



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Minay Sirois

Program: Looking at Old Blocks in a new light and color

You can now pay your membership dues by credit card.

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CELESTE'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members,

A New Year with New Goals

“Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one.”
- Brad Paisley

I've never thought of a new year as writing a new book in my life, but I love the thought behind this quote. Do we write our book using stream-of-consciousness technique – kind of going along and seeing what happens? Do we carefully construct our book's outline and then fill in the pages according to that plan? I guess in my case I do some of each. Many days I seem to be drifting, but I've found I get a lot more accomplished when I work from a plan.

What do we put on our pages? Sometimes it's accomplishments, maybe relationships, always a combination of both joys and sorrows, highs and lows. Thinking over what was in my Book of 2014, I hope to continue with some of the new experiences, such as distributing charity quilts to both children and older adults. I also hope to develop more relationships within my personal life and with those of you in the guild. I am working hard to try to get to know more of you by name (name tags in the meetings really help), but I confess I'm terrible at remembering names. I'll work on

that some more in 2015. Another thing I'm going to work on is to be more productive – especially in making charity quilts. I'm already behind, trying to finish up three challenges to enter in the quilt show as well as make a wedding present and 180 exchange blocks. Sometimes I feel overwhelmed, but....it will work with planning.

The next chapter in my book needs to be titled Make Time for Self and Family. My husband has been a champ in helping around the house, putting up with my bee/guild sched-

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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:

January 7 – LaMadeleine, Town and Country

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Deadline for submitting articles for the *Sew On and Sew On* is the fourth Friday of each month. Send them directly to Patricia Cook, Editor, at pcook43@gmail.com

PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS**PROGRAMS**

January 21	Minay Sirois	Looking at Old Blocks in a new light and color <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i> OPEN
February 18	Peggy Baldwin	Storybook Quilts <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i> OPEN
March 18	Patti Hempen	Serendipity Sampler – A Trunk Show <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i> OPEN
April 15	Deb Karasik	To be announced <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i> Thursday Night Bee
May 20	Gyleen Fitzgerald	Art of Color Blending or the Shape of Things to Come <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i> Nifty Needlers Bee
June 17	Marci Baker	To be announced <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i> Cutups Bee
July 15	Ranae Merrill	To be announced <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i> Ladies of the Night Bee
August 19	Paula Barnes	Civil War Quilts <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i> Katy Rotary Club Bee
September 16	Maggie Ball	Innovative Quilts, Traditional Values <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i> Material Girls Bee
October 21	Guild Educational	Classes and Charity Workshop

2015 WORKSHOPS

April 16	Deb Karasik	“Arizona Sunrise” http://debkarasik.com/classes-detail.php?ID=10 link to the project and the Class Supply list
May 21	Gyleen Fitzgerald	“Starstruck”
June 18	Marci Baker	To be announced
July 16	Ranae Merrill	“Magic Mirror Mandala Quilt” www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/160
August 20	Paula Barnes	A civil war pattern
September 17	Maggie Ball	Bargello with a Twist

2015 RETREATS

Retreats

February 20–22, 2015	Red Barn Retreat Center in Cold Spring, TX. 15–20 persons, cost is \$160 and includes prepared meals. There are 6 spaces available. Sign up will close January 21, 2015 with final payment due at that time.
May 15 – 17, 2015	Retreats by Margie in the Schulenburg/La Grange area. Minimum of 15 persons; cost to be arranged and depends on meals.

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Program

Happy New Year! Fun, laughter and good food were the order for the Christmas Party. Thanks go out to Ann Ammons and Chris Freesen for their hard work and coordination. It will be fun to see what everyone puts together for their "ugly fabric" quilt. We have a great line up of speakers for the coming year. First up is a local quilter and favorite teacher Minay Sorois. Her lecture and trunk show, "Bone Structure" should be most informative on using color in a block and making it look very different with color placement.

I still need Bees for the months of January, February and March to host our speakers for dinner and help hold their trunk shows. Please contact me as soon as possible, if you are interested in helping in January.

Workshops:

I will have the sign up sheets for the Workshops for April and May, at the January meeting. Workshops will be \$35 and most will have a \$10 pattern or supplies fee as well.

Retreats:

There are still 7 spots available for the Red Barn Retreat February 20 - 22, 2015. Cost is \$162 and is due at the January guild meeting, meals are included at this retreat. If you owe the final amount, be sure to bring it, as the payment will be made to Red Barn.

