



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Patti Hempen

Program: Serendipity Sampler – A Trunk Show

Fons & Porter still available to order. Check with Treasurer at March meeting.

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CELESTE'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members,

“A negative thinker sees a difficulty in every opportunity. A positive thinker sees an opportunity in every difficulty.”

As a Guild, many of us have had the chance to find out whether we are negative or positive thinkers recently. Whenever you undertake a project as big as our quilt show, there are always those last-minute glitches that come up and test us. Our Quilt Show Committee has proven to be positive thinkers and dealt with each glitch as an opportunity. The show was fantastic and each guild member who contributed deserves a big thank you. A giant thanks goes to our Quilt Show Chairperson, Patricia Cook, who efficiently and effectively dealt with the myriad of details that made our show so special and successful.

Each of you, also, deserves congratulations for your artistry and talent as exhibited in the quilts we displayed. Most of the general public knows very little about quilting, and our show helped introduce them to our passion. I hope we also inspired more people to join the quilting world with us.

On a personal note, the quote I'm using this month also reminds me of the times Martha DeLeonardis has told me that what I thought was a problem with one of my quilts was actually a “design opportunity”. This came up with one of my challenge quilts. I decided to quilt it myself and was previewing my quilting design using a plastic sheet and Sharpie marker. Yep, you guessed it – I accidentally went off the end of the sheet with the Sharpie. I tried every method on the Internet to remove the black permanent marker

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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:

March 4 – No Board meeting this month

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2015 Quilt Show	Patricia Cook
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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS**PROGRAMS**

March 18	Patti Hempen	Serendipity Sampler – A Trunk Show <i>Meal/Trunk Show OPEN</i>
April 15	Deb Karasik	Her quilting journey <i>Meal/Trunk Show Thursday Night Bee</i>
May 20	Gyleen Fitzgerald	Art of Color Blending or the Shape of Things to Come <i>Meal/Trunk Show Nifty Needlers Bee</i>
June 17	Marci Baker	To be announced <i>Meal/Trunk Show Cutups Bee</i>
July 15	Ranae Merrill	To be announced <i>Meal/Trunk Show Ladies of the Night Bee</i>
August 19	Paula Barnes	Civil War Quilts <i>Meal/Trunk Show Katy Rotary Club Bee</i>
September 16	Maggie Ball	Innovative Quilts, Traditional Values <i>Meal/Trunk Show Material Girls Bee</i>
October 21	Brenda Henning	To be announced <i>Meal/Trunk Show OPEN</i>

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

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

Peggy Baldwin was lots of fun this month with her whimsical and colorful quilts. I think my favorite was her “show and tell” of the Lone Star quilt. She definitely has a creative mind and an inventive way to view quilting. I do offer one word of caution, copying a picture or a magazine ad could be a potential for copyright infringement without

obtaining proper permissions, especially if you were to make patterns and then sell them for a profit.

Patti Hempen is our speaker for March. She lives here in Texas and is a sought after as an international quilt teacher. Check out her Web page at www.pattihempen.com

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

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Don't forget to sign up for the Deb Karasik workshop on April 16, 2015 at Quilt n Sew on Mason Road in Katy. Deb's class is a beginner/intermediate paper piecing pattern with some "Y" seams.



Everyone should be able to learn a new skill in her class. Total cost is \$50, \$35 for the workshop and \$15 for her pattern.

Sign up for the May workshop will be available at the March Guild meeting. May's workshop is with Gyleen Fitzgerald and will be on her technique of "Butterfly" seams and her Starstruck pattern.

Retreats

The next retreat will be May 15 – 17 at Retreats by Margie in the Schulenburg/La Grange, area. Please contact Marie Robinson to let her know you would like to sign up and whether you would like to bring in meals or have them catered. The cost of the retreat is dependent on how the meals are provided. There is a \$20 non-refundable deposit required to sign up.

