



# Bear Paw Press

Bear Creek Quilt Guild

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## The President's Message

*Vicky Kidd,  
BCQG President*



## President's Message

Hi BCQG Friends,

About three years ago, I came across what I thought was a sweet volunteer opportunity. It became apparent that my then 48 year old wedding gown was not going to be used again. I decided that it should be. I "Googled and Gathered" information on various ways to make use of an unneeded wedding gown and became interested in a project called "Angel Baby Gowns." Previously worn wedding dresses are made into burial gowns for the tiniest babies that are born asleep. I was interested in making some baby gowns myself from my own dress. I searched for a pattern online, printed it, and proceeded to cut up my dress.

The patterns came in four sizes. The sizes ranged between 7 pounds and 1 ½ pounds. The gowns weren't easy to make, for more reasons than one. They were like making doll clothes. Sometimes the seams made tight curves and were difficult to navigate. But more than that, my thoughts were of the sad families that would have need of the gowns. I found myself thinking of them constantly as I sewed. Often I had to stop sewing and grieve. After many starts and stops, I eventually completed nine tiny garments to be used for infant burials. I turned in my volunteer hours to BCQG Community Service projects. The gowns were donated to the JPS NICU to distribute as needed.



Please review the Community Service page in our handbook. Then think about these facts gathered by Debra Heid, our Community Service Chair.

In 2021, we logged 1721.5 hours. In 2022, we logged 1091.5 volunteer hours. Debra and I believe that a couple of factors affected the decrease in hours. First was Covid. We did not meet in person for quite some time. I don't know about you, but I didn't even think about turning in volunteer hours during that time. Then, when we came back after Covid, we had gotten out of the habit of turning in hours. Those who consistently turned in hours, you are appreciated! I'm positive that many, like me, volunteered but just didn't say so.

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## Meeting Location and Time

**Bessie Mitchell House  
411 Ball Street  
Grapevine  
Texas 76051**

Guild meetings begin with  
social time from 6:30-7:00.  
Meetings start at 7:00.

**The President's  
Message  
(cont.)**

*Vicky Kidd,  
BCQG President*

Here is a list of ways you may earn volunteer hours.

1. Any way that you help with the annual quilt show counts. Time spent hanging quilts, making mini quilts for auction, fashioning boutique items, working at the show, all can be counted as volunteer hours.
2. All who work on a committee such as Quilts of Valor may count those hours spent creating quilts for our veterans. Each person may count meetings and work days. Quilting on the Quilts of Valor done by our long arm quilters can be counted.
3. Hours spent making baby and children's items for JPS or other children's charities can be counted.
4. Hours spent making quilts for Gatehouse can be counted.

Let's remember to count volunteer hours, outdo our numbers from last year, and protect our standing as a non-profit organization. You represent Bear Creek Quilt Guild. Any time you spend volunteering for the benefit of others, you are reflecting the goodness of our organization. Debra will have some sheets available at the next meeting that will make it easy to keep track of your hours.

I have a couple of housekeeping items for you. At the last meeting, I announced that we will be having a perfect attendance contest. If you attend 11 meetings this year, you will be eligible for the drawing in December. One thing I failed to mention is that you need to be "there in the chair" to be eligible. Sorry, but attendance by Zoom doesn't count. And please don't come if you are ill. The prizes will be good, but nothing like a trip or something like that. Haha!

If you have any items that might be good door prizes, we are open for donations. Please and thank you for helping in this way. Door prizes are such fun! See you again soon!

Live life one stitch at a time,  
Vicky

**The Past President's  
Message**

*Kathi Runyan,  
Past- President*

Thank you to all for my beautiful Log Cabin blocks, they are a delight. I plan to work on my layout very soon at two upcoming retreats in Feb and hope to have a show and tell to share soon. I appreciate all the hard work and handiwork everyone contributed to make my blocks a dream come true. I can't wait to share my finished quilt with everyone when it is finished.. It was a pleasure serving as your President!