Sign up for Retreats By Margie, May 15 - 17, 2015. Cost is \$130 with a deposit due at sign up time of \$20 with the balance due no later than April 15, 2015. There are 13 spots remaining for this retreat. Each person attending will be asked to sign up for a meal item for the group.

Happy Quilting,

*~ Debbie Adami
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 3	Evelyn Mathur	Jan. 21	Angelique Burnside
Jan. 5	Kathy Overman	Jan. 30	Arlene Slimmer
Jan. 6	Sonya Giannone	Jan. 31	Jill Cyr Ziegler
Jan. 7	Jean Lauderdale		
Jan. 15	Barbara Wafer		
Jan. 17	Kathy Johnson		
Jan. 19	Connie Bihner		
Jan. 20	Brenda Marien		

Please bring a door prize.

CHARM SQUARES

We have 10 people signed up for January Charm Square exchange. Here are the choices for 2015. If you are interested in joining in the fun - sign up, then bring 6" x 6" cotton squares of the monthly design.

- January – Super Heroes
- February – Valentine
- March – Kids
- April – Easter
- May – Birds

- June – Jungle Animals
- July – Farm Animals
- August – ABC/Numbers
- September – Balloons/Kites
- October – Structures (Barns, Houses, etc.)
- November – Shoes
- December – Toys

*~ Brenda Marien
Charm Squares*

CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Cathy King passed away on December 21 from colon cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family. Although Cathy isn't a current guild member, many of you know her from Quilt 'n Sew and Feathered Star.

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

If you know of a guild member who has suffered a loss, is coping

DO YOU KNOW?

What do I need to do to turn in my quilts?

Each quilt should be in it's own bag (a pillowcase makes a great bag). The bag should have a clear pocket attached and a picture of the quilt should be in the pocket. Thin, clear plastic can be purchased at JoAnn's or other craft stores and stitched on to make the pocket. The picture helps ensure the quilt gets put back in the proper bag for return after the show.

Make sure your quilt has a sleeve on the back so we can hang it easily. Instructions on sleeves are on the website under Quilt Show.

~ Celeste Fritz

2015 QUILT SHOW

Mark your calendars for the 2015 Quilt Show on March 6-7, 2015.



Guild Market Committee:

The last sew-in will be on Thursday, January 22 at the Kroger on the corner of Briar Forest and Eldridge from 10-4.

Everyone in the guild has been so generous with donations—we are so grateful! I have a feeling that if we get a lot of traffic at the show, we will have a very successful market!

We would like to encourage our guild members to complete the items they have taken to finish by the next guild meeting.

We have additional unfinished items that we made into kits: name badge holders, sewing machine mats, and casserole covers that have to be finished as well—they are in Jane's hands ready to go.

Volunteers Committee:

We are still looking for members to fill slots for the show. There are sitting and standing jobs. Please contact Debbie Huebel to sign up. Remember, if you volunteer to

work at the show, you get in free for both days and can shop at the Guild Market before the show opens each day.

Entries:

Deadline for quilt entries for the show is Wednesday, January 21 (by the end of the Guild meeting). Forms are posted on the Web site and are available at the meeting. Remember that you need to attach a photo to your entry.

Now, go quilt!

~ Patricia Cook
2015 Quilt Show Chairman

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JANUARY 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6 Quilt Show Mtg 6:30 PM	7 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21 Guild Mtg 6:30 PM Deadline to Turn in Entry Forms	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

2015 DONATION QUILT



Please consider taking the Donation Quilt to one of these guild meetings. It is interesting and fun to visit another guild meeting and meet other

quilters. We want to thank those who have signed up and there are a few more openings available.

Jan 6, Bay Area Quilt Guild meets 1st Tues. at 7. Volunteers needed

Jan 17, Fredericksburg, 3rd Sat. Pam Heine, Teresa Rossman, Kathy Overmann

Jan 31, Celeste Fritz house concert. Celeste Fritz

Feb. 3, Giddings Guild meets 1st Tues. at 6 pm. Carol Blumentrit

Feb. 17, Humble meets the 3rd Tues. Lakeway Baptist Church at 7. Volunteers needed

Feb. 19, Conroe meets the 3rd Thurs. at 7 pm. Shannon McGaw

Please let us hear from you. Thank You.

