



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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November 2017

PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Where: Covenant Lutheran Church, 3785 Barker Cypress Rd, Houston, TX 77084

Speaker: Annette Ornelas

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Program: Dimensional Curved Piecing

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Nov 16, Annette Ornelas, "Mexican Stars" wall hanging using Dimensional Curved piecing



PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

Our lives are like quilts - bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love.

~Author Unknown

You are all amazing! I went to the Comfort Quilters meeting this week and was astonished at the double pile of completed quilts that had been turned in just that morning by this team. Our quilters definitely take bits and pieces and stitch with love. When you consider that this team meets weekly and turns in completed quilts weekly, we owe them a great big Thank You for their efforts. I know, also, from the numbers of quilts turned in at the October meeting (see the Community Service article on page 3), and what we anticipate receiving at the November meeting, that we are well on our way to making the residents of at least one nursing home very happy this year.

We'll be starting the new year with the newly elected board of directors. Each of these members is coming

with a lot of enthusiasm and great ideas, and I'm looking forward to working with them.

On Saturday, November 4th between 10 AM and 3 PM there will be a distribution of donated quilting supplies at Quiltworks, Jones Rd. at West Rd.

This is a guild from Michigan that has been collecting items and has a trailer full. All items are free to members, especially anyone who has lost supplies to the flooding. Donations include fabric, kits, books,

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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:

December 6 – Celeste Fritz's home

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November Meeting Location

Due to the Bear Creek Community Center being closed we will meet at Covenant Lutheran Church, 3785 Barker Cypress Rd, Houston, TX 77084 at 6:45 p.m.

West Houston Quilter's Guild**2016–2017 Board of Directors**

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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

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

Nov 15	Annette Ornelas	Dimensional Curved Piecing
Dec 13	Holiday Party	

2017 Workshops

Nov 16	Annette Ornelas	“Mexican Stars” wall hanging using Dimensional Curved piecing
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2018 Programs

Jan 17	Jen Ekridge	If a Person Werta
Feb 21	Patty Sloniger	Fabric Design: Creatively Speaking
Mar 21	Andrea Brokenshire	Trunk Show
Apr 18	Christa Watson	The Ultimate Machine Quilting Trunk Show
May 16	Rhonda Dort	Quilting With Vintage Linens
Jun 20	Lisa Ellis	Healing Quilts”
Jul 18	Pam Holland	Multi Media Trunk Show
Sep 19	Angela McCorkle	Longarm Quilting 101
Oct 17	Shannon Brinkley	Trunk Show
Nov 14	Quilt Show Workshop	
Dec 19	Holiday Party	

2018 Workshops

Jan 18	Jen Ekridge	Cube Purse
Mar 22	Andrea Brokenshire	Confetti Background & beginning free motion
Apr 19	Christa Watson	Modern Machine Quilting
Jun 21	Lisa Ellis	Charming Cathedral Windows
Jul 19	Pam Holland	Sock it to Me
Sep 20	Angela McCorkle	Ten Minute Block
Oct 18	Shannon Brinkley	Scrappy Applique

Programs

November Program
Annette Ornelas of Southwind Designs will be visiting us this month. She will educate us on Dimensional Curved Piecing, her technique that simplifies the process of piecing curved quilt-block shapes. Dimensional Curved Piecing, also known as Peeled-Back Patchwork is an easy layering technique which makes lovely dimensional curves. Annette says this is like straight line piecing with curved results. The resulting bias edges of folded squares

or strips are turned or folded back, smoothed down into a curvy shape. The curved edge is then secured by top-stitching close to the original fold. “You can get amazing results - the blocks look complex, yet are easy to piece.” Annette will bring many quilts and samples for us to see at our meeting November 15.

Annette will teach dimensional curved piecing in a workshop on November 16, 9:30am to 3:30pm, at QuiltWorks. We will be using one

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and even a few sewing machines. They do not want to take any of this home, so please come and take what you need.

It doesn't seem possible that we are in the waning days of 2017. This has been a year with a lot of ups and downs for most of us. I'm looking forward to being with family and friends as we enter the holidays. Our family gets together for Thanksgiving, and we'll all be grateful for our many blessings this year. It is my wish for you to have the best Thanksgiving ever.

Happy quilting.

~ Patricia Cook, President

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of her popular patterns, Mexican Stars. Cost is \$35 plus \$8 for the pattern. There are spots available so if you are considering joining us please let me know ASAP because there is some fabric preparation. Contact Chris at cmfriesen9@gmail.com. For more information about Annette, visit southwindquilts.com.



Start the Year with a Workshop

Hard to believe we will start registration this month for our January workshop! We will start the new year with something different, constructing a Cube Purse with Jen Eskridge. This purse pattern uses layer cakes (10" squares). You will learn the basics of inner construction, zipper application, y-seams, magnet clasps, and quilting. Appropriate for "confident beginner". More details about supplies and cost at the November meeting.

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1 Betty Baker	Nov 16 Becky Hoffman
Nov 2 Pam Lyons	Nov 17 Maria Luz
Nov 3 Sharon Kennedy	Nov 18 Debbie Huebel
Nov 5 Cathy Casey	Nov 18 Geeta Mehta
Nov 10 Beverly Farrell	Nov 23 Carolyn Cordes
Nov 10 Sheila Jasso-Alexander	Nov 24 Mary Dinkel
Nov 12 Linda Dutchak	Nov 25 Pamela Downes
Nov 12 Carol Kocurek	Nov 30 Lillie Hays
Nov 12 Benedicte Richard	
Nov 13 Steven Blankinship	Please bring a door prize.
Nov 14 Cynthia Bauckman	

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

GOOD NEWS!!!! Everything that has been donated and all the finished quilts turned in are now at home in our storage facility. A huge Thank You goes to Betty and Dave Hankinson, Lauren and Dave Fatato and my husband, Mike who spent several hours on the 20th taking everything from my house to storage. Dave Fatato and Brad Bihner had constructed and set up the shelving the week before, so all of the fabric that is rolled on cardboards is in place on the shelves and we can actually see what we have. The next step will be to put all the fabric that is less than 2 yards together by color and on the shelves. Comfort Quilters can then make more kits for guild members to pick up and make comfort quilts.

