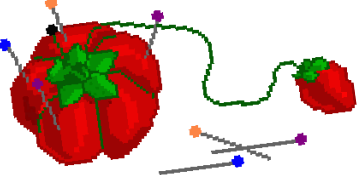


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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Message from the President

We cannot only quilt, but we are some awesome cooks as well! Had a wonderful, relaxed meeting in October. The food was great! Nice door prizes! Thanks Linda for organizing everything.

We heard many testimonials on the value of our handiwork. This was a real eye opener for me as I grew up with quilts being used for warmth and practicality – not thinking about the monetary value. When I think about all the quilts we used on the floor for the babies to crawl around on and spit up on (among other things), it makes me shudder to think about it.

We are only 1 quilt lacking reaching our goal for Twin City Missions. A huge undertaking, but thanks to a dedicated committee, we are almost there! Luci and Laura, you did a wonderful job! Thank you.

The reports are not all in, but our quilt show was a huge success. We had wonderful attendance and made money. Thanks to all who worked - before, during and after to make the show great!

Happy quilting!

Marian

BBQG 2009 Christmas Party

This year's theme is "A Brown Bag Christmas"

It will be held on December 8 at 6 pm - at the Brazos Center the

Cost is \$ 5.00 per person for a catered meal and we are bringing dessert!

We will have a optional Chinese gift exchange - gift limit is \$25.00 - must be quilt Related - can be bought or handmade - we will pass out large brown bags at the November meeting to place your gift in.

Sign up will take place beginning at the October meeting.

As an added bonus this year we are having a "get r done" open bee at the Brazos Center from 10 am to 4:30 pm on the same day. (December 8th) This is chance to work on those last minute Christmas gifts. Even if you cannot stay for the dinner, come and quilt with us. You have the option of bringing a brown bag lunch or leaving to go pick something up, whatever you desire. We will have tea and water available. You do not have to sign up to attend.

Booneville Pioneer Days

The BBQG was represented on October 3, at Booneville Pioneer Days, at the Brazos Center. The activities included arts and crafts for the kids, music, displays, a Buffalo Soldiers camp, food and other attractions.

Many thanks to Cathy Pulley and Joanne Williams for helping demonstrate and promote quilting which was often a common activity during the pioneer time.

Patchwork blocks and yo-yos were given out to interested visitors and samples of various quilt blocks were on display to see.

We were pleased to be able to take part in this annual event, sharing our love of quilting.

Thanks again to our volunteers, Carol Willson

Fat Thanks

FAT Thanks: It's time for the third annual fat thanks collection when we ask members to donate fat quarters for all the officers and committee chairs who have served the Guild for the last year. It takes many people many hours to organize our events and carry them off. Let's show them that we appreciate their efforts. Please bring your donations to the November General Meeting and be generous as we have more than 30 people to recognize. And if you have served this year, organized an event, chaired a committee, volunteered when the rest of the room fell silent as happened in the October meeting, PLEASE make plans to come to the December Board meeting so we can show you our appreciation. If you cannot attend the meeting, please ask a friend to pick for you. If you have any questions, please call Laura North, 846-2578. Thank You and Happy Holidays

Twin City mission project

Twenty Twins: We expect to reach our goal of twenty twin quilts for the permanent residents of the Twin City Mission before Christmas. The Care Quilt Committee would like to thank everyone who supported this worthy cause; please check with us at the general meetings to make sure your name is on our list of contributors and to receive a Twin City lapel pin. Our Thanks again.

13th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

Come join us February 11-15, 2010 for the 13th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat at Camp Lone Star in La Grange. Sign-up for this fun-filled event will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. November 10, 2009 at the Brazos Center. Because of space limitations, the retreat is open to BBQG members only. Registrants have the option of signing up for either 3 nights (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) or 4 nights (Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday). The cost of the retreat is \$230 for 3 nights or \$280 for 4 nights. These costs include 3 meals/day and lodging. Space is limited and once the retreat is full, a waiting list will be started to fill vacancies as they occur. A \$50 deposit must be given in person to Jeanne Joham at the time of sign-up to confirm your reservation. The balance will be due by the January BBQG meeting. You may also pay for the retreat in installments, but the final payment is due January 12, 2010 -- no exceptions!! Also, please remember that all participants must have paid their 2009 dues before signing up for the retreat and all participants must have paid their 2010 dues before making their final payment. All monies collected are deposited when received. Refunds will be given for emergencies per BBQG by-laws. For more information, please contact Jeanne Joham at 589-2191 or Connie Silber at 776-0272.

