



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

Issue 2

February 2018

PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Where: Bear Creek United Methodist Church, 16000 Rippling Water Dr, Houston, TX 77084

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Speaker: Martha DeLeonardis

Program: T-Shirt Quilt Odyssey

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Speaker: Patty Sloniger

Program: Fabric Design: Creatively Speaking

WORKSHOP NOTICE

Mar 22, Andrea Brokenshire, Confetti Background and Beginning Free Motion

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DINA'S DISCUSSION

Dear Members,

Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get.

– Mark Twain

Happy February. Last month was a bit of an icy mess. As a former northerner, I enjoyed seeing the ice, snow and colder weather. It was also unfortunate but necessary to cancel the January meeting. Everyone's safety comes first and I hope that everyone was able to stay warm and safe at home. Let's hope that winter weather is over for us this year. One of the greatest parts of living in Houston is that we don't have to deal with too much winter weather. I will be happy to get back to our mild winters.

Since we had to cancel January's meeting, we will be revealing the

donation quilt at February's meeting. I can't wait to see it. The board has also agreed to extend the \$5 discount for membership to the end of the February meeting.

Just a reminder that our new meeting location is Bear Creek United Methodist and February will have both daytime and evening meetings.

~ Dina Luz, President

BOARD MEETINGS CALENDAR

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. Following is the schedule:

February 7 – Quilt 'n Sew Studio

February Meeting Location for the Guild

Bear Creek United Methodist Church,
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West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS

2018 Programs

Feb 21, 2:00	Martha DeLeonardis	T-Shirt Quilt Odyssey
6:45	Patty Sloniger	Fabric Design: Creatively Speaking
Mar 21	Andrea Brokenshire	Trunk Show
Apr 18	Christa Watson	The Ultimate Machine Quilting Trunk Show
May 16, 2:00	TBD	
6:45	Rhonda Dort	Quilting With Vintage Linens
Jun 20	Lisa Ellis	Healing Quilts
Jul 18	Pam Holland	Multi Media Trunk Show
Aug 15, 2:00	Open	
6:45	Open	
Sep 19	Angela McCorkle	Longarm Quilting 101
Oct 17, 2:00	TBD	
6:45	Shannon Brinkley	Trunk Show
Nov 14	Quilt Show Workshop	
Dec 19	Holiday Party	

2018 Workshops

Mar 22	Andrea Brokenshire	Confetti Background and beginning free motion
Apr 19	Christa Watson	Modern Machine Quilting
Jun 21	Lisa Ellis	Charming Cathedral Windows
Jul 19	Pam Holland	Sock it to Me
Sep 20	Angela McCorkle	Ten Minute Block
Oct 18	Shannon Brinkley	Scrappy Applique

2018 Guild Retreat

Sep 27-29 And Sew It Began La Porte, Texas

Programs

Speakers for the February Guild meeting will be Martha DeLeonardis of Katy, TX in the afternoon and Patty Sloniger for the evening meeting.

Martha DeLeonardis will share her T-Shirt Quilt Odyssey with us in our afternoon meeting.

In this lecture, Martha will present her trunk show and will describe her evolution in the world of T-shirt quilts. Martha’s discussion of the issues and challenges she has encountered in her own work as well as in classes she has lead inspired her into writing her own book, *T-shirt Quilts Made Easy*. With graduations

upon us the novice quilter as well as the seasoned T-shirt quilter will surely find tips and tricks to help us improve our process for our next T shirt quilts.

Patty Sloniger, a fellow “Houstonian” will be our evening speaker for the February meeting. Patty is an accomplished fabric designer for Michael Miller fabrics and a couple new lines that will be made available in February of 2018. Patty bills herself as an “Illustrator, Textile Designer and “Stuff Maker”. She says one of her greatest joys is seeing her work take on a second life when someone else (like you

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or I) creates something totally new out of one of her designs. A graphic designer by degree, Patty begins all of her work first as a sketch before transferring it to the computer. Patty says she cannot remember a time when she was not sketching or doing some kind of art. She has turned that passion into many directions in the hopes of inspiring others. She blogs regularly for housewives, moms and anyone who wishes to decorate their way of life and make their homes cozier and more comfortable. Her presentation, “Fabric Design: Creatively Speaking” should be inspiring and informative.

Note: there is no workshop for the month of February.

Upcoming Speakers and Workshops:

March – Andrea Brokenshire who will share her trunk show and speak about free motion quilting, followed by a Thursday workshop on beginning free motion quilting where you will create a confetti, textured background using layers of small pieces of fabrics. Standard workshop fee of \$35. Kits will be available for purchase, and I have a copy of the supply list.

