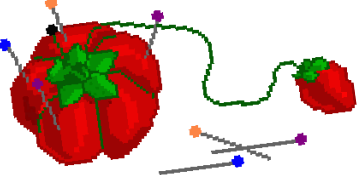


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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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President's Message

I would like to thank all of you who were at our last meeting for your patience and understanding about our financial dilemma. Eleanor and I really feel blessed to be working with such a great group. For those of you who were not there, you were missed.

Let me bring you all up to speed with what is happening. The 2009 audit has been finalized, and all is well. The CPA's had a few suggestions for us, and we will bring those before the Board at our next meeting. The 2009 990 form from the IRS has been finished and after the Board approves it, next week; it will be signed and mailed, ASAP. The 2008 and 2007 IRS 990 forms are being worked on and will be ready for our approval soon. At that point, we will have to see what the IRS decides to do about the possible fines that we might owe.

One of the suggestions that have been made is that we keep better records of our volunteer hours and the donations we make to Habitat, Soldier Squares, etc. We will have a form at meetings from now on for our volunteer hours. These are hours that you do for the Guild only (making Care Quilts, Soldier Squares, time you put in selling Raffle Quilt tickets, etc.). These hours aren't being asked for on the tax forms, but it has been suggested that if we are ever audited, we will have the information on hand, rather than having to scurry around locating the information at a later date. This is strictly voluntary on the part of the membership, but it will be better to have it available.

Thank you again for helping us through all these changes. See you at the next meeting.

Kerry

YOU ARE INVITED!

To the best gathering of the year: the Annual Care Quilt Workshop!

For those of you who are new to the Guild, our organization donates over 250 Care Quilts in the community each year to support local organizations such as Texas Child Protective Services, Phoebe's Home (a shelter for battered women), St. Joseph Cancer Center, the Prenatal Clinic, and Twin City Mission on a regular basis

throughout the year.

The workshop is a great opportunity to meet people and learn new techniques. No experience necessary. Bring your sewing machine and supplies, a project if you wish to donate it, OR let us keep you busy with a project from our stash. Luci has been working diligently to build our pile of tops and backs that are ready for assembly. She tells me that the most quilts we have produced in a single workday is 37. Let's see if we can make it 40 this year, shall we? With the economy the way it is, there is a great need in the community to serve to the homeless.

The workshop is at the Brazos Center on August 10. Our day begins at 10:00 a.m., and continues throughout the day until our Guild meeting at 7 p.m. Lunch is potluck, please bring something to share. If you have any questions, please call the Care Quilt Committee Chair, Luci Smith, or me (if you can catch me near a phone).

Thanks and happy stitching, Laura North

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2010 Programs & Workshops

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

FAT THANKS

How do you get more than 100 women to fall silent? You ask them to lead a committee or event. Our lives are busy and most of us are already overwhelmed with work and family responsibilities; it's hard to commit to more. And yet look around the Guild. It takes many, many hours to keep our organization running. These are gifts that have been given to us--we need to thank our volunteers properly for their time and talents. At the October and November meetings, I will be collecting your donations of fat quarters for the officers, committee chairs and event coordinators that have served the Guild this year. Please: no more than one yard of the same fabric--I will be happy

to cut them in fat quarters for you. And, please, no junk that has been sitting in the back of your closet for years. And give generously: there are a lot of people to thank.

To all those who have served: THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE. This is not only for the officers and committee chairs, but also for those of you who stepped up in other ways--for example, assuming responsibility for organizing a trip or taking care of the display windows at the Brazos Center. If you have volunteered to lead this year, please plan to attend the December Board meeting so you can select the fabrics of your choice. If you cannot attend, please find a friend to come and pick for you. This is our way of saying "Thank you for serving and happy holidays." We hope you can make it!

Thanks everyone, Laura North

Winter Retreat update

The quilt we started for Camp Lone Star at winter retreat was auctioned off yesterday for \$725.00. Jill Lund (Director's wife) was apologetic that the bids were all down a lot this year. (What isn't in charitable work?) But for a large lap sized two sided quilt, with one side T-shirts, it was wonderful. So not only did the 5 yard quilt create lots of new quilts at the retreat, it also was used to make money for the camp. Huge big thank you to everyone who worked on the quilt and to those who contributed funds so we could make the quilt. We did some good work for the camp.

Connie Silber

BEE NEWS

I missed the July BBQG meeting and will miss the August meeting also. Since the Summer Retreat occurred after I submitted the Bee News for the July newsletter, I want to report that 24 women who attended had a delightful time quilting, showing completed projects, eating, and sleeping only the minimum amount necessary to function. We shared the dining hall and visited with a very talented group of quilters from the Blue Triangle Quilt Guild in Houston who occupied the Craft House at Heartland. They plan to have a retreat there next year the same weekend as our retreat.

Gathering Bee news in between my trips has been rather sporadic. However, I am excited to announce the formation of another bee (absolutely no effort on my part). Information for the Busy Bees will be added to the Bee Roster next month.

Busy Bees led by Sherrill J. will meet twice a month, usually on first and third Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Currently they are meeting at Sherrill's home, but would like to meet in a place free of charge in College Station. If anyone can suggest a meeting room, please let me know via the beekeeper link on the website. Although space is limited, the seven Busy Bees are open to additional members.

Quilt 'n Peace Bee members returned July 16 from our mission trip to the valley. There were 34 participants in the quilting classes and they were delighted with the fabric selections we provided. Thanks again to all the BBQG members who donated fabric. Continue to 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 until August 31 when we will take our usual 5th Tuesday field trip. This quarter we will go to the Fabric Carousel in Huntsville.

