



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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February 2016

PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr, Houston, TX 77042

Speaker: Teresa Duryea Wong

Program: The History of Japanese Quilts

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Next workshop: March 17, 2016, Rosie McCrady will present Redwork Embroidery



PAT'S PIECINGS

Dear Members,

"I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason

Bringing something we must learn

And we are led to those who help us most to grow

If we let them and we help them in return."

~ Stephen Schwartz

Learning is something that I do every time I attend a bee meeting or a guild meeting or a workshop. Each of these events allows me to stretch my mind and embrace new possibilities, not only in my quilting but sometimes in my life! Every member I come into contact with has something to share or a need to be met that allows me to grow as a person as well as a quilter. What does your membership in this great organization bring into your life?

February is a busy one for our family. We have birthdays for our youngest daughter, our first grandson, and our great grandson. This year we celebrate our 54th wedding anniversary. It certainly doesn't seem that

long to me. This month is also early voting and primary voting and the Bear Creek Community Center has cancelled our meeting along with all others that meet during that time. This is the reason we had to move our meeting to a different location. Be sure to join us at Tracy Gee Community Center for our February meeting, then we'll move back to Bear Creek in March.

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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:

March 2 – La Madeleine at Town & Country

April 6 – La Madeleine at Town & Country

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February Meeting Location Change

Due to early voting, Bear Creek Community Center is closed for all meetings on February 17. Our meeting will be held at Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter Dr, Houston, TX 77042 at 6:45 p.m.

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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS**PROGRAMS**

Feb 17	Teresa Duryea Wong	The History of Japanese Quilts
Mar 16	Rosie deLeon-McCrary	Redwork Through the Years
Apr 20	Becky Goldsmith	Piece o' Cake Applique
May 1	Cindy Needham	For the Love of Linens
Jun 15	Nancy Chong	Hawaiian Quilting
	<i>Meal hosts: The Cut-Ups Bee</i>	
Jul 20	TBD	
Aug 17	Susan Cleveland	
Sep 21	TBD	
Oct 19	Guild Workshop for Quilt Show	
Nov 16	Grace Errea	The Value of Value
Dec 21	Guild Holiday Party	

2016 WORKSHOPS

Mar 17	Rosie McCrary	Redwork Embroidery
Apr 21	Becky Goldsmith	TBD
May 19	Cindy Needham	Linen Ladies
Jun 16	Nancy Chong	Applique
Aug 18	Susan Cleveland	Piping Hot Bindings
Nov 17	Grace Errea	Photo to Art Quilt

2016 RETREATS

May 13-15	Retreats by Margie
Sep 9-11	Deep Woods

Program

First, I want to thank Debbie Adami for all her work these past two years scheduling such quality speakers for our guild. Nice to follow in her footsteps with most of the schedule completed for 2016! I am presently working on 2017 so please do not hesitate to give me your input on speakers, workshops, programming you would like to have. My e-mail address is cmfriesen9@sbcglobal.net.

Brenda Jeschke, traditional quilter and quilt show judge, presented last month. She provided many tips on making a quilt ready for entry to a show as well as sharing many of her unique quilt making techniques. Her quilts are beautiful, but I find it hard to understand how someone

does not have any UFOs! Brenda focuses on one quilt at a time and finishes many of those lovely quilts in 90 days! Brenda tells me that many of you had questions about her binding techniques. She would be happy to return in the future for a Saturday workshop for those interested. Contact me if you would like to participate.

This month's speaker is Theresa Duryea Wong who will speak on the history of Japanese quilts. She will be bringing books and fabric for sale.

Workshops

Sign-up continues for a redwork workshop with our March speaker, Rosie deLeon-McCrary.

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Deadline for submitting articles for the *Sew On and Sew On* is the fourth Friday of each month. Send them directly to Patricia Cook, Editor, at pcook43@gmail.com

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The 2017 Quilt Show committee had their first planning meeting this month and everyone is excited about this show.

The quilt show is the primary fund raising function for the guild. Proceeds from the show help pay for the speakers that we invite to share their knowledge and expertise with us at our meetings and at the workshops they present. We now pay an average of \$700 for speakers fees, not including travel expenses. While our program chairman works hard to keep expenses down while securing top rated speakers, we are running into higher fees and much longer waits to sign them up. We are currently negotiating with speakers for 2017 and 2018! Every attempt is made to partner with one of the other guilds in the area in order to share costs.

