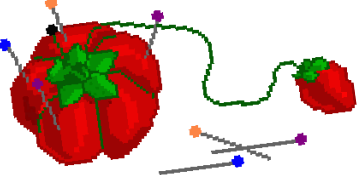


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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

I received some sad news last week. Susie's Quiltin' Quarters, in Brownwood, TX is closing its doors. Melissa and Stacie (shop owners) were vendors at last year's BBQG show. This is the second shop in that area to close in the last couple of years. The shop in Abilene closed a year or so ago, and has even closed their internet store. Melissa and Stacie are going to have an internet store and do quilt shows, so maybe they will be at the BBQG show next year. I share all this to remind us that, while visiting new shops is always fun, we really need to support our local quilt shop. Terry goes out of her way to stock a multitude of items for us, and continues to support our guild in many ways. Everywhere we go, people are always commenting on how great her shop is. I am guilty of not shopping there as often as I could, and will try to do better in the future. I sure don't want to lose a great shop like LSQW.

Happy Quilting,

BBQG board meeting has been moved to July 12th. We will meet at the same time and in the same place.

Kerry

SUMMER RETREAT

As usual, Summer Retreat was wonderful. Many thanks to the Planning Committee. A large number of pillowcases were completed for the 1,000,000 pillowcase drive. These will be donated to a local charity. There was a Houston Guild at Heartland at the same time and everyone really enjoyed the time shared with some really talented and fun ladies. Go to our WEB site to see pictures.

Dear Summer Retreat Committee,

As the winner of those super friendship blocks I am taking it upon myself to send out a heartfelt thank you to the committee for a wonderful time. I think all of us had a great time getting to know one another "better" (LOL). I know I certainly did as a first time Summer Retreater. The time, effort and care put into the planning were evident every moment. I look forward to attending next year and promise to bring a completed "Red Work Friendship Quilt." Oh dear, now that it is in writing I really must.

Sincerely yours,

Nadine Stuth

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2010 Programs & Workshops

- July 13, 2010 Connie Silber, Bryan TX
Lecture: The Harmonious Quilt
- July 17th 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 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 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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Area Quilt Shows and events

July 16-17, 2010: Midlothian, Texas, Stitches Around the World, The Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County. www.elliscountyquilters.com

July 23-25, 2010: New Braunfels, Texas. "Holiday Magic". New Braunfels Civic Center, 280 South Seguin. Tickets \$6.00.

September 3-5 2010: 6th 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 10-11 2010: Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild Show. Stafford Centre in Stafford, Texas, 10505 Cash Rd. Tickets \$6.00. Quilt displays by Sharon Schamber and Cynthia England.

September 9-11th 2010: Caldwell- Creative Memories Quilt Guild's 24th Annual Quilt show: Memories in Stitches. Thurs. Sep. 9th 12 noon-6PM. Friday, Sep. 10th 9AM-6PM. Sat. Sep. 11th 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 – 11th 2010: Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild, Stafford Center, Stafford, Texas. Contact Karen at 832-693-2512.

September 17-19 2010: Quilt Show and Sale. Austin Area Quilt Guild. Palmer Events Center 900 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, Texas.
www.aaqg.org.

October 1&2, 2010: Shades of Texas Quilt Show. Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild Killeen, Texas. Killeen Civic & Conference Center, 3601 S. WS Young Dr.

October 30- November 7, 2010: International Quilt Show, Houston.

NOTICE

Laura North and Michael 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

BBQG activities enjoyed by many bee members included the Shop Hop. Everyone that took the bus trip came home with a thinner wallet, a larger stash, and delightful freebies from the shops we visited. In spite of the deluge of rain, the Cotton Method Quilting workshop on June 9 was well attended and a fun, productive day.

