



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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March 2017

PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Connie Silber

Program: Designing Your Workspace

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Next workshop: April 20, Jill Finley, workshop, Applique & Other Techniques the “Jillily Way”

April 22 and 29, Shannon McGaw, Prismatic Star workshop



PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination.” —Earl Nightingale

The quilt show committee certainly had a plan, a roadmap, and reached their destination! Our show was a great success if the only things you saw there were the beautiful quilts. And we had some truly outstanding quilts. I’m always in awe of what our guild members are able to put together with needle, thread, and a bit of fabric. “Wow” says it all. The vendors were great and I did my part to help make this a successful show for them along with shopping in our guild market. And the baskets and quilts in the Bonanza booth! Wow again. Let’s not forget the quilts and items in the silent auction, either—truly outstanding.

Our speaker this month is Connie Silber. If you’ve been thinking about reorganizing your sewing space, be sure to join us for her presentation with tips and tricks to make the best use of your space. I’m certainly looking forward to seeing what she brings as my space is totally out of control and needs a ringmaster with a whip!

We have two great workshops in April. April 20 brings Jill Finley’s workshop, Appliqué & Other Techniques the “Jillily Way” at Quiltworks. As an appliquér, I’m

always interested in learning new ways.

On two Saturdays, April 22 and 29, Shannon McGaw will teach Judy Niemeyer’s Prismatic Star at Quiltworks. I’ve got my fabrics gathered and am ready for a new challenge!

Our Nominating Committee will be elected at the April meeting. Our election of officers for the 2018-2019 term will be elected at the October meeting. We need a good cross section of members to serve on this committee, so be thinking about who you want to elect to this most important committee.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Patricia Cook, President

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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:

April 5 – La Madeleine at Town and Country

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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS**2017 Programs**

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 20	Lola Jenkins	"Ms Bubble Buster"
Oct	Guild members	"Tricks and Treats"
Nov 15	Annette Ornelas	Dimensional Curved Piecing
Dec		Holiday Party

2017 WORKSHOPS

Apr 20	Jill Finley	Applique & Other Techniques the "Jillily Way"
Apr 22, 29 (Saturdays)	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
Sep 19**	Lola Jenkins	"Portrait Collage"
Nov	Annette Ornelas	"Mexican Stars" wall hanging using Dimensional Curved piecing

* Workshop is on Saturday

** Workshop is Tuesday

Program

Was organizing your quilting studio one of your New Year's resolutions? Connie Silber, from Bryan Texas, will be speaking on "Designing Your Workspace" at our March meeting. Connie takes a thoughtful look at making the spaces you have more efficient for the styles of quilts and needle art you create. Connie explores the supplies, use and storage for all the elements involved in quilt making and needle art. Options and ideas flow throughout this lecture.

Connie Silber has been an avid quilter since 1989. Her interest in judging culminated in her becoming an NQA Certified Judge of Quilting in 2008. Subsequently, she satisfied the

NQA requirements and is qualified to evaluate Masterpiece Quilts. She is a member of the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges (NACQJ). She has judged, lectured and taught workshops throughout Texas and in many other states. She is active in her local Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild and continues building her quilting skills and quilt knowledge.

Workshop

First up is Jill Finley's workshop "Meadow Weaver" Quilt on Thursday, April 20, 9:30-3:30, at QuiltWorks. In



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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

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this workshop you will learn many techniques the “Jillily way” including appliqué, piecing, pressing, cutting, and more. Cost is \$35 plus the pattern. You can order the pattern on line or from QuiltWorks, but you need to let me know ASAP so Connie at QuiltWorks can place the order. Contact me at cmfriesen9@gmail.com to view the supply list. Visit Jill’s website www.jillilystudio.com.

A two-Saturday workshop on Judy Niemeyer’s Prismatic Star will be happening at QuiltWorks on April 22 and 29. Shannon McGaw will be your teacher. This 12 hour workshop (9:30-3:30 each day) costs \$100 which includes the Marti Michell Smart Corner Tool. If you purchase the pattern from Shannon the cost is \$20 (a \$29 value).



A national educator from Sulky, Lee Fletcher, will be leading a “Thread Sketching & Couching Sit & Sew” on June 22, 9:30-4:00, at QuiltWorks. Cost is \$35 plus \$25.07 for the kit. Skills taught will be cursive writing by machine,



basic free-motion straight stitching techniques, free-motion with various types of threads, fill-in stitching, introduction to Thread-Sketched Portraits, Pen & Ink Tangles, raw-edge appliqué, layering techniques, machine-fed free-motion couching. Visit www.sulky.com.