Kathi Runyan

**Thank You!**

**Community Service**

*Debra Heid*

I want to thank everyone for their volunteer hours this past year. We logged a total of 1091 hours. - time which included making 200+ quilts that were donated to J.P.S., the Gatehouse, Quilts of valor and Foster Care. While we didn't match the hours from 2021, I believe we had volunteer time that wasn't captured. If you have any questions about your hours or can't attend a meeting, please send me an email with your volunteer hours. - [Debraheid@gmail.com](mailto:Debraheid@gmail.com). I also want to say thank you to our new president for getting the ball rolling for 2023 - Vicky was the first one this year to make a donation quilt for 2023.

I am looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish in 2023. Have a healthy and happy New Year.

Deb Heid, Community Services

## Programs

Aleta Mayrose  
1st VP Program/  
Workshop Director

### JANUARY GUILD MEETING

The Zoom meeting with Ashli Montgomery in January was a wonderful success. I found her lecture to be enlightening, informative and needed by many of us. Learning more about Alzheimer's can be found on her website: [Quilt2EndALZ.org](http://Quilt2EndALZ.org). She has many products available for sale and 80% of the proceeds go to help cure Alzheimer's.

### FEBUARY GUILD MEETING

February brings Lisa Erlandson to our guild with a lecture called, "Orphan Quilts – the Good, the Bad & the Ugly". Come listen to her program. Her website is [www.lequilts.com](http://www.lequilts.com) if you want to know more about her.

### MARCH GUILD MEETING

In March we have a speaker and workshop. Trish Stuart is coming with a lecture called, "How to step out of the box" and a workshop titled, "Collage with a twist". Plan to attend. It will be a fun time and a way to get to know fellow guild members. Trish has been to our guild in the past so many of you will remember her.

### APRIL GUILD MEETING

In April Nancy Russel will give a lecture on, "Old McDonald Had a Barn Quilt". This sounds very interesting so plan to attend. Support our Guild!!

## Sew Day

JoAnne Sheppard

### Sew Day for Fidget Mats.

Anyone interested in pawing through my stash of Fidget Mat doodads to put together a fidget mat or two?

Text me or call me at (817) 673-9483 to sign up. There's room for up to 8 quilters on Sat., Feb. 11, 2023 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Let me know if you're interested. I'm at 790 Windemere Way in Keller. Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies.

JoAnne Sheppard

[www.nappinnanaquilts.blogspot.com](http://www.nappinnanaquilts.blogspot.com)



## Membership

*Michelle Lewis  
Membership Committee Chair*

Hello everyone! Hope your 2023 is starting out well!

It's time to pay your 2023 Membership Dues! There are a number of ways to get your membership dues in.

1. Snail Mail to me. My address is on the form.
2. PayPal - Go to our website for instructions.
3. Pay at the guild meeting.

Aleta has a great lineup of speakers and Mona is working on our April Retreat. We have a Quilt Show in August. That's just a few things you don't want to miss out on.

Be sure to visit our website and our FaceBook page.  
If you have any questions please email, text or call me.

Thanks!  
Michelle Lewis

### January Meeting

27 Members At Facility  
10 Zoom  
2 Visitors

One New Member:

Chris Currie  
724 Bedford Ct West  
Hurst, TX 76053  
817-729-1998  
[chris.currie@aa.com](mailto:chris.currie@aa.com)

*JoAnne Sheppard  
New Member Liaison*

**WELCOME** to our newest member, Chris Currie, who joined guild in January. She lives in Hurst. Make her feel welcome when you see her at guild meetings.

JoAnne Sheppard  
New Member Liaison



# BEAR CREEK QUILT GUILD

2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Year you initially joined BCQG: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell # - \_\_\_\_\_ other # \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**

RENEW MEMBERSHIP: \$35 - Email Newsletter  
 RENEW MEMBERSHIP: \$47 - Mailed Newsletter  
 NEW MEMBER - \$35.00 - Email Newsletter     NEW MEMBER: \$47 - Mailed Newsletter

NOTE: Dues are prorated July thru December at \$18-\$20(PP) plus \$1.00 per month for mailed newsletter

Check: Make payable to: BCQG

Mail check to: Michelle Lewis, 116 Eagle Moor Ln, Weatherford, TX. 76087

To Pay via PayPal: add \$1.36 to the membership fee shown above. Go to your PayPal Account and make your payment to [bearcreekquilt-guild@yahoo.com](mailto:bearcreekquilt-guild@yahoo.com)

. Please be sure to add your information in the PayPal Notes Box.

