



# Bits and Pieces

**Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter**

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

March is around the corner. That means only three months until Ann Loveless will speak at our May meeting; four months until Debbie Jones is in town, for the week; and six months until the 2019 Quilt Show!

But before all other speakers we have our own Judy Beskow and Linda Winder. Judy will speak to our guild meeting in March. Judy said at the January meeting that each of our members have talents to share. She is exactly right. Our Guild members have such great talents. Just seeing Show and Tell each month gives me inspiration. The color combinations, the variety of piecing from simple to complicated or the new member bringing in ideas from classes taken outside our area. While I really like the variety in projects shared, I think what I most appreciate about the Guild is the support.

Washington on the Brazos is March 2. Carol Willson requested volunteers to help with the education activities. This is one of the big education activities that the BBQG offers each year. Thank you to Carol for coordinating this each year. Please offer to assist Carol with education or with selling tickets for the donations quilt.

Other service work attended by the Guild membership was the Quilts of Valor Sew Day. It was a day of quilting fun. I enjoyed meeting the members from Creative Memories Quilt Guild. Check out the pictures on the Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Facebook page.

See you soon, Denise

### **Upcoming Dates**

March 2 weekend Washington on the Brazos  
March 4, 2019 BBQG Board Meeting 6pm  
March 12, 2019 BBQG Guild Meeting 6:30pm social time, 7pm meeting.

## **February 2019 Meeting Minutes....**

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the Brazos Center on February 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by guild president Denise Mackan. There were 72 members present and 2 visitors.

A St. Mary's Quilt Show representative encouraged us to visit the show April 25-27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available online ([www.stmarysquiltshow.com](http://www.stmarysquiltshow.com)). Members were also encouraged to enter quilts in the show. Their raffle quilt was quilted by our own Norma Reel.

**Door Prizes** – Sue Ryan presented door prizes to Pam Nash, Carol Willson, Mary Gill, Connie Harrison, and Kitty Ard.

**Minutes** – Corrections to the January minutes have been made (Debbie Jones is being sponsored by a grant from the Brazos Valley Arts Council not Ann Loveless and workshop signups will begin at the Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting). A motion was made by Rozan Coody and seconded by Linda Winder to approve the January minutes as published in the newsletter with the corrections noted above. Motion passed.

**Programs** – Sharon Braunagle gave a brief overview of upcoming workshops and presenters. Lonestar Quiltworks will be helping us advertise both Ann Loveless and Debbie Jones. Members are highly encouraged to signup for workshops early. Upcoming workshops are listed below. Contact Sharon Braunagle to signup.

**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 begin sign up @ the 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: Guild members can begin signup @ the Feb. Meeting.

(Note: Debbie Jones 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)

**Novemer** – Sabrina Szymczyk – Round Robin Quilts  
Workshop – Developing a Round Robin Quilt

**December** – Christmas Party

**Quilt Show Report** - Maggie McGuire gave a brief overview from the quilt show committee meeting. The committee decided unanimously there would be no master quilter category. Charles Gilreath gave the reasons which brought the committee to their decision. Maggie distributed a handout that listed registration categories and discussed the Care Quilt Challenge.

- Care Quilt Challenge theme – “Garden Creatures”. No focus fabric will be required this year. The size requirement is at least 42” x 42”.

Quilts will be judged by viewers choice. Must complete entry process but no registration fee needed.

- Admission to the show - \$10 general admission for both days; admission is free with military ID; children 12 and under also free.
- Go Texan – Must comply with Go Texan rules. General rules are on the BBQG website

### Old Business –

- Quilts of Valor – Maggie McGuire reported 31 attended and participated in the QOV Sew Day. 10 tops were completed and are currently being quilted.
- Board Members 2020 – A list of prospective board members for 2020 was presented.

President – Denise Mackan  
Treasurer – Susan Beasley  
Programs Chair – Laura North,  
Linda Winder  
Secretary – open  
Membership – Nelda Cohan &  
Kitty Ard

Sharon Braunagel made a motion to accept these members as presented and Charles Gilreath 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

- Winter Retreat Report – Beverly Alexander gave a brief report from the Winter Retreat. 32 people attended, many projects were completed and fun was had by all. The current Winter Retreat committee has decided after many years to step down. They have done a phenomenal job through the years. Jane Krouse, Kamie Collins, and Susan Beasley have volunteered to be the new Winter Retreat committee. Thank you ladies!
- Brazos Center Window – Bunny Douglas is handing over this opportunity to Donna Bracewell.

### New Business –

- Carol Willson requested volunteers to help with the Washington on the Brazos Texas Independence Day Celebration March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers are needed for help selling tickets for our Raffle quilt and to help with our education activities. If you are able to help please contact Carol @ 979.696.0193 or willson.carol@gmail.com
- 16 members shared their awesome projects during Show and Tell.

### Program – Jan Mathews

Jan Mathews presented our program for the night. She gave us an overview of the history



show of beautiful quilts constructed with paper

of quilting and the development of foundation/paper piecing in quilting. Members were treated to a fabulous trunk



Respectfully submitted,

**Janet Kirkpatrick**

piecing. A number of the quilts shown were projects of our guild members, Jan's students, and of course Jan herself.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

# Treasurer's Report

664.36

For the Month of January 2019

*Submitted by Rozan Cody*

## Checking

Beginning Balance - Checking per bank	7,519.40
Deposits Made	8,945.00
Checks Cleared	<u>(4,262.95)</u>
Ending Balance per Bank	<b>12,201.45</b>
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>(664.36)</u>
Ending Balance - Checking per Register	<b><u>11,537.09</u></b>



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## Savings

Beginning Balance - Savings per Bank	16,953.31
Interest Received	5.76
Transfers to Checking	<u>-</u>
Ending Balance - Savings	<b><u>16,959.07</u></b>
Total Cash Balance	<b><u>28,496.16</u></b>

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12/4/2017 ck 1482 RaNae Merrill	450.00
1/07/2019 Arts Council	50.00
01/07/2019 Chris Deppe	129.36
01/08/2019 Chris Deppe	35.00

## 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.



## Bee News

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects, including applique and embroidery.

