



# Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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## PROGRAM NOTICE

**Date:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015

**Time:** 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

**Speaker:** Brenda Henning

**Program:** The Life and Times of an Accidental Quilter

## WORKSHOP NOTICE

All workshops for 2015 are completed. Watch your newsletter for updates on 2016 workshops.



## CELESTE'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members,

*"We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves." – Pope Francis*

As I write this, Pope Francis is wrapping up his visit to our country. Whether you are a religious person or not, I'm sure you can agree that this is a humble, godly man doing his utmost to serve his fellow human beings and his God. I chose this quote because, as quilters, we follow a similar mantra – none of us can create the "perfect" quilt because only God is perfect. But we all try, don't we?

At this time of the year, as the days grow shorter and the temperatures cooler, it seems to me that we need to take a step back and really look to the colors of nature for our inspiration. I grew up in Michigan, where the brilliant reds of the maples, the deep reds of the oaks, and the yellows of the birches put on a splendid show in autumn. When I lived in Colorado, it was the glowing gold of the aspens against the deep greens of the evergreen trees that provided autumn color. Here in the south, as I look at Addicks Reservoir behind my house, I see trees turning color – some red,

some yellow – and am inspired to start using these colors in my quilting projects. Funny how the seasons affect our creativity, isn't it.

As we head toward the holidays, our guild activities are winding down. We've had our last workshop (and I do hope many of you have had a chance to attend at least one of them this past year), and our last retreat (excellent job, Marie!). Many thanks to all who have helped with these: Quilt 'n Sew and Quiltworks for letting us use their facilities; Marie Robinson and her helpers; and most-ly Debbie Adami for scheduling such

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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:

November 4 – Café Express, Town and Country

December 2 – Board and Committee Christmas Party

**West Houston Quilter's Guild**

**2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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2015 Quilt Show	Patricia Cook
Retreats	Marie Robinson
Visitor Welcome	Gloria Stewart
Web site	Patricia Cook and Amy Mathias

**PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS**

**PROGRAMS**

October 21	Brenda Henning	The Life and Times of an Accidental Quilter
	<i>Meal/Trunk Show</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
November 18	Jane Hancock	Quilt Appraisals

**2016 PROGRAMS**

Jan 20	Brenda Jeske	“Is Your Quilt Show Ready”
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**

I hope you all enjoyed Maggie Ball’s presentation. She had wonderful ways to change colors around and have a whole new design with the same block. Maggie’s initiative with the Mongolian ladies is a great example of how to empower women and teach them the skills necessary to help pull them up to a higher standard of living. I love to hear of women helping women and trying to make a difference in others’ lives. It puts life in perspective as to what we are called to do. Thank you all for the funds you donated, we raised \$252 to help with the ladies. I want

to assure you all that Maggie was very surprised by your generosity. Class on Thursday was fun, we had 15 ladies attend and I think most of us got at least one block done and are very comfortable with how to do a Bargello with a Twist.

Brenda Henning is our speaker for October. Brenda is known for her Strip Therapy Quilts and Stained Glass Quilts. She is generously spending the evening with us right before Quilt Market. Brenda’s mariner’s compass quilts are some of my personal favorites.

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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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**Workshops**

The next workshop will be March 17, 2015 with Rosie McGrady and Redwork Embroidery.

Happy Quilting,

~ Debbie Adami  
 Second Vice President -  
 Programs and Workshops

**FOR SALE - BERNINA  
 830**

Bernina 830 purchased in 2009. I'm asking \$5,000 for the machine alone or \$6,500 for the machine and the embroidery unit. I am including lots of “extras” with the machine and embroidery unit including: extra bobbins, a multi spool holder, the mega hoop, instructional video from Bernina and an instructional video from It's a Stitch. Right now the machine is in Humble for routine maintenance to make sure there are no issues for a buyer. It has the latest software update as well. Of course, the standard feet and the Bernina Stitch Regulator and the machine dust cover are also included.

I'm happy to talk with any potential buyers and will deliver within the greater Houston or Austin areas.

