



The Quilting Bee

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From the President:

Dear Quilting Friends,
I regret to inform you that we will not meet in July (I know, again). We were all set to get back to business when the state experienced an increase in COVID related cases. Whether you agree or disagree with all the politics of it all, our MOST important consideration is the well-being of our fellow quilting friends. Therefore, the voting members of the board were queried and it was determined to cancel the July meeting. Remember, your board represents you. If you agree or disagree, please reach out to them and let them know what you are thinking. This is an unprecedented time in our country and we are simply doing our best. Your board will meet via Zoom on July 7. FYI - Board members are listed in your directory. Again, please reach out to them, encourage them, and give them your input for future events. ***THIS IS YOUR GUILD! LET'S KEEP IT GREAT!***

-- Debbie Hood

P.S. from Programs

It's hard to know what to do - The August & September speakers have been confirmed, but that was when we thought things were opening up. We'll be checking with them closer to their scheduled times. Several speakers who have cancelled are being rescheduled for 2021. We will continue to work on a contingent schedule for 2021-2022 so we will be ready when we resume our general meetings.

--Sharon Ligon

Congratulations to Janice Mowery!

Janice's quilt Bird Friendly, has been selected for the exhibit Flying High: For the Love of Birds. The exhibit will premier at the Texas Quilt Museum September 24 - December 20, 2020, then travel to select venues.



Dear Guild Members,

After much thought, deliberation, and input from our members, the NTQF committee is sad to let you know that we are **canceling** our North Texas Quilt Festival judged show for 2020.

Many variables led to this reluctant decision. We realize the demographic of our membership falls into the “at risk” category for Covid-19 and recognize the specific safety issues this presents to our cherished members and their families. While NTQF would, to the best of our ability, have provided safety measures at the show, since understanding

and predicting anything about this disease is next to impossible, we ultimately did not want to take the risk. Also, our survey results indicated that while about half of you would come to the show, a large majority were reluctant to volunteer. Volunteers are vital for a successful show.

While member safety and lack of volunteers were the main reasons for canceling the show, we also considered other factors. Not having in person guild meetings to sell tickets and generate more interest would lead to low revenue. We canceled the mini auction due to the handling involved which also impacts revenue. The quality of the show with such low (only 130) quilt entries would be compromised. Finally, the prospect of going to all the time and effort, only to have a government entity shut us down at the last minute was, well let’s not even go there.

The competition is canceled, but there is still a chance to feed the quilting bug. For those of you who feel comfortable attending a show and/or volunteering for one, the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo is planning to go on as scheduled August 13-15 in Irving. They will be observing safety measures such as requesting attendees wear masks, hand sanitizing stations, bigger vendor booths for less crowding, wider aisles and extra student spacing in classrooms. They will also have many virtual offerings, such as online classes, virtual tours and more. We encourage you to support the OSQE, as they are our partners, and it is due to their financial and organizational help that we were able to produce the successful shows in past years. Go to their website: <https://sewingexpo.com/Events/Dallas,TX.aspx> to volunteer and for all the latest info.

Anticipating by 2021 the world will have a better handle on this Covid-19 menace, we are looking forward to an even bigger and better show. We will carry the rules and theme into the planning for next year. Given all the extra time you now have to work on those show entries, it should be the largest show yet!

Stay safe and healthy,

NTQF Committee

P.S. I was so looking forward to the NTQF and I am so sad we have to cancel another one of our loved quilt events. Next year, though, should be great. I do plan to go to the EXPO some. I will refund money for those of you who purchased Pre-Show t-shirts when I see you again or notify me if you want me to mail it to you. My contact info is in the directory.

Randa



Ronald McDonald Challenge Update

Hi fellow members!

Our 2020 Ronald McDonald challenge has been rescheduled for October.



Bring your quilts (both challenge fabric quilts and non-challenge fabric quilts) to our August, or September meeting.

In October, we will display the quilts, and vote for our favorites and ribbons will be awarded in both categories.

The \$5.00 Quilt Among Friends gift cards for the challenge-fabric-participants and the donation receipt forms for all participants will be handed out during our October meeting. Please refer to pages 6 & 7 for the updated 2020 guidelines and the updated 2020 entry form.

Sunshine and Shadow

Sunshine - Ella Rushing got wonderful news from her oncologist!! She is cancer free after 5 years. Wonderful news Ella!!

Sunshine - We all have had the opportunity to enjoy a little more freedom to go out from home and enjoy some fresh air!!

Shadow - Shortly after Ella Rushing got that wonderful news, she had the awful event of Jimmie, her husband passing away. Our prayers and love are with you and your family.

Shadow - Melba Drennan also lost a family member. Her son died after a battle with cancer on June 2, 2020. Our prayers and love go out to Melba and her family.

August speaker, Terry Mosher presenting his lecture:

Men Quilt!

