



# Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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## PROGRAM NOTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, January 18, 2017

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Bear Creek Community Center, 3055 Bear Creek Drive, Houston, Texas 77084

**Speaker:** Winnie Fleming

**Program:** Borders Bonanza

## WORKSHOP NOTICE

Next workshop: January 21, 2017, Winnie Fleming presents Borders Galore



## PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

*I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.*

~ Neil Gaiman

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season visiting with family and friends and experiencing all of the joy this time of year brings.

I'm repeating the quote above from last January because I think it is still most appropriate for this time of year. I look on January as an opportunity to clean the slate and start a new chapter in my life - trying new things, learning new things, pushing a bit and hopefully learning from my mistakes.

Can you believe our quilt show is just a couple of months away? If you are like me, you are working hard to complete your quilts so you can get them entered in the show. I counted the other day and I still have some heavy quilting time ahead of me, so if you are looking for me, I'll be the one with her head down in front of my quilting machine trying to get done. Please read the quilt show

articles on page 4 for updates and information on the various committees. We are looking for each of you to help make this the most successful show ever. Just a two-hour commitment to work at the show gets you free admission to the show and a chance to shop at the market early, before the show opens.

We have some great speakers and workshops on tap for this year, starting with Winnie Fleming this month. I've taken a border class from her and am really looking forward to learning more on how to make my quilts have unique borders.

Our Comfort Quilters Committee met to talk over plans for the year. We have been gifted with a lot of fabric to make charity quilts and would

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## BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR

Any member of the Guild is welcome to attend our board meetings, but the Board reserves the right to hold a closed Executive Session if needed. Board meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Following is the schedule:

February 1 – La Madeleine at Town and Country

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**PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS**

**2017 Programs**

Jan 18	Winnie Fleming	Borders Bonanza
Feb 15	Marcia Kaylakie	Home-Sewn Texas, Texas Quilts and Quiltmakers
Mar 15	Connie Silber	Designing Your Workspace
Apr 19	Jill Finley	Quilt Designs With a Fresh Look
May 17	Mickey Depre	Let's Get Hexed
Jun 21	Sulky	Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing
Jul 19	Becky Goldsmith	It's Not a Quilt Until it's Quilted
Aug 16	Jackie Hillman	The Goose is Loose on the Ranch
Sep 2	TBD	
Oct	Guild members	“Tricks and Treats”
Nov 15	Annette Ornelas	Dimensional Curved Piecing
Dec	Holiday Party	

**2017 WORKSHOPS**

Jan 21	Winnie Fleming	Borders Galore
Apr 20	Jill Finley	TBD
Apr 22, 29	Shannon McGaw	Judy Niemeyer Prismatic Star (two-day workshop)
Jun 22	Sulky	Thread Sketching and Couching
Jul 20	Becky Goldsmith	Needle Turn Appliqué
Aug 19	Jackie Hillman	Goose Pizazz
Nov	Annette Ornelas	Dimensional Curved Piecing

**Program**

We start off the new year with Winnie Fleming. “Winnie Fleming is an award-winning quilter who has been honing her craft for more than 30 years, as well as quilting and judging for over 25 years. Winnie enjoys running multiple programs every year for guilds and quilting retreats. She is also the author of Simple Blocks Make Sensational Quilts. A native Texan, Winnie lives in Houston.” She also teaches a course on the Craftsy Website.

Winnie’s lecture on January 18 will be “Borders Bonanza”.

**Workshop**

**Spaces still available for workshop with Winnie Fleming.**

Winnie will teach a workshop “Borders Galore” on Saturday, January 21, at Quiltworks.

Cost is \$35. To register for this workshop and get a supply list contact me at cmfriesen9@gmail.com.

~ Chris Friesen  
Second Vice President -  
Programs and Workshops

Deadline for submitting articles for the *Sew On and Sew On* is the Monday following the monthly Guild meeting of each month. Send them directly to Patricia Cook, Editor, at [pcook43@gmail.com](mailto:pcook43@gmail.com)

**HOLIDAY PARTY RECAP**

First of all, Happy New Year to all! As in years past, we wrapped up 2016 with a Holiday Party at the December guild meeting.

Thanks to all of the people that helped make it happen. Jane Newsome, Chris Friesen, and Dorothy McConnell cooked the briskets. Cathy Beck helped set the Holiday mood by playing some carols on her keyboard. Nita Beard stepped up once again and called the Quilto games for us. Debbie Huebel assisted getting the Quilto cards disbursed. Karen Coffey and Barbara Ann Watson helped place the centerpieces. Again, guild members brought food to contribute to the feast. Dorothy and Chris wrapped the cutlery bundles. Pine trees in my neighborhood provided pine cones that I decorated. And last, but not least, we thank Tommy, the custodian at Bear Creek Community Center, for his assistance.

