



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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May 2019

PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019
 Where: Thomas A Glazier Senior Education Center, 16600 Pine Forest Ln., Houston TX 77084
 Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Speaker: Mary Kerr
 Program: Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Thursday, May 16, Mary Kerr,
 Wonky Stars – Make modern blocks from vintage or leftover blocks
 Thursday, June 19, Brenda Jeschke,
 Silk Ribbon Embroidery



DINA'S DISCUSSION

Dear Members,

Everything I am I owe to my Mother
—George Washington

Happy May quilters! How crazy is it that a quarter of the year has passed. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and were able to spend it with loved ones. My parents went to Georgia to visit my brother, so I had a nice quiet weekend of sewing.

As the year chugs along, I am preparing for Mother's Day. Our meeting is after it, so please let me wish you all a very Happy Mother's Day. Personally, I think everyday should be Mother's Day. There is not one thing I do that wasn't because of my mom's guidance, love, and hard work. As time goes on, I feel privileged to be able to teach her new things as well. At times I get frustrated when she doesn't get how technology works, but then I laugh when I remember she had to teach me the most basic of skills, like using a fork! I am especially grateful for

the time we get to spend together, and the quilts we make that have a little bit of each of us sewn into them. When I think of my grandson, I'm happy to know that even when we are gone, our love will wrap him in warmth and love.

I looking forward to the next meeting, and seeing Mary's beautiful quilts. See you all then!

~ Dina Luz, President

BOARD MEETINGS

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:

June 5 – Quilt 'n Sew Studio

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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS

2019 Programs

May 15	Mary Kerr, trunk show
Jun 19	Brenda Jeschke, trunk show
Jul 17	Linzee McCrae, trunk show
Aug 21	Karen Overton, trunk show
Sep 18	Guild Garage Sale
Oct 16	Lori Lee Triplett, trunk show
Nov 20	Dot Collins, trunk show
Dec 18	Guild Christmas Party

2019 Workshops

May 16	Mary Kerr	Wonky Stars – Make modern blocks from vintage or leftover blocks
Jun 19	Brenda Jeschke	Silk Ribbon Embroidery
July 18	Linzee McCrae	Goodness Grows Table Runner
Aug 22	Karen Overton	Love Links -
Sep 19	Guild Garage Sale	
Oct 17	Lori Lee Triplet	Fabric Stash Jewelry Workshop
Nov 21	Dot Collins	Spectacular Stars

2019 Retreat

Sep 13-15 Magnolia Manor Retreat Center

Programs and Workshops

On May 15, 2019 our speaker will be Mary Kerr. Mary is a certified quilt appraiser and an award-winning quilter. She grew up in a family of quilters and has been teaching since 1987. She currently lectures and conducts workshops that focus on quilt history and the preservation of antique textiles. Mary’s lecture will focus on Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist. There will be a workshop the following day, May 16, 2019 at Quilt ‘n Sew in Katy, Texas. Attendees are encouraged to embrace the magic as you are given permission to combine the love of



vintage with a fun modern aesthetic. Work with vintage textiles to create a wonky star with lots of negative

space for modern quilting designs. The workshop is packed full of tips for working with vintage fragments and ways to showcase these treasured pieces. Students are encouraged to bring their own vintage blocks and fragments or they may purchase a kit of their choice in class for \$20.00. (Finished sizes will vary). Attendees are encouraged to enjoy quilts from Mary’s book: *Twisted: Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist* and become inspired to create your own Twisted magic! This workshop is not filled up—you can sign up by notifying me directly at morse.lynda@yahoo.com or also sign up at the May guild meeting. The supply list includes general sewing supplies and any stray or vintage blocks you might have or you can purchase a vintage kit directly from Ms. Kerr the day of the workshop.

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

GRANDMOTHER’S ATTIC

Grandmother’s Attic would like to thank John Tweed for donating the quilting supplies that his wife Sheila had. Without it, we would not have had such a great success.

Grandmother’s Attic is accepting donations of patterns. We all have patterns that we have used and will never use again and some of us have bought patterns with good intentions but never get to them. So, please go through your patterns and see if there are any that need a new home. We will also be accepting magazines. Bring them to the next meeting.

~ Linda Gremillion, Chairman
Grandmother’s Attic

CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Zeldajeon Byrd had hip replacement surgery on April 15. She is home now, but here’s wishing her a speedy recovery.

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 Diane Balcerowicz with the information so the rest of the guild can be informed. We would like to be supportive of our fellow guild members.