Quilt in Peace Bee has welcomed 3 new members this year. We also reached an attendance high of 22 participants on February 5. Nineteen care quilts were completed thanks to the many hands cheerfully working together on the many aspects of completing a care quilt.

The Joyful Quilters Bee is no longer meeting.

Wonderful weather for quilting in my opinion. Glad it's good for something!! Have a great day—Jane



## Quilt Surfing with Denise

[Lisabongean.com](http://Lisabongean.com) - Primitive Gatherings "Quilting, Wool. Stitchers, Recipes and life on Anchor Point"  
[sewmamasew.com](http://sewmamasew.com) - a blog and sewing community. There are so many things to look at on this site.

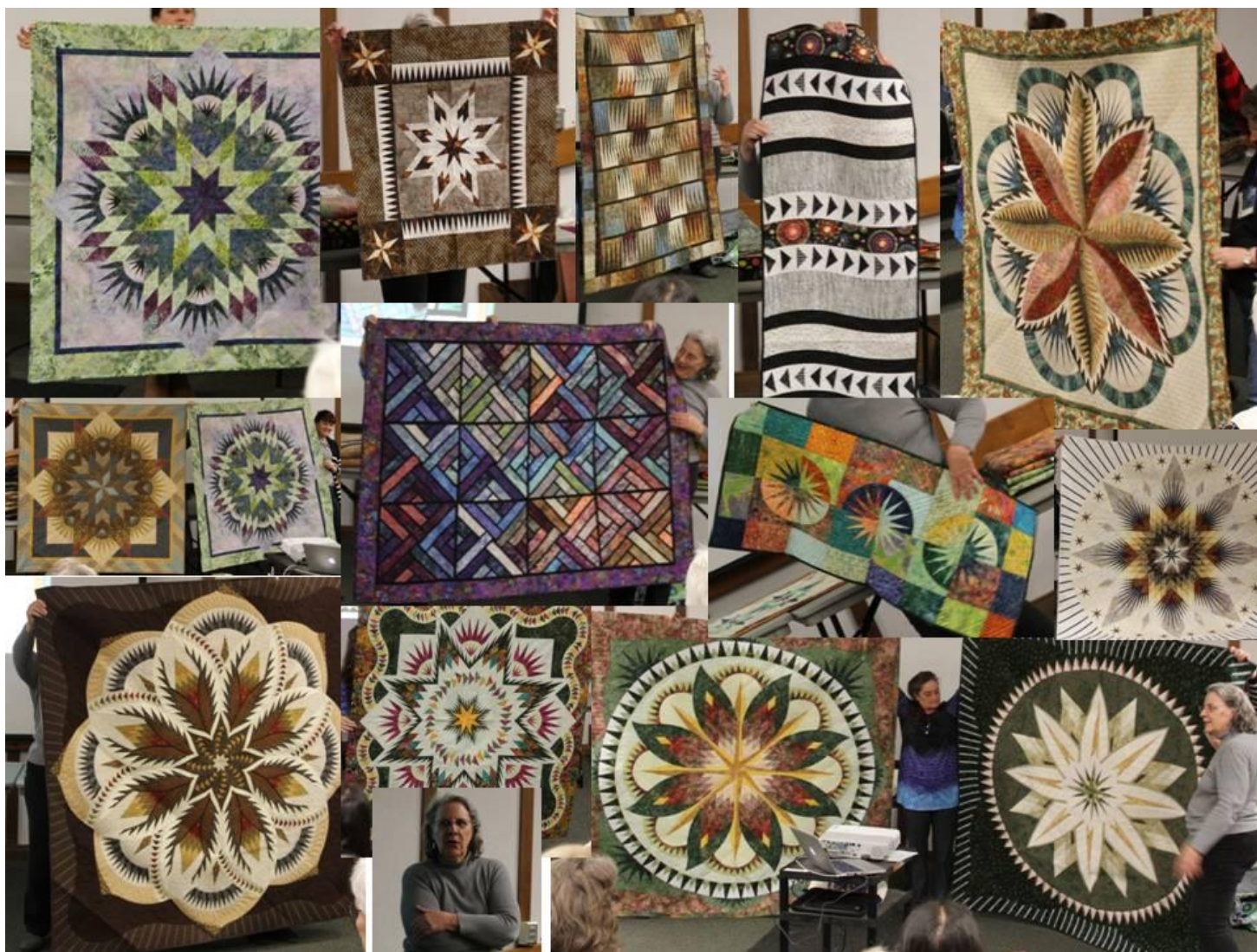
For those who are interested in Judy Niemeyer patterns, I found an article in the American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine issue 157 out until early April. There is a pattern of Rustic Mountain Snowflake table topper. May be worth a look. Just sayin'





# Jan Mathews Show 'n Tell

Just a sampling of the quilts show during Jan's presentation





## BBQG Show N Tell





