

# TCQG News

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#### From The President's Stash

## Hello Everyone,

We are now counting down the days before our Tri-County Quilt Guild Show at the Berry Center on March 6—7. All of our show chairs have been putting in a lot of sweat equity to make this the best show ever. If you are looking for unique as well as useful items for gifts for yourself, just stroll over to the boutique. Many treasures can be found at the Emporium - fabric for quilts, notions, and a huge variety of items you never knew you needed. The Tin Can Raffle has outstanding baskets filled with everything from quilting supplies to a tea lover's collection, just waiting for you to purchase the winning ticket. This year we will also have a silent auction for several quilts. Hopefully, your bid will be the one that lets you take home one of these beautiful quilts. The quilts created by our members for the show display the talent and diversity of our members. Each one is an exhibit of just how artistic our members are. Don't forget to stop by the Schoolhouse, vendors' booths and, of course, our 2020 Raffle Quilt. I look forward to seeing each of you at the show.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard these past two years. Thank you, as well, to all of you who have volunteered to work at the show. Without you, we would not be able to bring top notch speakers to our guild, support our many charitable organizations, or have the best quilt show ever. Janet Winkler

Welcome to all Members!! Many of you put in volunteer hours each month but cannot always make a guild meeting, just email me at the guild's email address {tricountyguild@gmail.com} and let me know your hours so I can include those in our monthly report. Also, please...when signing in for the guild meeting, give yourself two (2) hours credit for participation plus any volunteer hours you have accumulated. Sharon Castillo

#### **Welcome New Members!**

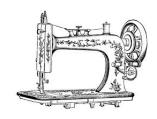
Catherine Brown Candace LeGro Laurie Loasby

Marie Scantlebury Elanine Schmeling Kari Souchuk

Meetings begin promptly at 7pm, so we can adjourn on time. The front doors will be closed at 6:55, and the members will be asked to take their seats. This will allow the various committee heads & board members to get into the meeting on time. Come early so you have time to sign in, check out any raffles or upcoming workshops, visit the magazines, etc.

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## Meetings

Fairfield Baptist Church 27240 Highway 290 Cypress, Texas On 290 westbound between Mueschke and Mason Roads Ist Tuesday of the month, 7pm-9pm tricountyguild@gmail.com

## February Meeting!







































## Speakers and Workshops and Fun Stuff!

## Speakers for 2020

Date	Speaker	Topic	Workshop
March	No meeting	Volunteer at the Quilt Show	
April 7	Rachaeldaisy from Australia	Whizz Bang, Adventures in Folded Fabric	Pine Star







March — Birthdays, Special Events, Recognitions, Sympathies

March I-Elaine Schmeling; March 3 -Susan Motycka; March 4 –Julie Dippel, Beverly Jones, Cathie Proctor; March 6– Judith Whited; March 7-Janet Deschamps, Brenda Pfister, Charla Reese; March 8-Margie Hastings; March 17-Sharon Castillo; March 21-Suzanne Martin; March 22-Lori L Smith; March 23-Sara Ballard, Sharon Sanchez; March 24-Sherry Michna; March 28-Nancy Youens; March 30–Tori Trevino





2020: A Quilt Odyssey





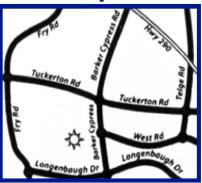
Raffle Quilt: A Storm at Sea
Traditions and Transitions

March 6 - 7, 2020

Hours: Friday 10 - 5 Saturday 10 - 4
Admissions: \$10 (Under 12 free)
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The Berry Center





Dallas Quilt Show 2020

We're getting ready for 2020 and our show chair's theme Seeing Double! Check here for the latest news and updates.



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# CONTEMPORARY QUILT ART FROM THE INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL COLLECTION

## February I - May 16, 2020 • Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts



Joan Frantz, Square Root Cubed, 2006, 51" x 51" Courtesy of the International Quilt Festival Collection

For more than three decades, Karey Bresenhan and Nancy O'Bryant Puentes, founders of Quilts, Inc., have been purchasing studio art quilts for their corporate collection, mostly from exhibitions at the Houston International Quilt Festival. Started by Bresenhan in 1974, and produced by Quilts, Inc., the annual Houston International Quilt Festival quickly became an international destination for quilters. For the first time ever, part of this collection has been assembled into a nationally-touring quilt exhibition. Dr. Sandra Sider, Curator for the Texas Quilt Museum, selected the quilts in the exhibition, which date from 1986-

2010.

The artists range from several of the most famous names in contemporary quilt art to emerging artists at the time of purchase whose innovative work caught the collectors' attention. Themes and styles in this exhibition include narration, color abstraction, landscapes, the cosmos, and homage to antique quilts.



Installation view of Stitched at the Pearl Fincher MFA

Free docent-led tours of the exhibition are available for groups of 6 or more. Please schedule at least two weeks in advance: call 281-376-6322 or email education@pearlmfa.org.

Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts | 6815 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX 77379 | 281.376.6322 | pearl-mfa.org Hours: Tues-Sat, I0am-5pm | Free admission, \$5 suggested donation for adult visitors





**Quilt Show: 2020 A Quilt Odyssey** 

## **OUR SHOW IS UPON US!!**

Happy endings to all who are finishing up their quilt! You may be finishing the quilting, or in the middle of binding, or about to add a quilt sleeve and label. Remember, we have clips on the blog showing how to add a quilt sleeve. It can be hand basted on and removed after the show.

Remember, when in a bind (pun intended) you can create a simple label that is just a square of muslin with your name, quilt name, and phone number written in black sharpie. Then baste this to your quilt (usually bottom right corner) and safety pin a second piece of muslin over it. If you want to create a fancier or more elaborate label, you can do so after the quilt show.

STAY CALM and QUILT ON!!

#### \*\*\*DONATIONS REQUESTED\*\*\*

Donations are requested for water bottles and snacks for the volunteers of the quilt show. We will keep these in the Quilt Show office (special room at the Berry Center) and our volunteers are welcome to come and get these refreshments. PLEASE CONSIDER donating homemade or store bought goodies for your fellow guild member volunteers! We could also use non-sweet treats such as cheese tray, vegetable tray, etc.

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY to the Berry Center – Quilt Show office.

#### QUILT APPRAISALS offered at our quilt show by Jane Hancock!!

Jane Hancock will be appraising quilts at our show and is generously donating part of her payment back to the guild. We truly appreciate Jane and all her hard work!! If you would like to have your quilt appraised, please contact Cynthia Blossom. Jane can appraise quilt hanging in the show as well as quilts brought in. For more information, please email Cynthia Blossom at <a href="mailto:ceblsm@hotmail.com">ceblsm@hotmail.com</a>.

Many thanks,

Shari Stone, Mary Brownlee & Committee Chairs



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Are you interested in learning how to make small fun projects and working with a super fun group of guild friends? Then please consider attending the boutique workshops. Boutique Workshops will be held the second Monday of every month - 10am at Quilters Crossing. Please park in the back. \*\*\*

Please bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. Also bring a sack lunch or money to order lunch. This is a really fun group of quilters, and we learn how to make a new project each month. You leave the workshop with the pattern so you can duplicate the project at home. These quick projects make great gifts. We hope you will join us.

Any questions, please call or email:

Mindy Danforth - 630.251.2321 or mjdanforth@sbcglobal.net

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## February Block of the Month





#### **MAKE YOUR SPACE A "HAPPY PLACE"**

Ladies, we have all been staying inside a lot because of the dreary weather and finishing up all those quilts that will be put in our quilt show. There will not be a "Block of the Month" for March so I am using that time for something else. Since Spring is just around the corner, it is time to do a little spring cleaning and freshening up our quilting area to get that peaceful easy feeling when you walk into your Happy Place.

<u>Tackle those scraps</u>. We all have scraps left over from our projects. There are various ways to organize the leftover fabric.

Store all the fabric in one collection together.

Cut the scrap fabric into usable sizes for later, such as strips of 1 ½" or 2 ½", squares of 5", 3 ½", 2 ½" etc. You get the idea. Then store them in containers by size.

Store fabric by color. This is my favorite way. I tend to need a color before I need a size. Organize it in gallon size baggies and place in a pretty basket.

For yardage, you can hang it on hangers in a closet. It is easy to see and keeps some of the fold lines out. Also, go to the dollar store and buy fiberboard and cut it to fit in your shelves. Then wrap fabric around the fiberboard and store it upright on a shelf.

<u>Clean your rotary cutting mat.</u> Sprinkle your cutting mat with a small amount of baking soda. With a wet paper towel rub the mat in the direction of your cuts. This should remove all embedded fibers and take off any unwanted colors that may have been deposited from overly saturated dyed fabric. Wipe clean with a new wet paper towel. Art gum erasers also work well to get stuck fibers out of cuts.

<u>Organize your patterns.</u> I keep patterns that I have used and those that I want to make in a notebook. Get a 3-ring binder, some clear plastic sheet protectors and tab divider sheets. Place each pattern inside the plastic sheet protector and label it on the tab.

<u>Take your sewing machine in for a professional cleaning.</u> Once a year have a professional look at your machine and give it a thorough cleaning and replace any parts or reset the timing or tension. It is such a joy to get that machine back and know it will serve you well for the next year.

<u>Get a new ironing board cover.</u> With starch build-up and scorched stains, the ironing board cover gets to looking a little nasty after a while. Whether you make one out of some beautiful and bold Kaffe Fassett fabric or buy one at a big box store, this small change has a big effect.

When your area is clean and organized it gives you peace and opens your mind to creativity.







## **Tri-County's Fabulous Bees**



Remember: you must be a paid member to participate in our Bees.



