



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

Issue 1

January 2018

PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2017

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Bear Creek United Methodist Church, 16000 Rippling Water Dr, Houston, TX 77084

Speaker: Jen Ekridge

Program: If a Person Werta

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Next workshop: January 18, 2018,
Jen Ekridge presents Cube Purse



DINA'S DISCUSSION

Dear Members,

And now we welcome the new year.

Full of things that have never been.

– Rainer Maria Rilke

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season surrounded by all of your loved ones. I had a great Christmas and enjoyed gifting all of my quilts and crafts to my loved ones. Knowing that I have created something that brings them joy warms my heart.

As we start this new year, the new board is looking forward to an exciting year. We have big shoes to fill, and are eager to come together and do the best we can for the guild. Like this month's quote states, we will be doing things we've never done, but are all anticipating great things to come.

This coming year will also bring so many new quilt creations. I look forward to seeing all of the beautiful quilts that everyone is making, whether they are for donating, family, or yourselves. The creativity of

everyone in the guild is inspiring to see.

I'd like to take this moment to thank everyone for such a warm welcome and offers of support and knowledge. I'd especially like to thank Pat Cook for her leadership these past two years and am looking forward to her guidance in the coming term.

We have excellent programs lined up in the coming year for the guild. Please refer to the calendar to stay updated and not miss out on great speakers.

~ Dina Luz, President

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:

February 7 – Quilt 'n Sew Studio

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January Meeting Location for the Guild

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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS

2018 Programs

Jan 17	Jen Ekridge	If a Person Werta
Feb 21, 2:00	TBD	
6:45	Patty Sloniger	Fabric Design: Creatively Speaking
Mar 21	Andrea Brokenshire	Trunk Show
Apr 18	Christa Watson	The Ultimate Machine Quilting Trunk Show
May 16, 2:00	TBD	
6:45	Rhonda Dort	Quilting With Vintage Linens
Jun 20	Lisa Ellis	Healing Quilts
Jul 18	Pam Holland	Multi Media Trunk Show
Aug 15, 2:00	Open	
6:45	Open	
Sep 19	Angela McCorkle	Longarm Quilting 101
Oct 17, 2:00	TBD	
6:45	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

The January 17, 2018 program will be a trunk show and discussion by Jen Eskridge of Reanna Lily Designs. She will show projects from her three books featuring her easy facing technique to prepare shapes for machine applique designs. Jen will describe the technique and show us her patterns. A special part of her talk will be from her first book, “Deploy that Fabric” which features using fabric from military uniforms.



The workshop on the following day will be making this versatile cubed purse. (size about 12x12x12) The cost of the workshop is \$35 and that includes the pattern for the cubed purse. The workshop will be at Quiltworks on

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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

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Jones Road, Thursday, January 18, 2018 starting at 9.30 a.m. and ending by 3.30 p.m.

Sign up at the WHQG meeting on the 17th with me, (Lynda Morse) or contact me at morse.lynda@yahoo.com. Please include “workshop” in your subject line.

Our February 2018 Speaker will be fabric designer Patty Sloniger. More details coming!

*~ Lynda Morse
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops*



AUDIT COMMITTEE ELECTION

Per the Guild’s Bylaws, an Audit Committee of three members shall be nominated and elected at the January Guild meeting.

Members of this committee should have some accounting or bookkeeping experience, but that is not a requirement. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please come prepared to be nominated.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 1	Martha Noland	Jan 15	Sharon Csizmadia
Jan 1	Armedia Stubbs	Jan 15	Barbara Wafer
Jan 3	Evelyn Mathur	Jan 17	Kathy Johnson
Jan 7	Tara Myers	Jan 19	Connie Bihner
Jan 8	Lisa Dinkelman	Jan 21	Angelique Burnside
Jan 9	Janet Musgrove		
Jan 10	Cynthia Chaffee		Please bring a door prize.
Jan 12	Christine Hardman		

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Even though Harvey destroyed our storage facility and all the quilts and fabric that we had, he did not destroy the generous nature of our guild. So many guild members stepped up and made another quilt or quilts to replace the ones ruined in the flood waters, we were able to distribute almost as many quilts and other items in 2017 as we did in 2016. Give yourselves a huge round of applause, a hug and a pat on the back.

For the year 2017 the following was distributed: Cypress Assistance Ministries—344 stockings; Linus—257 quilts, 120 preemies, 24 preemie caps, 150 IV covers; Solera at West Houston—98 quilts; Copperfield Estates—60 quilts; and Avalon Memory Care—20 quilts. Thank

you guild members, Thank you Stashbusters, and Thank you quilters from South Carolina for helping us give comfort to folks in the Cypress/Houston/Katy areas.

Comfort Quilters will start our year as we usually do with breakfast at the Egg and I on Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00. The following Tuesday, we will be back at Quilt Works doing what we do best—making comfort quilts for others. If you want to join our great group of ladies, come any Tuesday at 9:00 and bring your machine and sewing supplies. We always have something you can do.

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

JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	18 Workshop 9:30 AM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

2019 DONATION QUILT

The big reveal of our Donation Quilt will be on display at our upcoming January guild meeting.

Please come join The Magic of Quilts 2019 Quilt Show fun and share in a big Thank You to all who made this beautiful quilt. This year we chose a Kaffe Fassett design called Lattice with Vases from his Bold Blooms book.

We want to thank everyone that participated in creating this amazing

quilt. They were; Bev Farrell, Alice Sadeghpour, Teresa Beautz, Celeste Fritz, Becky Hoffman, Jean Ann Bryant, Gloria Ware, Pam Hensley, Jean Fleming, Pat Cook, Phyllis Rucker, and Susan Vacek. A special thanks to the quilter, Valerie Wagner, for her outstanding custom quilting that makes this quilt one of a kind.

