

A NOTE FROM LISA

Hello Quilters and Hello March. Let's put February behind us and look forward to warm weather again.. I cannot believe that we were finally getting the hang of these virtual meetings when Winter Storm Uri found a way to cancel our February meeting. I hope no one in the group suffered too much from the cold weather. In my household, we had two days of no power, six days of no water and one burst pipe. After talking to friends and neighbors, I think we were lucky.

I had two four month old kittens in my foster room when the cold weather hit. I made them a tent and I slept with them at night to keep them warm. The second night with no power was so cold, all three of us slept under three quilts! Now and again, one of the kittens would stick her head out from under the quilts then quickly run back in to get warm again. So cute!

Our March meeting will be held on the 17th (Yay, St Patrick's Day!). and our speaker will be Nina Clotfelter with her "What if..." presentation and trunk show. I hope you can all join us for the meeting!

As always, please be safe and healthy, and take time to quilt!

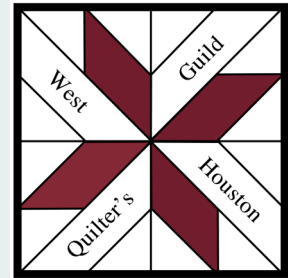
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WEST HOUSTON QUILTER'S GUILD BOARD MEETINGS

Any member of the Guild is welcome to attend our board meetings, but the Board reserves the right to hold a closed Executive Session if needed. Board meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. These will be held via Zoom. If interested in attending please contact a board member for more information.

Next Board meeting: **April 7, 2020**

ZOOM Etiquette



- Check your microphone and speaker settings and microphone BEFORE the meeting.
- Plug your computer or device into a power source.
- Use a headset in crowded public places.
- **MUTE** your microphone when not actively speaking.
- Be aware of your surroundings and behavior (we can see you)! 
- Look at yourself on the zoom screen. If you can only see an eye or a nose or the top of your head, that's what everyone else sees too!
- Add questions/comments in "Chat" section to be addressed by Moderators.
- "Raise Hand" if you would like to address the group.



Reminder : the Zoom link will be sent out on Tuesday before the meeting on Wednesday. Be sure to watch for it. Login begins at 6:30 pm with the meeting at 6:45 pm.

PROGRAM for March 17, 2021

March seems to be coming in much gentler than February gave us with the freeze. Thoughts and prayers go out to those who had dwelling damage and are taking care and cleaning up afterwards. It is fun watching how nature is rebounding from the freeze, my roses already have new growth as do my lilies and clematis. They had green shoots within a few days of the temperatures warming up.

Our March 17th speaker is Nina Clotfelter and a presentation titled "What If". She has had quilts juried in to hang at Festival and I am sure you all may recognize a couple of them. Her love of quilting and sewing began at a young age and she is quite the creative mind. Her style is varied and she is a free-motion quilter. Be sure to ZOOM in for the meeting. I will be rescheduling our February speaker, Linda from Colourworks for later in the year as she generously has offered after deciding it was best to cancel the meeting.

We are monitoring the opening of the new Harris County Senior Center and will let you know after we have tested it to make sure we can meet in person and ZOOM for those who are not ready to be out in public spaces.

Happy Quilting,

Debbie Adami

2nd VP/Programs



2021 Programs

Mar 17. Nina Clotfelter - "What If" and Trunk Show Ninaquilts.com

April 21 Annie Smith. - TBD. [Annie Smith.net](http://AnnieSmith.net)

May 19 Ellen Lindner - "Confessions of a Fabric Whisperer" and Trunk Show. Adventurequilter.com

June 16 Timna Tarr - "Flying Colors Trunk Show" Timnatarr.com

Sunshine and Shadows



One of our long time members, Eva Hagerdon, passed away in Tulsa, OK on March 3. Eva was Beekeeper of the Ladies of the Night for many years and was an active board member for several years. She also received the Quilt Angel award in 2002.

Sympathies to Gloria Ware whose sister passed away the first week of March.

To share "sunshine" or "shadow" information about members contact Chris Friesen at cmfriesen9@gmail.com.



Show and Tell

Submit pictures of your quilts and creations to:

newsletterwhqg@gmail.com

Membership



I sincerely hope that everyone reading this made it through the freeze with little or no damage or injuries. I am so happy to finally see some sunshine and look forward to going outside in my T-shirt and jeans and being comfortable. 2021 is sure starting off with a bang, I pray that we can now get back to our hunt for the Covid 19 vaccinations and some semblance of normal.

