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June 18, 2026

President's Message

Big celebration this July 4th, 250 yrs. I think this month's program will be great fun. Hope you all plan to attend to help Yvonne with the event. I have a block picked out for the paper piecing block, which I will show at the meeting.

Suzie Jones

June Hostesses

KAY TINDALL

YVONNE BONORDEN

SUSANNE BONORDEN

SUZIE JONES

June Door Prize Donors

KAY TINDALL

YVONNE BONORDEN

SUZANNE BONORDEN

SAMANTHA AMADOR

BOARD MEETING

July 9th, 2026 at 10:00 am
IBC Bank Board Room

Board meetings occur quarterly at 10:00 am on the second Thursday at the IBC Bank Board Room or as rescheduled by the President.

BIRTHDAYS

June:

- 12 - Debbie Ganem

July:

- 07 - Ailean Lot
- 13 - Billie Stehling
- 19 - Dorothy Sullins
- 20 - Karen Leach
- 23 - Rachael Gotcher
- 29 - Samantha Amador
- 29 - Anna Harrison



PROGRAMS

June: Victoria Area Youth Rag Quilt Project



Dates: Thursday, June 25, 12 pm - 3:30 pm

Friday, June 26, 9 am - 3 pm (bring lunch)

Location: Christ the Victor Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Supplies: Sewing machine and all accessories

- Thread
- Thread Snips
- Straight Pins
- Marking Pen (Frixion or Chalk)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pre-washed flannel (pre-cut to suggested sized 8" squares, 9" squares, or 10 " squares)

Estimated Fabric Needs: 3 yards for front of quilt;
3 yards for back of quilt; 3 yards of flannel

Notes: This quilting class may be done individually or as a family project due to it being a multiple step process for completion. When the quilt is complete, no further quilting is required. There will be some fabrics available that quilt guild members are donating; however, it is unknown how much or style of fabric will be donated. Guild members will be volunteering their time and sewing machines for student use. However if the family has a sewing machine, they should bring it to make sure we have enough machines. Parents or guardians should accompany their children. RSVP to Yvonne Bonorden or additional questions.

Guild members are invited to bring a youth family member to participate in the class or participate in the class themselves. We want to encourage the next generation of quilters!

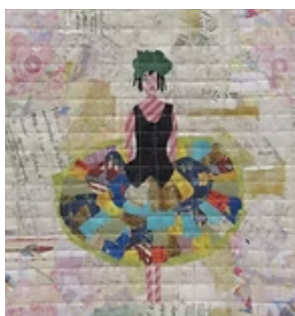
July: Collage Quilting taught by Donna Zbranek

Dates: Thursday, July 23, 12pm - 3:30 pm

Friday, July 24th, 9 am - 3 pm

Supplies: Your favorite collage pattern (or choose from Donna's collection)

- Sharp pointy scissors
- Fabric scraps for background
- Fabric scraps of different prints to cut out
- Steam-A-Seam 2 (1 pack will get you started)
- A good marking pen or pencil
- Most importantly - your imagination and a happy heart!



Donna will bring Pattern Ease to trace your pattern on. She has a whole bolt. You won't need a sewing machine until you finish your project, so she hopes to see everyone in class!

August: UFO Project Day / Bronte Bee Projects

Thursday, August 27,

12 pm - 3:30 pm

Friday, August 28,

9 am-3pm (if desired)

Bring a UFO, new project, community service project, or Bronte Bee project to work on.

Enjoy the day sewing with friends!

Pictures from May Community Service Project

A big thanks to all who made placemats for Meals on Wheels last month.

We had 10 stitchers on Thursday and 5 on Friday. We had a lot of fun and we finished 45 placemats!



Here is a simple tutorial for making placemats:

<https://thecraftyquilter.com/2012/06/placemat-tutorial-using-quick-easy-mitered-binding-tool/>

4H Collage Class

We are signed up for 4H Collage Class again this year. The class will be held at the airport in the 4H building next to the Master Gardeners building. Suzie and I spoke to Tori the 4H leader, and we have July 20 and 21 from 9am to 4pm with lunch provided. There's a limit of 15 students so if you want your kids/grandkids to join, you need to get in touch with Tori at 361-575-4781. There is a nominal fee.

I have a large roll of Steam-A-Seam 2 that 4H will reimburse me for and also the fabric ease if needed. Kathy Sheeran is allowing us to use her patterns to share with the group. The finished project will be no larger than 18x20 in size. I will have a supply kit put together for each student but they will need to bring the following supplies:

- sharp pointy scissors
- fabric scraps for background
- fabric for the main theme, prints
- pencil or pen

The completed projects will be displayed at our open house and can be entered in the livestock show.

Dates: Monday - Tuesday, July 20 - 21,
9 am - 4 pm (lunch provided)
Location: Victoria County 4-H Activity Center
(259 Bachelor Drive)

Help Needed:

- Volunteers to help with keeping the kids on track. Projects should be finished at the end of the second day.
- Volunteers to get the projects quilted

Please contact Donna Zbranek if you have any questions and want to volunteer.
Thanks for helping with this project!

Member's Challenge

Happily we will have a Member's Challenge at our Open House in September.

- **Theme:** Summertime with Scraps! So easy. Use your own fabric to create whatever you believe represents Texas summers using whatever technique you like.
- **Size:** 18" x 24". Same as past years.
- **Voting:** Will take place at the Open House on September 24th and 25th with voting ending at 1:30 on the 25th. Visitors will receive a voting slip at entrance. We trust members to submit only one voting slip. Winners will be announced at 2:30 on the 25th.
- **Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place with 1st place also receiving a \$50 cash award.
- **Turn-in date:** To be announced once plans for Open House are finalized.

