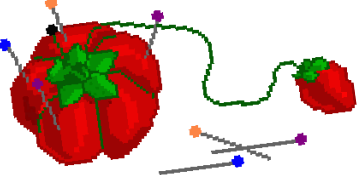


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## Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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### Cinco de Mayo

Mother's Day

BBQG meeting

Alice Wilhoit Workshop

My Momma's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Quilter's Day Out

Memorial Day

So many fun and exciting things are coming in May! I know you have plenty more things on your own list. I hope you will participate in some of the guild events, especially the Alice Wilhoit Workshop and Quilter's Day Out.

Speaking of the workshop, the Board is very concerned about the lack of participation in our workshops. Linda Bridges did an outstanding job of finding exciting teachers/speakers for our meeting this year and Raymonda is busy securing exciting programs for next year. However, if our participation in the workshops continues to be so low, we may not be able to have them next year. Many of you have suggested that we have more workshops, but that would only be possible if we fill the ones we have planned.

If you have any suggestions (pro or con) about workshops, etc., please e-mail me at [bg\\_butfly@hotmail.com](mailto:bg_butfly@hotmail.com) and the Board will address them.

It takes all of us to make a great guild. Thanks for all you do...have a great May!

Kerry

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### Quilter's day out

Quilter's Day Out will be May 29<sup>th</sup> at the St. Joseph Community room on 29<sup>th</sup> St. Bring your own project, or join us in making a "Double Green Shopping Bag." All you need is 2 pair of old jeans (we have had several pair donated), a jeans needle for your sewing machine, tape measure, scissors, pins, etc. Denim or Jeans topstitching thread are optional. A fun, easy project that even beginners will enjoy. Bring a sack lunch and join us from 9-3.

## **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.

### Summer Retreat Vacancy

There is one opening for the Summer Retreat. If interested contact Peggy M at [beekeeperbbq@gmail.com](mailto:beekeeperbbq@gmail.com). The Summer Retreat will be June 25-27 at Heartland Retreat Center, Brenham, TX. The fee of \$190.00 will be due at the May meeting.

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## **Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2010 Programs & Workshops**

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| May 11, 2010                            | Alice Wilhoit – <a href="http://www.alicewilhoit.com">www.alicewilhoit.com</a> ; McKinney, TX |
|   | Lecture: Trunk Show   |
| May 12, 2010                            | Workshop: Morning Celebration   |
| June 8, 2010                            | Jane Parker – <a href="http://www.janejustjane.com">www.janejustjane.com</a> , 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 <sup>th</sup> 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.                            |
| Aug 10, 2010                            | Care Quilt Workshop all day plus meeting at 7 PM @ Brazos Center                              |

Sep 14, 2010                    Flavin Glover – [www.flavinglover.com](http://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                    Lynn Roddy Brown – [www.lynnroddybrown.com](http://www.lynnroddybrown.com) from Houston  
TX  
Lecture: Simple Strategies for Scrap Quilts  
Nov 10, 2010                    Workshop: Texas Two Step  
Dec 14, 2010                    Christmas Party

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### **2010 Shop Hop**

June 5, 2010. We will depart Wells Fargo at 7:30 AM. The first stop will be Quilt and Sew Studio, Katy, Texas. The second stop will be Quilters Cottage, Richmond, Texas. The third stop will be Quilter's Emporium, Stafford, Texas and the final stop Quilt Works in Cypress, Texas.

The various shops will have special thanks for us including gifts, discounts and demos. Lunch will be from Sandy McGee in Richmond.

There will be drawing for prizes on the bus along with a great time visiting with friends both new and old.

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### **Area Quilt Shows and events**

**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.

**September 9-11<sup>th</sup> 2010:** Caldwell- Creative Memories Quilt Guild's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt show: Memories in Stitches. Thurs. Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> 12 noon-6PM. Friday, Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> 9AM-6PM. Sat. Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Kolache Festival 9AM-4PM. Location: downtown on the square. The show location is always at the Civic Center on Hwy 21 and Hwy 36.

