

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

The Quilters' Guild of Arlington, QGOA, is excited to have you as a new member!

The purpose of this packet is to give you an insight to what we do as a guild. Our membership ranges from beginning quilters to those with many years of experience. Our hope is that you will find encouragement in your art of quilting no matter your skill level.

We encourage you to participate in all aspects of QGOA. QGOA offers national and local speakers and their workshops, stitch groups, retreats, Quilt show, encouragement, friendship and more. There are various opportunities for which we would like you to consider volunteering.

The directory is full of helpful information:

1. General information about the guild
2. Names and contact info for Executive board and Committee members
3. List of Stitch Groups
4. Past Presidents
5. Golden Spool Award recipients
6. Member roster
7. Bylaws
8. Quilt Show entry instructions and division and category descriptions

The philanthropic side of our guild supports several community outreach projects where your voluntary involvement is greatly appreciated.

There are so many ways you can be involved in our guild it can be overwhelming at times. We hope this packet will help you feel informed.

Sharon Ligon-President
Quilters' Guild of Arlington – 2017

Welcome to QGOA Programs & Workshops

One purpose of our guild is to preserve and encourage the art of quilting, provide instruction for our Guild Members and education for the public, and to promote the interaction of people with this common interest.

PROGRAMS

Programs are offered at every meeting so you can learn about new techniques, tools, or products. Nationally known, state and local speakers are schedule during the year. Program Hostesses volunteer to assist the Vice President with our speakers. Loading, setting up, helping during the lecture or workshop and packing up is requested. Occasionally members volunteer to house a speaker for a night or two. If you are interested in either of those two opportunities please contact one of the Vice Presidents, Nancy Spellman, Rhonda Weddle, and Phyllis Borton. The guild has several other volunteer opportunities.

At every meeting, we hold a Show and Tell, we encourage you to share your quilting experience and show the Guild your finished project, a quilt top, quilt craft item or a great quilt find.

Usually twice a year, May and December in 2017, we have a Potluck Dinner. Members are asked to bring food to share, the Board Members provide desserts.

Meeting Hospitality Hostesses are requested in the newsletter, if your last name starts with the letter listed in the Newsletter, you are asked to bring a dessert or something to share at that meeting.

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Auction” Donation Quilt Drawing

***Workshop sign-up form and supply list are located on www.QGOA.org under Program tab.

***Board meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at Sew Fabricated. All members are welcome to attend board meetings.

STITCH GROUPS

The Stitch Groups associated with Quilters’ Guild of Arlington are an excellent way for members to become acquainted with other quilters and find the support and input for quilting projects.

Friendship Stitchers

Meets the first and third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church
901 S. Collins Arlington TX 76010.
Contact: Helga Smith – 972-660-4417 – helgareid@sbcglobal.net

Etcetera Art Quilt Group

Meets the first Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.-8:30pm at Sew Fabricated
2899 W Pioneer Parkway, Pantego TX 76013
Contact: Denny Cornett – 817-538-9185 etcetera@qgoa.org

The Piecemakers

Meets at Bob Duncan Community Center on the second & fourth Thursday.
6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Contact: Nancy Shortino 817-466-1279 nancyshortino@att.net

Sew-N-Sews

Meets @Trinity United Methodist Church, 1200 W. Green Oaks, Room A208.
First Monday of each month unless it is a holiday. Bring your lunch and \$3 per person per meeting as a donation to a church ministry.
Contact: Randa Dillon – 817-530-0514 - rldquilt@gmail.com or Carolyn Bowden – 817-860- 4424 – ckbowden@sbcglobal.net

Sew Touching

Meets at Peggy’s Quilt Studio the third Tuesday from 10am to 2pm, everyone is welcome.
2410 Superior Dr. Suite C, Pantego, TX 76013
This group works on tactile (fidget) lap quilts for Alzheimer patients and Autistic children.
Contact: Billie Brecheen at blarb@sbcglobal.net

Jane & Friends (formerly Dear Jane Club)

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends
2238 Michigan Ave, Suite A
Second Monday of the Month 10 am to 3 pm Bring 2 nonperishables or canned goods for donation to local charities.
Contact: Sherry Livingston: 817-561-2644 artandquilts@yahoo.com

GOLDEN SPOOL AWARD

The Golden Spool Award is given twice a year to a member or members that have shown exemplary service to the guild.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

According to Standing Rules of QGOA, Volunteer Hours shall collect and record volunteer hours from members at monthly Guild meetings, conduct a drawing and present a prize to winner.

Tracking of volunteer hours is a means to tally hours spent in community service by our members and to celebrate a job well done. It is used to apply for grants and to help justify our IRS status.

