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## From The President's Stash

I hope everyone's allergies are in check and that the yellow pollen that has been icing our cars and houses is now behind us. With the quilt show behind us, I'm looking forward to the coming year.

Our charity bee provides quilts to help comfort our many clients through various stages of their lives. We would love for everyone to contribute one lap top size quilt to the bee, if possible. The bee will then add batting and backing, have the quilt long armed and bound, so it can be taken to a person who will love it. Charity Bee can also use 3+ yards of fabric that can become backing and batting. If you can provide any of these, please bring them to one of the guild meetings or drop them off at Cypress Crossing Christian Church the fourth Wednesday of any month. Have a wonderful spring.

Janet Winkler

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## Welcome New Members!!

Stacie Johnson    Rose Anderson  
 Rose Ruth        Julie Dippel  
 Kimberly Wilcox

**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 {tricityguild@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.      Becky Burkett

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.

## May BOM



### Meetings

Fairfield Baptist Church  
27240 Highway 290  
Cypress, Texas  
On 290 westbound between Mueschke and Mason Roads  
1st Tuesday of the month,  
7pm-9pm  
tricityguild@gmail.com













May 3, 2022 Presentation

Thomas and Joyce Teng,  
Tsukineko Inks, Fabrico  
Fabric Markers.

TSC DESIGNS Company



Tom is a computer engineer and Joyce is a pharmacist. She taught pharmacology in medical school.

Both of them quit their jobs around 1990 and started Teacher Stamp Company, educational supply businesses,

For 30 years, they distributed, developed, and played with Japanese TSUKINEKO Inks for fiber and paper art under the TSC DESIGNS company.

Tsukineko Inks, Fabrico Fabric Markers

Tsukineko All-Purpose Inks ( API Inks) are Japanese traditional kimono printing inks. It is absolutely child-safe and absolutely archival. It is machine washable and dryable. They work on any kind of porous surface, from fabric (muslin, cotton, silk, poly, wool), to paper, wood, and even leather.

The inks are water-based and can be mixed with different media - including water, aloe vera gel, shaving cream, starch, and rubbing alcohol.

For beginners level - like kindergarten kids, they can mix with shaving cream to use for marble, tie-dye, or background coloring.

For intermediate level - they can be used with stencils, rubber stamps, or any other tools to create printed patterns on fabric or paper.

For advanced level -

You can use any techniques you know from a watercolor painting or oil painting to working with inks to paint portraits or landscaping.

**TSC DESIGNS WORKSHOP ON MAY 4 FROM 10 TO 4 AT QUILTERS CROSSING.**

## Fabric Inking 101 - Field Flowers

Class fee \$35 plus the Kit Fee of \$30

Kit Contents: 2 sizes of Fantastix tips, a water brush pen, squeegee, assorted dabber sizes, ink droppers, two Tsukineko All-Purpose Inks, TSC Design stencil, and a tidy tray.

Other supplies needed will be provided to those signing up for the class.

**Contact Char, Program Chair, 206 909-1510 to sign up.**





June 7—Lou Ann Nichols

Hi All!! I am Lou Ann Nichols and a happy quilter living in Montgomery, Texas along with my husband, Allen and our pets Rosie and Buttons. We have one daughter, Emily who is married to a wonderful man, Trey and two sweet grandchildren, Rylee and Garrett, who live in Houston.

My quilting adventure started in 1973 with my first pieced quilt for my wedding taught to me by my soon to be Mother in law, Viola in which we used a piece of 4 1/2 " cardboard to put together a fun quilt using every type fabric she had in her scrap box. Then in 1987, I took up the hobby seriously and have been piecing ever since. After leaving the corporate world in 2009, I bought my first long arm quilting machine from A-I and then in 2017 upgraded to a Handi Quilter Fusion long arm with a pro sticher which I just love. My initial interest in long arming was just to quilt for myself , but then as the story goes, I started quilting for the public in 2011 doing edge to edge and playing with custom only for myself. I have won many awards on my quilts and have had two Paradise in Bloom and Vintage Rose at the International Quilt Show in Houston and Chicago with one of them, Vintage Rose, being displayed at the Texas Quilt Museum in La Grange, TX also. These Judy Niemeyer quilts were pieced by me and quilted by Valerie Wagner.

For the last 2 years I have been teaching the 2 fabric Bargello quilts featuring the Susie Weaver pattern of the same name all over Texas and having a ball meeting a lot of fun quilters!

## June 8, 2022 Workshop

Lou Ann Nichols will be giving a presentation on her Quilting Journey. She will display absolutely beautiful quilts, Judy Neimeyer inspired, bargello and many others.