Well done, everyone! I enjoyed it and I hope that you all did as well!

~ Ann Ammons, Chairmen

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like to extend an invitation to you to come help them in their endeavors. This group is primarily responsible for all of the donated quilts that are handed out throughout the year. They need your help.

Our Board of Directors is starting their second year of a two-year term. Reach out to any member if you have suggestions or recommendations for guild activities for this year. This is your guild and we need your input.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Patricia Cook, President

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jan 3 Evelyn Mathur      | Jan 15 Sharon Csizmadia    |
| Jan 7 Tara Myers         | Jan 15 Barbara Wafer       |
| Jan 8 Lisa Dinkelman     | Jan 17 Kathy Johnson       |
| Jan 9 Lori Ehler         | Jan 19 Connie Bihner       |
| Jan 9 Janet Musgrove     | Jan 31 Carolyn Cheatham    |
| Jan 10 Cynthia Chaffee   |                            |
| Jan 12 Christine Hardman | Please bring a door prize. |

**COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Trying to sum up a year of quilting and giving and to look forward to 2017 is not an easy task. Our membership was very generous with their talents in making Christmas stockings, quilts for Linus and the elderly and preemies for those precious babies born too soon. During the year 2016, the following was distributed: Cypress Assistance Ministries—298 stockings, 196 quilts to 4 different facilities for the elderly, and to Linus—288 quilts, 87 fleece blankets, 150 preemie blankets, 400 IV covers, 41 Beanie babies and 2 crocheted afghans. Thank you so much!!!

As we all anticipate what 2017 will bring, think about how you can make a difference. All the items mentioned above were made and donated by about one-third of our membership. This means that a lot of our members made many more quilts than the two that we ask everybody to make. Did

you make your two quilts last year or did you hope someone else made your share. Every month there are kits available for you to pick up in order to make your two quilts—some just need to be quilted, others have to be pieced and quilted—the opportunity is there. You don’t have to use your fabric—supply only the batting and your time and your quilts are finished.

Our wish for 2017 is that every guild member will be excited to complete a couple of quilts for someone else and that those members who bring in something every month will continue to do so. The more quilts donated, the more we can bring a ray of sunshine and warmth to others.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard  
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

**JANUARY 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 *New Year's Day observed	3 Quilt Show Meeting 6:30 PM	4 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	19	20	21 Workshop 9:30 AM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



## 2017 QUILT SHOW

Quilt Show Dates: March 3-4, 2017  
Location: Berry Center

### GUILD SHOW TRASH TO TREASURES MARKET

Due to Winnie Fleming's workshop (which I want to attend) on January 21st, our final workshop will be taking place on January 28th. This time will be spent in pricing items, bundling items, and final organization prior to the market.

**\*\*That being said, it is imperative that any bee donations and donations from the membership be turned in at the January 21 meeting!!\*\***

Please try to help out as this is the last big push for the market before the show.

If you can only help for an hour, it will be greatly appreciated.

Due to quantity of items/materials for sale, this workshop will take place at my home beginning at 10:00 a.m. where everything is currently stored. Please contact me for directions if you're able to help out with this workshop.

Thank you!

~ Shannon McGaw  
Market Chairman

## QUILT SHOW ENTRIES DUE

I hope all of you have been going through your quilts and UFOs to determine which you can enter in our quilt show. Remember – without your quilts, it's not a quilt show. Don't forget to complete your entry forms and either mail them to me (address included with the entry info) or hand them to me at the January meeting. I've already had several questions come up so don't be shy about asking. Remember to include a photo of each quilt – even if it's not totally finished. We need to see enough so that our groupings complement each other.

New members – we'd like to encourage you to submit entries as well, but since we have a requirement of continuous membership during 2016, you would need to enter your quilts as non-members. Please contact me for further explanation.

~ Celeste Fritz  
Entries Chairman

## 2017 QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEERS

The 2017 WHQG quilt show volunteer sign-up is waiting for you! The volunteer opportunities will be awarded to members on a first come–first serve basis. There will still be a physical sign up sheet at the January and February guild meetings, but members might want to sign up early to get the job and time slot that works best for them.

Keep in mind, any member who volunteers for a two-hour shift will get free admission to the show. Our show would not be successful without everyone's help.

You can also sign up by email. Include your name, the date you plan to volunteer, job description, shift requested, and your phone number in

your e-mail. You will receive a confirmation of your request by return email.

