



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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December 2017

PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017

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

Speaker: None

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Program: Guild Christmas Party

WORKSHOP NOTICE

January 18, Jen Ekridge presents Cube Purse



PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

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

~Author Unknown

It doesn't seem possible that it is December and we are in the midst of the holiday season. We are blessed this year to have everyone in good health or on the way there, and are looking forward to all that Christmas and the New Year bring. Do you have all of your quilting gifts completed yet? Mine are still waiting for the finishing touches, some need more touching than others, but hopefully they will be done by December 24!

It also doesn't seem possible that two years have passed and it is the end of my term as your president. It has been a challenging, fulfilling, and great learning experience. Your board of directors deserves a great big Thank You from each of you for the hard work they have done during this term. We've had a few challenges to overcome that were unanticipated, but each of them didn't

hesitate to step up and take on extra duties to make sure we had two successful years. First Vice President – Membership, Shannon McGaw; Second Vice President – Programs, Chris Friesen; Secretary, Cathy Beck; Treasurer, Dorothy McConnell; Director of Communications, Tina Johnson; Director of Community Service, Debbie Adami; Director of Ways and Means, Susan Vacek; and Immediate Past President, Celeste Fritz made an impressive team to work with.

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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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December Meeting Date Change

We will meet at Covenant Lutheran Church, 3785 Barker Cypress Rd, Houston, TX 77084 on December 13 at 6:45 p.m.

West Houston Quilter's Guild

2016–2017 Board of Directors

President	Patricia Cook
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Committee Chairmen

Beekeeper	
Charitable Projects	Nita Beard and Connie Bihner
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Hospitality	Ann Ammons
Internal Fundraising	Barbara Ann Watson
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Magazines	Joan Aitken and Diane Balcerowicz
Membership	Shannon McGaw
Member Sign-In	Marion Vetter
Newsletter	
Publicity	
2017 Quilt Show	Patricia Cook
2019 Quilt Show	Beverly Farrell and Alice Sadeghpour
Retreats	Barbara Ann Watson
Visitor Welcome	Gloria Stewart
Web site	Amy Mathias

PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS

2017 Programs

Dec 13 Holiday Party

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 and 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

2018 Guild Retreat

Sep 27-29 And Sew It Began La Porte, Texas

Programs

We will start off the new year with a trunk show and talk by Jen Eskridge of Reanna Lily Designs. Jen will show projects from her three books. She has developed an easy facing technique to prepare shapes for machine appliqué designs. She will describe the technique and show us her patterns. Jen will also bring items from her first book, Deploy that Fabric, which features using fabric from military uniforms.

on Thursday, January 18 starting at 9:30am and ending by 3:30pm. Sign



up at the December meeting or contact Lynda Morse at morse.lynda@yahoo.com.

~ Chris Friesen
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops

Make this cute cube purse at January's workshop with Jen Eskridge. Cost is \$35. Pattern is included. We will be at QuiltWorks

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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We also had an awesome group of committee chairmen who were responsible for helping us make sure the Guild activities were completed in good order and timely. Charitable Projects Co-Chairs Nita Beard and Connie Bihner; Keepers of the 2017 Quilt, Pat Gonzalez and Janet Musgrove; Hospitality, Ann Ammons; Internal Fundraising, Barbara Ann Watson; Library, Kathie Frost; Magazines and Door Prizes, Joan Aitken and Diane Balcerowicz; Member Sign-In, Marion Vetter; 2019 Quilt Show, Beverly Farrell and Alice Sadeghpour; Retreats, Barbara Ann Watson; Visitor Welcome, Gloria Stewart; and Website, Amy Mathias were great additions to our team and I can't thank them enough for all their hard work.

We are all thankful, too, for the members of the Guild who stepped up and took on so many responsibilities both on committees and individual projects. So many of you came to me with offers of help—more than I can possibly thank here. Just know that we all appreciate every single thing that each of you did.

