



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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July 2017

PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

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

Speaker: Becky Goldsmith

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Program: “A Piece O’ Cake Life”

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Program: “It’s Not a Quilt Until it’s Quilted”

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Next workshop: July 20, Becky Goldsmith, Needle Turn Appliqué



PAT’S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

Don't be discouraged if you're not there yet. Remain persistent. Even baby steps can move you forward! Don't measure the distance ahead, focus on the progress in front of you!
~ Bonnie K. Hunter

I think about this quote as I struggle with my free-motion quilting. Some days I think I’ve got it; other days—not so much. Of course, it takes practice to improve, and I’m pretty hit or miss lately—mostly miss. But I’ve laid out a goal to spend at least ten minutes a day on my machine doing FMQ, so we’ll see how long it takes!

This month’s meeting is going to be very different. We have two meetings this month for the first time, one in the afternoon and the usual meeting in the evening. Becky Goldsmith is our speaker and is planning to present two different programs. The following day, she’ll instruct us on needle turn applique in her workshop. This is my personal favorite way to applique, so I’m really looking forward to seeing how her methods differ from mine. I’ve found since I started quilting that I learn something new from each applique and quilting teacher. It’s always good to have more than one way to approach a project—sometimes more than one technique is needed. I encourage you

to take advantage of this opportunity to enlarge your quilting “tool box” with this workshop.

Our Nominating Committee is looking for members who are interested in serving on the board of directors for the 2018-2019 term. If you’d like the opportunity to be a key player in determining the future of this guild, now is your opportunity! Candidates are being sought for every office, from president to director. Recommendation and interest forms will be available at the July and August meetings for your use, whether you want to recommend yourself or someone else. If you would like information on the duties of each office, you can check

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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:

August 2 – La Madeleine at Town and Country

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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| Visitor Welcome | Gloria Stewart |
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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS

2017 Programs

| | | |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jul 19 | Becky Goldsmith | A Piece O Cake Life (Day meeting) It's Not a Quilt Until it's Quilted (Night meeting) |
| Aug 16 | Jackie Hillman | The Goose is Loose on the Ranch |
| Sep 20 | Lola Jenkins | "Ms Bubble Buster" |
| Oct 18 | Guild members | "Tricks and Treats" (Day & Night meetings) & Election of 2018-2019 Board of Directors |
| Nov 15 | Annette Ornelas | Dimensional Curved Piecing |
| Dec 20 | | Holiday Party |

2017 WORKSHOPS

| | | |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jul 20 | Becky Goldsmith | Needle Turn Appliqué |
| Aug 19* | Jackie Hillman | Disappearing Flying Geese Table Runners |
| Sep 19** | Lola Jenkins | "Portrait Collage" |
| Nov 16 | Annette Ornelas | "Mexican Stars" wall hanging using Dimensional Curved piecing |

* Workshop is on Saturday

** Workshop is Tuesday

RETREATS

| | | |
|-------------|---------|------------------|
| Sep 22 & 23 | Retreat | And Sew It Began |
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Program

Becky Goldsmith from Piece O' Cake

You can get a double dose of Becky Goldsmith in July if you choose to attend both meetings on July 19. Becky will speak at our first ever day meeting starting at 2:00 pm in our usual room at Bear Creek Community Center. Becky's lecture, "A Piece O' Cake Life," was developed from questions from quilters over the years and describes her personal quilting journey, career in designing and owning a quilting business.

Evening meeting (starting at 6:45 pm) attendees will be treated to a talk on "It's Not a Quilt Until it's Quilted." In Becky's words, "You've made a beautiful top, but how do

you decide how to quilt it? I'll share with you what I have learned (both the good and the bad!) from quilting my own quilts over the last many years."

Becky will be leading a workshop the following day, Thursday, July 20. See info under workshops.

Sign up for Workshops

Workshops are held at QuiltWorks, 9431 Jones Rd. @ West Rd., Houston 77065

Workshops start promptly at 9:30 am and end between 3:30–4:00 pm. QuiltWorks opens at 9:00 am. To register contact Chris at cmfriesen9@gmail.com.

Hexie Garden Block with Becky Goldsmith on Thursday, July 20

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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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out the job descriptions on the Web site in the “members” section, or the Nominating Committee members can share that with you as they have copies of all of them. Contact Judith Washburn for more information or to volunteer.

Our 2019 Quilt Show Committee has issued their challenge for the next show. Check out the challenge along with the rules on page 7 and turn those creative ideas loose on this one. It looks like a lot of fun! Beverly Farrell and Alice Sadeghpour are the co-chairmen of the 2019 Quilt Show and are already hard at work gathering ideas and information. They are going to be looking for committee chairs and members to help with the next show. If you’d like to help, don’t hesitate to contact them and let them know what you are interested in doing.

