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February 2023

A NOTE FROM THE GUILD PRESIDENT

This month we are celebrating our 30th year!

We are toasting 30 years of giving back to our community, perfecting the art of quilting and most importantly, the friends we have made through the years. I am sure that when Susan Thomson, our founder, ran an ad in the Bear Creek neighborhood newsletter 30 years ago, she never dreamed that 27 responses would grow to the large quilting community we have today. WHQG is still committed to providing its members with quality educational programs to learn new techniques, tips and designs to improve their quilt making skills.

Your Board is excited to celebrate the last 3 decades of the West Houston Quilters Guild with you!

Remember:

- Wear your WHQG 30th Anniversary shirts to receive a ticket for the special prize drawing. A group guild picture will be taken at 7:00 pm.
- Bring your **Dresden Plate** challenge quilt. Guild members will vote for their favorite.
 The winning quilts will receive a special "Guild Choice" ribbon to be displayed at the quilt show.

. Angelique



March newsletter articles are due March 5, 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!

We also accept ads. Pricing and sizes can be found on our website; www.whqg.org Newsletter Advertising Rates and Specs

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. Dooors open at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 8:45 p.m. Visitors Welcome!



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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.

PROGRAMS

February 15, 2023—30th Anniversary Celebration!

March 15, 2023—Teresa Duryea Wong -

The Calling of Quilt Collectors

April 19, 2023—Meg Cox -"Behind the Scenes at the Greatest Quilt Museum in the World"

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

June 21, 2023—Dena Rosenberg - "Using Your Imagination with Fabric"

WORKSHOPS

May 18, 2023 — Linda Hahn-Beach Bumz





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



Sign up online or at the meeting, don't wait until the month before the workshop to ensure your spot!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Celeste	Fritz	Feb 01
Lynn	Ellis	Feb 06
Susan	Widner	Feb 07
Nancy	Higgs	Feb 08
Susan	Visinsky-Bracken	Feb 11
Alice	Busch	Feb 15
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Sandra "Sam"	Seavey	Feb 26



There were 213 quilt entry forms turned in for the quilt show--great job guild members. Celeste reviewed each one to make sure they were in the correct category and called or got in touch with questions on a few and moved the entry to the correct category if necessary. All the forms were then given to Ellen and with the help of Annette, the placement of the quilts in the Conference Room will be determined.

This is where the guild members come in--lots of help is needed on Thursday, March 2, to take in the quilts, sort them and then get them hung for judging. Some of you will be asked to arrive at the Berry Center by 7:00 a.m. so that judging can get started by 8:30. I know this is asking a lot, but its only for one day every other year. Please volunteer to help.

It was decided that all guild members would pay the \$10 admission fee whether you were a volunteer, on the committee or the board. So when you come, please bring \$10 in cash so that change does not have to be given. You will receive your armband which you will need to wear each day of the show.

VOLUNTEERS

If you have volunteered for **Thursday, March 2**, to help take in **and hang quilts, you need to be at The Berry Center at 7:00 a.m.** to start hanging. We hope to be able to start judging by 8:30. Lunch will be provided but bring water or something to drink while you work. If all goes well, we should be finished before 5:00 p.m. Please plan to stay as long as you can.

EARLY TURN IN OF QUILTS



If you have a quilt in the following categories, they are to be turned in to Kris Hoffman at 17910 Oak Park Bend Lane, Cypress 77433 on Saturday, February 25.

Call if you need help. (252) 202-8515

- ♦ 203--Wallhanging-2 person
- ♦ 206--Bed Size Large--2 person
- ♦ 303--Scrappy
- ♦ 312--Kit Quilts

These are the 4 largest categories and will be hung and judged first.

All other quilts will be turned in **on Thursday, March 2, at the Berry Center between 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the side entrance.** You will receive a card when your quilts are turned in which you must bring with you to pick up the quilts on Saturday at the end of the show.

SILENT AUCTION

Alice Busch is in charge of our Silent Auction. If you plan to donate something to this area of our show, please let Alice know what you have to donate so she can plan the space available. Please include a note regarding who donated the item and something about the item. These are Due to Alice February 25.





COMMUNITY SERVICE/COMFORT QUILTERS

Comfort Quilters started 2023 with a breakfast at Toasted Yolk. We left there with renewed energy to go back to the Radack Center and make quilts for others. This group of ladies is loads of fun, very sharing of their knowledge and their fabric and willing to help wherever needed.

