



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Happy 2019!

From the President...

Happy New Year! And what a Great year it will be for the Guild. Be sure to attend the January 2019 guild meeting. It's a business meeting, blah. BUT, there will be great things announced that you will be happy about and want to be the first to know!

First, let's acknowledge the hard work from the following guild members.

Thank You to:

The Christmas Party crew – **Kittybug, Marjean, Nancy, Lynn, Linda and Maggie**. Special appreciation to our smashing looking MC, **Pat**! And what an extra special treat to have a sugar plum fairy dancing the Nutcracker! There were so many smiling faces that night. It was GREAT!

The 2018 BBQG Board of Directors – **Maggie, Rozan, LouEllen, Kitty, Sharon and Charles**. This group worked very well together making our 2018 year a success!

Our **BBQG Committee Chairs for 2018** – Check out our website BBQG.org for a list and Yes, **Kitty** is on this list too! We could use many more volunteers like **Kittybug**. Find an interest in one of these committees and offer to help when you can.

What would be great to see for 2019

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I feel that it would be great if the Guild could make special efforts with our visitors, new members and fund raising. We already welcome new faces, but I would like to make an even bigger effort so that these individuals don't feel so separated. You know the feeling. So, look to offer a seat next to you for a new face. Help them understand what is happening and what are all those tables at the front?!

The way to bring in special speakers and interesting workshops is money. The funds our guild members raise pay for bringing in speakers and workshops plus many other things. Paying \$35 to attend a workshop is the best! I wish I could attend them all for that price. I love meeting new people when I attend a workshop or event. That's the Best part.

Dates to remember

Jan 7, 2019 BBQG Board Meeting

Jan 8, 2019 BBQG Guild Meeting

Feb 4, 2019 BBQG Board Meeting

Feb 12, 2019 BBQG Guild Meeting Speaker Jan Mathews

Feb 13, 2019 Jan Mathews Workshop

SAVE THE DATES June 11 through June 15 Sharon will explain everything at the BBQG Guild Meeting on Jan 8

Treasurer's Report

For the Month of November 2018

Checking

Beginning Balance - Checking per bank

Deposits Made

Checks Cleared

Ending Balance per Bank

Less Outstanding Checks

Ending Balance - Checking per Register

Savings

Beginning Balance - Savings per Bank

Interest Received

Transfers to Checking

Ending Balance - Savings

Total Cash Balance

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12/4/2017 ck 1482 RaNae Merrill

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22nd Annual BBQG Winter Retreat Reminder

Winter retreat is just around the corner! Don't forget that if you have signed up to attend the 22nd Annual Winter Retreat in La Grange February 7-10, 2019, **your final payment is due by the January 8th BBQG meeting – no exceptions!!!** The cost of the retreat is \$250. The

balance due in January is the total cost minus your \$50 non-refundable registration fee and any other interim payments you may have made. Also, please remember that you must have paid your 2019 BBQG membership dues before making your final retreat payment. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Joham at 589-2191. Thanks for your cooperation!

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members who do all the machine quilting and one member who made dozens of soldier squares. Our fabric stash is organized by size and color, with squares and strips of various sizes cut and ready to be selected for easy piecing. Thank you to all who have donated fabric over the past few years and to the BBQG for providing batting for most of the care quilts. You have helped make our Bee very productive in giving to others.

Happy Scrappers had a Christmas luncheon and gift exchange. Such delicious food, and much fun! Some members are planning upcoming quilt trips and retreats. Working on individual projects. On the first Thursday of December the ThumbleBees celebrated Christmas with a bee luncheon at Paolo's kitchen followed by coffee, dessert and fellowship at Connie Silber's beautifully decorated home. In 2019, bee members plan to continue working on individual quilting, knitting, needlepoint, and cross-stitch projects.

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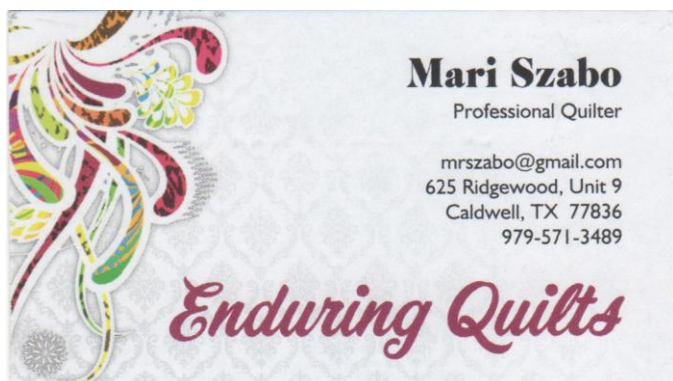
Quilt 'n Peace Bee met on December 4 at Martha's Bloomers for our Christmas social and the last meeting of the year. Currently there are 26 active members with a high attendance of 22 members, and average of 14. We contributed a total of 132 care quilts to the BBQG, Books and a Blanket, Children's Ward of Driscoll Hospital in Corpus Christi, and Brazos Council on the Aging. We also made four twin-sized quilts for high school graduates at Round Rock Baptist Children's Home, donated a raffle quilt to Phi Delta Kappa at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville that raised \$280.00, and made 23 bibs for adults in nursing homes for the Brazos Council on the Aging. We now have two



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Some of the faces of BBQG