Take a moment at the sign-in table each meeting to write down your volunteer hours on the special sheet provided. A name will be drawn at random from the list to receive a small gift of appreciation. If you forget one month, just sign in the next and add the hours.

Anything that promotes quilting counts. Some of the ways the guild offers doing that are: making Donation Quilts for Military Quilts, Project Linus, Ronald McDonald House, Charitable organization miniature quilt auction or any other. Members who teach friends and neighbors to quilt without monetary compensation count those hours, as well as time spent making a quilt that is donated to a charity for its' raffle. Additionally, hours spent doing guild business also counts.

Remember, every hour counts!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our guild has several opportunities where our members can give back to our community and to help the guild run smoothly.

Project Linus

Project Linus is a National Organization that provides blankets of comfort, security or warmth to seriously ill, traumatized, or other children in need from infancy to 18 years. If you have quilts, fabric, batting or any quilt making supplies please bring them to guild meeting for donation and Liz Cooper will collect them. The preferred size for finished quilts is 40"x 44". Quilts may be quilted or tie-tacked, every four inches with cotton crochet thread.

Locally we make blanket deliveries to Cook Children's, John Peter Smith, Harris Hospital, CASA (children advocacy), Catholic charities, the Warm Place, Children's Haven (battered shelter), Snowball Express (children of wounded soldiers), children of deceased firemen, police, EMT's, and military. We also deliver if we receive a call from disaster areas or in the case of San Angelo we delivered 400 blankets to children taken from a religious compound. In December, 700 blankets were sent to the children of Sandy Hill School in Newtown, Connecticut.

We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at South Cliff Baptist Church 4100 W. Loop 820 Ft. Worth, TX, from 9 to 3ish. We piece, assemble, quilt, knit and crochet on these days. Please join us any time you are available or drop by to deliver blankets, fabric, batting, etc. or just to see what we are all about. We do our best to make good use of all donations. So bring your machine, needle, and a sack lunch and join us for a day of work and laughter.

You may check us out at <http://www.tarrantparkercountyprojectlinus.com> for local information or nationally <http://www.projectlinus.org/help.html> or by email at plinusftw@sbcglobal.net.

Military Quilts

Since 2003 our guild has been making quilts for our service men and women who have been wounded while serving our country during this war time. From 2003 through the end of 2017 our guild has made and given 751 quilts to these American heroes. Quilts are collected and used at various military installations or the Quilts of Valor program which requires quilts to be at least 55" x 65" and no larger than 72" x 90". Watch the newsletter for notices of upcoming delivery dates and listen for announcements at the guild meeting.

There are many ways to help with this project. Many of our members make a quilt start to finish. Or, you can make blocks, or pick up already made blocks from the Block Party table and put them together into a quilt. Our preference is for the quilts to measure finished, about 50" x 50", but any size will be accepted. Knowing that many of the wounded soldiers are in wheel chairs so we try to make our quilts a size that won't drag on the ground if spread across a lap. If you feel that you can only do one part of the process, such as quilting/tying or binding, see Sandy Boice or Cindy Bergman and they will make sure that the quilt is completed.

Safe Haven

The mission of Safe Haven is to reduce domestic violence through services that support victims and their families and prevent abuse through intervention and education. Safe Haven gives Emergency Shelter, Transitional Living, Counseling, Legal Services, Batterers' Intervention and Prevention Programs, Victim Assistance, Bilingual Services, Education Services, and Shelter Support.

The Quilt Guild of Arlington, helps Haven with various monthly donations.

These include:

January Diapers/Baby wipes	July Feminine hygiene products
February Children's socks	August School supplies
March Children's underwear	September Soap and towels
April Shampoo, brush, comb, etc.	October Prepackaged snacks
May Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss	November Children's toys
June Women's underwear	December Mittens, scarves, or hats

We also have a money jar, in which donations are greatly appreciated.

Cancer Charities Miniature Guild Auction

Cancer charity auction is held at the guild's quilt show. It started in 1997 when QGOA members and friends began making miniature quilts to be auctioned at the annual quilt show. 100% of the proceeds from the auction are given to the charity of choice, whose mission it is to eradicate cancer as a life-threatening disease through advancement in research, education, screening, and treatment.

In 2003, a Pink Challenge category was added by then chairman, Nancy Martinson, now titled "Nancy's Pink Challenge." Nancy lost her battle with breast cancer in 2004 and "The Pink Challenge" is held each year in her memory. The membership votes on the quilts submitted for the Nancy's Pink Challenge each year at a general meeting. Only those quilts that meet the challenge criteria are eligible for ribbons. 2017 found us selecting a new charitable organization, Cancer Care Services, which provides client programs in Tarrant, Hood and Parker counties for free.