~ Diane Balcerowicz,
Secretary

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 4	Julie Lisle	May 16	Cathy Beck
May 5	Gayla Cox	May 16	Shari Stone
May 5	Anne Forrest	May 18	Alice Sadeghpour
May 5	Kris Hoffman	May 20	Mary Ellen Galus
May 5	Rita Orban	May 23	Linda Stewart
May 6	Jeannie Eberle	May 26	Georgia Johnson
May 6	Kathy Wagner	May 31	Martha DeLeonardis
May 7	Esther Ansell		
May 14	Lavita Golightly		

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

During the month of April, the following items were delivered to Sally Burns for Linus: 70 quilts, 70 preemies and 94 crochet/knitted preemie caps. Remember that Texas Children’s Hospital has patients from preemies to children age 21. We all love to make cute little quilts for the younger kids, but we also need quilts for teenage boys and girls. These can be a little larger than the ones we make for kids. Preemies need to be a 25” square—cotton fabric on one side and flannel on the other. The other Linus quilts can be about 40 x 54 and then a little larger for teenagers. Thanks for all you do for the commu-

nity—there are always kits available at the Community Service table.

The April guild turn in was a little low compared to other months this year: 10 adult quilts and 2 Linus. Also only a couple of kits were picked up. Come by our table in May and pick up a kit, especially if your birthday was in the first four months of the year and you haven’t turned in your two quilts—one adult, one Linus.

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

MAY 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	16 Workshop 9:30 AM	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	1

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The June program and workshop will be Brenda Jescke. The June 19 guild program will be Brenda's popular lecture topic; "I made this quilt, and what I learned." Many of you already know Brenda from her capacity as a judge for many quilt shows, I'm sure there will be a lot of interest in hearing her thoughts on things she has learned along the way. The workshop the following day is Silk Ribbon Embroidery. A kit can be purchased from Brenda for \$7.00. Attendees will need to bring backing fabric to embroider on. Attendees will learn the 7 basic silk ribbon embroidery stitches in the workshop at Quilt 'n Sew in Katy, Texas on June 20, from 9:30 to 3:30. A HUGE thank you to Jean Fleming and her Bee for agreeing to host Brenda Jescke.

I am still seeking Bees or members to step forward to host speakers for the balance of 2019 with the exception of October as Melissa Kaye (THANK YOU!!!) volunteered to host Lori Triplett in October. And many, many thanks to Pat Cook and

Debbie Adami for hosting Diane Kirkhart in April. If we don't get volunteers to transport our speakers we will have to resort to Uber Transportation, which is a substantial additional cost to the guild. In the past, Bees has signed up for a month, and then split the duties among members. Volunteer duties are to transport to and from the airport, (or pickup from Greater Houston for shared speakers) as needed, to and from the guild meeting, hold quilts during the meeting, and transport to and from the workshop. Mileage, speaker's dinner, lunch, and tolls are reimbursable. There will be a signup sheet available at the guild meeting. Or, you can email me directly at lynda@yahoo.com to sign your guild up for a month.

Retreat

Barbara Watson has reserved The Magnolia Manor Retreat Center, 26250 Riley Road in Waller, Texas, September 13-15, 2019, for our Guild retreat. Check in is Friday, at 2:00 and Checkout is Sunday at 2:00. Lisa Renfro is the owner and is also an

EXCELLENT cook. The fee is \$205 for the weekend and includes dinner on Friday; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday; and nice brunch on Sunday. Some things to keep mind about the guild retreat: 1 - deposit to hold your spot is \$30.00, (checks made out to WHQG); 2 - half of your full payment is due to Barbara at or before the July meeting. 3 - And, lastly, Barbara has to receive 12 confirmations before August 12, 2019, otherwise she will need to cancel the retreat. The center has a small attached quilt shop that includes a hideaway batik collection! It is a reasonable drive to the retreat; maybe 60 minutes from the West Houston area. Here is the link to the center: <https://magnoliamanorretreat.com/>

At each guild meeting look for the trifold schedule that will outline upcoming speakers and workshop topics.

*~ Lynda Morse
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops*

2021 QUILT SHOW

Congratulations to Bev and Alice for a very successful 2019 Magic of Quilts Show. Everyone who participated in making the show a very successful one should be proud of the Guild's accomplishments. Funds raised go largely to bring in speakers and workshop presenters for us to continue to learn new techniques and be educated in the art of quilting.

So as they say—the show must go on, and Pat and I are in the beginning stages of working on the 2021 Quilt Show. The first item to accomplish is a Show Name or Theme. We would like to hear from you as

members: what theme or name that you like, suggest, or make up. We have had a variety of names in the past, and this show will be the celebration of the 31st year since the WHQG was created. Please submit Name and Theme ideas to the show email address at QuiltShowChair@whqg.org. There will be a prize for the person who's idea is chosen. So, pull out your creative juices and send us your favorite quilting slogans and themes.

