



# Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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## PROGRAM NOTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017

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

**Speaker:** Jackie Hillman

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Program:** The Goose is Loose on the Ranch

## WORKSHOP NOTICE

Next workshop: **Saturday**, August 19, Jackie Hillman, “Disappearing Flying Geese Table Runners”



## PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

*In the crazy quilt of life, I'm glad you're in my block of friends.*

~Author Unknown

We had our first day meeting in July and, in spite of a few small blips, it was quite a success. From the comments I received at the end of the meeting, those who attended enjoyed the meeting and the program. Thanks goes to Celeste Fritz for spearheading the day meetings this year and to Chris Friesen for working with our program speakers to cover these two meetings. The board is working on setting day meeting dates for 2018 now and will keep you advised so you can mark your calendars. As we have to schedule our day meetings at the same time as our evening meetings at the community center, we need to get those dates firmed this year. Our next day meeting will be our October annual meeting where we'll elect the 2018–2019 board of directors. As the community center has a line dancing class scheduled immediately before our meeting, we've changed the start time to 2:30 pm to allow time to set up the room.

As I write this letter, I'm listening to the weather forecast for a particularly aggressive hurricane season this year. We like to update our disaster supplies at home—flashlight batteries,

bottled water, canned goods, etc.—to make sure that we are ready should one come ashore in our area. This also means that the guild should be checking our disaster supplies. Our supply of disaster quilts was depleted several years ago and, while we have replaced some of our stock of these quilts, we are in need of baby through double-bed sized quilts. Shannon McGaw is collecting these quilts, and I know she'd be happy to take your donation at any of the next few meetings. Also, be sure to note in the Comfort Quilter's log book that you have made this donation.

I'm taking a class at one of our local quilt shops this month to learn a new technique. It's quite a stretch for me

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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:

September 6 – La Madeleine at Town and Country

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

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 (day and evening meetings)
Nov 15	Annette Ornelas	Dimensional Curved Piecing
Dec 20	Holiday Party	

**2017 WORKSHOPS**

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**

Jackie Hillman, a native Texan from the Hempstead area, became an avid quilter in the mid '90s 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.

Note: Jackie had many beautiful award winning quilts displayed at this year's Quilt Guild of Greater Houston show.

**Workshops**

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

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. (See right.) Most likely you will be able to finish the top in this full day workshop. Cost is \$35 plus \$6 for a pat-

tern. (This is a change. Last month's newsletter said \$7.) Select a pattern when you register and a supply list will be sent to you by e-mail. You also have the option of buying a kit with the pattern for \$36. Jackie's business is Two Creek Quilts.



**Portrait Collage with Lola Jenkins on Tuesday, September 19**

Lola Jenkins is a quilt artist who developed her passion without any background in sewing or art.

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but I’m enjoying the process and learning a lot. I also took the class with Becky Goldsmith, our July speaker. This was another great class where I learned some new techniques for applique. Over the years, I’ve taken classes from a number of different teachers and gleaned tips that have improved my own technique. Besides getting to spend time with fellow guild members in a relaxing atmosphere, we have the opportunity to learn something new at a very reasonable cost. I encourage you to take advantage of the classes that our speakers offer through the guild. They are very reasonable and always well worth your time.

Our retreat in September is shaping up to be a fun time for all. We have the opportunity to try a new location that is quite close to home. And, to top it off, we’ll be in walking distance to Painted Pony ‘n Quilts. Think about uninterrupted time to work on those Christmas gifts!

Happy quilting everyone,

*~ Patricia Cook, President*

**CONCERNS,  
CONDOLENCES AND  
CONGRATULATIONS**

- Congratulations to Rita Orban, who has been asked to teach her circle technique in Russia. Travel safely, Rita.

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*

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Aug 3 Nancy Rohan           | Aug 17 Brenda Taucher      |
| Aug 6 Linda Gremillion      | Aug 20 Gail Snyder         |
| Aug 8 Laura Bryant          | Aug 23 Clydene Hellenguard |
| Aug 9 Ruth Grimes           | Aug 23 Carolyn Stewart     |
| Aug 10 Janice Broussard     | Aug 29 Janellyn Lipinski   |
| Aug 11 Claudia Duke         | Aug 31 Cynthia Regone      |
| Aug 11 Penny Lasseter       |                            |
| Aug 13 Tina Latasha Johnson | Please bring a door prize. |
| Aug 14 Patrece Clay         |                            |

**COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Thanks to everyone who either picked up a kit or turned in a completed item. Guild members turned in: 12 Linus quilts, 11 adult quilts, 8 preemies and the Bits and Pieces Bee turned in 64 Christmas stockings. Remember to pick up a kit at any guild meeting—some only need to be quilted and bound and others need to be pieced, quilted and bound. We always have a variety of kits, so I’m sure you can find one that you can complete. You have only 5 more guild meetings to get your 2 quilts turned in.

