



Special points of interest:

BRING SEWING MACHINES

WE WILL MAKE BLOCKS FOR:

- ◆ CENTER QUILT
- ◆ GUILD FUND-RAISER QUILT
- ◆ OVARIAN CANCER QUILT

DON'T FORGET MATS & ROTARY CUTTERS AND ANY OTHER SUPPLIES THAT YOU MAY NEED

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The Gazette

Blue Triangle Quilt Guild

February 2019

REMINDER:

Meeting will be held at the Yet Center at Finnegan Park Community Center—4900 Providence on February 23, 2019 from **9:00 am – 2:00 pm.** You can arrive as early as **8:30 a.m.**

Dues - \$45. Our Treasurer, Rosalind (assisted by Donna), will gladly receive your dues and your \$50 deposit for the 2019 Retreat.

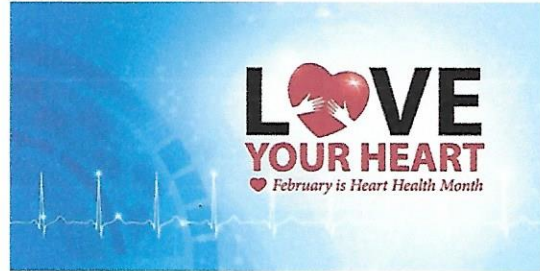
***EVITE invitation to Guild meeting coming soon. Check your email and respond ASAP

If you missed the group picture at the January meeting, we will take your picture at the February meeting.



Both sent via email on January 26

FEBRUARY IS HEART HEALTH MONTH

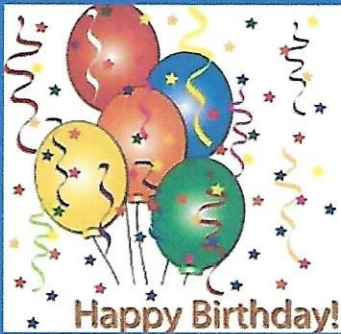


.....Between Friends



Much Love!!!!

.....Ms. Ida's Corner



Do you have a praise report, accomplishments or other special events in your life etc. that you would like to share with the Guild? Let me know and I will get it in the newsletter.

Let's continue to lift our sisters in prayer.

Please notify me regarding your loss, hospitalization, illness etc. and I will get an email out to members.

If for some reason you are not able to get in touch with me, please contact our Vice President – Natasha Davis-Miller at (C-415-312-1067 or email natashia_n_miller@yahoo.com).

You may also contact our Hospitality Chair, Jean Ledet (c-281-812-3590 or email ledet1122@gmail.com) and she will make sure that we are notified.

◆**CONTACT:** For additional information please contact: Brenda Kinner-Sandles, (bkinsand@yahoo.com) - (713) 412-1646 - cell and (281) 820-1223 – home

Birthdays

- ◆ Tamara Foppe'—Feb 2
- ◆ Katie Morrow—Feb 3
- ◆ Maggie Henry —Feb 20
- ◆ Rose Anderson—Feb 24
- ◆ Rosette Ruth—Feb 24



Snacks



BYOL—BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH (SNACKS)

Committee Updates

Community Service – The 2018-2019 project—MD Anderson Ovarian Cancer Quilt Project. We will submit a Guild quilt. Due date—now through June 2019. The remaining bibs will be donated to various senior citizen's group.

Baby quilts are always needed for Wheeler. Approximately 8-12 quilts are needed each month. Let's get ready for a successful year.

For Wheeler baby quilt labels contact Jerona: jerona@att.net, (713) 896-9010 home and (832) 746-8060 cell.

Retreat – 2019 BTQG Retreat - Jordan Ranch in Schulenburg, TX – June 19-23, 2019. Reserve your space now for only \$50. More details to follow. Theme: "I am Woman."

Membership - Please use the Membership Application/Renewal form when submitting your dues.

