



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message...

Christmas time is here. Carols and good cheer.

I live in a cubicle. Most of my awake time is in a cubicle at TAMU where I work. The team that I work with decorate for Christmas. We picked a theme this year of Christmas movies. I am decorating my cubicle with Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. I chose it because of Sam the Snowman with his green plaid vest and green umbrella. He always sang, Have a Holly Jolly Christmas, it's the best time of the year. I couldn't agree more, it is the best time of the year and I get two weeks holiday while The University shuts down!!

Everyone is so nice in December. They say hello to friends they know and everyone they meet. Getting together Tuesday, December 10 at 6 pm (dinner at 6:30) and taking time to just be with friends will be a lot of fun. . And the food is always good.

I don't know if there'll be snow, but I know there will be quilting and cups of cheer! I wish all of you a peaceful holiday. And Oh, by golly have a holly jolly Christmas, this year!

See you next year, Denise



November 2019 Meeting Minutes....

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the Brazos Center on November 13, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Denise Mackan. There were 49 members present and 3 visitors. The guild currently has 147 members.

The meeting began with a Happy Birthday to Maryann Durbin.

Minutes – A motion was made by Rozan Coody and 2nd by Kathy Loflin to approve the October minutes as written in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Nominating Committee – Denise Mackan reported the following slate of officers to be voted on at the December meeting are: President – Denise Mackan; President Elect – Donna Bracewell; Treasurer – Susan Beasley; Membership – Nelda Cohan and Kitty Ard; Programs – Laura North; Secretary – Janet Kirkpatrick.

Christmas Party Committee – Donna Bracewell gave a brief update on the Christmas Party. She shared a quilt in progress that would be part of the party activities. Members who wish to participate in the gift exchange are to bring a sewing related gift of \$15-\$20. Gifts are to be wrapped. A signup sheet was distributed for members to indicate a side dish or dessert they planned to bring for the potluck meal. Meat will be provided by the guild. The

party will be December 10th, from 6-9 p.m. The dinner will begin at 6:30.

Winter Retreat – Jane Crouse announced the winter retreat still has 3 openings. Please contact her if you are interested in attending.

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 at scheduled places. We also need guild members to volunteer as caretakers for a quarter of the year. The caretaker will either take or find members to take the quilt to scheduled events during their designated quarter – Jan-Mar / Apr – Jun / July – Sept / Oct – Dec.

New Business

2021 Donation Quilt – We need to begin planning for the 2021 Donation quilt. The cost of the quilt or kit will be paid for by the Guild, but requires prior approval from the Board before incurring expenses. Please contact Denise Macken if you or a group of members would like to construct the donation quilt.

Programs – Laura North announced the workshop signup for our program presenter in February, Paula Nadelstern, is now open. Paula is an American artist, quiltmaker, author, teacher, designer of textile prints exclusively for Benartex and is known for her kaleidoscope-themed quilts. Members were encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to experience her expertise. The Christmas party is our last program of the year scheduled for Dec. 10th at 6 p.m.

Program – Charles Gilreath then introduced our speaker, Sabrina Szymczyk. Sabrina is from Richmond, Texas and shared with us a wonderful trunk show of Round Robin Quilts. She explained the collaborative technique on how a Round Robin group works and encouraged members to attend the workshop on Wednesday to construct a Round Robin quilt.

Show and Tell – The meeting was concluded with 7 members showing wonderful quilts recently completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Kirkpatrick



Treasurer's Report...

For the Month of October 2019

Checking

Beginning Balance -	
Checking per bank	30,928.19
Deposits Made	2,280.00
Checks Cleared	(9,739.14)
Ending Balance per Bank	23,469.05
Less Outstanding Checks	(782.23)
Ending Balance - Checking per Register	22,686.82

Savings

Beginning Balance - Savings per Bank	17,004.09
Interest Received	5.78
Transfers to Checking	-
Ending Balance - Savings	17,009.87

Total Cash Balance **39,696.69**

* Outstanding checks

10/7/2019 CK 1671 m Deen 129.73

10/18/2019 ck 1673 Ra Nae Merrill	450.00
10/22/2019 ck 1680 Janet Kirkpatrick	202.50
Total	<u>782.23</u>

Submitted by Rozan Coody



Bee News...

