



The Quilting Bee

Quilters' Guild of Arlington
www.qgoa.org

Meeting Location

Bob Duncan Center -- Vandergriff Park
2800 S Center St Arlington, TX 76014
Meetings 2nd Tuesday each month
Doors open at 6:30 ~ Meeting at 7:00

October Speaker: **Shelley Clauss** Let's Talk T-Shirt Quilts!



T-Shirt quilts don't have to be boring or plain. Let's talk about the ways you can change up the normal design. I'll briefly cover all the steps in construction with several great tips! I will share my design process. I use it for all my original quilts.

I have quilted off and on for about 43 years. You know I started very young! There were several gaps where I did not quilt even though I always was waiting to get back to it. I have been steadily quilting since 2003. I made my first t-shirt quilt in February of 2010. I was asked to make another one about a year later, and so it began. I love making original quilts and I love it when they are loved. So far, I've been very successful at both. I love it when a client sees the quilt and is really pleased. I didn't set out to be the t-shirt quilt maker, but it seems so.

My husband & I have 5 grown children and 6 grandchildren. I have lived in North Texas all my life.

November Meeting – **Robin Williamson** Modern Quilting Presentation

Robin offers this program to show you various trends in design, quilting and fabrics that qualify a quilt as "modern" and help you to be better able to identify those qualities when looking at quilts and in creating your own. She also brings some of her own modern quilts as examples.

Here's her story:

I started dabbling in quilting during the late 80s, but found I didn't have a lot of time for it, especially during the 90s when I had a child and my graphic design business was really taking off. At some point I decided I needed to take a beginner class just to see what I could learn. When I showed the teacher a quilt top that I had made and told her that I actually liked the BACK as much or *more* than the front, she suggested that I might enjoy art quilting. Funny... I'd never even heard of the term before then and I thought she was insulting me!!! LOL. Little did I know that she was RIGHT, and just nudged me in the direction I was destined to go.

In 2010, a good friend invited me to a Dallas Modern Quilt Guild meeting. At that time I'd never heard of "modern quilting," and assumed it was about art quilting. So I went, and no... it wasn't art quilting, but I found the style, color and fabric choices fascinating, as well as finding the women in the group to be inspirational and really EXCITED about quilting! I was hooked. I still create art quilts, but have found I love working improvisationally on modern quilts and enjoy the modern aesthetic.

Please see Robin's Let Loose! Improv Workshop information and supply list, also in this newsletter. The workshop will be November 9, 2016 @ Sew Fabricated - \$40

November Workshop

Be sure and save your place for our November Workshop:

Robin's Let Loose! Improv Workshop

Date: 11/9/16 9 am - 4 pm

\$40

Location: Sew Fabricated

See programs table for supply list.

(Contact Cynthia Berend cberend@gmail.com or Carol Hoes carol@larwel.com)

Workshop Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Workshop Name: _____

Workshop Date: _____

Form of Payment: (circle one) Check Cash

Cost is \$40 for members/\$45 for non-members. Please make all checks payable to QGOA.

Payment must be received to hold your space in the workshop. Enrollment is on first come first serve basis.

Please sign-up at a meeting at the Program Section of the Sign-In Table or send your registration form with full payment to:

Quilters' Guild of Arlington

PO BOX 13232

Arlington, TX 76094-0232.

Notify the Vice President, Cynthia Berend or Carol Hoes, that you wish to sign up.

Please pick up your supply sheet at the Guild meeting or check the newsletter on the website www.QGOA.org

(Please use this form to register for all upcoming workshops. You may photocopy this form)

Let Loose! Improv Workshop

Do you like the way improvisational piecing looks, but figure there's no way you could do it? Does it even make you nervous?

Get ready to have fun and let loose!

Robin will lead you through a workshop where you will learn a simple method of improvisational piecing. You will create improv blocks that can be made into a small quilt, or can be starter blocks for other projects. She'll coach you to follow your gut as well as step outside your comfort zone. Turn those sweaty palms into high fives of victory!