**MEMBER INFORMATION USAGE**

You agree information provided above can be included in the Guild Directory Y or N – (Initial \_\_\_\_\_)

You agree information provided above can be on the Guild Website (Password Protected) Y or N – (Initial \_\_\_\_\_)

• **Do you currently belong to a BCQG Bee(s)?** If so, BEE name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Interested in joining a BCQG Bee? Y or N Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Night time \_\_\_\_\_

• **Join A Committee and Make New Friends!**

It is only through the active participation by ALL OF our members that our guild can achieve its goals.

Please check any committees in which you have an interest:

<input type="checkbox"/> Bee Keeper	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine & Shadows
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Opportunity Table	<input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Show Boutique
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Outings/Retreats	<input type="checkbox"/> Quilts of Valor
<input type="checkbox"/> Magazine Swap	<input type="checkbox"/> Show & Tell	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership



## Quilting Bees Info

Come explore a Bee. Friendships are made and tips are shared.  
**Questions? Contact Pam Roark at [BC.BeeKeeper21@gmail.com](mailto:BC.BeeKeeper21@gmail.com)**  
or see my phone # in the directory.

BEE NAME	MEETING DAY/TIME	HOW	OPEN
A Few Loose Threads	Friday/every other/9:30am	In-Person	N
Bag Ladies	Thursday /weekly/10:00am	In-Person	N
Blue Bonnet Quilters	Wed/2 <sup>nd</sup> /monthly/4:30pm (meets at Roanoke Library)	In-Person	Y
Fabricholics	Monday/2 <sup>nd</sup> /monthly/10:00am	In-Person	N
Hand Stitchers Zoom Bee	Thurs/1st/monthly/1:30pm	Online	Y
Longarm Quilters*	Wed/1 <sup>st</sup> /monthly/6:30pm (meets at Quilters Dream)	Not Meeting	Y
Pieceful Daze	Monday/1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> /9:30am	In-person	N
Pins & Needles	Friday/2 <sup>nd</sup> /12:00pm –8:00pm (meets at Quilters Dream)	In-Person Come & Go	Y

\*This Bee is for longarm machine quilters.

## Birthdays

Michelle Lewis



## February Birthdays

Julie McLaughlin	02/01	Bobbie Campbell	02/19
Betty Reisch	02/12	Kyle Mills	02/23
Cindy Gerber-Chavez	02/14	Eileen O'Neal	02/28
Sarah Perkins	02/16		

Bear Creek Quilt Guild  
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes  
**January 3, 2023**

President, Vicky Kidd, opened the meeting at 6:30 pm on ZOOM with the following officers and members present: Vicky Kidd, Kathi Runyan, Kathy Longo, Aleta Mayrose, Pam Roark, Kyle Mills, Beverly Douglas, and JoAnne Sheppard. Vicky welcomed everyone to the meeting. December 2022 Board minutes were reviewed and motion to accept was made by Kathi Runyan, with a second by Kyle Mills, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kyle reported for the month of December no income, expenses of \$524.51 (hospitality expenses, PO box rental, donation to Sew Many Blessings, and ZOOM account fee). Audit is scheduled for January 15, 2023, at Kyle's house for 2 pm, with Selena Woodward, Nancy Carr, and Aleta Mayrose on the audit committee.

**Unfinished Business:** (1) Kathi Runyan has completed compiling a complete list for the printing of guild bookmarks/cards for next year. Kathi has met with the printer to design the bookmarks from information on the old cards and new information included. Typed program listings with an asterisk (\*) denotes there is also a workshop that month. Initial order of 300 will cost \$130.00, which includes the setup fee.

(2) Discussion held regarding have 1 or 2 retreats per year, open retreats, or modified type retreats. Due to the challenges of filling all spots at retreats, there is consideration of having only one retreat per year. Suggestion is to have members anonymously fill out a survey designating their preferences for no retreat, 1 retreat, or 2 retreats per year at the next general meeting. More to follow.

(3) January meeting to be held on ZOOM. Angela Hoss has set up for in-person and ZOOM.

