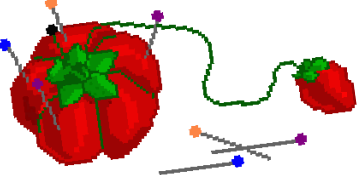


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Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Newsletter

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Message from the President

It was great to see so many of you at the January meeting. Welcome to our new member. We have a great year planned and hope you will take advantage of all our meetings, workshops and activities.

I heard there was a good turnout for our Soldier Square Workshop. I am sorry that I could not be there, but I know it was a good time. Thanks Linda, for arranging the workshop. If you know of a group that would like to receive Soldier Squares, please let Linda or Anne know.

See you at the next meeting....Kerry

13th Annual BBQ Winter Retreat

The retreat is full and has a waiting list. Remember dues must be current when last payment received. For more information, please contact Jeanne Joham at 589-2191 or Connie Silber at 776-0272.

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.

Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild 2010 Programs & Workshops

Feb 9, 2010	Sara Moe – www.sewinspired.com - Lecture: Color & Creativity
Feb 10, 2010	Workshop: Spinning Pinwheels
Mar 9, 2010	Lecture: Tom Russell – “My Journey”
Apr 13, 2010	Debbie Maddy – Calico Carriage Quilt Designs, Graham TX Lecture: No Diamonds, No Y Seams; Old Quilts, New Methods
April 14, 2010	Workshop: Shooting Stars
May 11, 2010	Alice Wilhoit – www.alicewilhoit.com ; McKinney, TX Lecture: Trunk Show
May 12, 2010	Workshop: Morning Celebration
June 8, 2010	Jane Parker – 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 th 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 TX	Lynn Roddy Brown – www.lynnroddybrown.com from Houston Lecture: Simple Strategies for Scrap Quilts
Nov 10, 2010	Workshop: Texas Two Step
Dec 14, 2010	Christmas Party

Area Quilt Shows

February 5, 2010 10AM-5PM– Sat Feb. 6 10AM-4PM Friendship Quilt Guild.
Heritage Pieces Quilt Show. Fireman's Training Center Hwy. 290, Brenham, Texas

February 12-13, 2010 – Tri-County Quilt Guild's First Guild Show – Featuring Quilt Artist Tom Russell. Fairfield Baptist Church, 27240 Hwy. 290 West, Cypress, Tx. 77410.
www.tricountyquiltguild.org

May 1, 2010 Tall Pines Quilt Guild. "Airing of the Quilts" Downtown Huntsville, Texas.
Featuring Karen Kay Buckley, Friday April 30 and Monday May 3, 2010.

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.

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 appliquéers 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

Cutout or photocopy projects in magazines or books and place in a binder by category; quilts, bags, embroidery, appliqué etc.

Bluebonnet Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes **January 12, 2010**

Recorded at meeting by Linda Bridges, due to illness of the secretary.
Typed by Rhonda Casey, Secretary.

President Kerry Dwyer called the meeting to order at 7p.m..

A correction was needed in the last meeting's minutes: One officer was listed that was not an officer. It will be corrected. Peggy L. motioned the rest of the minutes be accepted as recorded. Marian R. seconded this motion.

Treasurer's Report-- Eleanor M. -- See attachments. Thanks to Beverly A. for compiling the reports.

Raymonda A.-- **Programs** Chairman

February's will be Sara Moe: Spinning Pinwheels. Twenty-five signed up for the workshop to be held at Peace Lutheran Church. Please, bring a covered dish.

The website has the programs listed for the rest of the year.

Tom Russell will be the speaker in March and is very funny.

August 10 is the date for the Care Quilt Workshop. It may be busy that day because of an event and the date can be changed, but the group decided to keep the date of Aug. 10.

Carol P.-- **Membership** Chairman

56 members signed in with 1 new member: Laura W. **Welcome, Laura!**

Michaele J.-- **Newsletter** Chairman

Please, let her know if you are not getting the newsletter. Send her an e-mail. If the newsletter is being mailed via the Post Office-- please let her know to drop you from that list.

You can e-mail her with things to put in the newsletter, which is always on the website if you miss it. *The cut off date for submissions to the newsletter is the 22nd of each month.*

Shop Hop-- The question was asked, "Is June, before Summer Retreat, okay?" The answer was "Yes." This year the trip may go south. Usually go to 4 shops. A box lunch is provided.

Welcome Committee-- Sue R. & Michael J., Co-Chairs.

Sue R. did snowmen. Visitors and new members need to be welcomed at each meeting. Anyone is welcome to join this committee!

Peggy M., **Beekeeper**, is on a trip, but will be happy to visit with any Bee.

MaryAnn D. announced there are some good displays at the **Arts Council**.

Charlotte S., **Block-of-the-Month**, reported that only 5 entries were received this meeting. So, it was decided to hold the drawing for them next month, as there will be more blocks at that meeting.

Debbie B.-- **Brazos Center Window** display. The display changes often. Nini H. & Mary Ellen B. has a Valentine theme. Mary Ellen's husband's grandmother gave it to them when they got married. Be sure to go look at it!

Floral quilts are needed for the next display in March (Monday before the meeting).

Ruth W.'s cancer is all gone!

Kimberly D.-- **Challenge Quilt** Chairman -- No guidelines yet, but will have them for February.

Quiltfest is in October. **This is the 25th Anniversary of the Guild!** We need a volunteer for this committee!

