

A NOTE FROM LISA

Happy April everyone! I hope you all enjoyed our March meeting. I personally found Nina Clotfelter's "What if" presentation very inspirational.

It is really starting to feel like Spring is here. The warmer weather and longer daylight encourages me to spend more time in the garden. Our herb garden is already looking spectacular. I might have gone a little crazy with the parsley this year--especially as I only grow it for the Eastern Black Swallowtail Butterflies. I've also been getting that Spring cleaning urge, and my sewing room is at the top of the list to tidy. After a good sort, I think I should be able to start up some new projects without feeling too guilty.

Our next meeting is fast approaching. I hope you can join us on April 21, where our speaker will be Annie Smith.

As always, please be safe and healthy, and take time to quilt!

Lisa

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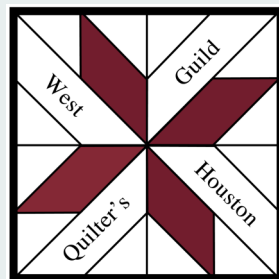
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COMMUNITY SERVICE/ COMFORT QUILTERS



When the new Bear Creek Community Center opens, the Comfort Quilters will be able to meet all day. We have reserved a room from 9:00 until 3:30. For those of you who are morning people, you can come at 9:00 and stay as long as you like. If you prefer afternoons, you can come at 1:00 and stay until 3:30. We felt that maybe more people would take advantage of being a part of this very productive and fun group of ladies.

For now, however, we meet on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 until 3:30 at The Glazier Center. Everything is provided to make quilts for Linus or the elderly, preemies and sometimes Christmas stockings. Let Connie or Nita know that you want to be a part of this group so we can add your name to the email list. Load up your sewing machine and sewing essentials and join us on Thursday, April 22.

If you have quilts you need to turn in, drop them off any Thursday after 1:00. Also if you would like to pick up a kit, let us know by Tuesday and we will have several available for you.

Connie Bihner/Nita Beard-Beekeepers



Reminder : the Zoom link will be sent out on Tuesday before the meeting on Wednesday. Be sure to watch for it. Login begins at 6:30 pm with the meeting at 6:45 pm.

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.

Next Board meeting: **May 5, 2020**

PROGRAM for April 21, 2021

What have you been quilting this past month? I have been working on my free motion quilting, especially on doing rounder curves. It has been a challenge for me on certain patterns and designs. Charity quilts are a great way to practice a new design. Pat C. recommended the Helen Godden YouTube videos and I have to share with you that they are excellent for getting a charity quilt done and have it look nice as well as having designs to use for borders and fillers.

April's guild presentation is from Annie Smith. Annie is a Bernina Ambassador, an Aurafil Designer, appliqué expert, and will be on the Quilt Show.com in an upcoming episode and was on the 2nd season with Ricki Timms and Alex Anderson as well. She has written books on applique, designed original quilts and patterns and been juried into Quilt Festival here in Houston. Her presentation is "If Our Quilts Could Talk, What Would They Say About Us?" I look forward to seeing you all on Zoom for our meeting.

Happy Quilting,
Debbie Adami
2nd VP/Programs



2021 Programs

April 21 Annie Smith. - TBD. [Annie Smith.net](http://AnnieSmith.net)

May 19 Ellen Lindner - "Confessions of a Fabric Whisperer" and Trunk Show. Adventurequilter.com

June 16 Timna Tarr - "Flying Colors Trunk Show" Timnatarr.com

Sunshine and Shadows



Sympathies to Nita Beard who lost her husband Mike in March. Nita and Mike were married for 57 years. Mike was a Veteran and former U.S. Postal worker. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

To share "sunshine" or "shadow" information about members contact Chris Friesen at cmfriesen9@gmail.com.

ZOOM Etiquette

Check your microphone and speaker settings and microphone BEFORE the meeting.

Plug your computer or device into a power source.

Use a headset in crowded public places.

MUTE your microphone when not actively speaking.

Be aware of your surroundings and behavior (we can see you)!



Look at yourself on the zoom screen. If you can only see an eye or a nose or the top of your head, that's what everyone else sees too!

Add questions/comments in "Chat" section to be addressed by Moderators.

"Raise Hand" if you would like to address the group.



Membership



We are into the second quarter of 2021, hopefully we have received renewals from any and all Members who will be returning for this year. All members who haven't renewed have been removed from the Roster. We have a total of 127 paid members at this time, and that number includes 3 new members.

I would like to welcome Sandy Harvey, Nancye Thibodeau, and Paula White to our group!! We are very glad you are joining us. These ladies have all expressed an interest in joining a Bee, so Beekeepers please check the Roster for their contact info if you have space in your group for new people. Hope you are all well and I will be so glad to see everyone face to face again!!

