



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Sulky representative

Program: Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing

WORKSHOP NOTICE

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

July 20, Becky Goldsmith, Needle Turn Appliqué



PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

My appearances are almost theatrical performances. I bring items for the children to see, such as photographs and actual piece of meteorite, a family quilt, sometimes spectacles, sometimes clothing, so that they can understand what I write about is family stories based in fact.

~ Patricia Polacco

I have a quilt top in my cedar chest that was pieced by my maternal grandmother sometime in the '30s or '40s. I know it was pieced on her treadle machine as that was the only one she ever owned—the same one I learned to sew on when I was eight years old. I get the top out every once in a while and wonder where each of the fabrics came from that make up this scrappy Dresden Plate top. My youngest daughter, Debbie, wants me to quilt it and give it to her as she'd like to have this piece of family history. Oh, if only we knew what that history was. Every member of my family is gone that could have filled in the blanks for us. Obviously there isn't a label for it because it was never completed. In fact, I have another quilt that my paternal grandmother made that doesn't have a label on it either. And those members of that side of my family are all gone, too. When I was young enough to make inquiries, I didn't know that labels and family history on these items

would be important in the future. Have you given thought to the quilts that you are so carefully and lovingly creating for family members and what questions may arise in the future about who for and why you made them? This is why labeling your quilts is so important. Please take the time to create labels for your quilts before presenting them to their new owner. Someone in the future is going to ask about it and will appreciate having this bit of history documented.

Our speaker this month is a mystery to us, but we know that whomever Sulky sends will bring a wealth of information about Sulky threads. I've happily used their embroidery and specialty threads as well as their

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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

Jun 21	Sulky	Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing
Jul 19	Becky Goldsmith	A Piece O Cake Life (Day meeting) It's Not a Quilt Until it's Quilted (Night meeting)
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” (Day & Night meetings) & Election of 2018-2019 Board of Directors
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

Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing, plus Needle and Thread Know-How by Sulky

A national educator for Sulky threads will be with us at our June meeting. Get ready for a fast-paced lecture that will include a brief Sulky history, needle know-how, stabilizers, metallic thread magic, thread options, bobbin thread, and polyester invisible thread. Each attendee will receive a folder containing valuable information on stabilizers, threads, needles, and more. Come join us. You may even win a door prize from Sulky!

Sign up for Workshops

Sulky Sit and Sew Workshop, June 22 with Sulky educator

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



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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stabilizers for years. If you’ve looked at their Website, you’ll see not only information about their products but fun projects to do.

We’ve got some great speakers and workshops lined up for you over the next several months, and we hope to see you there.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Patricia Cook, President

**CONCERNS,
CONDOLENCES AND
CONGRATULATIONS**

- We received thank you notes from the 4-H group and Projeet Linus Quilts for your donations to these worthy causes.

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

LIBRARY

To make it easier to find a book related to a project of interest to you, our new online library database is organized by category and sub-category.

So far, the categories are:

Applique, Art, Piecing, Quilting Methods, and Quilting Techniques.

Please e-mail me at frost.kathie@gmail.com if you find a book you like me to bring to the meeting so you could check it out.

~ Kathie Frost, Librarian

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jun 3	Cathy Bliton	Jun 23	Diane Balcerowicz
Jun 3	Linda McMillan	Jun 23	Judy Hendrickson
Jun 6	Julie Crowell	Jun 27	Teresa Beautz
Jun 8	Amy Matthias	Jun 28	Joy Denk
Jun 9	June Jaronitzky	Jun 29	Karen Ridgway
Jun 15	Patricia Gray Gonzalez	Jun 30	Zeldajean Byrd
Jun 19	Tina Lauzon	Jun 30	Maria Mendez Koterias
Jun 21	Consuelo A Suarez		
Jun 22	Helen Recane		

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Once again, the generosity of the members of our guild is overwhelming. At the May guild meeting, we had the following turned in: 10 Linus quilts, 2 adult quilts, 50 IV covers, a couple of kits and miscellaneous fabric. Also 12 kits were picked up. Look next month for more panels to be quilted and a couple of new patterns using 8” and/or 10” squares. Our sale of 1 yard and 2 yards pieces of fabric went quite well—look for more at the June guild meeting. Muslin to line stockings will also be available at the June meeting, so stockings can be made and turned in at the July guild meeting.

