



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message...

Continuing my appeal from the January business meeting, please find the way that works best for you to keep up with changes, events and news.

It's important to have firsthand knowledge of what changes are made or what's coming up on the calendar. When you are unable to attend a Guild meeting, please make sure to read the minutes in the newsletter. The monthly newsletter is posted on the BBQG.ORG website and Groupworks. The newsletter includes minutes from the last Guild meeting, updates from committees and other news important for our membership.

Groupworks is our main avenue to provide information on a timely basis. Also, members can post to Groupworks when there is something they would like to share. Guild documents are uploaded on the BBQG "About" page in Groupworks. The newsletters are there. The BBQG By-Laws are loaded there for members to view at any time. BBQG Board Minutes are uploaded as I can get time to upload.

The Guild business meetings need to be limited in time and substance, when we have a visiting speaker, so that our speakers can begin as soon as possible. This timing will allow our meetings to end at a reasonable time and get us home at a reasonable hour.

Individual concerns should be addressed through the Board of Directors so that a resolution can be addressed and an individual response can be provided. The business part of our Guild meetings

may be only announcements, so that there is as much time as possible for the phenomenal presenters that are visiting our Guild.

Upcoming events

Feb 1, 2020 - Quilts of Valor Sew Day

Feb 3, 2020 - BBQG Board Meeting

Feb 11, 2020 - BBQG Guild Meeting

...Denise

January 2020 Meeting Minutes....

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the Brazos Center on January 14, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Denise Mackan. There were 44 members present, 2 new members and 6 visitors.

Minutes – A motion was made by Charles Gilreath and 2nd by Michael Jackson to approve the November and December 2019 minutes as written in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Door Prizes – Sue Ryan distributed door prizes to Laura North, Diane Bullard, and Sandra Smith.

Quilt Show Committee – Denise Mackan announced the 2021 quilt show name and theme will be decided by the 2021 show chair(s) and/or committee. Denise reported the 2021 **Quilt Entry Category Theme** is “World of Color.”

Old Business

Winter Retreat – Jane Crouse announced the winter retreat still has openings. Please contact her

(979.220.0923) if you are interested in attending. Dates for Winter Retreat are February 6-9, 2020.

2020 Donation Quilt – We still need a chairman for this committee. A signup sheet was distributed for members to volunteer to take the quilt to Kingwood, Brenham, and the Woodlands guilds. Please contact Denise Mackan (979.218.5204) if you are willing to help.

New Business

Free Table – Denise Mackan announced members who bring items for the free table please remove items not taken at the end of each meeting. We do not have anyone to clear the table after each meeting and no space for storage of items not claimed. Members can take books to Half Price Books, donate to the library for the Friends of the Library sale, or wait until 2021 to clean out stash and donate for the White Elephant booth.

Volunteers – The guild is always in need of volunteers to help with an event or committee. Please let any Board Member know if you would like to volunteer. We will contact and get you connected.

Bees – All are encouraged to join a bee as they are a great avenue to get to know others, learn new techniques, or share your expertise with others. Bees are listed on Groupworks.

Quilts of Valor - Kitty Ard announced the Quilts of Valor Sew In Day is February 1st at the American Legion, (101 Waco St. Bryan) 9:00 – 3:00ish.

Books and a Blanket - Charles Gilreath announced the Books And A Blanket group made 260 quilts in 2019 with 78 more quilts made and donated by members in our guild. Denise Mackan added that because of Charles' and his mother's work with this organization, they were recognized with the Points of Light award for making a difference in our community.

Concern and Questions – Denise Mackan shared that she wants to hear any concerns or questions from members. The guild by-laws are setup so that decisions are made by an elected board of directors.

Board meetings are held each month but are open to any member to attend and participate in discussions of agenda items. Please contact Denise if you have any concerns or questions. Contact information is: 979.218.5204 (call or text) or denisemackan@gmail.com

Summer Retreat – Rhonda Kuboviak announced registration for Summer Retreat would be open at the February meeting. Summer Retreat dates are June 25-28, 2020 at Magnolia Manor Retreat Center. Additional information is available on Groupworks.

2021 Donation Quilt – Laura North shared the Round Robin quilt made by members at the November 2019 Workshop as our 2021 Donation Quilt. Linda Bridges has agreed to quilt it for the guild.

Programs – Laura North announced the workshop signup for our program presenter in February, Paula Nadelstern, is full. You may contact Laura if you would like to be on the waiting list.

Laura also shared we would be creating a Round Robin group, where members work in teams to produce a Round Robin quilt for each member of the group. If you are interested in joining this exciting new group, please contact Laura for more information. (979.450.6558 or lbnorth@gmail.com) Additional information is available on Groupworks.

Program – Laura North, Programs Chair, shared a Power Point highlighting upcoming programs and workshop presenters for the 2020 year. These are listed below and additional information about each can be found on Groupworks.

2020 Programs –

February 11th – Paula Nadelstern

February 11-12th – Workshop – “Sunstar”

March 10th – Sharon Braunagel

March 11th – Workshop – “Paper Piecing the Simple Way”

April 14th – Norma Reel

April 15th – Workshop - “Wonder Flutters – Curved Piecing”

May 12th – Robin Williamson
 May 13th – Workshop - “Let Loose Improv Workshop”

June 9th – Melinda Stanton
 June 10th – Workshop – “Lucy Boston Quilting”

July 14th – Chris Hoover
 July 15th – Workshop – “Mauna Kae”

August 11th – Peggy Richards

September 15th – Mini Quilt Show – Challenge theme – “Log Cabin” (*see note below)

October 13th – Gloria Loughman
 October 13th – Workshop – “Shades of the Forest”

November 10th – Wearables Fashion Show

December 18th – Annual Christmas Party

*Laura announced the 2020 competition category theme is “Log Cabin”. Be creative with your interpretation of “Log Cabin”. These quilts will be voted on by membership at the September 2020 mini quilt show. Top three will be auctioned and all other entries will be donated for Care Quilts. Sharon Braunagle (March) and Norma Reel (April) also shared information on the workshops they will be presenting.

