



# Bits and Pieces

**Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter**

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## From the President...

Is it just me or is the year flying by? I do not know how I ever worked as I meet myself coming and going now that I am retired.

The mini quilt show is in the coop and a huge thank you goes out to Marjean for her organization. Did you see Linda Bridges shadowing Joanne as she assumes the quilt show quilt hanging duties? I was impressed with Debbie Ginn and Kitty Ard as they ascended and descended ladders to hang the quilts. My knees ached with sympathy. Thank you to Linda Lyle for telling us she had brought her cookies to set up so we were able to keep our strength up. She can sure bake!!!! Thank you to everyone who brought goodies and helped with clean up. I was taking care of something and I looked up and the room was almost cleaned up. Thank you to all that pitched in.

Now on to the Christmas party. It will December 11. As in years past ham will be provided with tea and water to drink. Bring your favorite dish to share. Food should arrive by 6 as we will eat at 6:30. Please bring a \$20.00 quilt related item to play the gift game. We have a special M.C. for the evening and we will be welcoming a surprise guest. There will be no show and tell or PIPPs that night. Last PIPPS will be at the November meeting. In January, Denise will announce the new event that will happen in place of the PIPPS challenge. I hope everyone enjoyed getting those old projects done.

Sharon Braunagel has won a grant from the Arts Council to bring in a special guest for unique textile workshops. She will be explaining it at the meeting, so be there to hear the great news. 2019 is going to be a rocking year with the speakers she has planned and the art grant will be the cherry on top.

....*Maggie*

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## **BBQG Meeting Minutes – October 2018**

The meeting was called to order by president Maggie McGuire at 7:00 p.m. on October 9th at the Brazos Center. There were 47 members in

attendance, including two visitors. Maggie presented the boot quilt made by guild members to Sabrina Rhoades from the Brazos Valley Natural History Museum. It will be auctioned at their upcoming fundraiser.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Charles Gilreath and seconded by Paulette Mayes to approve the September minutes as published in the newsletter. The minutes were approved.

#### **Old Business:**

**Mini Quilt Show** – Marjean Neve reported that the mini quilt show was a success. Thirty quilts were entered and 76 people attended.

**Boonville Days** – Will be held the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup>. Guild members will be on hand to do demonstrations and education.

#### **New Business:**

**Quilt Show** – The quilt show committee will meet at 7pm on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall. Debbie Brooks is requesting a co-chair for the vendors committee. There will be a new booth at the show called “Just Quilts”. Maggie McGuire has donated a large number of vintage quilts for sale at this booth. In addition, members may donate additional quilts, or sell quilts on consignment.

**Christmas Party** – Maggie McGuire provided fliers for the Christmas party. The theme is Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy. It will be held December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Ham and drinks will be provided. Everyone should bring a dish, \$20 gift for the exchange, and wear Christmas attire.

**Donation Quilt** – The donation quilt will be at the Brazos County Fair October 18-21, and at the Hempstead Quilt Show on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to sit with the quilt.

**Programs** - Sharon Braunagel showed us beautiful sample quilts for the November workshop, Scrappy Applique with Shannon Brinkley. Workshop sign-up sheets were passed around.

**Speaker** – Nancy Mahoney presented a lovely trunk show featuring her quilts.

**Show and Tell** – Guild members participated in Show and Tell, sharing a variety of beautiful quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ellen Hassold

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#### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Nominations are required to be presented to the guild membership before a vote to elect officers.

The November meeting is a few weeks away. Please read the remaining unfilled board positions. Without these positions filled, there will not be a Board of Directors for 2020.

Lots and lots of help will be provided to you.

**President** – facilitates board meetings and membership meetings. Receives updates from committee chairpersons. Provides information/updates to the Guild membership. Requests volunteers for events on the guild calendar.

**Secretary** – takes minutes at board meetings and at membership meetings. Provides minutes to post in the monthly newsletter. This is a voting member of the Board of Directors.

