



# Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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## PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, July 17, 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: Linzee McCrae  
 Program: Feedsacks: A Colourful History of an Frugal Fabric

## WORKSHOP NOTICE

Thursday, July 18, 9:30 am.–4:00 p.m., Quilt ‘n Sew Studio – Linzee McCrae, Goodness Grows Table Runner



## DINA’S DISCUSSION

Dear Members,

*When all else fails take a vacation!*  
 — Betty Williams

Happy July quilters! Hope the summer is treating everyone well. I wish you all a safe and fun Independence Day. I know many of you are traveling and taking vacations this month. Hope you all have fun and I would love to hear about your adventures.

In my humble opinion, July is the best of the year. I don’t like the heat, but it is my birthday month, and I celebrate all month long. It is also my brother’s birthday this month. We’ve always celebrated together. It has become harder to do now that he lives in Georgia. Luckily this year I will be in Georgia with him the first week of the month. We will be spending the week up in the cooler temperatures of the mountains. My brother is a complete city boy, so seeing him roughing it will be very entertaining to me. The fun will continue a few weeks later when they head back to Texas for a week

to continue the festivities here with our parents. Yes, we are probably too old to carry on so much about our birthdays, but we are just big kids at heart.

I know we went over all the board positions at the last meeting. I hope we answered all your questions, but if not, please feel free to message me any that weren’t addressed. I hope to see everyone at the upcoming meeting. Until then Happy Quilting!

~ 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:

August 7 – Quilt ‘n Sew Studio

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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

**PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS**

**2019 Programs**

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**

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**

In July the program speaker is Linzee McCrae, journalist, author, Museum Curator, Quilter, Knitter, and like many of us a daughter, wife, and mother. Though Linzee pursued her degree in journalism, her love of textiles was constant and eventually came to play a very large role in her life. Linzee's book, *Art Quilts of the Midwest*, was featured at the Quilt Study Center & Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was a guest curator for the Iowa Quilt Museum in Winterset, Iowa founded by Marianne Fons; and in 2017 her work was featured at the Texas Quilt Museum in LaGrange, Texas. (Side story – DURING Hurricane Harvey) In her own words after visiting the museum to help hang her quilts she wrote on her blog, Pearl the Squirrel, "Little did I imagine during the visit on that hot, hot Texas day that just a week later parts of LaGrange would be underwater. Though the museum was uphill from the river, museum staff and volunteers sandbagged the doors and raised the quilts up high via their pulley system. Power was

lost. I was grateful to the curator, Sandra Sider, for taking the time to keep me informed in the midst of all the issues surrounding Hurricane Harvey." It should be interesting to hear some of that story in person!

Her program on Wednesday evening will be based on one of her other books, *Feedsacks: A Colourful History of a Frugal Fabric*. She says "there are more than 18,000 documented prints and colorways that reflect nearly forty years of fabric design." It should be interesting to hear more about this history from someone who has studied it so thoroughly. The topic for the workshop on the day following, Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Quilt 'n Sew in Katy, Tx from 9:30 to 3:30 is a table runner made using the pattern, *Goodness Grows*, which will be available for purchase for \$10. The guild fee is the standard \$35.00. The *Goodness Grows* pattern, by Clark Street Quilts, provides an opportunity to make log cabin blocks and learn a clever variation on string piecing.

"Programs" cont. on page 4

**HELP WANTED**

The Guild Board of Directors is in search of a Director of Community Service to serve the balance of this year’s term. Diane Balcerowicz has resigned and Lisa Dinkelman has stepped in to fill that most important position.

As noted in the Nominating Committee’s report on page 5, the Director of Community Service shall appoint the Bee Keeper and the Chairmen of the Charitable Projects Committees; and shall be responsible for the functions of these. [Time: approximately 3 hours per month]

If you are interested in taking on this short-term opportunity, contact Dina Luz or any board member.

**CONCERNS,  
CONDOLENCES AND  
CONGRATULATIONS**

- No news items were received by the publishing deadline

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

~ Lisa Dinkelman,  
Secretary

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Jul 2	Sharon Masek	Jul 16	Kay Crabb
Jul 3	Sue Newland	Jul 18	Dina Luz
Jul 5	Annette Hawley	Jul 20	Kathy Clark
Jul 5	Carolyn Saunders	Jul 29	Tracy Dyer
Jul 6	Kathy Ernest	Jul 30	Dianne Kuper
Jul 7	Gloria Meijer	Jul 30	Linda Weisner
Jul 8	Katherine Smith	Jul 31	Carolina Boulanger
Jul 10	Gale S Davis		
Jul 10	Joan Rondeau		Please bring a door prize.
Jul 14	Morris Helbach		

**COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Comfort Quilters is taking a short hiatus and will not be meeting again until July 18. Several of our members were going to be gone; July 4 is on Thursday and we do not meet on the second Thursday, so we are taking a short vacation.