Fifty five (55) of last year's members have **NOT** sent in their Renewals. I have heard that some people are moving out of our area and some others are changing Guilds. Please get your Renewal in if you are staying with us. There is a copy of the Membership Renewal Form on the website. Make your checks payable to WHQG and send your cash or checks to the PO box address on the Membership Form. If you would prefer to use [PayPal](#) to pay your dues please contact Pat Cook (pcook43@gmail.com) she will send you an invoice. If you have the ability to scan your membership form and save it as a pdf, you can email it to Karen Coffey (karcoffey@att.net). If you would like your Membership Card mailed to you please enclose a SASE with your renewal.

Since we have not been meeting in person we have not been recording our charity hours. As you know, this is very important to the Guild to be able to maintain our non-profit status. Please email them to me and I will tabulate them on a copy of our sign-in sheet and send them to Chris Friesen (cmfriesen9@gmail.com) for her records.

My email is karcoffey@att.net

Make time for Quilting – it's the best for stress!

Karen Coffey

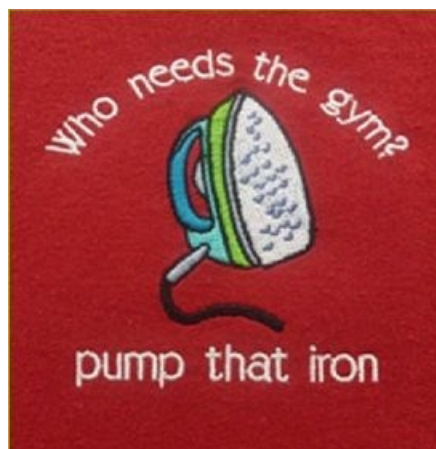
COMMUNITY SERVICE/ COMFORT QUILTERS



The turn in on Thursday, March 4, was very successful. Eighteen guild members came by to turn in the following: 5 stockings, 43 quilts (elder and Linus), 27 premie caps and 35 premie blankets. Four of the quilts were almost twin size and these were donated to Arrow Freedom House for Girls. Marcia Karns will deliver them as she works with this organization to help each girl have a quilt of their own. Several kits were also picked up. Keep up the good work. If you couldn't make it on the 4th, Comfort Quilts will be in the building on March 18 and you can turn in then.

We had 6 guild members stay to sew on premies or other projects. Until further notice Comfort Quilters will be meeting each Thursday, except the 2nd one, from 1:00 - 3:30. Let Connie or Nita know if you would like to join us as space is limited until we move into the new facility. All you need to bring is your sewing supplies, everything else is provided. Come join this hard working group of ladies and help make quilts for the elderly and Linus.

Connie Bihner/Nita Beard-Beekeepers





BEE NEWS

MATERIAL GIRLS

Material Girls went on a field trip to LaGrange for a “Quilt Walk on The Square”. Stores in downtown LaGrange had quilts hung in the display windows. The Colorado Valley Quilt Guild had a display of quilts in the Historic Casino Hall and the Texas Quilt Museum offered half price admission. It was a pleasant day of inspiration and friendship.

Angelique Burnside - Beekeeper

THE CUT-UPS BEE

Bee members have been making lots of beautiful quilts. Most of our group has now been vaccinated and we eagerly look forward to meeting again in person. Maybe by April? It will be so nice to get back to conversation about things other than vaccines and other COVID-related things. We hope all of the area quilt stores are surviving. We’ve been trying to do our part to support them. We send our sympathy to Gloria Ware, whose sister passed away this week. We’re also very glad to have Alice Sadeghpour back with us after a lengthy, serious illness (not COVID).

Celeste Fritz-Beekeeper

LADIES OF THE NIGHT

The Ladies of the Night kicked off March with our annual UFO Celebration Lunch at Clay’s. Every year each Lady writes out a list of 10 UFOs she would like to attack over the next 12 months and in March we celebrate those who have crossed off the most items. This year Cindy was in First Place (8 finishes), Kathy was in Second Place (7 finishes) and Sheila & Gale tied for Third Place (6 finishes each). Congratulations Ladies - looks like quarantine time was put to good use! The best part was our socially distanced meal in a private room and all of the conversation (and laughter). We always have a good time together! Everyone made it through the arctic freeze intact and while most of us were without heat and/or water at various times during the coldest days everyone had plenty of quilts to keep warm under.

