



Sew On and Sew On

West Houston Quilter's Guild

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PROGRAM NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Where: Thomas A Glazier Senior Education Center, 16600 Pine Forest Ln., Houston TX 77084

Time: 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Program: Holiday Party

WORKSHOP NOTICE

January 16, 2020 - Cynthia England, Small Landscape Quilts to be held at Bear Creek Methodist Church



DINA'S DISCUSSION

Dear Members,

Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.

—Marianne Williamson

Happy December quilters! I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving! My brother and his wife came in from Georgia and we had a great time. We ate too much, shopped too much, and laughed our fool hearts out. It is always so special to be together. I won't be able to travel for Christmas, so I packed in as much brother/sister time as I could this trip.

As cliché as it is, it is almost impossible to believe that, not only is

another year over, but my term as president is also coming to an end. It has been such a fun experience. I was able to learn so much more about the guild, and meet so many more members than I would have if I hadn't become a board member. I can not thank you all enough for the kind words and encouragement you have given me. They have meant more than you will ever know!

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas party, but if you are unable to make it, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Until then, happy quilting!

~ Dina Luz, President

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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:

January 8 - Thomas A Glazier Senior Education Center

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Deadline for submitting articles for the *Sew On and Sew On* is the Monday following the Guild meeting each month. Send them directly to Ruth Roesler, Editor, at quilt.roesler@gmail.com

PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND RETREATS

2019 Programs

Dec 18 Christmas Party

2020 Programs

| | | |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jan 15 | Cynthia England | “Why Did I Buy This Ugly Fabric?” |
| Feb 19 | Martelli | Quilters Tools |
| Mar 18 | Carole Leizbet | Traditional Quilts in BOLD colors |
| Apr 15 | Jackie Asbil | Quilt as you Go (QAYG) |

2020 Workshops

| | | |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Jan 16 | Cynthia England | Small Landscape Quilts |
| Mar 19 | Carole Leizbet | Color my Sampler with Big Prints |
| Apr 16 | Jackie Asbil | Grandmas Cuddle Quilt |

2020 Retreats

Sep 10-13, 2020 Magnolia Manor

Programs and Workshops

First let me say a huge thank you to Dot Collins who agreed to come back in 2020 and do a workshop for us at no added charge as we had only one person signed up for the November workshop. Dot's lecture was entertaining, and her quilts were beautiful. Debbie Adami will be in touch with Dot and let everyone know a good date for the re-scheduled workshop.

December 16, 2019 Guild Meeting

Another year gone by so quickly! We will celebrate the holiday season together with our annual Christmas dinner / pot luck at the Glazier Center. During this meeting I will be taking reservations for our January Workshop by Cynthia England. We have only 12 spots left open for this workshop!

January 15, 2020

The speaker for the January 15, 2020 meeting is Cynthia England. Cynthia is a native Houstonian and graduate of the Art Institute of Houston. She has been creating quilts for more

than forty years. Experimentation with quilting techniques led her to develop her own unique style and technique called, “Picture Piecing”. Her quilts have been honored with many awards, including three Best of Shows at the prestigious International Quilt Association, as well as Viewer's Choice at the American Quilter's Society. Her quilt, Piece and Quiet was distinguished as one of the Hundred Best Quilts of the 20th Century. You can view Cynthia's gallery at <https://england-design.com/gallery/quilts>.

The workshop on January 16, 2020 at the Bear Creek Methodist Church from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm will be on Picture Piecing. Picture Piecing is a unique technique that Cynthia developed to achieve detailed quilt imagery. Many quilters assume it is just another name for paper piecing or foundation piecing, but Cynthia's approach is much more! While similar to these techniques in that it uses paper and straight seams, Picture Piecing has several differences, allowing quilters to achieve detailed

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The 2018-2019 Board of Directors of the West Houston Quilter's Guild would like to wish everyone all of the joys that this season brings.

Merry Christmas,
Happy Hanukkah,
Happy Kwanzaa, and
Happy New Year!

**CONCERNS,
CONDOLENCES AND
CONGRATULATIONS**

- Linda Grupa had total knee replacement on November 19 and at last report was doing very well. Hope to see her again soon at Guild.

