



# Bits and Pieces

**Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter**

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## **From the President...**

Our year is off to a good start. What a program line-up Sharon gave us at the January Business Meeting! Whew, my head was spinning over all the great opportunities to learn new skills or sharpen known skills. Plus having fabric fun. I want to know how to ice-dye!!

The program for February is with Jan Mathews. If you have not had the chance to take one of Jan's classes, it is time. Jan is an excellent teacher. She will calm your fears of paper piecing or Judy Neimeyer patterns. Yes, you can do this and Jan will show you how.

Thank you to everyone who took tickets or bought tickets from the "Basket" last meeting. We will continue to pass the basket so that everyone gets an opportunity to sell or buy tickets for the donation quilt.

Checkout the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild on Facebook. I hope everyone can share their projects on this site. Events and workshops will be posted here so check back often.

I want to offer my email address: [denisemackan@gmail.com](mailto:denisemackan@gmail.com) and phone 979-218-5204 for anytime you feel you need to get in touch with me. I do work in an office setting during the day, so please understand if I am not able to get back with you quickly.

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Our Board meetings are every first Monday of the month, unless it is a holiday then it will be the following Monday. Please feel free to drop by the Hobby Lobby classroom at 6 on the first Monday.

See you soon, Denise

## **January 2019 Meeting Minutes....**

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the Brazos Center on January 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by guild president Denise Mackan. There were 57 members present, 3 new members, and 1 visitor.

**Door Prizes** – Sue Ryan presented door prizes to Joann Williams and Cathleen Auld. Shop Hop Tickets to the Waco Show were won by Rowena Reed and Sue Idol.

**Minutes** – A motion was made by Charles Gilreath and seconded by Connie Silber to approve the November minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion passed. (The Christmas Party in December replaced the regular meeting so no minutes were taken in December.)

**Treasurers Report** – Rozan Coody prepared and presented the 2019 Budget Report. Items discussed were:

**February 2019**

- Donation Quilt – Our goal is \$6000.00. Everyone is encouraged to help by showing, buying, and selling tickets to help meet this goal.
- Dallas Bus Trip – This trip has been canceled for 2019 as the guild lost \$900 for this in 2018. JoAnn Williams volunteered to pursue ideas to make the trip economical or find another venue for a trip in the future that would be economical.

**Programs** – Sharon Braunagle prepared and presented a packet outlining the 2019 programs and workshops. Members are highly encourage to participate in the workshops as several of the presenters fees are very costly. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to experience presenters with such a high level of expertise.

- **February** – Jan Mathews – History of Paper-Piecing
  - Workshop – JM paper pieced Leaf table runner
- **March** – Judy Bescow – What Judges Want in a Show Quilt
  - Workshop – Constructing a Basic Landscape Art Quilt
- **April** – Linda Winder – Lessons I Have Learned: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly
  - Workshop – Care Quilt Workshop
- **May** – Ann Loveless – Landscape Art Quilts
  - Workshop – Impressionistic Poppies Wall Hanging

**(Note: Guild can sign up until Feb. meeting. Then we will advertise outside the guild for participants)**

- **June** – Debbie Jones – Fabric Becomes Fine Art
  - Workshop 1 – Silk Bowls
  - Workshop 2 – Butterfly Decollage
  - Workshop 3 – Fabric Stamping and Painting
  - Workshop 4 – Landscape Decollage
  - Workshop 5 - Fabric Ice Dyeing

**(Note: Ann Loveless is available to us via a grant through the Brazos Valley**

**Arts Council. Participation will be open outside the guild. Early signup is highly encouraged.)**

- **July** – Lou Ellen Hassold – Quilting through Generations
  - Workshop – Bluebonnet Store and Quilt Show Prep
- **August** – Quilt Show Prep and Quilters and their Tools
  - Workshop – Applique Workshop presented by guild members

### **September 6-7 -BRAZOS BLUEBONNET GUILD QUILT SHOW**

- **September** – Quilt Show Recap
- **October** – Rae Nae Merrill – Spiral Mandella Trunk Show
  - 2 Day Workshop – Magnificent Spiral Mandella Boot Camp

**(Co-Sponsored by Lonestar Quiltworks)**

- **November** – Sabrina Szymczyk – Round Robin Quilts
  - Workshop – Developing a Round Robin Quilt
- **December** – Christmas Party

**Books In A Blanket** – Each 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, Charles Gilreath hosts a Books in a Blanket workshop. Those wishing to learn to improve their basic skills are encouraged to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity for new/inexperienced quilters to learn to quilt. Materials are provided in precut kits and construction is demonstrated by Charles. Books in a Blanket distributed 425 quilts in 2018.

**Quilt Show Report** - Maggie McGuire announced a meeting would be held Jan. 10 for the Quilt Show committee. A Master Quilter category is being considered for the show. Maggie asked if anyone had input about developing this category to please contact her.

