



# Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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April 2018

## PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
 Where: Bear Creek United Methodist Church, 16000 Rippling Water Dr, Houston, TX 77084  
 Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 Speaker: Christa Watson  
 Program: The Ultimate Machine Quilting Trunk Show

## WORKSHOP NOTICE

April 19, 2018 Christa Watson presents Modern Machine Quilting  
 June 21, 2018, Lisa Ellis presents Charming Cathedral Windows



## DINA'S DISCUSSION

Dear Members,

*Spring brings new growth. Weed out the bad and make room for something beautiful.* ~ Anonymous

*Learn something new. Try something different. Convince yourself there are no limits.* ~ Brian Tracy

*The greatest failure is the failure to try.* ~ William Ward

*Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.* ~ Albert Einstein

Happy Spring to you all! The weather is improving, the flowers have started to bloom, and the world is looking fresh and new. Seeing all the new things forming around us and listening to Andrea at our last meeting has inspired me in the sewing room.

I tried to find just one quote but I kept finding more that were so exact to what I have been feeling. I did manage to narrow it down to the top four. First seeing the new Spring growth can sometimes be marred by the weeds that pop up as well. It reminds me that in quilting we all have a part of the process that we

might not like. For me it happens to be binding, it is the weed in my quilting garden. But by putting that last stitch on the binding, my quilt is complete and ready to be enjoyed. We all need to work through our weeds and we are rewarded with something truly beautiful at the end. And I think we can all agree that it is worth it.

Next, I was struck with how inventive Andrea was with her quilting. She took a leap and created something absolutely beautiful out of tiny

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## 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. Following is the schedule:

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**PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS****2018 Programs**

Apr 18	Christa Watson	The Ultimate Machine Quilting Trunk Show
May 16, 2:00 6:45	TBD Rhonda Dort	Quilting With Vintage Linens
Jun 20	Lisa Ellis	Healing Quilts
Jul 18	Pam Holland	Multi Media Trunk Show
Aug 15, 2:00 6:45	Open Open	
Sep 19	Angela McCorkle	Longarm Quilting 101
Oct 17, 2:00 6:45	TBD Shannon Brinkley	Trunk Show
Nov 14	Quilt Show Workshop	
Dec 19	Holiday Party	

**2018 Workshops**

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**

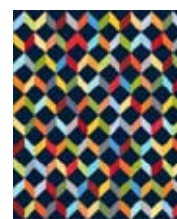
First let me start this month's Program Update by saying that the April Workshop with Andrea Brokenshire was a great success. We had 12 attendees who all pretty much completed their confetti backgrounds by the time they left for the day. Many of attendees also learned some new domestic machine quilting techniques that look very promising. I, sadly, was not one of those skilled quilters, but I am motivated to continue trying my hand at using my domestic machine for some projects.

Still looking for BEEs to sign up to host speakers. I have hosts signed up for April, June, August, September and October.

April Speaker: Christa Watson of Christa Quilts:

Christa Watson of "Christa Quilts" is our speaker for the guild meeting

on April 22, 2018 at our new location, Bear Creek United Methodist Church. Christa's love of quilting began in the same way as many of us – someone from her church showed her how to quilt and one thing led to another. She quickly fell into teaching and later opened up the "Precut Store" to help to support her habit. She has several publications including both books and patterns and is both a Bernina and EQ "Ambassador". Christa's trunk show, "The Ultimate Trunk Show" promises to be colorful and exciting.



The Workshop the next day is geared to helping attendees take their quilts to the next level by adding depth and dimension to their designs. She prom-

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little bits of fabric. It really struck a chord that we do not have limits and trying something new and different can bring about amazing results. All we have to do is imagine.

Then this brought me to my next thought. What if we try something new and it doesn't work? What if it isn't as good as we hoped? What if someone else does it better? I'm sure I am not alone in having these thoughts. My answer is you never know unless you try. It may not be perfect but nothing will ever be perfect. It will, however, get better with every attempt. You never know what next great creation can happen unless you start creating. I can't wait to see what gems this amazing group comes up with.

*~ Dina Luz, President*

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ises to help to “unleash the potential” of our domestic machines through learning several new techniques. Cost for the workshop is the standard \$35.00 Guild Fee. NOTE: we have just learned we will need to move our workshop to a new location. As of this writing we are still looking for a spot. Do not let this cause you to hesitate signing up for this workshop! Many guilds who have had Christa lead workshops tell me that she is a fun and interesting teacher. Email me at [morse.lynda@yahoo.com](mailto:morse.lynda@yahoo.com) to save you a spot!!!