If you know of a guild member who has suffered a loss, is coping with surgery or illness, or needs to be congratulated, please contact Lisa Dinkelman with the information so the rest of the guild can be informed. We would like to be supportive of our fellow guild members.

~ Lisa Dinkelman,
Secretary

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Dec 3 Elaine Mason | Dec 25 Noella Mukherjee |
| Dec 4 Jean Ann Bryant | Dec 26 Nasreen Saeedi |
| Dec 7 Carol Blumentritt | Dec 28 Patricia Cook |
| Dec 11 Carol Ann Maurer | Dec 28 Ester Pollard |
| Dec 11 Johnnie Wiley | Dec 29 Linda Whetsell |
| Dec 13 Patty Haefele | Dec 30 Celia C Triner |
| Dec 15 Donna Simoneaux | |
| Dec 17 Jo Ann Benlian | Please bring a door prize. |
| Dec 22 Susan Vacek | |
| Dec 23 Joan Aitken | |

COMFORT QUILTERS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

A special Thank You goes out to each guild member and Bee who made quilts for children, lap quilts for an elderly person or a stocking for Christmas goodies. This year your donations were above and beyond any we have ever received. The first ever guild challenge was awesome and ideas are being tossed around for another one in 2020. A total recap of where your donations went will be in the January 2020 newsletter.

Comfort Quilters is taking the month of December off after delivering

quilts to 7 different assisted living or Alzheimer facilities. Stockings were delivered to Cypress Assistance Ministries on December 2. Connie and I delivered all the Linus items to Sally Burns on November 25.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

~ Connie Bihner and Nita Beard
Charitable Projects Co-Chairmen

DECEMBER 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| 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 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Hanukkah | 23 | 24 | 25 Christmas | 26 Kwanzaa | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | | | | |

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imagery more efficiently, with less frustration and fabric waste.

Students must select

a pattern prior to the workshop so that Cynthia can prepare packets for class.



Tranquil Lake is on the left, Smoky Mountain on the right.

In addition to the Guild fee of \$35, the Material Fee of \$37.00 is payable in class. Cash preferred. Includes pattern and fabric for top, complete with borders and binding. Backing

and batting not included. The supply list will be available at the December meeting, and will be put on line.

February 2020

We will have a lecture only from the folks at Martelli. We’ve seen them many times at Festival, but this will be their first visit directly with us at the guild meeting. They promise an entertaining presentation of their products and services—as well as some “freebies”.

March 2020

Jackie Cantrell Asbill will be our speaker and workshop leader. Her lecture will be on a topic many of us have tried, “Quilt as You Go” and her workshop topic is Grandma’s Cuddle Quilt, a quick project made from your stash or specific fabric for this project. The supply List will be available in December and will be posted online.

Additional speakers already contracted for 2020 include Mr. Domestic in June of 2020 and Teresa Duryea Wong in August of 2020. As Debbie Adami takes the reigns for the second time in January, please help her in scheduling open months by sending her your ideas and suggestions for speakers and workshops.

As I close out my term at VP Programs and Workshops, I want to thank the guild for the opportunity to serve. It was a learning and gratifying experience in many ways. I hope others will step up as the opportunities arise to serve—you meet and become friends with a lot of great people! Lastly, I especially want to thank the board and all members for the prayers for my family; and your patience and understanding through the last couple of months. Best of luck to the new board in 2020 and beyond.

~ Lynda Morse
Second Vice President -
Programs and Workshops

GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be having a Christmas Potluck dinner at our December meeting. The meeting will start at the usual time of 6:45 pm on December 18 at the Thomas A Glazier Senior Education Center.

The Guild will be providing a beef brisket and spiral ham for your enjoyment. Cups, plates, napkins and cutlery will also be provided. There will be bottled water to drink. If you wish to drink something else, feel free to bring it along.

Please use the link below to sign up for a dish you wish to bring to the potluck. Cut and paste this link into your web browser instead.

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/CLAJ7093>



Once you are on our Potluck page, choose a food category. Then, find an available slot (number) and click on “take”. You will be asked to provide your name, email address and phone number, as well as what you wish to bring to the potluck. If you do not wish to receive weekly emails

from PerfectPotluck.com, remember to untick the box that says ‘send me weekly inspirations and meal taking tips’ when you are entering your information.

