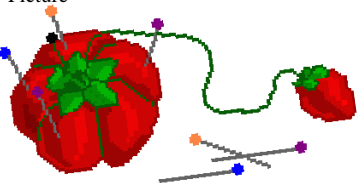


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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Message from the President:

Summer has certainly arrived – with a vengeance. I got into me car this afternoon in a parking lot and my car thermometer said it was 117 degrees outside! I know it was off, but it felt like it even if it wasn't! We had a wonderful workday for the Bluebonnet Store on the 9th. Although many items were completed, we still need many more, so if you have anything to be sold at the store, please bring to the coming meetings as Sue Ryan will be accepting donations at the next 2 meetings, or contact her for other arrangements.

The shop hop was a huge success. Many thanks to Michaele Jackson and committee for taking care of all the arrangements. You can always tell a success if complaints on the way home were that we spent more than planned – and I certainly heard more than a few of those comments!

Just a reminder: the board meets at 6:15 on the first Monday of each month at the Arts Council Building. All members are welcomed.

Happy sewing!

Marian

SHOP HOP

The Shop Hop was great fun. Thanks to all who participated. Go to our WEB page for details.
Michaele

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:

Do you love to read and quilt? It is sometimes hard to choose between the two loves; the solution is books on tape.

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BBQG Programs and events for 2009

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

July 23-24-25, 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.

September 18-20 Fri and Sat. 10 am – 5 pm Sunday 11 am – 4 pm – Trinity Valley Quilters' Guild Presents: “Log Cabins – Timeless Treasures” Amon Carter Exhibit Hall, Will Rogers Memorial Complex 3401 W. Lancaster Av., Ft. Worth, Tx. 76107 www.tvqg.org

Oct 2-3, 2009 – Chisholm Trail Quilt Guild Color Explosion 09. Dell Diamond Heritage Center Round Rock, Tx. www.ctquiltguild.org

Bees previously featured in this column have all met during the day. This month I planned to highlight the two bees that meet at night. As the deadline for the Newsletter approaches, I have visited neither of the evening bees but talked to Bonnie of The Finishers bee. Although I visited the Joyful Quilters several years ago and talked to a member this week, I have not talked to Joy recently.

The Finishers bee meets from 6:00 until 8:30 pm every Wednesday at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1001 Woodcreek Dr. in College Station. As their name suggests, bee members concentrate on finishing their own projects but members can start or work on any type of handwork – knitting, cross stitch, piecing, quilting, or binding a quilt. The room has tables for cutting or spreading out projects and outlets for sewing machines or irons. The seven or eight members who participate in this bee donate \$1.00 each for use of the building. This multi-talented group is always willing to give advice, help with problems, learn new techniques, visit with each other and finish projects. Additional members are welcome. You do not need a closet full of UFOs to join the bee.

The Joyful Quilters bee is NOT meeting during the summer. During school months, they meet on the second and last Monday night at First Baptist Church, 1700 Welsh Ave in College Station from 6:30 until 8:30. Members usually work on individual quilting projects but sometimes there are several women knitting as well. This bee has about 6 members and room for additional members. Look for an announcement of the fall schedule in the BEE NEWS.

The Quilt 'n Peace bee will NOT meet during July. If anyone is interested in visiting or joining this bee, please wait until August 4th.

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild
June 9, 2009

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

Announcements: There is a teacher @ TAMU who is looking for a quilter to volunteer to give a 10 – 15 minute talk about quilting.

Officers Reports

1st V.P. - Programs / Workshops: Linda reminds everyone that they can contact her through the g-mail address located on the website. bbqq.programs@gmail.com

In July we will have Carol Doak with her workshop on the Mariner's Compass, which is currently full.

Linda reported that she is currently booking for 2010. In February 2010, we will have Sara Moe from Keller, Texas. In April, Debbie Maddy, from Graham, Texas. In May, Alice Wilhoit, from McKinney, Texas. In September, Flavin Glover from Auburn Alabama.