**September 10 – 11<sup>th</sup> 2010:** Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild, Stafford Center, Stafford, Texas. Contact Karen at 832-693-2512.

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### **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.

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### **BBQG STORAGE UNIT**

In the past anyone who retrieved anything from the Guild's storage unit complained about the excess of stuff and stated that it needed to be cleaned. Before anything could be retrieved several items had to be removed. Well we did it. On April 10<sup>th</sup> we sorted, pitched, and reorganized the unit. All the trash and broken items were pitched. Items in good shape but no longer needed but could be used by someone else was given away. We gave Habitat for Humanity most of the wooden items including the lattice frames. They told me that the lattice frames sold the first day and they made \$25.00 for each panel. Also they used some of the lumber for much needed shelves. The records were weeded and the papers from the last ten years were kept. These were transferred to more appropriate storage containers and placed on the shelves. The quilt show equipment was neatly stacked on the south side in one area and can now be easily accessed. The educational materials are stored in old luggage and are easily removed when needed.

For Sale: among the items that we decided that was not needed are 2 Q-Snap quilting frames. They are for sale for \$25.00. Let me know if you would like to buy them.

I would like to thank Luci Smith, Sue Ryan, Carol Willson, and Dawn Merker for coming on a Saturday morning and working on this project.

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### **Top five Reasons everyone should go to Paducah, Ky. at least once in their lifetime**

1. Small town atmosphere with multiple venues; lots of fresh air
2. City shuttle; just for quilters between venues and all hotels
3. Eleanor Burns' tent shows and shopping
4. Dogwoods, Iris and Riverside Park
5. Patty's, gotta go there for dinner

6. Bonus: Hancock's of Paducah
7. Double bonus: It is a great road trip

## **BEE NEWS**

The BBQG Website Bee Roster has been updated but already needs to be changed. As reported earlier, the Saturday morning bee has ceased meeting. Quiltin' Friends Bee members have merged with The Happy Scrappers Bee but reserve rights to their name in case they regroup. The newest bee, Stichin' Bees, meets at Northview Baptist Church in Bryan on the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Members bring a potluck lunch. Wednesday Bee now meets at Beacon Baptist Church, 2001 E Villa Maria Rd in Bryan.

Most bees have some members that are not BBQG members. I've polled the Bee leaders to get a total number of women who belong to a bee. In addition, I'm compiling a list of women who are both BBQG members and participate in a bee. The largest bee is The Happy Scrappers with 17 members and the Material Girls, Quilt 'n Peace, Thursday Thumble Bees and Wednesday Bee have 12 members each.

As best as I can determine, The Wednesday Bee is the oldest and has been meeting since 1987. Thursday Thumble Bee has met twice a month for 20 years.

There are 60 BBQG members who participate in one or more bees. In the 8 of 12 bees that reported members, there are 78 quilters!

Quilt 'n Peace Bee has an international flavor with a member from Brazil, Korea (2), Taiwan, Guatemala and US states of Texas, Arkansas, New Jersey, and North Carolina.

A BBQG member would like to help start an art quilting bee. If anyone is interested in making art quilts, contact me at [beekeeperbbq@gmail.com](mailto:beekeeperbbq@gmail.com) and I'll help coordinate a meeting.

Various BBQG members have expressed a desire for a late afternoon (after work) or early evening bee (perhaps 5:30 pm to 8:30pm) or a Friday daytime bee. If anyone is interested in meeting at either of these times and can suggest or arrange for a meeting place, please let me know.

Peggy, The Beekeeper

## The Appliqué Society

The Appliqué Society ([www.theappliquesociety.org](http://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) <<mailto:tas.millie@gmail.com>>) or Carmel Hill at 979-779-7510 ([thethreadedneedle@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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### Helpful Hints

M&M tubes are great for storing bobbins; especially filled with all purpose white bobbin thread.