Have you made a preemie quilt this year? Linus needs preemie quilts made from cotton and flannel with some of them made with Christmas

fabric on one side and flannel on the other. The size of the preemie quilt should be a 25” square—no batting needing. Just stitch together the 2 pieces of fabric, turn and top stitch approximately 1” from edge. You can pick up labels from our table or we will iron them on later.

If you are looking for new/easy patterns to make your charity quilt, come by Quilt Works any Tuesday between 9:00 and noon and see what we are doing. You do not have to commit to coming every Tuesday—come when you can. Bring your sewing machine and normal sewing supplies and everything else will be supplied. Hope to see you on Tuesday,

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

JUNE 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 <small>Memorial Day</small>	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <small>Father's Day</small>	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	Sulky Workshop 9:30 am– 4:00 pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

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\$35 plus a kit fee of \$25.07 for total \$60.07. Kits are being ordered now, so please sign up now if you intend to participate!

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 block from her new pattern, Hexie Garden Quilt. The pattern for this one block will be provided in class. Visit 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.



Disappearing Flying Geese Table runners with Jackie Hillman on Saturday, August 19

Jackie Hillman, a native Texan from the Hempstead area, became an avid

quilter in the mid 90's while living in Kuwait. Since then, quilting has been a creative outlet in which she immerses herself and never tires of playing around with designs which incorporate signature elements of her "Split Flying Geese" technique. You will have the opportunity to try out her split flying geese technique by creating a table runner. You have three patterns to choose from. Most likely you will be able to finish the top in this full day workshop. Cost is \$35 plus \$7 for a pattern. You also have the option of buying a kit with the pattern for \$36. Jackie's business is Two Creek Quilts.

Workshops are at QuiltWorks, 9431 Jones Rd. @ West Rd., Houston, TX 77065. Contact Chris Friesen at cmfriesen9@gmail.com for information and to sign up.

Save the Date for Fall 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 at www.andsewit-began.com. 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.

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



BEE NEWS

Cut-Ups

Between holidays, vacations and family events, and having to move to a smaller meeting space on occasion, we have been smaller than usual. Nevertheless, we enjoy each others company. This month, Gloria completed one of her LARGE UFOs – Latimer Farms. Pam has a string quilt finished. Barb also had a completed UFO – two of her table runners, and Mille finished a very impressive Chinese Zodiac quilt. That girl really loves her embroidery machine! We are planning our next bee challenge.

Thanks to Jean and Lillie for stepping up and volunteering to select the challenge fabric.

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Happy Hoopers

The Happy Hoopers were saddened by the passing of our member Treva Ray. Treva was a wonderful and courageous person during her long battle with cancer. She sure kept a good attitude and was an inspiration to us all. Over the past few years, Treva was able to finish ALL of her

quilting UFO's and many beading projects.

We have mostly been working on our own individual UFO's. A group project in the works is making some chemo bead bags for Beads of Courage at an upcoming sew-in to be donated to Texas Children's Hospital. Special thanks to Marja for quilting some of our charity quilts for the guild.

Beekeeper: Teresa Beautz

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Ladies of the Night

Summer travel season has officially begun for the Ladies of the Night! Several of us took a one-day bus trip to Stitchin' Heaven, a fun quilt shop up in Mineola. We have also been to two quilt shows (Quilt Guild of Greater Houston and the Airing of the Quilts in Huntsville) which

included stops at nearby quilt shops. Our wallets are certainly a bit lighter this month! We have had our next Birthday Block trade where Kathy was the delighted recipient of some really fun jar blocks. You would not believe the creativity you can pour into a jar!

Next up for us is the June installment of our Garlic Knot block trade as well

as our monthly sew-in day. We hope Sharon continues to recover well from her recent surgery and that there are plenty of delays on the house Donna is building in Athens – we don't want her to go!

*Gale Davis, Beekeeper
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

DAYTIME MEETING TRIAL UPDATE!!!

Our first daytime meeting will be on July 19 with Becky Goldsmith as speaker, the same speaker as the evening meeting although she will present a different lecture. It will be from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. 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.

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

~ Celeste Fritz



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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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