

Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Paula Barnes

Program: Civil War Quilts

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Date: August 20, 2015

Speaker: Paula Barnes

Workshop: “Bonnie Blue” Quilt

Time: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

Where: QuiltWorks
9431 Jones Road at West Road



CELESTE'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members,

“It is neither wealth nor splendor, but tranquility and occupation, which give happiness.” – Thomas Jefferson

“Piecing gives me peace.” – from a tee shirt

As I sit here trying to calm down from a terrible, horrible, very bad morning, I’m reciting these two quotes to myself sort of as a mantra. Tranquility (peace) and occupation (piecing) give happiness. As soon as I finish this article, then, I need to hit my sewing room big time. Funny how once the “must do” projects are finished, I have trouble getting focused on the next thing, the “should do’s”. Heaven knows I have enough of them! I think I’ll focus on just two and maybe, just maybe, I’ll find that happiness. Old Tom Jefferson was a pretty wise man after all.

Another thing that brings me tranquility, happiness and peace is nature. By the time you read this, I’ll be on my way to the great Northwest. I always enjoy visiting family and friends up there and the scenery is spectacular! Some fresh mussels at a pub on Whidbey Island with one of my high school classmates and his wife, some wonderful local wines, and fresh-caught crab...mmmm,

can’t wait. This year, I’m really looking forward to getting up close with glaciers, bears, moose, whales, etc. in Alaska. Thanks, Marie Robinson, for sharing pictures of your cruise with me. You’ve really got me in the mood to get packing.

As those of you who were at July’s meeting know, our guild is awarding a total of \$5000 to two very deserving organizations: Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse and Ft. Bend Women’s Center. All six of the organizations nominated were

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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:

August – No board meeting.

September 2 – home of Celeste Fritz, call for directions

October 7 – Café Express, Town and Country

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS

PROGRAMS

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>
November 18	Jane Hancock	Quilt Appraisals

2015 WORKSHOPS

August 20	Paula Barnes	“Bonnie Blue” Quilt http://www.redcrinolinequilts.com/shop/Patterns/p/Bonnie-Blue—NEW-x4629680.htm
September 17	Maggie Ball	Bargello with a Twist

2016 PROGRAMS

Jan 20	Brenda Jeske	
Feb 17	Teresa Duryea Wong	The History of Japanese Quilts
March 16	Rosie McCrady	Redwork Through the Years
April 20	Becky Goldsmith	Piece o’ Cake Applique
May 1	Cindy Needham	For the Love of Linens
June 15	Nancy Chong	Hawaiian Quilting
July	TBD	
August 17	Susan Cleveland	
Sept	TBD	
October	Guild Workshop for Quilt Show	
November 16	Grace Errea	The Value of Value

2016 WORKSHOPS

March 17	Rosie McCrady	Redwork Embroidery Thursday
April 21	Becky Goldsmith	tbd
May 19	Cindy Needham	Linen Ladies
June 16	Nancy Chong	Applique
August 18	Susan Cleveland	Piping Hot Bindings
November 17	Grace Errea	Photo to Art Quilt

Program

Wow! we had a full house for our program with Ranae Merrill. Ranae’s interactive presentation with learning about how a spiral works was fascinating. Her trunk show was beautiful. I had several favorites and took a

closer look at them at the workshop. The Workshop was well attended, and we each got lots of personal help and attention with our designs and colorations. Almost everyone got the

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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

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very deserving and it must have been tough to vote for just one. Thanks to those of you who nominated organizations and to all who voted at the meeting. I noticed some of you had even taken notes on the presentations – great!

One last thing. I had such fun at our July workshop with RaNae Merrill! It was like playing. We got to cut up paper, tape it down, color with erasable markers, play with fabrics where we had colored, and used our mirrors to see how our one little piece we finished will look once we get five more made. I think everyone in the class had a great time and found that our brains were stretched by the design process (a good thing).

Only one more month of the really hot weather to get through. Good thing we're all quilters, since we can use the heat as an excuse to sit behind our sewing machines every day!

