



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Jane Hancock

Program: Quilt Appraisals

WORKSHOP NOTICE

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



CELESTE'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members,

"Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die left undone."

~ Pablo Picasso

I received this quote in a text message from my Weight Watchers leader and it made me think. In the past year I have had several friends and family members who lost a spouse unexpectedly. It made me think a lot about things like "What is the last thing my (spouse/sibling/other) will hear from my lips if something unexpected happens and he/she doesn't return?" Picasso takes me a step further – what projects or interactions am I thinking of doing or having but keep putting off? And the BIGGEST – What about all of those UFOs? I plan on making that Linus quilt, but.. I intend to finish that project from class/Block-of-the-month/group exchange, but... So unless I want to leave all of them undone after I die (no plans, by the way) I'd better come up with a plan to tackle them – and perhaps stop creating more UFOs.

Maybe step one is to catalog all of them, since I really have no idea how many unfinished or unstarted projects are hiding in my closet. Step

two would then be to prioritize, or at least assess which can be finished quickly. I know that somewhere in the pile is a quilt that just needs the border finished – easy, right? That would knock at least one off the list. Thank you, Jan Mathews, for putting together a UFO challenge for the guild. It motivated me to get at least three done.

As you will probably be reading this during or after Quilt Festival, I hope you all are enjoying looking at the many beautiful quilts from around the world that are hanging at the GRB. (Yes – there is more than just

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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 Holiday Party

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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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

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| November 18 | Jane Hancock | Quilt Appraisals |
| December 16 | Holiday Party | |

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 |
| 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 was very excited to see the number of quilts and tops completed from the Maggie Ball workshop in September. I think I counted 5 or 6 at Show and Tell in October. Congratulations to all of you, they looked great and had such a variety of colors and sizes. I hope to see all of them in our upcoming Quilt Show.

Brenda Henning had lots of strip quilts, patterns and color to share with us. How about her purple and turquoise iridescent featherweight sewing machine, I might like to have a purple one someday. I enjoyed her stories and learning of her journey through her quilting career. I think that each of us has doors opened and closed in our lives, not only in our quilting lives, but also in our family,

faith, work or vocation lives. It is how we choose to approach the open door that is presented to us which determines whether we go through it or wait for another. Brenda took advantage of open doors and walked into the sunshine. I hope each of you does too and counts it as a blessing.

Our November speaker will be Jane Hancock who will share with us her insight to appraising quilts. There will not be another workshop until next year, as the holiday seasons are so very close to our guild meetings. In December we will have the annual Christmas Party with the now infamous “Quilt – O”.

Until next time. Happy Quilting,

~ Debbie Adami
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|--------|--------------------|--------|----------------|
| Nov 01 | Betty Baker | Nov 18 | Geeta Mehta |
| Nov 02 | Evelyn M Eason | Nov 20 | Dundee James |
| Nov 02 | Pam Lyons | Nov 23 | Carolyn Cordes |
| Nov 09 | Marie Robinson | Nov 23 | Jan Mathews |
| Nov 10 | Virginia Baughn | Nov 23 | Sara Richter |
| Nov 10 | Beverly Farrell | Nov 24 | Mary Dinkel |
| Nov 12 | Carol Kocurek | Nov 25 | Pamela Downes |
| Nov 12 | Benedicte Richard | Nov 25 | Sallye Hodge |
| Nov 13 | Steven Blankinship | Nov 26 | Nancy Gomer |
| Nov 14 | Cynthia Bauckman | Nov 30 | Lillie Hays |
| Nov 16 | Becky Hoffman | | |
| Nov 18 | Debbie Huebel | | |

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank Goodness!!! We were back to a great turn in at the October guild meeting. Thanks to the Bits and Pieces Bee for turning in 13 quilts. I understand Lillie Hayes put together kits for each member and they all completed their quilt. Great Job. The total items turned in were: 6 tied fleece blankets by Sarah Casey (young friend of Celeste's), 19 stockings, 10 adult, 12 Linus and 2 preemies.