To sign up, e-mail Debbie Huebel at [debquilts18@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debquilts18@sbcglobal.net)

~ Debbie Huebel  
Volunteers Chairman

## 2017 QUILT SHOW BASKET AND QUILT BONANZA

Our co-chairman, Sheila Tweed, passed away December 24. She will be missed by all of us. We will have one of the last quilts she made in our booth at the quilt show. We're going forward with our plans for the booth. We're still looking for baskets. If you would like to donate one, please let us know.

Thanks to all who turned in ornaments for the tree. Christmas may be gone but you can still donate an ornament.

We're also needing 2 1/2 inch by wof strips. It takes so many for the giant jelly roll. You can bring them to the January meeting or contact either

Jean Ann Bryant or me. We can arrange to meet you and get them.

Thanks to everyone who has donated towards the Basket and Quilt Bonanza Booth. You are what will make the booth a success. Thank you.

~ Jean Fleming and Jean Ann Bryant  
Tin Can Raffle Co-Chairs

## 2017 DONATION QUILT

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and gave many tickets as Christmas gifts. If you have tickets on loan, time is running out. March 3, 2017, will be here before you know it.

Pat and Janet are taking the quilt to Tall Pines Quilt Guild, Huntsville, TX on January 2, 2017.

We need help in taking the quilt to the Piecemakers Quilt Guild on January 20, 2017 (which is a Friday) from 9:00 Am to 2:00 PM. Address is, First Baptist Church, 445 Main St,



Hempstead, TX.

We still have a long way to go to meet our goal for the Donation Quilt. If anyone knows of craft shows, clubs, etc., where we can show our quilt please let the committee know.

We thank each you, for your help in this effort.

Keeper of the Quilt Committee

~ Pat Gonzales -  
patriciagonz@sbcglobal.net

~ Janet Musgrove -  
jlmusgrove@yahoo.com



### YOU COULD WIN THIS!

This new Accuquilt Go Baby, carry bag, circle die and cutting mat were donated to the Guild by Sherri Good. (Thank you, Sherri.) Your name will be entered in a drawing to win this great quilting tool when you sell and turn in \$40 in donation quilt tickets. We have plenty of tickets available, so check with either Pat or Janet to get yours to sell. Drawing will be held at the March Guild meeting. Good luck!

### FOR SALE

Handi Quilter Sweet 16 for sale. \$3800.00 Excellent condition. Serviced in 2016. Please contact [conniebihner@gmail.com](mailto:conniebihner@gmail.com) You are welcome to come by for a test drive. Cell (832-387-2276).

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It's that time of year when you need to sign up or renew your guild membership for 2017! The good news is that the dues have not increased! Pay your dues on or before the January 18 meeting (at Bear Creek Community Center) and the price is \$25.00. On January 19, the price goes up to \$30.00. \*\*If you want/ need the newsletter mailed to your home, please add \$10.00 to your dues to cover the cost of the printing/ mailing. (See the membership form on page 7.)

2017 Membership cards and name badges should be available at the February meeting.

~ Shannon McGaw  
First Vice President -  
Membership

**REMINDER: It is imperative that any bee donations and donations from the membership FOR THE MARKET be turned in at the January 21st meeting!!**

## CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Condolences to the family and friends of member Sheila Tweed, who passed away on December 24, 2016.
- Condolences to Penny Lasseter's family and friends on the passing of her mother on January 1.
- Condolences to Lisa Mautz's family and friends on the passing of her father this past week.

If you know of a guild member who has suffered a loss, is coping with surgery or illness, or needs to be congratulated, please contact Cathy Beck with the information so the rest of the guild can be informed. We would like to be supportive of our fellow guild members.

~ Cathy Beck, Secretary



## BEE NEWS

### Bits and Pieces

Bits and Pieces Bee meets at Quilt and Sew on Wednesday of each week. We have a Sew-In the second Wednesday of each month. We have been involved making pillow cases for charity, as well as our donation quilts for the Guild.

We have decided to hang our Round Robin quilts at the coming Quilt Show, and are trying to complete them.

We have not decided on a project for 2017 as of now.

*Beekeeper: Sue Humble*

### Cut-Ups

Our group of ladies really knows how to have a good time! Our Christmas party featured excellent food, fun games (Georgia & Millie sure know how to laugh), lovely gifts, and an excellent hostess. Alice's home was decorated beautifully. We also want to thank Judith Habermacher for providing a Christmas Carol sing-along.

Our calendar has been finalized for 2017 and we now have two sew-ins scheduled each month, provided the classroom at Quilt 'n Sew is available. We have one road trip planned as well as two birthday luncheons. We have lots to keep us busy.

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Katy Rotary Club

Katy Rotary Club Bee member, Sheila Tweed, passed away on December 24, 2016. She is survived by her husband John, daughter Caitlin, many friends and her bee members. Shelia was co-chair of the Tin Can Raffle with her close friends, Jean Fleming and Jean Ann Bryant. Shelia's creativity, generosity and grace will be greatly missed.