The other major fund raising function of the guild is the donation quilt. This year's quilt is outstanding. It is now your responsibility to help make it the most successful donation quilt in our history! How do you do that? Sign up to take the quilt to one of the other guilds in the area where you'll display the quilt and sell tickets. The donation quilt committee will be happy to check ticket books out to you to take them to your office or your organization or your church—you get where I'm going with this—to sell tickets. In the past, we've asked every member to sell at least \$25 in tickets. *I'm challenging you to sell at least that many tickets!*

Happy Valentines Day to each of you. I hope you have the opportunity to spend it with your favorite loved one(s).

Happy quilting everyone,

~ Patricia Cook, President

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1	Celeste Fritz	Feb 14	Melissa Kaye
Feb 1	Patricia Golding	Feb 15	Shirley Chriss
Feb 2	Rebecca Patton	Feb 20	Sharon Lucarelli
Feb 3	Jayna Jackson	Feb 22	Donna Carvalho
Feb 5	Linda Farley	Feb 23	Sharon Dixon
Feb 6	Lynn Ellis	Feb 26	Sandra Seavey
Feb 7	Susan Widner		
Feb 12	Valerie DeRuiter		
Feb 12	Kathleen Premeaux		

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

"Do your best work in quilt making, even on your charity quilts," was the advice given by Brenda Jeschke at the January guild meeting. Words to remember when you are turning in your quilts for Linus or for the elderly--a label is put on the back saying this quilt was made by a member of the West Houston Quilter's Guild. What you do represents all of us in the guild and we all want to be proud of the work we do.

What a wonderful turn in at the January guild meeting. We had 10 Linus quilts, each in a pillowcase with book and Beanie Baby, turned in from one of our bees. In addition to those, the following was turned in: 1 crocheted afghan, 9 adult quilts, 9 Linus quilts and 4 preemies. And from the number of kits picked up, next month will be great also.

There are always kits available at our table: some contain panels that need to be quilted and bound and others that must be pieced, quilted and bound. All we ask you to provide is your time and batting. Each kit also contains an iron on label. If you are making quilts from your own fabric and would like to pick up a label, please ask for some at the next guild meeting.

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! For the month of February, we will be meeting at the Jo-Ann's at 15520 FM 529 from 9:00 until around noon. If we are able to get their meeting room every Tuesday, this will be a permanent move. So come join us any Tuesday and help us make quilts for the elderly and for Linus. We are a fun group of ladies and you will enjoy being with us making quilts .

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

CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- WHQG founder Susan Thomson passed away January 26. Our hearts go out to her family and friends.
- Our condolences to former member Celeste McLaughlin whose husband, Jack, passed away last week.
- We wish Millie Savage a speedy recovery from a nasty fall.

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

2017 QUILT SHOW

Quilt Show Dates:

March 3-4, 2017

Location: Berry Center

It seems like just yesterday that we wrapped up our last quilt show, but it IS time to start planning for the next one. This is our big event for the guild, and each member is needed to contribute in one

way or another to help make it successful. Here are a few ways to help:

- Volunteer to help on one of the committees! We especially need help with:
 - Decorations
 - Guild Market/Garage Sale
(NOTE: this has now been split into two committees – one for



pre-show to come up with items and one for at the show to set up and run the booth)

- Set-up/Take Down quilts

Additionally, we need donations for the Tin Can Raffle, the Guild Market/Garage Sale, and the Silent Auction.

Get involved! It's fun and you'll get to know more of your fellow members.

~ Celeste Fritz,
Quilt Show Vice-Chairman

TIN CAN RAFFLE OPPORTUNITY

At the Tin Can Raffle for the 2017 Quilt Show, the members of the guild will be able to participate in making a quilt. At the last show I heard members say more than once, "I didn't get to do anything for the booth." This is your chance!

We will be making a very happy bright quilt. For those who remember the donation quilt that Ruth Grimes designed a couple of years ago, we're using that pattern. Ruth has generously shared it with us.

We're going to sell the block kits for \$2.00 with enough background fabric for 2 blocks. The money we raise will go to batting and quilting. The background fabric and backing has been donated. Any blocks not used in the actual quilt will go into a drawing for members who made the blocks.

What a chance for you to be involved. The kits will be available at the February meeting with lots more details at that time.

Look for the colors and details in February.

~ Jean Fleming, Tin Can Raffle Co-Chairman

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Cost is \$35. If you care to purchase the supplies in a kit the cost is \$25 and can be purchased at the meeting in March or at the workshop.

Another workshop will be offered on April 21 with Becky Goldsmith, and sign-up will start this month. Becky will teach a fun class on how to construct the quilt, "Pick Up Stix," from



her book, *The Quilter's Practical Guide to Color*. All workshops will be at Quilt Works.

