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## The President's Message

Vicky Kidd  
BCQG President



## President's Message

Hi everyone!

By the time you read this, we will be well past Thanksgiving and thinking "If I never eat again, it will be too soon!" LOL! Immediately following the turkey and parades, we fling ourselves right into all the December festivities with lights, gifts, friends, families, and holiday foods that we look forward to all year. I wish for each of you to have the best holiday seasons ever!

I always enjoy the Quilt of Valor presentations! I was chatting with a friend about the significance of these quilted gifts not only for our recipients, but also for our BCQG members. We decided it is a chance for us to witness the giving, receiving, and reactions to these quilts. Although, our members create and contribute many beautiful quilts for others, we seldom get to see the reactions of the receivers. When we present Quilts of Valor we get to experience the effects of our diligent labors for others. Please keep those thoughts in mind as we continue to be a thriving guild where the members have great fun and happily do so much for others. Check out the photos and information about this year's Q of V recipients in the newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your friendship and especially your tolerance of my semi-warped personality as I served as your President for these last two years. It has been my joy and honor to have had as much fun as possible and drag as many of you as possible along with me! Bear Creek Quilt Guild is a place for good friends, fun, learning, and serving. Let us continue in our lighthearted and friendly manner as Shawn Frazier takes over as your President. I know she will do a great job! She has some wonderful ideas already.

The December 17th meeting will be our holiday potluck. Please bring your favorite foods to share, a nice gift priced not more than \$15 in a bag (preferably with handles for easy passing in the Right-left game), and some \$\$ for door prize tickets. Oh! And let's wear something red and/or green, festive, ugly sweater, Santa hats, reindeer antlers, blinky lights, just anything festive! We will draw for perfect attendance awards and install 2025 officers as well. Come join the fun as we end 2024 and get ready for 2025!

Make it sew!

Vicky

## 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.



Vicky Kidd called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM with a welcome to members and guests and introducing the Quilts of Valor committee chair. The Quilt of Valor presentations were led by Beverly Douglas, starting with the history of Quilts of Valor followed by introducing each of the honorees and each being presented with their quilt. After all presentations had been made, the honorees and their guests were invited to enjoy refreshments with guild members .

While socializing with the honorees and guests, the boutique of remaining quilt show items were made available for purchase.

A call for any additions or corrections to the October meeting minutes met with no requests and a motion to approve them as published was made by Kathy Longo, seconded by Nancy Carr, and the motion passed.

Kay Thomas presented the treasurer's report, with income of \$14.58 and expenses of \$824.28 for a loss of \$809.70.

There were no new members to announce.

Kathy Longo introduced additional guests in attendance.

Kayleen Allen announced the loss of resources for long-arm quilting for charity quilts and called for any volunteers to take on the task to contact her.

\*Ongoing Business-election of 2025 officers:

Shawn Frazier-President,  
Nancy Carr-1st Vice President,  
Kathi Runyan-2 nd Vice President,  
Secretary-Chris Sizemore,  
Secretary Protem- Pam Roark,  
Treasurer-Kay Thomas,  
Past President-Vicky Kidd.

A motion to approve the slate of officers was made by Kathy Longo and seconded by Tom DeMoss and the motion to approve passed.

Vicky announced there will not be a board meeting in December and asked all to please stay tuned for news about our December potluck. Attendees were reminded we each need a gift in a bag for the Right-Left game and a favorite dish for the potluck meal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

**Bear Creek Quilt Guild  
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes, November 5, 2024**

President Vicky Kidd, opened the meeting at 6:29 pm on ZOOM with the following officers and members present: Vicky Kidd, Pam Roark, Beverly Douglas, Kathi Runyan, Kay Thomas, Nancy Carr, Mary Nalley, Angela Hoss and Aleta Mayrose. Vicky welcomed everyone. October 2024 Board minutes were reviewed, motion to accept was made by Kathi Runyan, seconded by Nancy Carr and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kay Thomas reported for October 2024 an income of \$14.58, expenses of \$824.28 with a net loss of -\$809.70.

**Old Business:**

Dates to Remember- Quilt of Valor Presentation Nov 19, Christmas Potluck Dec 17.