### **Old Business –**

- We are still needing officer positions for the 2020 Board. Positions still open are President, Program Chair, and

Secretary. If you would be willing to fill any of these openings, please contact Denise Mackan.

### New Business –

- Carol Willson needs help with the Quilt Education Committee.
- QOV Sew Day is Feb. 2, @ the American Legion Hall, 9:00 – 3:00. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Kits will be available to work on.
- Summer Retreat registration will begin at the Feb. meeting. Date for Summer Retreat is June 20-23.
- Michael Jackson announced a friend has an embroidery machine for sale. Info will be published in Groupworks.
- Winter Retreat has 3 spots open. If interested, please contact Jeanne Joham @ 979-589-2191. Winter Retreat date is Feb. 7-10.
- Linda Bridges announced a new committee needs to be formed to plan the 2019 Christmas Party. If you are interested in chairing or participating on this committee, please contact Denise Mackan.
- The Arts Council has asked for quilts to help decorate their new building. If you are willing to loan your quilt to them please contact Denise Mackan or Sharon Braunagle.
- 10 members shared their awesome projects during Show and Tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kirkpatrick

## Treasurer's Report

For the Month of December 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

\* Outstanding checks

12/4/2017 ck 1482  
RaNae Merrill

Submitted by Rozan Coody

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## Summer Retreat

The 2019 summer retreat will be held Thursday-Sunday, June 20 -23, 2019 at Magnolia Manor Retreat between Magnolia AND Plantersville

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 2019 guild dues must be paid. We are limited to 24 participants.

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## Bee News

Happy Scrappers are busy with individual projects including applique and embroidery. Some members are preparing for retreats, quilt trips, etc.

After not meeting to quilt for a month - our only gathering in December was at Martha's Bloomers - there were 19 members present on January 8 for QUILT IN PEACE. We turned in 24 care quilts to the Guild on the first meeting in 2019. Numerous members went to Meme's 50 percent off sale on Jan 10. On January 14, Quilt in Peace ladies welcomed Mr. Kim DeCoste who had visited the Guild in November.



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Day Retreat**  
**Country Living Quilts**  
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your friends  
(up to 28)  
10 a.m. until 10 p.m.**

## Quilt Surfing with Denise

I could spend hours surfing the web for quilt sites. Here are a couple of ideas that you may want to check out.

Diary of a Quilter - this is a website with Amy Smart. She is creative with simple patterns. Amy is a designer with Penny Rose Fabrics. Great site for stress free quilting.

[www.diaryofaquilter.com](http://www.diaryofaquilter.com)

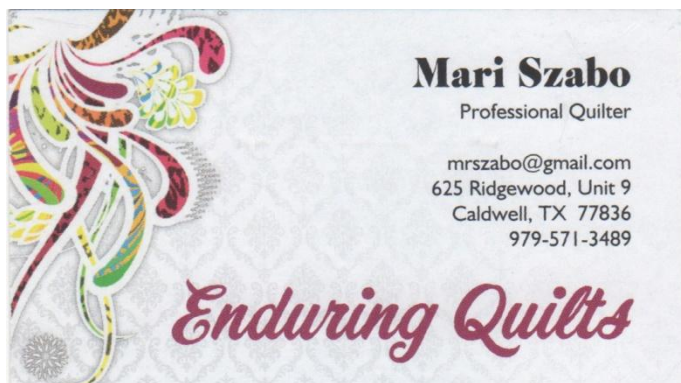
Then Came June – a modern (but not too modern) quilting website. This site has a blog detailing each quilt. But, there is also a quilt-a-long (QAL) tab with several SAL beginning at different times of the year. One starts February 25, 2019. [www.thencamejune.com](http://www.thencamejune.com)

## Upcoming Events

Feb 2 Saturday, Quilts of Valor Sewing Day  
Feb 4 BBQG Board Meeting  
Feb 12 BBQG Guild Mtg, Speaker Jan Mathews  
Feb 13 BBQG Workshop

March 4 BBQG Board Meeting  
March 12 BBQG Guild Mtg, Speaker Judy Beskow  
March 13 BBQG Workshop

**Save the dates June 11 through June 15 for Debbie Jones weeklong workshops.**



## Show 'N Tell

- Rowena Reed
- Debbie Ginn
- Janet Kirkpatrick
- Charles Gilreath
- Nancy J Searcy

- Peggie Mobley (Care Quilts)
- Penny Grief
- Rachelle Kubricht
- Linda Bridges
- Maggie McQuire



Show  
and



Tell



## Care Quilt Update

Added to the Inventory at the January Meeting thanks to Nancy Searcy and Peggy Mobley's Bee.

Care  
Quilt  
Donations



## And finally...a few Pics from the Christmas Party

