



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: None

Program: Holiday Party

WORKSHOP NOTICE

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



CELESTE'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Members,

"This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!"

~ D.M. Dellinger

As I sit down to write my 24th, and last, newsletter column I can't help but reflect over the past two years serving our guild as your president. My goal upon taking office was to bring fun to our meetings, encourage participation by more members and, most importantly, get to know many more of you. I feel that I have been successful in meeting these goals and I hope you agree. I couldn't have done this on my own, however. We have had a great Board and help from all of our committees. With their, and your, help we have accomplished the following:

- Put on the most successful quilt show the guild has ever had.
- Expanded our membership to over 200.
- Hosted nationally known speakers for almost all of our meetings.

- Had all of our board and most of our committee positions filled the entire 2 years.
- Fulfilled our mission of providing quilts to two nursing homes each year and to Project Linus, plus added a collection of disaster quilts which were provided to tornado victims here in Texas.

So as I leave office, I feel that the "keys" I am passing to our new board are to a house that is in great shape.

I hope each of you has made some wonderful plans for Christmas. For "President" continued on page 4

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:

January 6 – To be announced

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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

PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS**PROGRAMS**

December 16 Holiday Party

2016 PROGRAMS

Jan 20	Brenda Jeschke	“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 20	TBD	
August 17	Susan Cleveland	
September 21	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

November is a month of reflection and thanks. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I was able to enjoy lots of sun and golf and even dodged the late season hurricane off the Baja of Mexico.

Our last speaker for the year was Jane Hancock, a textiles and personal property appraiser. She is such a delightful and charming person. She shared her thoughts on how she appraises quilts and textiles. She answered the great questions that you all asked her. I found it interesting that the age of a quilt is usually based on the newest fabric in it and not the oldest fabric. It certainly made me appreciate several very old quilts that I have from my great grandmother. It also helped me to understand what all is involved in

appraising quilts. Jane spoke to the importance of labeling the quilts that we make, not for our benefit, but for the owner and the next owner.

The speakers are lined up for 2016, and I need to have the bees choose a speaker to host for dinner before the guild meetings. Please take a look at the list and discuss with your bee members. I will be asking for volunteers at the December meeting to get those set up. If there is one in particular that you would like to host, you may e-mail me and I will add you to the schedule. As we move into the Christmas season, let us continue to count our blessings and be a shining light to others.

Happy Quilting,

~ Debbie Adami
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops

HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us at our December 16 meeting for our annual holiday party to celebrate this past year and the joy of this holiday season. We will again be serving a pot luck dinner. Ham and brisket will be provided. If you were not at the November meeting and did not sign up for a dish to bring, here are some items needed: hot sides like Mac and cheese, baked beans, bread or rolls, and desserts other than cookies. Bring your own drink. Water will be provided. Please contact Dorothy McConnell at dmcconnell00@yahoo.com and let her know what you are bringing.

In order to participate in the fun you also need to bring fabric fat quarters to “buy” your Quilto cards (one fat quarter per card) and markers (like coins, candy, buttons) for your cards. “Quilto” is the quilter’s version of bingo.

And last but not least we will do the “One Yard Fabric Exchange and Challenge”! If you want to participate, bring one whole yard (not two half yards or four fat quarters) of red, white or blue fabric. After the exchange, when we tear the fabric into pieces, you will go home with 7 pieces of various sized fabrics. From these you are to create 12 1/2” blocks (unfinished) and bring them back at the February meeting. Depending on the number returned we will create charity quilt(s) for the disaster closet or nursing homes. Those who return blocks will be entered into a special prize drawing.

Contact Chris Friesen @ cmfriesen9@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Looking forward to the celebration!

