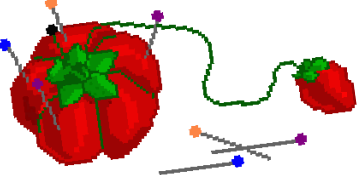


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Message from the President

Happy Quilting and Merry Christmas

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.

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. Please have your fat quarter donations at Lonestar no later than November 25, 2009.

Twin City mission project

Twenty Twins: We have reached our goal of twenty twin quilts for the permanent residents of the Twin City Mission. Thanks to all who helped with this project.

13th Annual BBQG Winter Retreat

The retreat is full and has a waiting list. Remember dues must be current when last payment received. For more information, please contact Jeanne Joham at 589-2191 or Connie Silber at 776-0272.

BEE NEWS

By the time the newsletter is published, Thanksgiving will be past and we can concentrate on finishing those Christmas gifts that we should have started before October. I hope all of you had a wonderful, delicious and non-fattening Thanksgiving. (I think that is an oxymoron!)

With the Thanksgiving holiday pending, I didn't get much response from Bee leaders for the Newsletter so I'll just report on the Quilt 'n Peace Bee. Many of you responded to the item in the last two newsletters requesting fabric for our mission trip to the Valley. We were overwhelmed by the response! It took Bee members several hours to go through all the fabric and sort by size (big enough for backs), color, and theme (childrens, panels, geometrics). Thank you for being so generous.

I intended to write a thank you note to everyone who brought fabric but I failed to get all the names so I will do second best and thank you in print. If you donated fabric, do not see your name, and would like to be acknowledged, please let me know. Thank you to Mary Ellen, Bunny, Sue, Joan, Alice, Teri, Diedre, Connie, Thelma, Millie, Carol, Luci. another Sue, and several anonymous donors, especially the one from Caldwell that left two boxes of fabric!

Merry Christmas to all.

Peggy

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

2010 Pending events

Jan. 12, 2010 Business Meeting – No speaker or workshop

Feb. 9 & 10, 2010 Sara Moe www.sewinspired.com; Keller, TX

Workshop:

March 9, 2010 Meeting – Need a speaker or Care Quilt

Workshop???

(Dallas Quilt show)

April 13 & 14, 2010

Debbie Maddy – Calico Carriage Quilt Designs; Graham, TX

Workshop: Shooting Stars

May 11 & 12, 2010

Alice Wilhoit – www.alicewilhoit.com; McKinney, TX

Workshop:

June 8 & 9, 2010
Method (quilting)

Jan Parker - "Jane Just Jane" Cotton Theory

Workshop: Reversible Placemat

July 13, 17 and 24, 2010 Connie Silber will lecture on July 13th: “The Harmonious Quilt”. She will teach a 2 day workshop entitled: “Make One and Get One Almost For Free”

Workshops: Saturday, July 17th and July 24th from 9 AM – 3 PM. (location not determined yet) Also, anyone taking the workshop should come at 6PM before the meeting on Tuesday, the 13th to get a quick lecture from Connie about the colors of fabrics for the project.

Aug. 10 & 11, 2010

OPEN

Sept. 14 & 15, 2010
Alabama

Flavin Glover – www.flavinglover.com from Auburn

Workshop:

Oct. 12 & 13, 2010

Open – show or party????

Nov. 9 & 10, 2010

Open

Dec. 14, 2010

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 Michaele 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
November 10, 2009

Call to Order: President Marian Dierschke called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Officers Reports

1st V.P. - Programs / Workshops: Linda reports that the sign-up is available for February workshop given by Sara Moe. It will be on Spinning Pinwheels. Next month we will have the Christmas Party. All of the programs that have been scheduled for next year are listed on the website. They include: Sara Moe, Alice Wilhoit, Debbie Maddy, Jan Parker, Connie Silber, and Flavin Glover. Tonight we welcome Jim Sainas from Moda Fabric. He has a very informative presentation about the quality of fabric, and how it is made and dyed.

2nd V.P. - Membership: Carol Patterson reported that the guild currently has 171 members. We have 94 members signed in tonight, and 9 visitors.