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### 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.

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### BBQG April Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order and Luci S. presented Les (recently retired Manager of Joann Fabric and Craft Store) with a beautiful quilt (made by Luci and quilted by Linda B.) for Les's many years of service to the community and the Guild. Rachel (New Manager of Joann) was present and discussed the handing out of new discount cards for BBQG members at the store. Present your BBQG membership card to the cashier and you'll be given a Joann card good for 10% off your purchases. You'll need to have this card scanned each time you go through the checkout at Joann. Raymonda A. (1<sup>st</sup> VP – Programs) announced the May speaker will be Alice Wilhoit and the workshop will be at Peace Lutheran Church. Jane Parker will be here for the June meeting and will hold a workshop on "Cotton Theory Method." Jane has a kit you'll purchase for the workshop for \$23.95. All you'll need to bring is a sewing machine, rotary cutter, scissors, & such. Contact Raymonda for more details. Eleanor M. (Treasurer) reported on the Guild bank accounts and CD balances. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Membership, Carol P. stated 82 members signed in this meeting along with 7 visitors. We have one new member: Glenn L. It was announced that the "Hanging of the Quilts" would be May 1<sup>st</sup> in Huntsville. Contact our President (Kerry D.) if you need more details. Also on May 1<sup>st</sup> – there will be a Fair in downtown Franklin. The Guild has been asked to have a booth there. It doesn't look like the Guild will do so; but that doesn't mean you can't go check out the Fair yourselves! Peggy M. is in charge of Beekeeping and is trying to find out which is the oldest Bee and also how many members are in each Bee. If you can help her out...! Charlotte S. Reported 19 blocks turned in for Block-of-the-Month. Peggy M. was the winner of this time. Luci S. reported 63 Care Quilts had been donated so far. She also asked for one or more volunteers to take the Raffle Quilt to Heritage Park and sell tickets for it. You may contact her for details. Brazos Window has been decorated for spring with Rabbits and such. Check it out!

Shop Hop will be June 5<sup>th</sup>. A handout with information on shops to be visited is available. Contact Michael J. for a copy. Cost will be \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Seats may still be available!

Michael also needs items for the newsletter. Good news, bad news, exciting news, trips, tips, etc. She'll take just about any member related news!

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Brazos Center. A handmade gift is preferred for the gift exchange this year.

Library lists are available from Sue I. (Guild Librarian). They should also be available on the BBQG website soon.

We also had two more Soldier's Squares packs turned in! Let's keep'em coming!

Summer Retreat is full, but you can still get on the waiting list.

Next month on May 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-3pm will be Quilters' Day Out at St. Joseph's Hospital Community Room. This is a free event! Bring your new and/or old projects to work on or just come and socialize.

We received a letter from Lakeview Quilters Guild announcing their 2010 Quilt Show "All that Jazz." The show will be held May 14 & 15 at Living Stones Church, Victory Camp in Alvin, TX. They included two complimentary tickets to the show with the letter for use as door prizes at our meeting. (Marian D. won these.) There will be a judged show, silent auctions, vendors and a boutique at the show.

Other Door Prizes were won by Millie C., Connie S., and Carol L.

We had another outstanding Show & Tell this meeting! See the Guild website for pics and details.

Debbie Maddie and Jean Kirgenmiester(?) were our program presenters. Debbie is the Owner & Designer for "Calico Carriage." She showed a large variety of quilts she designed and made, as well as discussed some of the details in how she did so. All the quilts could be found represented in her many books and/or patterns she had/has for sale.

Now, before the meeting was formally adjourned – an unexpected guest speaker arrived, namely, Donald Lampo (Constable; and Ambassador for "Go Texan"). He wanted to thank the BBQG for our donation quilts; especially this year's, which "won the whole show" at Houston! It was judged Best of Show, etc.! Congratulations to BBQG and many thanks to Mr. Lampo!

Submitted by

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