



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

IT IS DONE! We are cleaned out, sorted through and consolidated into one storage unit. Oh, the space we have. It was a joint military operation, thank you to Col. Pat Patterson-Army, Chris- Navy, Joshua- Navy, Lt. Col. John McGuire- Marines. The Villa Maria storage unit was cleaned out and moved to the Harvey Rd. unit.

Update on the By-Law revision. Final product is going to the board in May. If they approve, they will be posted to My Grove and mailed to those without email. Please read them before the June meeting as that is when they will be discussed. Final adjustments will be made if needed and we will vote on them in August.

So, who has gotten their sewing room organized? I was feeling quite smug as I had already read Lois' book and organized my fabric. Couldn't find a specific piece so thought I would straighten up some of the stacks of fabric. Happy surprise, I found some chicken fabric I had forgotten I bought, but did not find what I was looking for. Maybe I need a remedial class.

Sharon has told me to keep it short at our May meeting. Debbie Maddy evidently is bringing a

HUGE number of quilts to share. I went to her web page, <http://www.calicocarriage.com/> and am seriously in awe!!! Don't miss this one. Her workshop is "Carpenter Star."

ALL HANDS ON DECK (I am into the military jargon today). June 13, 2018 is the next CARE Quilt workshop. Someone told me one time that she did not have to come to the Care Quilt workshop as her bee made care quilts. Thank you for all those Care quilts, however, that is not the point. As a guild, when we get together on this ONE day, we are getting to work together and sew. Think of it as a mini retreat.

Did you know that with the amount of spaces offered at the winter, summer and fall retreats that approximately 50% of our membership can attend? That is really remarkable. Put a retreat on your bucket list. They are great fun.

I am off to the University of South Carolina to present the **Sam Martin Sword** (my Dad) to a graduating Marine officer. Along with the ceremony, it has become a reunion of fellow Gamecocks. One thought to ponder---- how did my friends get so old? Who is that old woman in the mirror- wait that is two questions. Hummmmmmm.

Maggie

April Meeting Minutes....

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the Brazos Center on April 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by guild president Maggie McGuire. There were 68 members present and 5 visitors.

Budget – Maggie reminded those attending that budget information is available in the newsletter.

Door Prizes – Sue Ryan presented door prizes to Carol Wilson, Nancy Reed, and Barbara Linick.

Minutes – A motion was made by Kerry Dwyer and seconded by Sharon Braunagle to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Programs – Sharon Braunagle reviewed upcoming programs/workshops.

May – Debby Maddy – No Diamonds/No Y: Old Quilts, New Methods

Workshop – Carpenter's Star

June – In house program on Quilter's Tools

Workshop – BBQG Care Quilts

July – Vicki McGowen – Tales of Two Friends

Workshop – Basketful of

Diamonds

Scholarships – Marty Fuller reported that 14 applications had been received and reviewed. Two were chosen to receive our scholarships and would be presented at school award ceremonies May 8th.

Old Business –

- A meeting was held April 3, 2018, @ Panera Bread to discuss retreat guidelines and standards. All three retreats were represented and common guidelines were discussed. The three

retreats will fine tune common guidelines and submit these to the board. These will be presented at the June general membership meeting.

- Aggie Vets have responded and a transfer date is being organized to move items from the Villa Maria storage facility to the Harvey Storage Unit. All paper has been removed from the Villa Maria storage unit and gone through. All financial audits and legal paperwork has been saved. Historical items found have been given to Carol Wilson to be sorted. Everything else from 2011 backward was shredded by a commercial shredder at a cost of under \$30.00.
- Bylaw revision has been completed and submitted for board approval. When approved, they will be presented at the June meeting. Newly proposed bylaws will be posted to My Grove in May, discussed at the June meeting, and voted on at the August Meeting.
- A check was sent to Books in a Blanket for \$500.00 in memory of Ann Gilreath.
- Maggie is gathering standards information. If you have any suggestions or concerns please email Maggie - Maggie@drmaggiemcguire.com

New Business:

- **Quilt Education** - A volunteer to work with Carol Wilson on quilt education is needed. Please contact Maggie if you are interested in this opportunity. Activities in this area have included Washington on the Brazos, Boonville Heritage Days, and St. Joseph's School.
- **Quilt Show Procedures** - Denise Macken will be heading a committee to look at Quilt Show procedures.
- **Quilt Show 2019** is in need of a chair. If interested, contact Maggie please.

