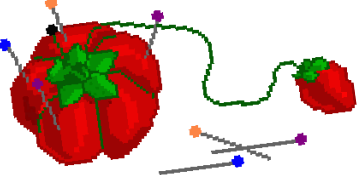


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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Message from the President:

Wonderful news! Sue Ryan has agreed to chair the Bluebonnet Store! She is so creative, I am sure she can guide us in making some wonderful items to sell. I am hoping everyone will try to make it for our workday on June 9th. We will meet at the Brazos Center for a whole day of visiting, learning, eating and some sewing/crafts.

I am sure you are all busy on your projects for the quilt show, but do not forget to sell your quilt raffle tickets also. We are in need of a few more twin sized quilts for Twin City Missions. If you missed the May meeting, there were some beautiful tops shown that some wonderful quilters took home to quilt. We are also in dire need of Care Quilts, so I am hoping everyone is busy creating your Challenge quilt.

Isn't this weather just wonderful? A lot of you will be traveling this summer. I wish you all happy travels – and enjoy those quilt shops that you just cannot help but stop at! Be ready to tell us all about them when you return!

**Happy Quilting!
Marian**

SHOP HOP

June 13, 2009: come join the fun. We are going west this year. We will visit shops in Salado, Georgetown, Cedar Park and Austin. Laurie's Café in Georgetown will prepare our box lunch. Cost is \$35.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members. Contact: Michaele Jackson at 979-731-8269, bryanpurple@gmail.com if you would like to join the fun

CARE QUILTS

Care Quilts: Annual Workshop is August 11

The guild supports the local community by donating over 200 quilts to charities such as Child Protective Services, the St. Joseph Cancer Center, Phoebe's Home, and the Prenatal Clinic. Donations can be tied or quilted by machine or hand. Laptops approximately 45 x 60 are optimum, but any size, any color, for any age group is appreciated. In addition, we are asking your help in making 20 twin size (about 65 x 90) quilts for the permanent residents of the Twin City Mission.

Our annual workshop will be held at the Brazos Center on Tuesday, August 11. Work will begin at 9 a.m., and continue throughout the day until our monthly Guild meeting that evening. Come for all or any part of it, bring something to share for a potluck lunch. All skill levels are welcome. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends.

Please contact Luci Smith or Laura North for more information. And thanks to everyone who continues to support this worthy effort.

Helpful Hints:

When drawing lines on squares to make triangle-squares and flying geese units; use an emery board as a straight edge. It will not slip, and keeps fabric from stretching as you draw.

- with permission from: Nov/Dec 2008
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BBQG Programs and events for 2009

June 9 – Quilt store workshop for Quilt Show –all day 9AM - ? Rm 4 Brazos Center: Business meeting 7PM

June 13 Sat – Shop hop

June 20 Sat – Beginners Quilting with Alice Lutbeg – 10AM – 2PM Arts council bldg. on Dartmouth, CS.

June 26 – 28 Summer Retreat (\$188 total, \$50 down) currently full but see Rowena Reed for waiting list

July 14 – Carol Doak Program

July 15 – Workshop Holiday Inn Express

August 11 - Care quilts workshop 9AM - ? in Rm 4 Brazos Center;7 PM Business meeting

September 8 – NO MEETING

September 11 & 12 – BBQG Quilt Show – Brazos Center

October 13- Program Potluck/Show and Tell

November 10 – Jim Salinas from Moda fabrics

December 8 – Christmas party

Area Quilt Shows

June 5-7, 2009 – “Azalea City Festival of Quilts 2009” presented by the Azalea Quilters’ Guild, Mobile, Al.

June 12-14, 2009 – “15th Annual Regional Quilt Show” sponsored by Abilene Quilters Guild, Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th, Abilene, Tx. Fri 7-9 PM, Sat. 10AM-6PM, Sun Noon-5PM. Adm.\$3/Fri, \$5/ Sat or Sun, \$8/ unlimited Days, \$1 discount for seniors/65 & over, under 12 free.

June 26-28, 2009 – “DeLeon Quilt Show” sponsored by Women’s Division Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 125 S. Texas St., DeLeon, Texas. Fri & Sat 10AM-5:30PM, Sun 1PM-3PM: Adm \$2.00/over 18.

July 24-25, 2009 – “Houston Undercover—a Quilt Show”, Quilt Guild of Greater Houston,

<www.qggh.org or 979-289-5175.

September 10,11, and 12 2009 - Creative Memories Quilt Guild of Caldwell, 23rd annual quilt show. Civic Center on Hwy. 21 in Caldwell.

Bee News

Peggy Mobley

The Happy Scrappers bee meets every Thursday at Friends Congregational Church on the corner of Southwood and Harvey Mitchell. Laverne Ondrasek is the leader but unfortunately she was not present the day I visited. The bee members informed me that Laverne was absent, not because of health problems (she has had a knee replacement) but to attend a funeral. The Happy Scrappers were all doing handwork, mostly appliqué, on their own projects. They sometimes bring machines for machine piecing or quilting or work together on charitable projects or care quilts. There are enough members with varied skills to provide advice, help solve quilting problems, and show new techniques. They bring lunch and celebrate birthdays! There are a dozen Happy Scrappers but the room and bee will accommodate additional people.