That's it for this month. Happy quilting everyone,

~ Celeste Fritz, President

QUILTING THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The process of making a quilt should not be a race to the finish but an enjoyable experience. Be willing to try new things, take your time, test your creativity, and enjoy yourself! Remember, you are telling your story and making a treasure in cloth—it deserves your best work!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 01	Claudia Duke	August 17	Brenda Taucher
August 01	Rita Lucas	August 20	Gail Snyder
August 03	Mariet Nieskens	August 23	Clydene Hellenguard
August 06	Linda Gremillion	August 23	Carolyn Stewart
August 07	Francine Doyle	August 24	Rebecca Cox
August 08	Deborah Stuart	August 28	Sharon R Mathews
August 10	Janice Broussard	August 29	Janellyn Lipinski
August 11	Penny Lasseter	August 30	Lena Rhodes
August 11	S Lori Richter	August 31	Cynthia Regone
August 13	Tina Latasha Johnson		
August 14	Sarah Bye		

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Christmas was in the air with 76 stockings being turned in plus 20 Christmas preemies. Totals from the July guild meeting were: 50 IV covers, 76 stockings, 28 preemies, 13 Linus and 10 adult quilts. Keep up the great job of providing for those less fortunate, adults in nursing homes and children in need of a comfort quilt.

If you have not turned in a quilt for 2015, remember you can always pick up a kit or two from the Charitable Works table. Everything you need to complete the quilt is provided except the batting. Each kit also includes an easy to iron on label. Each member is asked to make at least 2 quilts to help support our community and they can all be done using guild donated fabrics. Stocking kits are also available until they run out.

Do you know a nursing home we can contact to receive our beautiful

quilts? Maybe you can suggest more than one. Help us out by emailing either Connie or Nita with contact information. It is never too late to have a home in mind and know how many quilts we will need.

Comfort Quilters took the month of July off because most of our group was going to be out of town, but we will start back on Tuesday, August 4, at 8:30 at the Kroger on Hwy. 6—located between W. Little York and FM 529. Any guild member is welcome to come and sew with us, even on a part time basis. Just bring your machine and we will provide the rest.

ELAINE, WE MISS YOU. HURRY UP AND GET WELL SO YOU CAN MAKE MORE LOVELY QUILTS.

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

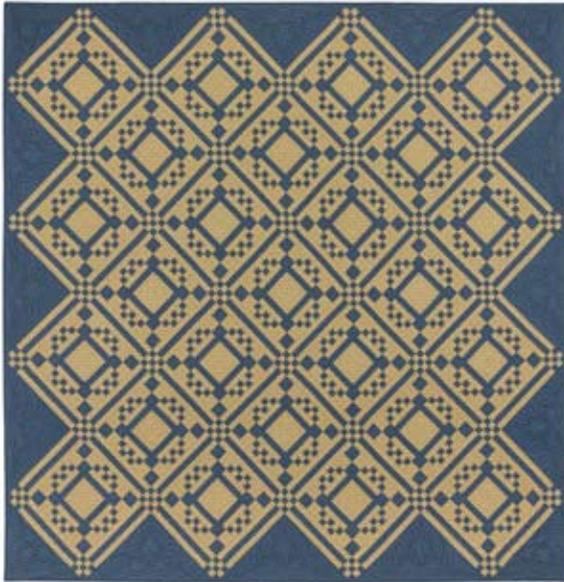
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Toiletries Needed! NW Community Center Food Pantry is in need of shampoo, bath soap, toilet paper, paper towels and feminine hygiene products. If you have been traveling and collecting small soaps and small shampoos, please consider sharing your stash. Of course full size products are appreciated too! I will take your donations at our monthly meeting and get them to the Food Pantry. Thank you for your consideration.

~ Marcia Karns

“BONNIE BLUE” QUILT SUPPLY LIST

Bonnie Blue Supply List



August 20, 2015
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 QuiltWorks
 9431 Jones Road at West Road
 Houston, TX 77065

Quilt is approx. 95" x 95"

Fabric Requirements

5 1/4 yards cream print
 6 1/2 blue print for quilt and straight binding
 (We cut our binding 1 7/8" wide to finish 1/4" wide.)
 9 yards for backing

Pre-cutting Instructions

From a dark print cut:

A (13) 2 1/2" x WOF (width of fabric)
B (15) 1 1/2" x WOF
C (20) 1 1/2" x WOF

From a light print cut:

D (13) 2 1/2" x WOF
E (15) 1 1/2" x WOF
F (20) 1 1/2" x WOF
G (25) 5 1/2" square

MEMBERSHIP

Even though the Membership Drive is officially over, your dues can still be renewed. We still have 2014 members whose dues have not been renewed; please check the Roster to see if yours are paid if you are not sure.

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 Web site, 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 July meeting our membership is up to 206 new and returning members.