Have you turned in your 2 quilts for the year? In looking over our membership roster and checking each month's turn in, about 1/4 of our membership has turned in all the quilts, preemies, and stockings that we have to be distributed. We have several members who turn in something every month. Each month the Community Service table has different kits which you can pick up—some to be pieced and quilted and others that only need to be quilted. All you have to provide is the time and batting. Easier than that would be to come and sew a couple of times with the Comfort Quilters on Tuesday morning and get those 2 quilts finished. We will be visiting a nursing home (or homes) in early December, so try and get your quilts turned in at the November guild meeting.

Hope to see you on Tuesdays during November at 8:30 a.m. at Krogers on Hwy. 6, located between W. Little York and Hwy. 529. Just bring your machine—everything else is provided. We will be taking the month of December off to spend more time with family and prepare for the holidays. Sew at least one seam a day and it won't be long before the top is complete.

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



HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY PARTY

It is that time of year again! Our December Guild meeting will be the Guild Holly Jolly Holiday Party! We certainly hope you can come. We will have fun, food, & fellowship. The food will be a covered dish meal similar to last year, the fun will be a game different from last year. Complete details will appear in the Dec. newsletter and/or an email blast. We hope to see you there.

*~ From the party planners-
Chris Friesen,
Dorothy McConnell &
Ann Ammons*

NOVEMBER 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

“President” from page 1

the shopping side of the floor!) I was down there yesterday and today helping to hang them and saw some real beauties as well as some VERY innovative quilts. It will be interesting to see which ones win the big prizes.

Congratulations to the ladies who were elected to our next Board of Directors. I have worked with each of them in one way or another and each is very capable and talented. While the Guild will be in very capable hands, just remember that it is YOUR guild – they are just the ones guiding it. We will continue to need people to step up and help in one way or another – either as ongoing committee members or on special committees.

By the way, two separate people from other guilds who were at our meeting this month came up to me to tell me they were thinking of joining our guild (despite the need to travel quite a ways) because we are so friendly! So.. keep smiling and keep greeting our visitors. You never know where a new member might come from.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Celeste Fritz, President

NEW BOARD FOR 2016-2017 TERM

Officers elected at the October meeting for the 2016-2017 term of office are:

- 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 may be approached by one of these new board members to serve as a chairman of a committee. We encourage you to think about saying “yes” when asked. Your Guild needs you!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Membership ~ Thank you to all of the members (and their daughters, friends, and neighbors) who volunteered for the “Quilting Bee” Festival booth. You were all stellar representatives of our Guild to an international audience. Thank you, thank you, and thank you. Appreciation is also expressed to Joy Denk, Teresa Rossman, and Fran Doyle for their contributions of bed sized quilts for our Disaster Stockpile at the October meeting. Our stockpile is growing so we should be ready in the event of another natural disaster in our State community.

Friendly reminder: the UFO Challenge is winding up in December. Recall, all participants need to have their third and final UFO completed and ready for turn-in / reveal at our December meeting. The regular quarterly prize will be awarded to someone turning in / revealing their final UFO. ADDITIONALLY, there is a “Grand Prize” to be won by one of those members who has timely turned in all three of their designated UFO projects. Must say, the December prizes (both quarterly and Grand Prize) are pretty awesome. It will be difficult to let them go, they are just that terrific. Don’t miss our December turn in / reveal!!!!

~ Jan Mathews
Director of Community Service

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

REMINDER FROM TREASURER

2015 expenses are due no later than the Guild meeting in December. Expense reports are available on the Guild’s Web site or from the treasurer at Guild meetings. Reimbursement requires a signed expense report.

~ Patricia Cook, Treasurer



BEE NEWS

~ Brenda Taucher, Head Beekeeper

Cut-Ups

Several of our members spent a lovely Friday visiting former member Ann Hernandez, who is in a nursing home in Tomball. Ann may have lost some of her health, but certainly not her sense of humor! After chatting with her for over an hour, we went to the Whistle Stop Tea Room where we enjoyed lunch. We also paid a visit to Quilter's Crossing Quilt Store in their new location. Our bee was very proud to turn in our paper-pieced charity quilt at the October guild meeting. Now we are looking forward to Quilt Festival and shopping for Christmas gifts.

