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From The President's Stash

Hello, Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying our much warmer weather. Summer is a great time to get out and do things with friends and family, but it is also a great time to stay inside in the air conditioning and do some quilting.

We have a great new theme for our 2024 quilt show— Quilts in Bloom. This will open so many opportunities to create some beautiful and colorful quilts. Flowers, trees, new beginnings, growing, changing—there are so many directions a person can take in the design of a quilt for this theme.

Summer is also a great time to start or join a quilting bee. If you might be interested in starting a bee, contact Charmaine Fritchey, our bee chair. She will guide you through the steps. It's very easy. If you want to join a current bee, there is more information about our guild sponsored bees in this newsletter and on our blog site. It is a great way to meet people and have fun doing what you love.

Don't forget, we will not have a July guild meeting. The fourth of July is on a Monday and we felt many people would be out of town. Also, look in this newsletter for more information on our Parade of Pillowcases for September.

Have fun sewing,

Janet Winkler

Welcome New Members!!

Susan Bozarth

Gail Smith

Allison Engelbrecht

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.

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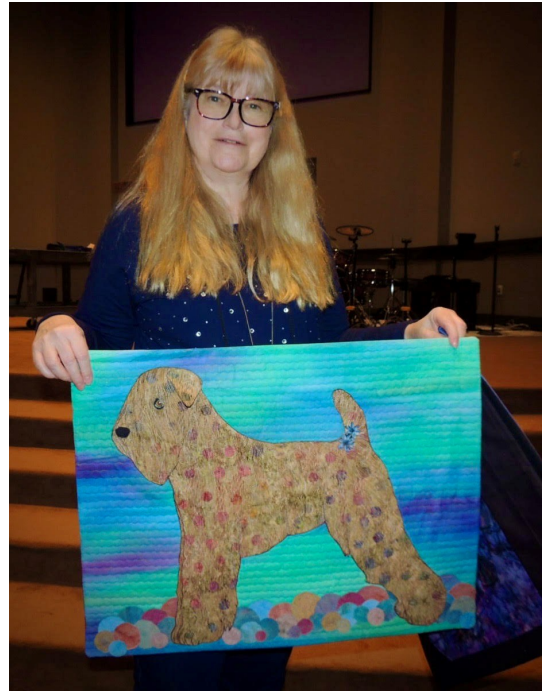
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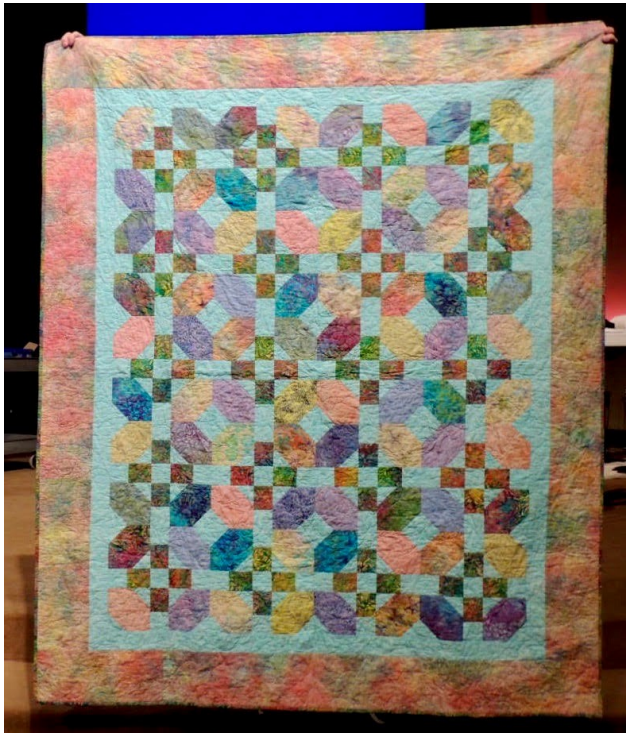
May BOM



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









June 7, 2022 —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 of 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!

LOU ANN NICHOLS BARGELLO CLASS JUNE 8, 2022

The Workshop "Two Fab 2.0 Big Red Bargello Quilt" by Susie Weaver is a quilt that appears complicated BUT it's not! The pattern will be sold in my class as it is difficult to locate. You won't have a chance to read it beforehand, which is great, as it's very confusing. **HOWEVER**, I'll teach you all the fun secrets of this addictive quilt.

The class will be at "The Quilty Shop" (formerly Quilters Crossing) in Tomball from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 8, 2022. Lou Ann is taking only 12 students in her class. If you would like to be added to the class, please call Char Peterson, Sr. Program Chair 206-909-1510 to be included on the waiting list.