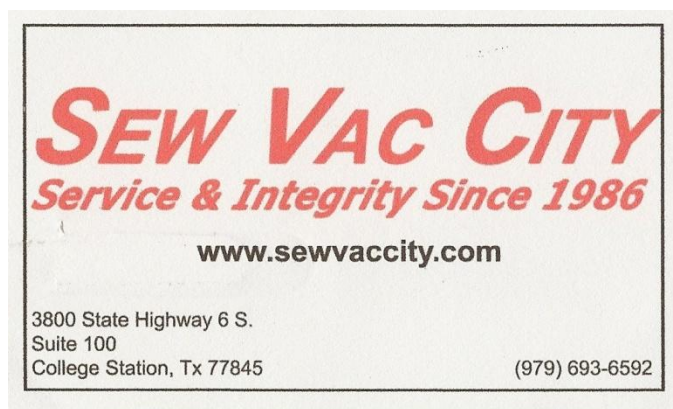
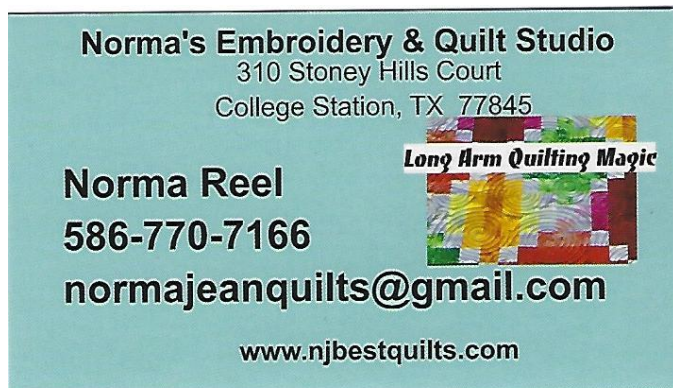
The Material Girls have been quite busy. Only a few of us did not go to the Houston Quilt Festival. Two of us have bought new machines. To say the least money was spent. And a good time was had by all.

We are all working on holiday projects or charity projects and getting caught up so we can start the new projects from quilt festival.

Hope all are having an equally good time.

Happy Scrappers are working on individual projects. Some of the members attended Houston Quilt Festival, and not only enjoyed the show, but learned new things at classes.

Quilt in Peace Bee is in the midst of making holiday throws and collecting toiletries to be dispersed by the Council on Aging. Our Christmas gathering and final meeting of the year is scheduled for December 3. We will celebrate at Martha's Bloomers where the staff will select their favorite three Christmas quilts and all the quilts will be collected for transport to the Council on Aging. Nine bee members attended a Retreat organized by two members at a private home on Lake Athens. Two days of cold, rainy weather encouraged us to stay inside and sew and the sunny days that followed allowed walks and a chance to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Nominating Committee Announcement

Officers of the Board of Directors for 2020 to be voted by the guild membership at the Dec meeting.

President - Denise Mackan
President - elect - Donna Bracewell
Secretary - Janet Kirkpatrick
Programs - Laura North
Treasurer - Susan Beasley
Membership - Nelda & Kitty



BB 29 Christmas Party News

Greetings Guild Members! The Christmas Party Team is excited to give you a few party details.

At 6 pm, Tuesday, December 10, (Brazos Center) the party will begin. If you are bringing a dish, please be there by 6:15, as we will be dining around 6:30. (Christmas Team is providing meat items.)

Early in the evening, membership will vote on the slate of officers that were announced last month. Also, the donation quilt is scheduled for set up in the room, giving everyone a chance to pick up tickets in time for the holidays.

After dinner, members can play the Right, Center, Left Game. (We are providing the fat quarters, and rules will be explained, with a copy provided for

your table. When the game has ended, stay seated as a surprise will be revealed.

Then, if you are participating in the gift exchange, we will gather in a circle for a short activity. Remember the gift should be quilt related and valued at \$15 -\$20.

Don't forget to stick around for the quilt raffle. A lucky member will go home with a brand new Christmas quilt!!! And before you leave, pick up a party favor made by one of our Party Team members.

See you on Dec. 10th,

Donna Bracewell

Terry Skrabanek
Owner

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A Sample of the quilts shown by Sabrina Szymczyk . Sabrina contributed the center medallion block and the coordinating fabric. The other five members of the Round Robin group added the borders.



