



# Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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## PROGRAM NOTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

**Speaker:** Mickey Depre

**Program:** Let's Get Hexed

## WORKSHOP NOTICE

Next workshop: Jun 22, Sulky: Thread Sketching and Couching



## PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

*Everyone has inside of her a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be, how much you can love, what you can accomplish, and what your potential is. — Anne Frank*

Do you think you've learned all you need to know about quilting and have reached your maximum potential? Every time I think I've "got it" on a particular area of quilting, I see something new on the Internet that I've not seen before, or pick up a book that shows me something that is new to me, or attend a workshop where a new to me technique is explained.

Last month, I attended three workshops right after the Guild meeting. Jill Finley of Jillily Studio (our April speaker) showed us how she does applique and piecing and shared a number of tips that I immediately put to good use on one of the quilts I've been working on. The next day, I took a class on back basting at one of our local quilt shops. This is a technique that I've read about in a book and watched a You-Tube video on, but really needed that in-person demonstration to see how it could work best for me. The third workshop that week was with Shannon McGaw, one of our members, doing the ini-

tial stitching on Judy Niemeyer's Prismatic Star pattern. Those of us attending the Jillily and Prismatic Star workshops shared our own techniques for these patterns along with tips and techniques from the teachers. This interaction with not only a teacher but other workshop attendees added to my technical knowledge in quilting.

Our workshops are a "value added" part of our membership in the guild. Where else can you see internationally known quilt designers and teachers share their knowledge at such a reasonable cost to you? Our workshops are generally offered to you at the cost of \$35. Our speakers are booked at least two years in advance

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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:

August 2 – La Madeleine at Town and Country

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

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 18	Guild members	"Tricks and Treats"
Nov 15	Annette Ornelas	Dimensional Curved Piecing
Dec 20	Holiday Party	

**2017 WORKSHOPS**

Jun 22	Sulky	Thread Sketching and Couching
Jul 20	Becky Goldsmith	Needle Turn Appliqué
Aug 19*	Jackie Hillman	Disappearing Flying Geese Table Runners
Sep 19**	Lola Jenkins	"Portrait Collage"
Nov 16	Annette Ornelas	"Mexican Stars" wall hanging using Dimensional Curved piecing

\* Workshop is on Saturday

\*\* Workshop is Tuesday

**RETREATS**

Sep 22 & 23	Retreat	And Sew it Began
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**Program**

"Let's Get Hexed" at our May Meeting with Mickey Depre, quilt artist, teacher, lecturer, and author from Illinois. Mickey's program will be a small trunk show of English paper-pieced quilts followed by a hands on interactive event on tips and tricks about English paper piecing. Everyone will have the opportunity to make at least one hexie. To prepare, **bring two 3.5" squares of fabric, one pin, one needle, basting thread, and a small pair of scissors.** More information about Mickey is at [www.mdquilts.com](http://www.mdquilts.com).

**Workshops**

**Sulky Threads Sit 'n Sew** on Thursday, June 22, Lee Fletcher, national instructor for Sulky Threads, will lead a full day workshop at

QuiltWorks. Students will get to practice with various threads and techniques including cursive writing by machine, basic free-motion straight stitching techniques, free motion with various thread types, fill-in stitching, introduction to Thread-Sketched Portraits and Pen&Ink Tangles, basic raw-edge appliqué, layering techniques, and machine fed/free motion couching. Cost is \$35 plus a kit fee of \$25.07 for total \$60.07.



**Hexie Garden Block with Becky Goldsmith** on Thursday, July 20

Becky Goldsmith of Piece 'O Cake Designs will teach her needle-turn hand appliqué method using one

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and the majority of them now require a workshop as part of their contract.

Your Vice President – Programs, works hard to provide a diverse selection of speakers and workshops so that you have the opportunity to learn something new over a broad range of quilting topics. I encourage you to look closely at the list of workshops coming up this year and consider attending at least one of them. You’ll note on that list that there is at least one that is offered on a Saturday so those of you who work full-time have the opportunity to attend without taking off work. I guarantee that you’ll learn something new. Remember, *“you don’t know how great you can be, how much you can love, what you can accomplish, and what your potential is.”*

Be sure to read the information on the May meeting. You are being asked to bring some supplies so you can have a hands-on learning experience. If you haven’t made a hexie, you are in for a real treat.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Patricia Cook, President

## COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

You may have noticed at the April meeting, we had some 1-yard cuts available for purchase at \$1 a yard. We hope to have some 2-yard cuts available in the next couple of months. If you are looking for backing for a charity quilt, 2 yards is usually enough to back and bind. Come by our table and pick up a kit which contains everything you need to complete the quilt except batting, which you need to provide. Remember to iron on the label in the kit package.

