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Celebrating 20 Years of Quilting and Friendships

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Spring is in the air! You can feel it, smell it, and hear it. Flowers are starting to bloom and the birds are singing. It is a wonderful time of year! Believe it or not, this beautiful weather makes me want to quilt. I see all those bright and cheerful fabrics at the quilt stores and I just want to make something from them. It's like bringing Spring into your home! So, get to work on a Spring project or finish one you started a while back.

I've been thinking about why I joined the guild and what I expected when I joined it. To be honest I didn't know what a guild was so I didn't know what to expect. But after four years I know I love it and the people that make up

the guild. I have made suggestions to the previous board on things I thought were important. I would like to hear your ideas about the things you would like to see the guild do. Is there a speaker you want? Is there a project you would like us to do? Do you have a suggestion for some type of change? Let me hear from you. My email address is: im-lewis@lsc.com.net or you can call me 817/74`-5792 or 817-247-0622.

Remember to reach out to someone you don't know at the next guild meeting. We can always use one more friend!

Michelle Lewis

Do You Have A Charitable Organization In Need?

As you know, our donation quilt has a new home. Now it is time to vote on an organization you feel deserves a guild donation. At the April Guild Meeting (April 19th), be prepared to speak to the guild about your organization and why we should vote for them. It does not have to take much time. If you are uncomfortable speaking to the group, write something up (type or print) and I will read it for

you. The guild members will then vote and the top two will split the money. If there is a tie between the top three organizations the money will be divided between the three. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks,
Michelle Lewis

Guild Happenings

April 19 Guild Meeting

Jackie Brown—Free Motion Quilting, Domestic and Long Arm

April 20 Workshop

Quilting On Your Home Machine

May 17 Guild Meeting

Susan Myers

Let's Talk About RED Work

June 21 Guild Meeting

J. Michelle Watts

www.jmichellewatts.com

June 22 Workshop

To Be Announced

July 19 Guild Meeting

BCQG 20th Birthday Party

April Meeting

What to bring:

- Name Tag
- Show and Tell
- Library Books
- Bear Paw Block
- Star Block for Moda Soldier Quilts
- Fat Quarters for TAQG
- Quilt Magazines for the magazine table



Community Service

Thank you to everyone who donated time and quilts this last month. We had 8 quilts, 3 quilts for Camp Crucis, and 17 baby caps donated for a total of over 118 hours. You continue to demonstrate your generosity by all you do for the community.

Several quilters and Bee's are working on the quilts for Camp Crucis. We have been asked to provide 25 quilts for Camp Crucis - a camp for children ages 7 - 11. They should be in bright colors, for boys or girls and the dimensions need to be 45" x 54". We have until July to do this. If you or your Bee would like to make one please let Kayleen know. Her email is Kayleen_Allen@yahoo.com.

April Birthdays

Sandra Hardin	4/1
Donna Leslie	4/2
Dee Watts	4/6
Dot Lang	4/7
Teaa Lentz	4/13
Elaine Rice	4/13
Joy Schilling	4/13
Twana Grisham	4/15
Nance Elmore	4/16
Judy Shearer	4/20
Vicky Torrey	4/25
Susan Minatrea	4/27
Michelle Lewis	4/28
Terry Holland	4/29
Rosalee Weiler	4/30

Bits and Pieces Quilting

Long-arm Quilting Service



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Mary Stori Quilts For Sale!

This is for anyone who is a Mary Stori quilt collector or fan. She is looking for good homes for her quilts, her show pieces and samples from her books. So if you or anyone you know is interested, email her and she will email photos if you don't have a specific piece in mind. She will then quote a price or consider an offer. She is really, really motivated to see that her quilts are loved and used. She has far too many piled up or stored away. There are many photos on her website and lots more on her blog and in all her books. <http://www.marystori.com/>

Membership Report

There were 59 members in attendance at the March meeting. We had one visitor, Kim Vincent. We welcomed two new members, Pam Barr from Grapevine and Terry Holland from Justin.