**New Business:**

**Committee Co-Chairs-** Vicky has asked committee chairpersons to consider having a co-chair for the different committees to serve as a backup or fill in when needed. Please let Vicky know if you designate someone so the information can be included in the directory.

**Bessie Mitchell House unavailable-** The meeting location is unavailable for the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion held to change the date or the venue. Decision was to change the date first and then explore another venue if it isn't doable. Motion made to change the meeting date to June 13, 2023, by Kathi Runyan, seconded by Kathy Longo, and the motion passed.

**Officer installation-**Beverly Douglas was sworn in by Kathi Runyan as second Vice-President. Welcome to Beverly!

**Perfect attendance-** Vicky suggested having a perfect attendance contest for door prizes. To be considered, members will have attended a certain number of times per year to be eligible for a chance at a door prize. More to follow.

**Committee Reports:**

**Beekeeper**—Pam Roark is concerned about the lack of Bees; hoping to increase interest and will work with Michelle on recruiting new members to join or form a Bee.

**Communications**—Nothing to report. **Community Service**—Nothing to report.

**New Member Liaison**—JoAnne Sheppard reported she is making more pincushions and will introduce new members at the member meetings as they join.

**Magazines**— No report. **Newsletter**—No report. **Membership**—None

**Show and Tell:** None **Opportunity:** None **Quilts of Valor:** None

**Quilt Show:** See above **Retreats:** None **Webmaster:** None

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Next Guild Member meeting: January 17, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Next Guild Board meeting : February 7, 2023, 6:30pm on ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Longo, BCQG Secretary

Bear Creek Quilt Guild  
Member In-Person/Zoom Meeting Minutes  
Bessie Mitchell House Grapevine, Texas  
**January 17, 2023**

Vicky Kidd opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Bessie Mitchell House in Grapevine, Texas at 6:58 pm. There were 27 members, 2 guests, and 1 new member in attendance and 6 members on ZOOM. December Member meeting minutes were reviewed, and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Pam Roark, seconded by Bernie Sullivan, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Selena Woodward reported for the month of December expenses of \$524.51, and no income. Annual end of year audit was held and went well.

**Unfinished Business:** (1) The approved bookmarks are ready and look great for distribution to quilt shops, businesses, etc. Kathi Runyan has them for everyone to take some to distribute. Thank you to Kathi for spearheading this and getting the work done!

(2) Vicky reminded everyone to please complete the BCQG sponsored retreat survey concerning number of retreats per year. Once the Board reviews the results, we will discuss retreat attendance at the following meeting.

**New Business:**

**Committee Co-Chairs-** Vicky has asked committee chairpersons to consider having a co-chair for the different committees to serve as a backup or fill in when needed. Please let Vicky know if you designate someone so the information can be included in the directory.

**Bessie Mitchell House unavailable-** The meeting location is unavailable for the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our meeting will be changed and held on June 13, 2023, at 7pm. Please note.

**Perfect attendance-** Vicky announced a perfect attendance contest for door prizes. To be considered, members will have attended 11 meetings per year to be eligible for a chance at a door prize. More to follow.

**Update on members-** Sheri Jones is getting better and was in attendance on ZOOM. Ana Kempfer had an accident and will be having surgery on Thursday; she was also in attendance on ZOOM. Our thoughts for quick recoveries are with them both.

**Committee Reports:**

**Programs:** Aleta announced the February speaker will be Lisa Erlandson; March speaker will be Trish Stuart and she has a workshop she will be presenting as well.

**Membership:** Renewal forms for next year were in the back of the room.

**Quilt Show:** None

**Retreats—** Mona Levingston reported the BCQG Retreat is coming up. Being held at Sunset Retreat April 13-19, 2023, for \$270.00. Please sign up with Mona and let her know if you are interested in scheduling a massage or not.

**Show and Tell items presented.**

**Door prizes given out.**

The next BCQG member meeting – February 21, 2023, at 7pm, at Bessie Mitchell House.

The next BCQG Board meeting – February 7, 2023, at 6:30pm via Zoom.

**Business Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm; Presentation ended at 8:20pm.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Longo, BCQG Secretary



## Quilt Shows and Other Activities



### Quilting Events

\*For information purposes ONLY.

