



# Bits and Pieces

**Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter**

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*Happy Thanksgiving*

*Merry Christmas*

*Happy New Year*

*Praying for a return to normalcy in 2021*

## **Meeting Minutes....**

The BBQG held their monthly meeting via Zoom on, Tuesday, November 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Denise Mackan. There were 32 members present. The guild currently has 152 members.

**Minutes** – Minutes of previous meetings need to be reviewed and approved by the membership. These will be brought to the membership for approval in December and January meetings.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began the guild meetings have been evolving from a casual Zoom meeting while members learned to navigate the Zoom process and the President learned how to lead a business meeting through Zoom.

**Nominating Committee** – Donna Bracewell reported the nominating committee of Rhonda Kuboviak and herself were still looking for members to fill some key positions for the 2020 board. Positions filled are President – Donna Bracewell; Treasurer – Susan Beasley; Membership – Nelda Cohan and Kitty Ard; Programs – Laura

North, Secretary - Gwen Koval. We are still looking for a President-Elect for 2021.

**Workshops** - Laura North is working on a schedule for workshops limited to 20 people. Laura announced that these will all be Zoom workshops during 2021. There will still be a guild business meeting on Tuesday and then workshops will move to Saturday. Some workshops that Laura is working on for 2021 are:

<b>February</b>	Mary Tabar workshop on her A Flip and Stitch method. Additional information and registration is located in another item in this newsletter.
<b>March</b>	Donna's husband will offer instruction on how to maintain your featherweight sewing machine.
<b>April</b>	Krista Moser will give a Zoom workshop on Saturday, April 24, 2021 on her pattern, Double Struck Star. The workshop will cost \$25 for members, \$35 for non members. Make checks payable to BBQG. Include a second check made payable to Laura North for the pattern (\$10) and plus \$30 for the 60 degree diamond Creative Grid ruler (8.5" long) if you don't already have one; registration is now open to nonmembers, too.

**Email questions to [lnorth@gmail.com](mailto:lnorth@gmail.com) or mail your registration (please include your email and phone number) to Laura North, 2184 Chestnut Oak Circle, College Station TX 77845.**

In the meantime sign up for Krista Moser's newsletter and you will gain access to her free tutorials ([kristamoser.com](http://kristamoser.com))

Invitation will be posted on Groupworks and emailed for Donna Bracewell's free Zipper Bag Workshop November 21st at 9 a.m. through Zoom.

For the December meeting Donna requested everyone send in a Christmas item to share. Sue Chrysler will collect these and provide a presentation. You can also submit your regular show and tell. Send to Sue at [Sue\\_chrysler@hotmail.com](mailto:Sue_chrysler@hotmail.com)

Donna has requested that we have our favorite Christmas Cocoa to enjoy at the meeting. She may even send out recipes!

### **Quilting Bees -**

Three of our Quilt Bees told us about themselves and encouraged anyone to join. Charles Gilreath leads a group that benefits "Books and a Blanket". They meet at the Parish Hall at St. Thomas Episcopal on University Drive. Meeting are the 2nd Tuesday of the months from 10 - 2. Charles decides on a pattern, cuts the fabric to make kits and you take the kit and make the quilt. Once the quilt top is made it goes back to Charles for quilting and binding. Charles and his mother, shared a few of the recent quilts. For 2020 Charles has at least 284 quilts to donate to "Books and a Blanket".

Marjean introduced us to the "All American Bee" a Quilts of Valor group. This group is affiliated with the State QOV organization. There is a process to pick a quilt and a veteran to be presented with the quilt in a short ceremony. This bee meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 10-2 at the American Legion Hall 101 Waco st., Bryan. These quilts are made with red, white and blue fabrics. The group accepts cash donations and welcome your time to sew with this wonderful group. On Feb 6, 2021 there will be a National Quilts of Valor Sew Day. This is held everywhere on the same day. It will be at the American Legion Hall 101 Waco St., Bryan from 9-3. Lunch is provided and you will need to wear a mask. Contact Marjean Neve for more

information. Please visit [www.QOVF.Org](http://www.QOVF.Org) to learn more about this QOV program.

Peggy gave a presentation on the "Quilt 'n Peace Bee". This bee meets at the first Baptist Church every Tuesday from 9:30 - 2 or come and go as you wish. Their goal is mission oriented and provide a large amount of Care Quilts for BBQG. They also provide quilts for "Books and a Blanket", the local and the Conroe "Quilts of Valor" groups. There were about 2 thousand masks made for the public, charities and hospitals. Laura North coordinated gowns, caps, masks for hospitals and medical professionals local and non local.

