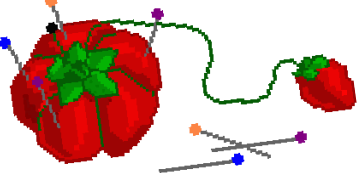


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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Happy first day of Spring (although it sure doesn't feel it Spring) and happy National Quilt Day. I hope you did something "quilty" today.

It was great to see you at the last meeting. Show and Tell was wonderful with all the "Five yard quilts" made at retreat, and the tops from the Sara Miller Moe workshop. Great work everyone.

Save the date – Our "Quilter's Day Out" will be Saturday, May 29th. We will talk about this more at the April meeting. We have another great speaker coming and another great workshop (I think there are still openings), so come on out and enjoy your Guild.

See you on the 13th.

Kerry

SUMMER RETREAT

The Summer Quilt Retreat will be held June 25-27, 2010, at Heartland Retreat Center near Brenham. Registration will begin at the February 9, 2010, Guild Meeting. Cost this year is \$190.00. The Summer Retreat requires a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit and the completion of a registration form. The balance will be due at the May 11, 2010, Guild meeting. Registration is limited to 24 people.

Sewing stations will be set up in Mt. Olive Chapel. Accommodations are in the Sunflower House and Annex. Meals include dinner on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meals are served in the dining room attached to Mt. Olive Chapel. The housing units have a kitchen area with a stove, refrigerator, coffeemaker, and microwave oven. A snack area will also be set up in the area off the sewing room.

Please contact a member of the Summer Retreat Committee if you have questions: Linda Bridges, Deb DeRoache, Peggy Mobley, Rowena Reed.

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2010 Programs & Workshops

Apr 13, 2010	Debbie Maddy – Calico Carriage Quilt Designs, Graham TX Lecture: No Diamonds, No Y Seams; Old Quilts, New Methods
April 14, 2010	Workshop: Shooting Stars
May 11, 2010	Alice Wilhoit – www.alicewilhoit.com ; McKinney, TX Lecture: Trunk Show
May 12, 2010	Workshop: Morning Celebration
June 8, 2010	Jane Parker – www.janejustjane.com , Spring TX Lecture: Cotton Theory Method
June 9, 2010	Workshop: Reversible Placemat (Kit for \$23.95 required)
July 13, 2010	Connie Silber, Bryan TX Lecture: The Harmonious Quilt
July 17 th and July 24, 2010	Two Day Workshop – “Make One and Get One Almost for Free” Cost is \$40 and includes brief meeting before lecture on Tuesday. Care Quilt Workshop all day plus meeting at 7 PM @ Brazos Center
Sep 14, 2010	Flavin Glover – www.flavinglover.com from Auburn Alabama Lecture: A New Look At Log Cabin Quilts
Sep 15, 2010	Workshop: Colorful and Creative Log Cabin Diamonds
Oct 12, 2010	Quilt fest – Details later
Nov 9, 2010 TX	Lynn Roddy Brown – www.lynnroddybrown.com from Houston Lecture: Simple Strategies for Scrap Quilts
Nov 10, 2010	Workshop: Texas Two Step
Dec 14, 2010	Christmas Party

2010 Shop Hop

June 5, 2010. Mark your calendar and look for more exciting details.

The Dallas Quilt Show Bus Trip

Wow, what a great day. Thank you for all your hard work.

Area Quilt Shows and events

March 6, 2010: The 2010 Texas Roundup will be held on Saturday, March 6 at Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, College Station. The Texas Roundup is an annual meeting of vintage sewing machine enthusiasts. It is a trade, swap, buy and/or covet meet. You can find more information at the yahoo group---Texas_Roundup.

March 19-20, 2010: Shiner Heritage Quilter presents; The Supper Quilt. First United Methodist Church Activity Center, Shiner, Texas. www.shinerheritagequilters.org

March 26-27, 2010: The Quilt Guild of Victoria presents Quilts, Quilts, Quilts Act V. 1st United Methodist Church Christian Life Center 407 N. Bridge St. Victoria, Texas.

April 23-24, 2010: Happy Quilt Guild presents Spring Fling. American Legion Hall 1502 S. Hwy. 77, Giddings, Texas. dcox@chascox.com

May 1, 2010 Tall Pines Quilt Guild. "Airing of the Quilts" Downtown Huntsville, Texas. Featuring Karen Kay Buckley, Friday April 30 and Monday May 3, 2010.

May 1, 2010 6:30-9:00PM: Texas Museum of Fiber Arts Exhibit Opening and Awards Gala. Mexican American Cultural Center 600 River St. Austin, Texas.

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.

BEE NEWS

The Wednesday Bee has a new meeting place. Bethel Lutheran Church is constructing a new building and needed the room where the Wednesday Bee had met for many productive, fun-filled sessions. They have moved to Beacon Baptist Church located at 2001 E Villa Maria Rd, Bryan TX 77802. The 12 bee members use most of the available space so the bee is full. They continue to meet every Wednesday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Stichin' Bee is a new bee that meets the first Saturday of each month at Northside Baptist Church, 1809 Tabor Rd, Bryan, TX 77803. Contact their website www.stichinbees.com for more information. At least two of their members are new BBQG members. Welcome to both the new bee and the new guild members. This bee is open to additional members.

Saturday Morning Quilters Bee that met at the Arts Council Bldg. has ceased to be and will be deleted from the Bee Roster on the website.