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 3	Elaine Mason	December 26	Nasreen Saedi
December 4	Jean Ann Bryant	December 28	Patricia Cook
December 7	Carol Blumentritt	December 28	Pamela Gail Thompson
December 7	Bette Jezuit	December 29	Linda Whetsell
December 13	Patty Haefele	December 30	Celia Triner
December 15	Teresa Rossman	December 31	Nivea Chislett
December 15	Donna Simoneaux		
December 15	Carol Westbrook		
December 22	Betty Heisey		
December 22	Susan Vacek		
December 23	Joann Aitken		
December 25	Noella Mukherjee		

Please bring a door prize.

HELP WANTED! NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

Your Guild is looking for someone to take over publishing the monthly Guild newsletter starting in January 2016. It’s a fun, informational, and sometimes challenging project. No publishing experience needed - it can actually be done in Word, if that is your preference. If interested, contact Patricia Cook for more information.

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.

- December – Toys

~ Brenda Marien
Charm Squares

DECEMBER 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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myself, I look forward to ushering the Christmas Eve performance of Dickens' Christmas Carol at the Alley Theatre. Even though I've seen it many times, the messages of the play just makes this the perfect lead-in to Christmas Day. "Mankind is my business" and "God bless us everyone" although written a long time ago, are still especially pertinent today.

Above all, remember to take time for yourself over the holidays. Too many times we get so caught up in decorating, shopping and all the other holiday "stuff" that we neglect our own well-being. Set aside a few minutes each day to do something you love: take a bubble bath, read a few pages of a good book, sew a few seams, or even just breathe – long, slow and deep. Batteries aren't included – you need to recharge your own!

Thank you all for your support and kind attention. I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Celeste Fritz, President

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Best wishes, everyone, for a happy holiday season. Hopefully, your December will be full of family, friends, and celebration. Looking back over this year, I find I am always amazed at the talent and creativity of our membership. Your UFO Challenge participation has been stellar and I congratulate all that participated. I look forward to seeing our last 2015 turn-ins for the UFO Challenge. Remember, there will be two awards given, one for the last quarter and one for those who completed all of their UFO projects on time (the "Grand Prize" if you will).

Also, I am forever thankful for a membership that supported the Disaster Quilts Initiative. You have been incredible with your generosity and I am grateful for your contributions. To give such wholehearted support to a new initiative, consider-

ing everything else on the Guild's charitable agenda, was most humbling. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Lastly, it has been my honor and privilege to serve this Guild in the capacity of Director of Community Service. I appreciate the faith you showed me by accepting me into this position and supporting the programs I initiated during my two-year service. I thank each of you for your participation throughout my tenure. Please welcome Debbie Adami into this position and support her as strongly and positively as you did me.

With best wishes for you and your family this holiday season, I thank you most humbly.

*~ Jan Mathews
Director of Community Service*

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BEE NEWS

~ Brenda Taucher, Head Beekeeper

Cut-Ups

As we head into the holiday season, our bee has been just a bit smaller with everyone busy with family and other activities. We have been planning for next year, however. In the works: a group quilt that will be donated to the silent auction at the 2017 quilt show, a Linus quilt for an older boy, a "candy challenge" and a couple of additional charity quilts. Alice Sadeghpour graciously offered to hostess our Christmas party this year and we look forward to sharing our potluck meal and playing the "stealing game." We have also wel-

comed a new member, Anne Forrest. May all of our fellow guild members have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

2016 looks to be a fun year for the bee. We're working on small challenge quilts to be entered in the 2017 quilt show and a really neat quilt to be donated to the quilt show silent auction. Two retreats are already in the planning stages. We'll have a new bee keeper, Joan Rondeau, who has

agreed to leading us in these endeavors.

Celeste Fritz has volunteered to hostess our Christmas party and we are looking forward to fun games and great food.

I've really enjoyed being the bee keeper for the Katy Rotary Club Bee these past two years. Our members have challenged me, taught me, supported me, and I am truly grateful for the experience.