Peggy and Twana

If you have an item for "Care Bears" please call Ima Ruth Jacoby at 817-283-7816 or Eileen Drennan at 817-416-7145. Or send an email to eileen.drennan1@verizon.net



The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Several years ago guild member, Paula Burda, gave a special quilt to her church. All of the blocks in the quilt, except for two, were made by Paula. The center block is an image of the original building of her church, United Methodist Church of Keller. The photo she based her old building on was not in color so but Paula was told the roof was probably red. The Methodist cross and flame are depicted as well as other blocks which are based on Bible verses. The corresponding Bible verses appear on the reverse side. The quilt was hand quilted by Paula, Mary Black, and Mary Statser. Earlier this year, the church entered it in the quilt show at the Watermere retirement community in Southlake. The beautiful quilt won first prize and the United Methodist Church received \$1,000 for its entry. Great work, Paula!



The Directory Is Ready

The 2011 Membership Directories are in. You can pick yours up, along with your membership card, at the membership table on April 19th. We apologize for the delay. Please check your name in the directory and if there is a problem please let Twana Grisham or Peggy Burrell know. We are aware of some printing errors and we will take care of those.

I hope you will read your directories because they are a wealth of information. Directions for a donation baby quilt are on page 9, Committee Chairs are on the inside front cover, and our by-laws are in the back. The directions to make your name badge are on the inside back cover but need to be updated. I will put together new directions and get them sent out.

Thanks, Michelle





Care Bears

Sadly, two of our members have passed.

Roxanne Pierce, past Guild President, passed suddenly from brain cancer.

Barbara Jean Faulkner passed away. She was a loving person, loved quilting, and was a published author.

Mary Ellen Turner's husband, Bill, is home and continuing to recover.

Darlene Ward is undergoing radiation therapy.

Ruth DelCastillo will be going home soon after therapy from ankle surgery.

Dee Watts' father passed away after battling cancer.

Please pray for these members and their families.

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Have quilt tops you need quilted, I would love to help.

Just One Star

Moda Fabrics is participating in a Quilts of Valor program that as of February, 2011 has awarded over 37,000 quilts to service members/veterans. Quilts of Valor is a non-profit organization and can be found at www.qovf.org. The challenge is to make 100 quilts in 100 days for Quilts of Valor by Flag Day, June 14, 2011. They need 1800 star blocks to reach this goal. If you would like to help, use the instructions in the March guild newsletter to make one or more star blocks using red or blue fabric for the star and a neutral fabric for the background. Sign each block with your name and state and give them to Sherrill Pecere at the April guild meeting. Sherrill will deliver them to Moda. Please don't trim the blocks to size, they will be trimmed before they go into a soldier's quilt. The instructions can also be found at www.unitednotions.com/LA_just_one_star.pdf. More information about Moda's involvement with the program can be found at <http://modafabrics.blogspot.com/2011/03/just-one-star.html>.

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Win a Bear Paw Quilt!

Our guild is turning “20” this year. In Honor of that we are going to make and give away a Bear Paw Quilt! All you have to do is make a Bear Paw block and you could win the entire quilt. The drawing for the quilt will be held in July at our “20th” Anniversary Party. For every 6 inch (6 ½ inch unfinished) block you turn in, your name goes in the drawing. The deadline to turn in your block or blocks is May 17th at our guild meeting.

Rules: Colors should be a cream background and the main block and claws should be in fall colors.

Your block should be 6 ½ inches unfinished and you can use the guidelines on the last page of the guild directory.

Kayleen Allen has volunteered to put the blocks together and quilt it.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Happy Quilting,
Michelle Lewis

March Show and Tell

Name of Quilt	Maker	Quilter
1. Cathedral Stars	Erema Merrill	N/A
2. Maya's Teddy Bears	Erema Merrill	Erema Merrill
3. Star Gaze	Peg Bavolek	Karen Wood
4. Unnamed	Carolyn Palone	Carolyn Palone
5. Robert's Choice	Rosemary Dawes	Rosemary Dawes
6. Jazzy Cats	Rosemary Dawes	Rosemary Dawes
7. Star Quilt	Barbara Bennett	Barbara Bennett
8. Flannel	Mark Schilling	Mark Schilling
9. Unnamed	Mark Schilling	Mark Schilling
10. Ready & waiting	Judy Shearer	Judy Shearer
11. Happy Kites	Cut-Ups bee	Martha Duesing & Rosemary Dawes



Workshop For April



Jackie Brown

I have been sewing since I was about eight years old. I was taught by my Grandmother who was a professional seamstress. When I was in my late 40's I discovered the world of quilting and it took me farther than I ever dreamed it would. I have been quilting for the public for about 6 years. I am an award winning quilting teacher and have become a designer of many long arm patterns.