Happy Quilting,

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Gail Brassler	March 20	Kelli McCammon
March 2	Gloria Stewart	March 21	Sherri Good
March 2	Marion Vetter	March 22	Summer King
March 3	Carol Winner	March 22	Jan Liesenfeld
March 5	Dorothy McConnell	March 23	Linda Grupa
March 7	Kathy Eidson	March 24	Kimberly Baird
March 8	Michelle McClellan	March 26	Ann Cobb
March 9	Francie Anderson	March 26	Cindy Gaa
March 9	Mary Wright	March 30	Geri Blanton
March 10	Valeria Bauer		
March 11	Barbara Ann Watson		
March 18	Beverley Bennett		

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

The February guild meeting brought in another great supply of quilts. One large quilt was given to the Disaster Closet plus we had the following turned in: 12 Linus quilts, 7 quilts for women, 5 quilts for men, 3 preemie blankets and 4 beanie babies. Keep up the good work and pick up a kit when you are at the table—everything is provided in the kit except the batting, which we ask you to supply. If you are just getting started into quilting, this is a great opportunity for you to perfect your piecing and practice your quilting and feel really good in the process.

We are designating a couple of months for special types of quilt/stocking turn-in. In celebration of Mother's Day in May—turn in a quilt especially for girls and women, June 21 is Father's Day—turn in a quilt made for a boy or man, and help us declare Christmas in July by making Christmas preemies for Texas Children's Hospital or a Christmas stocking for Cypress Assistance Ministries.

As a reminder, Texas Children's has patients from newborns to age 21, so make your quilts to cover this

large age range in almost any size. The nursing home quilts should be about 40 inches wide by 55-72 inches in length—wheelchair size or to lay across the bed. We have been asked to make the preemies a 25 inch square—Christmas cotton on one side and flannel on the other for December distribution OR other fabric combinations for the rest of the year.

If you would like to crochet or knit some cancer caps or pediatric IV covers, we have yarn available to give you. Just email Connie or Nita to bring to the next guild meeting. Christmas fabric is also available for stockings and preemie quilts—just let us know what you need.

Come join us on Tuesdays at the Kroger located on Hwy. 6 between W. Little York and 529. We meet from 8:30 until around noon and everything you need to help make a quilt is provided. Just bring your sewing machine and plan to have a great time with a group of fun ladies. Looking forward to seeing some new faces on Tuesday.

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

AREA QUILT SHOWS

Quilt Guild of Greater Victoria
Annual Quilt Show 2015: Wild
About Texas

March 27-28, 10 am - 4 pm

Holy Family Catholic Church
704 Mallette Drive
Victoria TX 77904

see www.QuiltGuildVictoria.org for
more information

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Woodlands Area Quilt Guild Quilt  
Show: Bloomin' Qrazy 4 Quilts

April 17-18, 2015

Fri. 8-5 pm, Sat 8-4 pm  
\$5 entry

Legends Sports Complex  
602 Pruitt Dr.  
Spring, TX (Sawdust / Rayford exit)

## THANKS TO OUR QUILT SHOW VENDORS

I would like to thank each and every vendor who participated in our Quilted Roads of Texas quilt show. Everyone who attended had the opportunity to purchase fabric, tools, embellishments for their quilts, jewelry, silk scarves, bamboo socks, kits, etc. Also available were candles for your home, wood racks for your thread, scissor sharpening while you shopped, antique sewing machines and accessories, retreat facilities to check out, clothing to add to your wardrobe—WE HAD IT ALL. Hope to see you again in 2017,

~ Nita Beard, Vendor Chairman

## 2015 QUILT SHOW

By the time you read this, our 2015 quilt show will be history. And what a show it was!

We had some awesome members volunteer their time and talents early in 2014 to work toward a successful show. Every one of them was full of dedication and enthusiasm, new ideas, and the willingness to do whatever it took to make everything work.

Our Bees really stepped up and made awesome items for the market and the raffle, and beautiful quilts for the silent auction. Individual members also donated quilts and items to the show.

Many members have said, "Tell me what to do to help," and we gratefully accepted. Our volunteer schedules quickly filled up with names and times. Others volunteered to be floaters and work wherever needed.