April – Christa Watson will share the “ultimate machine quilting” trunk show and lead a workshop the next day (Thursday) on Modern Machine Quilting. Standard workshop fee of \$35. Supply List yet to be determined. (<https://Christaquilts.com>)

Additionally we are planning our 2019 speaker and workshop programs. I would like to hear your thoughts on speakers and workshops you want us to try to bring to WHQG. Email me at morse.lynda@yahoo.com, or stop by my table at our break and pick up a survey to fill out and return to me.

~ Lynda Morse
 Second Vice President -
 Programs and Workshops

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 1 Celeste Fritz
- Feb 1 Patricia Golding
- Feb 2 Nancy Gallmore
- Feb 2 Rebecca Butler
- Feb 3 Jayna Jackson
- Feb 5 Linda Farley
- Feb 6 Lynn Ellis
- Feb 7 Susan Widner
- Feb 8 Nancy Higgs
- Feb 14 Melissa Kaye
- Feb 15 Shirley Chriss
- Feb 18 Valerie DelRosario
- Feb 20 Sharon Lucarelli
- Feb 22 Donna Carvalho
- Feb 23 Sharon Dixon
- Feb 26 Sandra Seavey

Please bring a door prize.

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Since the weather prevented us from having a guild meeting, there is nothing to report on quilt turn ins. However, if everybody else was like me and stayed inside and sewed, we should have a large number of quilts turned in at the February meeting.

Comfort Quilters invites any guild member who wants to join us on Tuesday mornings at Quilt Works to bring their machine and sewing sup-

plies and we will put you to work making a comfort quilt for Linus or for an elder person. We meet from 9:00 until around noon sewing, laughing and generally having a great time together. Hope to see you some Tuesday,

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard
 Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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4	5	6	7 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

2019 DONATION QUILT

As the Keeper of the Quilt, you will be hearing from me, Pamela Hensley, for the next few months because it is the beginning of a new year and another opportunity to create an incredible quilt show for 2019. Our donation quilt is a big part of the show and our guild budget so there is a lot of room for a lot of people to help. We have several guilds scheduled, and I would welcome anybody interested in joining me. A lot of the guild meetings are in the Houston area, with a few of them being a short drive out of town, as well as day and evening guilds. If you are interested, I only ask that you are physically able to carry and



assemble. If you belong to another guild or social group such as gardening, knitting, education or arts you can schedule a time to display our quilt. As always there will be plenty of opportunity to purchase tickets at our guild meetings. Regardless of your availability there is something in this project for everybody to help sell tickets and buy tickets. I will be attending each of our guild meetings with a sign up sheet and an update on our progress. You can email me at pmlhensley@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

~ Pam Hensley,
Keeper of the Quilt

QUILTING TIPS

Maintain your machine: Remember to periodically clear any lint and oil the bobbin case of your machine. A well-maintained machine is one that will provide years and years of trouble-free sewing. One easy way to regularly take care of this routine maintenance is to clean and oil after you have emptied five bobbins (keep empty bobbins together so you know). For professional maintenance, most manufacturers recommend a regular cleaning once a year. Choose one month a year and regularly take your machine in for a “spa” day during that month each year.

Chain piecing: Not only does chain piecing save a lot of time for quilters, but it also helps to save thread. To chain piece, sew a set of fabric pieces together, stopping just before the edge of the fabric pair. Without removing the fabrics from the presser foot, prepare and add another set of fabrics. Begin sewing the next pair without clipping threads. Chain piecing goes even faster when the paired pieces have been prepared and stacked, and are ready to sew in large groups.

CONCERNS, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

- Gale Davis is recuperating at home from heel surgery. Speedy recovery!!
- Jean Fleming has been quite ill lately. We are hopeful she’s fit and healthy before long.

congratulated, please contact Diane Balcerowicz with the information so the rest of the guild can be informed. We would like to be supportive of our fellow guild members.

~ Diane Balcerowicz, Secretary

If you know of a guild member who has suffered a loss, is coping with surgery or illness, or needs to be

FONS AND PORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do you have a Fons and Porter’s Love of Quilting subscription that needs to be renewed or would you like to take out a new subscription? You can do this, get some free gifts and help your guild at the same time. For the regular subscription price of \$20, you can get a one-year subscription (or renewal) to Love of Quilting, Fons and Porter’s Need to Know booklet, Fons and Porter’s Tabletop Quilts booklet, and three free spools of Sulky thread PLUS the guild receives \$5 for each subscription! Sign up at the meeting (cash or check, please) or send a check for \$20 made out to WHQG with the following completed form to WHQG, P.O. Box 841515, Houston, TX 77284

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____

New or renewal? (Please circle one)



BEE NEWS

Cut-Ups

We know it's more than a year away, but our bee is already making plans for the 2019 quilt show. We'll be making a quilt to donate to one of the booths, and we have a bee challenge again. This time it's a fabric challenge, and it's really challenging. Members have spent January trying to finish up the UFOs on our lists since we have decided to have another UFO challenge starting in February. Our "challenge" is mostly for each individual to challenge herself, so there's no pressure. Although we missed having the January guild meeting, all were happy to stay home and not try driving on ice. Hopefully we're on our way to spring now!