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

We all have our shopping lists for Quilt Festival and are on the lookout

for fun items for our gift exchange in December. Immediately following Festival, 10 of our members are going on retreat at Margie's. We'll be looking forward to seeing what they get accomplished there. Something we all look forward to is the culinary delights in store for our retreaters as we do our own cooking.

Plans are also in the works for our annual Christmas party. The games are always fun and the food delicious.

Beekeeper: Patricia Cook

Thursday Night Bee

Everyone is looking forward to Quilt Festival and seeing our bee member, Mariet Nieskens, who now lives in California. Many of us are taking classes and will have time in our hotel room to tell what we learned,

show our purchases and share a glass of wine. It is like a mini vacation each fall when we have a chance to just relax and enjoy each other's company.

Our November meeting will be celebrating the last of our birthday girls—Betty Baker, Carolyn Cordes and Linda Whetsell. I'm sure some of us will be shopping for their fat quarter during Festival. Then it will be time for our Christmas party and the end of another great quilting year. January will find us making plans for 2016—maybe a bee challenge, getting quilts ready for the 2017 quilt show and of course fun at retreats.

Enjoy Festival and don't spend all your money,

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

This month has always meant the official start of the holiday season for me. Halloween kicks it off with dress ups and scary things showing up at your door for treats. Then the Santa bug bites and thoughts of gifts and family time plans come to my brain. Time to see which of the granddaughters will bake or create which of the traditional foods, desserts, and drinks that we have passed down for generations. I feel very blessed to have four generations of my immediate family – and five if I count my uncle in Florida.

Another thing to think about as we get closer to December is membership renewal. We will begin our early renewals at the December meeting, and I will have more details in next month's newsletter article.

At this time our paid membership is up to 212 paid members!! We have 13 members more than we did at this time last year. We are growing and this is a very good thing.

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

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.

- November – Shoes
- December – Toys

*~ Brenda Marien
Charm Squares*

GUILD CHALLENGE – ONE COLOR IN ITS MANY SHADES AND TINTS

The 2017 Quilt Show Committee is issuing a challenge to the members of the West Houston Quilter's Guild to create a one-color quilt to be entered or shown in the 2017 Quilt Show on March 3-4, 2017.

For this challenge, we will be diving into the experience of one color in its many shades and tints. The fabric stores are carrying more solids, and colors that read as solids, than we have ever seen before.

We will be looking for “Best Use of Color,” “Following the Rules,” and “Originality.”

Rules for the Challenge:

1. This challenge is to create a monochromatic project using a color of your choice plus any others in the same color gradation to complete your project. You may use white or black with the color gradations (but **only** white **or** black – not both). You may use prints as long as they are either tone on tone or have either black or white (depending on which you have chosen) as a contrast.
2. You may use any techniques you wish – traditional piecing, foundation piecing, appliqué of any kind, etc. We encourage you to try something new—even in a small way.
3. Size range: Quilt can be no larger than 360” around the perimeter (sorry this is for ease of showing the project for judging and hanging in the quilt show) and no smaller than 144” around; it can be any shape.
4. Your entry must have three layers including batting and be quilted either by machine or hand. No bags, wearables, or home-dec items.
5. The quilt must have a hanging sleeve and a label on the back.
6. Your entry must have been created between October 2015 and January 2017.
7. All challenge quilts must be entered in the quilt show, including the “Guild Choice” winners, and are eligible for awards.
8. Include a brief description of your inspiration and how/why you used the techniques you did in your quilt on your entry form.

Challenge Deadline:

1. January 18, 2017.
2. The quilts must be shown at the January Guild Meeting where Guild members will vote on their favorite. The winning quilts will receive special “Guild Choice” ribbons to be displayed on the quilts at the quilt show.

Examples of Color Range in Tints



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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