We had a new venue this year that presented a number of challenges. Not only that, but we had 40 more quilts entered in this show than in the previous show. That alone creates a wonderful challenge—where to hang all of them!

We tried a couple of new things. Quilt judging was done off-site and the judges comments were completed on computers by the scribes. This required more up-front preparation on our part, but we felt it was well worth while—and it worked very well.

We offered our members the opportunity to have their quilts appraised. Jane Hancock appraised all of the entries at the judging and was available to appraise other quilts at the show. She was gracious enough to make a donation back to the guild



of part of her fee. Thanks go to Jane for that.

Since we did judging off-site, we could handle all of the move in the day before the show opened. That saved us a good sum in fees at the Berry

Center. We also used our new credit card option everywhere funds were collected. This allowed attendees to shop more!

We challenged the guild members to make a string quilt. What a response! I am always amazed at what creative minds are at work in our Guild. It was so hard to pick one to vote on as winner - well, maybe not, as the winner was absolutely spectacular. Hmmmm. What shall the next challenge be?

We also asked for donations to a silent auction. Members provided stunning quilted items for this endeavor. What fun it was to see the response to this new feature. We'll be talking again about what might be the future for this part of the show.

On page 9 of the newsletter you will find a comment section for the quilt show. We take all of your suggestions very seriously when planning the next show, so please fill it out and send it to me. Or, you can e-mail me at [pcook43@gmail.com](mailto:pcook43@gmail.com) with your comments. They will all be forwarded to the next show chairman.

THANK YOU ALL for participating. Now, go quilt something for yourself!

~ Patricia Cook  
2015 Quilt Show Chairman

## 2015 DONATION QUILT

The Donation Quilt had a very successful launch and continued to be popular everywhere we took it. The committee wants to thank each and every one of our members who volunteered to take the quilt to one or more of the many guilds where it was scheduled to be shown. Without your assistance, we wouldn't have been able to raise nearly as much money to support the educational projects for the Guild.



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### CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Condolences to Jean Ann Bryant, whose husband passed away on Feb. 17
- Thoughts, best wishes and prayers to Arlene Slimmer who underwent surgery for a brain aneurism on Feb. 26
- Penny Lasseter suffered a fall and broke a rib.

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

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but to no avail. My solution? I decided the location of the mark was just right to applique another leaf onto the quilt. Could you tell where my “oops” was?

So... I guess you could say I'm definitely a positive thinker. There's always that self-fulfilling prophecy thing – if you expect the worst, that's what you'll end up with. I prefer to expect the best and I rarely am disappointed.

In response to my column last month, we had a couple of members who shared memories of Tom Russell:

“Tom was amazingly talented, but even more so he was humble and possessed the sweetest spirit. Even though he appeared shy, he was a wonderful speaker who inspired numerous quilters. I will never forget his great hugs and I'm so grateful that I got to visit with him one last time at Quilt Market. It was a privilege to be in his presence and I will miss him.”

–Sharon Dixon

“He was a kind gentle soul, with so much share, he will be missed.”

– Judith Washburn

### MARCH 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Sun | Mon | Tue                            | Wed                        | Thu | Fri                  | Sat |
|-----|-----|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 1   | 2   | 3<br>Quilt Show Mtg<br>6:30 PM | 4                          | 5   | 6<br>WHQG Quilt Show | 7   |
| 8   | 9   | 10                             | 11                         | 12  | 13                   | 14  |
| 15  | 16  | 17                             | 18<br>Guild Mtg<br>6:45 PM | 19  | 20                   | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24                             | 25                         | 26  | 27                   | 28  |
| 29  | 30  | 31                             | 1                          | 2   | 3                    | 4   |

That's all I have for this month. I think I'm still in Quilt Show recovery.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Celeste Fritz, President



## BEE NEWS

~ Carolina Boulanger, Beekeeper

### Bits & Pieces

The Bits n' Pieces bee has completed their silent auction project which we are naming "Table Fun Thru The Year." We ended up with 11 but then Sue came forth to make an even dozen! Thanks Sue!

