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As we Finish the Alpha Tau Year

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Where has this 2022-23 Alpha Tau year gone? Before we disband for the summer; we have our March outing, April 90th birthday bash, and May summer fun.

The trip to the Dallas Arboretum is on March 18; when we plan to admire the gardens, eat lunch, and enjoy an outdoor concert. Sounds like an enjoyable afternoon! Thanks, Karrie, for arranging and working on details. My husband and I are working with Texas Baptist Men that week, and I am uncertain if I will be back for this adventure. The Dallas Arboretum is one of my favorite places to visit, spending time outdoors seeing all the different plants! I hope you all plan to attend and I really hope to be there.

April brings Alpha Tau's 90th birthday bash! Our monthly meeting will reflect on the 1930's and history of Alpha Tau. Be sure and wear your 30's hat! Thanks for all the recommendations on where to obtain a hat... Amazon has many to choose from. It will be fun seeing memorabilia from the past years. I am excited that our very own pianist, Sondra Perry, will play songs from that era! We are looking forward to a visit from our DKG Area Coordinator, Liz Garrett. She said she loves visiting our chapter because we are so much fun!

May is our Summer Fun program, as we say good-bye until fall. Karrie will provide a program that will lead us into the summer! More details coming.

I have enjoyed the year, even with the uncertainties of my first year as president. I would like you to turn in notes with feedback at our last meeting. It would be very helpful to know your thoughts on what went well and what you would like to see next year.

Please continue your work on the raffle and we will look forward to the drawing at our April meeting. Also, we will find out some needs of the new pregnancy center in Forney to share with you.

With loving thoughts and God's blessings on each of you!

Cathy



Calendar

March 18, 2023
Dallas Arboretum
10 am -2 pm

April 11, 2023
90 Years! Birthday
Bash!

May 9, 2023
Travel Tips

Meetings

2nd Tuesdays

Sign-in & visit 5:00

Meeting begins 5:30

Kaufman County Library

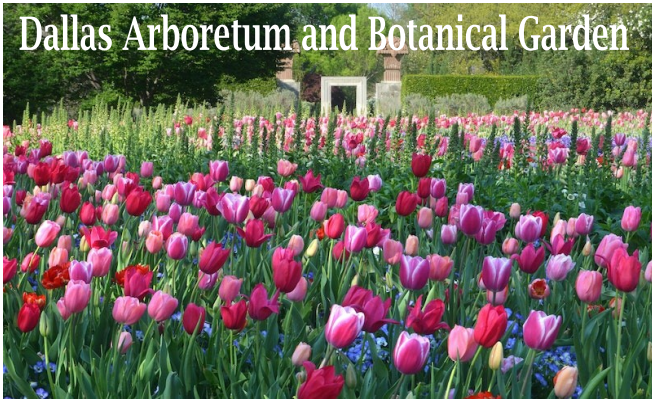
Community Room

3790 S. Houston Street

Kaufman, TX 75142

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Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden

Dallas Blooms

Saturday, March 18, 2023

10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Contact Karrie Pharris for details and reservations.

Please Remember in Your Prayers



✝ Please remember Bonne Stroman and her family in your prayers. She passed on February 7, 2023. Her information and obituary are in the attachments to these Tales.

Please remember Sondra Perry in your prayers. She is dealing with COVID and attending ailments.

Please remember all our sisters in prayer. Those listed above have been mailed a card from Alpha Tau chapter.

April 11, 2023

Alpha Tau Birthday Bash!!



All About Us

Alberta Smith thanks everyone so much for their thoughts prayers and expressions of sorrow at the death of her son, who was killed in a work accident. “Thank God for you all.”

Aydee Reyna and her husband, Israel, and youngest daughter, Victoria, will be in Guatemala on a mission trip with their church youth during spring break in March.

Congratulations to JoLynn Maddin, who will celebrate her **64th wedding anniversary** on February 28!!!