2nd V.P. - Membership: Carol Patterson reported that we had 51 members sign in tonight. We welcome 3 visitors tonight.

Secretary: The May minutes are available on the website. They stand approved. **Treasurer:** Marion reported for Theresa, the May beginning balance is \$5,243.78. May expenses were \$2,840.98. Income in the amount of \$4,693.00. With an ending checking account balance of \$7,095.80. Savings account balance of \$2,149.54, CD balance of \$11,801.40 & \$5,854.12. Total assets of \$26,900.86.

Bee Coordinator: Peggy Mobley reported that there is a list of the Bee's is available on the website. Peggy extends a challenge to the bees to invite new members.

Luci presents quilts to Ron Crozier from Twin City Mission, for the new shelter which is expected to open in July. Ron tells the group about the Mission and all that it offers to the community. Please visit www.twincitymission.org for information about the mission.

Committee Reports

Arts Council: Much discussion about the Arts Council Annual Event "Celebrating the Arts." The event honors people who are nominated by their affiliates. The admission is \$100 per person. Much discussion to see if guild would like to nominate a person for recognition as "Volunteer of the year." Michael motions to nominate two people to send to the dinner. Nancy seconds and the motion carries.

Nominations begin. Dawn Merker, Laverne Ondrasek, Luci Smith, and Laura North are nominated as possible delegates. Kerri motions for the nominations to cease, Bunny seconds and the motion carries to cease nominations. Laverne Ondrasek is selected

Block of the Month: 16 blocks were turned in. Anna Dean was the winner. Charlotte passed out the pattern for next month. It is also available on the website.

Care Quilts: We will have a care quilt workshop in August.

Challenge Quilts: They are due two weeks before the quilt show.

Habitat Quilts: Bunny reported that one quilt was issued last week. There are 10 in inventory. Any one wishing to make one, will be appreciated. See Bunny for details.

Newsletter: If you have not received the newsletter. Please e-mail Michaele to confirm e-mail address.

Quilt Show: Dawn reported that we had a productive work day today for the Bluebonnet store. Dawn also reported that the quilt show registration is available on-line. She also reminded all groups to be working on their give away baskets.

Raffle Quilt: Kerry reminded everyone to Sell, Sell, Sell, Tickets.

Retreat-Summer: The summer retreat is full.

Scholarships: The scholarship winners have been chosen. The winners are Katie Westmoreland and Dana Arnold.

Shop Hop: The Shop Hop will be leaving Saturday morning from Wells Fargo.

Soldier Squares: Thanks to the 7 people who came to the workday. 60 squares were completed. There are 20 squares available to be sent out if you know anyone in need.

Sunshine and Shadows: Marijane Deen's father passed away. Jeannette Leudman had back surgery. Maggie Maguire had knee replacement. Grace Collins had gall bladder removed, tooth pulled, and additional abdominal pain. Please keep all in your thoughts

and prayers during these difficult times. We are happy to report that Laverne is doing great!

Teaching: The third Saturday gathering will continue at the Arts Council Building.

New Business: Marian read a letter that was sent to her from chapter 100 of The Daughters of the Confederacy. The letter was harsh in condemning the board for declining to receive their award. There was much discussion over this subject. Linda Bridges reminded all that as a 501.C3 organization, The Guild is not allowed to have political affiliations. There was much more discussion this matter. Rhonda Casey makes a motion that: In the future if a nomination with a political agenda is presented to the guild, the members will be notified before a decision is made. Kim DeBona seconds the motion. 9 hands are counted in favor. 27 hands opposed. The motion does not carry.

Show & Tell

Stephanie Fazzino	- Angel wall hanging
Bunny Douglas	- Quilt
Sue Chrysler	- dog quilt

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 PM.

**Recording Secretary,
Stephanie Fazzino**

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.

BBOG 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

BBOG 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	Michaele Jackson Jane Magill
Quilt Education	Carol Willson
Quilt Show	Dawn Merker
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