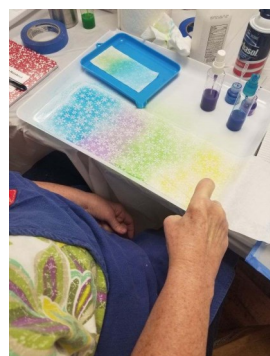


The TSC Designs with Tsukineko Inks class on May 4 was a huge success. Students loved learning a completely new technique on fabric using shaving cream, stencils, Tsukineko Inks, stylists, sponges, doobers, rubbing alcohol and various tools on both white fabric and "ugly" fabric.

The coloration with different amounts of ink drops and sprays was beautiful. Thank you to Joyce and Tom Teng, owners of TSC Designs, who did not charge for the lecture or class. Joyce has her technique videos on You Tube and they are very informative on how to use the inks and create a complete new look with fabric. Check out their website <http://www.teacherstamp.com>.

Students are asking them to come back soon.

Please call Joyce Teng at 713 66-9943 if you want to ask anything about the inks, products or need help in any way.





Upcoming Workshops:

July - No workshop due to Fourth of July holiday



August - Dixie Frantz



Her specialty is collage quilts and the workshop will be held Saturday, August 6 at Bobbins & Threads Quilt Shop.

September - Debbie Walters

She specializes in using curved rulers in quilt making. The workshop will also be held at Bobbins & Thread Quilt Shop.

October - Janet Matthews

She will be teaching the history and development of Foundation Piecing specifically Judy Niemeyer. The workshop participants will make a placemat with a Judy Neimeyer design.



November - No meeting or workshop due to Houston International Quilt Festival



December - Christmas Party



2024 Quilt Theme

Thank you for the many wonderful suggestions submitted for our 2024 Quilt Show theme. After much conversation and consideration, the Show Chairs brought forth several of the ideas for a vote. During the May meeting, guild members selected “**Quilts in Bloom**” as the 2024 show theme. Watch for volunteer opportunities and more show news in the coming months. Time to get started on that ribbon-winning quilt!

Show Chairs:


Janice Toler

Shari Stone

Stephanie Moss



Meeting Cancellation



Our July 5th guild meeting will be cancelled due to the Fourth of July holiday the day before. We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday. See you in August.



Volunteers have been hard at work already working on items for the quilt show boutique. It is a great time for anyone that would like to join in.





June 2022 BOM
Tri County Quilt Guild
Double Diamond Block



Another easy block made of Half Square Triangles (HSTs). It's all in the arrangement!

NOTE: All seams are sewn with a scant 1/4" seam allowance.

Cut:

From Maroon—1 strip 4" x WOF

From tan print—1 strip 4" x WOF



Directions: Unfold the two fabrics and give them a press. Lay the maroon fabric on your cutting mat with the right side of the fabric facing up and lay the tan print fabric on top of the maroon fabric with the right side down. Make sure to line up the two fabrics exactly.

Cut the strips into 4" squares. Keep the pair of maroon and the tan print fabrics together.

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each tan square.

Sew each pair together with a scant 1/4" on each side of the diagonal line and cut on the drawn line.

Press the seam allowance to the dark fabric. You now have HST units.

Square each HST to 3-1/2" and trim the dog ears.

Using 16 of the HSTs, arrange the units as shown on the right.



Sew each row together pressing the seam allowance on each row in an alternating manner. (Row 1 to the left, row 2 to the right, etc.)

Then sew the rows together.



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

If you would, please return the plastic bag your block kit came in

Thank you for participating in Block of the Month.

Elaine Bullard - 2021 BOM Chairperson

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MILES OF PILLOWCASES SMILES

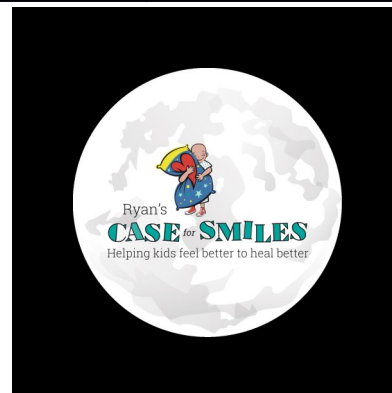
SEPTEMBER IS PEDIATRIC CANCER MONTH

Please join the month long campaign with Parade of Pillowcases at our September meeting. We will display all of the pillowcases we make during the show and tell parade. After the Parade, the pillowcases will be donated to Ryan’s Case for Smiles.

With your help throughout September, Ryan’s Case for Smiles can reach the goal of making 55,000 pillowcases for children with life-changing illness or injuries. The pillowcases stay in our Houston and surrounding areas. The pillowcases are made by using the hot dog or burrito method, but can also be done with the French seam or a serger.

