



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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September 2017

PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Where: Covenant Lutheran Church, 3785 Barker Cypress Rd, Houston, TX 77084

Speaker: TBD

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Program: TBD

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Nov 16, Annette Ornelas, "Mexican Stars" wall hanging using Dimensional Curved piecing



PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.'

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Water, water everywhere! As I write this, I am wondering how many of you will be able to read it, how many of you have lost everything, and how many of you came through without too much disruption (in comparison to others). We had a bit of water in our house, but losses were minimal—never store photo albums and scrap books in cardboard boxes under beds if your house has flooded in the past! John and I count our blessings every day that we came through this one with so little damage in comparison to so many of you.

As you can imagine, our normal meeting location at Bear Creek Community Center is under water again, and it will be quite some time before it is available again. Thanks

to the efforts of Marcia Karns, we are able to hold our meeting this month at Covenant Lutheran Church. Our speaker was canceled, so we are looking for someone local to fill in. This is the month we announce candidates for the 2018-2019 term of office for the Guild, so we must meet to take care of this business.

The Guild's storage unit is a total loss. We have been notified by the storage management that the unit sustained substantial water incursion

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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:

October 4 – La Madeleine at Town and Country

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September Meeting Location Change

Due to the Bear Creek Community Center being closed we will meet at an alternative location. Our meeting will be held at Covenant Lutheran Church, 3785 Barker Cypress Rd, Houston, TX 77084 at 6:45 p.m.

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS

2017 Programs

Sep 20	TBD	TBD
Oct 18	Guild members	“Tricks and Treats” (Day & Night meetings) & Election of 2018-2019 Board of Directors (day and evening meetings)
Nov 15	Annette Ornelas	Dimensional Curved Piecing
Dec 20	Holiday Party	

2017 WORKSHOPS

Nov 16	Annette Ornelas	“Mexican Stars” wall hanging using Dimensional Curved piecing
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RETREATS

Sep 22 & 23	Retreat	And Sew It Began
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Program

Our speaker and workshop were canceled this month due to Hurricane Harvey. We are working on finding a local speaker who can step in and give us a program. We will reschedule Lola Jenkins at a later date.

Fall Retreat

“**And Sew it Began - Peaceful Stitches**” Retreat in the heart of historic LaPorte will be the location for our fall retreat, September 22 & 23. This quaint little home has a spacious new art studio with great lighting, design walls, and comfortable chairs. It is located less than a mile from one of the largest quilt shops in Texas, Painted Pony ’n Quilts. Early check-in on Thursday, September 21 is also possible.

This retreat house can accommodate up to 16 people. No meals are provided, but there is a full kitchen and dining room. You can bring your own



food or eat at one of the many close-by restaurants. The cost is \$65/night for a total of \$130. Thursday night is \$50 extra.

Note that if our registration drops below ten people then the cost goes up! So if you need to cancel, please make an effort to find a substitute if there is no one on the waiting list to replace you. Visit the Website www.andsewitbegan.com. A \$30 deposit is required to hold your spot. Nothing recharges your batteries like spending uninterrupted, quality time with your friends, doing what you love, quilting!

For more information contact Barbara Ann Watson at bawatson65@gmail.com.

Calling Guild Members for our October Meeting Program

Do you have a sewing/quilting “trick” you can “treat” us to at our October meeting? This could be a tool you discovered, a new technique, something you learned in a workshop, an organizing idea. There are endless possibilities. These are to be short presentations to the whole group, no longer than 10 minutes. If you need a visual projected on the screen we can prepare that if you send it in advance. Also let us know if you have a suggestion or a “burning question” you need answered

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Deadline for submitting articles for the *Sew On and Sew On* is the Monday following the monthly Guild meeting of each month. Send them directly to Patricia Cook, Editor, at pcook43@gmail.com

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and the contents were under water for at least a week. All donated fabrics, books, tools, cutters, and mats were lost along with all of the charity quilts and stockings that had been completed and stored. Unfortunately, all of our historical records were also there and are a loss. Nita and Connie have regrouped and are working with a few new fabric donations, so we are back to work rebuilding our charity quilt supply. We encourage you to look at your stash and help us with that work. We will be planning a few sew-ins in the near future to work on both quilts and Christmas stockings. Luckily, Shannon McGaw had removed our disaster quilts from storage, so what we have left are dry. We'll be needing donations of those quilts to distribute, too, so while you are waiting on the roads to open, this is an excellent time to sew, sew, sew.

If you signed up for the retreat this month, Sew It Began had no flood damage and is looking forward to having those of us who can attend arrive. If you need a break from cleanup, this is for you!

Keep your chin up and know that we are here for you. We are all in this together.

~ Patricia Cook, President

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and would like to see included in the program.

Volunteer to be a presenter or suggest a "trick" to be taught by contacting Chris at cmfriesen9@gmail.com.

*~ Chris Friesen
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 2	Debbie Adami	Sep 17	Laurie Nigrelli
Sep 2	Nita Beard	Sep 18	Lynda Morse
Sep 2	Christine Friesen	Sep 20	Terri Dobitz
Sep 5	Janis Vasut	Sep 24	Patty Junkins
Sep 7	Barbara Wenker	Sep 26	Shirley Birdsall
Sep 8	Carrol Stewart	Sep 30	Karen Branham
Sep 11	Jasmine Ellicot		
Sep 15	Susan Cudnik		
Sep 15	Judith Habermacher		Please bring a door prize.
Sep 17	Celeste McLaughlin		

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

As you probably already know, all of our charity quilts, quilts for Linus, Christmas stockings, and preemies were all lost due to the flooding of our storage facilities. This includes all the donated fabric, a new roll of batting and kits which we bring to guild for our members to pick up. It makes me sick to my stomach to think of all the hard work that our members did for others and in a couple of rainy days, all was lost. However, I know how generous our guild has always been and will continue to be; so I fully expect everyone to do their part to bring our inventory of quilts back up to where we were before the flood.