Luci S.-- **Care Quilts**

226 Care Quilts were handed out last year, with 20 twin size quilts going to the Twin City Mission.

RSVP bags for nursing homes - 25 bibs, several care quilts, 41 didy bags, 13 afgans.

Oakwood Quilters - 71 bibs, 1 shawl, 15 gift bags, and 7 fleece covers.

Socks, house-shoes for men and women.

Joan B. donated a care quilt.

45 x 60 is a good size, but will use all sizes.

Quilts, et cetera are donated to Phoebe's Home, Children's Protective Services, St. Joseph Cancer Center, and others as needed.

Oakwood Quilters need 1 1/2 yard of backing for quilts. Please, donate!

Les Crenshaw, the manager at JoAnn's has retired. He has always been very supportive of the Guild and we will present him with one of our Care Quilts.

MariJane D. -- **Bus Trip to Dallas quilt show**

The date of the trip is March 13th (7a.m. to 9p.m. with a stop for dinner). She'll

be taking sign-ups next month, but we can contact her now to be put on the list.

Bonny D. -- **Habitat for Humanity**

No report tonight. Not much activity during winter.

We make small wall hanging and donate them to the new owners of the houses. The hangings are 14 x 17 inches square and are handed out at the house dedication ceremony.

Carol W., **Quilt Education** Chairman, will be working with the **Girl Scouts**.

Sue I. -- **Librarian**

There are books missing from the Guild library. Please, check your home libraries and if you have one of them, bring it to the next meeting or call her and she'll arrange to pick it up. She will bring a comprehensive list of library contents. All donations will be accepted.

Raffle Quilt -- Beverly A. presented the quilt top. This is the Texas theme block challenge. It is queen size and will be quilted by Linda B. It will be at the Antique Show and the Go Texan Dance January 23rd. **We need a chairman for this committee!**

Scholarships -- Sue C., Chairman. -- We give scholarships to two Brazos County High School students.

Linda N. -- **Soldier Squares** Chairman

We need at least 50 more squares. Linda will supply the kits. A **workshop** will be held Thursday, January 14 from 9:30a.m.-3p.m. Bring sewing machines to the Arts Council building n Dartmouth. Anyone can take a kit and make them individually. Anne P. will take this over once she's back. Diane B. has been providing soldier squares to **CUMC** for their care boxes.

Lynn T. -- **Sunshine & Shadows** Chairman

Diana D., Luci S., and Louise H. had surgery.

Betsy F.'s sister passed away.

Jane W. has been in the hospital.

Lynn needs to be sure and get info from us so we can get cards out to these folks.

Winter Retreat -- Connie S., Chairman

There is a waiting list for the Winter Retreat. Diane has a project to share.

Do not come before 4p.m. and you must leave by 4p.m. if you are leaving on Sunday.

No PJ party, but you can still bring PJs to show off.

Don't forget your ugly fat quarter!

Summer Retreat -- Linda B.

This retreat will be June 25th - 27th at Heartland Retreat in Independence, TX. Sign-up begins in February. A \$50 deposit is required. Total cost is \$190 and includes 6 meals.

Door Prizes -- Nini H.

Board decided to divide the number of people signed up into groups and pick a number from each group. Winners must have their nametag!

Winners for this month:

Mary Anne D. (Scissors)
Luci S. (Hand-made plaque)
Diana D. (Kitty pin)

Go Texan Quilt -- JoAnn W.

Lynn M.'s quilt was chosen as our contribution.

We help the Go Texan committee qualify to give scholarships. \$150,000 was given for student scholarships to Blinn and TAMU.

We also donate a care quilt for them to auction.

Old Business

We needed a theme for the **2011 Quilt Show** and two were previously mentioned:

1. Renaissance of Quilts
2. Quilting's Come Full Circle

Connie S. suggested we use "**Renaissance of Quilts**". Debbie B. motioned that we do so and JoAnn W. seconded the motion. Vote passed. Connie and Debbie will write a description for the June meeting.

Baltimore Album Quilt -- Pat Cambell pattern, made by Appliqué Society

We still need a chairman for the 2011 show, as well as a date. The Board will work on this.

New Budget proposed for 2010 (See attachments)

After much discussion about this, Marian D. made a motion that it is passed.

Luci S. seconded. Vote passed.

Show & Tell

Elaine L. -- Sail Boats (Red, White, & Blue)

Jane C. -- A bag, a quilt, and a quilt top.

JoAnn W. -- Riley Rose's quilt. American Beauty Rose.

Brooks quilt (Pink & Brown pieced quilt)

Diane B. -- Fractured 9 Patch (Care Quilt)

Lynn T. -- Quilt -- Airing of the Quilts.

Charlotte S. -- 3 stripped Care Quilts.

Luci S. -- Mission Quilt

Linda B. -- Cole's quilt, Santa Claus, and a purse.

FOR SALE

The guild got the following e-mail that some might be interested in. “We have a large amount of fabric which my mother collected when my parents owned two fabric stores in West Texas. Much of the fabric is most suitable for clothing, although there is some decorative fabric and some fabric that would work for quilting. My father wants to sell the fabric at cost or lower”. You can contact them at dorianmartin2005@yahoo.com

2010 Officers and Committee Chairs

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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
Habitat for Humanity	Bunny Douglas
Library	Sue Idol
Quilt education	Carol Willson
Quilt Show (Oct.)	
Raffle Quilt Sales	
Scholarships	Sue Chrysler
Shop Hop	Michaele Jackson
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