Let Loose! Improv Workshop Supply List

General Supplies:

• Sewing Machine and typical sewing supplies (scissors, neutral thread, pins, etc.) • Cutting tools (smallish mat, cutting rulers, rotary cutters) • Iron and small ironing surface (optional, but you will be glad you have it) • If you've got a Strip Stick, bring it (totally optional)

Fabric:

This is a great opportunity to use solids. However, if you love prints or batiks, bring some that you think might play well together. I do suggest bringing some solids that might work well with them. You'll see in my examples that I might use either. I also love stripes for this technique—especially solid stripes with some impact (see below). If you're willing to share, it can be a lot of fun to sample from each other's stash, as well.

A variety of **solid fabrics** cut into strips in a variety of widths (i.e., 1", 2", 4" or .75", 1.5", 3, etc.). Two-three strips each width, per fabric should be plenty to start (five- seven different fabrics absolute minimum, 10-12 or more would be even better). Include some fabrics that add nice contrast (darks/lights as well as mediums). Be sure to cut these ahead of time so that you're not wasting class time cutting. Length of your strips doesn't matter. They can be width of fabric (WOF), width of a fat quarter, or just a scrap. The longer your strips, though, the more options you'll have. Then bring some larger chunks of solids (fat quarter and smaller) so that you can cut some other sizes as you see fit.

Stripes (optional) for a fun accent... Don't cut these yet, keep them intact so that you have more options.

A background solid fabric. Not sure what you'll want to use? Bring some options. You will not need to cut this into strips in advance.

Some types of stripe patterns that might work well: Can be colorful! Also, black and white fabrics can add a really nice pop!

President's Block

To show appreciation for our past presidents, guild members make a block of the president's choosing to give to her. Barbara Cain, our president in 2015, has decided on a Bow-Tie Block, in shades of blue or gray on a white or white on white background. These blocks will be going into a quilt for a boy, so please use fabrics that are not overly feminine. The block should measure 6-1/2" unfinished.

Directions are below:

White Fabric

- Cut two 3-1/2" squares

Blue / Gray Fabric

- Cut two 3-1/2" squares
- Cut two 2" squares

Sewing Instructions

- Draw a diagonal line on the back of the 2" squares
- Place the 2" squares right sides together with the white squares, matching one corner.



- Stitch along the diagonal line, and fold back, matching corners. Trim seam allowance to 1/4". Make 2.



Assemble your squares to make block.



Block Party

Log Cabin (6-1/2" unfinished square)

November 2016

Cut the following strips out of light and dark fabrics:

Dark

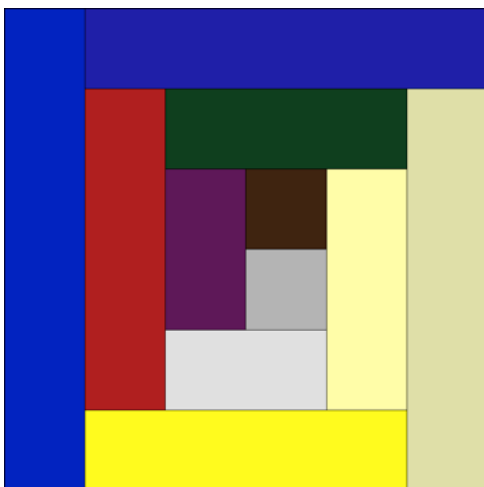
- 1) 1-1/2 x 1-1/2
- 3) 1-1/2 x 2-1/2
- 5) 1-1/2 x 3-1/2
- 7) 1-1/2 x 4-1/2
- 9) 1-1/2 x 5-1/2
- 11) 1-1/2 x 6-1/2

Light

- 2) 1-1/2 x 1-1/2
- 4) 1-1/2 x 2-1/2
- 6) 1-1/2 x 3-1/2
- 8) 1-1/2 x 4-1/2
- 10) 1-1/2 x 5-1/2

Assemble in the number order.

Make four blocks.



New Member Sit & Sew

The next new member sit & sew is October 20 at Quilt Among Friends from 6-9 pm. Watch your email for an invitation.

Safe Haven Donations

January: Diapers, baby wipes

February: Children's socks

March: Children's underwear

April: Shampoo, brush, comb, etc.

May: Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss

June: Women's underwear

July: Feminine hygiene products

August: School Supplies

September: Soap and towels

October: Prepackaged snacks – Granola bars, Goldfish crackers, etc.