Retreats

Our first retreat this year will be May 13-15 at Retreats by Margie in LaGrange. Cost is \$130. Meals are not provided. Reserve a spot for a fun weekend of sewing and fellowship! Our coordinator, Barbara Ann Watson, will start collecting \$20 deposits at the February meeting.

~ Chris Frieseni
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops



BEE NEWS

~ , Head Beekeeper

Bits & Pieces

THE BITS N' PIECES BEE welcomes our newest member, Patricia Golding, to the group. Members who are participating in the round robin are busy designing and sewing another round to the participant's top as the bag is passed on a monthly basis. Because of the holidays, it was decided that the reveal will occur in March, 2016 instead of February.

We had a fabulous time during our Christmas party when our beekeeper graciously opened her home to a wonderful luncheon. We exchanged gifts and received some other surprise gifts from other members of the group.

Birthdays for 2016 will be celebrated each quarter this year. The birthday girls for "the quarter" will decide which restaurant we will go to. Also, everyone will pitch in \$3 for each birthday girl and then she can spend the \$\$\$\$ as she wishes!

We wish Millie Savage a speedy recovery from surgery. We sure miss her presence at our bee meetings.

Happy sewing!

*Beekeeper: Sue Humble
Submitted by: Lillie Hays*

Cut-Ups

Several of our very creative and talented ladies have had beautiful quilt tops finished and showed them off at our meetings this past month. We look forward to seeing the finished products! We are sad to report that Millie Savage took a nasty fall and is in the hospital with a fractured hip and some shoulder damage. We wish her a speedy recovery. At our sew-in we completed the Tumbler quilt top that will be a bee charitable donation.

Our embroiderers also completed the blocks for the quilt we'll be donating for the Silent Auction at our next quilt show. Alice completed the top for the "Buck-a-block" blue quilt from Ann Hernandez's stash which will be given to Ann, and I completed the top for the red and white one. Now to get them quilted and bound!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Happy Hoopers

The Happy Hoopers have been busy this month. We had a huge show and tell of our 2015 Stash Buster Challenge quilts and miscellaneous items. Our donation quilt for the Fort Bend Women's Shelter auction is with the quilter. Thanks to Julie for putting the blocks together. Chris is making the label for it. We also decided on our bee challenge for the 2017 quilt show. The fabric has been distributed and the guidelines established. Thanks to Shannon at Quilt and Sew for selecting the fabrics for us. Otherwise, we'd still be trying to agree. Our thoughts are with member Millie who suffered a serious fall this month.

We are looking for a couple of new members to meet with us at Quilt and Sew Quilt Shop in Katy each Tuesday from 1:00-3:00. If you are interested, please let me know or you can just show up for the meeting.

Beekeeper: Sallye Hodge

Ladies of the Night

The Ladies of the Night are off to a productive start in 2016! We each made a Linus quilt "bundle" which included a coordinating quilt, pillowcase, book and small stuffed animal that we turned in at the January meeting. Our most popular theme

was sports, although cowboys, Eye Spy, Charlie Brown, Brown Bear, the Magic Treehouse and Paddington Bear were also represented. What a fun way to provide comfort to kids! We have also planned a sew-in to assemble 2 quilts for donation to the 2017 quilt show silent auction. Our sewing machines will be busy for sure! Two of our members have faced surgeries recently so we've been sending hugs, prayers and healing thoughts to Donna Simoneaux and Benedicte Richard (on behalf of her husband). Get (and stay) well quickly!

*Beekeeper: Gale Davis
Submitted by: Kathy Johnson*

Monday Night Divas

The Divas celebrated the holidays and exchanged gifts at the Saltgrass Steakhouse. A good time was had by all.

We are excited to welcome two new bee members: Lynda Morse and Patsy Kidd.

Our, first Saturday of the month, Sew-Ins will continue into the new year. To kick 2016 off, we will be exchanging 2 1/2" x WOF strips for the next six months. Several fun patterns, using these strips, were discussed.

*Beekeeper: Carol Blumentritt
Submitted by: Helen Recane*

Nifty Needlers

A few weeks ago, the Nifty Needlers took a road trip to Giddings. We went to Meme's, who was having a sale. We stopped by Gerline's to take in a few good buys and Around the Block. We also enjoyed lunch at our favorite hamburger place in Giddings.

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2017 DONATION QUILT

The Donation Quilt is finished and is ready to go out into the world! You are going to have a lot of fun travelling near and far to sister Guilds when you bring this beautiful “tulip” quilt. The ticket sales this year should be strong with such a lovely quilt. Last year’s quilt was a real winner.



