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**The President's
Piece**

*Susie Emmons,
BCQG President 2020*

WHAT CAN ONE DO?

The forest was quiet...too quiet. From out of nowhere came a clatter of horses' hooves, and then silence again. A few moments later a flame sprang from the dry leaves.

"Fire!" roared the bear. "Run for your lives," cried the crow. The forest animals, great and small, all fled in panic toward the river. But one small bird remained on the far bank watching the forest burn. "What can we do?" he cried out. There was no answer. "But this is our home," he cried again. "We must do something...it's on fire!" Silence was the only answer.

At last, he swooped down from his perch, scooped up a bill-full of water and flew over to dump it on the fire. Time after time he flew from the river to the fire until his weary wings were singed and covered with ash. High above, the gods looked down at the chaos below, and they laughed.

"What in the world is that little bird doing?" asked one god. "He is trying to put out the fire with a bill-full of water! But why? I will find out." And the god went down to Earth to ask the bird.

Later, when the god returned to the skies, he was surrounded by the other gods. "Well? What is he doing?" they all asked at once. The god replied softly, "He told me, 'I am but one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.'"

Tears welled up in the gods' eyes and fell as gentle rain on the flames below, quenching the fire.

ONE (Compendium, Inc.)

Dear BCQG members...

Hope each and every one of you (and your families) is hanging in there! Remember...there is light at the end of this Coronavirus-19 tunnel!

FINGERS CROSSED...

We 'might' be able to have a general meeting in June, but of course, we will keep you informed with our Thursday E-blasts. Keep watching. (If you know a member that does not receive email...please share our weekly info with them. Thank you for doing so!) Whenever we do get to meet again...it will be a celebration on several fronts!

info@bearcreekquiltguild.com

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**Meeting Location
and Time**

Living Word Lutheran
Church , 2031 W.
Northwest Hwy,
Grapevine

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

The President's Piece

(Continued)

SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

I'd like to invite you to share a picture and 'brief' verbiage of what you have been doing (besides sewing/quilting) for the last 37+ days while the world has been, basically shut down. Books you've read, closet(s) you organized, gardening you've done, yummy recipe(s), games played, etc...I think it will be very interesting to see what other BCQG members do when they have a lot of unexpected free time at home!

SEND TO: info@bearcreekquiltguild.com

Remember...If there is anything we can do to help you, don't hesitate to contact us. Really!

I continue to keep each of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Good things,
Susie Emmons, BCQG President

Program

*Aleta Mayrose
1st VP Program*

The Bear Creek Quilt Guild meeting for May is cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to get together by June 16th when we will have our Quilt of Valor award. We have two speakers scheduled for our July guild meeting, Annette Plog, "The History of Quilt Fabric in the 19th Century", and Betsy Chutchian, "19th Century Fabrics and Quilts for Today." For our August meeting we have scheduled Jackie Olson, "Bee Organized." Keep praying for a quick end to this sheltering at home and we can gather again.

Retreats/Outings

Kathi Runyan

Annual Guild Quilt Retreat Update Sunset Retreat House New Dates - July 23-26, 2020

Kathi was able to negotiate another date for the retreat that had to be cancelled in April. We are now scheduled for July 23-26, 2020. We hope all who have signed up will be able to attend on this date. If you are unable to attend, your deposits or payments will be refunded and we'll open the door to some other members to join in.

Community Service

Debra Heid

With everything going on right now, I'm sure logging volunteer hours is the last thing on your mind. However, with all of your big hearts, I know there are many of you making masks for others as well as working on boutique items. So just a gentle reminder to try and capture your hours. No need for the form - just send me a quick email with your hours - debraheid@gmail.com. I miss seeing you all and would love to hear from you. Stay safe!



Quilt Show

Linn Jencopale
2nd VP Quilt Show

Quilt Show Boutique

Kayleen Allen

The 6 guilds participating in the North Texas Quilt Festival have been asked to publish the following press release for all guild members.

Linn Jencopale

North Texas Quilt Festival Update

Many of you are wondering what the status is of the August opening of the North Texas Quilt Festival and Original Sewing and Quilt Expo. The Show Committee is continuing to plan for these dates, but we are also developing contingency plans.

