



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Brenda Jeschke

Program: Is Your Quilt Show Ready

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Next workshop: March 17, 2016,
Rosie McCrady will present
Redwork Embroidery



PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.

~ Neil Gaiman

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season visiting with family and friends and experiencing all of the joy this time of year brings. We had a particularly delightful holiday as we welcomed a brand new great niece three days before Christmas. She is truly a delightful gift to all of us—not to mention an opportunity to make another baby quilt!

The quote I chose above is especially appropriate for quilters. I've been pushing myself the last few weeks doing some precision piecing. For someone who prefers applique, this has been a real challenge, but it's a goal I've set for myself. Of course, I'm keeping my seam ripper close! I've learned over the years not to make New Years resolutions; instead, I set goals for myself—somehow that sounds better to me and more achievable.

The quote is also appropriate for our new Board of Directors. Everyone of the members is taking on a new challenge, pushing themselves, and trying new things. I'm excited to be working with each of them as your new president and look forward to a wonderful term of office for all of us.

We owe a great big "Thank you" to Celeste Fritz for leading our Guild for the past two years. She's set the bar high and we'll have to work hard to keep up standards she's set.

Our holiday party in December was great fun. The food was outstanding, the games were fun, and a great time was had by all. Our thanks go to the super party committee, Ann Ammons, Chris Friesen, and Dorothy McConnell for another great event.

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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:

February 3 – La Madeleine at Town & Country

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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS

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

The past two years as your Second Vice President for Programs, Workshops and Retreats have been exciting for me. I have had the opportunity to meet some of the quilting world’s best and most popular teachers. From Bonnie Hunter, Deb Karasik, and Gyleen Fitzgerald to Paula Barnes and Grace Errea, they each shared their quilting expertise with our guild and at our workshops. I hope that you all participated in the workshops you wanted, learned a new technique, and gained a skill to add to your quilting tool box.

With only 14 months until the next quilt show, our January speaker will be presenting tips and tricks and do’s and don’ts for getting your quilts

“show ready”. Brenda Jeschke has been a quilt show judge for a very long time and has seen the good, the bad and the ugly in quilt construction and composition.

As I pass the torch on to Chris Freissen, please be as kind and gracious to her as you all were to me in choosing speakers for you. We have two retreats on the schedule for next year. Sign up early and get a spot so we can continue to offer opportunities to sew together and have fun. Thank you for your support and attendance at the meetings and the workshops.

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

DON'T TELL ME YOU CAN'T QUILT A CHARITY QUILT!!!!

Several times a year guild members turn in a quilt top. A top is not a completed quilt. Plus it is not the responsibility of the Comfort Quilters bee to complete your quilt by supplying the backing and batting and then also quilting and binding. If you can sew together a top, you can also quilt it. All it takes is straight line sewing—in the ditch, diagonal across the blocks, side to side—anything that will hold everything together. We are not looking for competition worthy quilting, just a nicely made quilt that represents what our guild members are capable of making. At our table each month, we have a variety of kits from which to choose—some very simple. All you have to do is put the top together, quilt and bind it and then iron on the label. Everything you need to complete the quilt is in the kit EXCEPT the batting. That is the only thing we ask you to provide; and of course, your time. But you have a year to make 2 completed charity quilts, which I'm sure you can do. We just ask that you complete the quilt.

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

"President" from page 1

Congratulations to Elaine Mason for being selected as the 2016 Quilt Angel. She has been an inspiration to many of our members and truly exemplifies what this award is all about.

We have some great speakers lined up for you this year. Take a few minutes to review the list on page 2 and note your calendar to be sure you don't miss them.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Patricia Cook, President

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Recap of 2015 Thanks to a very giving guild, we were able to distribute the following: Cypress Assistance Ministries—304 Christmas stockings, Legend Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation—118 quilts, Grace Care Nursing—111 quilts, Project Linus—128 quilts, 27 large flannel quilts, 6 tied fleece blankets, 199 preemies, 400 IV covers, 28 Beanie Babies, 19 assorted stuffed animals, 14 cancer caps, 9 pairs of booties. A great big hug to everybody who contributed to the above count.