Happy Scrappers Bee has four new members – Laura, Linda, Luci and Sue. On the first Thursday of each month they plan to work on a Christmas quilt. Since each member will work on a personal quilt, each one will be different.

The Finishers Bee continues to meet at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church each week. Their leader reported that while sewing, they are often treated to musical rehearsals by the choir or bell choir. Their meeting room door is always open so the quilters make new friends when confirmation students or choir members show an interest and stop in instead of passing by. Any project at any stage of completion is welcomed.

The ThumbleBees started the New Year off with a mini retreat (2 days) at the home of a member whose husband was out of town. Fabric was flying as members worked on UFO's and/or started new projects. In addition to the sewing, there was plenty of food and good conversation.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee members had a successful mission trip to LaSara, TX in January. They provided kits and demonstrated how to make three different purses. Bee members greatly appreciate the generous fabric contributions from BBQG members for this and our planned trip in July during which we will distribute fabric for and conduct classes on making care quilts.

Peggy Mobley

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 (Loose Threads) meets on the 3rd Monday 6:30 - 9:00 at St. Joseph Education Annex at the corner of 29th Street & Broadmoor. Bryan, TX.

. 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.

Helpful Hints

Protect fingers from burns when pressing: wear a leather thimble on your index finger. (remember; no metal tip in thimble) printed with permission of Fons and Porter.

ALL ABOUT PLAID **2010 CARE QUILT CHALLENGE**

WELCOME TO THE 2010 CARE QUILT CHALLENGE. PLEASE PARTICIPATE AND HELP US MAKE SOME GREAT CARE QUILTS. THIS YEAR'S THEME FABRIC IS PLAID. YOU MAY USE ANY PLAIDS AND HOMESPUNS WITH OTHER FABRIC THAT YOU HAVE OR WISH TO BUY TO MAKE THE QUILTS BUT THE QUILT NEEDS TO "READ PLAID".

AS IN THE PAST IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE CHALLENGE YOU MUST GIVE YOUR QUILT TO THE GUILD.

1. THERE MUST BE RECOGNIZABLE PLAIDS IN THE QUILT.
2. PIECED BLOCKS, APPLIQUE AND/OR FABRIC EMBELLISHMENT ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT REMEMBER THESE MIGHT GO TO SMALL CHILDREN SO PLEASE DO NOT USE BUTTONS OR OTHER THINGS THAT COULD BE SWALLOWED. TACK EVERYTHING DOWN CAREFULLY AND SECURLY.

4. THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN THE QUILT IS SEPTEMBER 27, 2010.
5. YOUR FINISHED QUILT SHOULD BE AT LEAST 36" X 40" AND NO LARGER THAN 48" X 60".
6. IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE CHALLENGE YOU MUST GIVE YOUR QUILT TO THE GUILD TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE. THIS IS THE REASON THE GUILD SPONSERS THIS CHALLENGE.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL KIMBERLY DeBONA 690-5030 OR MICHAELE JACKSON 731-8269.

BBQG March Meeting Minutes

Programs- Raymonda reminded us that Debbie Maddy will be the presenter for April's meeting. Her workshop will be at Peace Lutheran Church. The meal will be pot luck. Alice Wilhoilt is the presenter scheduled for May. Her technique is applique.

The February minutes were passed by the group.

Treasure's report- Eleanor requested members indicate on bills which committee the bill is from, or what the funds were used for (i.e., stamps, supplies). Due to upcoming expenses, it was decided that the CD that had been put into the savings account last year will remain there, just in case.

Seventy-nine members signed in and we have five new members. There were also several visitors.

Marian presented the group with a new information flyer to hand out to visitors and include in new member packets. Any constructive criticism is welcomed.

BeeKeeper- We have been invited to attend a Bee at North View Baptist on Tabor road the 1st Saturday of the month from 10-5. This Bee donates quilts to Child Protective Services and a nursing home.

The Block-of-the-Month will be taken from "Scrap Quilts", one of the many books in our Guild library. Contact Charlotte S. for more information.

Kim reminded us that the Challenge Quilt must "read plaid!" The quilt is due in September.

Michaele would like us to e-mail her with *ANY Guild related or member related news*, for inclusion in the newsletter.

Kerry and other members visited the Crestview nursing home, where they handed out Heart Pins made by one of our members and did a little presentation. Everyone had a great time!

Luci reported that we have raised \$1184.00 for our raffle quilt. We still need a chairperson, though!

Sue reported the distribution of scholarship applications again. These must be turned in by April 16th.

The next Shop Hop will be in June. Contact Michaele for details.

Anne stated that 35 Soldier's Squares were delivered to 3 Corp.

Anne sincerely thanks all those who have been helping her with photography for the Guild.

Connie said that the Winter Retreat will be the same weekend next year, with a 3 or 4 night option.

Summer retreat still has/had 3 openings and will be held June 25-27.

New Business

The City of Bryan Municipal Building (City Hall, a pink building downtown) has a quilt on exhibition from 1996. Seventy people worked on it! I believe it was reported that it is made of 1840s – 1850s reproduction fabrics. Check it out!

Robertson County Fair (March 25th) requested a “stitches” judge. Connie S. volunteered for this position.

Door Prizes were won by Michaele, Vicky, and Linda.

There were 15 members presenting for Show & Tell. There were 6 “Sarah Moe” quilts and several “5-yard” quilts.

Tom Russell then presented his “My Quilting Journey” program. Hilarious, but quite informing! Thanks, Tom!

Submitted by

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