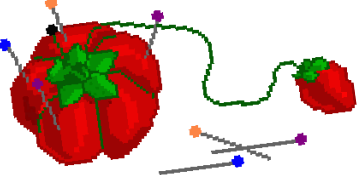


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# Bits and Pieces

## Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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### **President's Message**

Happy June! Where did all the cool weather go? Even though it is very toasty outside, I hope you are staying cool and doing a lot of quilting.

We have lots of "quilty" opportunities this month.

Shop Hop will be June 5<sup>th</sup>, Michaele has a great trip planned with visits to great shops, a good lunch and several door prizes (or should we call them "bus prizes"?)

Jane Parker will be at our meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, talking about the "Cotton Theory Method" and her workshop, on June 9<sup>th</sup>, will be a "Reversible Placemat".

June 11-13, 2010 - Stars Over Abilene 16th Annual Regional Quilt Show. Sponsored by the Abilene Quilters' Guild, Abilene, Tx.

The Summer Quilt Retreat will be held June 25-27, 2010, at Heartland Retreat Center near Brenham.

So....there are several opportunities for fun, fellowship and shopping. Hope to see you at one or all of these events.

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.

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

- June 8, 2010 Jane Parker – [www.janejustjane.com](http://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<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

**September 3-5 2010:** 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Quilt Show; Stitches From The Heart. Vereins Quilt Guild of Fredericksburg, Tx. Gillespie County Farm Bureau, 237 Equestrian Dr., (off hwy 87 South) Fredericksburg, 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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## BEE NEWS

Welcome to the **Praying Piecers**, a bee that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Franklin Methodist Church Activity Building. Although new to the BBQG Bee Roster, this bee has been quilting for several years. There are 4 BBQG members in the bee and 6 other quilters. They have just completed 5 quilts to go to San Antonio to the wounded warriors in a hospital there. Although the bee sometimes works on personal projects, they have discovered that they work best when it is for someone else. Past projects include two full-sized quilts for Habitat in Franklin, one for the senior class to raffle, a housewarming queen-sized quilt for the new parsonage and many more. The bee is open to new members.

There are about 20 BBQG members who are interested in joining or forming a new bee. A convenient meeting place(s) for our widespread group is the single biggest obstacle. Existing bees that meet in community centers or churches are urged to invite others or to inquire if the space they utilize could be available on a different day and time. The greatest need is for a bee to meet in the early evening (5:30 or 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 or 8:30 p.m.) on Thursday or Friday. Locations in both College Station and Bryan would be ideal. If you are interested in forming a bee and can suggest a location in either city, please let me know.

**Happy Scrappers Bee** started an individual Christmas project at the beginning of the year. The 17 members do a great variety of things, including charity quilts.

**Oakwood Quilters** are working on their project to make adult bibs for the RSVP Senior Citizen for Christmas.

**ThumbleBees** have been busy the last few months piecing a quilt top and T-shirt back for Camp Lone Star in LaGrange. This Texas theme quilt is being made and donated in appreciation for the many years the camp hosted the BBQG winter retreat. It will be auctioned off at Camp Lone Star's annual Bar-B-Q and Auction in late July. The top and back were shown at the May BBQG meeting. Jane of the **Material Girls Bee** will do the quilting.

**Quilt 'n Peace** bee had a thank you lunch for a benefactor who donated money for fabric and batting for our bee. Three church staff members who built shelves in our supply closet also were honored. The four men were presented quilts made by bee members.

**Quilt 'n Peace** was notified that the quilt donated to Down Home Ranch sold for \$1,000.00 in their auction on April 10!

**Wednesday Bee** has been quite busy recently. They took a field trip to the Giddings Quilt show and shopped at both quilt shops in Giddings. This bee celebrates each

member's birthday with a lunch on the first Wednesday and by making a friendship block of the honorees choice. "Miss" Lil's birthday lunch ("Miss" Lil was a charter member of BBQG) had a luau theme and members made 4- and 9-patch blocks of Aunt Gracie fabric as gifts. Members concentrate on appliqué, binding, or other handwork during the other Wednesday meetings. The **Wednesday Bee** leader corrected the date of their formation. They began in January of 1988 and have met at the College Station Community Center, Bethel Lutheran Church and now Beacon Baptist Church. The bee is at full capacity.

A former bee member has a 1936 Singer Featherweight sewing machine in the case for sale for \$400.00. She purchased it about 5 years ago from Mr. Tom Matthews who had serviced and restored it. The machine has been used very little in the last 4 years. For more information, e:mail me at [beekeeperbbqg@gmail.com](mailto:beekeeperbbqg@gmail.com).