The Art Quilt Group Bee has formed and will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month in a member's home. For June, however, they will meet on the 5th Tuesday. Charter members are Joan B., Janice D. and Miriam R. You may either contact me for more information or e:mail joangburnside@yahoo.com until the website is updated with pertinent information. The group will concentrate on networking, sharing current work and information and possibly have a demonstration.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee is busy getting ready for our mission trip to LaSara, Texas the week of July 10. We will be putting three different kits together (rail fence, stripped-piece diamonds, and fractured nine patch) to distribute to 30 to 35 women there. Also we plan to teach a sewing machine maintenance class and give away 5 surplus machines. The women in the class will make a seasonal wall hanging as they learn about their machine. Thank you again to all the **BBQG** quilters who donated fabric last winter for this ministry. Please keep us in mind whenever you have the urge to thin out your stash. We especially need two-yard lengths, but anything from a fat quarter and larger will be useful.

Quilt 'n Peace will not meet during July.

The Wednesday Bee celebrated two birthdays in June with a lunch and birthday blocks made by members for the honorees, Peggy G. and Mary M. Ann VG. was welcomed back after being hospitalized. Several bee members traveled: Shelby J. to welcome her first grandchild in Boston and then flew to Paris to attend the French Open; Wanda MG to Galveston. Members continue to work on birthday blocks and individual projects while laughing and talking a lot.

The Finishers will not meet June 23 and 30. Bonnie H. will contact bee members regarding the July 7th meeting.

The 1936 Singer Featherweight sewing machine in the case mentioned last month is still available for \$400.00. The machine was purchased 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 beekeeperbbq@gmail.com.

Thank you Rowena, Luci, and Diane for the coffee mugs. I'm still interested in collecting a few more if anyone has the blue BBQG mug from several years ago.

Peggy, The Beekeeper

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 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.

Helpful Hints

Numbered baby beads on safety pins are good to mark quilt rows.

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 PARTCIPATE 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 June Meeting Minutes

1st VP – Programs: Jane Parker was tonight's speaker. Her program and workshop are on "Cotton Theory." Connie S. will present the program and workshops in July. The workshops will be July 17th and 24th at the Residential Hotel conference room. Bottled water will be provided. There is no refrigerator there, but long lunch breaks will be provided for eating out. Seventeen members have signed up so far. We can accommodate 25. Connie will have examples of the workshop projects at the July meeting, so you'll know what material color choices to shop for.

2nd VP – Membership: 74 members signed in. We had 3 guests and 3 new members. We have 164 paid members so far this year!

Secretary: The May minutes were approved as written.

Eleanor M. gave the Treasurer's Report. (See handout.)

Arts Council: Art Step was held Friday evening. Thanks to all who attended and helped!

Bee Keeper: We have a new Bee – "Art Quilts." Contact Janice D., Joan B. or Miriam R. for details. If you still can't find a Bee to fit your schedule, contact Peggy M. and she'll work with you on creating one.

Block-of-the-Month: 14 blocks were turned in and Mary Ann D. was the winner of them. July's block is "Old Maid Puzzle." (See website or contact Charlotte S. for details.)

Challenge Quilt: One was turned in tonight. That's two so far this year. The Board still needs to decide on prizes.

Brazos Center Window: This month's theme is "animals." July's theme will be "sports." If you have any sports quilts you can loan the Guild for display, contact Debbie B.

Christmas Party: No new report.

Habitat for Humanity: Bunny D. is retiring as Chairperson. Contact her or Kerry or Carol if you'd like the job. Basically, you attend Habitat for Humanity "home dedications" (usually held on Saturday mornings), welcome the new home owner to the neighborhood and present them with a small quilted wall hanging.

Library: We have several new books (donated by various Guild members). Contact Sue I. for info.

Newsletter: Several are being returned for "verification." If you are not receiving your copy by postal mail or e-mail, contact Michael J. to let her know. Also, if yours is supposed to arrive via e-mail, check you "Junk" mail box to see if it is there.

Quilt Education: No new report.

Quilt Fest: October 25th is the Guild anniversary. If you have pictures from past meetings, workshops, etc., please get them to Kerry. Be thinking about your first quilt, and finding it. We would like to display our first quilts.