*judybreckbill25@gmail.com*  
 713-825-0341

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- |                               |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| October 1 Suzanne Humble      | October 21 Tammy Kurkoski         |
| October 2 Michelle Mitchell   | October 22 Terri Duncan           |
| October 4 Debra North         | October 28 Pam Heine              |
| October 5 Judith Washburn     | October 29 Kathie Frost           |
| October 9 Millie Savage       | October 31 Barb Knoblock          |
| October 14 Lisa Mautz         |                                   |
| October 16 Christina McCaslin | <b>Please bring a door prize.</b> |
| October 17 Jean Fleming       |                                   |

**COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Comfort Quilters spent two recent Tuesdays making new kits for guild members to pick up and make a quilt for Linus or for a resident of a nursing home facility. Come by the table at the next guild meeting and see what we have to offer. The kit contains all you need to make the quilt except batting and the labor of love. The last stocking kits will be available at the October guild meeting—if you haven't made some of these easy stockings, pick up a kit and make a few. Stockings will be delivered to Cypress Assistance Ministries right after Thanksgiving.

Everyone must have been taking last minute vacations, working on their UFOs or other projects because our turn ins for September were very light: only 12 quilts, 2 preemies and 7 stockings. If you haven't turned in your two quilts for the year, you have only 3 more guild meetings to get them finished. Stop by our table and pick up a kit—some only need to be quilted and bound—easy, peasy.

**HELP US FIND A NURSING HOME. GIVE INFORMATION TO CONNIE OR NITA.**

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard  
 Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

**OCTOBER 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

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wonderful speakers and workshops. I have learned SO MUCH! Now to finish some of those class projects....

I also want to give a special thanks to Elaine Mason who worked very hard this year to coordinate having other guilds show their donation quilts at our meetings. Elaine has had some serious health problems lately and we probably won't see much of her for the rest of the year,

Don't forget that we will be electing our new Board of Directors at the October meeting! It's important that you be present to vote so the new board members know they have your support. I think our slate of officers is excellent and I look forward to taking a back seat knowing the Guild will be in good hands.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Celeste Fritz, President

I would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and well wishes to me while I was in the hospital. I'm home now but wheelchair bound for the moment. Thanks again for your concern.

~ Elaine Mason

### SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2016-2017 TERM

The Nominating Committee announced their nominees for office for the 2016-2017 term at the September meeting. Per Guild bylaws, President Fritz opened the floor for additional nominations. No additional nominations were made, so the slate to be voted on at the October Guild meeting is:

- President . . . . . Patricia Cook
- First Vice President – Membership . . . . . Shannon McGaw
- Second Vice President – Programs . . . . . Chris Friesen

- Secretary . . . . . Cathy Beck
- Treasurer . . . . . Dorothy McConnell
- Director of Communications . . . . . Tina Johnson
- Director of Community Service . . . . . Debbie Adami
- Director of Ways and Means . . . . . Susan Vacek

You are encouraged to attend the meeting and cast your vote.

### CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Our thoughts are with Barb Shroul, Past President, whose father passed away and with Dundee James whose son is in hospice care.
- Elaine Mason continues to recover at home.

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 with surgery or illness, or needs to be

### QuiltWorks WHQG Double Discount Coupon

Bring this coupon and your WHQG membership card to QuiltWorks on Fridays to receive double your guild discount. Coupon expires 12/31/2015.

QuiltWorks, 9431 Jones Road at West Road, Houston, TX 77065

### CHARM SQUARES

We have 10 people signed up for the 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.

- October – Structures (Barns, Houses, etc.)
- November – Shoes
- December – Toys

~ Brenda Marien Charm Squares



## BEE NEWS

~ Brenda Taucher, Head Beekeeper

### Cut-Ups

Our group enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Outback to celebrate the members whose birthdays are between July 1 and the end of the year. We are also planning a road trip to visit our former member, Anne Hernandez, who is in a care facility in Tomball. A number of us have finished up the "Buck a Block" projects that Anne started and our goal is to make 2 nursing home quilts and one for Anne. Meanwhile, we have been busy planning a number of projects with the 2017 guild quilt show in mind. Just wait! They'll be wonderful! We figured if we got the planning done now, we'll be ready to roll after the holidays.

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Happy Hoopers

We welcomed new member Teresa Beautz to the guild and to our bee this month. She brings youth and talent to our group. We are still looking for a couple more quilters to join us on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 at Quilt and Sew in Katy. Grab a friend and come check us out. We are excited that some of our wandering members will return in October.

*Beekeeper: Sallye Hodge*

### Katy Rotary Club

Our members have been extra busy this past month, attending workshops, exchanging blocks from our annual block exchange, and working on quilts for weddings, birthdays, and charity projects. It's such fun to see how different each member's vision is for blocks from the exchange. Plans are moving forward for our retreat the week following Festival.

