



The Quilting Bee

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January 2019

Coming in February !

Susan Corbett will be lecturing on "How to Quilt It" at our February general meeting, and teaching a workshop the next day on Basic Backgrounds. This is a great workshop for technique on your domestic machine. It requires very little prep work, but the results will be amazing! Sign up on line or at the January meeting!



January Speaker, Sulky Educator - Eric Drexler



With over 28 years in the sewing industry, Eric Drexler has developed a wide spectrum of expertise. As a senior in High School in 1983, Eric started working in Joyce and Fred Drexler's Sewing Center as their sewing machine mechanic. Over the next 15 years, he went on to become a Teacher, Manager and Co-owner until the business was sold in 1998. For the last 13 years, he has been a full-time employee of Sulky of America during which time he has become more heavily focused on his creative side, while continuing to indulge his passion for sewing machine repair in the evenings and on weekends.

Free-motion artistry has been Eric's other life-long passion ever since he was inspired by Joyce when, at age 10, she first taught him the technique. Through his association with Sulky of America during all the years of its existence, he has had the pleasure and honor of being inspired by some of the world's greatest creative sewers and quilters. For the 10 years of its existence, he managed the Sulky Challenge and was responsible for its appearance all over the country.

Eric loves life, and he loves to teach and share his exuberance for creative sewing. He is passionate about inspiring students of all ages so they can discover and enjoy a lifetime of creative fun. His infectious smile and warm humor puts everyone at ease and makes them ready and eager to learn. He is widely sought after to teach and share his contagious enthusiasm at Consumer shows, Sew Exciting Seminars, Guild Programs and, more recently, on PBS shows.

ATTENTION!

We will be trying out a new, free, email system in the next month called MailChimp. Be sure to opt in to begin receiving emails from QGOA. Also, please remember when **renewing your membership** to provide a good email address so that you may receive your newsletter, or other QGOA important reminders, and opportunities!
Thank You! Maria Freitag

All Guild meetings are held at the Bob Duncan Center, 2800 S. Center St., Arlington, TX 76014.

Meetings begin at 6:30pm with check-in and networking time. The guild business meeting begins at 7:00, with the speaker following.

Meetings are free for members of the Guild; **there is a \$5 charge for visitors.**

Sunshine and Shadow

Extra...extra...read all about it! Newsy Suzy is on the Sunshine and Shadow job this year and wants to be Nosey about our members. **Please contact Susan FitzGerald with any good, bad, happy or sad happenings!**

Sunshine and Shadow as of 12-23-18

☺ Where's the sunshine? Text or email me what's going on in your life!

☺ It's the first time in 28 years that Helga Smith missed a Friendship Christmas Party due to complication and pain from a damaged sciatic nerve. Helga, we hope you're better soon and can party in the New Year!

☺ Cynthia Berend's Father-in-law, Gene Berend, passed away in December. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.

☺ Barb Cain's Step Mother, Mary Lee, passes away December 19th. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.

☺ Kim Olmedo went to the hospital with a gall stone flare up two nights in a row, and had surgery on Saturday December 22nd. Wishing you a speedy recovery!

MQP (Military Quilt Project)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Military Quilt Project this year. I have 27 finished quilts. I am talking with the Elks Lodge in Arlington about receiving our quilts. They partner with the American Legion and visit active military and veterans in the Fort Worth and Waco Veterans homes and hospitals.

I am still looking for a few block sets that were signed out and not returned. Please return either the kit or the block, so these quilts can be completed.

If you need a project for these cold rainy days or as winter comes and the new year begins, please consider a Military Quilt Project. I have several quilts that need to be quilted, and tops to piece, or fabric to start a quilt to donate.

Thanks for your participation.

Cindy Bergman

BLOCK PARTY!

UFO Challenge

Once again we will be doing the UFO – Unfinished Objects Challenge. In January you will fill out a list of projects you want to finish in 2019, and the month you plan to finish each project. The form is in the newsletter and some copies will be available at the January meeting.

When you bring in a finished project in the month you specified, you earn the right to choose a fat quarter from those available that meeting. No more waiting until August!

Yes, you may join in later, but cannot make up months missed. What if you don't have 8 UFO's? Consider making a Project Linus, Ronald McDonald House or military quilt as a project for a month. Another option would be a miniature for the quilt show auction. You get the idea.

President's Block

We collected over 40 Friendship Star blocks for our past President, Sharon Ligon. Thanks to all who participated. This year we will be making blocks to say thank you to Tammy Reidy for last year's guild leadership. We'll get more details at the January meeting.

Exchanges and Swaps

Thirteen people participated in the handmade ornament exchange. Thank you to all who played.