PLEASE, WON'T YOU JOIN US?

For more information on instructions or guidelines, please email sheilacaseforsmiles@gmail.com or check out the Ryan’s Case for Smiles website at <https://caseforsmiles.org/>



June Birthdays, Special Events, Recognitions, Sympathies

Bev	Volker	08 Jun
June	Jaronitzky	09 Jun
Patricia	Lopes	09 Jun
Susan	Pavliska	11 Jun
Katia	Scopinich	11 Jun
Barbara	Clark	12 Jun
Jo	Dick	15 Jun
Candy	Rudel	17 Jun
Cathy	St. Louis	17 Jun
Becky	Burkett	18 Jun
SuZanne	Gilbride	18 Jun
Patsy	Mosby	18 Jun
Jo Ann	Pellegrino	18 Jun



Connie	Troutt	18 Jun
Tina	Lauzon	19 Jun
Julie	Malott	21 Jun
Peggy	Stockton	21 Jun
Connie	Suarez	21 Jun
Norma	Johnson	22 Jun
Kathryn	Saucedo	24 Jun
Kathy	Mitchener	25 Jun
Deb	Morley	28 Jun
Dianne	Neidigk	28 Jun
Zelpha	Franzmann	29 Jun
Anne	Riede	29 Jun



33rd Quilt Show - Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild
Friday, June 17, 2022 10 AM to 6 PM & Saturday, June 18, 2022

Brazos County Expo Center
5827 Leonard Road, Bryan, Texas, 77807

<https://www.bbqg.org/bbqgquiltshow.html>

North Texas Quilt Festival
August 18 - August 20

Irving Convention Center - Irving, Texas

<https://www.tvqg.org/north-texas-quilt-festival-2022/>



Austin Area Quilt Guild Quiltfest
September 23 - September 25

Palmer Event Center
900 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78704

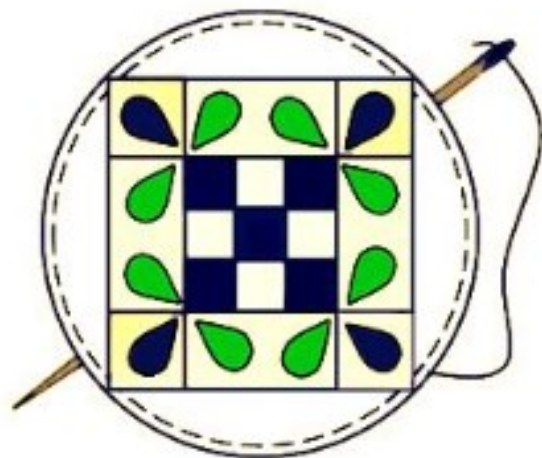
<https://austinareaquiltguild.wildapricot.org/QuiltFest>

Piecemakers' 41st Annual Quilt Show
October 3 - 28, 2022

The Warehouse Living Arts Center
119 W. 6th Avenue
Corsicana, TX



<https://www.corsicanaquiltguild.com/2022.html>



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

July 22-23, 2022

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

New Braunfels Civic Center

375 S. Castell

New Braunfels, Texas

Featuring: Award winning quilts, presentations, demonstrations, vendors, quilter's thrift store (Emporium), boutique, and more!

Tickets

\$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 Rae Brode so she can recognize your bee in the newsletter.



BEE Czars: Meets the 3rd Monday from 5PM-8PM at The Quilty Place. 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 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!



Quilty Pleasures Co Bee-keepers are Deb Durr and Anita Arendall. Meets on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month at The Quilty Place. (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. Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at The Quilty Place from 10-2:30. We have great times together! This bee is currently full, but happy to add you to waiting list.



We Bee Quilters: Char Peterson Beekeeper. Tolep8n@comcast.net. 206 909-1510. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at The Quilty Place 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

WE WILL HAVE A NEW ITEM AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION STARTING AT THE JUNE MEETING...QUILT TOP KITS.

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 284-770-3981 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.



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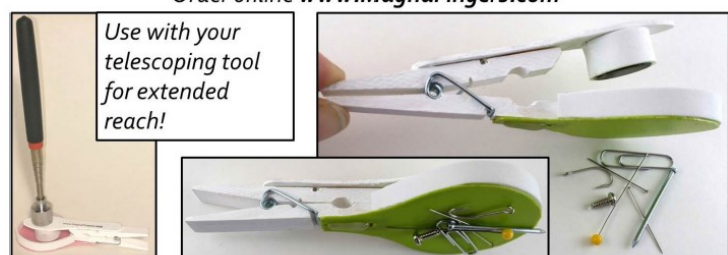
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