Remember to prepare for our 90th **Birthday Bash** in April. Find that 1930’s hat or outfit. We need the music from that time period too.

94th TSO Convention 2023 is June 14-17, 2023, in McAllen, TX. The convention hotel is the Home 2 Suites. Find it at the dkgtexas.org website or at

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=MFEWGHT&groupCode=CHTTSO&arrivaldate=2023-06-13&departuredate=2023-06-18&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

February 2023 Meeting

Buona Sera! Ti amo! Alpha Tau Sisters enjoyed an Italian restaurant Valentine dinner and meeting on February 7, 2023. These gals can really pack in a lot in the brief time together. In addition to the meal, a Bobbin Lacemaking presentation was given by Laura Buie. (See the feature on page 4 Tales.) Vivian Yancey gave a love inspired inspiration, using the words “I love you” in many languages (place cards were all over the tables with the phrase in different languages).



Jerri Coates, treasurer, sent Pepe LePew to inform about the Quilt Raffle and sale of tickets. BTW, Mollie has already sold over \$500 worth of tickets to folks in Kaufman County who are showing respect and love for the

family of Duane Penny, who donated the quilt top. (See the ad page 5 Tales.)



Special Valentine gift bags were assembled for our sisters who cannot come to the meetings.

Bettye Penny won the door prize, a \$25 gift card to Olive Garden.



Mmm! Lasagna, salad, warm Italian bread, strawberry chocolate cake and cheesecake with so many toppings!!



Membership Awards

Several members were awarded certificates for long time membership in Alpha Tau. Shown at left are Karrie Pharris, 20 years, and Bettye Penny, 40 years. Not shown are Adeline Roberts and Linda Quattlebaum, with 55 years each!



Bobbin Lace Presentation

Alpha Tau Sister, Laura Buie, gave a fascinating presentation about one of her many hobbies, Bobbin Lacemaking. She began with a bit of history about lace, a once much sought after and very expensive commodity. History reveals the cruelty to man and beast in the making of the lace for fashion that inspired greed, smuggling and murder in 16th to early 20th century Europe.

Laura explained her first lessons and what she has done over the years.

“My first teacher was Mrs. Elena Cola who was a war bride from Italy. She gave lessons in the now closed Olla Podrida Mall In Dallas. My sister, Linda, and I have taken several classes in England. I've also taken workshops in Burano, Brussels, and Ballenberg & Brienz, Switzerland. The Dallas Lace Society that I was a member of hosted a number of lace instructors from around the world!

Although the cost of making Bobbin Lace in today’s market is not quite what it was centuries ago, it is still not a cheap undertaking. Most lacemakers charge \$24 an hour for 4 inches of Straight Lace using 12 pairs of bobbins. So, 30 inches of Straight Lace would cost about \$164. The larger the piece, the difficulty of the piece and the more bobbins you used increase the price. Lacemaking takes time and can be tedious but rewarding.”

Laura showed some of her work and favorite pieces, adding that she can no longer make the lace because her fingers cannot do the work.



Left, Laura displays her favorite piece of lace, the heart.

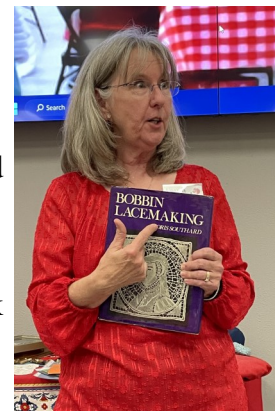
At right, she explains the intricacies of lace-making with the many bobbins needed.

Laura treasures her



gifts of bobbins from all over the world, but especially the ones made by her father and her husband for her.

At the right, Laura shows us the best book to use for Bobbin Lacemaking.



Alpha Tau Quilt Raffle

Drawing on Tuesday,

April 11, 2023

at the Alpha Tau meeting.

Tickets on sale NOW.