In February we will exchange mug rugs again. In honor of Heart month, and, well, Valentines, we will make a mug rug that has a heart as a part of it. It could be fabric with a heart print, embroidery, appliqué, or a pieced heart. You are free to decide the size. Please bring the mug rug wrapped with your name on the piece or on an accompanying card. Bring to the Block Party table at the beginning of the February meeting, and pick up a token to redeem at the break for a different mug rug. Plan ahead to participate so you won't feel left out when you see others with the fun mug rugs they've received!

Our 2018 Donation Quilt

Congratulations to our very own Susan FitzGerald! Her name was drawn for our 2018 Donation Quilt "Webs of Color" !



Our 2019 Donation Quilt

"Bunnies In the Garden"

Size 92" X 79"

Made by members of Friendship Stitches

Quilted by Sabina Thompson

Designed by Nancy Spell

around two blocks by Edyta Sitar

Be sure to get your raffle tickets NOW!



**Congratulations to our TWO 2018 Golden Spool Winners
Veronica Mowrey and Nancy Shortino**

**Quilters are you ready for next year's
Heart of Texas One Stop Shop Hop?**

40 vendors in one location!!!

Where? Chisholm Hall Convention Center, Waco, TX

When? Friday, January 18, 2019 10a-5p

Saturday, January 19, 2019 10a-4p

<http://www.heartoftexashop.com/>

Thank you to Debra Hood and her team who have graciously volunteered to set up and sell raffle tickets for our 2019 Donation Quilt during the shop hop!!!



Dear QGOA members:

Your donations are appreciated by these kiddos and especially their families. The hospitals prefer sizes measuring 44 x 40 for smaller kids and for the larger kids 57 x 44 or any larger if you are so inclined (many of you make the larger ones). Also, if you are looking for a new, easy pattern please check out www.projectlinus.org/patterns for quilt, crochet and knitted items. Also Quiltmaker Magazine at www.quiltmaker.com/projectlinus/patterns And sometimes I have patterns with me. Just let me know ahead of a meeting and I will try to bring them.

Thanks to all of you that do so much . Remember the things we do for our guild and community enrich us and generations to come. Sincerely, Elizabeth



The 2019 Ronald McDonald Challenge is UNDERWAY!

Thanks to all of you who have already purchased your challenge fabric packets. There are a few

more available for you at the next guild meeting. We would like to see a record number of quilts to deliver next year. Remember that you can also make a non-challenge fabric quilt also. There are the 2 categories and the guild members will vote for the award winners. It's not too early to start!

Thank you for your participation!

Randa and Charlotte

SNEAK peek at 2019 programs that you MUST attend !!

February

Back by popular demand, our very own Susan Corbett will lead a workshop on free-motion quilting of basic backgrounds. Sign up today!

March

Martha Wolfe will encourage us to "finish" our quilts!

April

Sue Nickels will talk about machine quilting and lead a basic raw edge machine applique workshop. Sign up for this intriguing workshop!



Cancer Care Services

Cancer Care Services serves thousands of individuals affected by cancer, annually, in Tarrant, Park and Hood Counties by supporting cancer patients, caring for caregivers and empowering survivors. They guide and teach their clients to COPE THRIVE and CONNECT through their journey with Cancer. Every month they have "Heroes of Hope Tours" of their facilities.

They are located at 623 South Henderson Street, Fort Worth, TX 76104. Call Deanna Stuart, Senior Development Director, to let her know you will be attending a tour. She can also be reached at Deanna@cancercareservices.org.

If anyone is interested in the tours and don't want to go alone, please call me. I will be happy to attend with you. I can be reached at 817-466-1279 or nanshortino@gmail.com

Remember it's time...
to RENEW your Membership!
Your membership dues, and our
donation quilt help to support the
wonderful speakers and activities that
our fabulous guild offers to its
membership!

Join! Or Renew! TODAY!

Membership Dues!

January 1-December 31

Junior Members 12-17 are \$15

Guild Members 18-65 are \$30

Senior Members 65-85 are \$25

Super Senior Members 85+ are FREE

**Visitors are charged a fee of \$5
per meeting.**

Guild Refreshments

Jan = C, T

Feb = H, V

Mar = M

Apr = S

May = Potluck (Board Desserts)

June = A, D, Z, E

Jul = G, L, O

Aug = B

Sep = F, I, J, K

Oct = N, P, R

Nov = U, W, X, Y

Dec = Potluck (Board Desserts)

Snacks are provided by those whose last name
begins with that letter for that month.

QGOA Newsletter Ad Rates

SIZE	1MO	3MO	1 YR
1/8 PAGE	\$7.50	\$22	\$85 (Business Card Size)
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: freitagmaria@yahoo.com

Make payments to: QGOA

Mail payments to: Maria Freitag, 5506 Ceran Dr., Arlington, TX 76016

Get Involved! Join a Stitch Group!