Everyone continues to work on their own projects. Some members have made progress in making their Linus or nursing home quilt from the one yard cut of fabric that was donated by a friend of the guild. The goal is to use most of the fabric whether it be used to make the top or used for both the top and the backing. We plan to show the quilts at one of the guild meetings later in the year.

*Beekeeper: Sue Humble*

### Cut-Ups

The Cut-ups have been so busy getting ready for the quilt show and then working at it, that all else has been put on hold. We have selected a paper-pieced block and decided on fabrics to make a charity quilt from the bee and will start that at the March sew-in. Other than that, it's: step back, take a deep breath and figure out what project needs to be tackled next.

Our bee does have room for one or two new members, so if you are looking for a bee, check us out. We meet every Friday from 10 A.M. till noon at Quilt 'n Sew.

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Happy Hoopers

Not much going on with the Happy Hoopers Bee. We have gotten our show quilts all ready to turn in and now everyone is taking a deep breath to go on to the next project.

*Beekeeper: Valerie DeRuiter*

### Katy Rotary Club

You'd think our bee members would be ready to take a few months off and relax after an incredibly busy year last year and the first two months of this year making items for the quilt show, wouldn't you?

Ah, but we are a busy group and like nothing better than working together to learn new things and stretch our quilting wings. So, in June, we're planning a workshop with Cynthia Regone to learn her techniques in wool felt applique and make a Christmas row quilt. Then, we have a small challenge to work on designing a quilt around a fat quarter. This doesn't include, of course, our Linus quilt project and the 180-3" paper pieced squares 10 of us are exchanging in the Fall. Whew.

*Beekeeper: Patricia Cook*

### Ladies of the Night

The Ladies did manage to get all their quilts for the show finished and turned in. We had two sew-ins and our UFO challenge celebration dinner at Rocco's. We are now in the process of coming up with our list of 10 UFOs for 2015 and planning a retreat at Canyon Lake.

*Beekeeper: Debbie Huebel*

### Nifty Needlers

The Nifty Needlers have been on the go lately. At the end of January, Kathy Frost, Pam Heine and Teresa Rossman went to Fredericksburg for their Sat. Guild meeting to sell raffle tickets. We left Friday and shop hopped all the way there. The weather was perfect! We had a great time driving up and exploring new quilt shops along the way. We stayed at a hotel that had a western theme. It was very nice. The next morning,

we enjoyed the guild meeting and then headed home. Then, a car load also went to Giddings to Meme's sale. We ate at the most delicious little place called, It's All Good. We all agreed that this place had the best hamburgers in Texas. Then for Valentine's, at our sew in, we sewed, finished projects for the quilt show, and other projects. We ate a delicious meal prepared by members of our bee. We had gumbo, sweet potatoes, rolls and a chocolate chip cookie cake. We always eat well. Then another car load went to Quilt Con in Austin. It is a modern quilt display. You will see some good ideas for quilting in those open spaces. After that trip, some in our bee went to the Heart of Texas shop hop in Waco. For those who enjoy to shop, what a fun day! We are so excited about our quilt show! Good luck to all the participants.

*Beekeeper: Teresa Rossman*

### Thimbelinas

The Thimblelinas are busily finishing their quilt show entries. Six members of our bee are entering quilts. Hope most or all will receive ribbons!

We are continuing our frenzy in using up our large purchase of jelly rolls to make Linus or nursing home quilts. There are so many patterns available, and we can't wait to show them at show and tell later this year.

We have planned our annual retreat in March near Tomball. Not everyone in our bee will be able to attend but the rest of us are planning to get a lot of sewing completed!

*Beekeeper: Lillie Hays*

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### Thursday Night Bee

A lot is starting to happen at the Thursday Night Bee. Betty, Nita, Carolyn, Connie, Zeldajean, Gale D., Gail S., and Linda W all have entries in the Quilted Roads of Texas quilt show, and we hope to bring home lots of ribbons this year.