Although we already have many dates booked, we are still being contacted by Guilds that would like us to bring the WHQG donation quilt. An e-mail will be going out this month to everyone who has signed up so far confirming the date and place. There will be many other opportunities to sign up and bring the quilt to a sister Guild. Some Guilds only meet once a month while other guilds have a daytime AND an evening meeting. If your name is not on this list and you requested a guild, please contact us. Thank you.

The current schedule for this year is as follows:

- February 9 - Brazos Bluebonnet, Bryan TX, 9:00 a.m. - Open
- March 1 - Tri-County Quilt Guild, Cypress, TX, 6:00 p.m. - Shannon McGraw
- April 19 - Peace by Piece, Humble, TX, 7:00 p.m. - Karen Coffey
- May 4 - Calhoun County, Port Lavaca, TX
- June - Baytown Area Quilt Guild, First Monday - Open

June 28 - Blue Bonnet Area Quilt Guild - Open

July - Friendship Quilt Guild, Brenham, TX - Shannon McGraw

August 3 - Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild - Open

September - Open

October - Open

November - Open

December - Open

Thank you for helping raise funds for the WHQG!

~ Rebecca Butler (formerly Patton) - patton5fam@aol.com (713) 385-9080

~ Pat Gonzales - patriciagonz@sbcglobal.net

~ Janet Musgrove - jlmusgrove@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

I’m pleased to share that WHQG has 171 paid members with 8 of those being new members for 2016.

There are also 9 members, old and new, interested in joining bees. If

you are interested in joining a quilting bee, please let me know, and I’ll put you in contact with bees who are looking for new members. Joining a bee gives you an opportunity to get to know guild members better and

pick up many tips and new methods of quilting to add to your quilting toolbox. Give it some thought!

~ Shannon McGaw
First Vice President - Membership

FONS & PORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do you have a Fons & 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 & Porter’s Need to Know booklet, Fons & 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

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City/State: _____
 Zip: _____
 New or renewal? (Please circle one)

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We are working on our own projects at the present. I know I am setting my goals for the year. I want to get my nursing home quilt made for the guild and decide what to work on next for 2016.

Beekeeper: Teresa Rossman

Thimbelinas

THE THIMBLELINAS had a great time at their Christmas luncheon with plenty of food and a fun fat quarter exchange. There was plenty of sewing going on too.

We are excited about our yearly retreat near Tomball that will occur in early March. Meals will be discussed at our February bee meeting.

Everyone continues to work on their own projects. We have not discussed any type of group project thus far but we are early in the year!

Beekeeper: Lillie Hays

Thursday Night Bee

After our January bee meeting, our calendar for the coming year and following is going to be busy. We decided that for our birthdays we would pick a theme for individual blocks for each bee member to make for us. So far we have star blocks, leaf blocks, and portrait blocks to name a few, and everybody has to have their decision by the February bee meeting. Also some of us are going to attempt our first row quilt challenge. Everyone participating needs to have their theme, colors, etc. picked by the March bee meeting and then we have 3 months to get our row completed and ready to pass on to the next person.

Five of us made a road trip to Giddings for the 2-week sale at Gerlene’s, stops at Around the Block and for the month long sale at Me’s Me’s (new to all of us). We had a great time shopping at all 3 shops and then lunch at Reba’s. Another trip

is planned for July when Me’s Me’s has another month long sale. The back of the car was full by the time we departed. Now we just need to use what we bought as well as all the other fabric we knew would go with the new stuff.

By the time you read this, some of us will have returned from our retreat at the Sunday Houses in Coldspring. We were there two years ago and really enjoyed the concept. We will be in two houses with all the sewing, cooking and eating taking place in the Peach House (the larger of the two). The food was delicious, the quilts beautiful and the time spent with each other was priceless. Look for some of the quilts at Show and Tell in the near future.

Sew a little each day and soon your top will be finished--that’s half the process,

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

RED, WHITE, AND BLUE EXCHANGE REMINDER

We hope that you were able to make some blocks from the red, white, & blue fabric you got at the Dec. Christmas party. They should be turned in at the Feb. meeting. Your name will be entered in a drawing for a nice prize. You will get a chance per block. They are to be 12 1/2 inches unfinished. If you have any questions, please call me at 281-759-2166 or email me at jdandann@hotmail.com. The blocks will become charity quilts. Thank you so much.

~ Ann Ammons

FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Quilt Show Meeting 6:30 PM	3 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Presidents Day and Washington's Birthday	16	17 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

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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