The History of Male Quilters beginning in the 16th century, their experiences and the importance of quilting in their lives

Terry Mosher is a local celebrity from Grapevine, maybe best known for his English Paper Piecing awards, honors and classes. Thirty years ago, he started out a traditional quilter - hand piecing, hand appliquing and hand quilting. He transitioned to Machine Art Quilts and, eventually, returned to his Traditional roots. He is now a Master Quilter. He participated in the National Exhibit "Men of Biblical Proportion" that traveled the country 2005-2007. In 2009 he was the Guest Speaker for opening night and participant in Quilt Mania II exhibit "Men of the Cloth" in Dallas. In 2015 he and his wife were both featured in the French publication "Cronique Patchwork", while vacationing in France.

More recently, he committed to a 26-month journey to create the English Paper Pieced Millefiori quilt pattern by Katja Marek of British Columbia, Canada. In 2018 he was juried into a Millefiori Special Exhibit at the Texas Quilt Museum in La Grange, Texas featuring 12 Millefiori quilts from around the country. He was also one of 4 men who spoke at the exhibit opening. This became a passion and the last three years he has been presenting his lecture, trunk show and workshops at guilds. He continues to work by hand and by machine to create Quilts that he loves. His quilting motto is: "Do what you Love and Love what you do."

Shadow - On June 20, 2020 Lea Bailey's husband John lost his fight with thyroid cancer that had spread to brain and lungs. "He fought hard for 4 years but... he's now at home with Jesus" Two weeks prior to his homegoing he had been in hospice care at their house surrounded by those who loved him. His memorial service was on Friday June 26 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Sending prayers and love to surround Lea and her family.

Quilt Guild of Arlington T-Shirts

are still available!!! I have t-shirts to sell for \$15 ! They would be a great gift for the quilter in your life! You could also use the t-shirt as an encouraging gift to a younger quilter!
Linda McPherson



Dear Ones: Hope everyone is wearing protective things when it is necessary to get out. Who could have ever imagined we would be in this state??? Hasn't it been fun going through all our past due projects and finding fabric and notions that we had misplaced or forgotten? I guess I am telling on myself. Needless to say there have been some restrictions on the deliveries made to the hospitals and charitable organizations that Project Linus supports with your generous donations. It is beginning to get back to normal. Many of the places are calling and asking for quilts and blankets again. Yeah! Thank heaven there were some in wait to be delivered. These innocent children have already borne so much so now they can get back to receiving a wrap of comfort direct from all of you who care so much.

You have been so generous in making front porch deliveries and pick ups and we have all been very cautious. Thank goodness with age we gain some wisdom. Project Linus would like to offer special thanks to Shelly Uggen, Ronda Scott, Phyllis Borton, Pat Owens, Debbie Hood, Rose Kauhane, Susan FitzGerald, Julie McCloud (Quilt Among Friends), Robbie Colley, Elizabeth Carr, Randa Dillon, Maria Freitag, Janice Farris, Judy Liston, Linda McPherson, Veronica Mowery, Jolene Mershon, Nancy Spell, Ella Rushing, Debra Ware, Janice Mowery, anonymous, Charlotte Humphrey, Kathy Hester, Pat Hall, Dale Scott, And if I didn't get your name, please forgive me (I'll try to do better).

The hospitals request minimum sizes for toddlers 44 X 40, and for the larger kids 57 X 44.

If you are hunting a free new pattern, go to projectlinus.org/pattern-there are lots there for sewing, crocheting, knitting and other projects. Also Quiltmaker Magazine designs a new pattern each year for PL. Recent and patterns from past years are on their website under Project Linus patterns. I have made several of those patterns and they are darling in my opinion!

Please remember the things we do for our guild and our community enriches us and generations to come.

Thank you again, Elizabeth



**"Friends in My Garden"
83" X 91"**

Donation quilt tickets are on sale; \$1 each or 6/\$5

QGOA Members, did you know that we as a guild make a donation quilt each year to garner funds to support our fantastic speakers, workshops, community outreach programs, and offer a free library with current editions and authors?

The guild requests that each member purchase or sell at least \$20 in tickets. More ticket sales not only supports our guild but a portion will also be donated to SafeHaven. SafeHaven's mission is to end domestic violence through safety, support, prevention and social change.

Members may included their ticket purchase along with their Membership Form or you can contact Amy Steinert, or Susan FitzGerald to purchase your tickets. Tickets can also be purchased via mail by sending a check to: QGOA, P.O. Box 13232, Arlington, TX 76094. We guarantee your stubs will be filled out and placed in the drawing! The drawing will be held December 8, 2020, need not be present to win.

A big shout out to Kim Olmedo, Sharon Ligon, and Pat Madrid for volunteering to quilt our 2021 donation quilt!

Regrettably, it is necessary to cancel the **QGOA Day Retreat** scheduled in October.