As always see me at our meetings or contact me at cmfriesen9@gmail.com.

~ Chris Friesen
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- | | | | |
|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Mar 1 | Gail Brassler | Mar 11 | Barbara Ann Watson |
| Mar 2 | Gloria Stewart | Mar 21 | Sherri Good |
| Mar 2 | Marion Vetter | Mar 22 | Summer King |
| Mar 3 | Pamela Hensley | Mar 22 | Jan Liesenfeld |
| Mar 5 | Dorothy McConnell | Mar 23 | Linda Grupa |
| Mar 7 | Kathy Eidson | Mar 26 | Cindy Gaa |
| Mar 9 | Cynthia Holik | Mar 27 | Rhonda Onwere |
| Mar 9 | Mary Wright | | |
| Mar 10 | Valeria Bauer | | |
- Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Comfort Quilters continues to meet at Quilt Works on Jones Road every Tuesday from 9:00 until noon. Nita Beard is still recovering from hip replacement surgery and she is certainly a hard act to follow. We miss her terribly and are carrying on.

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

Guild members turned in 22 quilts at the February meeting and 10 quilt kits were picked up. Please come and sew with us. We have so much fabric in storage! All you need to bring is your sewing machine and standard sewing items; everything else is provided. Come join this fun group of ladies who laugh a lot, sew a lot and really make some beautiful quilts.

LIBRARY CLOSEOUT SALE!!!

The library is being discontinued, so I will be bringing books to sell for the next few months!

~ Kathie Frost
Library Chairman

MARCH 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
				Quilt Show Set-up 8:30 am - 4 pm	Quilt Show 10 am - 4 pm	Quilt Show 10 am - 4 pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Guild Meeting 6:45 PM			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

2017 QUILT SHOW

Quilt Show Dates:

March 3–4, 2017

Location: Berry Center

Next Tentative Quilt Show

Dates: March 1–2, 2019

What a show! My thanks go to each of our committee chairmen, the committees, and the members of this guild for their unflagging support of this show. It has truly been my pleasure to serve as chairman of the 2017 show.

Special thanks go to Debbie Adami and Celeste Fritz for serving as vice chairmen again. It is so critical for the show chairman to have a back-up to provide continuity in our show



and to have people who can assume responsibility should something happen to the chairman. It's also critical to have a truly outstanding group of chairmen who carry through so beautifully and take on those big jobs required to put on this show. You are all a great team to work with and deserve much more than a simple Thank You. We also had great volunteers who showed up and took on jobs without being asked. Where would we have been without you!

Thank you all!

~Patricia Cook, Chairman

QUILT SHOW 2017 – ENTRIES

Congratulations, ladies, on another great quilt show. The quantity and quality of entries was amazing! I was especially pleased that we had entries from 78 different members. Congratulations to those who won ribbons and to each and every one of you for all of your work to make this show a success. Hopefully the critiques from the judges were helpful and you'll each have more quilts for our show in two years.

~ Celeste Fritz

BASKET & QUILT BONANZA

When you read this the quilt show will be over. Because of deadlines when I'm writing it's still a week away.

The last article is going to be next month when all the lucky winners are known. Just a short note to say Thank You to everyone who made a contribution to the booth. We have some awesome items and it's due to each of you. A special thanks to Alice Sadeghpour, the basket making guru. She came to help us make baskets and with her magic they all came out wonderful.

Again thanks to everyone who made a block for the quilt, who contributed 2 1/2 inch strips or who made other contributions, so many generous members. We're very fortunate to belong to this Guild. Thanks

~ Jean Fleming and Jean Ann Bryant

GUILD MARKET

Thanks to the efforts from supportive members of our guild, the Market was a great success! From the wonderful handmade items donated by bees and members to the "trash to treasure" section, attendees had a great selection to choose from at the show.

~ Shannon McGaw
Guild Market Chairman

2017 DONATION QUILT

Our West Houston Quilt Guild Show on March

3-4 was a great success.

Now for the Big question – "Who won the Donation Quilt"? It was Linda Payonk of Sugarland.



The person that sold the most tickets was Debbie Adami. We want to

thank everyone that participated with the sales of our Donation Quilt tickets.

The total sales of the Donation Quilt will be announced at the next Guild meeting.

Keeper of the Quilt Committee

~ Pat Gonzales and Janet Musgrove



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our current 2017 paid membership is at 172 members! Thank you for your continued support of our Great Guild!

~ Shannon McGaw
First Vice President -
Membership

2017 QUILT SHOW EVALUATION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR 2019 SHOW

Did you attend the Quilt Show?

YES NO

If "yes" - FRIDAY SATURDAY

If "no," why not? _____

Did you enter a quilt in the show?