If you are looking for a fun group of ladies who spend their Tuesday mornings making quilts for charity, you need to join the Comfort Quilters on Tuesday at Quilt Works from 9:00 until noon. All you need to bring is your sewing machine and standard sewing and cutting supplies. Kits are always available as well as boxes of

fabric that you can pick through and design your own charity quilt. There are also patterns available for you to choose from.

Thanks to all guild members who have turned in quilts in 2017—if your birthday was in the first 4 months of the year, did you turn in 2 quilts? Remember that part of being a member of WHQG is we would like everyone to turn in at least 2 quilts. Some of you might be surprised to learn that we have members who turn in something every month—quilt, premie, stocking. If you need ideas, talk to us and we will help you with easy patterns. See you at guild,

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard  
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

### CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Our condolences to Donna Simoneax whose mother-in-law passed away.

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

### MAY 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	4	5 Quilt Guild of Greater Houston Quilt Show Stafford Center	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	1	2	3

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block from her new pattern, Hexie Garden Quilt. The pattern for this one block will be provided in class. Visit [www.pieceocake.com](http://www.pieceocake.com) under "classes" for the supply list and a picture of the whole quilt. These blocks could easily be made into a table runner. Cost is \$35 for this full day workshop at QuiltWorks.



Workshops are at QuiltWorks, 9431 Jones Rd. @ West Rd., Houston, TX 77065.

For more information and to sign up see Chris Friesen at our meetings or contact at [cmfriesen9@gmail.com](mailto:cmfriesen9@gmail.com).

### Retreat

"And Sew it Began - Peaceful Stitches" Retreat in the heart of historic LaPorte will be the location for our fall retreat, September 22 & 23. This quaint little home has a spacious new art studio with great lighting, design walls, and comfortable chairs. It is located less than a mile from one

of the largest quilt shops in Texas, Painted Pony 'n Quilts. Early check-in on Thursday, September 21 is also possible.

This retreat house can accommodate up to 16 people. No meals are provided, but there is a full kitchen and dining room. More info later on meal planning. The cost is: 10-16 people \$65/night total \$130. Thursday night \$50; 6 - 9 people \$75/night total \$140. Thursday night \$65

Visit the Website [www.andsewitbe-gan.com](http://www.andsewitbe-gan.com)

Registration will begin this month. A \$30 deposit is required to hold your spot.

Nothing recharges your batteries like spending uninterrupted, quality time with your friends, doing what you love, quilting!

For more information contact Barbara Ann Watson at [bawatson65@gmail.com](mailto:bawatson65@gmail.com).

*~ Chris Friesen  
Second Vice President -  
Programs and Workshops*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Hello Membership! I've hit a few bumps in the road over the last two months between the new job and the Guild Quilt Show. I want to thank everyone who has been most patient with me as I work to get all the name badges printed and the roster updated. Dorothy McConnell and I are double checking entries to make sure I've not missed anyone.

I'll tell you that to date we have 192 paid members. I'm happy to see new and younger members coming into our guild. They will help move us, and our craft, into the future! (this is a good thing by the way!)

Again, thank you for your patience! And keep spreading the word about our Great Guild!

*~ Shannon McGaw  
First Vice President -  
Membership*

## DAYTIME MEETING TRIAL REMINDER!!!

In order to reach out to more of our membership, the Board has voted to add daytime meetings on a trial basis. At this time, we have two scheduled – July and October. These meetings will be in the same location, Bear Creek Community Center, and on the same dates as the evening meetings these months. The difference will be that the daytime meetings will be from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Depending on how these meetings are received, the new board can make plans for adding more in 2018.

The meeting format will be similar to the evening meeting: brief business announcements, lecture or program, Show and Tell, door prizes. Persons with charity quilts may bring them for the Comfort Quilters. If it is your birthday month, you are requested to bring a door prize item.

The July 19 meeting will feature Becky Goldsmith, the same speaker as the evening meeting although she will present a different lecture.

On October 18 the meeting program is Member Tips and Tricks. October is also the month when the new Board of Directors is elected, so we are hoping this meeting will give more members a say in the Guild going forward.

We hope our members who are reluctant to drive in the evening will take advantage of these daytime meetings.