Pat Johnson and Kathy Sheeran

Opportunity Quilt

The Quilt travels are completed! A big shout out and many thanks to my travel buddies: Jean Geisler, Yvonne Bonorden, Susanne Bonorden, Marcia Neely, Pat Johnson, Jo Ellen Comstock, and Carolyn Bradshaw. (Note: Suzie Jones had planned on traveling with me but had to make an emergency trip to Colorado.) Thank you ladies, I enjoyed your company. I think I may ask the quilt shops if I can set up in their shops to sell raffle tickets. I'll keep you updated about that. We need to sell as many tickets as possible. I have extra tickets available if you would like to sell more to your friends and family; just let me know and I'll be happy to give you as many tickets as you wish.

Donna Zbranek

Bronte Bee

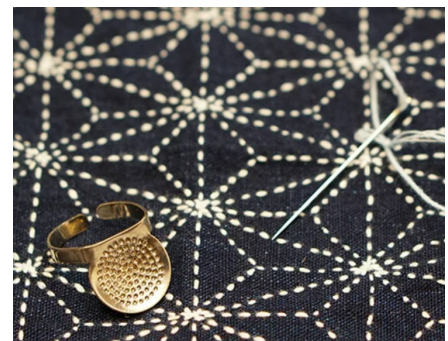
Bronte Bee was fun! A big thanks to Kathy Sheeran, Pat Powell, Brenda Atwell, Teri Scheibelhut, Suzie Jones, Michelle Roddy and children. We made some Christmas ornaments and receiving blankets.

Next Bronte Bee will be August 18th. I'll print out instructions for different projects to do. Our Open House will be September 24th and 25th. We will need items to display and sell, so keep working on items you would like to donate. We will also have a booth at John Wesley Methodist Church Craft Fair on November 14th. Everything that is left from our Open House will be sold at the Craft Fair. Thank you for participating in the guild projects. As always, your thoughts and ideas are much appreciated!

Donna Zbranek

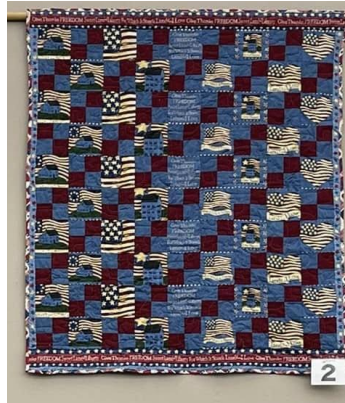
Library Programs

On June 10th, quilt guild members Anna Harrison, Pat Johnson, Becky Green, and Yvonne Bonorden held **Denim Sashiko Bookmark** class at the Victoria Public Library. Twenty-five individuals signed up for the class and left with handmade bookmarks and smiles on their faces.



Library Displays

Thank you to Pat Johnson for setting up displays at the Victoria Public Library. The display includes patriotic quilts made by Kay Tindall, Brenda Atwell, Rachael Gotcher, Pat Johnson, Lynn Miori, and Sandra May celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



One of the standing displays features finger puppets by Kay Tindall and bags by Kathy Sheeran, Donna Zbranek, and Pat Johnson.



The second case features items made by Beth Hatla, including Komebukuro (Japanese rice bags), children's hand tracings, and other fabric gifts and art pieces.



Library Displays (continued)

The library's reading room displays many of the handmade items that will be for sale at our Open House on September 24th and 25th. It also features this beautiful Western Sun quilt made by Marcia Neely using patriotic fabric and colors.



Bank Fundraiser

Marcia Neely also made this quilt that was donated to the bank. It's hanging in the Victoria IBC Bank on Navarro.



Current Bank Exhibit



"Our Quilting Neighborhood"

Pieced and quilted by Carolyn Bradshaw /
The Quilt Cottage

This was the Shop Hop quilt at the 2024 International Quilt Festival in Houston. You visit twelve different vendors on the show floor and buy the instructions for one block from each one. I pieced all the blocks over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays that year and got the borders put on during the freeze in January. The fabrics, including the back, are all from the Edyta Sitar "Beach House" collection. It was a very fun quilt to make!

Quilt Guild of Greater Victoria General Meeting Minutes

Christ The Victor Lutheran Church

Members Present: 27

May 28, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Sue Jones. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Representatives from the Bay City Memory Makers quilt guild were in attendance to sell tickets for their opportunity quilt.

A motion was made by Sue Cosby and seconded by Anna Harrison to approve the May minutes with no changes. The motion passed.

Committees:

Education – Tips were given by Sue Jones to thread a needle by licking the needle rather than the thread; also use your saliva to remove any blood spots.

Community Service – The workshop after the meeting will be used to make placemats for Meals on Wheels. A question was asked about how many placemats are needed for Meals on Wheels. They have had to cut down on how many clients they are serving but they are still providing meals for 200 people.

Opportunity Quilt – the opportunity quilt travels are finished. The ticket sales from the travels amounted to \$1298.00

Open House ideas were discussed at the board meeting. We will be setting up stations for people to demonstrate different techniques and need volunteers to do the demonstrations.

There will be a Sashiko class on June 10th from 5:30-7:00 at the Victoria Public Library.

There is a 4-H quilt camp planned for July 20-21 from 9:00-4:00.

There will be a student quilter camp on June 25-26 at Christ the Victor Church. You may register your children or grandchildren for the class. The topic is rag quilting. We will be needing donations of fabric (10" squares), volunteers to help the kids, and loaner machines.

Sue Jones asked if anyone would be interested in doing a paper pieced block of the month. There was a show of hands, and several people would like to participate. Sue will bring the first pattern next month.

Show and tell was presented and door prizes were awarded. Door prize winners were JoEllen Comstock, Kathy Sheeran, Gay Revel, Marisol Johnson, Janice Diebel, and Jean Gisler.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by
Carolyn Bradshaw, Secretary

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