We'd like to welcome the following ladies who joined or returned in July. We welcome new members Rebecca Cox, Pamela Downes, Beverly Farrell, Lynda Morse, and

Darlene Robertson; and welcome back Sheila Odell, Sandra Seavey, and Jill Ziegler. 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. 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

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first part of the design planned and pieced. The interaction in the class was fun and the creativity and colorations were unique and no two were alike. We shared fabric and ideas and really stretched our imaginations.

In August, Paula Barnes will speak on Civil War Quilts and has a trunk show for us. Her workshop is on her quilt called "Bonnie Blue" and will be held Thursday, August 20 at Quiltworks beginning at 9:30 am. The workshop is \$35 and the pattern fee is \$10. The supply list is included at the end of the newsletter. I have about 10 spaces left for the workshop, so please let me know as soon as possible and send me a check for your place.

Brenda Henning is our October speaker, coming in from Alaska. Is there a Bee who would like to take her to dinner? Please let me know at the August meeting so I can make arrangements for her.

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Retreats

We have filled 15 spots as of July 20 for the September 18 – 20 Retreat at Deepwoods in Smithville and have enough signed up to make the retreat. This is our last one for the year sponsored by the Guild. It is \$170 and includes all meals. Please contact Debbie Adami or Marie Robinson, Retreat Chairman, and let them know you want to sign up. Final payments are due at the August 19 meeting.

Happy Quilting,

~ Debbie Adami
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops

**CONGRATULATIONS,
JOAN**

Congratulations to Joan Aitken for having two of her quilts accepted to show at International Quilt Festival in November. Seventeen quilts were selected

CHALLENGE BLOCKS

This is a reminder that the paper pieced heart blocks are due at the August guild meeting. Each person turning in a completed block will receive a ticket for the raffle.

~ Jean Ann Bryant
and Debbie Huebel

CHARM SQUARES

We have 10 people signed up for August 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.

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

~ Brenda Marien
Charm Squares

AUGUST 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



BEE NEWS

~ Brenda Taucher, Head Beekeeper

Bits & Pieces

The Bits & Pieces bee has been busy during these hot summer days. We welcome our newest member to our group, Rita Orban.

The group started a round robin exchange in July. Each participant brought in a 15" finished block and shared their creation to the group. Then they passed their block, and fabric if they wanted, to the next person. The exchange will happen the second Wednesday of each month during our sew-in. The reveal will happen in February, 2016.

We will have our next birthday celebration on August 5th. We are having a luncheon at a local restaurant and then going back to Quilt n' Sew to do some stitching.

Everyone is working on our charity quilts which we will show 'n tell during the guild's October meeting.

Happy sewing!

*Beekeeper: Sue Humble
Submitted by: Lillie Hays*

Cut-Ups

Several of our members took in the Greater Houston Guild's quilt show. There were a lot of really beautiful and really creative quilts on display. Other than that, we had our usual sew-in on the last Friday of the month. Our members have been taking turns going out of town or having other appointments to go to, so our meetings have been a little small lately. We need to start planning our projects for next year, including what we want to make/donate to the next quilt show!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Happy Hoopers

Happy Hooper bee members have heavy hearts now because our member Debbie Kmiecik, who had a stroke recently, died July 26. She had been making progress, so we were stunned by this news.

Beekeeper: Sallye Hodge

Katy Rotary Club

Lots going on with our group. We're planning our challenge quilts for the next quilt show, finishing up our charity quilt, putting together plans for our quilt to go into the next quilt show's silent auction, and the exchange "beasty" blocks are soon going to be distributed. Several of our members are collecting their fabric for the Paula Barnes' "Bonnie Blue" workshop in August. Vacations have cut into our attendance at bee, and we are always glad to hear what what everyone has done when they return.

Beekeeper: Patricia Cook

Ladies of the Night

Ladies enjoyed hosting RaNae Merrill at the July meeting. We all enjoyed visiting with her over dinner before the meeting.

We planned our tin can raffle quilt for the 2017 quilt show. Everyone is busy working on their Pick 10 UFO challenge items.

Beekeeper: Debbie Huebel

Monday Night Divas

The Divas have really enjoyed meeting at the new Quiltworks Shop. We have an all day sew-in scheduled for August 1. Our contribution to the 2017 show has been started and we are discussing exchange ideas. Happy July Birthday to Divas: Carolina

Boulanger, Tracy Dyer and Mary Beaulieu. Happy August Birthday to Divas: Lena Rhodes and Tina Johnson.