Beekeeper: Patricia Cook

FONS & PORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do you have a Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting subscription that needs to be renewed, or would you like to take out a new subscription? You can do this, get some free gifts and help your guild at the same time. For the regular subscription price of \$20, you can get a one-year subscription (or renewal) to Love of Quilting, Fons & Porter's Need to Know booklet, Fons & Porter's Tabletop Quilts booklet, and three free spools of Sulky thread PLUS the guild receives \$5 for each subscription! Sign up at the meeting (cash or check, please) or send a check for \$20 made out to WHQG with the following completed form to WHQG, P.O. Box 841515, Houston, TX 77284

Name: _____

Address: _____

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New or renewal? (Please circle one)

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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We will begin our early renewals at the December meeting, and you can find a copy of the updated renewal form in the newsletter and on the Website. If you are not already aware - you can now renew your dues with your credit or debit card. This will make it so much easier for those of us who don't ordinarily carry cash or a check book. Not to mention the lag time from when I would receive checks and cash at the meetings and it might be 3 weeks or more before the funds would make it to Pat Cook so that she can deposit them.

I will still ask that you fill out the membership form with at least your name and please note any changes to your information or if there are no changes. Please take a look at the roster on the Website and make sure that all of your information is correct so that 'no changes' will be correct. I always have a current roster with me

at the meetings if you ever want to check the listing.

Please remember to bring your Door Prize donations on your Birthday month - we all love to try to win something, and please return your badges before you leave.

I would like to welcome two new members who joined at our November meeting: Debbie Cecil and Linda Dutchak. We all welcome you and hope that you enjoy our Guild as much as we do!!

We now have 215 paid members!

I hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy quilting!

~ Karen Coffey

First Vice President - Membership

KEEPER OF THE QUILT

The committee consists of Rebecca Butler (formerly Patton), Patricia Gonzales and Janet Musgrove. We have been busy booking trips to other Guilds to bring our raffle quilt and to sell tickets. We will continue to have more guilds added to the list so we will continue to look for volunteers. Day time and evening guild meetings are available. If you have a particular guild or city that you would like to visit, please contact us and we will see if we can accommodate your request. I highly recommend these visits. It is a great opportunity for a fun road trip and an opportunity to visit another guild (going with a friend just adds to the fun). Each guild has its own personality. An added bonus can be a visit

in that area to friends or families and, of course, the local quilt shops and maybe a great meal at a local restaurant. If you have never taken a trip to another guild to sell tickets, I encourage you to embrace the adventurous spirit of our pioneer quilting sisters and sally forth!

We look forward to signing up more volunteers.

Rebecca Butler - patton5fam@aol.com (713-385-9080)

Patricia Gonzales - patriciagonz@sbcglobal.net

Janet Musgrove - jlmusgrove@yahoo.com



Happy Holidays

from the

West Houston Quilter's Guild

Board of Directors



**West Houston Quilters Guild
2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

New Member____ **Returning Member**____
(Info has changed from last year____)

Dues: \$30.00 – Please make checks payable to WHQG
\$25.00 – If payment is received/mailed by January 20, 2016 (1st meeting)
\$15.00 – New members joining after July 1st.
Mailed Newsletter: \$10.00 – Please include with dues payment

Please PRINT clearly **Birthday (month/day)**_____

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone (H) _____

(W) _____

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Prefer receiving newsletter: website____ **US mail**____ **(\$10)**

Bee Information: I am interested in joining a Bee____
daytime ____ **evening** ____ **week day** ____ **week end** ____

**Please complete a Bee Interest Form – you will be contacted to
discuss various Bee interests and meeting times, etc.**

I am already a Member of the ____ **Quilting Bee**

**Do you give your permission to print your information in our directory that is
available to members only?** _____ **yes** _____ **no**

**Do you give us your permission to photograph you and your work for our
website and/or scrapbook?** _____ **yes** _____ **no**

Please mail completed form along with a check for dues to:

**West Houston Quilters Guild
P.O. Box 841515
Houston, TX 77084**

**Or turn in your form and pay in person at the meeting with cash, check, or
credit card**

Office use :Name Tag____ Membership card ____ Paid: cash____ check____ credit card____

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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