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

Treasurer: Beverly gives treasurers report. Beginning balance \$10,037.42; Income \$43.44; Expenses \$ 2,029.23; with ending checkbook balance \$8,051.63. There is a discussion about returning the \$2,000.00 to the savings account.

Committee Reports

Arts Council: Mary Anne announces that the Arts Council is hosting a Holiday Art Bazaar during the month of November.

Block of the Month: Peggy Mobley wins. Ten blocks were turned in this month. The next block is "Birds in the Air" it is due in January, the pattern is available on the website.

Christmas Party: Jane reported that the Christmas party will be on December 8th. It has been moved to the Brazos Center this year. During the day there will be a quilters' bee from 10:00 to 4:30. Then the party will be that evening. The cost to the guild member will be \$5.00 each. The meal will be Chicken Parmesan catered by Buppy's Catering. An optional Gift exchange will take place. The gift should be valued at no more than \$25.00, and should be quilt related. It can be home made or bought. The theme will be "Brown BagChristmas. The gifts are to be placed in the brown bags provided. There will be an award for the best ribbon.

Care Quilts: Laura reported that the guild made their goal of 20 twins for the Mission. Thanks to all who helped. Laura also announced that fat quarters are being collected to give a "Fat Thanks" to the board members and committee chairmen. Turn in at LoneStar Quiltworks before Thanksgiving. They will be given out at the next board meeting on November 30, 2009.

Door Prize: The guest speaker, Jim Salinas donated 5 charm packs to given as door prizes. The winners are Peggy Leach, Carol Patterson, Lil Follis, Nancy Searcy, and Anne Perry.

Quilt Show: There is much discussion about voting for a theme for the 2011 quilt show. Suggestions include: Quilting's come full circle. Suggested by Jane, and The Renaissance of Quilts suggested by Debbie. Beverly motions to postpone the vote, Jalinda seconds and the motion passes.

Raffle Quilt: Kerry reported that the raffle quilt made a little over \$7,000.00 this year. Kerry recognizes Joyce Blazi, who sold over 2,000 tickets. She was able to fund both scholarships for next year. She will be awarded a seat on a bus trip or at the workshop of her choice for next year. Thanks for your continued hard work Joyce!

Winter Retreat: The retreat is full. 6 people are on the waiting list. Look for the ugliest fat quarter to bring. Jean will be at the party in December to collect payments. You must be a current member to attend the retreat.

New Business: The new slate of officers is presented. The proposed slate includes:

President 2010 Kerry Dwyer

1st VP Programs Raymonda Almand

2nd VP Membership Carol Patterson

Secretary Rhonda Casey

Treasurer Eleanor Mueller

Beekeeper Peggy Mobley

President elect 2011 Julie Dromgoole

There are no nominations from the floor.

Debbie motions to approve the new slate of officers. Connie seconds. The motion carries.

Show & Tell

Mary Anne Durbin

Jane Crouse

Sue Chrysler

Jane Waldrop

Sue Sprott

Joan Konecny

Jo Ann Williams

Rowena Reed

Clara Gomez

Janice Drees

Marian Dierschke

Dorothy Kelly

Charlotte Simpson

Sandra Smith

Barbara Mes

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Black and White for granddaughter

Daughter-in-law's Autumn Quilt

Progressive quilting class project

& I spy with a twist Baby Quilt

Snowman Quilt

Santa – Dec 26th & Caroline's shop

Animal menkee

Snowman & Janella's butterfly garden

diaper bag & 3 care quilts

Jacket

Snippets

Cat quilt

Table Runner

Underground Railroad & Happy Strippy

9 patch pizzaz variation

Kaleidoscope Cross

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

For Sale

Chatelaine (quilters craft vest) would make a great Christmas gift. Has at least 6 pockets for your tools.

\$30.00

Contact: Victoria J. Carpenter
4212 Willow Oak St.
Bryan, Texas 77802
979-777-8029

For Sale

>Three antique machines for sale:
Handcrank Jones: early 1900's
with number

>plate. Sew Rite: very small,
electric, 1949. Treadle Singer with
cabinet,

>early 1900's with number plate.
Make offer for any or all machines
to Jane

>Wert, 979-776-0069 or
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