November: Children's toys December: Mittens, scarves or hats

**We will accept travel size toiletry items throughout the year. ALL items should be new and unused including toiletries.

Guild Refreshments

January: C

February: H, V

March: M

April: S, Z, E

May: A, D

June: POTLUCK (Board- Desserts)

July: G, L

August: B, K, O

September: F, I, J, Q

October: N, P, R

November: T, U, W, X, Y

December: POTLUCK (Board Desserts)



- ✓ Unique Country Setting
- ✓ Sleeps 8 in Twin Beds
- ✓ Ironing Boards / Cutting Table
- ✓ Full Kitchen
- ✓ 2.5 Bathrooms

Visit our website for more details:

www.TheRetreatAtTheEndOfTheRoad.com



9100 County Road 2800

Athens, TX 75751

(903) 677-6796

info@TheRetreatAtTheEndOfTheRoad.com

October Birthdays

2-Jenn Haxton
5-Cara Overman
7-Sharon Matthiesen
7-Sandra McMahill
9-Betty Hancock
9-Mary Lopes
10-Carol Hoes
11-Charlotte Humphrey
13-Beth Worley
14-Linda Dickson
17-Maureen Beran
24-Carol Paris
25-Charles Kinsey
27-Brenda Burgess
29-Kathy Rowell
31-Lauren Crespo



Your input is needed! Please go to the QGOA website home page and follow the link to Program Polls to give feedback on our speakers and workshops. Thanks to everyone who does the surveys! www.qgoa.com

2016 Guild Officers

President: Sharon Ligon
Co-Vice Pres-Carol Hoes
Co-Vice Pres-Cynthia Bernerd
Secretary-Nancy Shortino
Treasurer Ruth Ann Uzzle
Parliamentarian-Barb Cain

In Case of Inclement Weather:

In general, we will do what the University of Texas of Arlington does. If they cancel evening classes we will cancel guild and board meetings.

Sunshine

Pat Eckstrom-Her oldest is expecting in April.
Rhonda Weddle-Has a new grandbaby

Shadow

Sharon Ligon-Dad passed in September.
Pat Eckstrom-Sister had a stroke, in rehab lost some vision, Aunt and Uncle passed.
Anne Jones-Foot amputation from ankle surgery.

QGOA 2016 Meetings and Workshops

Date	Speaker	Title of Program
January 12	Deborah Boschert	Getting From Start to Art
January 13	Deborah Boschert	Captivating Compositions for Art Quilts Workshop
February 9	Maria Hall, Longarm Quilter	Bringing Out the Best in Your Quilt
March 8	Shannon Page	Modern Quilting Basics and Improvisation
April 12	Flavin Glover	A New Look at Log Cabin Quilts
April 13	Flavin Glover	Log Cabin Patchwork Houses Workshop
May 10	Members	2016 Winner Circle
June 14	Members	Potluck Dinner
July 12	Debbie Panton	Round Robin Adventure
August 9	Members	Members Demonstrations
September 13	Winnie Fleming	Trunk Show
September 14	Winnie Fleming	Lone Star Table Runner Workshop
October 11	Shelley Clauss	How to Make a T-shirt Quilt
November 8	Robin Williamson	Modern Quilting
November 9	Robin Williamson	Round Robin Improv Workshop
December 13	Members	Potluck Dinner & Brown Bag Auction



Creative Sewing Center

- * designer fabrics including quilting cottons, voiles, & rayons
- * notions, patterns, and books * BOM's
- * classes in quilting, garments, & home dec for all experience levels
- * spacious 1,100 sf classroom * machine & studio rental

News for Ronald McDonald House Quilts



There are two divisions for Ronald Mc Donald House quilts for the quilt show.

1. The quilts made with the challenge fabric. This fabric has been donated by Quilt Among Friends. All the kits have been purchased. Thank you to all who are going to submit beautiful, creative and cute quilt. Keep your eyes and ears open about a few guideline changes.
2. The quilts made with any fabric choice. Pretty much anything goes as long as it is child appropriate. You may already have a top or even a completed quilt for this.

Thank you in advance for these great quilts. Let's break records in the number we deliver next year.

Randa and Charlotte



Thanks to all of you who picked up your challenge fabric packet at the July meeting. There are a few left so be sure to get yours soon. \$5 for a kit. This year, challenge quilt makers will receive a \$5 gift card from Quilt Among Friends if quilts are turned in at the designated.