BEE NEWS

The Thimblebees bee still meets, the first and third Thursday of each month. This bee of 10 members is at full capacity since they meet in homes. The Thimblebees are planning a Bee Retreat in Galveston the first week of November. We'll expect a report on the food, facilities, food, accommodations, hot tub, food, and, of course, quilting. Maybe there will be show and tell at the November meeting.

In January, the Happy Scrappers, will start a Christmas block of the month. They send get well wishes to Jane McGill and hope she will soon be able to rejoin their bee.

Some members of The Finishers bee are participating in the Lone Star Round Up at LSQW.

The Saturday Morning bee has been deactivated.

The Material Girls submitted "Magnificent, Adventurous, Tenacious, Eclectic, Relaxing, Incredible, Artistic, Lively, Generous, Inquisitive, Rowdy, Learners, Sisters = the best quilting friends. We already knew that; the Newsletter is for news.

Joyful Quilters bee has resumed meeting at 6:30 pm on the second and last Monday night of each month at First Baptist Church, College Station.

Quilt 'n Peace bee welcomed a new member Carol who is also new to the community and to the BBQG. A former member moved to Conroe and another member abandoned us for a paycheck There is room for more quilters.

Many thanks to Terry and LSQW for making the bus trip to the Houston Quilt Show so memorable. The show and vendors provided a sensory overload!!! The food and goodie bags were great!

CLEANING OUT YOUR STASH???

Quilt 'n Peace Bee (First Baptist Church, College Station) makes one or two trips each year to a mission site in the Rio Grande Valley. We teach quilting to the women in the little community of Lasara; we have been going to Lasara for the past eight years.

Lasara is a rather remote community with very significant poverty. Our next trip is scheduled for early January 2010.

In order to teach quilting we must take the fabric that we use. Our group has grown to about thirty-five women. Last month, we used all the fabric we took and had to buy additional fabric. Several Guild members have suggested that we let other Guild members know that we need fabric, so we are asking you...when you clean out your stash...to remember that we can use the fabric that you no longer like, or no longer want, or no longer remember why you bought it!!! We use fabric sized from *fat quarters to yardages*...nothing smaller, please. We will take almost anything that is 100% cotton; however, we prefer not using geometrics, plaids, checks, stripes for the obvious reasons: lots of beginning quilters.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rowena Reed, Peggy Mobley, or Linda Winder.

BBQG Programs and events for 2009

November 10 – Jim Salinas from Moda fabrics

December 8 – Christmas party

Area Quilt Shows

February 12-13, 2010 – Tri-County Quilt Guild's First Guild Show – Featuring Quilt Artist Tom Russell. Fairfield Baptist Church, 27240 Hwy. 290 West, Cypress, Tx. 77410.
www.tricountyquiltguild.org

NOTICE

Laura North and Michael Jackson both have an extra room for anyone wishing to stay over after a Guild Meeting or workshop. Just let us know and we will be sure the bed is made fresh.

The Appliqué Society

The Appliqué Society (www.theappliquesociety.org <<http://www.theappliquesociety.org/>>) Bryan/College Station Chapters invites anyone interested in appliqué to join us to learn about appliqué, new techniques, friendship, and work on your own project. Advice and suggestions are freely given at any time. There are two chapters: the daytime one meets at the Arts Council on the 3rd Monday of the month, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The evening chapter meets in at Carmel Hill's home, 3046 Hickory Ridge, College Station, on the 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30. Contact Millie Carter at 979-779-0675 (tas.millie@gmail.com <<mailto:tas.millie@gmail.com>>) or Carmel Hill at 979-779-7510 (thethreadedneedle@gmail.com <<mailto:thethreadedneedle@gmail.com>>). According to The Appliqué Society's (TAS) rules, interested appliquéers are invited to attend two meetings before joining TAS. Membership dues are \$25.00. Check out TAS' web site for full information about TAS.