Comfort Quilters has been churning out lots of preemies and stockings despite the fact that many of our group have been on vacation, needing to visit ill parents and helping another

group with a project. Connie Bihner, Marcia Karns, Lynda Morse, Bobbie Brasser, and June Jaronitzky from Comfort Quilters plus Kathy Clark (Nifty Needlers Bee) assisted a group of 4-H girls to sew and complete very cute bags from old jeans and fabric squares (all from our storage). Every girl went home with a completed bag—WAY TO GO guild members.

Come join us any Tuesday morning from 9:00 until noon at Quilt Works. We will be working on flip and sew strips on muslin squares for the next couple of weeks making some very colorful quilts. Come for a visit and see what we do with donated scraps.

*~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard  
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen*

**AUGUST 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	17	18	19 Workshop 9:30 am-- 4:00 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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"Through her courage and fearless approach she has evolved to master-quilter status. She has won numerous first place ribbons, has appeared on "The Quilt Show" and is currently an instructor with Craftsy.



In Lola's workshop, students will learn to make a collage portrait using one of the patterns provided by Lola. You will learn how to create a beautiful collage portrait quilt from a photo. You will learn how to manipulate fabrics, tips on sewing the quilt with a variety of methods including thread painting. Cost is \$35 plus an optional kit for \$20 which includes fabrics, fusible, pattern and instructor notes. Instructor notes without kit is \$3.00. Learn more about Lola at [lolasdesignerquilts.net](http://lolasdesignerquilts.net). Note that this is a Tuesday workshop. We are coordinating Lola's visit with two other area guilds.

All workshops are held at QuiltWorks located at 9431 Jones Rd @ West Rd, Houston 77065. Cost is \$35 (What a deal!) plus pattern or kit fee if required. Workshops start at 9:30 am and usually last until 3:30 pm. To sign up, contact Chris Friesen at meetings or at [cmfriesen9@gmail.com](mailto:cmfriesen9@gmail.com).

### 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. You can bring your own food or eat at one of the many close-by restaurants.

The cost is \$65/night for a total of \$130.

Thursday night is \$50 extra. Note that if our registration drops below ten people then the cost goes up! So if you need to cancel, please make an effort to find a substitute if there is no one on the waiting list to replace you. Visit the Website [www.andsewitbegan.com](http://www.andsewitbegan.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](mailto:bawatson65@gmail.com).

### Calling Guild Members for our October Meeting Program

Do you have a sewing/quilting "trick" you can "treat" us to at our October meeting? This could be a tool you discovered, a new technique, something you learned in a workshop, an organizing idea. There are endless possibilities. These are to be short presentations to the whole group, no longer than 10 minutes. If you need a visual projected on the screen we can prepare that if you send it in advance. Also let us know if you have a suggestion or a "burning question" you need answered

and would like to see included in the program.

Volunteer to be a presenter or suggest a "trick" to be taught by contacting Chris at [cmfriesen9@gmail.com](mailto:cmfriesen9@gmail.com).

~ Chris Friesen  
Second Vice President -  
Programs and Workshops



### 4-H PROGRAM WAS "SUMMER STITCHES DAY CAMP"

On July 18, 2017, West Houston Guild members Connie Bihner, Lynda Morse, Kathy Clark, Marcia Karns, June Jaronitzky and Gail Brasser taught Harris County 4-H girls how to recycle jeans into a fun tote. The jeans and fabric were donated by the Charity Bee. The 4-H program was "Summer Stitches Day Camp" initiated by Sheryl Nolen, County Extension Agent 4-H Youth Development.



The girls learned to sew a simple bag with 5" squares and jean circles. Bee members partnered with each girl to complete the bag. We all had fun and the girls were very proud of their accomplishment.



## BEE NEWS

### Cut-Ups

As summer moves on, we start welcoming back our travelers. Gloria enjoyed a European river cruise, Lillie has been in Pennsylvania but will grace us with her presence for a brief time, I spent two weeks enjoying the beach, history golf, and visiting friends in the Carolinas. Many in our bee appreciated being able to go to a guild meeting in the daytime, since they no longer drive at night. We managed to not buy out the store when we visited Painted Pony and managed to put together the tops for two nursing home quilts at our final sew-in of July. We now look forward to August and hope the temperatures start getting maybe a little cooler.

