



Bits and Pieces

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message....

The week of Valentine's Day was certainly a test of our character. It was already difficult enough with social distancing and separation from family and friends. It certainly made things even more difficult for most of us with loss of power, low or no water pressure, and no internet. It made me appreciate what I DO have: a home full of warm quilts, and a gas fireplace.

It also made me reflect on those less fortunate who may not have the comforts I have; and I thought about how important those care quilts and *Books and a Blanket* quilts are. I am proud to say I have been involved in construction of many of these donation quilts over the years and have recently began making Quilts of Valor.

If you have not gotten involved in BBQG groups that make these quilts by attending, making them from your home, or donating fabric and other supplies for them, please consider doing so. You get more back than you give.

Included in this BBQG Newsletter is an article from a member of the military who wrote a wonderful message of appreciation to our guild. Please check it out and know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

One last note. Lately members of the board, myself included, have been receiving a flurry of emails, texts, and phone calls from guild members for various reasons. Please remember, although we are here to help, many of your answers can be found on the BBQG Website, Groupworks, or in the

Newsletter. Please use these resources first. Non-emergency questions and concerns can be addressed via emails through our Website. These concerns or questions can be directed to the board to address and respond to guild membership.

Here's to better weather and happy quilting!

Donna

BBQG Meeting Minutes

The BBQG meeting was held by Zoom with 40 participants. The meeting started at 6:36 pm on February 9, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Donna Bracewell, President. She requested approval of the January 2021 meeting minutes. Janet Kirkpatrick motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Susan Beasley and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Susan Beasley. A motion to approve the report was made by Marjean Neve and it was 2nd by Rachelle Kubricht. The report was approved.

Nelda Cohan, Membership Chair reported that there have been 41 new renewals, and 2 new members. She requested that all members complete a membership form and send with their check of \$35.00 by March 31, 2021. By completing a membership form, it will help maintain an accurate roster of members and their information along with

information on those individuals greater than 80 that do not pay dues. The mailing address is P.O. Box 9497, College Station, Texas 77842. The membership form and the mailing address is also located on the first page of the website, www.BBQG.org. Donna will also post this information on GroupWorks.

New Business:

- The proposal to change the meeting location passed by 41 members for and 9 members against. The new location will be at the American Legion Post on Hwy 21. Meetings will not begin there until the guild resumes physical meetings later in the year. American Legion has approved the Guild for meeting there. Marjean Neve will let them know it will be later in the year when the meetings start. The decision when to begin physical meetings will depend on the COVID 19 status and the vaccination program. Nancy Searcy asked if there were any penalties from The Brazos Center for changing our location. They have refunded everything from March 2020 to the present.
- Nancy Searcy is the new Beekeeper. Chris Deppe will forward to Nancy a list of all the BBQG bees. Nancy will visit each guild over the next few months and submit a report about each of the Bee's activities to the board and also to Chris so it can be posted on the website.
- Care Quilts: Rachelle Kubricht recently dropped off 20 quilts to the Prenatal Clinic. She requested that drop off locations for the Care Quilts be posted on the guild's Facebook page.
- If tags are needed for quilts, notify Rachelle as they need to be approved by the Guild. Marjean Neve made a motion to order more tags, and Nancy Searcy 2nd it. Tags can be distributed by Nancy as she is visiting the Bees. The raffle quilt for 2021-2022 for has been chosen and is a Western Motif Block

of the Month kit that was donated by Susan Beasley. Janet Kirkpatrick will chair the quilt but she is not making it. Janet presented a power point showing each block of the month and asking members to volunteer for making each block. The quilt blocks need to be ready for quilt construction by June 2021. Norma Reel will begin quilting in September 2021.

- If there are questions, Janet can be reached at 979-324-4498 or at jk.quilting81@gmail.com. She prefers texting. A chairperson for ticket sales for the 2021-2022 quilt is still needed. If interested, please contact Janet at the above phone or email.

Programs Update: Per Laura North, there are no physical programs scheduled at this time. Programs are only by Zoom. The programs are posted on GroupWorks and in the BBQG Newsletters. The business meeting and guest lecture will continue be on the second Tuesday of the month as long as meetings are Zoomed. When physical meetings start again, they will be on the second Thursday of the month. Workshops are planned for Saturdays after the guest lecture. Laura North is hoping that there will be a "Reunion Party" held in the fall that all members can attend in person. Denise Mackan, as new program chair for 2022, has been working hard to arrange a program schedule for next year. Hopefully, all of these meetings will be physical and not zoomed.

Marjean Neve reviewed the Quilts of Valor Sew-In that was held on February 6 at the American Legion Post. 19 participants contributed to making 9 quilts. Two were completed on February 6 and the others will be completed at the Quilts of Valor Bee held every 2 weeks on Monday.

Donna Bracewell suggested a new idea for a segment of the meetings: "Parade of Quilt rooms."

She presented a power point on her personal Quilt Room. She included slides on how her room was organized, utilization of space, and organization of supplies. She suggested that other members take pictures of their rooms and present them at the meeting.

Update on Friendship Block: The deadline for entering your block(s) is at the next guild meeting on March 9th. Please submit a picture of your block(s) to Donna Bracewell prior to the meeting. Text or email Donna so she can have a ticket for you. A drawing will be held and the winner will receive 12 completed blocks to finish a quilt of her own. If there are enough blocks for 2 quilts to be made, a second winner will be announced. For any questions regarding friendship quilt, the information is on QuiltWorks.

Show and Tell: Sue Chrysler's slide show presented a number of quilts made by members Kay Fitzpatrick Simmons, Jeanie Bassett, Donna Bracewell, Nancy Searcy, Janet Kirkpatrick, and Rowena Reed. The President's quilt made by Maggie McGuire and presented to Denise Mackan was also shown.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.
Minutes submitted by Gwen Koval, Secretary

Treasurer's Report...

For the Month of January 2021

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 _____

* Outstanding checks

Total _____

Submitted by Susan Beasley




March Program Notes

March 9, 6:30	Business Meeting and Show n Tell Send Show n Tell items to Sue Chrysler by March 6.
March 20	Featherweight Workshop

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A Word of Thanks from Rachel Matthes



Ladies (and/or gentlemen), I've been meaning to get in touch with you all for some time now. My name is Lt Col Rachel Matthes and I'm a Marine Pilot who was a grateful recipient of your coaster quilts a while back. I just transitioned to retired after 21 years and still have coasters from your group that I still use. Thank you for your service and thank you for your quilts and love. It truly means and meant a lot to us serving overseas.

All the best, Rachel





Bee news...

The Material Girls have been on a roll. First up is Jeanne Bassett's quilt...both the front and the back.



Jeanne wasn't done...here's her table runner...front and back.

Jeanne Rierson contributed this quilt for showing her accomplishment for the month.



And now we know that Susan Beasley is not spending all her time looking at the BBQG financials. Here are four(4) of Susan's recent completions.



Thanks Material Girls for adding some visual interest to the Newsletter. Which Bee is going to step up for the April Newsletter???

Show n Tell...

Dedicated to all our furry friends. Alma Fonseca used her creative time to make warm coats for her grand dogs in preparation for last week's cold weather.



And Bonnie Piernot is still doing thread painting among other things.