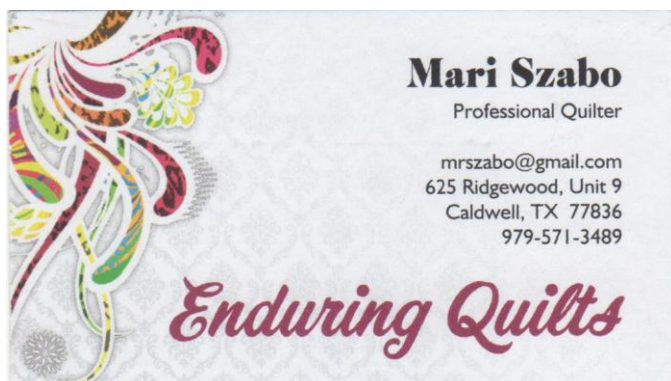
**Programs Chair**- Programs are scheduled a year ahead, so the program chair for 2020 will already have programs in place. Then during 2020 the program chair will schedule programs for 2021. Program chair is available for members to sign up for workshops and collects workshop fees. This is a voting member of the Board of Directors.

The Board meets once a month on the first Monday at Hobby Lobby. The meetings begin at 6 p.m.

The time spent volunteering for your Guild is greatly appreciated. We have an awesome guild and it is because of the many volunteers that it takes to run the Guild Calendar of events.

The Guild needs You to make the year 2020 a great year.

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## Bee News

The All American Bee honored twenty lady veterans with Quilts of Valor October 4, 2018. These proud veterans are all members of American Legion Post 159.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee turned in 28 care quilts to BBQG and 6 to Books and a Blanket at the October meeting. Connie and Laura quilted all the care quilts, some tops were donated by the guild and backs and binding were added by bee members. Our stash included lots of panels of various designs so we have a challenge for each member to turn a panel into a care quilt by adding borders and a backing. Since some panels were Christmas themed, we will show the finished products at our Christmas luncheon and present a stupendous prize for the highest vote.

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects.

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## Donation Quilt



Howdy! I am brainstorming where we can show off our fabulous Donation Quilt during 2019 and would love to take the quilt to places YOU are all ready going.

Do you belong to another organization or local group? Do you think they would let us set up and sell raffle tickets at their event or meeting? I just need to know your ideas and if you have a contact I can reach out to. I'm thinking Lion's Club, Master Gardner's, hobby clubs, and non-profits. Where are you when you are not quilting? Why can't we be there too \*wink, wink\*?

One more idea for you to think about. You have friends, I have friends, across Texas that are members of guilds that are far away. Do you need another reason to go visit them? Yep! Take the Donation Quilt to THEIR guild meeting. Just let me know where you want to go and I can reach out to that guild to confirm we can show off our quilt.

Please send all your amazing ideas to Stephanie Modrall, **Donation Quilt Scheduler** at [samIam4sur@gmail.com](mailto:samIam4sur@gmail.com)

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## 22nd Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

Fall is finally here and it's time to start thinking about winter retreat! The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Retreat will be held February 7-10, 2019 at Camp Lone Star in La Grange. If you would like to attend (and did not pre-register last spring), you may sign up for the winter retreat beginning at 6:30 p.m. on November 13, 2018 at the Brazos Center. The retreat is open to BBQG members only. The cost of the retreat is \$250 for 3 nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). This cost includes meals and lodging. Nine spaces are left and once the retreat is full, a waiting list will be started to fill vacancies as they occur. You may register yourself and one other person. **A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is required from each person you register.** The balance will be due by the January BBQG meeting. You may also pay for the retreat in installments, but the final payment is due January 8,

2019 – no exceptions!! Also, please remember that all participants must have paid their 2019 BBQG annual dues before making final payment for the 2019 winter retreat. Refunds (minus the \$50 non-refundable registration fee) will be given for emergencies per BBQG by-laws. For more information, please contact Jeanne Joham at 589-2191.

### Proper Credit

JoAnn Williams created and entered this quilt in the Mini Quilt Show. However she did not receive proper credit for her creation in the October Newsletter.

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### *Next Meeting:*

*November 13, 2018 7:00 p.m.*

### **Monthly Guild Meeting**

**Lecture: [Shannon Brinkley](#) – Trunk Show**

**(Brazos Center Assembly 102)**