Display Case

Billie Brecheen who has done a wonderful job on the guilds display case has some requests from us. She is looking for orphan blocks, mini quilts or blocks from different members.

November-Thanksgiving-Fall

December-Christmas

**Please put your name on your things. So Billie can get them back to you.



At day retreat some of you tried my flavored waters. So at the left are some you can try.

The favorite at the retreat was my apple cinnamon.

Take a gallon jug fill half way with ice put in 2 gala apples and 2 cinnamon sticks fill with water let sit for 2 hours.

Enjoy,

Tammy Reidy

Dear Guild Members

Many thanks for your contributions and remembering Project Linus for your donations. Project Linus received quilts, afghans, fabric, batting, blocks, fleece, fleece blankets and various items.

This month thanks to Jolene Mershon, Carole Armstrong, Ruth Ann, Charlotte Humphrey, Janice Farris, Shelley Cassata, Dale Scott, Kay Olson, Gayle Krengle, Mary Lopes, Barbara Couk, Judy O'Polka, Judy Liston, Randa Dillon, Janice Mowery, David Mowery, Jill Matyastik, Darnell Dark, Patricia Eckstrom, Rose Redding, Nancy Spell and anonymous. Please let me know if I missed your contribution.

Project Linus meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, except holiday months. We meet at South Cliff Baptist Church at 4100 SW Loop 820 in Ft. Worth at the Granbury exit. We meet from 9-2ish and take our machines, and a lunch and make finished quilts to give to children in treatment or serious illness at local hospitals.

The hospitals ask that the quilts measure 40 x 45 for small children and 44 x 57 or 60 for larger children. Project Linus donates an average of 350 quilts a month to these facilities.

Project Linus is happy to accept fabric, blocks, batting, thread, needles or other notions, completed quilts, knitted and crocheted blankets. When you are unloading things that you no longer want please keep Linus in mind.

There are websites with some patterns if you are interested:

www.Projectlinus.org/patterns and
www.quiltmaker.com/patterns/projectlinus.

Please accept thanks from the Tarrant county kids that receive your kindness. Your contributions are well appreciated.

Remember the work we do for the guild and our community enriches us and the generations to come.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Cooper

North Texas Quilt Festival ~ News and Updates

The North Texas Quilt Festival and Original Sewing and Quilt Expo will be a premier event for our guild to participate in with 5 other guilds: Bear Creek Quilt Guild, Fort Worth Modern Quilt Guild, Fort Worth Quilt Guild, Irving Quilt Guild, and Trinity Valley Quilt Guild. The Event will be held at the Arlington Convention Show August 24, 25 and 27, 2017. The guilds will be having a collaborative quilt show during the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo which is a vendor, classes and speaker event with over 130 committed vendors already!

Our guild will be able to hang quilts in the show, although the numbers will be limited due to space and involvement with all the other guilds. We should be able to hang about 100 quilts from our guild alone and anticipating the show to have over 400 quilts!

We will need volunteers from our guild to help before and during the show. although we will not have all the usual show responsibilities, we still will need help checking quilts in and out of the show, hanging the quilts - the show will be professionally pole & draped, and taking down the quilts. We also will have a guild booth to exhibit our Donation Quilt, information about our guild, sell guild products and have our Susan G Komen Silent Auction.

We are working up a logo for the event - if you are interested please contact Rhonda for more info. It will be used for publications, T-shirts and a pin. Get creative and start designing. This will need to be done within the next month! Needs to have - North Texas Quilt Festival plus this can be smaller: Original Sewing and Quilt Expo

Fund Raising for our Guild:

Our guild and the other guilds will have opportunities to raise money from several different options.

1 - Pre-Sale of Event tickets: We will have tickets for the event in February or March to sale in our community. Proceeds will go directly to the guild.

2 - Sale of quilts at the show. We will have an area that we can sale full size, lap or baby quilts that have been donated by our members for sale. Quilts will be priced by the donator and all proceeds will go to our guild.

3- Special event and preview evening: Limited tickets will be available to hear a keynote speaker, preview and attend the award ceremony for the quilt show.

