



# Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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## PROGRAM NOTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

**Speaker:** Marci Baker

**Program:** To Be Announced

## WORKSHOP NOTICE

**Date:** June 18

**Speaker:** Marci Baker

**Workshop:** Binding Techniques



## CELESTE'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members,

This month, instead of a quote, I thought I'd use a photo. It's particularly appropriate given the amount of rainfall we've had. (I'm writing this the day after Memorial Day, having survived last night's storms). When I start seeing animals lined up two by two, I think I'll pack up and head to another state for a while.



Meanwhile in Texas...

No one caught me on my "green" faux pas last month. I do have one absolute favorite green – the green of my Michigan State Spartans.

I was SOO glad that the guild retreat at Margie's was held. I knew three of the nine other ladies, but have now made six new friends. The best part is that most of them are new guild members and all are extremely talented. Sadly, our last several retreats have been poorly attended. The board had a brainstorming session at our last meeting and came up with some possibilities that might attract more members to a retreat, but we would like your input. A survey was handed out at the meeting addressing our questions to you, the members. If you weren't at the meeting, check

this month's newsletter. We know some of the bees have retreats, but many others don't. A guild retreat gives those in smaller bees or not in a bee the chance to spend a few days away from home with fellow quilters.

We have fun, we get to know each other, and we always learn from each other. We'd like to have more members be able to take advantage of this opportunity, so

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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:

June 3 – Café Express, Town & Country

July 1 – Café Express, Town & Country

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**PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS****PROGRAMS**

June 17	Marci Baker <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	To be announced <i>Cutups Bee</i>
July 15	Ranae Merrill <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	To be announced <i>Ladies of the Night Bee</i>
August 19	Paula Barnes <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	Civil War Quilts <i>Katy Rotary Club Bee</i>
September 16	Maggie Ball <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	Innovative Quilts, Traditional Values <i>Material Girls Bee</i>
October 21	Brenda Henning <i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	The Life and Times of an Accidental Quilter <i>OPEN</i>

**2015 WORKSHOPS**

June 18	Marci Baker	Binding Techniques <a href="http://quiltwithmarcibaker.com/">http://quiltwithmarcibaker.com/</a>
July 16	Ranae Merrill	“Magic Mirror Mandala Quilt” <a href="http://www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/160">www.ranaemerrillquilts.com/teaching/160</a>
August 20	Paula Barnes	“Bonnie Blue” Quilt <a href="http://www.redcrinolinequilts.com/shop/Patterns/p/Bonnie-Blue—NEW-x4629680.htm">http://www.redcrinolinequilts.com/shop/Patterns/p/Bonnie-Blue—NEW-x4629680.htm</a>
September 17	Maggie Ball	Bargello with a Twist

**Program**

Gyleen Fitzgerald had a fresh approach to her quilting and stories to go with each one. Gyleen’s workshop was well attended and everyone learned how to do ‘Y’ Seams the “Butterfly” way. I certainly will be using this technique in the near future with a couple of star quilts that I am in the process of assembling.

June’s speaker is Marci Baker. She will talk about her quilting journey and have a workshop on binding techniques. The workshop will cover all angles of bindings including a method to use on a scalloped edge. I am providing the workshop supply list at the end of the newsletter. The cost is \$35. Please email me or call

and sign up. June’s workshop will be held at Quiltworks. Quiltworks has moved to a new location. Located at the corner of Jones Road and West Road, the address is 9431 Jones Road. (if you are going north on Jones Rd it is on the left side just before you get to West Road.) workshop will start at 9:30 am. You can bring a lunch with you or we will order from a local restaurant as a group so be sure to bring some cash with you.

Until next time, keep stitching.

~ Debbie Adami  
Second Vice President -  
Programs and Workshops

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please make sure to fill out and send in your survey.

Lastly, I am so proud of this guild and all of the charity work you all do. Not only have we been getting a lot of Linus and nursing home quilts, but your response to our "disaster stockpile" has enabled us to give a helping hand to victims of tornadoes in Oklahoma and Texas thus far.

Sadly, the bad weather continues and we are not even to hurricane season yet. Our stockpile is gone at the moment, but I know this will only be temporary thanks to your generosity.

Next, hasn't Debbie Adami done a great job with our speakers and workshops? Deb Karasik and Gyleen Fitzgerald were both so much fun – at the meeting and workshop! We have even more coming up, so keep an eye out for them in the newsletter. And,,, thank Debbie when you get a chance.

Lastly, a BIG thank you to our members who have stepped up and offered to fill the blanks in our committees. Barbara Ann Watson has accepted the chairmanship of Internal Fundraising, Brenda Taucher is the new Beekeeper and Becky Patton, Pat Gonzalez and Janet Musgrove were gracious enough to step up as Keepers of the Quilt for our 2017 Donation Quilt. (BTW – Just wait until you see this quilt!)