Show and Tell – The meeting was concluded with 6 members showing awesome quilts recently completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Kirkpatrick

Treasurer's Report...

For the Month of December 2019

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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BBQG 2020 Calendar of Programs

February 11: 7 p.m., Lecture by Paula Nadelstern; "Symmetry & Surprise: The Kaleidoscope as Design Inspiration"

February 11 & 12, workshop, 9-3, "Sunstar"

Tuesday, March 10: 7 p.m., Sharon Braunagel "A Trunk Show and a Bit of Design Theory Along the Way"

Wednesday, March 11, 9-3 workshop "Paper Piecing the Simple Way"

Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m., Norma Reel Trunk Show

Wednesday, April 15, 9-3, Norma Reel Workshop "Wonder Flutters"

Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m., Robin Williamson, "Challenge Accepted"

Wednesday, May 13, 9-3 workshop "Let Loose! Improv Workshop"

Tuesday, June 9, Melinda Stanton Trunk Show

Wednesday, June 10, 9-3, workshop "Lucy Boston Quilting"

Tuesday July 14, 7 p.m., Chris Hoover, Whirligig Designs, Trunk Show

Wednesday, July 15, 9-3 workshop "Mauna Kae"

Tuesday, August 11, Peggy Richards Trunk Show

Tuesday, Sept. 15, Mini Quilt Show
Challenge theme this year is "Log Cabin"

Tuesday, October 13: Gloria Loughman, Workshop 9-3, "Shades of the Forest"
And lecture "Share the Journey" at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m., Wearables Fashion Show

Tuesday, December 8, Christmas Party (time to be announced)

Submitted by Laura North



Important Message

**From Denise Mackan, President,
and Laura North, Program Chair**

We have an exciting line-up of programs ahead of us this year: thank you Sharon Braunagel! Since both the February and March workshops are now full, this is a good time to establish a clear policy about how programs will be managed.

Participants may sign-up without paying, but it is expected that a check will follow. We all have busy lives; delays are totally understandable, but nonpayment becomes an issue when the workshop is full--it is only fair to those that are being turned away to ask for a commitment. By the same token, if you sign up and then need to cancel, please contact the Program Chair as soon as possible so others will have an opportunity to take your place. Please be as considerate as you would want others to be of you.

If you send something to the Program Chair (whether by mail or email), receipt will ALWAYS be acknowledged. If you do not get a response, you need to follow-up; do not "assume" anything.

Members of the Guild will ALWAYS have a limited opportunity to sign up for workshops before we open these opportunities to participants who are not members. There is a long history of half-filled workshops that turned out to be a significant financial burden for the Guild. Opening workshops to nonmembers is a good thing: not only does it ease the Guild's financial burden, these additional resources allow the Guild to offer more learning

opportunities. This practice also provides the potential of enhancing our membership. Most important: remember "Education" is our mission as a nonprofit organization. If we want to maintain our nonprofit status, the Guild is obligated to offer opportunities for everyone to learn, not just the members. In fairness to the membership, however, nonmembers will be charged more than members in the future.

Lastly, we strongly encourage all members to learn to navigate Groupworks, because it is the ONLY way the Guild can keep the members informed between meetings. If you are having problems accessing Groupworks, please contact Denise Mackan. Help is available. We do not want anyone to be saddened by missed opportunities

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Summer Retreat...

The 2020 summer retreat will be held Thursday, June 25th through Sunday, June 28th, 2020, at Magnolia Manor Retreat located between Magnolia and Plantersville. The cost for this year's summer retreat is \$300 (the same as last year).

Registration will begin at 6:15 p.m. at the February BBQG meeting.

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required at registration and 2020 guild membership dues must be paid. You can register for yourself and one other

person. Final payment is due at the May Guild meeting.

We are limited to 24 participants so register soon.

Come join us!

The Summer Retreat Committee

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BEE News...

It's a slow news month for Bee News but a few bees did check in with this beekeeper.

Happy Scrappers had a Christmas party where, instead of exchanging gifts among friends, we each brought a toy to be donated to a local charity. Judy B and her husband took the toys to Scotty's House, and they were so happy to receive them. Some of the toys will replace some worn-out toys in their playroom. Others will be given to children at the home, or shared with other local charities.



Quilt in Peace tallied our group efforts for last year.

We have 30 active members, with an average of 15 for the 44 times we met during 2019.

High attendance was 23 and low was 5 with a total of 2,040 hours spent at the church.

There are seven members who either have long arm quilting machines or do machine quilting so none of those hours are included.

The following summarizes QnP's contributions during the year:

- 165 Care quilts (approximately 40x45 inches)
- 3 Twin-sized quilts for students who lived at Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock that graduated from high school
- 320 Soldier Squares
- 32 Christmas lap quilts and toiletries given to Brazos Council on the Aging (Included in #1);
- Finished 6 quilts (added borders, machine quilted, and bound, hand hemmed) for a bee member who passed away in April.

We are busy already this year with a goal to surpass these numbers. There is always room for others so join us at 9:30 each [Tuesday.at](https://www.sewvaccity.com) First Baptist Church in College Station.

Material Girls are mostly planning and getting ready for winter retreat. Working on charity quilts or our own challenges. Our own Dottie Wilson lost her son so sadness has been there. We try to support as best we can.

Hope all have a great and quilty month.