November Meeting/Quilts of Valor- Beverly Douglas said there will be 6 presentations this November. There will be boutique items for sale at the meeting and Kay Thomas will bring the square reader for the sales. The Executive Board will be voted on after the QOV presentation..

December Meeting- Vicky Kidd said we will have a potluck in December. Bring a gift to pass for the right-left game. The perfect attendance award will be given and officers will be installed.

**New Business:**

Lease- The lease on the Bessie Mitchell House is up July 1st. It was discussed and decided that Vicky Kidd should turn in a lease request to extend the lease for 6 months. It will be paid for with the January 2025 budget when Shawn Frazier is President.

BCQG Bookmarks- It was decided to make bookmarks with the 2025 programs on them. Kathi Runyan agreed to get the bookmarks made. The list of 2025 programs will be provided by Nancy Carr by the middle of January.

Board Meeting- Vicky Kidd announced that there would not be a December Board meeting unless something urgent comes up.

Committee Reports- None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Next Guild Member meeting: November 19, 2024, at 7:00pm, Quilts of Valor Presentation.

Next Guild Board meeting: January 7, 2025, at 6:30pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Roark, BCQG Secretary ProTem





# BCQG Member Spotlight

At the North Texas Quilt show, **Dorene Joyce's** "Cabbage Rose" quilt caught the attention of Hoffman Media-Original Sewing Expo, earning a spot in their 2025 traveling exhibition, which spans eight cities between March and November 2025. This recognition results from OSQE's selection of top quilts from the 2024 contest for their prestigious tour.

## 2025 Events

Atlanta-Duluth, GA | March 6, 7 & 8, 2025

Lakeland, FL | March 13, 14 & 15, 2025

Cleveland, OH | April 3, 4 & 5, 2025

Raleigh, NC | May 1, 2 & 3, 2025

Will not be shown again in Dallas show .

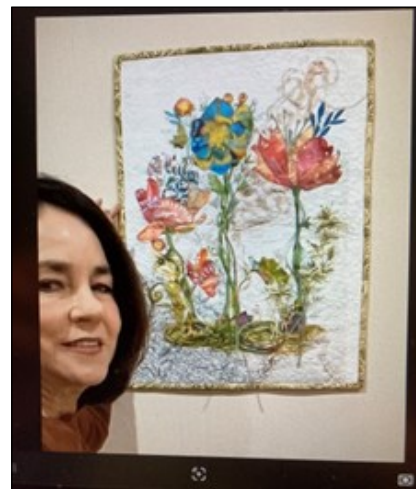
Fredericksburg, VA | Sept. 25, 26 & 27, 2025

Nashville - Lebanon, TN | Oct. 2, 3 & 4, 2025

Cincinnati - Sharonville, OH | Oct. 16, 17 & 18, 2025



Gail Haterius' quilts, "Just Blooming" and "Koi" will be traveling to miscellaneous quilt shows as well. It's so cool to have quilts traveling around the U.S. from two talented BCQG members!



## Perfect Attendance

Vicky Kidd



## Perfect Attendance Contest!

**Beginning January 16, 2024, and ending on December 17, 2024**

We're getting closer! Who will make it to perfect attendance on December 17th? These diehards are still hanging in there!

Perfect Attendance:

1. Ana Kempfer
2. Betty Reisch
3. Beverly Douglas
4. Chris Currie
5. Doris Schjelderup
6. Nancy Carr
7. Tom DeMoss

## Upcoming Contest 2025

Kathi Runyan

Who Sews Here?

Members, we have a great idea for a program for next year and we need your help and participation!

Send me (kayvee78@aol.com) or Nancy (nmkrock@aol.com), a picture of your sewing/craft space. Be careful to work around any identifying items or pictures of your family, signs with your name on it, your last award winning quilt...and a photo of you! If you don't have one you like, we can take a picture of you at an upcoming meeting.

I will prepare a contest board of our member's spaces and we will play a game to match the maker with their space!!

Just another fun idea to help us all learn more about each other and our different ways of crafting!

Have a terrific holiday and see you at the December meeting!