Important dates: These dates are still being developed so please use these as a guideline at this time

January - Information about Divisions and Categories for the show

February - Quilt entry submissions to begin. Space is limited and entries will be by date and time of submission

February -Pre- Sale of Event tickets

Deadline for Quilt Entries - May 1

Layout Meeting for show - beginning of June

Quilt check in at the Arlington Convention Center - August 21

Preview Night and Special Event - August 23

North Texas Quilt Festival and Original Sewing and Quilt Expo - August 24, 25, 26

Quilters' Guild of Arlington
2016 Donation Quilt



"Homeward Bound"

Size 80 X80

Photographed by guild member Rose Kauhane

Fabric Crafts Wanted

The Mesquite Craft Fair (November 12th) has offered to our guild the opportunity to sell handmade fabric items along with our donation quilt tickets and cookbooks.

The type of items that we are looking for are fabric or quilt related pieces, i.e., potholders, mug rugs, glasses holders, pin cushions, needle holders, snap bags, zippered cases, stuffed animals, bags, etc.

Please add the following information to your donated item:

1. Suggested sales price.
2. If your item does not sell and you would like it returned to you please attach your name and phone number; otherwise, it will be donated to either the Brown Bag or next year's quilt show.

Turn in your items to Susan FitzGerald at the donation quilt table by the Nov 8th general meeting.
Thank you!

Don't forget to turn in your ticket stubs!

Please return unsold tickets.

Donation quilt ticket monies benefits QGOA's Continuing Education Programs and SafeHaven. The drawing will be December 13, 2016. Need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5.

You can also buy tickets via mail by sending a check to:
QGOA, P.O. Box 13232, Arlington TX 76094

Outstanding Volunteers for September were:

Judy Liston, Sheila & Chuck Kinsey, Sandy Boise, Must Love Fabrics in Grapevine.

Thank you to Judy Liston, Linda McPherson and Randa Dillon for donating handmade items for the craft fair.

Please sign-up to sell tickets at these different events:

Oct 8 - Peggy's Quilt Studio 10am-12pm - Julie Schmidt
Oct 18 - Fort Worth QG 6-9pm - Linda McPherson & Nancy Shortino
Oct 21 - TVQG 9am-12pm -
Oct 22 - Kennedale Senior Center Craft Fair 4:30-8pm - Susan FitzGerald
Oct 25 - QGO Frisco 6-9pm
Nov 4&5 - Country Stitches 9am-12pm - Linda McPherson & Nancy Shortino
Nov 12 - Mimosa Lane Craft Fair Mesquite 9am-3pm - Debra Ware, Mabelle Athon and Randa Dillon
Nov 18 - Summit Senior Center Craft Fair G.P. 10-2 - Linda McPherson & Nancy Shortino

2018 Donation Quilt Wanted

A request to our very talented, creative guild members: Which of you will take up the challenge of creating our 2018 fundraising quilt? You can do it all yourself, enlist a few friends or your stitch group for an exciting group project with plenty of time to complete it. Interested? Contact Sharon Ligon for more information or to accept the challenge.

Congratulation to Judy Liston!

She completed her Dear Jane Quilt. She completed the quilt by hand quilting unique designs in each of the 4 1/2" blocks. There are 169 blocks! Congratulations to Judy for this beautiful heirloom quilt. Wow! What an achievement! I am sure she will share it at the next guild meeting you don't want to miss it.



Day Retreat Recipes

Macaroni and Cheese

8 oz. elbow macaroni, cooked in salted water and drained
1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese, grated, Tillamook Sharp preferred
1 t. dry mustard, used Colman's - don't add extra!
1 - 10 3/4 oz. can condensed cream of mushroom or celery soup, undiluted
1 C. mayonnaise
Note: do not add salt!

1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crumbled. Can also use Club Crackers.
1/4 C. melted butter

Preheat oven 350° F. Mix soup, mustard and mayonnaise. Add macaroni & cheese. Place in deep casserole dish. Combine cracker crumbs, melted butter and dash of seasoned salt. Place crumbs over top of the casserole. Bake 30-35 min. 15-20 minutes covered, 10-15 minutes uncovered. Do not overheat or it separates, just get hot!

Freezes well - freeze before cooking. Good made a day ahead and heated when needed!