Thanks to last minute donations of quilts from Celeste, Marcia K., Cathy B. and Gail S., we were able to give a lap quilt to all the residents of Legend Oaks. FYI—most nursing homes have a capacity of 115+ residents at any given time. Please think about these numbers when your birthday month rolls around. Less than half of our guild members made a charity quilt in 2015—which means the half that did make a charity quilt made more than two. Lets all make at least two quilts this year.

The December guild Christmas party was, as always, lots of fun

with an abundance of good food. CONGRATULATIONS to Comfort Quilters Bee member Elaine Mason—Quilt Angel for 2015. Adding to the delightful night was the generous donation of 200 IV covers, 1 stocking and 21 quilts—quite unexpected, but greatly appreciated. Maybe this is a sign that 2016 will inspire each and every guild member to make more charity quilts by reducing their stash and making room for more fabric purchases.

We will start back meeting on Tuesday, January 5, with a breakfast at THE EGG AND I, located in front of the Kroger store where we meet. Any guild member is welcomed to join us as we make quilts for charity. We meet from 8:30 a.m. until around noon each Tuesday. All you need to bring is your sewing machine—everything else is provided. Hope to see you in January.

WISHING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

JANUARY 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

INTRODUCING THE 2017 DONATION QUILT

The 2017 Donation Quilt was introduced at the Guild's holiday party in December. This dynamite quilt combines a bold central star in knock-out colors with Jinny Beyer's original appliqué design. The quilt is approximately 92 inches square. Longarm quilter, Ida Anderson, did a beautiful job on the quilting.

A number of Guild members worked on this beautiful quilt. Many thanks go to Debbie Adami, Shannon McGaw, Alice Sadgepour, Becky Hoffman, Gloria Ware, Jean Fleming,



Patricia Cook, Penny Lasseter, Phyllis Rucker, Celeste Fritz, and Sallye Hodge.

The lucky winner of this gorgeous quilt will be announced at the 2017 WHQG Quilt Show on March 4, 2017. The Keeper of the Quilt has tickets available for you to check out to sell or purchase and will be displaying the quilt at each of our meetings starting this month. Be sure to check out the quilt at the next Guild meeting.

2017 QUILT SHOW

Next quilt show: March 3-4, 2017

It's that time again! Time to start planning the 2017 WHQG Quilt Show. Our first official meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at the Bear Creek Community Center, starting at 6:30 pm.

We have a great time making and implementing the plans for the show and are always open to new suggestions. This first planning meeting will include deciding on the theme for the show and our schedule of meetings for the next year. Suggestions for committee chairs will also be discussed, so if you want to be on

this list, please let Pat Cook, Celeste Fritz, or Debbie Adami know.

If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please plan to join us. We have openings on a number of the committees and welcome your participation. Many hands make the job much easier.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

If you haven't already gotten one - the new 2016 membership forms are ready. You can get a copy in the newsletter, on the website, or on the membership table. Remember, we get a \$5.00 discount for mailing in or paying in person on or before the January meeting, and now we can pay with check, cash, or credit card. Please check the online Roster to verify that your information is correct, and then if there are no changes, a form with your name and 'SAME' will work with your dues.

I'd like to thank and recognize the ladies who volunteered their time to fill Membership group Chair positions this year: Gloria Stewart greets

our visitors at the door and makes them welcome; Marion Vetter makes sure everyone signs in, has their charity hours written down, and gets their ticket for the Door Prizes; Diane Balcerowicz collects all the items that we bring for door prizes and sorts and bags them so that we can win something cool and has taken over the Charm Squares since Brenda moved away; Joan Aitken helps Diane and also works with the Library; Brenda Marien took over the Charm Squares and kept track of the monthly choices and quantities, plus keeping up with the count differences when someone is out until she relocated.

And I know I am not alone when I thank our 3 Party Planners: Chris Friesen, Dorothy McConnell, and Ann Ammons, for all the hours they spent to make the tables so pretty, and the fun games. I hope you will consider doing it again for 2017.

We finish the year with 215 paid members. We are growing! We already have 2 new members to welcome for 2016. Natalie Caldwell and Leah Yarbrough have already joined for the new year - Welcome Ladies!

I wish you all a Happy and Safe New Year!