The Piecemakers have asked to be removed from the Bee Roster since they meet infrequently. Again, the Bee Roster on the website will not be updated until mid August.

Peggy, the Beekeeper

Area Quilt Shows and events

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 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.

Helpful Hints

Prepare binding when making your quilt top. Place in a zip lot and keep with the top. Now when you have this top quilted; maybe months or years later you will have the appropriate binding.

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 Meeting Minutes July 13, 2010

Minutes from the June meeting were approved as written.

Treasury- Eleanor M. gave the treasurer's report concerning the Guild's checking and savings accounts, the CD, and the overall total assets.

Programs- Raymonda A. reminded the members of the Care Quilt workshop to be held Aug. 11th at the Brazos Center. The workshop begins at 10a.m. and lunch will be potluck. Some kits will be available if members don't have their own material. Members should bring their sewing machine, but there will be jobs for those without a machine. Also, sign-up for the Sept. program workshop will be that night. Flavin Glover will be the program presenter.

Membership- Marian D. reported a total of 165 members so far (including 1 new member). 77 signed in tonight along with 6 visitors (3 from the Caldwell Guild , who brought that Guild's raffle quilt).

Bee Keeper- Peggy M. was unavailable, but there was a reminder that updated information on the Bees can be found on the Guild website.

Arts Council- Mary Ann D. asked the members if they would like to receive the Arts Council's newsletter and there was some discussion about it. It was finally decided that the newsletter would be e-mailed to members and if they don't want to receive it they are to let Michaele J. know.

Block of the Month- Charlotte S. handed this meeting's block to winner Nancy S. The block for August will be the first of a set of 12.

Brazos Center Window- Debbie Brooks (No report.)

Challenge Quilt- Kim D. reported the Board approved cash prizes for the top three winners: \$75 for 1st; \$50 for 2nd; and \$25 for 3rd. Ribbons will also be awarded. So far there are 6 challenge quilts to be judged.

Care Quilts/Raffle Quilt- Joanne W. has agreed to take over the Raffle quilt, though she will be unavailable to take it out of town most evenings. So, volunteers are needed for that. The quilt has raised \$1694.00 so far. We've also given out 113 Care Quilts so far this year.

Habitat for Humanity- President Kerry D. reported that "(an) e-mail was received stating that we hadn't been to any of the recent dedications (we had not been notified) and that a blitz with 5 houses being built is planned for next week, with the dedications the following weekend." She notified Habitat that we are still interested in participating, that we had not been receiving any notifications, and that she would like to be notified in the future. However, tonight we have a new Chairman: Nancy S.! Volunteers are still needed to attend dedications. Contact Nancy to volunteer. There are 17 wall hangings available to give the new home owners.

Library- Sue I. (No report.)

Quilt Education- Carol W. (No report.)

Quilt Fest- Jane C. is working on t-shirts commemorating the event for members.

Retreats- Connie S. discussed the Million pillow Case Challenge (info can be found at www.allpeoplequilt.com). Members at the retreat made 23 cases to give to Scotty's House. Someone reported that 28 cases were also donated to Family Promise.

Soldier Squares- Anne P. (No report.)

Sunshine and Shadows- Lynn T. asked for donations of Sympathy cards, as she is running very low on them. She also stated that from June to July she had sent cards to Clara Muschinski (her mother-in-law passed away), Carol Wilson (birth of a new granddaughter), Carol Patterson (she is quite ill), and Julie Dromgoole (her father-in-law passed away). There was also mention of a member named "Merne" that has been diagnosed as being in the 1st stages of cancer and needs a card sent.

Website- Anne P. reported that the website, www.bbqg.org, has been renewed for 2 years.

Welcome- Sue R./Michaele J. stated that needle cases and fabric were handed out to the new member and visitors tonight.

Newsletter- Michaele J. had the newsletters to be sent by postal mail returned due to a postage error. Some were handed out at the meeting and the rest will be resent ASAP.

Door Prizes- Nini H. thanked Lone Star Quilt Shop for the donation of several gift certificates for use as door prizes. Tonight, Linda N., new member Erica D., and Deb D. won prizes.

Old Business

Eleanor and Kerry brought the focus of the members back to the Guild's on-going business with the local auditor and with the IRS. The latest information concerns the lack of filing of previous years' taxes and the possibility of the Guild being fined approximately \$20 for each day the taxes are late, which could wipe out the Guild's finances. An appeal letter has been sent explaining the Guild's situation and asking that the fines be waived. To safeguard the Guild in the future and to meet requirements noted by the auditor, some new guidelines are being implemented:

1. Tax exempt forms must be used or the taxes will not be reimbursed. In the long run, the Guild can save a great deal of money by not having to pay the tax on purchases.

2. Past and Present treasurers should do the taxes together each year.

3. Volunteer hours need to be kept track of. Anything you do for the Guild [e.g. working on care quilts, soldier squares, office work, representation at functions (including travel time)], is to be written down and the hours recorded along side your name on meeting sign-in sheets.

4. Better record keeping needs to be done. The Guild needs to know how many Habitat wall hangings, soldier squares, care quilts, et cetera have been handed out, are on hand or are needed.

Renaissance of Quilts

Connie S. explained that quilts for this should have a renaissance theme or style and need to be smaller than 8' x 10' in order to fit the display area.

Submitted by

2010 Officers and Committee Chairs

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Block of the Month	Charlotte Simpson
Brazos Center Window	Debbie Brooks
Challenge Quilt	Kim DeBona
Christmas Party	Mae Fazzino
Care quilts	Luci Smith
Dallas Bus Trip	Marijane Deen
Door Prizes	Nina Hodges

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