That's become an annual event that lets us share the goodies and information gleaned from classes attended and finish those projects needed for gifts.

We are finalizing plans for the quilt we'll be making for the 2017 Quilt Show's silent auction. What fun!

*Beekeeper: Patricia Cook*

### Ladies of the Night

The Ladies are busy getting ready for a retreat to Cindy's house on Lake Conroe. We are really looking forward to it as most of our members will be in attendance. One of our former members, Barb S will be joining us from Longview as well.

Everyone is continuing to work on their UFOs and most are making good progress in completing them. Sheila and Benedicte were putting on the finishing touches of a quilt for a mutual friend's baby. Mary showed a quilt just back from her quilter, Barb K, that was made with light yellows and greys; she was also finishing up a quilt with minkie on the back for her grandson, Wesley. Cindy finished her Linus quilt made of Linus fabrics of course, a Mondo bag for her sister and a Christmas table runner. Barb W showed off a Linus quilt featuring Mickey Mouse. Kathy finished her Christmas ice skates wall hanging that she was quilting at the Deep Woods guild retreat.

*Beekeeper: Debbie Huebel*

### Monday Night Divas

The Divas meet the 4th Monday of each month, from 5-8 pm, at Quiltworks. We have openings for new members and have lots of room

at Quiltworks' new location. An addition to our Bee is a monthly sew-in on the first Saturday of each month at Quiltworks. Members work on everything from UFOs to Christmas stockings. The Divas are hoping to meet our goal of turning in 100 Christmas Stockings this year.

*Beekeeper: Carol Blumentritt  
Submitted by: Helen Recane*

### Thursday Night Bee

Several members of the Thursday Night bee spent from Thursday to Sunday at one of our yearly retreats in a cabin at Camp Allen. We were joined by Connie's two sisters and new guild member Christine Hardman. Everyone brought lots of projects to work on and the sewing machines were humming from early morning to very late at night. Nita planned and prepared all the food—brisket and all the trimmings, salad and sandwiches, make your own pizza night, spaghetti and garlic bread and breakfast casserole. Desserts, snacks, fruit, etc. were brought by those attending and enjoyed by all. As noon on Sunday approached, we felt we had made some beautiful quilts which you will see in the coming months at Show and Tell.

We are continuing to exchange the BOM star blocks from Tricia Cribbs and the variety of reds, blues and creams being used is very interesting. I can hardly wait to see how these 24 large star blocks and 12 small star blocks are going to be put together.

See you at guild and keeping stitching a little every day.

*Beekeeper: Nita Beard*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The September meeting was our second UFO Challenge “turn-in” meeting and 17 ladies showed they were UFO “Completers.” YEAH, Ladies - great job and thank you for your participation. Shirley Chriss was the second turn-in winner. Next / last turn-in meeting is the December meeting. REMEMBER: December has two winners: the quarterly turn-in will garner a prize AND those individual who have turned in all three UFO Challenges on time will be eligible for the Grand Prize. Looking forward to seeing everyone’s final UFO.

Thank you also go out to Gail Davis and Nita Beard for their quilt donations to the Disaster Quilts Stockpile. We are over half-way through Hurricane Season without major impact (knock on wood). Hopefully we will continue to build the Disaster Quilts Stockpile. Again, thank you for continuing to support this effort.

Lastly, the Guild NEEDS YOU!!!! Specifically, the Guild needs you to volunteer to “man” the Guild’s Quilting Bee booth at Houston International Quilt Festival. ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. “Job Qualifications” include a smile, willingness to sit for your shift, and engage with others. Ability to hand quilt is a plus. If you are interested in adding your name to our volunteer roster, please email me or be ready to sign up at the October meeting. I have to turn in names in October so

you should get your name on the list sooner rather than later. The perks for signing up AND completing your volunteer hours are (1) free admission to Festival on the day of your scheduled shift and (2) if you work six or more hours this year, you receive “Early Enrollment” for next year’s Festival. Here is the schedule:

### Wednesday, October 28:

4:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Marcia Karns, Mary Edwards, and Bobbie Caruthers

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Annette Hawley (need one to two more volunteers)

### Thursday, October 29:

9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Michelle Mitchell and Marcia Karns (need one or two more volunteers)

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Melissa Kaye, Mary Edwards, Bobbie Caruthers, and Annette Hawley

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Kay Crabb (need two or three more volunteers)

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Karen Coffey (need two or three more volunteers)

### Friday, October 30:

9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Bette Jesuit, Sandi Gerner, and Linda Lindell