If you have any questions or problems using the online signup sheet, please let me know. If you do not wish to use the online signup or would rather be assigned a dish, you can email or call me.

~ Lisa Dinkelman



BEE NEWS

Cut-ups

Our whole group is very sad to learn that Terri Burton is retiring. She has been such a good friend to our bee and to the Guild for many years. We wish her well in the next chapter of her life, but we will sure miss her. Meanwhile, we are all busy getting ready for the big holiday season, making time to enjoy our families and friends along the way and maybe squeeze in a little work on our quilts. Our Christmas party promises to be a lot of fun and we will definitely NOT go hungry! May everyone have a very happy and healthy holiday season! Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukkah, Happy New Year to ALL.

Beekeeper: Celeste Fritz

Katy Rotary Club

November started out with our annual retreat to Margie's. For a couple of years some of our members have gone on retreat after Festival. It was a lot of fun. We plan on going again next year but only a week later.

During the month work has continued on our quilt for the Silent Auction at the next quilt show.

Then we went to Brookwood for our annual visit. A beautiful time at a beautiful place with good food and great friends. Brookwood is always special.

We closed out the month with our display of charity quilts at the Guild meeting. We all used the Wickedly Easy pattern. They were given to the Comfort Quilters to distribute.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Beekeeper: Jean Fleming

Ladies of the Night

Happy holidays from the Ladies of the Night! We are scurrying to finish up gifts of the season and looking forward to our December Holiday party hosted by Benedicte this year. There will be food, games and fun to be had by all – it's one of the highlights of the year! We hope your season is merry and bright!

Beekeeper: Sheila Odell
Submitted by Kathy Johnson

The Material Girls

2019 has been a busy year and challenging. Pillowcases were made at our October meeting and donated to Arrow Freedom Place.

We did a Christmas block exchange at our November meeting with 13 participants. What a creative group! Each participant made 12 blocks using their block of choice and Christmas fabrics. A great time for everyone.

December retreat at Magnolia Manor is the first weekend in December. We will be busy finishing up projects as well as a game of gift exchange. So much fun and you never know what is in those packages. Number 1 is a great position! It won't be the same without Esther; she has moved out of state and she will be missed.

In January we will be changing our Saturday meeting to the fourth week and will be meeting at Glazier Center. Plus...Angelique Burnside has vol-

unteered to become our Bee Keeper. Looking forward to her guidance and leadership.

Merry Christmas and Sew Happy New Year!

Beekeeper: Marcia Karns

The Thimbelinas

The Thimblelinas are ready for their Christmas party! Surprisingly, we are able to use the clubhouse for the last time for this event.

Our meeting place has been determined for the first four months in 2020. The January meeting will be at Pamela's clubhouse but that location is temporary. In the meantime, we will look for other options.

The bee would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Beekeeper: Lillie Hays

Thursday Night Bee

As always, our Christmas party and the gifts we each received were thoughtful, fun, useful and different. We laughed until we cried, ate until we were ready to pop and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. More details in January about our annual New Year's Day sew in.

Our first retreat of the year is January 23-26 at Stagecoach Retreat in Coldspring. This is a new retreat facility and we are looking forward to spending time together creating beautiful quilts.

Beekeeper: Nita Beard



New Form Please Complete

West Houston Quilters Guild 2020 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 15, 2020 (1st meeting)
\$15.00 – New members joining after July 1.
Mailed Newsletter: \$10.00 – Please include with dues payment

Please PRINT clearly

Birthday (month/day) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone (H) _____

(C) _____

Email _____

Prefer receiving newsletter via: Website _____ US mail _____ (add \$10 to dues)

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

Emergency Contact: _____

(Name, Relationship, Phone Number)

Do you give your permission to print your information in our directory that is available to members only? ---

Y or N (circle one)

Do you give us your permission to photograph you and your work for our website and/or scrapbook? --- Y

or N (circle one)

Please mail completed form along with a check for dues to:

West Houston Quilters Guild

Attn: MEMBERSHIP

P.O. Box 841515

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THANK YOU, TERRI

The members of the West Houston Quilter's Guild would like to say a big "Thank You" to Terri Burton and the staff at Quilt 'n Sew Studio for all of the friendship and support they have provided to our members throughout the years. We are sad to see the store closing, but wish Terri every happiness in her retirement.

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