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Patricia Cook, President

CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Condolences to the family and friends of Treva Ray, who passed away on Saturday May 6, 2017.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|--------|------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Jul 2 | Kathy Lyngholm | Jul 16 | Kay Crabb |
| Jul 5 | Annette Hawley | Jul 17 | Susan Sims |
| Jul 6 | Kathy Ernest | Jul 20 | Kathy Clark |
| Jul 7 | Gloria Meijer | Jul 20 | Jane Newsome |
| Jul 9 | Cassandra Carney | Jul 29 | Tracy Dyer |
| Jul 10 | Gale Davis | Jul 30 | Dianne Kuper |
| Jul 10 | Joan Rondeau | Jul 31 | Carolina Boulanger |
| Jul 11 | Mary Beaulieu | | |
| Jul 12 | Pam Armstrong | | |

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our little group of 4-5 a year ago has grown to a very healthy 10-15 coming to sew every Tuesday morning at Quilt Works to make quilts for the elderly and for Linus. Currently we are working on scrappy strip squares on a muslin base. The quilts are very colorful and quite easy to make. Come visit us any Tuesday from 9:00 - noon and learn how to use up all those mismatched pieces of fabric you have collected over the years and make a lovely quilt.

2017 is half over and here are the statistics: approximately 40 guild members have turned in 70 quilts at a guild meeting since January. If you had a birthday during the first half of the year, did you turn in 2 quilts as

part of your birthday celebration. If not, why don’t you pick up a kit or two at the next guild meeting, spend about 4-6 hours over a month or two and have your quilts done for the year.

Comfort Quilters has turned in almost 150 quilts since January—thanks to a great group of ladies who are a delight to work with and who really enjoy making quilts for others. We plan to spend most of July making premie quilts and Christmas stockings. Join us any Tuesday—we would love to show you the many diverse patterns to use scraps.

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

JULY 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Guild Meeting 2:00 PM and 6:45 PM | 20 Workshop 9:30 am– 4:00 pm | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

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Becky Goldsmith of Piece ‘O Cake Designs will teach her needle-turn hand appliqué method using one block from her new pattern, Hexie Garden Quilt. The pattern for this one block will be provided in class. Visit www.pieceocake.com under “classes” for the supply list and a picture of the whole quilt. These blocks could easily be made into a table runner. Cost is \$35 for this full day workshop at QuiltWorks. Spots are available.



Appropriate for all levels.

Disappearing Flying Geese
Tablerunners with Jackie Hillman
Saturday, August 19

Jackie Hillman, a native Texan from the Hempstead area, became an avid quilter in the mid 90’s while living in Kuwait. Since then, quilting has been a creative outlet in which she immerses herself and never tires of playing around with designs which incorporate signature elements of her “Split Flying Geese” technique.

You will have the opportunity to try out her split flying geese technique by creating a table runner. You have three patterns to choose from. (See below.) Most likely you will be able to finish the top in this full day workshop. Cost is \$35 plus \$6 for a pattern. (This is a change. Last month’s newsletter said \$7.) Select a



pattern when you register and a supply list will be sent to you by email. You also have the option of buying a kit with the pattern for \$36. Jackie’s business is Two Creek Quilts.

Three Spots Left for 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.

More info later on meal planning. The cost is

\$65/night total \$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 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.

Note from your Second Vice President

I hope you enjoyed the Sulky Listen and Learn presented by Diane Gloystein last month. I had fun experimenting with the beautiful threads at the Sit and Sew Workshop. I also discovered more things my machine can do thanks to the advice from members sitting around me! Those of you who were at the workshop, bring your trees for show and tell. A special thanks to the QuiltWorks gals, Connie and Carol, for working with Sulky to sell products at the meeting and workshop. Congratulations to Nasreen Saeedi and Susan Vacek who won the door prizes of Sulky products at the meeting and workshop.

~ Chris Friesen
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops



BEE NEWS

Cut-Ups

More and more members are working on their UFO list with a number of completions. Gloria finished two Sensations quilts (wish I could say the same), Pam got one of her rooster applique blocks completed, and Sherri finished a beautiful applique quilt and a pineapple block quilt. We have our challenge fabric, so now all those who elected to participate are putting on their thinking caps. I'm sure they'll all be very impressive. Many of our members are looking forward to the July daytime meeting, as they don't drive at night. The group has also scheduled a road trip to Painted Pony (and I'm sure Georgia will vote for lunch at T-Bone Tom's). Have a great summer, y'all!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

Our Bee had a wonderful turnout this month for our June 12 sew-in day. No one in this Bee has to think twice about what to work on. We all have UFO's, new projects and a group quilt we are working on for our next quilt show.

On the 19th, we had a going-away party for Penny Lasseter who has been in the Guild and this Bee for a number of years. We had a great buffet for lunch, wonderful desserts, and played our favorite game, strip poker. Penny was presented with signed blocks from each of the members of this Bee. A good time was had by all.