****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 am to 3 pm Bring your lunch and \$3 per per-
son 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
Bring 2 cans of food for the Food Pantry
2nd Monday of the Month 10:30 am-3 pm
Contact: Sherry Livingston

****Felted Wool Gathering****

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends
2238 Michigan Ave. Ste. A
Bring 2 cans of food for the Food Pantry
4th Monday of the month 10:30am
No instructors or specific projects
Contact: Gayle Lacerda

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

Contact: Linda McPherson or Billie Brecheen

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

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

****Friendship Stitchers****

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

****The Piecemakers****

Meets @ Bob Duncan Community Center
2nd & 4th Thursdays 6 pm to 10 pm
Contact: Nancy Shortino-817-466-1279

Upcoming 2019 Activities

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January is your first opportunity to sign up for 2019 workshops. Don't wait until the last minute! Check below for the lectures and workshops scheduled for 2019. Remember to check the website for workshop info, supplies and signups.

February - Susan Corbett - How to Quilt it!

February Workshop - Susan Corbett - "Basic Backgrounds" workshop

March - Martha Wolfe - Done is Better than Perfect!

April - Sue Nickels - Machine Quilting for Today's Quilts

April - Sue Nickels - Basic stitch raw edge machine applique workshop

May - Cynthia England - Creating a pictorial quilt

May - Cynthia England - Small landscape workshop

June - Ronald McDonald

July - Cynthia Regone - Let's Swap

July - Cynthia Regone - Strip pieced stars workshop

August - Sheila Parry - Trunk Show

September - Heather Kojan - Quilt Remix: UFO's, Orphan Blocks and what was I thinking? Fresh ideas for stale projects.

September - Heather Kojan - Log Cabin Improv workshop

October - Military Quilt Challenge

November - Sharon & Loren Wilhelm of Quilt Ideas - The Spirit of Christmas

December - Brown Bag Pot Luck

Happy Quilting!

Debbie Hood

Quilters' Guild of Arlington

Spring Day Retreat:

February 27, 28, & March 1, 2019

For: **QGOA Members**; space is limited to 60 persons

When: Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, Feb. 27-28 & Mar. 1

Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Fri. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Eunice Activity Center, 1000 Eunice Street, Arlington 76010

Cost: \$60 per person.

Spaces still available for the retreat, register soon if interested!



**The Longarm Studio
is open for business!**

Check out our website for
certification and rental
details.



Creative Sewing Center
2899 W. Pioneer Pkwy., Pantego, TX 76013
www.sewfabricated.com (817) 795-1925



NORTH TEXAS QUILT FESTIVAL and Sewing Expo!

The North Texas Quilt Festival and Sewing Expo

will be held

*August 22- 24, 2019 at the
Arlington Convention Center*

This is a united effort of six area guilds (QGOA, Irving, Trinity Valley, Ft. Worth Modern, Ft. Worth, and Bear Creek) and F and W Publishing to provide an awesome judged quilt display, education and shopping opportunities for the area. Please begin finishing up your quilts to enter into the festival! Also, we need miniature quilts for the auction. All the proceeds of the minis our guild members submit will go to QGOA, or Cancer Cares (depending on the request of the submitter).

Online entries open on February 1, 2019 and close on April 30, 2019

If you are interested in being a vendor contact Liz Fredrick (liz.fredrick@fwmedia.com). Much more information will be given as soon as it is available.

Randa Dillon, Your NTQF committee representative.

Star Light, Star Bright, Stars Upon My Bed Tonight ...A Survey of Star Quilts of the Past

Date: February 16, 2019
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost: \$40.00 per person
(includes lunch)

Location: Historic Casino Hall
254 N. Jefferson, La Grange, Texas

Join the Lone Star Quilt Study Group as Carolyn Miller shares Star Quilts from her vast collection of antique quilts and discusses the variety of ways that stars have been portrayed in quilts. Afterwards attendees can compare what she has shown with the Astronomical Quilts on Exhibit at Winedale.

2019 Guild Away Retreat

We are happy to announce our upcoming away retreat for our guild members this coming year!

Please visit our table at the guild meeting to sign up for our fun retreat!

Cactus Rose Hideaway

Stephenville, TX

March 31 - April 3, 2019

20 plus occupancy

The great price given to us by our guild member, Annis Clapp, owner of Cactus Rose Hideaway is \$210 for the 3 night, 4 day retreat! Included in this price is a continental breakfast, dinner the first night and then full lunch and dinners with continental breakfast Monday and Tuesday. Check-in is no earlier than 10:00 am Sunday and a flexible noon checkout on Wednesday. Checkout the website for more details.

www.cactusrosehideway.com

2019 UFO Challenge

List the project you will be finishing each month (e.g. quilt top or finished quilt) in both the top and the bottom halves of the sheet. Return the bottom half to Kara Overman.

Feb _____

Mar _____

Apr _____

May _____

Jun _____

Jul _____

Aug _____

Sep _____

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Name _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____