



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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From the President...

Hi All,

By February, most of us have already broken our New Year's Resolution, but I am sharing mine with you because it's one that incorporates something we all love to do! I have resolved to make a list of 10 quilting projects I want to finish this year, and check them off as they are completed. For this resolution I'll have to sew and quilt more, and look at television or Facebook less. Yes, I know this is not a new idea by any stretch of the imagination. However, one day in the months ahead, we will be free to travel, visit with family, and get together with all our quilting community members again without the fear of getting sick. That's the time to give quilts we've completed, along with a great big hug, to family and friends!

And don't forget about a future BBQG quilt show! Our next quilt show is in the works, but a timeline will not be scheduled or posted until we feel it is safe to hold this event. When that time comes, wouldn't it be nice if you already had that special quilt waiting to be entered rather than thinking, "Oh gosh! I have to hurry and finish this beauty, so I can enter it in time!" I have a quilt top in mind that has been **complaining** to me for a few years, "Please quilt me!" I guess I'll have to put that on my list of 10 projects!

And while I'm writing about our quilting community getting together again, I want to make sure all members are aware that the board is considering, and has approached guild members on GroupWorks, about a move of venue for the physical guild meetings. (I have posted a Poll on GroupWorks that allows you to share your opinion.) If you have not been on GroupWorks lately, (and you can access it), you can choose between two venues. The Brazos Center or the American Legion Post 159. Please read the advantages for the suggested change before you take the Poll.

If you cannot access GroupWorks then consider the benefits listed below, and if you'd like, you can voice your opinion to me via email, phone call, or mail.

1. There are no stairs to negotiate for members.
2. Meeting room is much larger, and there is room for mingling.
3. There are multiple tables available if needed.
4. Meeting room has a kitchen and raised stage for presenters.
5. Much shorter walk from the parking lot to the building.
6. Includes a portico attached to the building for rain issues.
7. Restrooms are closer to the meeting room.
8. It is easier to schedule permanent meeting dates without the issue of being bumped for other events.
9. Cost of American Legion Post is significantly less. The American Legion

Hall costs \$100.00 a month and includes a kitchen, tables and chairs, and a stage. The Brazos Center costs \$250.00 a month, or \$400.00 with a kitchen. That is a savings of \$2,400 a year for the guild

10. Distance from the Brazos Center is only 3.8 miles - 8 minutes, but it may be closer for some members
11. We are supporting another nonprofit, and that money can be used to support their members.

Many of you have attended workshops here, so you know the building is nice and clean. We would schedule the largest room in the building with the stage and kitchen. The only possible issue we can see is that would have to *shift our meeting day from the second Tuesday to the second Thursday* (Tuesday has been reserved for the Boy Scouts for years). Hopefully this is not a problem for most of you, and may even work out better for some.

The actual address for the American Legion Post is:
American Legion Post 159
101 Waco St.
Bryan, Texas 77803

In closing I would like members to know that I am looking forward to seeing all of you in person! BBQG Board members are planning to celebrate our first *in-person* meeting with plenty of refreshments, hugs, and a great Show and Tell program! So get to work on those UFO's you've stuck in the closet, shoe boxes, totes, or zipper bags, because you'll want to be one of the members with a wonderful Show and Tell to *show and tell!*
Virtual Hugs, Donna

Meeting Minutes...

The BBQG held their January monthly meeting virtually via Zoom on January 12, 2021. The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. and was attended by 35 members.

Introduction of officers for 2021: Donna Bracewell introduced the Board members:

- Donna Bracewell: President
- Gwen Koval: Secretary
- Laura North: Programs
- Susan Beasley: Treasurer
- Nelda Cohan: Membership
- Denise Mackan: Outgoing President

A new President-Elect is still needed for the board.

Treasurer's Report: The 2021 budget prepared by Susan Beasley was presented to the guild members to review. There was a question about the fact that the budget is unbalanced. It was explained that it usually is unbalanced in the year when a quilt show is not held. Additionally, this last year with COVID has been difficult to recruit attendees for the zoom workshops. Donna Bracewell asked for a motion to approve. The first motion was made by Marjorie Williams and a second motion was made by Mary Anne Durbin.

Raffle Quilt: Laura North presented information of the raffle quilt for 2021. It is a Round Robin quilt and is scheduled to be quilted in June 2021. Once it is completed, raffle tickets can then be sold. Janet Kirkpatrick is the coordinator for the Raffle Quilt 2022. She will be recruiting volunteers and if interested, she can be reached by email at jk.quilting81@gmail.com.