December was the Bee Christmas party and lots of good food. We worked hard at our monthly sew-in completing gifts and working on items for the quilt show.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

*Beekeeper: Joan Rondeau*

### Ladies of the Night

The Ladies of the Night are off to a great start in 2017! We have completed the items we are donating to the quilt show (a quilt for the Tin Can Raffle as well as some adorable bags for the Guild Shop), we have planned a retreat for February and we have scheduled monthly sew-in days. Wow! Maybe this is the year we will conquer our UFO piles! Happy New Year to all!

*Beekeeper: Gale Davis,  
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

### Thursday Night Bee

OH, WHAT A NIGHT!!!! This year our Christmas party was one of the best we have ever had. Each year I think, "what can we make? or what can we find" as gifts for our fellow bee members. And each year, everybody comes up with something new and/or different. I guess I'll have to learn to applique to use my new block holder book, keep my change in the little coin purse made from small hexagons and put it in my lovely new purse, all upcoming events will be written in my calendar and I will definitely need to wear my prayer box so I don't get angry and hit someone with the wooden spoons that have cute sayings wood burned on them. When I come home from shopping, I can make a couple of blocks from the fabric strips I received and then store the blocks in a plastic container or little screen

boxes. Of course, I will need to use the pins and new pin cushion as I am making the blocks. And as part of my Christmas decorations, I will hang the knitted bird in my tree and place the Christmas Dresden plate centerpiece on the table. The meal was delicious and everybody was stuffed at the end of the evening with food and a load of gifts.

Our next event was our New Year's Day sew in. This has been a tradition for quite a number of years and we look forward to starting a new year with something under the presser foot. Some finished up their entries for the quilt show and others started a completely new project—as if any of us needed to start something new. Good food also had a role in the fun of the day as well as much laughter and teasing.

There are a few more pass alongs of our Row Challenge before they are revealed in June. Everybody who is participating is finding the challenge good for making us get out of our comfort zone and think outside the box. So far the rows have been awe-

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## AUDIT COMMITTEE ELECTION

Per the Guild's Bylaws, an Audit Committee of three members shall be nominated and elected at the January Guild meeting.

Members of this committee should have some accounting or bookkeeping experience, but that is not a requirement. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please come prepared to be nominated.



**West Houston Quilters Guild**  
**2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**New Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Returning Member** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Information has changed from last year \_\_\_\_\_)

**Dues: \$30.00 – Please make checks payable to WHQG**  
**\$25.00 – If payment is received/mailed by January 18, 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)**  
**\$15.00 – New members joining after July 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
**Mailed Newsletter: \$10.00 – Please include with dues payment**

Please PRINT clearly

**Birthday (month/day)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City State Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (H)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(C)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prefer receiving newsletter via: Website** \_\_\_\_\_ **US mail** \_\_\_\_\_ **(add \$10 to dues)**

**Bee Information: I am interested in joining a Bee --- Y or N (circle one)**

**daytime** \_\_\_\_\_ **evening** \_\_\_\_\_ **week day** \_\_\_\_\_ **week end** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please complete a Bee Interest Form – you will be contacted to discuss various Bee interests and meeting times, etc.\*\*

**I am already a Member of the** \_\_\_\_\_ **Quilting Bee**

**Do you give your permission to print your information in our directory that is available to members only? --- Y or N (circle one)**

**Do you give us your permission to photograph you and your work for our website and/or scrapbook? --- Y or N (circle one)**

**Please mail completed form along with a check for dues to:**

**West Houston Quilters Guild**

**Attn: MEMBERSHIP**

**P.O. Box 841515**

**Houston, TX 77084**

**Or turn in your form and pay in person at the meeting with cash, check, or credit card**

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Office use :Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Membership card \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: cash \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ credit card \_\_\_\_\_

### RANDALL'S GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Here is how you link your Randall's card to West Houston Quilter's Guild. This is the store's Good Neighbor program. Go to the customer service counter at your local store and ask that your card be linked to the number 11950. The guild will receive a percentage of the groceries and pharmacy items purchased for cards attached to number 11950. Remember the West Houston Quilter's Guild number is 11950.

### AMAZON SMILE

Did you know that you can support your Guild simply by shopping on Amazon? Go to the Guild's Web site and click on the orange button at the bottom of home the page. This will link your account to the Guild's



Smile account and a percentage of your purchase will go to the Guild. How simple is that! Note that you'll have to go to that link each time you purchase from Amazon.

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some and I am definitely wanting to see my Christmas rows so I will see what I need to do to complete the quilt.

Until next month, sew a little each day and soon that UFO will be completed.

*Beekeeper: Nita Beard*



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