid to the Arts Council for 2018. Another \$50 will be sent later in the year.

**Mini Quilt Show** – To be held in September to vote on Go Texan quilt, and to have challenge quilt show and auction. Marjean Neve reports that the 2018 theme for challenge entries is “What the Cluck?”, and will feature chickens. The focus fabric is available, and is a chicken wire print.

#### **Old Business:**

Sixty blankets were given to the Bryan Police Department in December for distribution to the elderly.

All officer positions for 2019 have been filled. The secretary will be Janet Kirkpatrick.

## New Business:

All receipts that are given to the treasurer for reimbursement must now be submitted through committee chairs.

A review of our outdated guild bylaws will be conducted this year. Denise Mackan, 2019 president elect, will oversee this effort.

Show and Share:

Charles Gilreath – Books and a Blanket quilts

Alma Fonseca – Jacket, purse, baby quilt & items

Jane Riggs – Three quilts

Denise Mackan – Scrap quilt and Tula Pink quilt

Felice Regina – Quilt

Suzanne Hinson – Quilt

Kitty Ard – Surprise (fuzzy slippers for dusting floors)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ellen Hassold

## 2018 Summer Retreat

The 2018 Summer retreat will be held Thursday - Sunday June 21-24 at Magnolia Manor Retreat. Registration will begin at 6:15 at the February Guild Meeting. Cost this year is \$300

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required at registration and 2018 dues must be paid. You can register for yourself and one other person.

We are limited to 24 participants.

Thanks, the retreat committee

Rowena R, chairman



## PIPPS Challenge

*(Projects In Progress Previously Started)*

By now, you should have your list of 10 projects that you would like to finish in 2018. Each month we will draw a number and you are challenged to finish that project before the next meeting.

In January we drew **number 5**, so we hope to have lots of number 5 projects finished and brought for Show and Tell. Your name will be entered for each





finished project, and one name will be draw for a small prize.

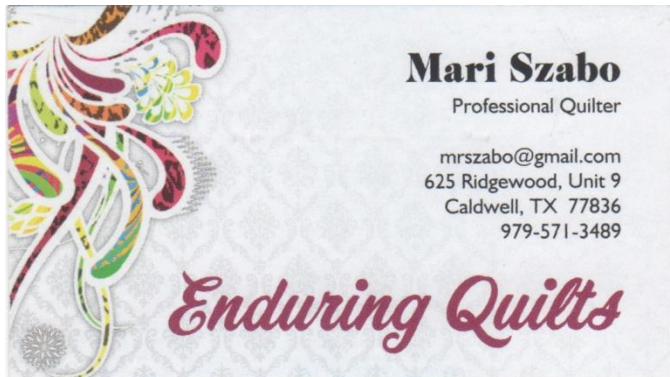
Good luck and we hope to see lots of finished projects at each meeting.

Kerry



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your friends  
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*Alma showed her jacket from tee shirts, a purse,  
baby blanket, burp cloth and bib,*



*Charles showed the front and back of his Books and  
a Blanket quilt.*



## Bee News...

The Joyful Quilters bee meets on the first and third Tuesday nights each month. We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 in room 1010 at First Baptist Church College Station. If you are looking for an evening quilting group, the new year is just getting started and we welcome new members!

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects. Some members are preparing for upcoming retreats.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee met only once this year due to the weather. We received a generous fabric donation and look forward to making many more quilts for the guild to donate in 2018. Some of us are planning to attend retreats soon. We have two upcoming road trips with a stop for lunch each time.



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dusting*





will be on March 10th. The bus will leave the Wells Fargo parking lot at 7:00 sharp so please arrive by 6L45. Cost is \$50 for members, and \$60 for non-members. This includes admission to the show, snacks and water. The bus will stop for dinner on the way home and should return by about 9:00 pm.

The bus will arrive at Dallas Market Center approximately 10 am, which is when the show opens. Show tickets will be handed out on the bus so no waiting in line. We will have until 4:30 pm to enjoy the day viewing the quilts, attending lectures, watching presentations and shopping in the vendor booths. There are several food vendors in the food court.

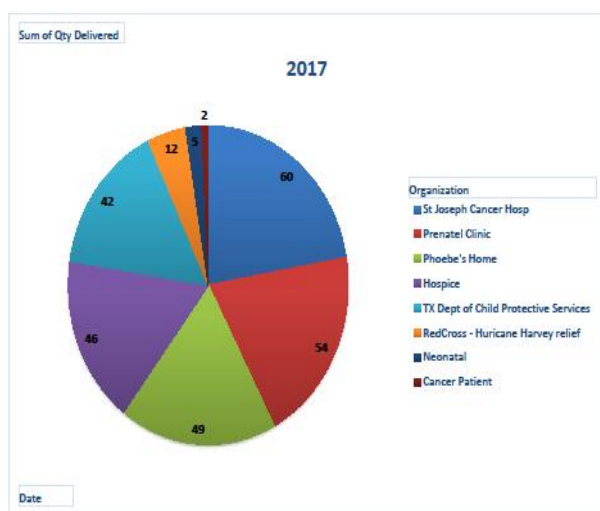
The bus will depart at 3:45 and stop in Desoto for dinner on your own. There are 5-6 restaurants from which to choose.

Questions? Call Linda Bridges 979-255-0570.



Brazos Blue Bonnet Quilt Guild Care Quilts Annual Report  
Co Chairs: Stephanie Modrall & Nicole Pavel

2017 Care Quilt Outgoing	270
2017 Care Quilts Incoming	316
Total Donations since 1996	4694



Baby	Approx 45"x45"	11
Kids	Approx 45"x60" kid themes	23
Adults	Approx 45"x60"	12
Tops		44

Quilts are always needed and can be donated at any guild meeting! Optimum sizes: 36" x 45", 45" x 45", and 45" x 60" in any color, tied or quilted, designed for men, women or babies - cheater cloth is just fine! Note: we will take ANY size quilt you can give us as larger quilts are sometimes needed!

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### Dallas Bus Trip -

Please join us for a fun filled day at the Dallas Quilt Show. The annual bus trip to the Dallas quilt show

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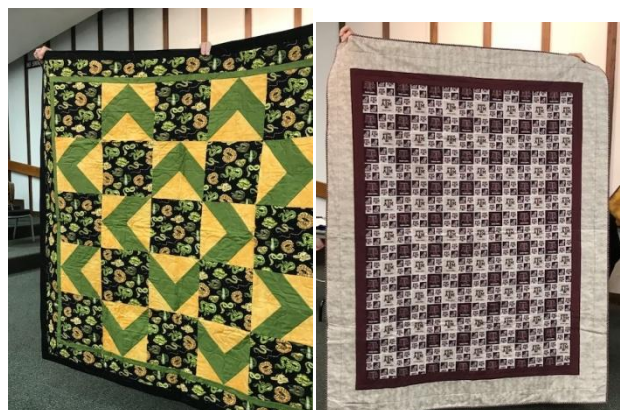
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