



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message...

This is what we all have been training for ... stay calm and quilt on.

How things have changed since we were all together. Please be careful and we can all meet back together when this epidemic is over.

It has been decided to cancel the April Meeting and workshop. Also, given the number of weeks of the "stay put" order the May meeting and workshop are canceled. The BBQG Board of Directors felt that the May events are scheduled too close to the end of the current "stay put" order. The Brazos Center is working with the guild to refund the dates we are not using the Brazos Center for our meetings.

Once the leadership in our community gives the all clear the Board of Directors will discuss how we can all get together again.

My hope for you is to weather this pandemic as best as you can. It's good that we have our sewing and our sewing friends. We are in this together.

Denise

March 2020 Meeting Minutes....

The BBQG held their monthly meeting at the Brazos Center on March 10, 2020. The meeting

was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Denise Mackan. There were 66 members, 1 new member, and 6 visitors present.

Minutes – A motion was made by Kerry Dwyer and 2nd by Sharon Braunagle to approve the February 2020 minutes as written in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Door Prizes – Sue Ryan distributed door prizes to Jane Riggs, Kerry Fisher, and Pat Patterson.

Old Business:

Budget – Denise Mackan distributed the 2020 Guild Budget and announced the budget was posted online in Groupworks. Denise reminded the membership the budget is an estimate of income/expense for the year and every place possible, expenses would be minimized. Any area where expenses exceed what is estimated would usually require an explanation of reasons they were more than expected. After discussion of current bylaw procedure which does not indicate the budget must be voted on by membership, Linda Bridges made a motion to amend the current bylaws to state membership vote and approval of budget would be required. Sue Idol 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Linda Bridges and Jane Crouse volunteered to form a committee to make the change to the bylaws.

Raffle Quilt – The 2020 Raffle quilt has visited several venues. At the Kingwood Guild, \$80 in ticket sales was collected, Woodlands Guild, \$61 was collected, Go Texan, \$100+, and Washington on the Brazos netted approximately \$272 in ticket sales.

Standing Committees – Denise Mackan reminded the guild we have many standing committees and all are volunteer based. Many have stepped up to work on these committees. Remember to show appreciation for the work they do. If you are interested in volunteering on any committee, please let Denise or someone on the committee know. We all need to participate to continue making our Guild the best possible.

New Business:

Mini Quilt Show – Members were reminded our Theme for the Mini Quilt Show is “Log Cabin”. Our Go Texan Quilt will also be chosen that night. Laura North announced we would be having a member “Yard Sale” at the show where members rent a table and sell items from their sewing/quilting collection they no longer need or want (tools, fabric, etc...). The date of the Mini Quilt Show is September 8th.

Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo – Denise Mackan reminded members of the Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo, October 17th – 25th, 2020. The Fair has a quilt show and members were encouraged to enter their quilts. Rules and entry forms can be found on the Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo webpage later this Spring.

2021 Quilt Show – Laura North and Debbie Brooks have volunteered to Co-Chair the 2021 Quilt Show.

In the Event of Meeting Cancellation – Denise Mackan briefed the membership of board discussion on procedures they would follow to notify membership in the event a Guild Meeting had to be cancelled. The board discussed utilizing Groupworks, Brazoshealth.org, Public Service announcements on KBTX, our Facebook Page, and developing a phone tree. If a meeting is cancelled, we will try to make sure an announcement is posted as soon as possible on as many venues as we can.

Programs – Laura North gave an update on future workshops. Tonight is the last night to register for Norma Reel’s workshop, “Wonder Flutters”. Cost for Norma’s workshop is \$35 plus \$25 for the ruler. Laura is taking registrations for Robin Williamson’s

“Improv Workshop” and Melinda Stanton’s “Lucy Boston” workshop, and Chris Hoover’s “Mauna Kae” workshop. Registration for Chris Hoover’s 2 day workshop will open to participants outside the guild in April. Contact Laura if you want to register for any of these workshops. (lbnorth@gmail.com or 979.450.6558) Future programs and workshops are listed below. **Please Note: Meetings and Workshops for April and May have been canceled!**

April 14th – Norma Reel (**Canceled Due to Covid-19 Concerns**)

April 15th – Workshop - “Wonder Flutters – Curved Piecing” (**Canceled Due to Covid-19 Concerns**)

May 12th – Robin Williamson (**Canceled Due to Covid-19 Concerns**)

May 13th – Workshop - “Let Loose Improv Workshop” (**Canceled Due to Covid-19 Concerns**)

June 9th – Melinda Stanton

June 10th – Workshop – “Lucy Boston Quilting”

July 14th – Chris Hoover

July 15th & 16th – 2 Day Workshop – “Mauna Kae”

August 11th – Peggy Richards

September 15th – Mini Quilt Show – Challenge theme – “Log Cabin”

October 13th – Gloria Loughman

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

November 10th – Wearables Fashion Show

December 18th – Annual Christmas Party

Program – Our speaker tonight was our own Sharon Braunagle. Sharon shared with us a fabulous trunk show of scrap quilts, most of which she had personally made using the paper pieced method. She discussed with us reasons scrap quilts were popular (colorful, comforting, elicited memories,

helps us use our stash, etc...). Sharon also talked to us about Color Theory and Design Theory in our quilts. She emphasized that contrast – value, hue, and texture – would bring eye appeal to our quilts.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Kirkpatrick

Interest Received

Transfers to Checking

Ending Balance - Savings

Total Cash Balance

Submitted by Susan Beasley

Terry Skrabanek
Owner

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Treasurer's Report...

For the Month of February 2020

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

Bee News...

Quilt in Peace Bee contributed 17 care quilts to the BBQG, 2 quilts to Books and a Blanket and 3 quilts to the Quilts of Valor group. We continue to meet each Tuesday from 9:30 until about 2:00 and those who stay late bring a lunch. Members were challenged to pick out backing fabric, then select coordinating colors to make a simple care quilt "Lickety Split." Not all have been quilted yet but about 12 are in progress. Thank you to the donor of fabric, rulers and a cutting table which were given to our bee.



The Material Girls have been busy. Some of us have been to the Brenham, LaGrange, and Cypress quilt shows. Lots of beautiful quilts to look at and drool over. Lol We have all been busy sewing. Some neat stuff we found at the shows and charity quilts.

Our sister Nancy had a knee replacement. So reduced to handwork right now. Our hearts go out to her.

We are trying to look at the quarantine as a big opportunity to get some UFO's out of the way. Also to start some new projects to have for show and tell when we can meet again. We hope that all stay safe and well.

Stay well and quilt on! Jane



SHOW N TELL and other Pictures ...from the past 4 years, unedited!!!