Kathi Runyan

Thank you to everyone who submitted their volunteer hours for this past year. It brings to date our total hours of 2,156. We provide support to: John Peter Smith Hospital (J.P.S.), Cooks Childrens Hospital, Project Linus, Union Mission, Christ Haven, Child Protective Services, Gatehouse, Next Step Woman's Services, Days for Girls, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Happy Holidays.

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Community Services



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## Membership

Michelle Lewis  
Membership Committee  
Chair

Hello Members!

We had a Great Meeting in November! The Quilts of Valor is such a touching ceremony.

Members: 41

Visitors: 10

Our membership drive starts this month. Dues are still \$35.00 for 2025. A form is in the newsletter, on our website, at the meeting, and I can email you one. You can pay by cash, check, or paypal (information on the membership form).

Even if you are a charter member or just signing up again, I need you to complete a form.

Also, our 2025 directory needs advertisers. A copy of the form is in the newsletter or I can email it to you. Advertisements help pay for the printing of the directories.

There will be three people handling Membership in 2025. Aleta Mayrose and Kathy Longo are going to handle the meetings and I am going to handle the directory and back office part.

Hope to see you all at the December meeting! We are going to have a good time.

Michelle Lewis

quiltingmichelle@gmail.com

817-247-0622



## Birthdays

Michelle Lewis



### December Birthdays

Linda Witt	12/25	Barbara Melhouse	12/31
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### **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.

**BEAR CREEK QUILT GUILD**  
2025 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 by Quarter 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 [bearcreekquiltguild@yahoo.com](mailto:bearcreekquiltguild@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) \_\_\_\_\_

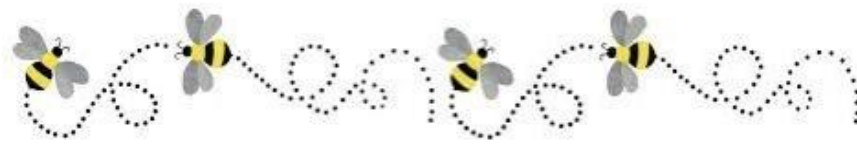
Interested in joining a BCQG Bee? Y or N    Daytime \_\_\_\_\_    Night time \_\_\_\_\_

• **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:

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| <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/LOCATION	HOW	OPEN
A Few Loose Threads	Friday/every other/9:30 Meets at: Must Love Fabric	In-Person	N
Blue Bonnet Quilters	Wed/2 <sup>nd</sup> /monthly/4:30-8:30p Meets at: Roanoke Library	In-Person	Y
Collages Plus	Thursday/1st & 3rd/1:30-4:30 Meets at: Gail Haterius' home	In-Person	Y
Fabricholics	Monday/2nd/Monthly/10:00 Meets at: Kayleen Allen's Home	In-Person	N
Pieceful Daze	<u>1st Monday 9:30</u> at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church <u>3rd Monday 9:30</u> at Richland Sewing Center	In-Person	Y
Pins & Needles	Fridays/2 <sup>nd</sup> and last monthly 12:00-8:00p Meets at: Quilters Dream	In-Person Come & Go	Y

### Bear Creek Quilt Guild 2024 Programs

\*Workshop Scheduled

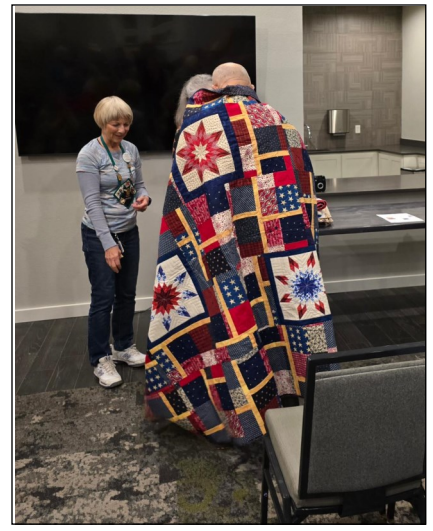
**December 17**

Christmas Potluck & Officer Installation





# QUILTS OF VALOR









**Bear Creek Quilt Guild Presents:**

**The 2024 Quilt of Valor Recipients**

**Millard A. "Bud" Baxley**

**Sharon McDonald Clark**

**Victor Covarrubias**

**Sandra D. Kelly**

**Edward Miles**

**Devecchio Turner**

**Millard A. "Bud" Baxley:** Gunnery Sargeant Bud Baxley served in the US Marine Corps from January 1957-December 1979. He was sent to numerous duty stations, including San Diego, California, Iwakuni, Japan, Okinawa,