Workshop -- Creative Machine Quilting

\$35.00 Student (Guild Members) and \$40.00 for non Guild Members

Must have at least 10 people signed up to hold the workshop. There is a limit of 15 people, so sign up as soon as possible.

Creative Machine Quilting is a great way to make those small projects come alive. I will be teaching you how to overcome the fear of creative machine quilting. We will start with a small project that will teach you the techniques you need. You will learn how to mark your fabric, follow the lines with your feed dogs down, small stippling, and some different background stitches.

TAQG—Texas Association of Quilt Guild www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org

BCQG is a member of the Texas Association of Quilt Guilds (TAQG), represented by Sandra Hardin. TAQG has over 40 member guilds from all over north and central Texas. Guild representatives meet six times a year to discuss common issues, share a wealth of information, and have training sessions for guild officers.

Rally Day is the main annual event for TAQG guild members. All quilt guild members can attend (over 800 area quilters usually attend) to hear a national speaker and participate in workshops. There is a fee for the workshops but the speaker day is free. All you need for admission is your current guild membership card. This year the event will be Saturday, July 9, 2011 at Mimosa Lane Baptist Church in Mesquite. The guest speaker will be Terry Clothier Thompson (www.terrythompson.com). Go to the TAQG website and click on Rally Day (left column) for more information on the day's events and workshops.

You will receive a goodie bag at Rally Day. All the items are donated by the member guilds. BCQG is donating fat quarters again this year. Please remember to bring a Fat Quarter to a guild meeting in April or May. These will be collected by Sandra Hardin. You only need to bring one. Each member guild has been asked to donate at least two (2) mini quilts or other small items for the auction at Rally Day. Please let me know if you have an item to donate. If you are a quilter and would be willing to donate your time, I have some mini quilts that need to be quilted!

Rally Day pins and lunch tickets will be available at the April and May meetings. Please make plans to attend and hear Terry Clothier Thompson. It will be a fun and enlightening day! And you may win a great prize! Contact: Sandra Hardin; skhardin@sbcglobal.net or 817-485-7869.



“Quilts Across America—Binding Us Together” 2012 Quilt Show Block Challenge

To travel across America, or anywhere else in the world, what do you need? You need a map and a compass. Okay, these days, it would be a GPS, but you get the idea. So, with this theme in mind, the block challenge for our next quilt show is a Mariner's Compass block.

Here are the rules:

1. The unfinished size of the blocks shall be 15½ inches square.
2. The Mariner's Compass must contain a minimum of 16 points and constructed to line up with the directions of an actual compass (north, northeast, east, etc.). The diameter of the compass medallion (which may include any symbols) must be no greater than 13", making the whole medallion at least 2" smaller than the finished square. Your compass design may be traditional or innovative – use your imagination!
3. There is a challenge fabric that must be used in each block. This fabric must be used as the background for the compass; but may also be used within the compass itself. No other fabric for the background will be acceptable.
4. The fabric will be available for purchase beginning with the March 2011 guild meeting for \$2.50 per fat quarter.
5. Along with the challenge fabric, the only colors to be used in the blocks are shades of blue, red, green, black, cream and antique gold. Use as many of these colors as you wish, prints or solids, in any combination, to construct your block.
6. These blocks will be judged and ribbons and prize money will be awarded to First, Second, and Third place winners.
7. Prizes are: \$100 for First Place, \$75 for Second Place, and \$50 for Third Place.
8. All blocks submitted for the challenge shall become the property of Bear Creek Quilt Guild for use in the 2013 raffle quilt project.

Spring Fling 2011

Grab your keys, your purse, your quilting buddies, and start shopping! The Annual Spring Fling is **April 28 – 30**. Shops will be open 9:00am to 8:00pm. Pick up a passport at the first quilt shop you visit and receive a free notion and a log cabin quilt pattern at each shop. Twelve winners will be drawn from the completed passports to win a gift basket valued at \$300. There will be daily drawings at each shop for a \$25.00 gift certificate. Also, each person who finishes will receive a coupon good for 25% off one item on a return visit to each shop. Participating shops are:

Blue Ribbon	Wylie
Cabbage Rose	Fort Worth
Country Stitches	Burleson
Houston Street	Granbury
Kaleidoscope	Whitesboro
Lone Star House	Arlington
Old Town Quilts	Keller
Pass Time	Gainesville
Peachtree	Weatherford
Quazy Quilt	Weatherford
Quilter's Dream	Colleyville
Texas Quiltworks	Rockwall



Bear Creek Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2011 - First United Methodist Church, Keller TX.