Beekeeper: Joan Rondeau

Ladies of the Night

Summer is in full swing for the Ladies. Several of us are taking trips to visit family and / or escape the Texas summer - or both!

Ohio, Oregon, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Alabama may never be the same.

On the home front we continue to work on our Garlic Knot exchange blocks as well as our monthly birthday blocks. Barb was the lucky birthday girl for June and received a pile of lovely Ohio Star blocks. Donna also received a lovely pile of blocks with a sewing theme for her new home in Athens, Texas. We sure are going to be sad to see her go!

*Beekeeper: Gale Davis, Beekeeper
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

Monday Night Divas

The Divas are having a busy summer. Tracy enjoyed a European Cruise. Mary took a trip to Australia with her grandchildren. Carol attended the Garden Railroad Convention in Tulsa, OK. Lena took trips to Florida and Las Vegas. Tina is visiting quilt shops for the Row by Row Challenge. Helen is excited about the July wedding of her son, David.

We are enjoying our monthly Scrappy Block Exchange and are planning our Christmas stockings, premie blankets and lap quilt donations for 2017.

*Beekeeper: Carol Blumentritt
Submitted by: Helen Recane*

Thursday Night Bee

What an exciting June bee meeting. Eight of us have been working on a Row Quilt Challenge—themes were as varied as Christmas, Texas, the Beach, a bookcase, the Calendar, Spring, puppies. Boy, did we have to put our thinking caps on every two months for about 16 months to create a row for each member involved. And the ideas that were transferred to fabric exceeded everybody's expectations. If you want to see all

our creative rows, check WHQG on Facebook. Linda G has posted a picture of each member with all their rows displayed on a flannel board. Hopefully, we will have them made into wall hangings in time for the 2019 quilt show and we can show them all together in the bee challenge category.

June 21 started the Row by Row Experience and we have a road trip planned for July to hit as many quilt shops in the Hwy. 290/Austin area as we can in a day. Some members have already gone to several shops in the Houston area and anybody who is going out of state is expected to collect patterns and/or license plates for those who want them.

Our summer sew in will be in August where we work on personal projects, so summer is off to a good start. Sew a little every day and soon that UFO will be finished.

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

LIBRARY

A newly extended LIBRARY list is online. If your interest in embellishment was piqued by the Sulky speaker last month, be sure to take a look at our library section on EMBELLISHMENT, under ART. Please be aware that some books might fit into multiple sections, or I'm not always sure where to place a book, so any suggestions you can provide will be very much appreciated. Please email me by Monday, before the meeting, if you want me to bring a special book for you to check out. frost.kathie@gmail.com

~ Kathie Frost, Librarian

2019 QUILT SHOW

It's never too early to start planning! The 2019 Quilt Show, The Magic of Quilts, planning is under way. An e-mail was sent to all 2017 committee chairmen regarding their help for the 2019 show (if you did not receive the e-mail, please contact us) and we encourage anyone who wants to help with the show to please contact us.

The challenge for the 2019 show Challenge Quilt has been set forth. You are challenged to dazzle us with Star Magic. Please see page 7 and the Guild Website for more information.

We have set up an Instagram page (@themagicofquilts) and will soon be creating a Facebook page. Be sure to follow each page for all the exciting news for the upcoming show. Also, feel free to send us pictures of projects under your needle we can share on these sites...it's always inspiring to see projects in progress!!

You can reach us at themagicofquilts@gmail.com

~ Alice Sadeghpour and
Beverly Farrell

GUILD REMINDERS

As a member, you are responsible for:

- providing a door prize the month of your birthday;
- providing two charity quilts a year;
- and, taking advantage of all of the benefits of your membership.



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Let's Make Star Magic

The 2019 Quilt Show, The Magic of Quilts, is issuing a challenge to members of the West Houston Quilter's Guild to create a quilt or wall hanging highlighting stars to be entered or shown in the 2019 Quilt Show.

For this challenge we will be exploring the many ways of making and arranging stars. We will be looking for "Construction" and "Originality".

Rules for the Challenge:

1. This challenge is to create a project using any pattern or patterns of stars of your choice. The stars can be applique, paper pieced, EPP, and/or pieced.
2. Your entry must be a minimum 96 inch and a maximum 360 inch perimeter, have 3 layers including batting and be quilted either by hand or machine. No bags, wearables, or home décor.
3. The quilt must have a hanging sleeve and a label on back.
4. Your entry must have been created between June 2017 and January 2019.
5. 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 15, 2019
2. The quilts will be shown at the January guild meeting where Guild members will vote on their favorite. The winning quilts will receive a special "Guild Choice" ribbon to be displayed on the quilts at the quilt show.
3. All challenge quilts entered in the show, including the "Guild Choice" winners, are eligible for awards.

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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