That's it for this month. Hope you all are staying dry. One thing about all the rain – it makes it easy to stay indoors at our sewing machines!

Happy quilting everyone,

*~ Celeste Fritz, President*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Vicki LaTour	June 21	Consuelo A Suarez
June 3	Cathy Bliton	June 22	Helen Recane
June 5	Tryce Beadle	June 23	Diane Balcerowicz
June 8	Amy Matthias	June 28	Joy Denk
June 9	June Jaronitzky	June 29	Karen Ridgway
June 13	Mona Redlich	June 30	Zeldajean Byrd
June 15	Patricia Gray Gonzalez	June 30	Maria Mendez Koteris
June 15	Joan Sokol		
June 17	Doris Kimbrough		
June 21	Pat Curran		

**Please bring a door prize.**

## COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our group of ladies has grown by two during the month of May—welcome to Anne Hayes and Christine Hardemon. We are always excited to have new guild members join our "sweat shop" and help make quilts of comfort for the elderly and children. Come join us any Tuesday from 8:30–noon at the Kroger on Hwy. 6 just north of W. Little York. Bring your machine and everything else is provided.

Our May guild meeting brought in the following: 6 preemies, 3 cancer caps, 20 Linus quilts and 8 quilts for adults. A delivery to Linus will be made in the next couple of weeks with 90 quilts, 80 preemies, IV cov-

ers and some Beanie Babies. Great Job, guild members!!!!

Our theme for the June guild meeting turn in is Father's Day—so make a quilt for a baby boy, a teenager, a gentleman in a nursing home or any age male in between.

If you know of a nursing home that you think would welcome our quilts, please get in touch with Connie or Nita with name and contact info. It is never too early to have a place (or more than one) selected before things get hectic in the fall.

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

## CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of Anne Marie Oxley, a longtime guild member who passed away recently. We will miss her.
- Our prayers go out to Lavita Golightly's family also, as one of her brothers is undergoing cancer treatment.
- It was good to see Pat Gonzalez and Pamela Pfeiffer at the May guild meeting. Glad you two were doing well enough to join us.
- A big hug goes out to any guild members who suffered losses as a result of the recent deluge and flooding.

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*

## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Friendly reminder that June is our "first turn in" meeting date for the UFO Challenge. Please review the rules as published in the May, 2015 newsletter and print your turn in form (also in the May, 2015 newsletter). **YOUR FORM MUST BE TURNED IN TO JAN MATHEWS BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING** (as in, by 6:45 p.m.). I will have blank forms available at the meeting but you should NOT count on me as I may not arrive until 6:30 p.m. If you have a UFO Challenge, please log in for Show and Tell. Looking forward to seeing what everyone has accomplished this quarter!!!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to each and every member who has given a quilt to the "Natural Disaster Stockpile Initiative." Your hard work and love have been shared with tornado victims in both Oklahoma and Texas. Your donations have been such a blessing. However, the stockpile has been depleted to the point that currently we only have three (3) bedsized quilts. I believe in the West Houston Quilter's Guild Members and know you will

replenish the stockpile as you are able. Everyone is to be commended for your giving spirit.

As announced at the May meeting, the small (population roughly 2,700) town of Van, Texas experienced a tornado (over two miles wide) on May 10th which destroyed approximately 35% of the town and left 9 dead. In addition to the destruction within the city limits of Van, the County of Van Zandt reported approximately 17% of buildings (mostly homes and farm buildings) within the County destroyed and multiple families displaced. Calls to the Van Zandt Sheriff's office determined a need for our stockpiled quilts and designated families in both Van and the County of Van Zandt to receive them. The West Houston Quilter's Guild's Natural Disaster Stockpile Initiative delivered 17 quilts for Van families and 13 quilts for other displaced families in the County on May 13th. It was because of our Members' efforts throughout the last nine months that the Stockpile had the inventory to meet the need in Van, Texas / Van Zandt

County. Thank you!!!!!! I am honored to serve this Membership.

The following email was received from Pastor Wisheart (designated contact for delivery / distribution of our quilts):

"Jan -

I just wanted to let you know that we did receive the hand-made quilts that you and your group made. What a blessing! We have carefully set them in a special place where they do not just get mixed in with everything else and we can definitely make sure they are distributed to the right individuals of displaced families.

Thank you so much for these items that were obviously made with much care and love!

May God richly bless you and your group as you serve those that face such difficult times in their lives!

Ed Wisheart  
Pastor"

~ Jan Mathews  
Director of Community Service

## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Drive is officially over, but dues can still be renewed. There are members whose dues have not been renewed; please check the Roster to see if yours are paid if you are not sure. Those that have not paid have been removed from the Roster.