To all guild members: Keep up the good work of making quilts for Linus and comfort quilts for the elderly. At our October meeting, the following was turned in: 3 Disaster quilts, 23 comfort quilts, 19 preemies and 166 stockings. Our number of quilts for Linus is 80 and for the elderly is 70. With the November turn in, we will have enough quilts for at least 1 nursing home. After losing over 200 quilts, it is commendable to the generous nature of our guild members to step up and replace almost all the quilts we lost. Give yourself a pat on the back,

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

ELECTED 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Election of officers for 2018-2019 WHQG Board of Directors was held at the October meeting. We had two members nominated at the afternoon session and all were elected by voice vote at the evening session. Your newly elected officers are:

President: Dina Luz

1st Vice President – Membership:
Kris Hoffman

2nd Vice President – Programs and
Workshops: Lynda Morse

Secretary: Diane Balcerowicz

Treasurer: Barbara Wenker

Director of Communication: Summer
King

Director of Community Service: Lisa
Dinkelman

Director of Ways & Means: Jean
Fleming

Congratulations to each of you and know that the membership is excited to see what new ideas you will bring to the guild as we move into the future.



BEE NEWS

Cut-Ups

Eight of our members had a fun road-trip to Old Town Spring in October. We visited GRS Fabrics and Cupcake Quilts, then also made a stop at Twisted Yarns. After, six of us had huge lunches at The Potatoe Patch (and, yes, we all caught a roll). We are busily working on our Christmas Wish Lists so our Secret Santas can shop at Quilt Festival. Barb W. quilted two charity quilts made by our bee as a group project, and Jean F. is binding them. We expect to show them at the November guild meeting.

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Ladies of the Night

It's Festival Season – one of the happiest times of the quilting year! Most of our Bee reserved downtown hotel rooms for several nights to take full advantage of classes, shopping and inspiration. We were not disappointed! We typically do a Show & Tell of our purchases at the next Bee meeting which is almost as fun as the actual shopping. Almost.

We have had another “birthday” with Sharon receiving her camper blocks. It is so much fun to see the creativity shine in these monthly “gifts”. We have so many talented Ladies! Looking ahead we have our monthly sew-in day as well as the beginning of planning for our holiday party. Another highlight of the year for sure!

Beekeeper: Gale Davis
Submitted by: Kathy Johnson

Miss-Bee-Haven Ya-Yas

Our Bee spent our last meeting working on donated quilt tops. We pieced backs, prepared bindings, and also sewed on bindings. Quilt n Sew

donated fabric for many of our backings. Once they are quilted, they will be donated to the guild. We were busy!

Beekeeper: Kris Hoffman

Thimbelinas

The Thimblelinas were not able to meet in September because of Harvey. Members live in different areas so driving to the clubhouse was going to be a challenge. Instead, we decided to meet twice in October; one for a regular meeting and a second devoted to charity. We assembly lined the process for making premie blankets. In an estimated 40 “woman” hours, we completed 24 premie blankets! Way to go ladies!

Members have also been busy on their own time to make charity quilts and IV covers. Wait to see our accomplishments at the November guild meeting during show and tell!

Happy quilting!

Beekeeper: Lillie Hays

Thursday Night Bee

Our October meeting was held at Betty B's studio. Several of the Stash Busters donated tops were quilted and bee members put on the binding—completing 8 quilts. Other quilts from bee members were also turned in.

Our next bee retreat will be at Hummingbird Retreat in Huntsville, so a couple of us drove up to check it out and visit the shop in Trinity and in Huntsville. We were very impressed by the facility and can hardly wait until March.

At our November bee meeting, we celebrated the birthdays for the second half of the year—Gail S., Gale D., Nita, Betty, Carolyn and Linda W. It is always interesting to see how each of the blocks chosen by a member is interpreted by other members. And of course, the birthday cards are always funny. Now we are frantically trying to come up with a gift for our December meeting. Happy Quilting,

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

WHQG CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 13 will be the Guild Christmas party. We will enjoy Quilto, food, fellowship, and fun together. The food format will be a little different this year. We will have a buffet again this year. I am asking each member to bring a dish to enjoy.

There are 6 categories. So please be



thinking of something you can bring to share. The guild will provide plates, napkins, cutlery, & bottled water. There will be more info given at the Nov. meeting. I hope you all can attend. The more, the merrier!
Thanks,

~ Ann Ammons



NOVEMBER 10 – 11, 2017 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SMITHVILLE, TEXAS QUILT FESTIVAL

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL SMITHVILLE AIRING OF THE QUILTS AND TOUR OF HOMES, THE LADIES OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL BE HOSTING THEIR THIRD ANNUAL QUILT FESTIVAL. THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND DONATED QUILTS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC STAINED GLASS SANCTUARY. IN ADDITION TO THE QUILT FESTIVAL, THE PLENTY AND PLENTY CAFÉ IN THE FAMILY ACTIVITY CENTER WILL BE SERVING DELICIOUS FOOD AND QUILTING VENDORS WILL BE SET UP FOR YOUR SHOPPING ENJOYMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SMITHVILLE IN NOVEMBER!!

We would love to display your quilts in our sanctuary. Please visit our web site, quiltfestival-sfumc.com for more information.

YOUR 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
Houston, TX 77084

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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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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