We are all looking forward to the new year and the new board of directors. They are coming into office with enthusiasm and are excited to be taking on the challenges before them. Please be sure to be open to serving on one of the Guild committees when you are approached. These opportunities are rewarding and you'll have the chance to stretch your wings and learn new things.

From my family to yours, have a very merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

Happy quilting.

~ Patricia Cook, President

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 2	Lena Schmitt	Dec 22	Susan Vacek
Dec 3	Elaine Mason	Dec 23	Joan Aitken
Dec 4	Jean Ann Bryant	Dec 25	Noella Mukherjee
Dec 6	Vivian Smart	Dec 26	Nasreen Saeedi
Dec 7	Carol Blumentritt	Dec 28	Patricia Cook
Dec 7	Bette Jezuit	Dec 29	Linda Whetsell
Dec 7	Darnell Mayers	Dec 30	Celia C Triner
Dec 15	Teresa Rossman	Dec 31	Becky Stucky
Dec 15	Donna Simoneaux		
Dec 18	Robin Bedford		

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

We can't say enough good things about the generosity of this guild. Each month since we lost everything to Harvey, the membership has worked very hard to turn in enough quilts, stockings, and preemies to replenish what we lost. And we are happy to report that this task was accomplished. At the November guild meeting the following was turned in: 37 quilts, 28 stockings, 1 afghan, and 25 preemies. In the January newsletter, a total distribution of items will be given.

On December 5, members from the guild distributed quilts to Solera at West Houston (100), Copperfield Estates (55) and Memory Care on Tuckerton (20). If you have never gone with us to hand out the quilts, you should plan to do so in 2018. It is a joyous time and the residents

are so appreciative of your gift of a quilt. It warms your heart to see residents choose a quilt made with their favorite color and know that it will be cherished and used on a daily basis.

Comfort Quilters is taking the month of December off to spend more time with family and to finish those last minute quilted gifts. We will start back on Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 am, with breakfast at The Egg and I on Hwy. 6 and make plans for 2018. If you would like to be a part of this fun, hard working group, let Connie or Nita know OR just join us for breakfast and get to know the group.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

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



*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from the 2016-2017
Board of Directors*



BEE NEWS

Cut-Ups

We enter the 2017 holiday season thankful for our families and our friends – especially our quilting ones. We are busily planning our bee Christmas party with gifts, games and lots of good cooking. Alice will again be our “hostess with the most-est” and we are looking forward to seeing her lovely Christmas decorating. Peering way into the future, we have a plan for our bee’s donation to the 2019 Quilt Show silent auction plus a number of us are on various Quilt Show committees. Now we just need to come up with our bee schedule for 2018.... Happy holidays, everyone!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

During one of our October meetings the Bee had the usual quilting projects being worked on. It was a very low-key day and we voted to lunch at the Pho shop where Cici’s pizza used to be. That lunch provided us with another “favorite” restaurant for lunches. Five went to lunch and we all enjoyed the food.

Our Bee had the privilege to take our November speaker to dinner and, at the meeting, help her by holding up the quilts in her Trunk Show. Annette is a very delightful woman and we enjoyed getting to know her at dinner and during the Guild meeting.

Beekeeper: Joan Rondeau

Ladies of the Night

It’s hard to believe another year is coming to a close! The Ladies of the Night have been just as busy as always. We celebrated Benedicte’s (real) birthday at a lovely dinner party and Joan’s (pretend) birthday with our Birthday Block exchange

in November. We will definitely be doing this again – it’s so much fun to see what everyone does for the Birthday Lady each month! We are looking forward to our annual Holiday party in December and ahead to retreats and block exchanges in 2018. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

Beekeeper: Gale Davis

Submitted by: Kathy Johnson

Monday Night Divas

The Divas are busy finishing up their charity quilts and stockings for 2017. Some are finishing up those last minute Christmas gifts. We complete our nine months of Scrappy Block Exchange this month. It will be fun to see how each Diva puts hers together.

We look forward to getting together for our Christmas Dinner Celebration and gift exchange. There will be lots of talking and laughing and maybe a little planning for the new year. We wish for you, a wonderful holiday season and a quilty new year.