Programs: There are not any physical program meetings planned at this time. Laura has posted on GroupWorks the programs scheduled through June 2021. In addition to the programs listed, there may be a Fall celebration in which the members will be able to physically gather together. Additionally, it is hoped that a Christmas Party can be planned.

Denise Mackan has volunteered to be program chairman for 2022.

Venue Change Proposed: The Board has proposed to change the Guild meeting place from the Brazos Center to the American Legion Post. The pros and cons were discussed by the attendees. A poll has been placed on GroupWorks for all members to express their opinion on this change. If the meeting location is changed, then the meeting time and place will also be changed to the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Scholarships: JoAnn Williams will be reviewing applications from students for the 2021 scholarships. Nancy Searcy has donated two quilts for the scholarship winners.

Care Quilts: Rachelle Kubricht delivered 29 quilts to the Prenatal Clinic and 29 quilts to a Hospice Group. She is trying to deliver quilts every other month.

Prizes: Sue Ryan is collecting items to be used for door prizes which will be used when the physical meetings start again. Think of this when you are cleaning out your supplies and donate what you don't need.

Zoom Meetings: A Zoom bee will be starting in February on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Initially, there will be an organizing and planning session to find out what members might be interested in. Everyone is invited and they can work on whatever project they want.

Show and Tell: There were no quilts or projects submitted to Sue Chrysler this month for Show and Tell.

GroupWorks: Sue Chrysler presented an informal tutorial about GroupWorks for those who were interested in staying after the meeting. She may also plan another tutorial on this same topic in the future and will coordinate with Laura North to schedule this.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gwen Koval.

Treasurer's Report...

For the Month of December 2020

Checking

Beginning Balance -	19,214.07
Checking per bank	
Deposits Made	35.00
Checks Cleared	(993.00)
Ending Balance per Bank	18,256.07
Less Outstanding Checks	(50.00)
Ending Balance - Checking per Register	18,206.07

Savings

Beginning Balance - Savings per Bank	17,048.05
Interest Received	2.17
Transfers to Checking	-
Ending Balance - Savings	17,050.22

Total Cash Balance	35,256.29
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*** Outstanding checks**

1746	50.00
Total	50.00

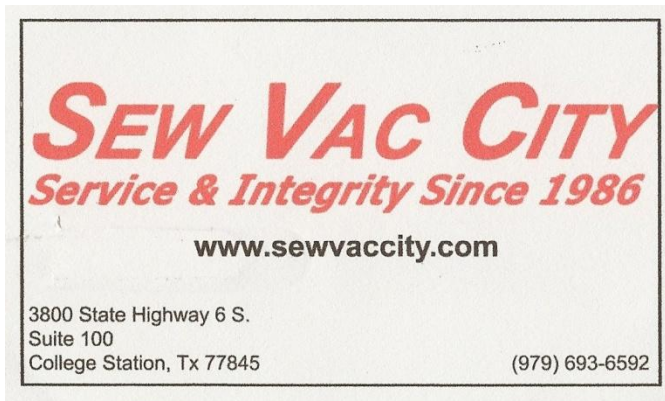
Submitted by Susan Beasley

Programs...2021.

Please see the chronological list of the 2021 Programs at the end of this newsletter. Print and put in a place to remind you of all the options available to BBQG Members in 2021.



Be sure to wear a mask into the building until you are seated at your chosen table, and then you may uncover your happy smiling face!



Quilts of Valor "Sew In"

Are you ready to have some fun while making a difference? If so, we have got you covered!!! Our yearly Quilts of Valor "Sew-in" is scheduled for Saturday, February 6th, from 9 – 2.

We have reserved a large room at the American Legion Post for this event. The tables are arranged for social distancing, (but in voice range of your friends). A free lunch with either ice water or coffee is provided. The quilt kits are packaged with pieces already cut out and prepared for piecing. All you must do is show up with your machine and sewing supplies including thread, extension cords, etc. Ironing boards, irons, and cutting mats are provided. (If you want something other than water or coffee, bring your own beverage of choice.)

Since we are social distancing, we will have to limit the number of participants to around 20, and we will need a count to order the food for lunch. Please call or text to reserve your spot and leave your name on the message.

Call or email:

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Or

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Scholarship Documents and Thumb Drive

BBQG guild is in search of materials used to judge BBQG Scholarship Award applicants. The items were a couple of notebooks which included information to help guide judges' decisions, and a thumb drive. If you have these items, or know who does, please contact **JoAnn Williams**.