The workshop will be learning Bargello quilting.

More to come later...





## Meeting Cancellation

Our July 5th guild meeting will be cancelled due to the Fourth of July being the day before.

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday. See you in August.

May 3—Guild Meeting

**Thank you for sending in your theme suggestions !**

We hope these ideas *help* us put together a *great theme* for our 2024 Quilt Show. Let us know your favorite by voting at the May 3rd guild meeting.

Show Chairs  
Janice Toler  
Shari Stone  
Stephanie Moss



May 2022 BOM  
Tri County Quilt Guild  
Basketweave Block  
Block Name



Another EZPZ block! The traditional Basketweave pattern is made with strip units that you trim to the given length, then sew the four units together and Bam! You're finished!

**Cut:** Yellow—3 strips 2-1/2' x 14"

Blue & yellow floral—3 strips 2-1/2' x 14"

**NOTE:** All seams are sewn with 1/4" scant seam allowance!



### Directions:

Sew three strips sets together. One set is to be blue floral, yellow, blue floral. The other set is yellow, blue floral, yellow as shown on the right. Each strip set should finish at 6-1/2' x 14". If they're not 6-1/2" wide, adjust your seam allowance.

Subcut the strip sets into 6-1/2' x 6-1/2" units making sure they are square.



Arrange the units as shown on the left.



Sew row one together.

Sew row two together.

These two units should be 6-1/2" x 12-1/2" each.

Matching the intersection in the middle, sew row one to row two. This is the only place you need to match seams!





Give the block a good press and trim to 12 1/2" square.  
You're finished!!!



If you would, please return the plastic bag your block kit came in so we can reuse it.  
If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 918-808-2667 or [elainebullard53@yahoo.com](mailto:elainebullard53@yahoo.com).

Thank you for participating in Block of the Month!

Elaine Bullard

2021 BOM Chairperson



## May Birthdays, Special Events, Recognitions, Sympathies

Peggy	Clough	2-May
Jennifer	Cutler	2-May
Laurene	Tessmer	3-May
Betty	Collette	4-May
Heidi	Voigt	4-May
Debbie	DeMarino	5-May
Candace	LeGro	5-May

Laurel	Cull	6-May
Jeannie	Eberle	6-May
Janet	Pollock	8-May
Sarah	Dodge	10-May
Mary Jane	Sterbanz	10-May
Sara	Hopkins	11-May
Andrea	Lagard	12-May
Cynthia	Auble	13-May

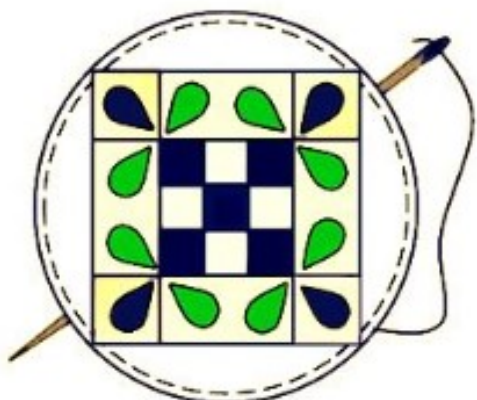
Pam	Barman	13-May
Stacey	Chandler	13-May
Mindy	Danforth	13-May
Natasha	Holm	13-May
Rhonda	Van Alstine	14-May
Donna	Granat	15-May
Shari	Stone	16-May
Barbara	Hamala	18-May

Angela	Baker	22-May
Kathleen	Pedder	27-May
Camille	Havelka	28-May
Christina	Ward	29-May
Dee	Davis	30-May
Kathy	Drescher	30-May
Barbara	Boone	31-May
Donna	McCormick	31-May



Date	Friday, June 17, 2022 10 AM - Saturday 18, 5 PM
Theme	33rd Quilt Show - Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild
Location	Brazos County Expo Center 5827 Leonard Road, Bryan, Texas, 77807
More Information	<a href="https://www.bbqg.org/bbqgquiltshow.html">https://www.bbqg.org/bbqgquiltshow.html</a>
Date	August 18—August 20
Theme	North Texas Quilt Festival
Location	Las Colinas Boulevard
More Information	<a href="https://www.tvqg.org/north-texas-quilt-festival-2022/">https://www.tvqg.org/north-texas-quilt-festival-2022/</a>
Date	SEPTEMBER 23 - 25
Theme	CAPITAL OF TEXAS QUILTFEST
Location	Palmer Event Center Austin, TX 78704





**New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild Presents  
“America: A Patchwork Quilt”**

**July 22-23, 2022**

**10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Friday & Saturday**

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\$10 for a 1-day pass

\$15 for a 2-day pass

Children under 10 are free



Charmaine Fritchey  
Queen Bee

## 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 Charmaine Fritchey 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.