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Robyn Ott (need two or three more volunteers)

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Melissa Kaye, Mary Edwards, Bobbie Caruthers, and Annette Hawley

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. -

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Karen Coffey (need two or three more volunteers)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Kay Crabb (need two or three more volunteers)

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Tina Johnson, Melissa Kaye, and Karen Coffey (need one more volunteer)

### Saturday, October 31:

9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. -

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. -

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. -

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Rebecca Paton (need two or three more volunteers)

### Sunday, November 1:

9:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Sandi Gerner (need two more volunteers)

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Kathy Wagner, Shannon McGaw, and Tina Johnson (Full)

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Tina Johnson, Melissa Kaye, and Shannon McGaw (Full)

See you in October.

~ Jan Mathews  
Director of Community Service

Richmond, Texas  
Tuesday October 20th, 2015

11:00 am to 12:30 pm  
02:00 pm to 03:30 pm

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## MEMBERSHIP

It's October and my favorite time of the year. We get a break from the summer heat and get ready for the holiday season. I can still remember the holiday smells and colors of the leaves as they would change; the smell and taste of the first snow; and best of all the smells coming out of the kitchen as my mother created all the wonderful treats for the holidays. She would be knitting and crocheting and sewing gifts—and shame on any of us kids who tried to sneak up and find out what she was up to. Even

now, all these years later and living in Texas, it's still fresh in my mind as we get to this time of year. And I know that I am not alone in this.

Welcome to our newest members: Teresa Beautz, Julie Crowell, Kris Hoffman, and Lynn Lucas. We all hope that you enjoy being a part of our guild as much as we all do. We now have a total of 212 paid members!!

Please remember to bring your door prize donations on your birthday

month – we all love to try to win something.

Also please return your badges before you leave, and if you need a replacement badge or membership card don't hesitate to ask. I will print another and have it at the next Guild meeting.

Happy Quilting!

~ Karen Coffey  
First Vice President - Membership



Noted Texas quilter and quilting instructor Cynthia Collier will give a FREE lecture this Saturday, October 10, at 3 p.m. at the Texas Quilt Museum. Admission will be free beginning at 2 p.m.

She will discuss the exhibit of her work, "Cynthia Collier: Transformed by Tradition," currently on display at the Museum and featuring ten of Collier's quilts.



## NOTES FROM THE DEEPWOODS RETREAT – SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2015

If you didn't go to the last retreat at Deepwoods you missed out on a great time! We had 22 people attend from a number of different Bees in our Guild. On arrival everyone was given name tags and a small gift bag.

Deepwoods is just under 2 hours from Houston located outside of Smithville on a small acreage abundant with trees. The quilting room is huge and everyone had plenty of room to spread their various projects. Deepwoods is a great facility in that everyone has their own design wall and there are a variety of ironing tables and cutting tables.

Each member was asked to bring 2 autumn fat quarters and 2 black and white fat quarters to the retreat for a raffle. These were divided up in 6 separate prizes. I chose autumn and black and white as my stash was lacking these fabrics and I was hoping to win one of the prizes. Up until the raffle was drawn I was sure I was onto a good thing and luck was on my side.....however, luck was NOT on my side and some very lucky members ended up winning these beautiful fabrics.

The quality of work produced or worked on over the weekend was nothing short of exceptional. It amazes me how talented our Guild

members truly are. Some of us worked on our blocks from the Maggie Ball workshop we had taken the day before retreat, while others worked on autumn projects, Christmas projects, scrap quilts and a variety of other designs.

It was an absolute pleasure to meet and spend time with everyone on the weekend. We all made new friends and some members found out it is a very small world indeed!

The next retreat is booked for 13-15 May 2016 and will be held at Retreats By Margie.

~ Marie Robinson  
Retreat Co-ordinator

### RANDALL'S GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Here is how you link your Randall's card to West Houston Quilter's Guild. This is the store's Good Neighbor program. Go to the customer service counter at your local store and ask that your card be linked to the number 11950. The guild will receive a percentage of the groceries and pharmacy items purchased for cards attached to number 11950. Remember the West Houston Quilter's Guild number is 11950.

### AMAZON SMILE

Did you know that you can support your Guild simply by shopping on Amazon? Go to the Guild's Web site and click on the orange button at the bottom of home the page. This will link your account to the Guild's



Smile account and a percentage of your purchase will go to the Guild. How simple is that! Note that you'll have to go to that link each time you purchase from Amazon.



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