~ Beverly Ferrell and
Alice Sadeghpour

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

May peace fill all the empty spaces around you

And in you, may contentment answer all your wishes.

May comfort be yours, warm and soft like a sigh

And may the coming year show that every day is really a first day, a new year.

Let abundance be your constant companion,

So that you have much to share.

May mirth be near you always,

Like a lamp shining brightly on the many paths you travel.

May you be true love.

~Author unknown

CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- An avid quilter and familiar face in the Houston quilting community for the last 20 years, Marion Vetter, passed on December 29 after a short battle with ovarian cancer. She was a member of the Quilt Guild of Greater Houston and the West Houston Quilt Guild. Memorial service details will be provided shortly.
- Cynthia Regone's husband Carl is home from the hospital and

doing well after suffering a heart attack.

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 Diane Balcerowicz with the information so the rest of the guild can be informed. We would like to be supportive of our fellow guild members.

~ Diane Balcerowicz, Secretary

FONS AND PORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do you have a Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting subscription that needs to be renewed or would you like to take out a new subscription? You can do this, get some free gifts and help your guild at the same time. For the regular subscription price of \$20, you can get a one-year subscription (or renewal) to Love of Quilting, Fons and Porter's Need to Know booklet, Fons and Porter's Tabletop Quilts booklet, and three free spools of Sulky thread PLUS the guild receives \$5 for each subscription! Sign up at the meeting (cash or check, please) or send a check for \$20 made out to WHQG with the following completed form to WHQG, P.O. Box 841515, Houston, TX 77284

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

New or renewal? (Please circle one)



BEE NEWS

Cut-Ups

The Cut-ups ended the year with a fantastic Christmas party at Alice's. Her home was decorated beautifully, and all of our members brought dishes to make a true feast. Gifts were exchanged, with everyone seeming to receive exactly what she wanted. We played a White Elephant kind of game that resulted in lots of laughter. The little gnome Barbara made and put in the game was a very popular steal, as was a Christmas jelly roll. We have a productive 2018 planned, and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

The Katy Rotary Club had a great 2017. We're gearing up for an even better 2018.

We finished up the year with an awesome Christmas party at Debbie Huebel's home. Good friends, good food, good games with lots of laughter. Not to forget great gifts. What could be better? Georgia Johnson laughed so much during one game, I thought she was going to fall out of her chair! Thanks to Debbie for opening her home to share with us.

On a more serious topic, Cynthia Regone's husband Carl had a heart attack but the good news is that he's now back home from the hospital and doing much better. We're all very grateful he's on the road to recovery.

We were having so much fun in December that we even had an extra sew-in and pot luck lunch on the last Tuesday before Christmas!

As 2017 closes, we want to give a very special thank you to Joan Rondeau who was our beekeeper for

the last two years. She did a great job. Thank you, Joan.

Beekeeper: Jean Fleming

Ladies of the Night

The Ladies of the Night have hit the ground running for 2018! We said a heartfelt "Thank you!" to Gale Davis for being our Beekeeper over the last two years and an even heartier "Thank you!" to Sheila Odell for stepping up to take her turn keeping track of us. We appreciate both of you Ladies! After a fun-filled 2017 we are ready to pack even more into the new year. So far we have put 2 quilt retreats and monthly sew-ins on our calendar and will wrap up our "birthday" block exchange over the next several months. January will be Mary's "birthday" month and we can't wait to see what kinds of bird-house blocks she receives. Happy New Year to all!

*Beekeeper: Sheila Odell
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

Material Girls

December started off with a buzz! We had our first retreat at Magnolia Manor and all attendees had a good time. The food was great—no cooking, prepared by our hostess—and we had secret sisters. We were all finishing up projects and enjoyed the little store on site. Nice fabrics! I think we are all looking forward to our next retreat there in late April.

We are planning to choose a pattern for our quilt we will be making for the 2019 quilt show at our next meeting. We'll be working on it at our Spring retreat. Keep on buzzing!

Beekeeper: Marcia Karns

Thimbelinas

The Thimblelinas enjoyed our Christmas party which included delicious dishes made by each person. We also had our fat quarter exchange. In addition, we used fat quarters to make a flower bouquet for Marion. Since she is also a member of the Yayas bee, we had a vast array of bright and bold fat quarters that members from both bees contributed. She was pleasantly surprised when I delivered the bouquet to her.

We also brainstormed a group project for 2018. We will finalize our project at our January bee meeting.

Addendum: Sadly, we have lost Marion, an original member of our bee for twelve years. We will miss her greatly.

Beekeeper: Lillie Hays

Thursday Night Bee

Christmas with the bee is always a fun time and 2017 was no exception. Our party was at Nita's and everybody brought such delicious food, we were almost too stuffed to open our gifts—NOT. We each received the following: a quilt calendar with directions for 12 different quilts, cute zippered bag, hand dyed silk scarf, wrist pin cushion shaped like a flower, large cup with a cover containing sleeves to hold small supplies, fold out pocket purse, Santa necklace, beaded cell phone neck purse, small zippered bag with 4 batik fat quarters, armchair pin cushion with spool of thread and crocheted clothes hangers. I think we all went home wondering if we could top the gifts made this year in 2018. And I'm quite sure we will.

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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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Even though the weather was frightfully cold, some of us ventured out and went to Betty's for our annual New Year's Day sew in. Friendship and good food always warms you up, so we were able to quilt a few tops or stitch on a new project. Making plans for another year with a special group of friends,

Beekeeper: Nita Beard



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