We have just about completed the sorting, rolling yardage on cardboards and arranging fabric on the new shelving and can start putting kits together for guild members. Later

in July, we will be sewing Christmas premies and Christmas stockings. Come join us on July 18 and have fun sewing for kids and older adults with a great group of ladies. Hope to see you around 1:00 at the Thomas A Glazier Senior Education Center, 16600 Pine Forest Ln., Houston TX 77084.

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard  
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

**JULY 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

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This project is a perfect way to use a line of fabric or a bunch of scraps to create a table runner that'll have you thinking “spring” all year long. The finished runner measures 18” x 49”.

Read more about Linzee on her website, [www.linzeekullmccray.com](http://www.linzeekullmccray.com), or her Blog: Pearl the Squirrel, or connect with her on Instagram and Twitter: @seamswrite

August 21, 2019 Speaker – Karen Overton. Karen refers to herself as the “Quilt Rambler” because “I love to ramble and I dearly love to quilt, so I’m a self-proclaimed quilt rambler with the gift of gab and the glee of show and tell. For over two decades I’ve been talking about quilts, making quilts, teaching quilting, longarm quilting for hire and making t-shirt/memory quilts.” The workshop the day following (Thursday, August 22 at Quilt n Sew 9.30-3.30) will focus on her pattern, Love Links. She uses a wing clipper tool available for purchase for \$23.00 to teach an easy way to make 4 flying geese units at once. The “Love Links” pattern will be available for \$11.00. Students can choose the size

of quilt or table runner they wish to make.

### **Guild Garage Sale**

The garage sale is planned for our September Guild meeting, September 18, 2019. There is a limit to the number of tables that can be set up due to the number of standard tables available. Reservations are taken in order. The charge per table is \$15.00. Individual guild members only may host a table for themselves, or an entire WHQG bee may host a table together. I am seeking 2-3 volunteers to help me to organize this biennial event. Know that **all** set up **MUST** be inside of the main room, which is the reason for limiting the number of tables. Reservations must be made and paid in advance prior to the September meeting. Make checks payable to WHQG.

### **Retreat**

Barbara Watson has reserved The Magnolia Manor Retreat Center, 26250 Riley Road, Waller, TX, for our Guild retreat in September 2019. Check in is Friday September 13 at 2:00 and Checkout is Sunday September 15 at 2:00. The fee is

\$205 for the weekend and includes Dinner on Friday; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday; and nice brunch on Sunday. 50% of your fee must be paid before the August 2019 Guild meeting so that Barbara can meet the deadline for 50% down. Checks can be made out to WHQG. 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 END of July, and 3. Barbara must have 12 confirmations (with at least 50% deposit) 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*

## **HELP US SAY “THANK YOU” TO OUR GUILD’S PRESIDENT**

Dina Luz has been our President for the past two years. She has stepped up to become president when she had only been a member of our Guild a couple of months. She has done a wonderful job and is a great asset to our Guild. As we thank her for all her dedication and hard work at the end of her term, we would like to give her a small token of our appreciation.

It is customary to make quilt blocks for the outgoing president. I am asking each member to make a 12 ½ inch UNFINISHED (12” finished)

block. Her favorite designer is Lori Holt. If you aren’t familiar with her, you can look her up on the Internet. This will give you an idea of the type of fabrics we would like. All blocks need to be happy, bright and colorful. You may choose to make any type of block that is pieced or appliqued.

Please do not use black or neon. If you need to use a background color, please use solid white. To ensure all blocks are uniform, do not use white on white or cream.

I will have fabric examples at the next few meetings. Blocks can be turned into me anytime up to the November meeting. We will present all blocks at our Christmas party. Please pin your name to the back of your block. If you have any questions, you can email me at [krissyhoffman@icloud.com](mailto:krissyhoffman@icloud.com). Thank you for your support.

*~ Kris Hoffman  
First Vice President*



## WHQG NOMINATING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

The Guild Nominating Committee for 2020-2021 would like to thank all current board members for sharing their comments and knowledge at the past guild meeting. Here is a brief synopsis of each position and the approximate time it may require.