YES NO

If "no," why not? _____

Did you volunteer at the show?

YES NO

If "yes", how many hours? _____

If "no", why not? _____

Did you sell tickets for the Donation Quilt? YES NO

If "no", why not? _____

Did you participate in any of the workshops to make items for the Guild Market? YES NO

If "no", why not? _____

Did you donate any items for the Guild Market? YES NO

Did you donate any items for the Basket and Quilt Bonanza (raffle)?

YES NO

Did you donate any items for the Silent Auction?

YES NO

Did you like the theme of the show "Quilting: A World of Color"?

YES NO

Do you think the theme was carried out successfully? YES NO

Do you have any suggestions for what could have been added to carry out the theme? _____

Do you have any suggestions for a theme for the 2019 Quilt Show? _____

Did you like the number/quality of the vendors at the show?

YES NO

Do you have any suggestions for vendors that should be invited to the next show? _____

Did you use the food service vendor that was available?

YES NO

Any comments:

If you attended the show, what was your overall impression of the show?

Do you have any suggestions for improvement for the show?

Would you like to serve on the Quilt Show Committee? YES NO

If "yes", please send an e-mail to WHQG.Quilt.Show@gmail.com.

If you would like to be contacted to discuss any aspect of the show, please provide your name and the best phone number to reach you:

Please mail your comments to:
WHQG 2015 Quilt Show, 1418
Wycliffe Dr., Houston, TX 77043



BEE NEWS

Bits & Pieces

Bits and Pieces Bee is scheduling the March Sew-In to make pillow cases for charity.

Our project for the year is a Signature block exchange. Simple pattern, but each member will add her personality, colors and directives to each. Our March Sew-In is our first exchange.

We have instituted a UFO Challenge. We brought a UFO to one of our meetings, held it up and introduced it to all! By our next Sew-In, there has to be progress!!

Beekeeper: Sue Humble

Cut-Ups

I am so proud of this bee! Thirteen of our members submitted quilts to the quilt show in our challenge category – a very high percentage of our members. Of course, we all were impressed by the wonderful quilts our guild had on display, not to mention the talent shown in the items made for the Market, the Quilt & Basket Bonanza, and the Silent Auction. Now that the show is over, though, it's time for us to really get

crackin' on our UFO lists and our charity project. Congratulation to all of our bee members who won ribbons.

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

Our Bee has added three (3) new members in the last several months; Judith Washburn, Jean-Ann Bryant and Judy Hendrickson. Judy is recently moved to Houston/Katy area from College Station and is a new quilter. We are happy to have them. New members always bring new ideas and a refreshingly new way to look at quilts and quilting.

Our Bee also has approximately 15+ quilts entered into this Quilt Show (although I did not do a physical count). We are all looking forward to this coming week and all the activities necessary to get this show ready for the public. Once again, I think our show will be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who comes to our Show as this Quilt Guild has some awesome talent..

We are looking forward to 2017 and all the new ideas, exchanges, chal-

lenges and charity works to be started and finished this year.

Beekeeper: Joan Rondeau

Ladies of the Night

As usual, the Ladies of the Night have been busy! We have turned in our quilt show entries (which I personally couldn't have done without some binding help – thanks again Ladies!!) and are ready to ooh and ahh over all of the beautiful quilts at the show. Near the end of February we retreated to The Quilter's Cabin in Tomball and had three days of fun. The food was delicious, the company couldn't be better and we even managed to sew a little. Can't wait to do it again! Closer to home we have agreed on our exchange for 2017 and are busily getting ready for our first trade of 60 Garlic Knot blocks (a Bonnie Hunter pattern). Because that isn't enough to keep us busy we are also looking at doing monthly exchanges of "gift" blocks for each Lady. We are nothing if not busy in our Bee!

*Beekeeper: Gale Davis,
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

FONS AND PORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do you have a Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting subscription that needs to be renewed or would you like to take out a new subscription? You can do this, get some free gifts and help your guild at the same time. For the regular subscription price of \$20, you can get a one-year subscription (or renewal) to Love of Quilting, Fons and Porter's Need to Know booklet, Fons and Porter's Tabletop Quilts booklet, and three free spools of Sulky thread PLUS the guild receives \$5 for each subscription! Sign up at the meeting (cash or check, please) or send a check for \$20 made out to WHQG with the following completed form to WHQG, P.O. Box 841515, Houston, TX 77284

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

New or renewal? (Please circle one)

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



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CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Nita Beard is still recuperating from her hip surgery at Grace Care.
- Judy Hendrickson is recovering from shoulder surgery. We wish her well.

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



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