

A NOTE FROM THE GUILD PRESIDENT

April showers bring **May** flowers!

Spring is in the air with the warmer weather and longer days encourages spending more time outside. Time for spring cleaning! Boy, does my "Quilt Room" need it! Every time I start to clean up the mess, and start organizing all the fabric only to find another project I want to start. Now is the time to start planning to complete some of the UFOs before I start spending more time outdoors. Already planning what plants to purchase for my yard. My neighbor plans all her plants on what she wants to use for fresh cut flower arrangements in her home. Planning to try that this year for my yard and maybe even plan my quilting around some of my stash.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our May 17 meeting with Linda Hahn as our speaker. Linda's "New York State of Mind", the New York Beauty Block can be as versatile as the Nine Patch block. See quilts in traditional settings, modern settings, and whimsical settings...think beach crabs, spiders, butterflies! See how you can change the whole flavor of a quilt simply by changing the orientation of the blocks or the fabrics used. There'll be a lot of laughter as Linda is a very animated speaker! Check her website out frog-hollowdesigns.com

* Remember to sign up NOW for the workshop. There is a discount if you sign up before the May guild meeting. Bring a friend even if they don't belong to the guild. What a fun away to entice new members!

The West Houston Quilter's Guild meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Steve Radack Community Center -18650 Clay Road, Houston TX 77084 . Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

June newsletter articles are due **June 4, 2023.**

If you have an article you think members would enjoy or find useful, please submit them for review. Beekeepers, we know you are out there! Let us know what the buzz is in your bees!

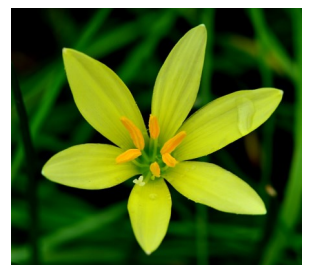
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PROGRAMS



NOTICE:

We try to find the most interesting speakers with a variety of techniques. Our programs are mixed media. Some are virtual and some are “in person”. Some are trunk shows, some are presentations. The advantage of coming to all programs regardless of method of delivery is the camaraderie with your fellow guild members, contests, raffles, exchanges, meeting new friends and more. If you find the seats are uncomfortable, remember this is not a movie theater, but a community center, which we are fortunate to be in. Bring a cushion, pillow, sweater or anything else you need to make your self more comfortable and enjoy the evening.

May 17, 2023-Linda Hahn-“New York State of Mind”.

This is an “in person” lecture following with a workshop the next day.

Linda is the author of multiple AWARD WINNING books - including the AQS Best Seller - NEW YORK BEAUTY SIMPLIFIED (Bronze Medal - Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards), NEW YORK BEAUTY DIVERSIFIED (Gold Medal - Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards), ROCK THAT QUILT BLOCK WEATHERVANE (Gold Medal - Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards) and QUILT MATCH UP - Cash vs. Stash (Silver Medal - Independent Publishers Living Now Book Awards). Her resume is extensive! For more about Linda go to: her website; <https://www.froghollowdesigns.com/> or on her [Facebook page](#).

June 21, 2023—Dena Rosenberg -“Using Your Imagination with Fabric” and **Ice Cream Social**

July 19, 2023— Michelle Markey of Medina Domestic Arts Studio LLC medinadomarts@aol.com—“Coloring on Fabric”

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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 or in person. The board will NOT meet in June and July. If interested in attending please contact a board member for more information.

WORKSHOPS

Beach Bumz

Linda Hahn



Early Bird Special!

Sign up before May 17th and get \$10 off the class fee!

Class Fee - \$65 (Early birds—\$55)

Required Class Kit - \$20 [Click here to pay for workshop](#)

Thursday, May 18, 2023 9:30 AM-4:00 PM - Steve Radack Community Center

Here's a traditional New York Beauty block setting that looks great in any fabric combination! Students will learn Linda's unique technique for creating perfect New York Beauty blocks **using just one pin**. They may choose whether to add a border or not. The class handout will contain the instructions on how to create a larger wall hanging.

Kit Includes: Full color handout to finish the quilt, foundation paper that stays in the quilt, custom acrylic templates and reusable paper piecing stencil.

Please Note: Kit is not included in class price. Kits must be purchased through instructor on day of class - Cash, Check, Visa or Master Card only.

This is an amazing deal! Another Houston area venues that are hosting Linda are charging almost twice the price!

A workshop exclusive class is just that.....the quilt design is not available as a commercial pattern or contained in a book - it is **ONLY** available through a workshop with Linda. Class material lists and sign up are available at www.whqg.org/events

WORKSHOPS (Continued)

June 24, 2023 (Sat) Dena Rosenberg—Grandmas Vase

This stunning vase is filled with beautiful flowers. In this class students will learn how to create their own floral arrangement using fabric and the broderie perse technique. How to cut the fabrics, arrange them and how to appliqué the elements down using the needle turn technique will be taught in this class. Sign up in the May Meeting or online at whqg.org. The fee for this workshop is \$45.