*~ Debbie Adami and Patricia Cook,
2021 Quilt Show Co-Chairmen*

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BEE NEWS

Cut-ups

The Cut-ups celebrated our first half of the year birthdays with a lovely luncheon at Salt Grass Steakhouse. Between travel, holidays and illness our numbers were small at our April meetings but we still have come up with some activities. Eight of our members decided to have a batik block exchange using one of Cynthia Regone's patterns – a good way to use up some of our stash! A number of our members will also start making a Jelly Roll Rug under the tutelage of Phyllis Rucker. Happy sewing, ladies!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

April has been a fun month for The Katy Rotary Bee. We started the month with a pot luck lunch and it was really good. We invited the Quilt 'n Sew employees to eat with us. Also, Martha DeLeonardis came to visit and show us her new project. It was a really cute chenille wall hanging.

We're setting our projects for the year. The Batik exchange is moving forward. We also planned our Bee charity projects. They will be a Show and Tell at the Guild meeting in the fall. It's always fun to plan a fun new year at The Katy Rotary Bee.

Beekeeper: Jean Fleming

Ladies of the Night

The Ladies have been at their sewing machines as our first Disappearing 4 Patch trade was this month. We are trading blocks made with batiks – can't go wrong with such beautiful fabric! May is a month we have been looking forward to as we are heading to La Grange for a springtime retreat. Lots of fabric, food and fun – another sure winner!

*Beekeeper: Sheila Odell
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

Monday Night Divas Bee

Sewing and Vacuum Warehouse is using their meeting room for classes in March, April, and May. We canceled our meeting in March to attend the Guild Show. Connie Suarez was kind enough to open her home up to us for April. Thank you, Connie. If she is available, we will meet there again in May. Our meeting room at Sew & Vac should be available after that for our first Saturday meeting/sew-ins. After finishing up our donations to the Guild Show, the Divas are spending some time on personal projects.

*Beekeeper: Carol Blumentritt
Submitted by: Helen Recane*

The Material Girls

Our Spring retreat was at Magnolia Manor the last weekend of March. 15 attendees and lots of different projects. It is exciting to spend such a chunk of time together and be with our quilting sisters. Quilting hacks were shared and a good time for everyone.

The last Bee meeting was short with lots of sewing and crocheting as well. We tried our first block lottery with a spool block. We had enough blocks to have 2 winners: Elaine Mason and Marcia Karns. My blocks will be made into a Community Charity quilt: both Elaine and I were working on the rest of the blocks at Community Bee last week! The highlight of our Bee meeting was the sharing of a You Tube video of Party/Potty. How exciting are we old ladies??!

Angelique has finally moved back into her flood damaged home. She wants to host a Bee birthday party at her house in September, plenty of time to get all those boxes emptied. Way to go!

Beekeeper: Marcia Karns

The Thimbelinas

The Thimblelinas had a great time at our retreat at the Quilter's Cabin near Tomball. We had two guests to meet the minimum requirement. We had a great time and ate too much. The only complaint was that the sewing time was too short so next year we are going Thursday through Sunday.

The group decided that our group project would be a quilt of valor quilt. I had obtained one of Sheila Tweed's kits so everyone, including our two guests at retreat, will make a block from the kit. In the fall, the group will design the top so I can quilt it.

Our April bee meeting was a lot of fun because Barb Treese, a former member who moved to Washington, stopped by to visit. It was great seeing and visiting with her.

Beekeeper: Lillie Hays

Thursday Night Bee

Eight bee members plus one sister had a great time at Hummingbird Retreat in Huntsville. Everybody had pre-cut their projects, so lots of tops were worked on and some of them completed. Our group really has a strong eye for color combinations and it showed in the projects that were made. Hopefully some of them will be seen at Show and Tell in the future.

Our 4-patch exchange has driven those participating to clean up their "bits and pieces" of fabric—if you can get two 3 1/2" squares from a scrap, it is being used. We are not exchanging until September, but some have already exceeded the goal of 100 blocks—should be a fun day in September. Sew a little each day and soon that UFO will be complete.

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

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2021 QUILT SHOW AND DONATION QUILT

The Magic of Quilts was a wonderful show this year. Lots of thanks go to **Bev Farrell** and **Alice Sadgepour** for their leadership and all of the committee members and guild members who volunteered. You all did an awesome job in making The Magic Of Quilts a success.

I know 2021 seems like a long time away, but, when planning a show, it's not!

For 2021 we're lucky to have our team in place now. **Pat Cook** and **Debbie Adami** will be the co-chairs for the show. They are forming their plans and committee starting right away. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact one of them.

Phyllis Rucker will be in charge of our Donation Quilt. It's going to be a stunning Appliqué quilt. She's putting her team together, so if she contacts you, please say "yes".

Nita Beard and **Connie Bihner** have stepped up to be The Keepers of the Quilt. It takes many members to make this a job successful. The quilt will be ready to travel in 2020, so please step up and help make this tremendous job easier for them.

Let me say a special thanks to those who volunteer and make my job so much easier.

~ Jean Fleming,
Director of Ways and Means

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