Please, check for specifics with the organization

## 2023

- FEB 3-4 Highland Lakes Quilt Show Burnet, Tx  
<https://www.hlgg.org/quilt-show.html>
- FEB 10-11 Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show S, Padre Island  
[Quilt Show - Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild \(rgvqg.com\)](http://www.rgvqg.com)
- MAR 10-12 Dallas Quilt Show Dallas  
<https://www.quiltersguildofdallas.org/dallas-quilt-show/>
- MAR 24-25 Annual Guild Quilt Show Tyler, Tx  
[Annual Guild Quilt Show, Tyler USA - Trade Show \(10times.com\)](http://10times.com)
- APR 28-29 Highland Lakes Quilt Show Gun Barrel City  
[Quilt Show Athens, Gun Barrel USA - Trade Show \(10times.com\)](http://10times.com)
- AUG 11-12 Plano Quilt Show Plano, Tx  
[Quilt Plano 2023 – Quilters Guild of Plano \(qgplano.org\)](http://qgplano.org)
- AUG 16-18 Original Sewing & Quilting Expo Irving, Tx  
<https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Original-Sewing-Quilt-Expo-Events>

### **Stay in touch with your guild!**

Check out our website at

[www.bearcreekquiltguild.com](http://www.bearcreekquiltguild.com)

If you did not receive a password after paying membership fees, please email Michelle Lewis at:

[quiltingmichelle@gmail.com](mailto:quiltingmichelle@gmail.com)

817-247-0622.

### **Members in the News**

If you, or your quilt, has made news recently, email a picture of you and the quilt to [candyquiltnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:candyquiltnewsletter@gmail.com)

### **Bee News**

If you have an activity or picture for “Bee News”, send to Pam Roark [BC.BeeKeeper21@gmail.com](mailto:BC.BeeKeeper21@gmail.com)

Contact Pam if you are interested in joining or starting a Bee.

### **NEWSLETTER**

Deadline for the newsletter is **the 25th of the month.**

Please send all articles worded as you would like them printed to Candy Frobish [candyquiltnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:candyquiltnewsletter@gmail.com)

### **ADVERTISEMENT RATES**

Advertisements may be submitted electronically or by camera-ready art on or before the 25th of each month. Advertisements must be paid in advance. If you are interested, please contact via phone, email or mail:

Candy Frobish  
428 Bluebonnet Dr.  
Grapevine, Texas 76051  
925-984-5606 (mobile)  
[candyquiltnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:candyquiltnewsletter@gmail.com)

Size	1 month	3 months	6 months
<b>Business Card</b>	\$ 7.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
<b>1/4 page</b>	14.00	40.00	80.00
<b>1/2 page</b>	28.00	80.00	160.00

### **BCQG WEBSITE**

[www.bearcreekquiltguild.com](http://www.bearcreekquiltguild.com)

### **BCQG OFFICERS 2023**

President	Vicky Kidd	806-674-8098
1st Vice President	Aleta Mayrose	682-429-8351
2nd Vice President	Beverly Douglas	813-838-6533
Secretary	Kathy Longo	845-661-8477
Treasurer	Selena Woodward	817-996-4133
Past President	Kathi Runyan	817-488-7577

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2023**

Beekeeper	Pam Roark <a href="mailto:BC.beekeeper21@gmail.com">BC.beekeeper21@gmail.com</a>	See email
Communications	Angela Hoss	469-371-2091
Community Service	Debra Heid	817-600-1229
Hospitality	Executive Board	
Magazine Swap	Lauren Friend	830-992-0567
Membership	Michelle Lewis	817-247-0622
Directory/Ads	Michelle Lewis	817-247-0622
New Member Liaison	JoAnne Sheppard	817-673-9483
Newsletter	Candy Frobish	925-984-5606
Opportunity Table	Doris Schjelderup	817-562-1741
Outings/Retreats	Mona Levingston	817-235-9188
Quilts of Valor	Beverly Douglas	813-838-6533
Show & Tell	Betty Reisch	817-296-5931
Sunshine & Shadows	Linda McKinney	817-584-2397
Webmaster	Jennifer Stewart	817-876-2691
Workshops	Aleta Mayrose	682-429-8351