August 17, 2023— Nova's Featherweight Maintenance Workshop

September 23, 2023 (Sat) Glenda Wilder—Breezeway

MEMBERSHIP

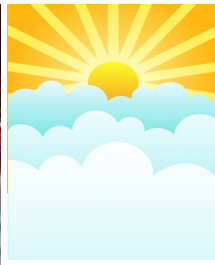
As of this writing we have 150 paid memberships for 2023. There are some of our last year members who have not renewed for 2023. Please check the roster or send me a text or email if you are not sure whether or not you have paid. I will be removing the non-paid names from the Roster after the May meeting.

There is a copy of the Membership Renewal Form on the website, I will have forms at the Membership table at the Guild meeting, and you also have the option to renew and pay online using our website. If you are mailing your renewal please make your checks payable to WHQG and please send your cash or checks to the PO box address on the Membership Form. If you would like your Membership Card mailed to you please enclose a SASE with your renewal.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

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

Karen Coffey: 1st VP -Membership



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Cynthia Chaffee a former WHQG member and member of the Material Girls Bee, passed away on 4/30/23 in Houston, at age 80. Cynthia was a former Texas State Coordinator of Quilts of Valor. She was a Naval Officer's wife and drawn to the QOVF mission. She served for over 17 years and her dedicated leadership and efforts resulted in several thousand Service Members & Veteran's being awarded Quilts of Valor. She was also a mother, grandmother and friend to many. A Memorial Service will be held in July.

Celebration Block— Extension; New Due Date June 21, 2023

Remember the bags of red and ribbon printed fabric you received in February? Well dig them out! These blocks are going into a WHQG Anniversary Quilt! Create a 12.5 inches unfinished (12 inches finished) block depicting Celebration! The rules are in the packet. Everyone who completes a block will be eligible for a prize. Don't have a packet or the rules? Don't panic, we will have extras at the guild meeting Wednesday May 17, 2023. In June during our Wednesday evening we will be having an "Ice Cream" social and drawing for a prize from the members who submitted a block.

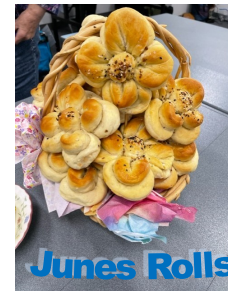


BEE NEWS

NIFTY NEEDLERS

We welcomed spring in April with a wonderful lunch. Sandra provided an Asian chicken salad. Beautiful flower shaped rolls were made by June and mini key lime pies were made by Tracy. All was delicious and the rolls too pretty to eat! Karen B. finished a beautiful neutral colored wedding quilt for her granddaughter. The pattern is White Chocolate by Deb Luttrell.

Submitted by Pam Heine, Beekeeper



MATERIAL GIRLS

The Material Girls went to Livingston to the Piecemakers Quilt Show. It's always fun to support another guild's show. There was a nice assortment of quilts on display, and some quilters names we all knew. We also stayed at the new retreat Kings Point and we will back! If you stay there you must try The Mason Jar and The Hop. Both in Coldsprings and great places to eat.

Submitted by Sam Seavey

Pam Lyons, Beekeeper



BEE NEWS

THE LADIES OF THE NIGHT

The Ladies of the Night have been on the road again, this time to the Bay Area Quilt Guild quilt show in Pearland. We enjoyed all the beautiful quilts, then had lunch at a tea room in Friendswood before visiting 2 (new to us) quilt shops. Everyone found something they couldn't live without – it's always such fun to find new treasures. Now we just need more time to sew!

Sheila Odell, Beekeeper

Submitted by Kathy Johnson

CUT UPS

We finished up April with our regular monthly sew-in, only this month we each worked on a charity quilt. Jean Fleming issued a Jelly Roll Race challenge and 3 members took her up on it. It was hilarious since Jean wasn't feeling well that day and didn't make it to bee. None of the three trying to make a jelly roll quilt had ever done so before so it was a case of the blind leading the blind. After much angst, 3 lovely quilt tops were produced. In addition to the charity sewing we also had a salad bar lunch with Teresa Beautz's excellent chocolate chip cookies kind of negating the healthy benefit of having salad. Makes for better sewing, though, or at least that is what we told ourselves.

Celeste Fritz, Beekeeper

KATY ROTARY CLUB

During April we enjoyed a barbeque lunch at the Regones. The burgers and hot dogs were augmented with side dishes and desserts brought by the rest of our members – yummy! Lunch was preceded by playing our favorite game – Strip Poker (if you've never played, it involves fabric strips, not clothing).

We started May off by deciding on another Bee Challenge for the 2025 WHQG show – a fabric challenge. Our sew-in featured Cynthia Regone providing directions on how to make a quilt with the fabrics that we exchanged. Should be fun so watch for our colorful quilts in the future!

Celeste Fritz, Beekeeper

The YA YAs

Our Bee has been busy finishing quilts to be donated to the MD Anderson ovarian cancer auction. It was a fun project to work on as a group.