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED AT THE JANUARY MEETING

- ◆ Meeting opened with "Welcome to Flight #2019"
- ◆ Annual business meeting—voted on revised bylaws—all Board recommendations passed. Results emailed to members.
- ◆ Tentative plans for 2020 celebration were shared. Document attached. Suggestions for Theme? We have one suggestion. What's your idea?
- ◆ 64 WABC baby quilts were donated in 2018. Certificates were given to those who donated baby quilts—The Class of 2018.
- ◆ Bibs were donated to La Hacienda Nursing & Rehab Center & Lilly Grove Senior's Ministry.
- ◆ Ramona introduced the Guild Fundraiser Quilt. Members are to bring brights, small print to February meeting. Ramona will have the black background fabric.
- ◆ Marion introduced the pattern selection for the Center raffle quilt and distributed packets. Members to bring 3.5" wide strips—brights
- ◆ Helen introduced the pattern & fabric for the Ovarian Cancer quilt. Packets with instructions will be available at the February meeting
- ◆ Baby quilt raffle winners: Edith & Jean
- ◆ Door prize winners (Hobby Lobby gift card): Alease, Brenda, Hastle & Jerona
- ◆ We completed packets in preparation for Black Heritage Day at the Rodeo on March 1.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- ◆ **Reminder:** Ms. Ida would like to make a "Scrappy Quilt" representing the Guild. She is requesting that everyone give her an 8 1/2" block that represents you (favorite color or type of fabric, etc.). We mentioned this in July 2017. Some of you have already given her your block. Ms. Ida thanks you in advance for responding to this request.
- ◆ **Community Service documentation**—We need to document any community service time and submit to Ronah at each meeting.
- ◆ Join Claudia on Tuesdays & Thursdays at Emancipation Park for "A Social Quilting Class" from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. If you have questions or need more information, give Claudia a call at - 281-412-4129.
- ◆ Guild will participate in Black Heritage Day at the Rodeo on Friday, March 1, 2019.

FEBRUARY 2019 AT A GLANCE

- ◆ 23rd – Guild Meeting focus—Membership make blocks for Center, Guild Fundraiser & Ovarian Cancer quilts
- ◆ Membership Committee - distribute membership cards/name badges- **Terry S./Terry R.**
- ◆ Retreat 2019 – money collection -**Claudia/Rosalind (asst. Donna)**
- ◆ Membership roster/birthday list distributed - **Gwen**
- ◆ Background fabric for center quilt & pattern available for members to pick up; sew-in day to make blocks (sign up sheet for different parts of process) - **Marion**
- ◆ Remind membership to bring fabric to make additional blocks for Center quilt – **Marion**
- ◆ Give background fabric to members for Guild Fundraiser blocks (cut & sew) –Sew-in day for Guild Fundraiser Quilt (turn in blocks by March 19) – **Ramona**

MARCH 2019 AT A GLANCE

- ◆ 1st –Black Heritage Day @ rodeo (8 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- ◆ 19th – Tuesday - Sew Day at Fabrics Etcetera for Guild Fundraiser Quilt – turn blocks into top - **Ramona**
- ◆ 23rd – Guild Meeting focus – membership make blocks for Center & Ovarian Cancer quilts
- ◆ Retreat Committee – money collection-**Rosalind (asst. Donna)**
- ◆ Retreat Committee distribute survey to membership - **Claudia**
- ◆ Turn-in blocks for Center Quilt (final date to turn in-April)- **Marion**
- ◆ Representative from St. Mary's Quilt Show at meeting – Lorraine Nilson
Show Dates: April 25, 26 & 27 – 9a.m.-4p.m.

APRIL 2019 AT A GLANCE

- ◆ 27th - Guild meeting –
- ◆ Last day to pay for retreat- **Rosalind (asst. Donna)**
- ◆ Retreat survey results shared- **Claudia**
- ◆ Final payment to Jordan Ranch Retreat Center- **Rosalind (asst. Donna)/Claudia**
- ◆ Center quilt raffle tickets distributed to Blue Triangle Multicultural Center– **Terry S.**
- ◆ **FINAL** day to turn-in blocks for Center Quilt – **Marion**

OFFICERS:

President: Brenda Kinner-Sandles
Vice-President: Natasha Davis-Miller
Vice-P Programs: Ramona Williams
Secretary: Gwen Neal
Treasurer: Rosalind Norriss
Parliamentarian: Maria Mayer

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Audit: Jerona Williams
Community Serv: Ronah Brown & Helen Simmons
Finance: Alease Young
Hospitality: Jean Ledet
Library: Maria Mayer & Tamara Foppe
Membership: Terry Rollins
Public Relations: Ramona Williams
Raffle: Marion Bolden
Retreat: Claudia Walton
Photo/Historian Terry Scott
Website: Marie Davis

Other: Donna Hart (Asst to Treasurer)

2019 Dues Structure: New members - \$45

Returning members - \$45

If returning members' dues are paid after January 31, then dues are \$55, which includes the \$10 late fee (amendment to Bylaws in February 2017).