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

Our new beekeeper has been very ill for several weeks, so I'm filling in until she (hopefully) gets well enough to resume her quilting activities. Our group likes to party, so we're planning our annual Mardi Gras event at Cynthia Regone's. In the meantime, we're enjoying each other's company and our monthly sew-in. Hope everyone is managing to avoid catching the flu bug!

*Beekeeper: Jean Fleming
Submitted by: Celeste Fritz*

Ladies of the Night

The Ladies of the Night have been keeping busy! After a short break over the holidays we have resumed exchanging our "birthday" blocks and were delighted to see the adorable birdhouses Mary received in January. It seems there is no end to the creativity of our Bee! There are just two more "birthday" girls to go before we get to start over again. We can't wait! We have also made

plans for our donation to the 2019 quilt show and have set deadlines to ensure we stay on track. Somewhere in there we are also looking forward to our retreat at And Sew it Began in La Porte as well as our next monthly sew-in. And, of course, we are looking forward to our UFO Celebration dinner at the end of February. Can't wait to see what the prizes for finishing the most UFOs will be!

Several Ladies have had surgeries in January – heal quickly Joan, Sharon and Gale!! We have also had news of 2 "ex-pat" Ladies facing medical challenges and send hugs to Barb & Eva. Hopefully the rest of 2018 will be healthy for us all!

*Beekeeper: Sheila Odell
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

Thimbelinas

THE THIMBLELINAS are looking forward to their March retreat at the Quilters Cabin. We have been having our yearly retreat there since 2008. Meals have been planned so now it is a matter of deciding what projects to work on.

The group has decided our project for the year will be a BOM. Maria is heading up this project and has already given us fabric requirements and patterns for the first two blocks. It will be exciting to see everyone's fabric choices.

Hope everyone had a Happy New Year and accomplished a lot of sewing during the frigid weather!

Beekeeper: Lillie Hays

Thursday Night Bee

Because of our New Year's Day sew in, we did not have a January bee meeting. At our February meeting, we

will be planning our calendar for the year—retreats, sew ins and road trips.

However, we were able to surprise Linda W. with a surprise 70th birthday party orchestrated by her daughter and a couple of bee members. We all made a tulip block from the quilt Amsterdam instructions and they were all very pretty and quite coordinated even though that part was not planned. Daughter, Stacy, brought in wonderful Mediterranean food, as well as home made cookies. Linda's sister, Lorrie, contributed fudge and sparkling water which helped make our lunch very good. Linda took quite a bit of time unrolling a large ball of yarn which contained an assortment of sewing/knitting accessories, candy, fat quarters, tape measures and flavored water packets.

Everybody is looking forward to see what we plan for birthdays, exchanges and other challenges. Try stitching a little each day and soon that UFO will be a completed quilt.

Beekeeper: Nita Beard

AUDIT COMMITTEE ELECTION

Per the Guild's Bylaws, an Audit Committee of three members shall be nominated and elected at the January Guild meeting. As the January meeting was cancelled due to weather, we will hold the election at the February meeting.

Members of this committee should have some accounting or bookkeeping experience, but that is not a requirement. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please come prepared to be nominated.



West Houston Quilters Guild 2018 Membership Form

New Member _____ Returning Member _____
(Information has changed from last year _____)

Dues: \$30.00 – Please make checks payable to WHQG
\$25.00 – If payment is received/mailed by January 17, 2018 (1st meeting)
\$15.00 – New members joining after July 1.
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line extended to
February 21, 2018

Please PRINT clearly

Birthday (month/day) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone (H) _____

(C) _____

Email _____

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Bee Information: I am interested in joining a Bee --- Y or N (circle one)

daytime _____ evening _____ week day _____ week end _____

Please complete a Bee Interest Form – you will be contacted to discuss various Bee interests and meeting times, etc.

I am already a Member of the _____ Quilting Bee

Do you give your permission to print your information in our directory that is available to members only? --- Y or N (circle one)

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AMAZON SMILE

Did you know that you can support your Guild simply by shopping on Amazon? Go to the Guild's Web site and click on the orange button at the bottom of home the page. This will link your account to the Guild's



Smile account and a percentage of your purchase will go to the Guild. How simple is that! Note that you'll have to go to that link each time you purchase from Amazon.

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