the Philippines, Camp Pendelton, California, 29 Palms, California, Vietnam (66-67), and New York City Recruiting Duty. Bud served in a variety of ways, including Radio Telegraph Operator, Radio Chief, Fire Directions Chief, various instructor

duties, and USMC Recruiter in NYC. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Navy Commendation Medal with Valor, the Combat Action Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation Medal, the Presidential Unit Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Presidential Award, the USMC Recruiting Medal, the USMC Expeditionary Medal, the Naval Sea Services Medal, the National Defense Medal, and the USMC Reserve Medal.

After 22 years of exemplary service, Bud worked for Ford Aerospace, Texas Industries, and as a Texas Concealed Handgun Instructor. He was married to his first wife for 62 years, and has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. He has now been remarried for one year, and enjoys spending time with his family, his church, target shooting, and reading military history.

Bud was referred for a Quilt of Valor by Kathy Gause.

**Sharon McDonald Clark:** SP4 Sharon Clark served in the Women's Army Corps from August 1972-August 1975. Stationed at Campzama, Japan, Yongsan, Korea, and Camp Carroll Army Depot in Korea, she worked as a Data Communications Terminal Specialist. She was the first woman to graduate from the 8<sup>th</sup> US Army NCO Academy. She was given awards for Soldier of the Month and Soldier of the Quarter.



After her 3-year service career, Sharon attended university and received a Bachelor's Degree. She is married and has one son. She spent many years working in the Telecommunications field and later as a Landman in the oil and gas industries.

Sharon was referred for a Quilt of Valor by Michelle Lewis.



**Victor Covarrubias:** Staff Sargeant Victor Covarrubias served in the US Army from June 2001-March 2010. Stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, Hohenfels, Germany, Camp Monteith, Kosovo, Ft. Lewis, Washington, and Ft. Salerno, Afghanistan, he worked as a

Human Intelligence Collector. He was awarded the Army Commendation, the Combat Action Badge, and the Schutzenschnur Badge, a prestigious badge for superior marksmanship.

After his 9 years of military service, Victor obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Women's University in Nursing. He married in 2016 and has two boys. He likes to play chess, go mountain biking, and go camping.

Victor was referred for a Quilt of Valor by Melissa Barron.

**Sandra D. Kelly:** Captain Sandra Kelly served in the US Air Force from 12 September 1984-30 November 1996. Stationed at Andrews AFB in Maryland, Scott AFB in Illinois, Hickham AFB in Hawaii, and Robins AFB in Georgia, she worked as a Logistics Plans Officer, a Transportation Officer, and as Acquisitions Logistics Officer. Awards received included the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Medal,



the National Defense Medal, the Air Force Long Tour Ribbon, the Air Force Outstanding Unit award, and the Air Force Organizational Excellence award.

After her 12-year service career, Sandra settled in Grapevine TX. She has 3 children, 2 girls and one son, and while they were young, she was a substitute teacher, worked in the office of her church, and taught preschool. For the past 15 years, she has been employed in the medical field, working in office administration.

Sandra was referred for a Quilt of Valor by Stephani Allen.

**Edward L. Miles, Jr:** Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Ed Miles served in the US Navy from October 22, 1963-October 20, 1967. He served on the USS Hector AR-7, the Great Lakes Naval Training Center Electricians Mate School, the USS Albany CG-10, and the USS Corry DD-817, as an Electricians Mate 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. He was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Honorable Discharge Button, and the Honorable Reserve Discharge Button.



After 4 years of military service, Ed worked for the US Postal Service as an electronic technician. He has been married for 50 years, has one daughter and 3 grandchildren.

