



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

***Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year***

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Retreat News...

21st Annual BBQG Winter Retreat Reminder

Winter retreat is just around the corner! Don't forget that if you have signed up to attend the 21st Annual Winter Retreat in La Grange February 8-11, 2018, **your final payment is due by the January 9, 2018 BBQG meeting – no exceptions!!!** The total cost of the retreat is \$250. The balance due in January is the total cost minus your \$50 deposit and any other interim payments you may have



made. Also, please remember that you must have paid your 2018 BBQG membership dues before making your final retreat payment. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Joham at 589-2191. Thanks for your cooperation!

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



2018 PIPP\$ Challenge (Projects in Progress Previously Started)

Most of us have several previously started projects hanging around our sewing rooms. Maybe you ran out of time, didn't have the right materials, or just got tired of the project. Let's make a resolution to

clean out these projects and join the PIPPS challenge.

The challenge will begin in January and run through November. To be prepared, here is what you need to do:

1. Find 10 projects that you would like to complete. You can select any sewing related projects. Number each project from 1-10.
2. At each BBQG meeting, from January to October, **Kerry Dwyer** will randomly draw a number that will correspond with a number on your project list. Your challenge is to complete that project before the next meeting.
3. Bring the finished project to the next meeting for Show and Tell. Each month that you finish a PIPPS your name will go into a drawing for a SMALL prize. All the names will then be added to our GRAND prize drawing to be given away in November.

By the end of the year, you could have 10 finished PIPPS!

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January Meeting
January 9
Annual
Business Meeting

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2018 Calendar

Date	Speaker/Activity	Presentation
Jan 9	Business Meeting	
Feb 13	Sharon Braunagel	<i>Color and Design</i> This is a lecture that uses quilts to illustrate basic principles of color theory and design.
Feb 14	Workshop S. Braunagel	<i>Luminous Squares</i> In this workshop, participants will create a 16" x 20" piece of art using foam core board and 4-patches.
Mar 13	Lois Hallock	<i>Creating the Perfect Quilting Space</i> Lecture showing how to improve ergonomics and immediately help the quilter to enjoy their quilt studio to the fullest will be presented. This lecture includes examples of real room makeovers and is based upon the book "Creating Your Perfect Quilting Space."
Mar 14	Workshop L. Hallock	<i>Quilt Studio Design and Organizing</i> The participant brings information about their quilting space (room and furniture dimensions, stash storage requirements, etc.) and with L. Hallock, they design and optimize their working space.
April 10	Carol Morrissey	<i>A Fine Obsession</i> A lecture including photography, dyeing, painting and fusible appliqué and quilting
April 11	Workshop C. Morrissey	<i>Fabric Postcards</i> Participants will make fabric postcards
May 8	Debbie Maddy	<i>No Diamonds/No Y: Old Quilts, New Methods</i> Lecture demonstrating the use of a simple technique that uses only straight-line sewing to create beautiful old-style quilts
May 9	Workshop D. Maddy	<i>Carpenters Star</i> Participants are shown a simple technique that uses no fussy bias edges and where all seams are done with straight-line sewing to make beautiful old-style quilts. The Carpenter Star block is used to demonstrate this unique technique.
June 12	Bonnie Piernot	<i>What's in Your Toolbox?</i> This is an in-house program of favorite tools that facilitate "Finishing More Quilts"
June 13	Workshop	<i>BBQG Care Quilts</i>

July 10	Vicki McGowen	<i>Tales of Two Friends</i> A fast-paced trunk show of Vicki McGowen and Kathy Hock's original quilts designed over the years. The stories and challenges of each quilt are presented in a fun, light-hearted manner. Approximately 25-30 quilts are shown.
July 11	Workshop	<i>Basketful of Diamonds</i>
Aug 14	Gail Garber	<i>Liberalism in Quilting: Free-form Art Quilts</i> Never one to adhere to the rules, Gail will lead us on a journey of exploration, from the valley of tradition, along the rocky road of great ideas gone wrong, to the rainbow peaks of increased creativity in quilts
Aug 15	Workshop G. Garber	<i>Circular Borders</i> It's not magic! It's easy, using simple drafting techniques, learn to draft circular flying geese, spirals, big'n'little, and more. Students will learn drafting techniques for a variety of circular borders. \$10.00 workbook fee.
Sept 11	Mini-Quilt Show	
Oct 9	Nancy Mahoney	<i>Scrap Quilts Trunk Show</i> Nancy will share more than 50 scrap quilts, including vintage quilts from her collection. Tips for making stunning scrap quilts and ways to expand our thoughts about making scrap quilts will be shared.
Oct 10	Workshop N. Mahoney	<i>Gum Drops</i> Nancy will share her machine appliqué techniques using plastic templates and spray starch for flawless appliqué results. Class will encompass all aspects of invisible machine appliqué including template and pattern piece preparation, tips for laying out perfectly places designs and instruction for using your sewing machine to achieve finished appliqués that look hand stitched. Pattern included for each student. Quilt shown in Fons & Porters Love of Quilting, Jan/Feb 2014
Nov 13	Shannon Brinkley	<i>Trunk Show</i> Shannon wrote the book "Scrappy Bits Applique" where she teaches how to turn scraps of fabric into gorgeous modern art quilts by collaging a variety of fabrics, vintage and new, with different colors, tones and patterns to create interesting and unique textures.
Nov 14	Workshop S. Brinkley	<i>Scrappy Appliqué</i> Participants will choose a template/pattern and together with

Shannon, will develop a quilt using scrappy appliqué. Every persons project will be totally unique.

Dec 11 **Christmas Party**