Our May meeting speaker is Rhonda Dort whose trunk show is titled, “Quilting with Vintage Linens” for both the afternoon and evening program. There is no workshop planned for May, however we are looking for an educational opportunity to fill the May spot and will keep everyone informed.

*~ Lynda Morse  
Second Vice President -  
Programs and Workshops*

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April 1	Gloria Ware	April 22	Jennifer Thacker-Torline
April 4	Kelly Youngblood	April 24	Lauren Fatato
April 10	Ellen H Norton		
April 11	Marijo Williams		
April 13	Phyllis Rucker		Please bring a door prize.
April 16	Shirley Buckley		
April 18	Ann M Ammons		

**COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE**

At the March guild meeting, we had another great turn in of quilts: 2 preemies, 15 adult, 16 Linus, 1 disaster and 11 stockings. Keep up the good work. Remember there are always kits available at the Community Service table which contain everything you need to make a quilt, except the batting.

THANKS to the generosity of this wonderful guild, enough money was collected to purchase all the shelf liners we will need to make at least 1,000 jar openers. Comfort Quilters will attempt to make at least 100+

each month until the quilt show in 2019.

Comfort Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9:00 until noon at Quilt Works, 9431 Jones Road. Any guild member is welcomed to join us on Tuesday and help us make quilts for others. Bring your sewing machine and other sewing supplies and the rest is provided. Hope to see you some Tuesday morning.

*~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard  
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen*

**APRIL 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Guild Meeting 6:45 PM	19 Workshop 9:30 AM	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## 2019 DONATION QUILT

Can we talk numbers? After all, the purpose of the raffle quilt is to raise money! I am thrilled to announce we have passed the \$1000 mark and we are in the black! That means the cost of the quilt has long been surpassed and 100% of the donations will go into our guild budget. Peace by Piece Quilt Guild in Humble deserves a big shout out. There were 50 ladies in attendance and we left with \$144 in ticket sales!! This is an example of the kind of response this quilt is garnishing. Beverly Farrell did an outstanding job at Sew Special and raised \$194. I want to thank Karen Coffey, Pam Heine, Lilly Hayes, Barbara Wenker and Georgia



Johnson who stepped up at our last guild meeting to get books of tickets to sale which equaled \$200. Quilt and Sew graciously let us display our quilt for the shop hop and the following ladies donated their time: Gloria Ware, Judy Hendrickson, and Judith Washburn. Everybody benefits from these efforts and there is room for all to participate. I could use some help from ladies who don't mind driving at night! Please contact me with your interest or questions: Pamela Hensley 281-389-2867 or at pmlhensley@yahoo.com.

~ Pam Hensley,  
Keeper of the Quilt

## YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

My grandson (15 years old) broke his leg Friday night (both bones)-had surgery yesterday morning to put it back together. When they brought him back to his room after surgery, this blanket was on his bed. We are at Memorial Herman in the Woodlands, the nurse told us how much they appreciate getting the quilts and blankets; and that they've had a run on teenage boys!

I've always known it was meaningful to the folks who ultimately receive the quilts and blankets we make; but if you could have seen the look on his face; words cannot describe. Even 15 year olds appreciate getting a cuddly!

~ Lynda Morse  
Second Vice President -  
Programs and Workshops



Project Linus blanket presented to  
Lynda Morse's grandson.

## QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION

I'm so glad to announce that Martha DeLeonardis has agreed to make a T-Shirt Quilt for the Silent Auction.



We're planning on an Astros theme, and I hope it will generate a lot of interest plus be a big fundraiser for the guild. I know I'll be bidding!

However, there is just one small issue. We need more Astros t-shirts. If you have one or more to share we would appreciate your help.

Please check and see if you or your kids or grandkids have an Astros shirt that isn't being used, perhaps it's too small now. We can use all sizes and years. It doesn't have to be current. We would like some of the older ones.



We need your help. Bring them to the April or May Meeting. If you can't get to the meeting, please contact me [jean.fleming@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jean.fleming@sbcglobal.net) and I'll make arrangements to meet you. The deadline is the May meeting. Thank you for your support.