1. Entry fees – Enter your quilts, sooner rather than later! No fees will be charged until after July 20th when we are all confident the show will take place.
2. Ticket Sales – Ticket sales can begin a little before Independence Day, 4th of July and we'll have to work hard to get them sold in July and early August.
3. Possible postponement to a future date - If State and local health officials feel it's not safe, then we will announce future dates. But we hope it doesn't come to that. We're optimistic the great state of Texas will begin to reopen businesses in May and we will have the necessary measures and guidelines in place by August.

We're 100% committed to the health and safety of everyone who attends and we'll keep you apprised of the updates and changes we'll be making to assure NTQF is busy but safe for everyone.

Stay Safe and Keep Quilting,
2020 NTQF Planning Committee

BOUTIQUE UPDATE

I hope and pray that everyone is safe and healthy in these challenging times. Our "normal" life is not so normal anymore. I know that many of you have been tirelessly sewing masks for people all over and I want to commend you for that. What a great opportunity we have to put our sewing skills to work in serving our community and those on the front line trying to help those who sadly end up in the hospital.

With that said, we still need to think of life before and after the virus. If any of you out there have the time to work on boutique items it would be so appreciated. We still need to plan as if everything will be back to normal when August comes. I would love to hear about some of the things that you have done or plan to do. Maybe sharing our talents and ideas with each other can help us get through this time together.

For information on Quilt Entry Instructions and Divisions and Categories see the two previous newsletters and the BCQG website.

Show and Tell

Eileen O'Neal

April "Shelter in Place" Show and Tell Sharing our talents in a new way!

JoAnne Sheppard:

"I made this quilt in the 90's and purchased the fabric at a quilt shop. After about 10 years of hand quilting, I finally finished it! Thought it needed washing so into the machine it went. My off white strips and muslin backing came out pink! Thought I had pre-washed but maybe not. I always remember to pre-wash now, thanks to that disaster!"



Marie Mote: "Purple Diamond." Quilted by Anne Owens. "It is a full size quilt for Gate House."



Beth Gerth:

"Faithful Circle"
Heartspun Quilts.

"Hope all is well with you and those you love!"



Beth Gerth: "Le Star" from the Paula Barnes workshop.



Vicky Kidd: "I've been working on a quilt I am designing and quilting as I go. I call it "Purple Flamingo." Included in the quilt are a few AccuQuilt Designs and 4 purple Flamingo blocks that were machine embroidered by me. I miss y'all and can't wait to see you again! Be safe!"



Marie Mote: "Sew Quick Salamander" for Gate House.

"My 9 and 7 year old granddaughters helped me make this quilt."

Aleta Mayrose: "Here's what I've been working on. It's my adjustment to Bonnie Hunter's Talk-in' Turkey. I will include another piano border of scrap fabrics (below)."

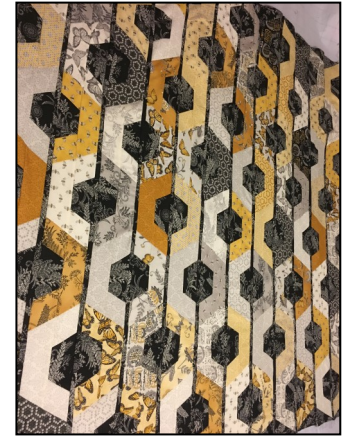


April "Shelter in Place" Show and Tell (continued)

Lynn Conklin: "This quilt was made from our block exchange blocks of wonky stars. I had two extra blocks, so I made a pillow sham."



Nancy Carr: "Here is a quilt top I finished based on the Strip to Shore pattern by Gudron Erla of GE Designs. She had a 3 week quilt along. I've also been doing the Unity Quilt Along with Bonnie Hunter. Hope you all are doing well!!"



Doing more sewing while sheltering in place? Don't forget to save your empty spools and bring them to a meeting. Only regular spools, please. NO CONES. Thank you!

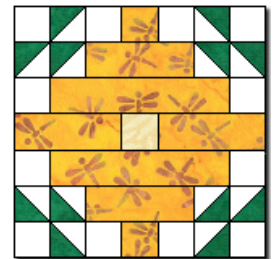
Block Lotto *Mary Nalley*

DIRECTIONS FOR THE APRIL BLOCK LOTTO

Welcome to the April Block Lotto! Our block this month is titled "Spring Bloomers". It is a 14" finished block and we will be reproducing this block in shades of Spring. Blocks may contain more than one fabric pattern in each color.