We decided to celebrate our birthdays with another exchange of fat quarters in the member's chosen color or style. The first celebration will be at our March bee meeting and everybody looks forward to seeing the many different fabrics chosen for the same theme/color. Also this year we are going to have an hour glass block exchange—size and color combo to be determined in March. The exchange is not to make a quilt, but for each participant to use the blocks in a way that showcases the blocks. Turn-ins will be monthly for a couple of months then in November, they will be shuffled and distributed. If there is a Bee Challenge Category for the 2017 quilt show, our bee will be ready.

Our spring retreat is at the end of March and I personally can hardly wait. The quilt show will be over and we can all work on a new project, complete a UFO or learn to make a cute tote bag. As our speaker stated in February—you are only limited by your imagination—so get creative and work out of the box for a change of pace.

*Beekeeper: Nita Beard*

## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Drive will be over at the end of March. Renewal dues must be paid on or before the March meeting; the names of non-renewed members will be taken off the listing. They will be added back when the dues are paid. If you haven't already gotten one - the new 2015 membership forms are available in the newsletter, on the website, or on the membership table.

Dues are \$30.00 a year if you elect to see the newsletter online or \$40.00 a year if you prefer to have it mailed to you. Dues can be paid by mail with a check or cash. You can also pay in person at the meeting with cash, check, or with your debit 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 do ask that everyone submit a form with their dues to help me keep track of all of the renewals.

As of the February meeting our membership drive has had 142 renewals of active members, and 15 new and inactive returning members.

We'd like to welcome and welcome back the following ladies: Cynthia Bauchman, Valeria Bauer, Terri Duncan, Nancy Gomer, Robin Hunter, Jan Liesenfeld, Kelli McCammon, Susan McClendon, Laurie Nigrelli, Rhonda Onware, Kay Schurman, Carolyn Stewart, Deborah Stuart, Janis Vasut, and Barbara Wenker. Welcome!! We hope you enjoy our Guild as much as we do.

The Member Badges are green for 2015. Green stands for prosperity and growth and is what I hope for our Guild. You will find your white Membership card behind the badge in the holder.

This brings the total number of members on the February Roster to 218.

Happy Quilting!

*~ Karen Coffey  
First Vice President - Membership*

## UGLY FABRIC BLOCK CHALLENGE

The next step for the Ugly Block Challenge will be at the March meeting. I have pieced the blocks and will bring them to show you what we have.

Volunteers are needed to sandwich, quilt, bind, and label them so they can be distributed to some deserving folks. There are three lap-sized tops. Should you feel that a border is needed, feel free to do that, by all means. Maybe bees would like to do this project or three individuals could step up. Just contact me either by phone 281-759-2166 or e-mail me at jdan-dann@hotmail.com and we can work it out.

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

## 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.

- 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

## INTERNAL FUND RAISING

February 2015 completed the year for Internal Fund Raising. Thanks for your support to the Guild. I tried to have nice, motivating items to capture your interest. The winners for January-February were: Penny Lassiter, Jane Newsome, Marie Robinson, and Celeste Fritz.

~ Carol Blumentritt

## RED BARN RETREAT – FEBRUARY 20-22, 2015

Wow! Such a fantastic group of ladies attended the most recent retreat at Red Barn. Most of us arrived before lunch and the last few ladies arrived later in the afternoon after they finished work.



15 people attended the retreat. We had 11 members of the West Houston Quilt Guild and 4 ladies who were friends of members who attended.

Over the weekend a few of the ladies visited a local quilt shop and enjoyed a special 'Red Barn Retreat Weekend' discount.

Secret Sister was played by some of the retreat participants - a game where we gave someone a gift or trinket without them knowing.

Beautiful quilt tops were completed while new projects were commenced. A vast array of work was shown and admired by everyone. Such a variety of ability and talents amongst the group!



Thank you to everyone who attended our weekend of fun, laughter and quilting.

We still have two retreats booked for this year: Retreats By Margie on May 15-17 and Deepwoods on September 18-20. Red Barn has been booked for February 19-21, 2016.

Come and see me at the Retreat table and sign up – retreats really are fun and very productive!

~ Marie Robinson  
Retreat Chairman

## 2014 GUILD SCRAPBOOK

The 2014 Guild scrapbook has been completed and will be available in our library.