BANANA PUDDING

3 bags of Pepperidge Farm Chessman Cookies, just enough - no more needed!
4-6 (5) Bananas
3 1/2 C whole milk
(2) 3.5 oz. French Vanilla instant pudding
(1) 8 oz. cream cheese, room temp.
1 can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
1 16 oz. Cool Whip or real whip cream, whipped - add entirely into mixture
This overfills a deep foil pan - 10 x 14.

Line bottom and sides of the pan with cookies. Layer - cookies, pudding mixture, bananas, pudding mixture, cookies, pudding mixture, then crushed cookie crumbs

Set aside 1 paper cup of cookies - crush into crumbs. Sprinkle over top (helps the plastic wrap and foil not stick!)

Congratulations to These State Fair Winners!

Pat Eckstrom-5 Ribbons-2 First Place, 1 Second Place, 2 Honorable Mentions.

Sheila Parry-3 ribbons-First place-Recycle/Reuse Category-wall hanging, Second Place-Combination Military Quilt, Honorable Mention-T-Shirt Quilt.

Dottie Hughes-Honorable Mention for a wall hanging.

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing for a 85" x 65" Throw Quilt.

Materials for throw quilt:

Fabric for the top:

6 yds @ \$11 yd = \$66

5 yds Backing @ \$13 = \$65

2 yds of Batting @ \$11 = \$22

5/8 yd for Binding @ \$11 = \$6.88

TOTAL Cost of Materials = \$159.88

Construction:

(Labor based on \$10/hr)

Making the top:

(Includes preparing the fabric, cutting the pieces, sewing the blocks, setting into rows, adding borders)

50 hours x \$10/hr = \$500

Assembling the Quilt Sandwich:

3 hours @ \$10/hr = \$30

Quilting on Domestic Machine:

(Charged by square inch in a simple all over design)

4225 sq x \$.015 = \$63.38

Thread for Quilting - \$15

TOTAL Cost for Construction = \$768.26

Finishing:

Making the Binding:

2 hours x \$10 = \$20

Attaching the binding:

10 hours x \$10 = \$100

TOTAL Finishing costs = \$120

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$888.26

Note: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.





STITCH GROUPS

Guild members are cordially invited to join a sewing group for fellowship and stitching. We have plenty of space for new members in our groups

****Friendship Stitchers****

Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church Contact: Helga Smith

****Etcetera Art Quilt Group****

Meets @ Sew Fabricated
1st Thursday of the Month 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Contact: Denny Cornett

****The Piecemakers****

Meets @ Bob Duncan Community Center 2nd & 4th Thursdays
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Contact: Nancy Shortino-817-466-1279

****Sew-N-Sews****

Meets @ Trinity United Methodist Church
1200 W Green Oaks Room A208
1st Monday of the month unless it is a Holiday
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring your lunch and \$3 per person per meeting as a donation to the church

Contact: Randa Dillon or Carolyn Bowden

****Jane and Friends****

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends

2238 Michigan Ave. Suite A

2nd Monday of the Month 10:00-3:00

Contact: Sherry Livingston

****Sew Touching-Alzheimer's Fidget Quilts****

Meets @ Peggy's Quilt Studio

3rd Tuesday of the Month 10:00am-2:00pm

Bring your lunch

Contact: Tammy Reidy or Billie Brecheen

You need to fill out a Show & Tell form in order for your quilt to be listed in the newsletter. Write legibly please.

Show and Tell

Date: _____ Presented by: _____

Name of Quilt: _____

Maker of Quilt: _____

Quilter (if different): _____

Description: _____

QGOA Newsletter Ad Rates

SIZE	1MO	3MO	1 YR
1/8 PAGE	\$7.50	\$22	\$85
1/4 PAGE	\$15	\$40	\$150
1/2 PAGE	\$30	\$75	\$270
1/2 PAGE (BACK)	\$40	\$105	\$378
FULL PAGE	\$60	\$150	\$540

All ads must be print ready and fit the size requirement. Ads must be received by the 15th of the month prior to the desired publication month. Email preferred.

Email ad to: tammyreidy@yahoo.com
Make payments to: QGOA
Mail payments to: Tammy Reidy, Editor
4101 Walsh Lane
Grand Prairie, TX 75052