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BBQG Zoom Bee

The first BBQG Zoom Bee is scheduled for the **3rd Thursday of the month of February**, at 6:30 pm. You will want to attend this bee, as we will make some decisions on how members want this Zoom bee to work. Here are a few ideas you may want to consider:

- We can all sew our own project, and just visit during the Zoom meeting as if we were in a regular bee.
- We can work on a “Block of the Month” that has been posted ahead on GroupWorks or sent via email to members. (Help for construction will be part of the Zoom Bee)
- We can all work on any kind of crochet, knitting, handwork, or sewing/quilting project we want to during the Zoom, and just visit while we do it
- We can work on different types of projects in break-out groups

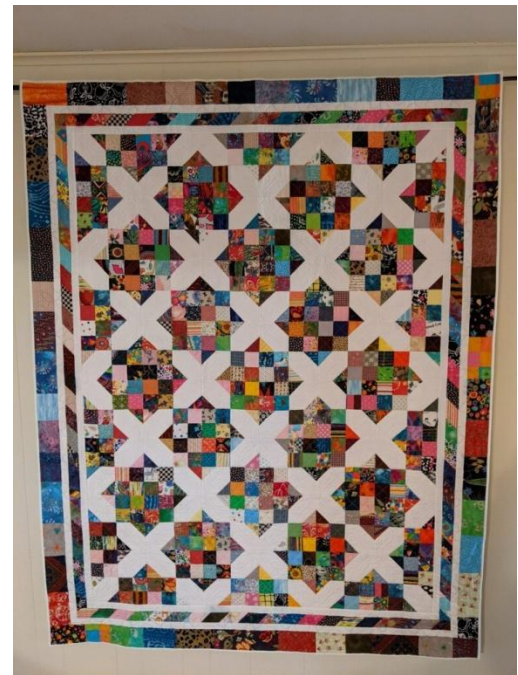
If you think of a better idea than the ones above, share it at the 1st Zoom Bee. If the members choose the way the Bee will work – and it does not – we can always adjust. The object is to have fun, and to enjoy each other’s company.

If you want to join this Zoom Bee, please let Donna Bracewell or Denise Mackan know early enough to get you invited to the event. You may text or email either of us to let us know.

A Few Show N Tell...

If you remember the cute pillows that Alma Fonseca made as Christmas presents for her granddaughters you can understand why there was a request for another one. This time the request was from grandson, Adam.

Alma has also been busy using up scraps from clothing that she made for her daughters and herself. And...it is handquilted!



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BBQG 2021 Workshop Zoom Schedule

Date	Program	Special Instructions and links
January 22-29	"What Makes it Modern"	What Makes It Modern? - YouTube View at your leisure over the next week.
January 30	Modern Quilt Studio Q&A Session	Modern Quilt Studio. Submit questions in advance or have them ready for this live session
Feb. 9, 6:30 pm	Raffle Quilt top	Jane Kirkpatrick will lead a discussion on the plan for then next Raffle Quilt. Open to all volunteers
Feb. 13 9-10 am	Stitch and Flip trunk show	Mary Tabar presents Patterns3-WebSite.pdf (marytabar.com)
Feb. 20 & 27, 9-Noon	Star Bangle workshop	Patterns3-WebSite.pdf (marytabar.com)
March 9, 6:30	Business Meeting and Show n Tell	
March (Saturday to be determined)	Featherweight Workshop	
April 13, 6:30 pm	Business Meeting and Show n Tell	
April 24	"Double Struck Star" workshop	Krista Moser www.kristamoser.com/aboutus
May 11, 6:30 pm	Business Meeting and Show n Tell Lecture by Catherine Redford on Folk Art	Classes & Lectures – Catherine Redford
June 8, 6:30 pm	Business Meeting and Show n Tell	
June 19 & 26, 9-Noon	"Lemoyne Trails" workshop	Pam Goggans from Sager Creek Quilts SCQ127 - Lemoyne Trails (sagercreekquilts.com)
July 13, 6:30 p.m.	Business Meeting and Show n Tell	
July 17 & 24, 9-Noon	"Dresden Neighborhood" workshop	Michelle Banton of Little Pup Designs Little Pup Designs - Home
August 10, 6:30 pm	Business Meeting and Show n Tell	
Aug. 21, Sept 4, 11 & 18, 9-Noon	Free sew along Krista Moser's Christmas Wreath	Printed Patterns mysite (kristamoser.com)
Sept. 14, 6:30 pm	Business Meeting and Show n Tell	
Oct. 12, 6:30 pm	Business Meeting and Show n Tell	
Oct. 2 & 9:	"It's All About the Face"	Phyllis Cullen introductory level class on making realistic fabric portraits. Phyllis Cullen Fine Art (phylliscullenartstudio.com)