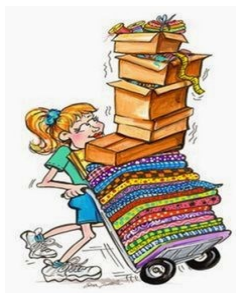
Make time for Quilting – it's the best for stress!

Karen Coffey

1st VP/Membership

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Gloria	Ware	Apr 01
Renee L	Gately	Apr 04
Marian	Stange	Apr 08
Marijo	Williams	Apr 11
Phyllis	Rucker	Apr 13
Shirley	Buckley	Apr 16
Ann M	Ammons	Apr 18
Sarah	Doty	Apr 21



Need Scraps?

Do you or does someone you know like to make stuffed animals, mini or wall quilts, dolls, lap or crib quilts, table run-

ners, placemats, and so on? One of my granddaughters and her young women's church group started making shelter dog and cat beds for a project so I started accepting donations of scraps from Bees and Quilters. Needless to say, the project has ended but the scrap donations have not. I have sorted the scraps and have bags and bags that I would love to give away to people who can put them to good use. I just can't toss them, I know they can be used somewhere. At some point I would like to be able to use some of them myself, but I am not there yet time wise and I am running out of space. I have put them into tall kitchen garbage bags and to date I have 20+ bags of scraps consisting of small fabric and batting pieces with narrow strips and squares under 6" good for stuffing or applique; 8+ bags of batting pieces of all sizes except bed sizes; 5 bags of quilt trims of backs and batting attached; and 4 bags of larger fabric pieces that could be used for pieced blocks or charm squares. I have also put together a box of T-shirt scraps that could be cut for quilts or cleaning/dust cloths, and a shopping bag of odds and ends.

If anyone is interested in any or all of these items please send a text or email to me and we can arrange to meet. I will be 2 weeks past my 2nd covid vaccine Monday the 12th so I will be more comfortable meeting. My email is on the website and my email and cell number are on the Roster.

Karen Coffey



BEE NEWS

MATERIAL GIRLS

Material Girls are going on a retreat at Magnolia Manor in the middle of April. What a treat this will be. Lisa, (the owner) has COVID safety measures in place and many of us are vaccinated. Time to get caught up on both quilting and visiting! We are continuing to work on our own block of the month blocks. We each get a month to decide on a block for the bee to make; January was a Gnome-man, February was a heart, March was a kite and April will involve an umbrella! Always fun to see what the next person will select!

Angelique Burnside - Beekeeper

BITS AND PIECES BEE

Bits and Pieces Bee is finally back at our large meeting space which is in the Katy area at near 99 and S. Fry Rd. We are happy to be there because we can take machines and sew and they have large tables. Our sincere and warmest thank you to Sue Humble for hosting us in her home over this difficult time. If you would like to join us please contact me at 713-419-9899.

Despite the “interesting” past year we have continued to meet for fellowship, show and tell and sewing together. We have initiated our charity block quilts again this year and look forward to meets and short road trips to local quilt shops.

As a challenge to other Bees, let's see which Bee can make the most Christmas stockings. We are starting in July and fabric will be flying around the room!

Cindy Haggard - Beekeeper

LADIES OF THE NIGHT

The Ladies of the Night have been sewing up a storm! Having 4 – 5 hours for daytime Bee meetings means we get to have a sew-in every week and some of us are taking full advantage of all that time. We've seen several charity quilts finished as well as great progress made on personal sewing projects. A big finish was the making of Barb K.'s daughter's wedding quilt, which we gave to her when she stopped by one of our Bee meetings. The blocks were uncovered during the recent sale of Barb's sewing room things and we were able to get the top together at our February retreat. Sheila did a beautiful job of quilting it and we had a group binding session to get it finished up. Her daughter was so thankful to have the finished quilt!

More and more of us are fully vaccinated which is a relief. Won't it be nice when we can look back and say “Remember when we had to wear masks and stay 6 feet apart?”

Sheila Odell, Beekeeper

Submitted by Kathy Johnson

THURSDAY NIGHT BEE

Bee is always fun and informative. Gail and Nita had lots of Show and Tell of the charity quilts they had made. Connie showed us a new way to make pinwheels and sample of finished blocks. Five from the group are going on retreat at Stagecoach on April 15 and looking forward to lots of sewing, good eats and plenty of laughs. I'm sure some of the completed quilts will be seen later at a guild meeting.

Nita Beard—Beekeeper



Door Prizes

THE THIMBLELINAS

The Thimblelinas met in Summer's back yard in March. We had an awesome meeting and wonderful show n tell. It felt like a real bee meeting!

Attendance for our April meeting was low because of the weather but had a great time catching up and getting input regarding adding borders and binding choices. It is always great to get opinions from others.

In May, we are planning a day trip to see Maria's new home. There may even be a sleepover for those who can spend the night! And we are patiently awaiting the opening of our new meeting place!