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild
October 13, 2009

Call to Order: President Marian Dierschke called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Marian passes on a "Thank you" to all who helped with the museum's Boonville Days. The help was very much appreciated.

Officers Reports

1st V.P. - Programs / Workshops: Linda states that tonight we will begin with our potluck meal. She also reported that at the November meeting we would have Jim Salinas from moda. In December will be the Christmas Party. January will have a business meeting. In February we will have Sara Moe. Her website is sewinspired.com.

2nd V.P. - Membership: Carol Patterson reported that the guild currently has 171 members.

Secretary: The August minutes are available on the website. They stand approved.

Treasurer: Beverly gives treasurers report. Beginning balance \$7,159.07; Income \$14,997.01; Expenses \$ 13,521.59; bank service charge \$10.00; with ending checkbook balance \$8,624.49.

New Business: Marian announces the proposed slate of officers presented be the nominating committee. At the November meeting they will take nominations from the floor and have elections. The proposed slate includes:

President 2010	Kerry Dwyer
1 st VP Programs	Raymonda Almand
2 nd VP Membership	Carol Patterson
Secretary	Rhonda Casey
Treasurer	Eleanor Mueller
Beekeeper	Peggy Mobley
President elect 2011	Julie Dromgoole

Committee Reports

Arts Council: Congratulations to Laverne again for being honored as Volunteer of the year. Block of the Month: Jayne Goetz wins. The next block is due in November, the pattern is available on the website.

Brazos Center Window: A Christmas Theme and volunteers are needed for the window. Thanks to Debbie, Mary Ellen, and Nini for volunteering.

Christmas Party: Jane reported that the Christmas party will be moved to the Brazos Center this year. During the day there will be a quilters' bee and then the party in the evening. The cost to the guild member will be \$5.00 each. And optional Gift exchange will take place. The gift should be valued at no more than \$25.00, and should be quilt related. Sign up for the party will begin tonight.

Care Quilts: Awards were given to the care quilt winners. 1st place to Nancy Searcy, 2nd place to Peggy Mobley and 3rd to Delores Rydell.

Door Prize: winners are Carol Patterson, Luci Smith, Stephanie Fazzino, Dawn Merker, Beverly Alexander, Raymonda Almand, and JoAnn Williams.

Quilt Show: Dawn reported that the quilt show had over 950 paying visitors. Some notable positive features were Door Prizes process, Gloves to allow visitors to touch quilts, and the basket raffle. It has been asked that the theme for the 2011 show be announced. This will give people ample time to start quilts that fit in the theme.

Raffle Quilt: The raffle quilt sold a little over \$7,000.00 this year.

Soldier Squares: Linda asked members to take a kit to work on soldier squares. She reported that we have sent out over 200 soldier squares this year. The guild received a letter of appreciation from Kelly O'Neal, a soldier who received one.

Sunshine and Shadows: Irma Hill, Diane Bullard, and Mary Ellen Bell have all recently lost their mothers. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, Anne has recently had cataract surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Website: Anne reported that the guild's website has had over 1,000 hits in June and July.

Show & Tell

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Recording Secretary,
Stephanie Fazzino

BBQG Officers for 2009

President-	Marian Dierschke
1 st VP for Programs	Linda Bridges
2 nd VP for Membership	Carol Patterson
Treasurer	Beverly Alexander
President Elect	Kerry Dwyer
Past President	Beverly Alexander
Secretary	Stephanie Fazzino
Retreat – Winter	Connie Silber
Retreat – Summer	Rowena Reed
Teaching	Alice Luttbeg
Scholarship	Sue Chrysler
Soldiers' Squares	Linda Novosad

BBQG Committees for 2008

Arts Council	Mary Anne Durbin
Beekeeper	Peggy Mobley
Block of the Month	Charlotte Simpson
Brazos Center Display	
Bus Trip – Dallas	Marijane Deen
Bus Trip – Houston	
Care Quilts	Luci Smith, Laura North
Christmas Party	Material Girls
Door Prizes	Jelinda Pepper
Habitat Quilts	Bunny Douglas
Librarian	Sue Idol
Newsletter	Michaele Jackson and Jane Magill
Quilt Education	Carol Willson
Quilt Show	Dawn Merker
Raffle Quilt Construction	
Raffle Quilt Sales	Kerry Dwyer and Michaele Jackson

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