Quilter's Day Out: This was held on the 29th in the Gold Medallion Community Room. Eleven of us had a great time and got a lot accomplished. We will have another one later in the year, but it may be on the spur of the moment, when we can use the room.

Be watching your e-mail for details, and if you know someone who doesn't have e-mail – please, let them know.

Raffle Quilt: We've raised \$1,374 so far. Luci S. still has tickets and pictures of the quilt. We need volunteers to help her. We are coming up on July and the quilt has not been displayed in too many places. Volunteer to take it to another quilt guild, a quilt shop, the JoAnn store, Heritage Park (on July 3rd), or any place else suitable. Contact Luci or Kerry to make plans.

Scholarships: No new report.

Shop Hop: 31 attended. A great time was had by all. Thanks to participants for their generosity!

Soldier Squares: Several packets were turned in tonight. Luci reported she'd given several to a local Church for distribution.

Sunshine and Shadows: One card has been sent this month. Contact Lynn T. for details.

Website: No new report.

Door Prizes: Sue R., Betty B., and Shirley W. won this month.

Summer Retreat: We have 24 signed up so far and the wait list is empty. If you'd like to attend, contact Peggy M. to be put on the wait list, as members often have to back-out at the last minute.

Old Business: Connie S. will explain our anniversary theme of "Renaissance of Quilts" at the July meeting.

New Business: The July Board meeting will be held the 12th, hopefully still at the Arts Council building. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Kerry for details.

The Guild has purchased a new quilt stand, as our old stands were no longer adequate.

Our Treasurer's Books are currently at the CPA's office and it has come to our attention that some required forms have not been filed with the IRS for prior years.

The Board is taking appropriate action and is working with the accountant to rectify this matter. We appreciate the quick co-operation of all of you whom we had to request reports (from) in the past couple of days. We will report back to the membership as soon as this matter is taken care of.

Submitted by
Recording Secretary,
Rhonda C. (with the aid of Kerry D.)

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Door Prizes	Nina Hodges
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Raffle Quilt Sales	
Scholarships	Sue Chrysler
Shop Hop	Michaele Jackson
Soldier Squares	Anne Perry
Sunshine and Shadows	Lynn Thurston
Website	Anne Perry
Welcome	Sue Ryan
	Michaele Jackson
Newsletter	Michaele Jackson
Retreats	
Winter	
Spring	Connie Silber

Recommended Theme for 2011 Quilt Show
Renaissance of Quilts
(This will be discussed at the July Guild Meeting)

During the post 2009 Quilt Show meeting, a theme for the 2011 Quilt Show was discussed. There were several suggestions for a theme. Our raffle quilt for 2011 is a Jacobean Appliqué quilt. The time period for Jacobean work is during the life of James the I of England, 1603-1625. The Renaissance had begun in Italy in the 1400s continued throughout Europe into the 17th Century.

The definition of Renaissance is rebirth. Within the definition are also the concepts of exploration and innovation. It is considered the beginning of modern history. It was an era of art becoming true to life. Works showed nature and depicted the feelings of people. The work of William Shakespeare occurred during this time as well.

With all of these factors, we recommend that the theme for the 2011 Quilt Show be Renaissance of Quilts. As a theme category, we suggest that thinking can follow any aspect of the word renaissance and quilt. As a rebirth, quilters may think of innovative designs of old patterns, new materials, new techniques. As a style, quilters may think of the elaborate clothing and embellishments of the time period and express that in a quilt. As a literary period, quilters may think of any work and adapt a quilt to that. As an aspect of art true to life, quilters may think of creating life like art.

We encourage quilters to think beyond these elements of renaissance and quilt, to read and learn more about the era, and use the ideas to spark a creative design for a Theme quilt. There would no limit on size, techniques, or materials used.

Respectfully recommended,
Debbie Brooks and Connie Silber

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