I do not think it will be safe in October for a group such as ours, with many older members, to be together in a confined space for a few days. The Eunice Community Center site is very expensive, and when we do have a full house in attendance, we are just able to cover the retreat budget. I do not think we would have enough registered to afford the retreat, and be in compliance with possibly continued social distancing requirements. The risk is still an unknown variable. I love the retreats and feel renewed in spirit to be with such a wonderful group of people and it pains me to cancel. I just do not think it is a wise decision for us to hold the event.

Please be safe and I am so looking forward to us being together again in sewing fellowship!

Libby McDuffie

Interesting article for points to consider with the COVID19 pandemic.

Four 'Cs': Contacts, Confined spaces, Crowds and Choices

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/06/health/virus-reopenings.html?referringSource=articleShare>

"Are you shopping through Amazon, Kroger, and/or Tom Thumb?"

Please consider helping to support our guild. Refer to our

website at <https://qgoa.org/help-support-the-guild>



2020 Military Quilt Project The Stash Buster Challenge

As presented by Border Creek Station

www.bordercreekstation.com

One block, many quilts!

Size Requirement: 55 x 65 to 72 x 90,
ideal size 55 x 65

Quilts to be shown/turned in at October meeting.

We will NOT be judging quilts, just admiring them.

Goal is minimum 22 quilts in recognition of the 22 Veterans who lose their battle to suicide each day. Let's double it and make it 44!!!

If you wish to do a Quilt of Valor quilt, please see their website for requirements. QOVF.org

Please hold Challenge quilts for October

meeting so that we can see the many different results from one block all together.

You may turn in any other quilts you wish to make at any meeting.

Celebrating YOU in July!!

We will be including (if you told us yours) birthdays in our newsletters. Don't worry, they will not have specific dates as I would like to keep your personal information out in the web to a minimum! Just a birth month along with the names for that

Carole Armstong
Marcia Brenner
Deanna Chronister
Mary Myers DeVlugt
Barbara Garner
Elaine Grasher
Dottie Hughes

Tammy Reidy
Susan Reinarz
Ella Rushing
Karen Scribner
Susan Sloan
Nancy Ellen Soteriou
Sabina Thompson



2020 Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Quilts Challenge

2020 Guidelines are the same as 2019.

In 2020 there are two types of Ronald McDonald House Quilts Challenges:

Ronald McDonald House Challenge Fabric Quilt Guidelines

- ♥ This challenge fabric is donated by Quilt Among Friends. Please take opportunities to thank them for their sponsorship.
- ♥ Packet containing the challenge fabric is \$5. The quilt maker who uses this fabric and turns the quilt in before or at the September 2020 guild meeting will receive a \$5 gift card from Quilt Among Friends.
- ♥ Quilts must use a recognizable amount of the challenge fabric in the quilt.
- ♥ Maker may use any other coordinating fabrics.
- ♥ The quilt must be washable and have no buttons or similar items attached that could be accidentally swallowed by young children.
- ♥ Finished quilts must be at least 50 inches on each side.

******Quilts must have an entry form and turned in before or at the September 2020 guild meeting.**

Labels are optional. You do not need to add a sleeve.

Entries will be displayed at the October guild meeting and members will vote on them for ribbons.

Ronald McDonald House (non-challenge fabric) Quilt Guidelines

- ♥ To be donated to Ronald McDonald House any fabric may be used.
- ♥ The quilt must be washable and have no buttons or similar items attached that could be accidentally swallowed by young children.
- ♥ Finished quilts must be at least 50 inches on each side.

******Quilts must have an entry form and turned in before or at the September 2020 guild meeting.**

Labels are optional. You do not need to add a sleeve.

Entries will be displayed at the October guild meeting and members will vote on them for ribbons.

Packets are available at the general meetings beginning in July 2019.

For more information regarding RMH Ft Worth: <http://www.ftworthrmh.org>.

Ronald McDonald House . . . providing a “home-away- from-home” for families with seriously ill children who travel to Fort Worth for pediatric medical care.



2020 Ronald McDonald House (RMH)

Quilts Challenge

Entry Form

Submit an entry form for *each* quilt entered.

- ♥ Ronald McDonald Challenge quilts are due no later than the **September** 2020 Guild meeting.
- ♥ Each entry must have an entry form attached.
- ♥ You may label your quilt if you would like.
- ♥ Do not attach hanging sleeve.

Entrant _____

Entrant email address _____

Entrant Phone _____

Circle one:

Challenge Fabric Entry Non-Challenge Fabric Entry

Quilt Name _____

Quilt Maker _____ Quilter _____

Quilt Description (some identifying feature or picture) _____

Quilt Dimensions: width _____ length _____

Quilters entering a challenge fabric quilt and turned in at the **September** guild meeting will receive a \$5 gift card from Quilt Among Friends.