We also just had a great weekend in LaPorte. There is a new shop on Main St. It has just opened and she is getting organized and filling up the shop. It's a nice place to visit.

Kris Hoffman, Beekeeper

Editors Note: And Sew It Began Retreat House and Quilt Shop has moved the quilt shop to Main Street in LaPorte. Main Street LaPorte is a quaint strip of antique shops and eateries.



QUILT SHOW NEWS

The guild received a wonderful note from the winner of the Donation Quilt! She also sent the guild a nice donation as well. If you have any ideas for the next show in 2025 please complete the questionnaire on the last page of the newsletter and bring it to the guild meeting or send it to: westhouston.quiltersguild@gmail.com

Dear Marvelous Quilters,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

What a lovely surprise to win your amazing quilt. I can't stop looking at it and its exquisite craftsmanship. The lovely flowers and birds are truly a feast for the eyes. I really am overwhelmed to be the recipient of something so wonderful. Everyone who has seen it exclaims over it.

I hope to share it's beauty with as many people as possible. My church will use it after Easter as a special hanging. Ultimately, I plan to install it at home on a wall that won't expose it to the sun.

I will always cherish this heirloom. I know it is the product of much love, labor and dedication.

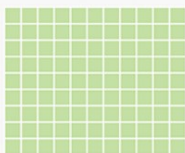
May you continue to stimulate others to love quilting.

Sincerely,

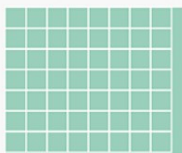
Marlene Hollingsworth

From a Fat Quarter

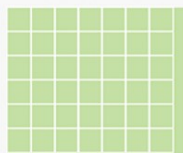
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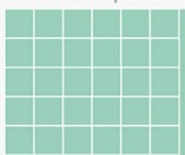
99 - 2" Squares



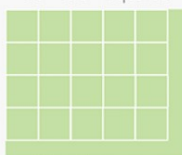
56 - 2.5" Squares



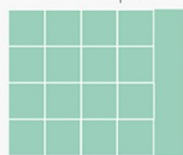
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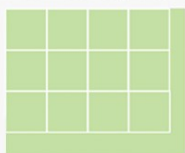
30 - 3.5" Squares



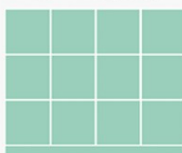
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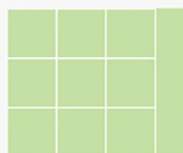
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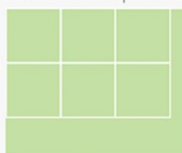
12 - 5" Squares



12 - 5.5" Squares



9 - 6" Squares



6 - 6.5" Squares

BASKET BONANZA



Thanks to the Bees and individuals who contributed, we did very well this year. Total number of tickets sold in 2023 = 4,614 representing 39 total baskets/items. Top five most popular according to number of tickets received: Black and White Basket = 350 tickets; Batiks Tote = 341; Ironing Station = 313; All Precuts = 273; Retreat Basket = 291.

Submitted by Jean Ann Bryant

June Birthdays

Last Name	First Name	Bday
Harvey	Sandy	Jun 05
Matthias	Amy	Jun 08
Jaronitzky	June	Jun 09
Rowles	Jennifer	Jun 12
Thibodeau	Nancye	Jun 17
Crowell	Lucy	Jun 18
Haggard	Cindy	Jun 22
Recane	Helen	Jun 22
Crowell	Julie	Jun 26
Beautz	Teresa	Jun 27
Denk	Joy	Jun 28
Ridgway	Karen	Jun 29
Byrd	Zeldajean	Jun 30
Koteras	Maria	Jun 30
Barnes	Jane	Jun 13
Eiche	Lynda	Jun 19
Borden	Cherie	Jun 21
Suarez	Consuelo	Jun 21
Mathis	Cris	Jun 08
Hendrickson	Judy	Jun 23

SURVEY OF 2023 QUILT SHOW

Did you enter a quilt in the show? Yes No Did you volunteer to help? Yes No

Did you contribute to Grandmother's Attic? Yes No Boutique? Yes No

Did your bee donate to Basket Bonanza? Yes No Did you donate? Yes No

Did you donate an item to the Silent Auction? Yes No

Write down at least 2 things you liked about the show _____

What changes would you like to see for the show _____

Did you purchase from the vendors? Are there vendors you would like to have at the next show?

DONATION QUILT: Would you be willing to chair the making of the next Donation Quilt (pick pattern, choose fabric, ask people to help make).

Name _____ Email _____

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2025 QUILT SHOW: WOULD YOU

Serve on the Quilt Show Committee in one of the following areas:

Admissions/Tickets _____	Judges _____	Awards/Ribbons _____
Layout/Floor Plan _____	Program _____	Basket Bonanza _____
Door Prizes/Donors _____	Publicity _____	Boutique/Market _____
Set Up/Take Down _____	Quilt Entries _____	Grandmother's Attic _____
Signage _____	Volunteers _____	Vendors _____

Name _____ Email _____