Every 5th Tuesday the group will take a trip to a fabric shop or somewhere fun and have lunch. There are some sewing machines available at the church and plenty of fabric to choose from. This group is good at having a fun time.

#### **New Business -**

##### **Earlier meeting time -**

It was announced that our guild membership meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. The BBQG Board has discussed this time change and voted to implement the earlier start time. The membership attending the meeting agreed that they liked the idea to change the meeting time to 6:30 p.m.

President -elect announcements for December 2020 and all 2021 -

Donna Bracewell asked the group about a project to start at the beginning of the year (2021). She suggested everyone who wants to participate receive a block of fabric of about 11 inches. They will need to make a quilt block of their choice that will be 10 1/2 inches to finish at 10 inches when sewn into a quilt top with other blocks. More details to follow.

Donna also told about an idea of starting a group to teach teens to adults interested in learning to sew. As the COVID Pandemic comes to an end, plans can

then start to be made to begin this group. Please be thinking about this group and how you could help out.

Events - Sue Chrysler announced a couple of events. Smithville Airing of the Quilts on Nov 14 from 10-2. Houston Quilt Show December 3-5 will be an online event. Go to [Quilts.com](http://Quilts.com) for ticket information.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Denise Mackan

## **Treasurer's Report**

For the Month of October 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  
Interest Received  
Transfers to Checking  
Ending Balance - Savings

Total Cash Balance

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* Outstanding checks	
1746	50.00
Total	<u>50.00</u>

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## 2021 Programs

Change is underway! 2021 business meetings and Show 'n Tell will be zoomed the second Tuesday of every month in the evening as usual. These meetings are expected to run about one hour—hooray for all of us who like to go to bed early!

All 2021 workshops will be zoomed on Saturday mornings—hooray for everyone who works during the week!

And instead of one 6-hour workshop, most will be two 3-hour workshops a week apart—hooray for everyone who runs out of steam after lunch!

And workshop fees are cheaper because we don't have to pay for travel and room rentals so we are offering More Workshops: HOORAY AGAIN!!!!

The 2021 Program Schedule is almost final; it will be published in January 2021. In the meantime, members and nonmembers may register for Krista

Moser's Double Struck Star workshop on Saturday, April 24. (I tried to break it out over two Saturdays, but Krista Moser is so busy that we are going to have just one 6-hour workshop with her.) There will be another workshop in February; it will be open for registration as soon as plans have been finalized. Please watch Groupworks for more opportunities to expand your quilting skills.

If you are interested offering a workshop or sew along, please contact Laura North. If you are interested in zooming your bee meetings, please contact Denise Mackan for technical support.

Lastly, I will be stepping down from Program Chair at the end of 2021 so the Guild is in need of a volunteer to shadow me this year and step into this position in January 2022. If you are thinking about volunteering, please feel free to email me: lbnorth@gmail.com.

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## Mary Tabar Workshops Registration...

Saturday, February 13, 2021, 9-10 a.m., Mary Tabar will give us a lecture about her stitch and flip method. Two three-hour workshops will follow on Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27, 9 a.m., to noon, via zoom so we





can do her Stitch and Flip Stars Spangle Banner. The lecture is free, but the workshop is \$35, \$45 for non-members. Registration is underway now for members; non-members may register after January 1 if space is available; the workshop is limited to 20. Contact Laura North (lbnorth@gmail.com) for more information or to register



She has also been helping me with ones I didn't finish (gasp) back in the eighties.

## Bee News

The **Franklin Praying Piecers** have been working on a charity quilt for Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. This quilt is going to be raffled off in an attempt to raise money for the Church due to donations being down as a result of the Coronavirus. It is also a way for us to say thank you to the church for allowing us to meet in their Parish Hall. The finished quilt will have a center displaying the Sacred Heart of Jesus surrounded by yellows and golds radiating out into purples and blues.



### Material Girls

The Material Girls have been doing what we do. Mary Jane has been finishing up all those kits she bought back when she was working for when she retired. lol.



Dottie has been making Christmas presents.



I finally moved into my new/old house. Fran has been stitching with copper wire. She is building a teardrop camper by hand. I, myself, am impressed.

Nancy is being as prolific as ever. She is such a go getter.







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*Stay safe and  
 celebrate your  
 blessings. Enjoy  
 every moment  
 with family and  
 friends.*

Our Jane's mother is in the hospital with Covid. We are all praying for her recovery every day. We are all staying safe and keeping busy. We hope the rest are doing the same. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from the Material Girls. Peace Sue Idol