Greeting Card Challenge



Use a Greeting Card you have received and turn it into a quilt. Minimum size: 11"x17" and up to any size you wish.

The Quilt can be made with any technique. It **MUST** be completed by Retreat Date 2019 and that includes quilting and binding.

For more information, see Phyllis Simpson or Claudia Walton.



PHOTO OPS.....



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



BTQG GROUP PICTURE—JANUARY 2019



African American Quilting: A Long Rich Heritage

African American quilting is almost as old as the history of America. Black slave women were needed for spinning, weaving, sewing and quilting on plantations and in other wealthy households.

African American Quilts in Early America

Although the quilt fabrics and patterns used were those of upper class whites, some African American household slaves became highly skilled in creating these quilts.

Little time was left in the day for these women to do their own sewing. We know some made scrap quilts or other bed coverings for their families but little has survived to be studied today.

The WPA slave narratives collected in the 1930s included some references to quilting. One woman proudly told how her mother, "used to quilt the prettiest quilts you ever see...." They were sold to white people to earn a little money.¹ Tragically all slaves didn't have this opportunity. Many lacked sufficient clothing and blankets with nothing left to make a quilt.

Life After Emancipation

After the Civil War, many African American women went to work in households as domestics while others helped out on small farms. It was still a difficult life of working from dawn to dusk. Quilts were made for everyday use out of necessity. Scraps, discarded clothing, and feed sacks, were the materials used. In making "string quilts," strips of various fabrics were sewn together. The result was then cut into blocks and made into a quilt. Sadly we have few examples of quilts made by African Americans during this period because of the heavy wear they received.

African American Quilting Today

Overall we find that African American quilters today are eclectic in their approach including the making of quilts based on African textiles to others in the tradition of story quilts. Their quilts range from work with a strong African influence to traditional quilting. While some African Americans are producing stunning art quilts many are making quilts using the same new and old patterns that quilters in general enjoy.

ROAD TRIP.....

2019 Quilt Show

**2019 Needles in the Pines Quilt Show
Celebrating 25 Years of Quilting and Friendship**



Please Make a Note of the New Location

Lufkin High School Cafeteria
Lufkin High School
309 South Medford Drive
Lufkin, Texas 75901

Date: Friday - Saturday
March 15-16 2019

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission \$5

100 + Quilts on Display
Beautiful Raffle Quilt
Vendor Mall

BTQG – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARY AT THE GREGORY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 8, 2018

THEME: _____ ??????????

DISCUSSION - 2020 CELEBRATION

1. Separate Celebration for members
2. Quilt Show Elements
 - a. Slide Shows – continuous loop
 - i. Rice University quilt show
 - ii. 10th anniversary – 2010 quilt show
 - iii. Others – Tour of Homes??? – WABC display???
 - b. Outreach
 - i. Community – make & take; area for students – Girls from Girls School HISD
 - c. Speakers
 - i. Charlotte Bryant – History BTMC
 - ii. Caroline Crump
 - iii. Michelle Barnes – Community Artists Collective
 - iv. Jerona Williams – Guild Founder
 - v. Conservation
 - d. Theme/Categories of Quilts
 - i. Applique
 - ii. Paper Piece
 - iii. Challenge
 - iv. Restoration
 - e. Grants to research
 - i. Texas Quilt Guild
 - ii. Sylvester Turner – Arts Project/Arts in Communities
 - iii. State Grants
 - iv. Other grants ???
 - f. Venues to research – MOST IMPORTANT**
 - i. HCC – I-10
 - ii. HCC – 610 & 59
 - iii. HCC – Main Campus – Holman
 - iv. Power Center
 - v. Bayou Event Center
 - vi. Other Event Centers
 - vii. Emancipation Park
 - g. Dates of Event/Price
 - i. Ticket Price \$10
 - ii. Saturday, February 22, 2020 – 10AM-5PM or 6PM
 - iii. Saturday, March 28, 2020 – 10AM-5PM or 6PM**
 - iv. Saturday, April 25, 2020 – 10AM-5PM or 6PM

- h. Display quilts
 - i. Quilts per member
 - ii. \$5 entry fee to display quilts
- i. Collaboration with Community Artists Collective
- j. Collaboration with Blue Triangle Garden Club – Floral Arrangements
- k. Partner with groups to defray costs – Sponsors
- l. The Phoenix Design Group – Black Drapes for Quilt Display
- m. Vendors – charge cost