There are 2 categories of miniature quilt entries. An entry form is required for each miniature quilt entered and the rules for these quilt categories are different. Please see the quilt show Divisions and Categories for specific criteria for these entries

Ronald McDonald House Quilt - To be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Ft Worth; lap or throw size preferred, must be washable and have no buttons or similar items. The Ronald McDonald Challenge is a quilt show category. Participants must use a recognizable amount of the selected focus fabric and make a quilt that is at least 50” on each side and then enter the quilt into the quilt show. The due date for these will be announced.

DONATION QUILT

Each year our guild produces a donation quilt that we use as a fund raiser. Each member is asked to sell or purchase at least \$20 of tickets for the drawing that we have in December. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales go to a community charity, or cause, that the members select at the January meeting. The remainder of the proceeds go toward the support guild activities.

There are many opportunities to take the donation quilt and sell tickets at various locations; area quilt guild meetings and shop hops. Please consider volunteering for this job with Denny Cornett, the current Donation Quilt Coordinator.

YEARLY QUILT SHOW

Our guild participates in a quilt show each year. This is an avenue for our members to show their beautiful work and it is one of the primary ways that our guild raises money for expenses such as national speakers. The 2017 show is August 24-26 at the Arlington Convention Center. There are many opportunities to volunteer with this event and we certainly need help from everyone.

Watch the newsletter and listen at meetings for these opportunities. If you’re interested in volunteering for the 2017 show, contact Libbie McDuffie or Rhonda Weddle, Quilt Show Chairmen or Volunteer Chairperson, Gale Lacerda 817-223-8259. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

If you are interested in entering a quilt (or more), you can find all the information required on our website: www.qgoa.org

OTHER GUILD ACTIVITIES

Block Party and Mystery Quilt

For more information contact Kim Olmedo or Debbie Hood.

Block Party will be held at various times during the year. Members sign up and groups are formed to have a fun block swap. A great way to meet people and get some cool blocks. Look for announcements at general meetings and in the newsletter.

Mystery Quilt will also be announced at the general meetings and in our newsletter.

Kim and Debbie coordinate both events.

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TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF QUILT GUILDS (TAQG pronounced tag)

This is an association of about 37 quilt guilds in North and West Texas. TAQG meets 6 times a year and offers an array of education for the guilds. The main event is the TAQG rally held the second Saturday of July. The program always features a nationally known speaker and a good time is had by all. It is free to all guild members

Retreats

Our guild normally has in-town multi-day and away retreats twice a year. These are great fun! Take advantage of the opportunity to meet other members, share quilting expertise and ideas. The dates are announced at our meetings and a notice will be in the newsletter.

**STAYING CONNECTED AT
QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON**
www.QGOA.ORG

The Quilters' Guild of Arlington has several ways to communicate and stay informed about events. The guild website provides information, as well as links to join the guild's social media sites.

The QGOA website www.qgoa.org provides information regarding upcoming meetings, current newsletters, monthly block party patterns, the quilt show, retreats, and other items of interest to guild members. Our website is updated frequently, so always check there first for information.

The QGOA website also enables you to join the QGOA Facebook.

To join the QGOA Facebook group

(1) click on the Facebook logo on the QGOA website. If you have a Facebook account, Facebook will open to the QGOA Facebook page where (2) you can join the group by clicking "join this group" on the upper right corner of the page. This sends a request to the moderator requesting your approval. She/he will approve you if you are a member of the guild. It is a private, closely monitored Facebook page so you are safe and private when you post there after your membership is approved

To join the QGOA Yahoo group

You do not have to have a @Yahoo.com email address to join the yahoo group. Simply go to the Yahoo web page or use the link at the bottom of the QGOA's home page.

From www.QGOA.org scroll down to the bottom left of the page. There you will find a box to enter your email address.

Subscribe to QGOA Yahoo! Group



This will bring up the QGOA Yahoo Group page. On the right-hand side is a Join Now button. Simply click this and the next step is setting up your preferences for the group. I suggest the daily digest, in the comment section at the bottom simply put current QGOA member and click the Send Request button and the process is complete.

From the Yahoo web page look to the right for the MORE tab. Click this which brings up a directory. Click on groups, from there put QGOA in the search engine, click search. This will bring up the guild logo with [qgoa](http://qgoa.org), Quilters Guild of Arlington, 184 members {±} last activity. Click on the [qgoa](http://qgoa.org) which will take you to the guilds page. Right hand on top is a + Join Group, simply click that. This will open to a page where you will enter your email (this does not have to be a Yahoo email address). Next takes you to password (yours for that account), click Sign In. The last step is setting up your preferences for the group. I suggest the daily digest, in the comment section at the bottom simply put current QGOA member and click the Send Request button and the process is complete.