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West Houston Quilters Guild Newsletter



A Note from Lisa

Welcome to the April 2020 newsletter. This month we have opted for a condensed version of our usual newsletter, due to the unusual circumstances we all find ourselves in.

March turned out to be a strange month, didn't it? It was a shame

we had to cancel our meeting, but we do hope to get Jackie Asbill back next year to show us her Quilt as you Go technique. As of today, the Thomas A. Glazier Senior Education Center has extended their closure until at least April 30th. We will continue to do our best to keep members informed should that date change again. I hope that you are all staying healthy and practicing your social distancing. Perhaps even getting some long overdue quilting time in?

Happy Sewing!

Lisa Dinkelman, President

2020 Speakers and Workshops

	Speakers	Workshops
May 20	Tommy Romano My Quilting Journey	
June 17	Matthew Boudreaux Mr. Domestic	June 18 – Workshop – TBD
July 15	Brenda Jeschke How to Make a Blue Ribbon Quilt	
August 19	Theresa Duryea Wong – Big Love: Texas Cottons & Quilts	
September 16	Jan Mathews – My Quilting Journey and Trunk Show	
October 21	Guild Project Workshop for the Quilt Show	
November 18	Cynthia Regone - Lecture and Workshop	Nov Workshop TBD
December 16	Christmas Party	

Membership Update:

As of the end of March we have 158 paid members – 1 more new this month. Welcome!!

I would like to ask for a volunteer to be our Guild Holiday Party Chair. This position is a yearly term and is part of the 1st Vice President - committees. The job description tasks are:

1. During the summer or early Fall, assemble a committee to help plan the Guild Holiday party to include food, Quilt-O, prizes, etc. This committee can consist of as little as one other person.
2. Respond to all Guild communications, both phone and electronic, in a timely manner. (Recommend a 24-hour maximum turnaround)
3. Communicate information about Holiday Party to members at Guild meeting and to Newsletter editor in a timely manner
4. Make budget request to Board in a timely manner

I hope and pray that we will be safe and well during this pandemic and be able to continue our social activities in the near future.

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

Karen Coffey
First Vice President

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Retreats

We are planning a Spring and Fall retreat at Magnolia Manor. The Spring Retreat is scheduled for May 17–20, Monday through Thursday for \$95. The Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 10–13, Friday – Sunday \$105. Sign up for the Spring Retreat is open. Contact Barbara Ann Watson

Barbara Ann Watson, Retreats

2021 Flights of Fancy Quilt Show

We are looking for a few good women and men to fill the remaining open Committee Chair positions for the show: Decorations, Guild Market, Hospitality and Awards Party, Layout and Floor Plan, Publicity, and Setup.

The Guild Market Chairman needs to coordinate the craft items that will be made by and donated by our Bees and other members. This position can be a shared position. There are volunteers who will man the booth at the show. Many of the Bees have already begun their projects for their contribution.

The Layout and Floor Plan Chairman is a fun job working with the show quilts and designing the layout of how the quilts will hang. This person will also help the Setup Chairman to make sure the quilts are hung in the correct spots on Thursday before the show.

Please reach out to Debbie Adami or Pat Cook to volunteer. Our show generates the funds to bring in speakers and hold workshops for the following 2 years. So, remember — It takes a Guild to make a Quilt Show.

Debbie Adami
Second Vice President Programs and Workshops

Guild 2021 Quilt Challenge

While we are all sheltering in place, now is a great time to work on the challenge quilt for the 2021 Quilt Show. You can find all of the information on the challenge quilt on the Guild's Website <https://www.whqg.org/guildquiltchallenge.htm> We are looking forward to seeing what you create!

Website

If you are a new member or a member that has never registered on the Website – it's SO easy!

We encourage everyone to register for the Website as this is the quickest and easiest way to communicate with our members.

Here's what you do:

Visit the guild's Website at www.whqg.org. On the top right side of the website heading you will see an orange button that says 'Member Login'. Click on that button, then click on '**Register now for free**'. A new page will appear that will ask for your email address and ask you to create a password, enter a Display Name, your birthdate, location and Gender.

Your *display name* is what will appear if you leave any comments on the Website. If you decide to use something other than your real name (example: "Awesome Quilter") then please email me your real name and your 'alias' so that I can check your membership against the current roster and approve your access.

- 3) Next enter your birthday (don't worry – there is an option to hide your age ☺)
- 4) Enter your Location and select your gender (that should be a no-brainer right?)
- 5) Next, click on the box that says 'I am not a robot'. Once you have entered this information, click on '**Create My Account**'

After these steps, you will receive an email at the email address you entered above. Click on the link within that email to activate your membership. Once you activate the link, an email goes to the Webmistress (ME!) who will check your membership against the current roster and your access will be approved. ****It's important that you use the same name that you used to join the guild, or if you use a different name, email me at Webmistress@WHQG.org to let me know that you are "AwesomeQuilter" or "LogCabin20"***

That's it! I told you it was easy! Did you know that there is a membership roster online, too? Only registered members have access to the roster, Quilt Bee pages and board minutes, etc. so hurry and register today so you don't miss a thing!

~Amy Matthias - Webmistress