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ule and helping there when needed. He deserves some TLC. My time for self will include setting up a daily schedule that has more exercise and at least an hour a day to work on my quilts (most days).

Guess I’m off to at least a start for Celeste’s Book of 2015. I have a little while to come up with more chapter titles, then we’ll see what happens from there.

A special thanks this month goes to our Christmas Party Committee: Ann Ammons, Chris Friesen and Dorothy McConnell. The decorations were lovely, the games fun, and a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to our 2014 Quilt Angel: Jean Fleming. Her dedication to the Guild has been outstanding: President for 2 years, on the quilt show committee for 2013 and 2015, chaired the donation quilt committee, and always ready to step in whenever help is needed. Thank you, Jean.

Here’s to a great year ahead of us. Let’s make our books good ones!

~ Celeste Fritz, President

QUILT ANGEL LIST

We would like to develop a list of our Guild’s Quilt Angels since the guild began and put it on our Website. The historical records are somewhat incomplete, so if anyone can help fill in the blanks, it would be greatly appreciated. Here’s what we have so far. Please email celeste.fritz@gmail.com with any updates.

2014 – Jean Fleming	2003 – Jean Leger & Helen Mauldin?
2013 – Carol Ann Maurer	
2012 – Pat Cook	2002 – Eva Hagerdon
2011 – Nita Beard	2001 – Terri Burton
2010 – Debbie Huebel ?	2000 - ??
2009 – Jill Danzer? Sylvia Darcy?	1999 – JoAnn Dewalt
2008 - ??	1998 - ??
2007 – Judy Mobley?	1997 - ??
2006 – Susan McClendon	1996 – Chaille Voelke
2005 – Nancy McCown	1995 – Jean Leger
2004 - ??	

GUILD STRING QUILT CHALLENGE VOTE

Bring your completed string quilt to the Guild meeting on January 21. We’ll vote on the Guild Choice Award. Winner will have a special ribbon awarded at the Quilt Show.



BEE NEWS

~ Carolina Boulanger, Beekeeper

Cut-Ups

Everyone had a wonderful time at our Christmas party. We tried playing a game for the first time – a variation of the White Elephant game. There was a lot of laughter and everyone went home with something (some more than others). We are busily working on our bee challenge quilts and other projects to enter in the quilt show. Meanwhile, we have tentatively planned more activities for next year, including a UFO challenge and another group charity project.

Happy New Year everyone!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

We all enjoyed our annual Christmas party at Lauren's house. We played the right left game and one we call the Hilde game in honor of our member who went back to Norway. Great fun and items were flying back and forth for a while. Lunch was a covered dish with more food than it was possible to eat. We are blessed with wonderful cooks!

We are hard at work finishing up our challenge quilts for the January reveal and we have a charity project in the works along with a HUGE

exchange. It looks like 2015 will be another busy year for us.

Happy New Year to you and yours!

Beekeeper: Patricia Cook

Ladies of the Night

The Ladies had their Christmas party at Benedicte's house. Each person brought either an appetizer, drink or dessert to share. Needless to say, we have some great cooks. We played a few Christmas games and prizes were awarded to the winners. Thank you Donna for organizing the games and prizes. We had a gift swap where each person brought 4 fat quarters in a paper bag. We each took a bag and opened it and then gathered around for a fun game of dice. Each time someone rolled a double they had to trade the fat quarters they had for someone else's. There were some batik fabrics that were flying from one person to the next. It was lots of fun and everyone went home with 4 fat quarters.

We are all looking forward to more quilting fun in 2015.

Beekeeper: Debbie Huebel

UGLY FABRIC BLOCK CHALLENGE

Hope you are enjoying your collection of "ugly fabrics" from our Christmas Party One Yard

Fabric Exchange. Now is the time to get your creative juices flowing, and put together those 12 1/2" (unfinished) blocks. These blocks will be used in charity quilts.

Here are the rules:

- Block size is 12 1/2" unfinished.
- Only use fabric you received. You cannot add from your stash.
- Bring your creation(s) to the February guild meeting.

Everyone who brings blocks will receive one ticket per block for a drawing of a prize.

Looking forward to seeing your creations!