Our Bees create a strong sense of a quilting community within the guild. Consider becoming a Beekeeper! Organize your bee, find a location, contact Queen Bee Barbara Clark bclark448@sbcglobal.net to let her know, and go from there! If your bee does something unique, contact Janice Toler so she can recognize your bee in the newsletter.

Barbara Clark, Queen Bee



**BEE Czars:** Meets the 3rd Monday from 5PM-8PM at Quilters Crossing. We choose projects as a group or work on our UFO's. We usually go on two retreats a year. If you are interested in joining this be please call to be put on a waiting list.

Ann Keilers 832-515-1081 or Marian Page 281-797-3014.



## **Chicks With Feathers**

**Sarah Yuhr-Beekeeper** (sarah\_hoffpauir@yahoo.com) These are quilters who love their Featherweight machines. They meet at Quilter's Crossing on the first Thursday of the month from 2-5. Contact Sarah if you are interested in this bee.



**Day Strippers:** Barbara Clark, BeeKeeper. bclark448@sbcglobal.net Daystrippers is the only bee that has been with TCQG since its beginning. It meets at Cypress Crossing Christian Church on the second Friday of each month from 10 - 2. They work on personal projects and occasionally go on retreats and to quilt shows together. There are currently no openings in this bee. However, you can contact beekeeper, Barbara Clark to be put on a waiting list. New members have been moving in through the list!



**Quilter's Dozen:** Charmaine Fritchey Beekeeper. cfritchey@gmail.com. Meets the 2nd Thursday at Quilters Crossing from 10-2:30. We have great times together! We have openings for 3 members.



We Bee Quilters: Nancy Terlikoski Co Beekeeper. Nancy\_terlikoski@sbcglobal.net. Sarah Ballard, Co beekeeper—mballard I l@comcast.net Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at Quilters Crossing from I-4 PM. This bee is a group of quilters who just want to enjoy spending time doing what we love with fellow quilters. We work on our own projects, group projects, exchanges. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome!

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**Quilts for Soldiers' Families:** Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Quilters Crossing. Contact Marian Page for more information.



**Charity Bee** meets the 4th Wednesday at Cypress Crossing Christian Church from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

Jean Chapman delivered 48 quilts to Nora's House in February. Great job, Jean!

Charity Bee & Community Service Bees

We are going to need help from our members during 2020. If you buy batting, please consider purchasing it from Hobbs. For every 5 UPC labels (bar code) cut from packages of Hobbs batting, the guild gets a huge discount on each bolt we purchase. There will be a collection container in the shape of a wooden sewing machine in the area where we place our charity quilts and kits during our guild meetings. You can drop them off there.

We are in need of finished lap quilts measuring 48" to 56" wide  $\times$  62" to 70" long. Also, when making a quilt top, please be aware that your finished width cannot be wider than 56" or we will have to trim it to that width to fit the width of our batting.

I am sure I sound like a broken record, but we NEED quilt tops or finished quilts made with fabric without flowers (men's quilts). If you don't have these kinds of fabric patterns, please let me know and I can help you with that. Charity Bee has fabric you can sift through to find what you need.

#### Sharon Castillo

Wonder clips

"DOOR PRIZES" We would also like to thank those who have donated and made anonymous donations. Thank You so much!! Your thoughtfulness will help keep Door Prizes going! Every meeting will feature numerous opportunities for you to win one ( or more) of our fabulous door prizes!

### There are three ways to receive door prize tickets:

- ◆ Come to the Guild meeting easy!
- Bring canned goods or nonperishable foods for Open Gym
- Bring a quilt for Show & Tell multiple quilts = multiple tickets!

# TICKET

#### **DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS 2020**

Remember—if you win a door prize, you are asked to bring one for the next meeting. If you would like to donate to the raffle stash, we could use:

Template Batik fat quarters Small Scissors

Small set of paint brushes Contemporary fabric fat quarters Rulers

Rotary Cutter Refill Blades Charm packs

Spools of thread (basic color)

Colored pencils

Tone on tone fat quarters

## Let's Go Shopping!







## STACY DONG

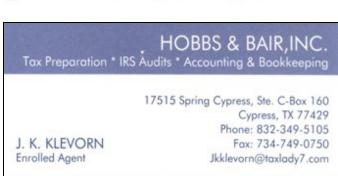
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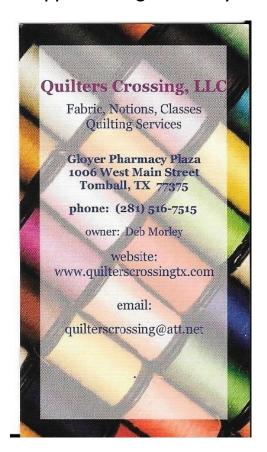




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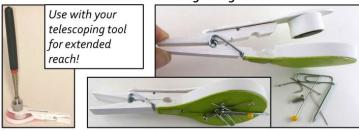






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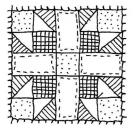


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