



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Jill Finley

Program: Quilt Designs With a Fresh Look

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Next workshop: April 20, Jill Finley, workshop, Applique & Other Techniques the “Jillily Way”

April 22 and 29, Shannon McGaw, Prismatic Star workshop



PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

“Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.”

~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy

The quilt show was great! The quilts were beautiful and garnered lots of “oohs and awes.” The vendors had lots and lots of things to tempt us and tempted we were! Every volunteer worked extra hard to make sure the show was a success. We tried some new things this year and found that some worked better than others.

That’s the beauty of at least trying—you learn lots from it. We’ll be passing what we learned on to the next show committee. Susan Vacek will be looking for a chairman and committee members for the 2019 show, so I encourage you to think about volunteering. You’ll find it’s a valuable experience and fun besides.

It’s time to elect a Nominating Committee to select the candidates for you to vote on at our annual meeting in October. This committee will work through the summer months to find the best qualified to serve in each position of the board of directors. You can find the “job

descriptions” for each office on our Website. Please take a few minutes and read through what each officer does and find the position that fits your particular talents and interests. The Guild needs you!

We’ve had good feedback on our proposed day meetings. Celeste has done some groundwork for us and we’ve put in place two day meetings for this year. She has prepared information for you that is on page 4. Check it out and plan to attend - we’re looking forward to seeing a number of you that aren’t comfortable driving at night taking advantage of this program.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Patricia Cook, President

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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:

May 3 – La Madeleine at Town and Country

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can either work on the pattern shown or bring a different Jillily pattern to work on to class. Spaces are still available, so contact Chris at cmfriesen9@gmail.com to register..

A two-Saturday workshop on Judy Niemeyer’s Prismatic Star will be happening at QuiltWorks on April 22 and 29. Shannon McGaw will be your teacher. This 12 hour workshop (9:30-3:30 each day)



costs \$100 which includes the Marti Michell Smart Corner Tool. If you purchase the pattern from Shannon the cost is \$20 (a \$29 value).

A national educator from Sulky, Lee Fletcher, will be leading a “Thread Sketching & Couching Sit & Sew” on June 22, 9:30-4:00, at QuiltWorks.



Cost is \$35 plus \$25.07 for the kit. Skills taught will be cursive writing by machine, basic free-motion straight stitching techniques, free-motion with various types of

threads, fill-in stitching, introduction to Thread-Sketched Portraits, Pen & Ink Tangles, raw-edge appliqué, layering techniques, machine-fed free-motion couching. Visit www.sulky.com.

As always see me at our meetings or contact me at cmfriesen9@gmail.com.

Retreat

A retreat at And Sew it Began in LaPorte is scheduled for September 22 & 23. More information at the meeting. Barbara Ann Watson will be taking reservations and deposits starting in May.

~ Chris Friesen
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Apr 1 Gloria Ware
- Apr 4 Renee’ Gately
- Apr 7 Sharon Gordon
- Apr 8 Marian Stange
- Apr 10 Ellen H Norton
- Apr 10 Cathleen Brothen
- Apr 11 Marijo Williams
- Apr 13 Phyllis Rucker
- Apr 16 Shirley Buckley
- Apr 18 Ann M Ammons
- Apr 22 Jennifer Thacker-Torline
- Apr 27 Lyndol Taylor

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

I personally want to thank Connie who had to step in quickly when I had to have surgery and was out of the loop for 7 weeks. She has done a great job and I owe her big time. Thanks also to those guild members who have turned in quilts, picked up kits and donated fabric for Comfort Quilters to put together into kits.

At each guild meeting, you can stop by our table and pick up a kit that needs to be pieced and quilted or a panel that just needs to be quilted. We have kits that are appropriate for children as well as many for the elderly. Remember each guild member is asked to make at least

one Linus quilt and one quilt for the elderly as part of your membership in the guild. Because of your generosity in making quilts, we are able to bring a lot of happiness to children and those confined to care facilities.