President Michelle Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

A motion was made by Bonnie Miller to accept the minutes from January 2011. Lynn Horvat seconded and the motion carried. There was no meeting in February due to the weather.

In attendance: Board Members - Michelle Lewis, Dana Robbins, Linda Davis, Shawn Frazier. Committee Chairs - Eileen Drennan, Sandra Hardin, Rachel Cowley, Bonnie Miller, Yvonne Hylander, and Lynn Horvat.

The Treasurer report was given by Dana Robbins. She reported that income was \$7,914.00 and expenses were \$3,932.00.

Quilt show/Shawn Frazier – The first deposit has been made to Hurst Conference Center for our 2012 quilt show. The show logo is being created and the first committee meeting will be on Wednesday. She is working to fill show committee chair positions. There was discussion of a guild boutique.

Workshops/Yvonne Hylander- Jackie Brown will be the April guest speaker and workshop instructor. The workshop will be \$35 per person. Bonnie Hunter had 22 signups. Rachel Cowley suggested that we look for new workshop venues. There is no workshop in March.

Community Service/Eileen Drennan - took in quilts, caps, knitted blankets. ABC pins will be available for members who turn in community service quilts.

Care Bear/Eileen Drennan – Roxanne Pierce passed away. They are going to have a basket at guild meetings to allow members to share good news as well as information for those who need prayers or help.

New Member Liaison/Rachel Cowley – she is updating the new member letter.

Door Prize committee/Lynn Horvat – Darlene Ward will co-chair.

Outings/Bonnie Miller – She has sent out information to those going to retreat. Balance will be paid when final bill is received. She wants to survey the guild about other possible locations for retreats. There is one opening for the retreat.

TAQG/Sandra Hardin – She is working on Rally Day items. She needs two quilts for the mini auction. We need to get as many door prizes as possible and she will have pins and lunch tickets at guild meetings through June.

Raffle Quilt 2011/Shawn Frazier – It will be announced at the March guild meeting and put in the April newsletter, there will be a membership vote in April for charities to receive money from our raffle quilt. Shawn Frazier moves that half the proceeds be donated to charity, Rachel Cowley seconds, motion carries. Shawn Frazier moves to split the charity portion two ways or three ways in the event of a tie. Yvonne Hylander seconds, motion carries.

For our members a letter can be provided to acknowledge JPS donations.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Davis, secretary



Bear Creek Quilt Guild Minutes

March 15, 2011, United Methodist Church, Keller Texas

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Michelle Lewis.

A motion was made by Shawn Frazier and seconded by Maureen Ciemian to accept the February 2011 guild meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Michelle announced that Sherrill Pecere is collecting Star blocks for soldier quilts through Moda. Bear Paws need to go to Michelle and fat quarters for TAQG can also be turned in. Barbara Faulkner passed away and services will be held on Thursday. Next month members can present names of charities and then we will vote where to donate raffle quilt proceeds.

Treasurers Report / Dana Robbins - Income \$7914 expense \$3932; \$3981 net. If you have any questions about income and expenses you can speak with Dana.

Programs/Charna Gray - next month will be Jackie Brown and machine quilting.

Workshop Yvonne Hylander – April workshop, machine quilting techniques, will be at the Woodland Springs Amenities Center. There is space for 15 and 8 have signed up. Michelle Watts will be here in June. Yvonne encouraged everyone to look at her website to see what workshop they are interested in and then let Yvonne know.

Outing /Retreat Bonnie Miller - You should have received an email if you are going to retreat. Let her know if you have any questions.

Community Service/Eileen Drennan - Two Camp Crucis quilts have been turned in. If you have not received an ABC pin for donating your first baby quilt, let Eileen know.

Care Bears/Eileen Drennan - there is a basket you can drop a name in for anyone who could use a card.

Membership /Peggy Burrell - 59 members in attendance, 1 visitor, 2 new members.