~ Karen Coffey
First Vice President - Membership



BEE NEWS

~ Brenda Taucher, Head Beekeeper

Cut-Ups

What a fun Christmas party our bee had at Alice Sadeghpour's home. The house was decorated beautifully. We exchanged gifts, shared a fantastic pot luck feast, and then played the "stealing game". Millie went home the big winner. We wish Sherri Good the best of luck in recovering from back surgery and hope to see her at bee soon. We have lots of projects on tap for 2016, so just watch us go!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Nifty Needlers

The Nifty Needlers enjoyed a Christmas lunch at Brookwood Community Café in Brookshire for our Christmas party. It is such a beautiful place to shop and the food is excellent. We also had a gift exchange. This year the Ott Light was a popular gift. Our bee will take a break for the month of December because of the holidays. We will meet back in January refreshed and ready for another year of fun, fellowship and sewing. I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season. Merry Christmas!

Beekeeper: Teresa Rossman

Thursday Night Bee

My, Oh My!!! What a wonderful Christmas party we had at the home of Linda Whetsell. Everyone came bearing gifts they had purchased or made and did we ever take home a sack of goodies. Even our bee member (Mariet) who lives in California had gifts for each of us. We began distribution in order of birthdates—Connie got it started with her gift of homemade, delicious pralines. Some of the other gifts were: 5" fabric stacks, notepad and pencil resting on a homemade holder, necklace from assorted beads, S bag and Christmas socks, tea bag holder supplied with

an assortment of teas, Mondo bags in a variety of colors, bar of goat milk soap with knitted washclothes, wooden base with gripper for your sewing machine pedal, ornament with our name embroidered on it and sewing themed covered notebook to store your quilting/knitting patterns. Someone made the comment "the bar is getting too high"—what can we think of next to make.

Everyone brought a dish and as usual we pigged out on the following: ham, cheesy potatoes, sausage, pea salad, brussel sprouts salad, fruit salad, citrus/avocado salad, deviled eggs, cookies, rum cake, fruit cake, grapefruit rind candy and more. Anyone who left hungry has only herself to blame. It was a great way to end 2015.

Looking forward to 2016, the Thursday Night Bee already has some plans ready to go. New Year's Day will find us at Betty's for our annual sew in. More food, laughter, and sewing will get our year off to a fun start. In February we go on our retreat at the Sunday Houses in Coldsprings. We rent two of the houses and sew morning, noon and night; occasionally stopping to eat. No special project yet, but I'm sure we will come up with one at our January sew in and bee meeting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR and sew a little each day. May your resolution be to complete at least some of your UFOs during 2016.

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 3	Evelyn Mathur	January 21	Angelique Burnside
January 5	Kathy Overman	January 24	Kay Schurman
January 7	Tara Myers	January 30	Arlene Slimmer
January 12	Christine Hardman	January 30	Jill Cyr Ziegler
January 15	Barbara Wafer		
January 17	Kathy Johnson		
January 19	Connie Bihner		Please bring a door prize.

2015 UFO CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our "closers" of the UFO Challenge. Last quarter winner is Carolyn Cordes and "Grand Prize" winner having turned in all three of her declared UFO projects is Karen Coffey. Great job, ladies!!!! Just a few stats for your consideration: 52 members "entered" the UFO Challenge by turning in their declaration sheets. 47 members

participated by turning in at least one of their identified UFO projects throughout the nine months of the Challenge. TEN members completed, turned in, showed off, and garnered many "nice job" accolades for all three of their declared UFO projects. Wonderful job, ladies.

~ Jan Mathews

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 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: _____

 City/State: _____
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 New or renewal? (Please circle one)

AUDIT COMMITTEE ELECTION

Per the Guild’s Bylaws, an Audit Committee of
 three members shall be nominated and elected at
 the January Guild meeting.

Members of this committee should have some
 accounting or bookkeeping experience, but that is
 not a requirement. If you are interested in serving
 on this committee, please come prepared to be
 nominated.

**HELP WANTED! NEWSLETTER EDITOR
 NEEDED**

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



**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 _____

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Phone (H) _____

(W) _____

(C) _____

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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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RED, WHITE, AND BLUE EXCHANGE REMINDER

This is a reminder to those who participated in the red, white, and blue fabric exchange at our holiday party. Remember to bring your 12 1/2" (unfinished) blocks to the February meeting. Everyone who turns in blocks will be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate. Blocks will be used to create charity quilts.



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