If you want to join a fun group of ladies in making quilts, come to Quilt Works any Tuesday morning from 9:00 am until noon. Bring your sewing machine and normal sewing tools and everything else will be provided. Hope to see you next Tuesday,

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

APRIL 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	14	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	20 Jillily Workshop 9:30 am - 4 pm	21	22 Prismatic Star Workshop 9:30 am-3:30 pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Prismatic Star Workshop 9:30 am-3:30 pm
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

2017 QUILT SHOW



BASKET & QUILT BONANZA

We had an absolutely awesome booth at the show!! Thanks to everyone who worked or donated to the success of our booth. We sold over 2,000 tickets!!!

The top 5 selling items were: The Batik Tote plus Batik fabric, The Janome Sewing Machine and Basket, The Thread Tree with Aurifil Thread, The Retreat On The Go Basket and The Black and White Fabric Bowl with Fat Quarters. All of the items we had were fabulous, thanks to the generous members of our guild.

The winners were: Animal Quilt-Marilyn Emery, Pastel Texas Star Quilt-Barbara Thieme, Color Me Bright Quilt-Kay Summers, Red All Over Quilt-Phyllis Rucker, Log Cabin Quilt-Marie Hopkins, Orange Triangle Quilt-Linda Schoiber, Cinnamon Quilt-Judith Habermacher, Baby Basket-Mary Ellen Robison, Civil War Basket-Nancy Royal, Retreat On The Go Basket-Barbara Young, Red, White and Black with Seeing Kits-Celeste Fritz, Tote with Organizer Bags-Celeste Fritz, Thread Tree with Thread-Gale Davis, 30's Repo Fabric Basket-Bev Volker, Christmas Tree and ornaments-Kay Myers, Seasonal Table Runner Basket-Amy Matthias, Batik Strips and Books-Bev Volker, Antique Sewing Machine-Rex Engle, Batik Tote with Fabric-Anna Gray, Giant Jelly Roll (2)-Pat Williams, Black and White Bowl with Fat Quarters-Rebecca Peterson, Longaberger Basket with Baking items-B Richard, Wool Basket-Cynthia Regone, Janome Sewing Machine plus sewing items-Gloria Alvarez and the Plant with Gift Cards-Karen Coffey. Congratulations to all the winners. If you were a donor and want to know where your item placed let me know.

It's been a bittersweet journey for me. Sheila Tweed and I agreed to do this two years ago. Unfortunately she became ill and didn't get to finish. I know she would have been proud to see our plans through to such a successful finish.

It's because of the very generous members of the guild that we were a success. Thanks to everyone who made a block, donated a strip or volunteered at the Booth.

~ Jean Flemingt

QUILT SHOW PHOTOS

We had two photographers at our show, and between them we have digital pictures of just about every quilt. Those who signed up to have their quilts photographed have now received their pictures. If anyone did not sign up but would like copies of the pictures of her quilts, just drop me a note at celeste.fritz@gmail.com. I'll be happy to email them to you. Note: We will also be putting some general pictures up on the Website.

~ Celeste Fritz

DAYTIME MEETING TRIAL!!!

In order to reach out to more of our membership, the Board has voted to add daytime meetings on a trial basis. At this time, we have two scheduled – July and October. These meetings will be in the same location, Bear Creek Community Center, and on the same dates as the evening meetings these months. The difference will be that the daytime meetings will be from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Depending on how these meetings are received, the new board can make plans for adding more in 2018.

The meeting format will be similar to the evening meeting: brief business announcements, lecture or program, Show and Tell, door prizes. Persons with charity quilts may bring them for the Comfort Quilters. If it is your birthday month, you are requested to bring a door prize item.

The July 19 meeting will feature Becky Goldsmith, the same speaker as the evening meeting although she may present a different lecture.

On October 18 the meeting program is Member Tips and Tricks. October is also the month when the new Board of Directors is elected, so we are hoping this meeting will give more members a say in the Guild going forward.

We hope our members who are reluctant to drive in the evening will take advantage of these daytime meetings.



BEE NEWS

Bits & Pieces

Bit and Pieces Bee has started a Signature Quilt for our project this year. Very simple pattern with each person setting the color limits and the setting angle.

We have also incorporated a UFO challenge. Each member of the Bee presented a UFO. Each month they have to state their progress. We hope this will encourage us to FINISH!

Our charity project was the making of pillowcases for the women's shelters. We completed 35. The Guild does not accept them. Terri Burton of Quilt and Sew found them homes. Thank you Terri!