We had a very successful day at the Radack Arts and Crafts Exhibition on January 26. We were able to display the donation quilts and hand out bookmarks about the quilt show, items were featured from the Boutique and several membership forms were given to people interested in joining the guild.

If you want to get involved with sewing for the elderly and Linus, come join our group on Thursdays from 10:00 - 3:00. Bring your sewing machine and the usual sewing supplies and kits will be available for you to complete. Nita Beard, Chairman

YAYA'S

We're all excited for the upcoming quilt show. We have planned our retreat for the year and will be working on quilts to be auctioned off for Cancer. We have a very talented group and can't wait to see what each team has done in our group. Happy Birthday to West Houston Quilt Guild.

Kris Hoffman, Beekeeper

Don't forget we have a Facebook page! You can find this page under: https://www.facebook.com/whqgquilt

Check it out!



THURSDAY NIGHT BEE

Six members from our bee plus five others spent a wonderful five days on retreat at Stagecoach Retreat in Coldspring. The weather was perfect for retreating--very cold and raining for days. The food was warming, delicious and plentiful and there were also adult beverages involved. Who do you know that brings their own martini glass to retreat? I'm not telling. Several of us were trying to complete our quilts for the Quilt Show while others started something new and beautiful. If you are on Facebook, check out our gothic picture of "Quilters with Tools." Needless to say, no quilters were harmed in the

making of the picture or in the making of the quilts.

Quilts and patterns are already being picked for the next retreat in Octo-

ber. Nita Beard, Beekeeper

NIFTY NEEDLERS

We celebrated Connie's birthday in January. We all contributed and got her a beautiful pink Oliso iron. The Radack Center hosted an arts and crafts exhibit and we



showcased our donation quilt and some of the items for the boutique. Quite a few people came by!

Pam Heine, Beekeeper



Happy February everyone! Our first meeting back after the holiday season was wonderful with everyone, including Cynthia Chaffee. Glad your health has improved and we are so happy to see you – looking good!!

Lots of work was done on several personal projects, charity, and lots of show and tell plans are in the works for April and December retreats. We are looking for new ideas for our next service project, as well as JUST FOR FUN. All ideas appreciated.

Material Girls is welcoming new members from the Guild. We usually meet the fourth Saturday of the month 10-3:30 at Steve Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Road (near Barker Cypress). We would love for you to join us. Email or call me for details. (contact info can be found in roster in Members Only section of website). We are also inviting members of other bees, including the Comfort Quilters, to join us if you would like an additional/alternate sewing times. Our next meetings are February 25 and March 2. We hope to see new members, returning members and visitors.

Pam Lyons, Beekeeper

We have buses reserved for 2023!

The first trip is scheduled for Thursday March 23, 2023. We will be shop hopping! The Greater Houston Shop Hop is March 22—March 25. A sign up sheet will be available at the Feb and March guild meetings.

KATY ROTARY CLUB

This year has not started out great for some of our bee members as we have mourned the loss of one's husband and another's brother. Our Bee Challenge for this quilt show is Miniatures, and we had our reveal to each other in January. It's interesting to see all the variation in our group's little quilts. We completed our quilt donated to the Silent Auction and are now all busily working to complete our own quilts that have been entered in the show.

Celeste Fritz, Beekeeper

CUT-UPS

Can you say Quilt Show? That's what our bee has been up to during January. As in past quilt shows, we again have a Bee Challenge – this time a 2-color quilt. The reveal of our challenge quilts to each other took place the end of January, and we have some beauties. We've also been busy finishing up our donations to the Silent Auction, the Market and the Basket Bonanza. This on top of finishing up the bindings, sleeves and labels on our own quilts! Thank goodness we still have a month for that.

Celeste Fritz, Beekeeper

NEW BEE FORMING

I would like to start a new bee in old town Katy. My tentative idea is to meet at my home, during the daytime and meet two times a month. This group welcomes anyone and everyone, no experience required. The first meeting will be on **February 17, 2023 at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**, close to Mary Jo Peckham Park. If you are interested in joining this new bee please email me at quilt.roesler@gmail.com or text me. Details of phone # and my address are listed in the membership directory.













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BIENNIAL QUILT SHOW

Friday, April 14 Saturday, April 15 10 A.M. – 5 P.M. 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

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Donation Quilt tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Drawing will be held on December 5, 2023.