If you would like to view the scrapbook online or purchase your own copy please email me at [travisnkathy@bellsouth.net](mailto:travisnkathy@bellsouth.net) and I will forward you the link to the scrapbook at Shutterfly.com. There is no obligation to buy through the link – you can look for free!

Many thanks to all the guild members who contributed photos and information to be included in the scrapbook. I couldn't have made it complete without a little help!

~ Kathy Johnson, Historian



## 2015 QUILT SHOW EVALUATION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR 2017 SHOW

Did you attend the Quilt Show?

YES  NO

If "yes" -  FRIDAY  SATURDAY

If "no," why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you enter a quilt in the show?

YES  NO

If "no," why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you volunteer at the show?

YES  NO

If "yes", how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_

If "no", why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you sell tickets for the Donation Quilt?  YES  NO

If "no", why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you participate in any of the workshops to make items for the Guild Market?  YES  NO

If "no", why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you donate any items for the Guild Market?  YES  NO

Did you donate any items for the Basket and Quilt Bonanza (raffle)?

YES  NO

Did you like the theme of the show "Quilted Roads of Texas"?

YES  NO

Do you think the theme was carried out successfully?  YES  NO

Do you have any suggestions for what could have been added to carry out the theme? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any suggestions for a theme for the 2017 Quilt Show? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you like the number/quality of the vendors at the show?

YES  NO

Do you have any suggestions for vendors that should be invited to the next show? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you use the food service vendor that was available?

YES  NO Any comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you attended the show, what was your overall impression of the show?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any suggestions for improvement for the show?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to serve on the Quilt Show Committee?  YES  NO

If "yes", please send an e-mail to WHQG.Quilt.Show@gmail.com.

If you would like to be contacted to discuss any aspect of the show, please provide your name and the best phone number to reach you:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your comments to:  
WHQG 2015 Quilt Show, 1418  
Wycliffe Dr., Houston, TX 77043

## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Your generosity continues with ongoing donations of bed sized quilts to the Disaster Relief Stockpile. Thirty-two quilts were collected in 2014. A GREAT start. Thank you to each Member who has

donated a quilt. Community Service Member Recognition will resume in March - after the Quilt Show. Everyone is extended best wishes for a fabulous show! Good luck to

all who have entered their quilts. Your quilts make the Show!!!!

~ Jan Mathews  
Director of Community Service

## COMMENTS FROM THIS YEAR'S QUILT SHOW JUDGES

- Corners are not square on quilt and in blocks
- Binding: Use shorter tighter stitches on back and stitch miter fold closed on front
- Quilt corners are not square and straight and edge of quilt is not straight.
- Great choice of color values
- Piecing threads visible in seams.
- Very striking quilt and the fabrics make it fun
- Stitch miters closed on front, binding corners should be 90 degrees. (Mentioned numerous times.)
- Animal hair visible.
- Well chosen quilting motif.
- Voids on the edge of your binding.
- Maintain consistent stitch length.
- Strive for better seam intersections.
- I see nothing wrong with the piecing but your outer border isn't straight. Work on cutting straight borders when you are finished
- Avoid shadowing of fabrics.
- Threads need to be trimmed from quilt surface.
- When stitching binding strips, use 45 degree seam to reduce bulk.
- Edge of quilt waves, could have been handled with better binding
- Few puckers or wrinkles in border, may be a function of batting
- Use of different borders with different sizes was a good choice
- Use of 2 color binding is extraordinary

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## DO YOU KNOW? – IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR!

Since our bylaws were revised two years ago, we now only hold board elections every two years. Guess what? This year is an election year. We REALLY need three people to step forward and serve on the Nomination Committee. Duties: recruit guild members to fill the election slate for President, First Vice President (Membership), Second Vice President (Programs & Workshops), Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Community Service, Director of Communications, and Director of Ways and Means.

According to our bylaws, the Nominating Committee must be elected by the membership. If you would be willing to perform this important service to the Guild, please come to the April meeting prepared to be nominated from the floor.

~ Celeste Fritz, President



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