Our semi-annual luncheon to celebrate Birthdays is April 26 at the Black Walnut Cafe.

Beekeeper: Sue Humble

Cut-Ups

It's been hard to get back into the swing of things after the quilt show, but we're slowly recovering. Our next focus is our UFO lists. Each person who wanted to participate turned in a list of at least 10 unfinished projects (just having a pattern & fabric constituted "unfinished"). Several have already put stars next to completed items on their lists!

Four of us took a road trip to All Around the Block in Giddings, then had lunch at Must Be Heaven in Brenham. We had a great time and managed to miss most of the rain. Up next – beginning work on a bee charity project.

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Happy Hoopers

The Happy Hoopers are now meeting the first and third Thursdays of the month at Quilt-n-Sew. We have added two new members in the past few months, Marja Carew and Sharon Csizmadia. We are happy to have them in our group and have enjoyed seeing their beautiful work.

Several members picked up comfort quilt kits at the last guild meeting. At last count we have five to turn in. Way to go!

Beekeeper: Teresa Beautz

Katy Rotary Club

Our Bee has been relaxing after our Quilt Show. We have individually been assessing our UFO's at home so we can participate in a UFO challenge in 2017. This challenge is between us and our list; not a competition with other members of the Bee. We may be able to stay in focus if we

list what we most want to accomplish in the coming year.

We are discussing our next tin can raffle and/or silent auction quilt for 2019. This cannot be started too soon as time has been flying by. Some of our members are also participating in a large exchange of spool blocks. With UFO's, exchange blocks, and a new quilt pattern for 2019, I think we are off to a roaring start for 2017.

Beekeeper: Joan Rondeau

Ladies of the Night

The Ladies of the Night had a wonderful time at the quilt show. Congratulations to our ribbon winners Cindy, Debbie, Kathy & Sharon! And high fives to everyone who entered a quilt in the show – they were all beautiful. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the show so inspirational! We have settled on our "birthday blocks" and have assigned a month to each Lady to receive her blocks. They are going to have so much personality! We are also going full steam ahead with our Garlic K-not block trade for the year. Never a dull moment for us!

*Beekeeper: Gale Davis
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

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FONS AND PORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do you have a Fons and 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 and Porter's Need to Know booklet, Fons and 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

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New or renewal? (Please circle one)

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Monday Night Divas

The Divas have finalized the details for our block exchange and are excited to begin at our April Bee Meeting.

Several of our members are still dealing with repairs due to frozen pipes earlier this year. Our Beekeeper, Carol Blumentritt, is experiencing some problems with her cataract surgery. Patsy Kidd has been in and out of the hospital several times in the last few months. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

The Divas meet the fourth Monday of each month at Quiltworks, 5-8pm.

*Beekeeper: Carol Blumentritt
Submitted by: Helen Recane*

Thursday Night Bee

Our row challenge is quickly coming to an end and I think all of us who participated will tell you it has forced all of us to think beyond our comfort zone. The final reveal will

be our June bee meeting and I can hardly wait to see what my friends created from my theme.

The last weekend in March found 9 of us on retreat at Camp Allen. As usual the food was outstanding, the quilts made were beautiful and the time spent with friends deepened our appreciation for each other. Retreats are a wonderful way to grow closer as a bee.

Our bee did quite well at the quilt show. Ribbons were won by the following: Connie—2nd place, 3rd place, 2 Honorable Mentions; Carolyn—Honorable Mention; Carol—Honorable Mention and Betty—Honorable Mention. The bee has been challenged for every member to enter at least one quilt in the 2019 show. Hopefully we will have a bee group entry with our Row Quilts.

Sew a little each day and get those UFOs finished.

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

LIBRARY

The NEW LIBRARY is COMING. A revised data base will soon be available online to search, but I have the books divided into thirds so it will grow. Each book requires a WHQG label outside the book and on the envelope card. So please be patient.

~ Kathie Frost, Librarian

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our guild now has 180 paid and active members for 2017. Let's keep growing by encouraging the new and younger quilters in our circle of friends to join our Guild!

*~ Shannon McGaw
First Vice President -
Membership*

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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



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CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- We haven't been made aware of any concerns or condolences this month.

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



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