



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message...

Summer is gone. End of year events will begin with lots of good times with family and friends. But first, we have one more opportunity to work together and learn or brush up on our round robin skills. Sabrina Szymczak will provide our November program and workshop featuring how to create a round robin quilt. This will help when we gather into groups to create our own round robin quilt with our friends.

The workshop is FREE and there's no sign up needed. Show up at 9 a.m. at the American Legion Post 159, located at 101 Waco St. Bryan. So ya'll come!

Thank you to Carol Willson and Rhonda Kuboviak for taking care of the donation quilt during the Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo.

We still need someone to be donation quilt chair. The responsibilities are to schedule the quilt to sell tickets each month. 2-3 places a month is ideal. The chair announces when and where volunteers are needed to bring the quilt. Signup Genius makes sign up very easy. Get with me or anyone on the BBQG Board if you are interested.

See you soon, Denise

October 2019 Meeting Minutes....

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the Brazos Center on October 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Denise Mackan. There were 65 members present, 6 visitors, and 1 new member. The guild currently has 147 members.

Minutes – A motion was made by Connie Silber and 2nd by Rozan Coody to approve the September minutes as written in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Door Prizes – Sue Ryan presented door prizes to Vicki Carpenter and Rhonda Kuboviak.

Nominating Committee – Denise Mackan reported the nominating committee of Nancy Searcy, Rhonda Kuboviak, and herself were still looking for members to fill some key positions for the 2020 board. Positions filled are President – Denise Mackan; Treasurer – Susan Beasley; Membership – Nelda Cohan and Kitty Ard; Programs – Laura North. We are still looking for a President-Elect for 2021.

Christmas Party Committee – Donna Bracewell gave a brief report on activities planned for the party. Members who wish to participate in the gift exchange are to bring a sewing related gift of \$15-\$20. Members are to also bring a dish to share for the meal. Sign up will be available at the

November meeting. Janet Kirkpatrick suggested members bring a canned good donation or cash donation for the Brazos Valley Food Bank. Janet and Susan Payne volunteered to collect the donations at the party and deliver to the food bank.

Quilt Show Report – Rozan Coody and Benita Ebel gave a brief financial overview of the Quilt Show. Benita prepared a comparison of the proceeds from the 2017 show to the 2019 show. The 2019 show proceeds were 61% higher than the 2017 show. The detailed comparison will be posted on Groupworks for members to review. Connie Silber read a thank you note received from our Quilt Show judge and Judy Beskow mentioned we had also received a thank you note from our appraiser.

Donation Quilt – We still need a chairman for this committee. The responsibilities are to maintain the location of the quilt, schedule places for the quilt to go, and make sure the quilt gets to the next caretaker who is taking the quilt to sell tickets.

New Business

Arts Council – Nancy Searcy asked for items for the Display Case at the Arts Council. The Arts Council has also requested a donation quilt for their Boots and BBQ fundraiser.

QOV – Marjean Neve reported they are still meeting. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at the American Legion Hall. The QOV National Sew In Day will be held Saturday, February 1st. More information will be coming.

Programs – Sharon Braunagle announced our program for November, Round Robin Quilts, would not have a sign up and there is no charge for the workshop. Members were encouraged to form groups to make a round robin quilt that will be incorporated in another program in the future.

Below are programs scheduled for the remainder of the year.

Nov 12 – Sabrina Szymczyk – Round Robin Quilts

November 13 - Workshop – Developing a Round Robin Quilt
December 10 – Christmas Party

Program – Sharon then introduced our speaker, RaNae Merrill. RaNae is a longarm quilter, photographer, and concert pianist. She treated us to a fabulous trunk show of Spiral Mandela quilts, explained how her involvement in quilting developed and her process in making spiral quilts.





Show and Tell – The meeting was concluded with 5 members showing wonderful quilts recently completed.

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

Respectfully submitted, Janet Kirkpatrick

Treasurer's Report...

For the Month of September 2019

Checking

Beginning Balance -	
Checking per bank	
Deposits Made	
Checks Cleared	(16,267.00)
Ending Balance per Bank	30,928.19
Less Outstanding Checks	(965.06)
Ending Balance - Checking per Register	<u>29,963.13</u>

Savings

Beginning Balance -	
Savings per Bank	16,998.50
Interest Received	5.59
Transfers to Checking	-

Ending Balance - Savings	<u>17,004.09</u>
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Total Cash Balance	<u>46,967.22</u>
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* Outstanding checks

12/4/2017 ck 1482	
RaNae Merrill	450.00
9/10/2019 ck 1657 Arts Council	440.00
9/10/2019 ck 1659 Beverly Alexander	48.75
9/21/2019 ck 1669 Beverly Alexander	26.31

Total	<u>965.06</u>
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Submitted by Rozan Coody



Brazos Center Display...

The display case at the Brazos Center for the next 3 months showcases the great work of one of our members, Alma Fonseca. Please take time to view Alma's work and enjoy her wonderful use of color.



The **Material Girls** have been working on charity projects and ongoing quilts. Some of us take a big projects and bring it to bee till it is done. We have been attending small quilt shows and shop hops close to us. Having a fun time.

Wednesday Bee is working steadily on new projects for Fall and the holidays. Feel free to join us from 9:30 to noon at Beacon Baptist Church.

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Bee News...

The **Praying Piecers** are working in individual projects for new grand babies, Christmas, and Franklin UMC's Cookie Walk's gift shop (held the second Saturday morning in December). Several members are completing pillow cases for Phoebe's Home through Lone Star Quiltworks. Benita Ebel recently taught interested members how to make the pillowcases and sew a French seam. A few members are planning trips to the Houston International Quilt Festival. The members always enjoy participating in the potluck lunch at the end of the morning gathering.

Guild Christmas Party

Ho, Ho, Ho!!! Can you believe it's already time to plan to attend the guild Christmas party? I don't know about you, but I'm always excited about getting together with friends for food, fun, games, and gifts!!! As in years past, members are asked to bring a dish to share (meat will be provided). If you wish to participate in the gift exchange (with no "steals"), bring a quilt related gift valued at \$15 - \$20. New this year is a game where participants can win fabric fat quarters, and at the end of the party, a drawing is planned for a chance to win a Christmas throw-sized quilt just in time for the holidays! (You must be present at the time of the drawing to win.) Hope to see all of our guild members there!

Date: Tuesday December 10th

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Place: Brazos Center

The Guild Christmas Party Committee is excited about getting together for a fun holiday experience,

and have some new activities we believe guild members will enjoy.

Submitted by Donna Bracewell



Show N Tell...







REMINDER!!!

Guild Christmas Party

**Date: Tuesday December
10th**

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Place: Brazos Center