Directions can be accessed at this website:

<http://www.quilterscache.com/SSpringBloomersBlock.html>



NOTE: A limited number of copies of the directions will be available for those of you who are not able to access the internet. Just let me know you need them and I will email/snail mail them to you.

Remember, you need only make one block per pattern month to be eligible to win blocks for that month at the June meeting. You may make more than one if you would like more than one chance at the finished blocks. Fabrics should be quilt quality and finished blocks submitted should measure at least 14 1/2". **DO NOT TRIM** your finished block. We will leave that up to the lucky quilter(s) who win(s) the blocks.

April blocks should be returned at the next meeting, June 23rd. The drawing will take place at the end of the meeting. The winner will have enough blocks for a beautiful quilt project. If we receive an abundance of blocks, that will be great – and there could be more than one winner! Questions should be directed to Mary Nalley at mary.nalley001@gmail.com. Happy quilting and stay safe!!!

For a photo of the block, click on the quilters cache link.

Membership

Chris Sizemore

There was not a meeting on 4/21/20 due to Covid 19, therefore no report of visitors or new members from the meeting. However, there is one new member to report:

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Correction in Directory: Suzanne Martinez email is: whizus62@gmail.com

Birthdays

May Birthdays

Ruth DelCastillo	5/1	Susan Turk	5/28
Nancy Stone	5/8	Lynn Conklin	5/31
Lucy Suggs	5/15		

Guild Board Meeting Minutes

Lynn Conklin, Secretary

April 7, 2020, BCQG Board Meeting Minutes Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine Texas

There was no board meeting as scheduled on April 7 due to the Coronavirus shutdown.

Submitted by Lynn Conklin

Guild Meeting Minutes

Lynn Conklin, Secretary

April 21, 2020, BCQG Guild Meeting Minutes Living Word Lutheran Church, Grapevine Texas

There was no general meeting as scheduled on April 21 due to the Coronavirus shutdown.

Submitted by Lynn Conklin



- **Thank you, Chris Sizemore, for compiling all the Directory info.**
- **Thank you to all members who sold ads.**
- **Thank you, Mary Nalley, for all your hours working with Chris on the Directory/ Handbook info, AND for overhauling and creating our new website! Job well done!**
- **Thank you, Dot Lang, for all of your years doing our website and helping Mary make this transition.**

Thanks to
Charna Gray
for sharing

*Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during
1919 Pandemic.*

This is Timeless...

It was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara:

And people stayed at home

And read books

And listened

And they rested

And did exercises

And made art and played

And learned new ways of being

And stopped and listened

More deeply

Someone meditated, someone prayed

Someone met their shadow

And people began to think differently

And people healed.

And in the absence of people who

Lived in ignorant ways

Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,

The earth also began to heal

And when the danger ended and

People found themselves

They grieved for the dead

And made new choices

And dreamed of new visions

And created new ways of living

And completely healed the earth

Just as they were healed.

Reprinted during Spanish flu

Pandemic, 1919



**Quilt Shows and
Other Activities**

**Mark Your
Calendars...plan a road
trip!**

Ellis County Quilt Show, “Christmas Around the World”

July 17-18, 2020

Sokol Hall

2622 Texas Highway 34, Ennis TX

<https://elliscountyquilters.com/quilt-shows/>

New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild, “A Kaleidoscope of Color”

July 24-25, 2020

New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center

375 South Castell Avenue, New Braunfels TX

<https://www.nbquiltfest.com>

Plano Quilt Show

August 7-8, 2020

Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX

<https://www.qgplano.org/quilt-show/plano-quilt-show/>

**Bear Creek Quilt Guild, North Texas Quilt Festival and Original
Sewing and Quilt Expo**

August 13-15, 2020

Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas

500 West Last Colinas Blvd, Irving TX

International Quilt Festival

October 29 - November 1, 2020

George R. Brown Convention Center; Houston, TX

<http://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival-houston.html>



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Members in the News

If your quilt has made news recently, email a picture of you and the quilt to sherij43@verizon.net

Bee News

If you have an activity or picture for "Bee News", send to Kyle Mills l30kyle@gmail.com
Phone 817-996-4834.

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

NEWSLETTER

Deadline for the newsletter is
the 23rd of the month.

Please send all articles worded as you would like them printed to Sheri Jones
sherij43@verizon.net

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:

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