If you wait to renew later in the year the dues will be the same price as they are now, the partial year discount only applies to new members. 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.

As of the May meeting our membership is up to 195 new and returning members.

We'd like to welcome the following ladies who joined or returned in May. We welcome new member Tryce Beadle. We hope you enjoy our Guild

as much as we do. We are glad to see Linda Lindell renew and to see Pam Pfeiffer return!

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. Please try to remember that the Badge stays in the holder - the white business size membership card is yours to take.

~ Karen Coffey  
First Vice President - Membership

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee would like to have your help. We're working to have a really good slate for the elections this fall and would like some suggestions.

If there is someone who you think would be an asset, please let us know. You can contact Jean Fleming at [jean.fleming@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jean.fleming@sbcglobal.net), Marie Robinson at [marierobo9@westnet.com.au](mailto:marierobo9@westnet.com.au) or Sheila Tweed at [tweed@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tweed@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to hearing from you. A special thank you for helping this election be a success.

### 2015 QUILT SHOW UPDATE

#### Raffle Update

We had a great raffle at the Quilt Show. It was thanks to everyone who helped. We had items donated by several bees: Ladies of the Night, Katy Rotary Club, Tuesday Morning Bee, The Cut Ups, Monday Night Divas, Thursday Night Bee, Thimbleinas and the Thursday Morning Bee. Also individual donations by Carol Ann Maurer, Debbie Adami, Lori Richter, Jean Ann Bryant, Sheila Tweed, Julie Lisle and Janna Jackson. The top sellers were The Log Cabin Quilt, The Batik Tote with Batik fabric, The Christmas Tree with Ornaments and The Sampler Quilt. There were several more that were very close in tickets sold.

Here is a list of the winners: Basket by Thursday Morning Bee – Tyree Beadly, Texas Basket – Kay Broyles, Cross Stitch Picture – Darlene Hahn, Learn To Quilt Basket – Cescily Abbott, Batik Tote – Alice Sadgehpour, Cross Stitch Picture – Ruby Hague, Midnight in the Palms Basket – Connie Nebesky, Kit Basket – Cora Johnson, Christmas Tree with Ornaments – Robin Ott, Civil War Basket – Beverly Bennet,

Civil War Strips – Beverly Bales, Giant Jelly Roll-Cathy Beck, Kit Basket – Debra North, Gardening Basket – Patsy Kidd, Tote with FQ's – Grace Dowden, Pillow – Donna Romeo, Big Basket with Tote-Cora Johnson, Sampler Quilt – Vera Brashear, Prairie Point Quilt – Sharon Hayes, Thimbleberries Quilt – Kathy Laughman, Child's Quilt – Bonnie Yezak, Heart Quilt – Denise Edmonds, Log Cabin Quilt – Jill Danzer, Black and White – Tammy Hursh and The Gift Card Basket – Tammy Hernandez.

A special thanks to The Ladies of the Night and The Cut Ups. These Bees manned the booth on Friday and Saturday. Also, Debbie Heubel, Linda Lindell, Ann Ammons and Sheila Tweed for helping to make baskets. Lori Richter was co-chair and she and her daughter Sara were great. Cathy Bliton along with Sheila and John Tweed great helpers for set up.

A successful conclusion thanks to many helpers and the great members of our guild.

~ Jean Fleming

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### JUNE 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	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 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3 Independence Day observed	4 Independence Day



## BEE NEWS

~ Brenda Taucher, Head Beekeeper

### Bits & Pieces

The Bits & Pieces Bee has been busy working on their own projects. Some have even completed their charity challenge quilt which required them to use one yard fabric!

We celebrated birthdays in the group by going to a local restaurant. The birthday girls received their gift of "cash" so they could purchase their own fat quarters or whatever they need/want.

We welcome two new members to the bee: Shirley Buckley and Brenda Taucher! Welcome ladies! We are even discussing ideas for a group project! More info to follow.

*Beekeeper: Sue Humble  
Submitted by: Lillie Hays*

### Cut-Ups

Wow, did our charity quilt come out cute! We still need to get it quilted and bound, but wait until we bring it to Show and Tell! Meanwhile, our members have had something each week for our bee show and tell. Alice brought an Arts & Crafts Applique quilt that was simply gorgeous, and also had a quilt top of all Kaffe Fassett fabrics finished. Sherri has been making beautiful Linus quilts. Many of our members have either been traveling, hosting out of town company, or attending retreats or classes. Our weekly attendance

seems to thin a bit once summer arrives.

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Happy Hoopers

After a couple of months of planning and taking road trips, we are back to stitching. We have started a bed-size donation quilt for the Fort Bend County Women's Center. Kathy has coordinated the project. Chris has been our liaison and Nancy generously donated the batiks for the top. Thanks to them and all of our cutters and sewers, we are on our way to a beautiful quilt which the center plans to auction.