~ Jean Fleming





## BEE NEWS

*Head Beekeeper: Judith Washburn*

### Cut-ups

Many thanks to Teresa Beautz, who covered the bee while I was traveling. While the cat was away, the mice chose a restaurant for our spring birthday luncheon and also decided on our bee's donation to the Tin Can Raffle. We have also decided on our project for the Quilt Show Market and made detailed plans on what each of us needs to bring to our April sew-ins, where we will be making the items. In addition to all the new projects, our members have been busy working on their UFOs.

*Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz*

### Katy Rotary Club

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Pam Hensley!!!!

The Katy Rotary Club Bee has been very busy this month finishing up blocks for 2019 WHQG Show Silent Auction; making placemat pouches for the show market, and of course working on all their own projects. Celeste traveled to Norway (LUCKY LADY)! Lillie, Cynthia, Jackie and Lauren went on Spring Retreat at Sew it Began in La Porte, Texas. It sounds like all had fun.

Several of our bee members volunteered for the Tri-County judging of quilts for their Quilt Show. It was a long day, however, very educational. Everyone should do this at least one time.

2017 Challenge Winner is Debbie Huebel with 9 completed projects. 2018 Challenge is off a to a good start. Several bee members have completed several projects this month.

The Bee is planning another retreat in April at Canyon Lake, Texas.

Blissful Quilting until next time...

*Beekeeper: Judith Washburn*

### Ladies of the Night

The Ladies of the Night had a wonderful time at our retreat at And Sew It Began in La Porte. Lots of laughing, lots of shopping (oh, Painted Pony is too close!) and even some sewing happened on our 5 days away. We are already booked to go back next year – can't wait! We gathered for dinner at Texas Mesquite for our UFO celebration dinner at the end of February and thoroughly enjoyed the delightful prizes Sheila put together for those of us who stayed on track. We have already made our lists of projects to tackle for 2019! Donna was our "birthday girl" for February and we were delighted she could make it back to town to receive her blocks in person. She had requested everyone make themselves using an Amy Bradley pattern and it was such fun to see how the Ladies translate to fabric.

We had fun at the Tri County Quilt Guild's quilt show and came home inspired to work on our own entries. It's hard to believe our show is next year – time flies when you're having fun!

*Beekeeper: Sheila Odell  
Submitted by Kathy Johnson*

### The Material Girls

Our last Bee meeting was well attended and productive. We have chosen our quilt for the 2019 Quilt Show and still working out the details for our contribution on our donation for the boutique. Our Spring Retreat is at Magnolia Manor the second weekend in April and we will have a good turnout. Some attendees will be participating in our Harvey Delayed Christmas Exchange and lots of projects are in the works. Sew happy to be a Material Girl Quilter!

*Beekeeper: Marcia Karns*

### The Thimbelinas

THE THIMBLELINAS had a great time at our March retreat! Everyone was excited to work on our BOM project. We are given two block patterns each month and most of us are up to date in completing our blocks. Everyone has chosen their own fabric so we have both modern and traditional versions.

Our bee is planning to make our project for the quilt show's market during our May bee meeting. We are also throwing out ideas for our tin can raffle contribution and will be making a decision in the next few months.

Happy sewing!

*Beekeeper: Lillie Hays*

### Thursday Night Bee

At our March bee meeting, each member participating in the birthday exchange brought their pattern and/or fabric wants and distributed them to members. We have a diversified group, which was reflected in the blocks—Christmas packages, pencils, popcycles, assorted colors of fat quarters, blocks with specific color requirements, etc. The first group of birthdays will be celebrated at our June meeting.

Nine of our members returned Sunday, March 25, from our first retreat at The Hummingbird Retreat facility. My, Oh, My—we didn't know how to act. There were ladies who unloaded our cars and helped set up our sewing station. Each group had their own bedroom with bathroom and a TV—and forget about making your bed in the morning. Everybody had their own sewing station, complete with design wall, cutting mat, iron and ironing board.

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### RANDALL'S GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Here is how you link your Randall's card to West Houston Quilter's Guild. This is the store's Good Neighbor program. Go to the customer service counter at your local store and ask that your card be linked to the number 11950. The guild will receive a percentage of the groceries and pharmacy items purchased for cards attached to number 11950. Remember the West Houston Quilter's Guild number is 11950.

### 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



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And then the meals were delicious—don't even think about picking up your dishes. We were treated like royalty and before the weekend was over, we had scheduled 2 retreats for 2019. I think all of us completed at least one quilt top and a couple of the overachievers completed two to three. September 2018 can't come fast enough because we are going back.

Sew a little each day,

*Beekeeper: Nita Beard*



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