Ed was referred for a Quilt of Valor by Linda Krucky.

**Devecchio Turner:** E-5 Devecchio Turner served in the US Navy from July 1995-April 2003. He served as an Aviation Electronics Technician at the Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base at both New Orleans, Louisiana, and Ft. Worth, Texas. He served for 8 years with distinction during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi

Freedom.



Mr. Turner married and started his family while he was in active service. He has 3

children and 2 grandchildren. He continued to work on base as a civilian computer engineer (cybersecurity). He also worked for Exxon and other large corporations in cybersecurity. He currently works in that capacity for USAA. He lives in Colleyville, Texas, where he enjoys BarBQ, playing with computers, and watching various "cops" TV shows.

Mr. Turner was referred for a Quilt of Valor by his daughter Zoie Turner, on the Quilt of Valor Foundation website.



## QUILT OF VALOR RECIPIENT FORM

Thank you for referring a veteran for a Quilt of Valor. Bear Creek Quilt Guild awards Quilts of Valor every November at the regular meeting. The following is information needed by the Quilt of Valor Committee prior to awarding a quilt.

**HAS RECIPIENT EVER RECEIVED A QUILT OF VALOR? IF YES, THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED ANOTHER.**

**DOES RECIPIENT WISH TO HAVE A QUILT OF VALOR? IF NO, SEE BELOW\*\***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST RANK \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE DATES \_\_\_\_\_

DUTY STATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS/COMMENDATIONS RECEIVED ----- \_\_\_\_\_ -----

WHAT DID RECIPIENT DO AFTER SERVING? OCCUPATION? MARRIED? CHILDREN? HOBBIES? LOCATION?

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WILL RECIPIENT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE NOVEMBER CEREMONY? \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFO \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Some veterans refuse a quilt because they don't want something patriotic. For those veterans, the Quilt of Valor Committee has made non-patriotic themed quilts. Please let your recipient know if this is an issue. Be sure to let the Committee know if this is the case so they can be prepared.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR DIRECTORY

___	Full Page	5 ½ X 8 ½	\$100.00
___	Inside Front	5 ½ X 8 ½	\$125.00
___	Inside Back	5 ½ X 8 ½	\$125.00
___	Back Cover	5 ½ X 8 ½	\$125.00
___	Half Page	5 ½ X 4 ¼	\$ 50.00
___	Quarter Page	5 ½ X 2 ½	\$ 25.00

Please Note:

- Provide a PDF or JPEG file
- All ads are black/white
- Payment due with application
- Cash/Check - Payable to Bear Creek Quilt Guild
- Directory valid March 2025 – March 2026

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

BCQG Member who took the ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Michelle Lewis with questions. Ads can be mailed to the address shown below:

Michelle Lewis

116 Eagle Moor Ln

Weatherford, TX 76087

817-247-0622

quiltingmichelle@gmail.com7-247-0622

### **Members in the News**

If you, or your quilt, has made news recently, email a picture of you and the quilt to

[dode65@myyahoo.com](mailto:dode65@myyahoo.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 Doris Schjelderup

[dode65@myyahoo.com](mailto:dode65@myyahoo.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:

Doris Schjelderup  
9541 Bewley Dr.  
Keller, Texas 76244  
616-645-0478 (mobile)  
[dode65@myyahoo.com](mailto:dode65@myyahoo.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 2024**

President	Vicky Kidd	806-674-8098
1st Vice President	Nancy Carr	817-995-7991
2nd Vice President	Beverly Douglas	813-838-6533
Secretary	Chris Sizemore	678-485-1070
	Pam Roark	See email
Treasurer	Kay Thomas	214-228-8032
Past President	Kathi Runyan	817-488-7577

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2024**

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	Angela Hoss	469-371-2091
Membership	Michelle Lewis	817-247-0622
	Kay Thomas	214-228-8032
	Aleta Mayrose	682-429-8351
New Member Liaison	JoAnne Sheppard	817-673-9483
Newsletter	Doris Schjelderup	661-645-0478
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	Mary Nalley	817-937-4356
Workshops	Nancy Carr	817-995-7991
	Kathi Runyan	817-422-4931