**President** leads all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Guild; appoints all committees. The President shall perform such additional duties as may be required of the office. [Time: approximately 5-8 hours per month]

**First Vice-President – Membership** shall serve as presiding officer in the absence of the President; shall serve as chairman of the Membership Committee; shall appoint the Chairmen of the Hospitality, Visitor Welcome, and Charm Square Committees. [Time: approximately 5 hours per month (more during renewal time in January)]

**Second Vice-President – Programs and Workshops** shall appoint the Chairman of the Current Programs/Workshops, Future Programs/Workshops, Retreats, and Education Committees. Shall be responsible for the coordination and functions including signing of contracts related to programs and workshops. [Time: approximately 4-5 hours per month]

**Secretary** shall take factual and unbiased minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors and keep the minutes as part of the Guild records; shall give all notices as provided in the bylaws or as required by law; shall maintain custody of the Guild records; shall keep a register of contact information of each officer and director of the Guild. [Time: approximately 4 hours per month]

**Treasurer** shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the Guild; shall receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Guild from any source; deposit all monies in the name of the Guild in banks and/or trust companies; disburse funds to discharge obligations of the Guild; maintain the financial books and records of the Guild and report to the Board monthly on the Guild's assets; prepare financial reports at least annually; ensure compliance with Texas Non-profit Status; maintain Tax Exemptions. Program: QuickBooks [Time: approximately 4 hours per month]

**Director of Communication** shall appoint the Chairmen of Newsletter, Website, Publicity, and Library Committees; shall be responsible for the functions of these. [Time: approximately 4 hours per month]

**Director of Community Service** shall appoint the Chairmen of the Bee Keeper and Charitable Projects

Committees; shall be responsible for the functions of these. [Time: approximately 3 hours per month]

**Director of Ways and Means** shall appoint the Chairmen of the Quilt Show, Donation Quilt, Challenge Blocks, and Internal Fund Raisers Committees; shall be responsible for the functions of these committees and report to the Board regularly on their activities. [Time: approximately 1-2 hours per month (approximately 2-4 hours during month of quilt show readiness)]

More detailed information can be found on the guild website [www.whqg.org](http://www.whqg.org) under the tab "More," then "Members Area," then "Job Descriptions." Please note you must be logged in to access this area. If you have any questions or have an interest in a specific position, please feel free to contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

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Remember, if everyone gives something, no ONE has to give all.

~ Julie Crowell, Chairman  
Nominating Committee

### HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



The History of the Fourth of July. On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on the fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.



## BEE NEWS

### Cut-ups

Summer means vacation, so our group has been a little smaller the past few weeks. Several of the jelly roll rugs have been completed and they came out really cute! The heat and humidity have encouraged us to stay indoors and sew. Hopefully this means more completed UFOs to show at the next meeting.

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Katy Rotary Club

The Katy Rotary Bee was busy in June. People on vacation and back from vacation. We had a summer cook out at Cynthia's home. Carl, Cynthia's husband, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for us. The rest of the lunch was provided by members of the Bee. Lots of really good food. No one ever goes home hungry from one of our Bee parties! Penny Lassiter was in town and able to come. It was great seeing her again. We played "strip poker" and laughed a lot.

We also were the hostess Bee for the guild speaker this month. It was Brenda Jeschke and it's always a pleasure to be with her. If your Bee hasn't had the opportunity to be the guest Bee for a speaker, you need to

consider it. It's a great experience, getting to know them and hear about their quilting experiences up close is a wonderful opportunity.

*Beekeeper: Jean Fleming*

### Ladies of the Night

Travel season is in full swing for the Ladies of the Night! While we miss seeing those who are off on adventures, we do love to hear about what they've seen and done when they return. Debbie and her family have been to Disney World and Cindy has been to Europe – and that's just the beginning! Several other Ladies have trips planned this summer as well. Safe travel (and many quilt shop stops) wishes to all!

Back at home, we are looking forward to our next Disappearing 4 Patch exchange in July. Several of the group fell under the spell of a Halloween Bakery quilt while on our retreat in La Grange so excitement is running high for that project as well. And some of us have even finished some projects! Debbie had quite the "Mary Poppins" bag full of finishes at one meeting and Sharon had put together a camping-themed top from her "birthday blocks" over the last

four years. So much fun (and oohs and aahs) on Wednesday nights!

*Beekeeper: Sheila Odell  
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

### The Material Girls

Summer travel is in full swing. In between trips, we managed to meet on June 8. Happy Birthday to Amy! We decided to do another block lottery which is due at our July 13 meeting. Cute and easy block. Summery and sweet!

We tried for a bus to the East Texas Thimble Trail Shop Hop in Huntsville but no luck. We will try carpooling on Friday July 26. We've had such a fun time there in the past and did our shopping under one roof. You never know what you will find there! "I SHOULD PROBABLY FINISH A QUILT BUT I'D RATHER KEEP SHOPPING FOR FABRICS"

*Beekeeper: Marcia Karns*

### Thursday Night Bee

Our birthday day exchange turned out to be a very funny evening. Just ask any member about some of the blocks that were made. Our four-patch exchange will take place at the September retreat at Hummingbird Retreat in Huntsville. And we will be hosting the August speaker.

Next up is the retreat in September and I'm sure patterns are being chosen, fabric selected and cut and some have already packed all their "stuff". Retreat is always a fun get away with lots of tops getting started and/or completed. Keep stitching and soon at least one UFO will be finished.

*Beekeeper: Nita Beard*





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