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Katy Rotary Club

Our Bee is quite actively working on a Quilt for our 2019 Quilt Show. Completed blocks to date were set out for members to see and it is going to be a spectacular quilt. We are also working on Charity quilts to be shown at the Guild meeting in November.

Challenge quilts for our 2019 Quilt show were also discussed. A proposal was made by one of our members and will be decided upon in approximately 1 month as quite a few of our members are in and out due to vacations. This past Monday several of our members took a road trip to Painted Pony and Pieceful Stitches (our Guild Retreat house). We were given a tour of the house, classroom and quilt shop.

*Beekeeper: Joan Rondeau*

### Ladies of the Night

Summer fun abounds with the Ladies of the Night! Several of us attended the Becky Goldsmith workshop and learned a lot. Great teacher, great techniques – thanks so much to those

who made it possible! We have given Sheila her “birthday blocks” and she was delighted with the bright butterflies she received. We have such a talented and creative group! We are looking forward to our next monthly sew-in as well as our next Garlic Knot block exchange. And hearing the stories from all of our traveling Ladies!

*Beekeeper: Gale Davis  
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

### Miss-Bee-Haven Ya-Yas

The Yaya’s have been busy starting and finishing projects. This challenge is point based and has a cash value for the top two at the end of the year.

We have welcomed a new member. Patty Harfele joined us two months ago. She will be a great asset to our group. Our bee member, Lynn Ellis, has recently retired, but had been busy watching grandchildren. Congratulations to her.

There is a quilt retreat scheduled for the end of September. This will allow us to get all those projects finished for Christmas. We are heading to Onalaska on the lake. This will be a nice way to end the summer.

*Beekeeper: Kris Hoffman*

### Monday Night Divas

The Divas are spotlighting one of our long time members, Donna Carvalho. Donna was an exchange student during one year of high school. She lived with Oma in Belgium and has remained close throughout the years. Donna collected t-shirts from Oma’s Grandchildren (and a few from Texas) and made her a king size quilt.

Earlier this year, Donna was able to travel to Belgium and give Oma her quilt for her 80th birthday. Oma uses it to cover her living room couch, so everyone that enters her home

can enjoy it. She was surprised and delighted.

*Beekeeper: Carol Blumentritt  
Submitted by: Helen Recane*

### Thursday Night Bee

Plans are being made for our annual sew in at Linda W.’s house. Everyone brings makings for a huge “wash-tub” salad and works on those pesky UFOs. Several quilt tops usually get made during this time. September brings our second retreat of the year to Camp Allen. It is one of our favorite times of the year. Good food, wonderful fellowship and uninterrupted sewing—unless it’s time for you to prepare your meal. We will also be celebrating the July, August and September birthdays at our September bee meeting.

Kudos to Connie B. for being the leader at a 4-H summer project for 8 young girls. More Info at the Comfort Quilters article. Keep working on your UFOs and soon at least one of them will be finished.

*Beekeeper: Nita Beard*

## LIBRARY

You might want to check out ideas for your Christmas decorations & gifts in our library. There is the classic “Christmas Quilt (Block of the Month)”, “Christmas with Possibilities”, “301 Country Christmas Quilt Blocks”, “Decorating with Quick & Easy Holiday Quilts, or “Motif.” Be sure to check out the library list on the Web page. Let me know if you want a specific book to check out at the meeting. Come visit the library table at the meeting!

Kathie at [frost.kathie@gmail.com](mailto:frost.kathie@gmail.com)  
or text 702-340-6715

~ Kathie Frost, Librarian

## 2019 QUILT SHOW

Thank you so much to everyone who has gotten back to us about volunteering to head up their areas of the 2019 Quilt Show, The Magic of Quilts.

We are still in need of additional volunteers in areas such as Admissions, Guild Market, Door Prizes, and Awards/Ribbons to name a few. If you would like to head up any of these areas please email us at [themagicofquilts@gmail.com](mailto:themagicofquilts@gmail.com).

We've also started an Instagram page, [@the\\_magic\\_of\\_quilts](https://www.instagram.com/the_magic_of_quilts). Follow us to keep up with all the projects we are working on. Its fun to see what everyone is doing!

~ Alice Sadeghpour and  
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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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