~ The Three Christmas Party Planners – Chris Friesen, Dorothy McConnell, and Ann Ammons

FONS & PORTER MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you wish to renew your subscription, or take out a new one to Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting magazine, you can also help the Guild. The cost is \$20 (cash or check made out to WHQG or paid for by credit card at the meeting). In addition to your magazine subscription, you will also receive Fons & Porter's Scrap Quilts booklet, Fons & Porter's 10 Gift Ideas booklet and 3 spools of Sulky thread. Subscriptions will be accepted at the January Guild meeting.

REMINDERS

Membership dues by January 21, 2015 to get the \$5 discount. After January 21, dues are \$30.00.

Guild String Challenge Quilt due at January meeting for Guild members to select Guild Winner.

Guild Market sew-in, Thursday, January 22 at the Kroger on the corner of Briar Forest and Eldridge from 10-4

Quilt Show Entry Deadline – January 21, 2015

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't already gotten one, the new 2015 membership forms are ready. You can get a copy in the newsletter, on the Website, or on the membership table. Remember, we get a \$5.00 discount for mailing in or paying in person on or before the January meeting, and now we can pay with check, cash, or credit card. Please check the online Roster to verify that your information is correct, and then if there are no changes, a form with your name and 'SAME' will work with your dues.

I'd like to thank and recognize the ladies who volunteered their time to fill Membership group chair positions this year, and welcome them back for 2015: Gloria Stewart greets our visitors at the door and makes them welcome; Marion Vetter makes sure everyone signs in, has their charity hours written down, and gets their ticket for the Door Prizes; Diane Balcerowicz collects all the items

that we bring for door prizes and sorts and bags them so that we can win something cool; Joann Aitken helps Diane and also works with the Library; Brenda Marien has taken over the Charm Squares and keeps track of the monthly choices and quantities, plus keeping up with the count differences when someone is out.

And I know I am not alone when I thank our 3 Party Planners: Chris Friesen, Dorothy McConnell, and Ann Ammons, for all the hours they spent to make the tables so pretty, the Christmas Scents bags, and the fun games. I hope you will consider doing it again for 2015.

As of the December meeting we have had 60 membership renewals.

Happy Quilting!

~ Karen Coffey

2014 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thanks to the membership of the West Houston Quilters Guild for stepping up so completely for the party. We asked for side dishes from you & you really delivered! Thanks to Cathy Beck for playing on her keyboard. Caroling is much better with live music. Thanks to Nita Beard for calling Quilto. She gets down to business and keeps things moving along. Thanks also to Jane Newsome for being involved in prepping, set-up & clean-up. The clean-up was a group effort by lots of members ensuring that the room was completely cleared by the required time. Thanks to Celeste Fritz, our president, for entrusting us, Chris Friesen, Dorothy McConnell, & me, Ann Ammons, to handle this event. She was always available to answer our questions and supportive to our new ideas.

We hope everyone enjoyed the event and wish you a Happy New Year filled with straight seams, perfect mitered corners and the completion of any and ALL UFO's!

*~ From your party committee
Chris Friesen, Dorothy McConnell
and Ann Ammons*

QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The quilt show is less than two months away, now is the time to sign up. Without everyone's help the show would not be possible. We have a job to suit everyone's needs. I have broken out the jobs into categories: before the show jobs, active jobs and sit down jobs. Please stop by the table at the guild meeting and sign up.

If you are unable to make the guild meeting, email me at debquilts18@sbc-global.net or call me at 281-492-0905 (don't forget to leave your name and number). If you don't mind what job you do, you can email or call me and I will sign you up and let you know what you will be doing. All you need to do is tell me the date, time, whether you want an active or sit down job and how many shifts you want to work. Please feel free to sign up as many times as you want, we can always use the help and you get in free to the show. Also, the sit down jobs are a great way to rest tired legs.

*~ Debbie Huebel
2015 Quilt Show Volunteers Chair*



West Houston Quilters Guild
2015 Membership Form

New Member _____ Returning Member _____

(Info has changed from last year _____)

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

\$25.00 – If payment is received/mailed by January 21, 2015 (1st meeting)

\$15.00 – New members joining after July 1st.

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

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Name _____

Address _____

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Phone (H) _____

(W) _____

(C) _____

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Bee Information: I am interested in joining a Bee _____

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? _____ yes _____ no

Do you give us your permission to photograph you and your work for our website and/or scrapbook? _____ yes _____ no

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

West Houston Quilters Guild

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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 _____



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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.