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Happy Scrappers continue to work on individual projects. Some of the members went on an "adventure" on the fifth Thursday of March, visiting quilt shops in Giddings, a new shop outside of La Grange, and one in Lexington.

Bee News...

The Thumblebees continue to meet twice a month to work on individual quilting, knitting, cross stitch and needlepoint projects including care quilts for the guild and local churches/charities. They recently returned from a fun and relaxing bee retreat to Galveston.

Quilt n Peace Bee continues to grow! We will expand into another room on April 10 and continue our fabric organization by cutting into squares and strips for easy quilting. We voted to give 10 quilts to the children's cancer ward in Corpus Christi, continue to sew care quilts for the BBQG and are nearing completion for the 4 quilts for graduating high school seniors at Round Rock Children's Home. For a fun, productive and fabric-filled Tuesday, join us from 9:30 until about 2:00 pm in Rooms 1010 and 1020 at First Baptist Church, College Station. Bring a snack or lunch if you stay late.

All American Bee presented one Quilt of Valor.

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PIPPS...

Wow, guild members are really finishing those projects previously started. Lots more were finished last month. Sue Idol won the prize for April.

Project #2 is up for this month. Will you have a show and tell at our May meeting?



BBQG Scholarships

The Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Scholarship Committee comprised of Debbie Ginn, Sue Chrysler and Marty Fuller met to review and



rank the fourteen 2018 scholarship applications. The applicants were judged on their interest in visual art, record of community service, academic achievement and

recommendations.

Chloe Hunt and Jasmine Dillard were selected to be the 2018 Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild scholarship recipients.

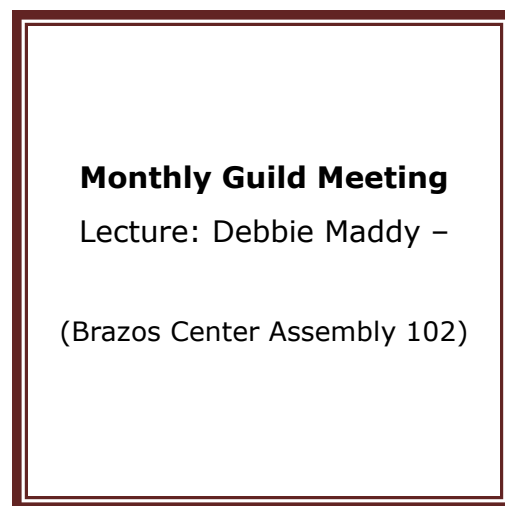
Chloe Hunt will receive the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Luci Smith Scholarship. Chloe is a graduating senior at Bryan Collegiate High School. She will graduate 10th in her class and has been active in many organizations and done considerable community service. She will attend Austin College and major in Art History.

Jasmine Dillard will receive the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Joyce Blasi Scholarship. Jasmine is ranked 6th in her class and has been active in many extracurricular activities. She is a talented artist and plans to major in art animation and video game design at the University of Texas.

Jasmine and Chloe will receive their \$1,000. scholarship, BBQG scholarship certificate and quilt on May 8th at the Bryan Independent School District Awards assembly. The girls will attend our monthly guild meeting on June 13th.

The attached pictures of the scholarship quilts were pieced by Sue Ryan and quilted by Norma Reel.





Summer Retreat

Final payment for summer retreat is due at the May meeting. All information about projects and what to bring will be received when final payment is made. If you cannot attend the May meeting, make arrangements with Peggy M.