*~ Celeste Fritz*



## BEE NEWS

### Cut-Ups

This month we celebrated our January thru June birthday ladies by having a nice “dress-up” lunch together at Saltgrass Steak House. It looks like most of the bee was born in the first half of the year. Alice, Sherri, Millie and Gloria have been going great guns on their UFO projects and lots of beautiful things are being produced. We also have put blocks Jean and I had from an exchange to good use. So far we have two charity quilts in the works. Discussion has begun on our next challenge. We want to make sure we have plenty of time to design and make them. Until next month!

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Katy Rotary Club

Our Bee has a once-a-month sew-in and this month we had a full group of members in attendance. We all had projects going strong.

The Bee had a mini retreat at one of our member’s home. Those of us who retreated had a wonderful time. A lot of projects were worked on and many finished to the point that their owners wanted them finished at that time. On our way home some of us stopped at the Gristmill for lunch and then took a short shopping trip to the Quilt Haus.

*Beekeeper: Joan Rondeau*

### Ladies of the Night:

The Ladies of the Night have been sewing up a storm this spring! We have conquered our first trade of 60 Garlic Knot blocks and have only 180 more blocks to go (spread over 3 more trades). We have also had our first “gifting” of birthday blocks. Gale was the April Birthday Lady and

received a delightful assortment of house blocks. We have always known we have some very creative and talented Bee members but these blocks were just too much fun. Can’t wait to see how Gale puts them together! Next up is our monthly sew-in and a bus trip to Stitchin’ Heaven in Mineola, TX. Lastly, congratulations go to Mary on the safe arrival of her tenth grandchild—an adorable baby girl. Never a dull moment with our group!

*Beekeeper: Gale Davis  
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

### Material Girls

The Material Girls are working on a Mystery Quilt to be completed with 4 clues! Our own Jasmine has created this quilt design for us. We are taking our last quilt retreat at Margie’s on May 5-7, where some of us may start Clue #3!

A few of us have been attending the Charity Quilt meetings on Tuesday mornings. Beware you could be taking some of it home with you! A nice way to meet some other members of the guild.

*Beekeeper: Karen Ridgway*

### Thursday Night Bee

Our May bee meeting, celebrated the birthdays of Tara, Linda G, Connie and Zeldajean. Each of them had picked out a block for bee members to make for them—paper piecing, 3-color and bright scrappy. There was lots of oohing and aahing as each card was opened and the block revealed. Never knew tulips came in so many different colors or that you would find such a variety of reds, blues, and brights. The batik block was stunning, but lots of griping

about the number of pieces in the two halves. Next birthday celebration isn’t until September—need to get busy and make those blocks.

Our Row Challenge is almost at the end. Only one more month to complete the last row and the big reveal at our June meeting. Everybody is anxious to see what the group did for their chosen theme.

Several of our bee members went to St. Mary’s Quilt Show in the beautiful painted church. This year we got there early enough to be in the first group to view all the quilts—laid out on the pews, draped on podiums and chairs—a sight to behold. Then on to shopping with the vendors, walking around the grounds to see quilts hanging everywhere and stopping under the pavilion to look up at all the patriotic quilts in red, white and blue. Later we drove into Montgomery for lunch at the Skinny Pig and to the Montgomery Quilt Company. We had shopped until we were ready to drop, so home to rest.

*Beekeeper: Nita Beard*

## LIBRARY

The NEW LIBRARY is COMING. A revised data base will soon be available online to search, but I have the books divided into thirds so it will grow. Each book requires a WHQG label outside the book and on the envelope card. So please be patient.

*~ Kathie Frost, Librarian*

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

May 3 Barbara Treese  
 May 5 Anne Forrest  
 May 5 Kris Hoffman  
 May 5 Rita Orban  
 May 6 Jeannie Eberle  
 May 6 Shannon McGaw  
 May 6 Kathy Wagner  
 May 14 Lavita Golightly  
 May 16 Cathy Beck  
 May 18 Pam Fahrenthold  
 May 18 Alice Sadeghpour  
 May 20 Mary Ellen Galus  
 May 22 Karen Coffey  
 May 23 Linda Stewart  
 May 25 Marcia Karns  
 May 26 Georgia Johnson

Please bring a door prize.

**HELP WANTED**

We have learned that we can purchase batting for our charity quilts from Hobbs Batting at a reduced rate if we send in a request accompanied by a number of Hobbs packaged batting product UPC labels. If you have the packaging for Hobbs batting, please cut out the UPC labels and either bring them to the guild meeting or mail them to us at the following address:

Comfort Quilters  
 West Houston Quilter's Guild  
 P.O. Box 841515  
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Our comfort quilters members are creating numerous quilts each month, and we are looking for ways to keep our costs down while completing these quilts.

Your assistance with this going forward is appreciated.

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### 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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