We were saddened to learn that long-time member Eva Hagerdon passed away on March 3 in Tulsa, OK. She was truly a one-of-a-kind Lady and will be missed.

Sheila Odell, Beekeeper

Submitted by Kathy Johnson

KATY ROTARY BEE

The Katy Rotary bee is continuing to have meetings via Zoom. We are all looking forward to meeting in person when the new community center is completed.

Debbie Huebel—Beekeeper

THURSDAY NIGHT BEE

We finally gave up on having a "real" Christmas party. Instead everyone brought their gifts to Nita and she separated them into a bundle for each bee member. Then each bee member set a time to pick up and they got their gifts. It is amazing that each year this group of girls comes up with such unique gifts. We can not do without the annual calendar from Betty and with it we can choose a quilt pattern and put the fabrics (given by Carolyn) in the project bag made by Connie. With the freezing weather we just experienced, the knitted booties from Linda G. came in quite handy and the warm soup we all made were kept warm in the bowl cozy made by Tara (also included pattern for making more).



Door



THURSDAY NIGHT BEE (cont.)

Several of the gifts will be going to our retreat in April: pillowcase and pin cushion from Linda W., a nifty holder from Gail that holds a pen and small notebook, the small origami purse from Zeldajean is perfect for holding mini clips, and the horizontal screw drivers, notepad and change purse from Nita (who owes each person a loaf of cranberry/orange bread) rounded out our haul.

Next on our agenda is retreat in April at Stagecoach Retreat in Coldsprings. Everyone always looks forward to having uninterrupted sewing time, lots of good food and plenty of laughs to go around. More on the retreat later. Try to sew a little each day and that latest project will be completed in record time,

Nita Beard - Beekeeper



We are now giving door prizes to members who attend the monthly guild meeting. When you are logged into the Zoom meeting we will be using a random number generator to draw your number. This is similar to drawing your name out of a "hat". In the past we have had members donate new or slightly used items. With logistics currently being virtual, instead we are requesting items from vendors; batting, patterns, notions, fat quarters etc. We will be working with the lucky winners on the best way to deliver the prizes to them; ding dong ditch, meet somewhere, etc. We have prizes for the March meeting! So tune in and don't miss out! As always you must be present to win!

Gail	Brasser	Mar 01
Gloria	Stewart	Mar 02
Dorothy	McConnell	Mar 05
Kathy	Eidson	Mar 07
Cynthia	Holik	Mar 09
Betty	Hankinson	Mar 10
Sherri	Good	Mar 21
Gail	Olsen	Mar 21
Summer	King	Mar 22
Linda	Grupa	Mar 23
Bridgette	Amonsens	Mar 25
Cindy	Gaa	Mar 26
Rhonda	Onwere	Mar 27
Margo	Schermerhorn	Mar 31



Montgomery will be hosting a Quilt Walk on October

1-2, 2021. Locally created quilts will be on display outside of businesses and Montgomery's collection of unique historic homes. It will be a beautiful occasion to support local makers, at its best, and shop our vendor's market!

We would love to have your quilt displayed at Montgomery Quilt Walk this year! To enter, please fill out the Google Form at: <https://forms.gle/H8MSaUYFWLUxc6wS6>

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More information can be found at:

www.montgomeryquiltwalk.com.

I'm working on my
PHD in Quilting!
Projects Half Done!



Retreat Fun!

How to Play LRC (The Fat Quarter Game):

1. Ask each attendee to bring 3 Fat Quarters from their stash to the retreat.
2. Have your guests sit in a circle. Put Scrabble letter tiles L, R and C in a bag and have guests draw a tile, then return it to the bag. The first person to go chooses a letter tile from a bag, then passes one Fat Quarter to the left, right or center "pot" in the middle of the table. Alternately, you can assign numbers from a single die: 1 & 2 (left), 3 & 4 (right) and 5 & 6 (center).
3. Eventually, a player will run out of Fat Quarters. She is "out" and cannot roll the next round unless a Fat Quarter is passed to her from the left or right, in which case she is back "in" the game. Continue passing Fat Quarters around the room in this way until the last person has only one left. She is the lucky winner of all the Fat Quarters in the center!
4. You can also play this game with poker chips instead of Fat Quarters. We played this way to award a prize of a Fat Quarter bundle.

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