Happy quilting,

Lillie Hays, Beekeeper

We are now giving door prizes to members who attend the monthly guild meeting. When you are logged into the Zoom meeting we will be using a random number generator to draw your number. This is similar to drawing your name out of a "hat". We are requesting items from vendors; batting, patterns, notions, fat quarters etc. We will be working with the lucky winners on the best way to deliver the prizes to them; ding dong ditch, meet somewhere, etc. We have prizes for the April meeting! So tune in and don't miss out! As always you must be present to win!

March Door Prizes

Gloria Ware

Warm and Natural Queen Sized Batting

2021 Calendar and Pattern book from Quilt Folk

\$25 Gift Certificate from Fat Quarter Shop



Pamela Downes

Gift Pack from Urban Elementz: 3 Fat Quarters, Owl Applique, Badge holder, USB, Miracle Chalk and quilting templates

2021 Calendar from Quilt Folks





All Star Virtual Sampler Platter

Saturday May 22nd, 3-6pm (eastern)

Sunday May 23rd, 3-6pm (eastern)

Come enjoy a fantastic zoom classroom experience! Learn lots of quilting techniques from some of the best teachers around! Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like!

This jam-packed and exciting sampler platter is sure to be a rollicking good time for everyone! Experience some of the best teachers the virtual world has to offer in this live zoom event offered by the Global Quilt Connection. An All-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favorite quilting techniques, showcasing a wide variety of styles and techniques. You'll see everything from traditional to modern and art quilting techniques.

Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like, grab a cuppa and join the fun. Between each 15 minute demo we will offer short and entertaining zoom tutorials that will help you get the most out of a zoom workshop. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to experience a live zoom class, this is your perfect risk-free opportunity to check it out. Each teacher will demonstrate her Zoomin'-awesome teaching style so you can get a good feel of how wonderful virtual classes can be.

May 22, 3-6pm eastern

Catherine Redford Walking Foot Quilting Beyond the Ditch

Trudy Cleveland Photograph Your Quilt with a Smartphone

Natalya Khorover Hand Stitching on Single-use Plastic

Ashli Montgomery Storytelling Tees, pair T-shirts with Blocks

Dana Jones Demystifying Design for Foundation Piecing

Kelly Ashton Calculations, Cutting, and Why it Matters

Margarita Koriath Dimensional Designs with Light Modeling Paste

Nina Clotfelter Ruler Work on Your Domestic Machine

Sheila Frampton-Cooper Curved Piecing and Using Monofilament Thread

May 23, 3-6pm eastern

Sandy Fitzpatrick Fusible Appliqué with Decorative Machine Stitching

Andi Stanfield Building a Monochromatic Color Palette

Sue Sherman Needle Turn Appliqué for Hawaiian Quilting

Ellen Lindner How to Finish Your Quilt with a Facing

Karen Miller Curled Feather Quilting on a Home Machine

Joyce Hughes Thread Painting, Before and After

Lisa Shepard Stewart Ankara Folded Hexie Blocks and Projects

Ana Buzzalino Paintstiks on Fabric with Stencils and Rubbing Plates

Brenda Gael Smith Piecing Freeform Banded Triangles

You will receive a zoom link and a PDF from your guild, the week before the Sampler that includes written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration, as well as a page with tips for making the most of live zoom workshops. If you have signed up as an individual quilter you will get the same link and PDF. The live zoom webinar will have a 1000 person access limit at any one time but not to worry! If the webinar is full when you log in, you will be automatically directed to a youtube livestream and won't miss a thing! Sit back and see what a live virtual workshop has to offer.



MAKE IT MODERN—online Virtual Retreat

Just the right time to enjoy the fullness of spring!

We are bringing you the most fun & interactive experience you can have at a sewing retreat without needing to leave your home. That's right! This retreat is 100% online!

You can work on your own projects, one of the mini-projects offered by our instructors, or all of the above. Games, prizes, lots of sewing, new friends, and a whole new retreat experience.

No packing, no forgetting supplies, and shoes are optional!

To register go to: <https://retreatfromhome.com/retreats/make-it-modern-2021>



Wildflowers All Around Shop Hop. The fun starts April 5 and ends April 24 (3 weeks). There are 7 great shops to visit and a lot of fun to be had. Each Shop will be open their normal hours each day and each one has different hours. If you are not familiar with a shop's hours check that out through the website link below. Travel with friends, discover new quilt shops and have fun collecting free fat quarters and a special block pattern created by each shop.

Grand prize is a retreat stay for 10 at One Quilt Place in Fredericksburg value \$1,500

*Second prize is a collection of \$50 gift certificates from each shop value \$350

*Third prize is an Arrow Hydraulic Sewing Chair value \$350

* One of 7 baskets of fabric, notions, and patterns value \$300+

* \$25 Gift Certificate drawing each week at each shop

Link to participating shops and more information:

[Wildflowers All Around Shop Hop.com](http://WildflowersAllAroundShopHop.com)

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