Beekeeper: Carol Blumentritt

Submitted by: Helen Recane

Thimbelinas

The Thimblelinas met in November to plan their Christmas party in December. We will continue the tradition of a fat quarter exchange and a pot luck lunch. We will be able to sew the entire day in hopes of finishing some last minute Christmas gifts.

The group wishes Marion a speedy recovery. We sure miss her at our meetings and hope she returns very soon.

Happy holidays to everyone!

Beekeeper: Lillie Hays

Thursday Night Bee

Our Christmas party held at Nita’s house was lots of fun, as usual. The food was delicious—ham, potatoes, green beans, carrots, citrus salad and of course dessert. We ate until we were stuffed and then the real fun began—handing out our gifts. Each bee member, one at a time, gave out their gift (most of which were hand-made) and we had a chance to oohh and ahhh before the next gift was given. I am always amazed at the different ideas our bee members come up with for their Christmas gift. More details in the January newsletter.

New Year’s Day will find some of us at our annual sew-in at Betty’s studio. It is always a good way to start off the new year by sewing on a new project or finishing up a UFO. Being with your friends and doing something you love, just can’t be beat. Here’s wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a bright New Year with lots of new quilts being made.

Beekeeper: Nita Beard 0

CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Prayers for Marion Vetter who is a patient at MD Anderson.

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

WHQG CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Guild Christmas party will be Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 6:30 pm. We will have Quilto, prizes, caroling, eating and fun. For Quilto, please bring a fat quarter for each card you want to play. Bring items to mark spaces on your card, such as buttons, hard candies, or coins. Prizes will be awarded. There will be an ornament swap. To receive one, you must bring one. Any Christmas ornament is good. It can be handmade, store bought, whatever Christmas-themed ornament you like. They will be placed in the middle of the table and exchanged at the end of the evening. For the food, the Guild will provide meats, such as pulled pork, pulled chicken, mini tacos, and tamales.



The Guild will also provide bottled water. If you desire another drink, please bring it. The membership needs to bring sides, breads, cold salads, warm veggies, and desserts to round out the menu. Some suggestions would be potato salad, coleslaw, charo beans, guacamole and chips, queso and chips, maybe your favorite warm veggie casserole. You all

know desserts very well, so no need of any suggestions from me. Please email me at jdandann@hotmail.com to let me know what dish you are able to bring. Thanks so much. I hope you all can come. The more the merrier!

~ Ann Ammons

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.

December meeting date changed to December 13

BERNINA 830E FOR SALE

Bernina 830E Sewing and Embroidery Machine and Tutto Cases – \$4000

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DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6 Board Meeting 6:00 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6



West Houston Quilters Guild 2018 Membership Form

New Member _____ Returning Member _____
(Information has changed from last year _____)

Dues: \$30.00 – Please make checks payable to WHQG

\$25.00 – If payment is received/mailed by January 17, 2018 (1st meeting)

\$15.00 – New members joining after July 1.

Mailed Newsletter: \$10.00 – Please include with dues payment

Please PRINT clearly

Birthday (month/day) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone (H) _____

(C) _____

Email _____

Prefer receiving newsletter via: Website _____ US mail _____ (add \$10 to dues)

Bee Information: I am interested in joining a Bee --- Y or N (circle one)

daytime _____ evening _____ week day _____ week end _____

Please complete a Bee Interest Form – you will be contacted to discuss various Bee interests and meeting times, etc.

I am already a Member of the _____ Quilting Bee

Do you give your permission to print your information in our directory that is available to members only? --- Y or N (circle one)

Do you give us your permission to photograph you and your work for our website and/or scrapbook? --- Y or N (circle one)

Please mail completed form along with a check for dues to:

West Houston Quilters Guild

Attn: MEMBERSHIP

P.O. Box 841515

Houston, TX 77084

Or turn in your form and pay in person at the meeting with cash, check, or credit card

Office use :Name Tag _____ Membership card _____ Paid: cash _____ check _____ credit card _____

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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