Several years ago, the BBQG sold cups with our name and emblem. Even after baking and hand washing the lettering eventually came off. I still use the cups (my favorite color) and would like to build my collection back to a number large enough to serve my family. If anyone has extra cups, with or without the lettering, I'll pay \$1.00 each. Please bring them to the next BBQG meeting.

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 appliquérs 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

Temp. adhesive works well to hold plastic templates in place for tracing etc. Place adhesive on the template; it can be used multiple times. After use clean with goo-gone or similar product.

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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 SECURELY.
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 MICHAEL JACKSON 731-8269.

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## BBQG May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Kerry D. and the April minutes were approved. Eleanor M. presented the treasurer's report (see handout).

Raymonda A. told the Guild that the *presenter for June* would be Jane Parker. The workshop would be about "Cotton Theory" and held June 9<sup>th</sup>. Attendees need only bring scissors, a rotary cutter, and their sewing machine. Jane will have everything else they need in kit form. The cost of the kit will be around \$23.99. Jane will also be giving 15% discounts for her books and such.

Linda B. then announced that Connie S. will be our *presenter in July* and her program is "Harmonious Quilts." Connie's workshop will cover two days (July 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>) and is entitled "Make One, Get One Almost Free". Cost of this workshop will be \$40. The location will be announced at the June meeting.

Certificates for "1 Free Workshop" are worth \$25 and may be used towards Connie's and similar workshops, with the attendee paying the difference out of their own pocket. Marian counted 88 members in attendance and 3 visitors tonight.

Peggy M. reported on her Bee research. There are 19 members that stated they wish to be in a Bee. Some of these members had specific requests, but most did not.

Peggy will continue to work on this.

MaryAnne reported that the Arts Council currently has a display(?) entitled "*Reflections of a Special Olympics Athlete*" that we should check out. She then brought up the topic of *First Steps (Downtown) that will be held June 4th from 5-9pm*. The Guild decided to just display the Raffle Quilt and sell tickets. Contact Kerry to volunteer to sit with the quilt.

Marian D. won this month's *Block-of-the-Month* blocks. Charlotte S. then announced that June's block will be a 9 inch Maple Leaf.

Debbie B. asked for quilts with an Animal theme for the next decorating of the *Brazos window*. After that she will need Sports themed quilts.

Kim D. announced that someone turned in a *Challenge quilt* tonight, though the deadline isn't until the end of September.

We were reminded that the *Shop-Hop* is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> and *Quilt-Fest* will be held in October.

*Quilter's Day Out* will be May 29<sup>th</sup> and held in the St. Joseph's Common Room, located at 29<sup>th</sup> & Broadmoor. This room is the last room on the Broadmoor side of the building. Members were asked to voluntarily let Kerry know if they plan on attending, as she'd like to have an idea about how many people to expect. Doorprizes will be handed out, but members should bring their own lunch/snacks and projects to work on. However, if they'd like to make a "Jeans Bag" – a pattern will be available for \$7.50 and there will be old jeans they can utilize if they don't have their own jeans to bring. *Scholarship winners* were announced: Renee Linares (male) from Bryan High and Ellen Bruxvoort from Consol. Linares, a very talented artist, will be the first in his family to attend college and will attend either Sam Houston State or Blinn. Bruxvoort will attend UT or Austic CC. She has a website showcasing her photographs and video

work. (See BBQG website for a picture of Bruxvoort and also for details concerning an upcoming *Children's Workshop*.)

There were several *Sunshine & Shadows*. Contact Lynn T. for details.

*Retreat* will be the last weekend in June and is full, but you can request to be put on the waiting list in case of an opening.

We had two special presentations:

A Batik quilt top was presented to Marian D. from past President Beverly A. And a quilt top of Beverly's was quilted and presented to Beverly A. by past President Linda B.

The Food Bank on Shiloh Avenue will be holding an *Open House* May 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm.

*Door Prizes* were won tonight by Charlotte S., Dottie W., Eleanor M., and Peggy M.

There were 13 presenters for *Show & Tell*.

Alice Wilhoit closed out the meeting with a fantastic and comedic presentation. During the presentation she discussed her handouts on Crazy Patchwork and on Quilt Show judges & their judging. She had a book, several patterns, and other items for sale after the meeting.

Submitted by

## 2010 Officers and Committee Chairs

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