This being said, Comfort Quilters hopes to announce an all day sew in sometime in the next couple of weeks. From a donation made right before the rains started, we were able to make approximately 50 kits which will be available at the next guild meeting. Please continue to make extra quilts from your stash or pick

up a kit or two and bring them back in October. We will not let Harvey dampen our spirit of giving.

Comfort Quilters have been concentrating on using up a box of 6" squares to make a very easy quilt. Examples will be shown at the September meeting and kits and patterns available to be picked up. One of our regulars also gave us a pattern using 10" and/or 8" squares to make a quick quilt that ends up with setting triangles that you didn't have to inset.

Come to Quilt Works any Tuesday and see what we are doing, sew with us for a while and take home a new idea for making quilts from donated fabric.

We hope to see some of you at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday at Quilt Works. Bring your machine, a ruler and cutter, and we will supply the rest.

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



BEE NEWS

Cut-Ups

We all have survived the August heat and Hurricane Harvey. The bad weather gave us an excuse to stay home and sew. A couple of our members have already finished our Bee Challenge for the next quilt show and several of us have ideas for quilts for both the Bee Challenge and the Guild Challenge of stars. Now just to execute those grand ideas! Meanwhile, a number of members have been going to town on those UFO lists. Here's to cooler weather ahead.

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Ladies of the Night

Summer is still going strong for the Ladies of the Night. Our members are wrapping up their summer travels and we have really enjoyed hearing all about the adventures as everyone returns home. Another month means another Lady's "birthday" and our

CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sherri Goode, whose husband, Robbie, passed away.
- Prayers for all of those members affected by Hurricane Harvey.

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

latest "birthday girl" was Cindy. She had provided all of us with a quilters' license plate from her own travels as well as a pattern for a VW bug car. The blocks turned out to be so much fun! So much peace, love & flower power!

We are looking forward to Festival already and making plans to shop until we drop. It's one of the best things about living in Houston! Hurricanes are a definite downside, however, and we hope that everyone has come through Harvey unscathed. Stay safe and dry!

*Beekeeper: Gale Davis
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

Thimbelinas

The Thimblelinas have been productive in completing their projects for the last few months.

In March, we had our yearly retreat near Tomball. This was our 10th year for attending and all members of our bee were in attendance!

It was sad to say goodbye to Barb who moved to Washington. She brought so much talent to our group. We surprised her by making her a large bag, taking her out to lunch and having dessert during our May bee meeting. Everyone was given a piece of Kaffe Fassett fabric that was our inspiration for making a 6" block. Summer and Maria put a lot of effort in assembling the bag and incorporating our blocks in the design.

Happy quilting during these hot summer months!

Beekeeper: Lillie Hays

Thursday Night Bee

Our August bee meeting was a sew in at Nita's with only 7 members able to attend. However, those of

us who were there had a fun time sewing on special projects, making charity quilts or knitting on a shawl. Lunch was our usual "washtub" salad and I think the girls outdid themselves—it was one of the best ever. Next comes retreat in September—yeah!!!

Gail S traveled to Vancouver for the christening of her twin grandsons. She made their christening gowns from her wedding dress (a tradition in her family). Nita and Zeldajean went to the Texas Gourd Society Festival, where Zeldajean won a ribbon on each of her 4 entries.

The September bee meeting will be celebrating the birthdays of Gail S., Gale D., and Nita. Everyone looks forward to our birthday celebrations to see the different interpretations of their chosen block and to read the funny cards. Sew a little every day and soon that project will be finished.

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

LIBRARY

I helped check in some of the IQA quilts recently. One of them used a Snippetts method, and the library has a book on that method. One of the library's classic books is about seascapes, for which there is a class at the show in Nov. Paging through the show's class catalog, I counted over 7 classes on flowers, and there are multiple books on that topic in the library. Kaffe Fassett & Liza Prior Lucy have classes and lectures in November, while the library has one of their books. Come look for some new ideas in the library.

Thank you,

~ Kathie Frost, Librarian

YOUR HELP WANTED

We have learned that we can purchase batting for our charity quilts from Hobbs Batting at a reduced rate if we send in a request accompanied by a number of Hobbs packaged batting product UPC labels. If you have the packaging for Hobbs batting, please cut out the UPC labels and either bring them to the guild meeting or mail them to us at the following address:

Comfort Quilters
 West Houston Quilter's Guild
 P.O. Box 841515
 Houston, TX 77084

Our comfort quilters members are creating numerous quilts each month, and we are looking for ways to keep our costs down while completing these quilts.

Your assistance with this going forward is appreciated.

Internet Abbreviations – For those of us who are still trying to decipher the ‘shorthand’ used on the internet, here are the meanings of some abbreviations—general and quilting related.

AFAIK – As Far As I Know

BTDT – Been There, Done That

CMQ – Commercially Machine Quilted

FPP – Foundation Paper Piecing (piecing technique, sometimes called PFP)

HST – Half Square Triangle

KISS – Keep It Simple Sweetie

LOL – Laughing Out Loud

MEQ – Mind’s Eye Quilt (existing only in one’s imagination, so far)

OTOH – On The Other Hand

QIAD – Quilt In A Day

PhD – Projects Half Done (a favorite among quilters!)

SITD – Stitch In The Ditch (quilting technique)

TATW – Trip Around The World (pattern)

TIA – Thanks In Advance

TOL – Top Of the Line

TTYL – Talk To You Later

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

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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