Arms length (18 tickets) for
\$20 or \$5 per single ticket



The pieced top from this quilt came from the family of longtime Forney resident, Duane Penny, and includes vintage fabrics. Many of the swatches of this quilt are believed to be feed sacks, which housewives of the Depression Era used to make clothing and other household items. The backing is newly added, and was chosen to coordinate with the colors of the top. 69" x 85"

Supporting the Alpha Tau Chapter "Grants for New Teachers" and chapter projects.

Alpha Tau Minutes—February 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Cathy Stewart at 5:30

President Stewart welcomed guests and thanked the hostess committee.

Pledges were led by Sondra Perry.

Inspiration was given by Vivian Yancey.

President Stewart introduced the program and the speaker, Laura Buie. Mrs. Buie shared the historical aspects and craft of Bobbin Lace.

First Vice President Karrie Pharris presented details about the March outing to be held on March 18th at the Dallas Arboretum beginning at 10:00 a.m. More information will be sent at the beginning of March.

Second Vice President Aydee Reyna presented members with awards for 10-year increments of membership and members with 50 years or more: Karrie Pharris—20 years; Bettye Penny—40 years; Adeline Roberts—55 years; and Linda Quattlebaum—55 years.

Corresponding Secretary Suzy McCook asked members for personal information to add to the Tales.

There were no changes made to the January minutes—minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Jerri Coates (Pepe Le Pew) explained the annual fundraiser—Quilt will be raffled—18 tickets for \$20 or \$5 per ticket. Drawing will be held in April.

Financial report was not available.

New Business:

President Stewart also explained the fundraiser.

Vivian Themer shared with members a tutoring opportunity with the Genesis Center in Kaufman.

President Stewart shared that The Alpha Tau's 90th birthday will be held at the April meeting.

President Stewart stated the State Convention will be held June 14th—17th at McAllen, Texas.

Motion was made by Bettye Penny: Alpha Tau will donate a \$10 and \$15 gift card to the ASTEF Fundraiser at the State Convention. Vivian Themer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vivian Themer will purchase the gift cards and send cards to the designated ASTEF officer.

President Stewart held the drawing for the door prize—Bettye Penny won the door prize.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Please read & study these minutes prior to the next meeting in order to accept with or without changes quickly.

Alpha Tau Programs 2022-2023

Date	Program	Hostess Committee
✓ 9/10/2022	Area Workshop Wylie, TX	
✓ 10/11/2022	New Teacher Grants, Bettye Penny <i>Location - Crandall Community Room</i>	<u>Red Team:</u> *Ann McDonald, Vivian Yancey, Sondra Perry, Joan Moore, Laura Buie, Jerri Coates, Suzy McCook, Peggy Johnson (Rachel Calvery)
✓ 11/8/2022	“The Door” Pregnancy Center, Vonnie Salguero <i>Location - Spellman Museum, Forney</i>	<u>Gold Team:</u> *Jane West, Judy Jedlicka, Vivian Themer, Jana Garner, Judy Barton, Alberta Smith, Janice Dowlearn (Marnie Cushing)
✓ December 3, 2022	Christmas Brunch	The Local Café, Forney HS, Forney 10 a.m.
✓ 1/10/2023	Fit for the Future - Flisha Stewart	<u>Green Team:</u> *Karrie Pharris, Bettye Penny, Jo Lynn Maddin, Nancy Shaw, Virginia Fineout, Cathy Stewart (Aydee Reyna, Mollie Kasper)
✓*February 7, 2023	Member Craft/Presentation	<u>Red Team</u>
March 18, 2023	Dallas Arboretum 10-2	
4/11/2023	90th Birthday Bash Alpha Tau is 90 years Old!! <i>Officers</i>	<u>GoldTeam</u>
5/9/2023	Summer Somethings Travel Agent, Traveling Tips	<u>Green Team</u>

*February 7 is a date change from the 3rd Tuesday.