TAQG/Sandra Hardin – Rally Day pins and lunch tickets are available. Everyone needs to bring fat quarters for the goodie bags and we are collecting door prizes. Rally day is Saturday July 9 and Terry Clothier Thompson will be the speaker.

Quilt show/ Shawn Frazier – Still needs help for Publicity, Ad Sales, Logo items, Signage, Special Exhibits, Speakers, Set up/take down, Layout/Quilt Entry Signs, Demos, Kids quilts. Shawn is also looking for pictures of past raffle quilts.

Door Prizes/ Lynne Horvat - Encouraged members to thank the door prize donors for their gifts, if you visit one of the sponsors let them know we appreciate their donation, this month's prizes were donated by Eagle Mountain Quilts, Quilters Stash, Lone Star House of Quilts, and Dena Castleman.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm Show and Tell was hosted by Sherrill Pecere and the program tonight was presented by Marilyn Hardy and Serena Vrnak, quilt show judges.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Davis, Secretary



Quilt Show 2012

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to let you all know how much I appreciate all the help and support you've given me so far for the next Quilt Show. I am very excited about it and hope you all are too.

I know I am new to this job and have much to learn, but I feel confident in myself that I can do it, and make you all proud. I want to do a good job for all of you.

I still have a few states available for the Chairman's Choice Quilts if anyone is interested. I do hope to have all 50 states in the show, because it would feel incomplete to me if they were not all represented. If you don't feel like doing this as an individual, maybe your bee would like to sign up to do just one!

Lucy Suggs will have the list at the next Guild meeting so I hope we get some 'prospectors' who want to stake their claim to any one of these states below.

Remember the largest it can be is 40x40, so not much larger than a baby quilt and it can be smaller if you like too, the choice is yours.

Alabama	Connecticut
Delaware	Indiana
Louisiana	Mississippi
New Jersey	Rhode Island
South Carolina	Vermont
Virginia	Wyoming

Thanks again for all your help and support.

Shawn Frazier
 BCQG 2012 QS Chairman
 817-909-2161
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Quilt Shows and Activities

"It's All About Texas Quilt Show"

Hill Country Quilt Guild

May 27-29, 2011

Kerrville, TX

www.hillcountryquiltguild.com

"Martha Pullen Sewing Mkt"

June 23-25

Arlington Convention Center

"Quilt Plano 2012"

Plano Quilt Guild

August 12-13

Plano Center

"Quilt Across Texas"

Texas Statewide Quilt Shop Hop

September 1-30, 2011

www.quiltacrosstexas.com 800-841-3901

"Common Threads Quilt Show"

October 14-15

Gainesville Civic Center

"Granbury Quilt Show"

October 22-23

Granbury Resort Conference Center



Members in the News

If your quilt has made news recently, send a picture of you and the quilt to ekoneal@sbcglobal.net

Bee News

If you have an activity or picture for "Bee News", send to Teresa Bristow at TPBristow@verizon.net
Phone 817-488-8864

NEWSLETTER

Deadline for the newsletter is
the 25th of the month.

Please send all articles worded as you would like them printed to Eileen O'Neal,
ekoneal@sbcglobal.net

ADVERTISEMENT RATES

Advertisements may be submitted electronically or by camera-ready art on or before the 25th of each month. Advertisements must be paid in advance. If you are interested, please contact me via phone, email or mail.

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2011 Raffle Quilt	Judy Shearer	817-741-5090
2011 Raffle Ticket Sales	Rosalee Weiler	817-488-9624

OTHER QUILT SHOWS and ACTIVITIES

“Wild About Quilts”

April 8-9, 2011

Extraco Events Center, General Exhibit Bldg.

4601 Bosque Blvd.

Waco, TX

www.homespunquiltguild.com

“Quilt Round Up Texas Style”

April 15—16, 2011

Kingwood Area Quilt Guild

Humble Civic Center

8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble TX

www.KingwoodAreaQuiltGuild.com

“Floral Fantasy”

May 6-7, 2011

Bob Duncan Community Center

Arlington, TX

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

www.qgoa.org

“TAQG Rally Day”

Free to all BCQG Members

July 9, 2011

Mimosa Lane Baptist Church

1233 Belt Line Rd

Mesquite, TX

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

www.texasassociationofquiltguilds.org

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Secret Word:

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