BBQG May Minutes

Call to Order: President Marian Dierschke called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Reports Treasurer: Theresa asked that anyone calling her, please leave a message and she will get back to you. She reported that April expenses were \$1,331.05. Income was \$ 2133.00, with an ending checking account balance of \$7211.77. Savings account balance is \$2,145.39 (interest payment of \$2.51, CD balance of \$11,689.10 & \$5,821.05. Total assets are \$26,867.31.

Bee Coordinator: Peggy reported that she is working on visiting Bees. There is a list of Bees on the web site. Please use this to find an open Bee to visit.

1st V.P. - Programs / Workshops: Linda reported that the Carol Doak workshop in July is full, but if members are interested, they can add their name to the waiting list. More spots may be added. The workshop for Wendy Butler Burns has a few openings. In June, Dawn will be leading a day long Blue Bonnet Store workshop to make items to be sold at the quilt show. It will be on June 9th beginning at 9:00 am at the Brazos Center. Linda introduced Wendy Butler Burns whose program will be "Inspirations of an Art Quilter."

2nd V.P. - Membership: Carol Patterson reported that we had 153 members in April. Tonight we had one renewal and 4 visitors.

JoAnn W. is making pincushions using felted wool. She made a request for anyone who had old wool sweaters or other wool fabric that they would like to donate, she will use it to make pincushions for the Blue Bonnet store. She reported on the "Go Texan" quilts. New instructions will be published in the fall. Changes are usually minimal, so we will be going by last year's rules.

Care quilts-Luci reported that 61 quilts have been given out so far this year. She is in desperate need of more quilts. Typically 200-250 quilts are given each year. Laverne has had knee replacement, so has not been able to hand in as many quilts as usual. There will be a care quilt workshop in August.

Habitat quilts-Bunny reported that a quilt was given to a new home owner last Saturday.

Newsletter- Michael reported that a new "want ads" column will be included in the Newsletter. 3 classified ads will be included each month. She also reminded us that the deadline for articles is the 22nd of each month.

Summer Retreat- Peggy reported that the retreat is full, but 3 have not paid yet and were not in attendance tonight. There is a waiting list of 4. A friendship block using different greens will be made by each participant.

Soldier Squares- Linda reported that there were 6 or 7 at the recent workshop. 45 squares were sent to a hospital overseas that is receiving wounded military. There is a supply of 50 or 60 with several kits out. Block of the month- Charlotte reported that there were 15 blocks returned. Karen Wilcox won the blocks. Next month is a log cabin block. Black in the center of the block signified a safe house. The block will be done in beiges and browns.

Door prizes- Jalinda gave away 4 donated prizes. Nancy S. won a pattern donated by Wendy Butler Burns, Michael J. won a sewing box donated by Anna Connors, Ethel G won a thread box, and Georgia T. won a carry all.

Shop hop-Michael reported that the shop hop will be June 13th and there is still room on the bus.

Quilt Show-Dawn reported that we still need a chairperson for the Blue Bonnet store. Everything else is going smoothly. 150 custom pins have been ordered and will be available at the quilt show. Security will be handled differently as the quilts are hung and taken down. Connie reported that instead of a Silent Auction, baskets of items will be donated by individuals and Bees and tickets will be sold. Drawings will be held to determine the winner of each basket. Debbie B.'s husband has volunteered to "dress" the baskets for \$5.00. Written descriptions of the contents will be put on cards next to each basket. These baskets can be quilt related, or can have coffee, tea, etc. Baskets must be delivered to Post Oak Florist by August 20th. Let Peggy C. know if you are donating a basket. Quilt registration for the show is on-line and should be used, if possible. Connie's husband made this possible. There are 2 new categories this year – Scrappy quilts which must have at least 50 different fabrics and Reproduction quilts which must be of the style or era of a vintage period.

Sew-in-The third Saturday gathering will continue at the Arts Council Building. Alice will be available to teach or help with problems or questions. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Bring machines and supplies.

Committee Chairs are asked to prepare a financial reporting of their committee for end of the year, to facilitate preparing the budget for next year.

Theresa announced a retreat "Quilting adventures" which is held at various times in the Hill Country.

The workshop tomorrow will be held at the Brazos Center beginning at 9:00..

BBQG brochures are available to be handed out as needed.

Show and Tell

Mary Ellen B.	Snowflakes
Linda W.	Granddaddy's watermelon patch
Ann S.	Whole clothe quilt
Carol P.	Kristin's graduation quilt
Becky S.	Flannel fish quilt
Nancy S. and Marijane D.	2 quilts for Twin City Mission Scholarship quilt
Luci S. and Laura N.	4 twin size quilt tops for Twin City Missions (4 members volunteered to take them and quilt them)

Meeting adjourned at 9:20

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Dwyer
Acting Secretary

BBQG Officers for 2009

President-	Marian Dierschke
1 st VP for Programs	Linda Bridges
2 nd VP for Membership	Carol Patterson
Treasurer	Theresa Morrison
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	
Newsletter	Michael Jackson Jane Magill
Quilt Education	Carol Willson
Quilt Show	Dawn Merker
Raffle Quilt Construction	
Raffle Quilt Sales	Kerry Dwyer Michael Jackson

BBQG Classified:

White Brand 4 thread Serger. Never used. Comes with carrying case and instruction video. Originally sold for \$525.00; my price \$350.00. Contact Peggy Leach, 777-9260.

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