**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.



**Day Strippers:** Barbara Clark, BeeKeeper. [bclark448@gmail.com](mailto:bclark448@gmail.com) 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!



CoBee-keepers are Deb Durr and Anita Arendall.

**Quilty Pleasures** Co Bee-keepers are Deb Durr and Anita Arendall. Meets on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Quilters Crossing. (We hope to change to second and fourth Tuesdays soon.) We mostly work on individual projects with an occasional group project. Our Bee is currently closed to new members but contact either of the CoBee Keepers to be added to a waiting list.



**Quilter's Dozen:** Charmaine Fritchey Beekeeper. [cfritchey@gmail.com](mailto:cfritchey@gmail.com). Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Quilters Crossing from 10-2:30. We have great times together! We have openings for 3 members.



**We Bee Quilters:** Char Peterson Beekeeper. [Tolep8n@comcast.net](mailto:Tolep8n@comcast.net). 206 909-1510. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at Quilters Crossing from 10 to 2 p.m. 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, ex-changes. Anyone who would like to join is welcome. Give Char a call to be added to the list. Come have fun with us.





Cypress Crossing Christian Church  
15751 Cypress Rosehill Rd, Cypress, TX 77429  
9:30 am to 2:00 pm  
Sharon Castillo – 713.828.0861

### Ongoing needs for Charity Bee....

- Flannel for the HUGS we donate.
- Blending fabric for BOM (white, white-on-white, beige, etc.)
- New standard size for our baby quilts (minimum 36"x36" square to lap quilt size.)
- Men's quilts; both tops and finished quilts.
- All fabric must be returned from a quilt bundle (finished quilt and all scraps)
- A five inch square of backing fabric attached to a donated finished quilt.

We welcome all quilting related donations. If you want to meet at Quilter's Crossing in Tomball to hand over your donations, please call Mary Willyerd at 281-770-3981 or to meet at Cypress Crossing Christian Church on Cypress-Rosehill, please call Sharon Castillo at 713-828-0861. For more information, contact beekeeper [Sharon Castillo](#).



Calling all Tri-County Quilt Guild Members...

Our Charity Bee quilts are in desperate need of you. We have approximately 25 bins of quilt bundles (that is approximately 175 quilts) that need to be quilted.

If every member would take one bundle and quilt it, that would really help fulfill our need for quilts.

Now, for those of you that don't have a longarm, approximately, 20% of those 175 quilts (that is 35 quilts) can be quilted on a domestic sewing machine using a walking foot and decorative stitch. If you are a beginner quilter, one of those 35 quilts has your name on it. There is no expectation these numbers will ever change...so rest assured there will always be a bundle for you.

I have linked below some YouTube videos of quilting decorative stitches with a walking foot. Please take some time to view these videos, maybe practice on one or two squares of fabric and then dive in. These quilts are not "SHOW QUILTS". These quilts are given to recipients who don't care if the stitching design is perfect...just if the quilt will last their lifetime.

The two reasons I joined the guild are because I wanted to learn how to piece better and learn how to quilt my own quilt. With practice, I have learned both AND you can too.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Every Wednesday, I will be parked in the Fairfield Baptist Church at 27240 US 290, Cypress, TX parking lot in front of the side door. To remind everyone, this is where the guild usually meets for meetings.

Sharon Castillo, 713.828.0861

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Uv5rCcvH4U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pf9LgT9IrBE&t=10s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=seuxXBVcZxw>

(the serpentine stitch can be replaced with any straight decorative stitch on your machine)

**Please send me an email or a text, letting me know if you are picking up a bundle(s), the size you are needing (a small size for your domestic or a regular to large size for your longarm); also, the number of bundles you want to pick up so I will have plenty for everyone.**

Sharon Castillo





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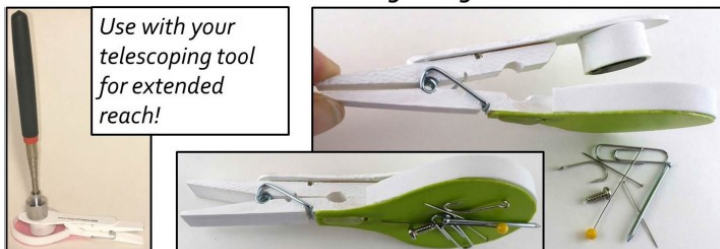
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