*Beekeeper: Carol Blumentritt
Submitted by: Helen Recane*

Nifty Needlers

Several of our ladies have been shop hopping lately. Kathy, Pam and Linda spent two days on a trip. They left on a Monday up to the Dallas area and East Texas. They stayed the night and covered the area thoroughly. Then on a Thursday, two more of us joined them for a day of shopping South on 59. We went to Blessing, TX. and ate lunch in an old hotel. It was very quaint and had good food. As we went down the hallway, we got to see into several rooms which had quilts on the beds.

At the moment, we are working on our own projects. Kathy completed a beautiful quilt for her son with an outdoorsman theme. She had several blocks with hunting items that were embroidered. It was beautiful. Jean finished a couple of adorable quilts for a new baby in the family. Kathy C. just about finished two gorgeous quilts for two young boys in her family. They will love them. We do want to mention that Kathy Overman will be having back surgery in August. Our prayers will be with her for a speedy recovery.

Beekeeper: Teresa Rossman

Thursday Night Bee

At our July bee meeting, we finally got to celebrate Connie's birthday. Because of her work schedule, she has not been off on Thursdays for quite a long time. She received some

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very different Kaffe Fasset fabrics. Hope she has a project in mind. Some of us in the bee, plus a couple of extras, signed up for the Turning Twenty BOM. We are going to make two of each block and keep one and give the other one away. Linda G has worked up a chart where the extra block goes to a different person each month. We chose to make the patriotic block following the example given for each exchange. Some have already made the first block and others will be the day of the exchange trying to get theirs finished. But it is going to be fun to see all the different reds and blues in each block.

Gail S invited her friend, Dr. Tara Myers, to come to our meeting and she showed us a group of hand pieced quilts made by her grandmother and great grandmother. Lots of ooing and aahing. Gale D and Gail S also showed charity quilts which they had made. The rest of our evening was spent making 25 Christmas stockings. We had quite an assembly line going and they were finished in less than an hour.

We ended the meeting with brie and amaretto peach jelly yummy plus a delicious lemon cake. When was the last time you drank FRESCA—it is very refreshing on a hot summer night and it tasted really, really good with cake.

Next on our agenda was the summer sew in at Linda W's house. Eight of

MORE QUILTING TIPS

Take photos and keep a written record of all your completed quilts. Make sure you label each of your quilts properly too on the back, so there is always a permanent record of who, when, and for whom the quilt was made.

us enjoyed a day of laughing, eating (of course) and lots of sewing. It is amazing to me the number of different, beautiful projects that our group works on and gets finished. Hats off to the chef for the wonderful salad lunch—ingredients contributed by everyone into a one-of-a-kind washtub salad. We had our choice of desserts—blackberry cobbler, lace cookies, chocolate cookies and more chocolate. Our day was complete. Thanks, Linda, allowing us to invade your home, mess up your floor, and rearrange. It was FUN!!!

Keep cool by staying inside and working on at least one project,

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

QUILTING TIPS

Using the same brand of ruler regardless of size when measuring and cutting will keep your pieces consistent. Square up and align pieces before sewing together. Use pin/glue stick/stiletto to help pieces fit together as you stitch. If necessary to ease, place larger piece on bottom so feed dogs can help. Make it a habit to re-trim each pieced unit to the correct required measurement. And may your blade always be sharp!!

Sew slowly and keep control. Sometimes multi-tasking such as chain piecing or cutting multiple layers of fabric can diminish the ability to be precise. Remember to blink, breathe, swallow. Take a break every 45 minutes.

CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Our thoughts are with Sam Seavey on the loss of her father.
- Our thoughts are with the family of guild member Debbie Kmiecik who passed away on July 25.
- We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Elaine Mason, who is recovering from complications from a fall.

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

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Trinity Valley Quilt Guild,
"Sew Many Favorites"
September 18-19, 2015
Will Rogers Convention Center, Fort Worth

Golden Needles Quilt Guild of
Montgomery County, Texas,
"Quilty Pleasures" Quilt Show &
Live Auction
September 18-19, 2015
Lone Star Convention Center
Conroe, Texas

Johnson City Quilters Guild,
"Seasons in the Hill Country" Quilt
Show
September 19, 2015
Hoppe Room - Blanco County
Courthouse Annex, Johnson City,
Texas

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"Star Gazing" Quilt Show
September 25-28, 2015
San Antonio Event Center, San
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Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

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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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