*Beekeeper: Sallye Hodge*

### Katy Rotary Club

Plans are under way for a road trip to Spring to several quilt shops in the area. We are finishing up our Linus quilt project and thinking about what bee challenge we'll have for the rest of this year. Lots of traveling going on with our members over the past couple of months and throughout the summer, with lots of quilting going on whether here at home or on the road!

*Beekeeper: Patricia Cook*

### Ladies of the Night

The Ladies went on a Retreat to Debbie's house on Canyon Lake.

Everyone had a good time and got a lot of sewing done. Eva came all the way from Tulsa to join us. It was great to catch up with her.

*Beekeeper: Debbie Huebel*

### Thursday Night Bee

Things have been rather quiet with the Thursday Night Bee. We had a wonderful retreat in March, planned our next exchange, and enjoyed each other's company just visiting at our May bee meeting at Gale D's home. Our June meeting will be celebrating our second quarter birthday—Zeldajean's—where she will receive batik fat quarters in her chosen colors, purple or turquoise.

June will be the first turn in of our hour glass blocks and it is always fun to see the different fabrics each person has used to make their two-color block. Blocks can be turned in at the July and August bee meetings and then in September, the exchange will actually take place. All of us are looking through books and magazines trying to find a unique pattern using the hour glass block. It will be interesting to see what each member decided to do with their blocks.

Sew a little each day and soon that UFO will be ready to turn in,

*Beekeeper: Nita Beard*

## CHARM SQUARES

We have 9 people signed up for May 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.

- 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

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**BINDING TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP SUPPLY LIST***Bindings — The Secrets*

6 hr. workshop  
Supply List

**Class Description:** Frustrated with your bindings? You don't have to go under cover as a secret agent to learn the ins and outs of making a perfect binding because the secrets are revealed in this Know Before You Sew™ binding class. We will discuss the causes in order to avoid the pitfalls of common binding problems like rounded, pointed, and tucked in corners, lumpy finishes, and bindings that are not filled to the edge. We'll make samples of standard binding, wide binding, and different angles including inside corners. Use your samples for future bindings so there they are frustration-free.

**Supply List**

Basic Machine Sewing Kit (includes scissors, thread, machine needles, and wound bobbins, seam ripper)

Walking foot for your machine is optional

Rotary cutter, ruler, and mat

Know Before You Sew cards are available at class and are optional: Binding, Mitered Corners Basics, Mitered Corners Beyond Basics, Joining Ends, Binding Other Angles, and Binding Inside Angles

A sample quilted piece\* about fat quarter size: 18" x 20" with the backing and batting extending slightly beyond the edges – if possible. (2 layers fabric with batting, quilted together) **Do not trim the edges.** We will do this in class.

\* If it is out of muslin or solid fabric so that notes can be made on the sample, it is great for future reference.

Binding fabric: 3/4 yd (can be a variety of fabrics if desired. We will be making 4 different samples) Do not precut any strips for this as we will determine size in class.

I am looking forward to sharing the hints and tricks that solve the mysteries of binding and make the process rewarding!

## ***SURVEY FOR GUILD QUILT RETREATS***

To help us provide benefits that meet your needs, please complete this survey and return it to Marie Robinson or Debbie Adami.

Question	Your Comments
How many Guild retreats should there be each year?	
What distance are you willing to travel for a retreat?	
How many days should a quilt retreat be?	
Would you attend a one-day retreat in town?	
Should the Guild have a retreat for a specific project or class or just let everyone work on their own projects?	
Under what criteria would you attend a Guild retreat? (time/distance/cost)	
Are you in a bee that hosts retreats? If so, do you attend them? How many per year?	
Have you been to any quilt retreats? If so, which facility was your favorite? Which did you NOT like?	
Do you prefer to cook a meal or have all meals catered for a retreat?	

## DONATION FROM QUILT SHOW PROCEEDS

Because the quilt show was so successful, the Board voted to make a monetary donation from the proceeds to a local charity. We would like our membership to propose which charity and we will have a vote to chose from three at our July general meeting. If you have a charity to submit for consideration, please email a brief bit of information about it to celeste.fritz@gmail.com. At the July meeting, we will have each person who proposed a charity speak briefly to the members to “make a case” for their charity prior to our balloted vote.



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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.



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Saturday - 9 am-4 pm

[quiltworkstexas@gmail.com](mailto:quiltworkstexas@gmail.com)

## DEB KARASIK'S "ARIZONA SUNRISE" CLASS



Class to be held at Quilt 'n Sew,  
Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Class - \$50.00 (same as her workshop for those that missed it)

Sit 'n' Sew on Deb's Project - \$25.00

Instructor: Shannon McGaw

## 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.

