

Cibolo Creek Quilters Guild Meeting
April 10, 2025
Patrick Heath Public Library
7:00 pm

Jennifer, president, called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
Jennifer introduced Heidi Staples as our speaker.

Program:

- We are the first group Heidi has spoken to in 5 years. Her Mom was creative & encouraged her to sew. She started quilting in 2011. Heidi grew up in CA & was 4th generation to live in their CA house. The family bought a home together with her parents in TX. She had 3 girls in 4 years so learned a lot online & started a fabric blog in 2011. She joined online groups, sold samples for fabric companies, wrote a book & was invited to design fabric. In 2020, her health caused her to quit for a while but now her anemia is gone and she is creeping back into the field.
- There are 47 tutorials (i.e. patterns) on her blog (fabricmutt.blogspot.com) and some in her books. She designed 3 collections for Riley Blake. She knew nothing about designing fabric. There were not any modern designers when she started. Specific companies would choose artists who had a following to design fabric. You can now take classes on how to design fabric. She loves 30's, 40's & 50's. 5 & Dime was her first theme. She loves old labels and packaging. Her early designs were just pencil drawings of old receipts & price tags. She spent hundreds of hours and included a lot of family private details that most people don't realize.
- You get a bolt of everything you design. You have an anchor print and go from there. The fabric companies do a lot of back & forth critique. We, the quilters, are the goal since we are the buyers. You have to design a quilt with your fabric line. Hers was called Storefront & it is free on her blog.
- Heidi discussed Houston Quilt Market and how she met so many lovely people that she now misses.
- Her second collection is Date Night using similar colors as her first. Missouri Star made a pattern which made fabrics sell more. The calendar print was her anchor print and she had Dec. 11 circled which was the day she & her husband met.
- 3rd Collection is Shortcake, a combo of two collections. She made it into a panel.
- Heidi showed us some of her patterns: Patio Placemat has a place for a plate; Perfume Bottles, free on her blog using Date Night fabrics; She spoke highly of Riley Blake people saying it is just a tough business.
- Her books are Sew Organized for the Busy Girl in which she tried to write what she would have liked to have known i.e. organizing your sewing room, storing your fabric, several easy projects with multiple sizes. Her most popular book is the second, Patchwork USA. It is vintage in style and helps

- with choosing fabric for cute, simple projects and gives extra ideas on how to use as a gift or use w/ guild.
- Heidi loves fussy cutting. She displayed Big Bear Cabin quilt/ Lazy Heart Quilt/ Summer Quilt from Sew Organized. Every block uses fabric from a different designer. Butterfly quilt is from Sew Organized. The Typewriter Quilt is a pattern on her blog. Soda Pop Quilt uses traditional blocks with unique fabric.

Business Meeting:

- March meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Cyndi S and second by Linda H

Presidents Update:

- FB page is active with Gilda Sowers as owner and named Cibolo Creek Quilters. The goal is to put a post a week. Please log on to follow.
- Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: We have two more opportunities to sell tickets and are still looking for a coordinator.
- May 2 - Sew Special during \$5 quilt day
- The Art Waddle has been changed to Art & Wine Festival on May 24. We have workers for that but need a co-ordinator. Kathleen has a sign up sheet for set up.
- We have decided not to do the FUMC bazaar since most of what we sold was to each other.
- June - display quilts for sale or award -winning quilts
- Greater SA Guild meeting in August
- Ingram Craft Fair is Oct. 31 & Nov. 1.
- Have quilts that need to be quilted for our service projects. Please sign up.

Programs Update:

- Andrea reported there is still space in workshop. Elevator is not working but we will have helpers to unload.
- Bring colored pens/crayons and a power strip.
- Lunch is available to purchase or you can bring your own
- May 9 program is making a mondo or mini bag with Lori W teaching. Carol L met her at Memories by the Yard. Sew It Fabulous will give a discount for purchasing the pattern and fabric. Class is \$35/members and \$55/ non-member. The pattern is fat quarter friendly.

Charity Quilt Update:

- LaJuana & Sharon reported on the updated donation form.
- New charity recipients are Town & Country and Cibolo Creek Rehab.
- 95% of Town & Country are veterans thus: patriotic theme for residents is appropriate.
- Activity mats are needed as well as walker bags.
- The new form will be on the website or you can pick up a copy tonight. Jennifer will send out as pdf to members.
- We need to try to send more to Women's Shelter and Pregnancy Center
- Next month a report will be given on what we have contributed so far this year.

Membership:

- 36 members present
- Visitors: Danielle & Jeannette
- New member: Dwanna introduced herself. She moved here from CA and loves all styles
- March birthdays are Ann A, Stephanie and Tammy

Retreats:

- No report

Sunshine & Shadows:

- Cancer treatment update
- #46 wedding Anniversary

Show & Tell:

• Elaine	Alphabet Quilt as you Go
• Gail	Bags with Zipper
• Joyce	Table Runner made completely with Serger
• Carolyn	Pastel Scrappy Quilt - \$5 quilt at Sew Special
• Lisa A	Veteran Charity Quilt Top: Green/Brown Eagle
• Lisa A	Veteran Charity Quilt: Red, White, Blue
• Lisa A	Lori Holt Sampler Quilt from Mix & Match Book
• Amy	At the Helm panel quilt
• Linda H	2025 Raffle Quilt
• Mary	Black/White/Turquoise Quilt made with serger
• Jean B	3 Sisters/ Varied Nine Patch modified
• Jean B	Orange Peel/ orange & blue
• Jean B	30's quilt that she won in Houston Quilt Guild raffle
• Ann A	Stain Glass postage stamps
• Lera	Multi-color Hunter's Star
• Carol L	Dresden Plate vintage that she revived

Drawing winners throughout the evening were:

Lisa A Judy B Gail Andrea
Elaine Carann Polly Melanie Cyndi

Andrea drew #4 to be completed next month for the 2025 Challenge.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by:

Carol Schultz, Secretary