



The Quilting Bee

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October 2020

September was a pretty good month for QGOA. We had a wonderful speaker, Timna Tarr, an excellent show and tell from the Friendship group, and a well-attended Second Saturday Sew Along! We also introduced our Simpler Times Quilt Along hosted WEEKLY by Amy Steinert and Karen Raschio!

October promises to be even better, as we plan to meet in person (**AND** via ZOOM).

A few days before the meeting, I will send out some details about the October (in person) meeting. Our October meeting will highlight the Ronald McDonald Quilts! I hope you to voted online or via email to Veronica!

The last thing I want to mention is that we still have positions that need to be filled on the guild board. PLEASE contact Tammy Reidy if you are willing to serve! (*Maybe you don't want to do something by yourself--ask a friend to be a co-chair person with you!*)

We are already so blessed by those who are continuing to serve and are grateful to the few new ones that have stepped up!

Happy Quilting!

Debbie Hood

TOP 10 REASONS TO ZOOM QGOA!

1. See sewing rooms, living rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, yards!
2. You get to see Debbie's smiling face!
3. You get to see other smiling faces!
4. Hear the sweet sound of friendship!
5. Up-to-the-minute announcements!
6. Demos – Demos – Demos!
7. Block challenges!
8. Show and tell!
9. Door prizes!
10. Do it all in your pjs!

November 10

MARY CALLOWAY – Kooky, Quirky, Crazy, Quilts, Plus a Few Unusual Collectibles!



Learn about quirky quilt making from a 25+ year quilter! Mary has a collection of beautiful traditional quilts, but her real passion is for the strange and slightly odd quilts which will never be seen in a museum or a quilt show. She will show traditional and vintage quilts with several wild versions of the same design, including some that fall into the category of “What was I thinking?” or “When did she realize her quilt was in trouble?” She will also lead a group participation game of “Quilt Show Judge,” giving the Guild members a chance to determine if a quilt receives a Winning Blue Ribbon, or a Thanks for Participating Certificate! Join us for a great evening of fun!

A few of the quilts I will be bringing to share with you. Mary Calloway





**January 2021
Speaker
Leo Ransom!**

**Leo Ransom “Silhouette” Workshop
January 13, 2021**

Since it looks like we will be able to resume our workshops in 2021, we can begin taking reservations for Leo Ransom’s “Silhouette” workshop on January 13th. **Information and supply list are on the website.**

Leo took Home Ec in high school, found himself to be a natural with a sewing machine, and learned to piece quilts. In college, he couldn’t afford fabric, so he didn’t quilt again until 1998, when he made a quilt to auction at his family reunion. He started watching episodes of Simply Quilts with Alex Anderson to learn more, but became bored with traditional quilting. He attended a guild workshop that taught portraiture quilting, took a couple more classes, and the rest is history. He is now a Master Art Quilter and teaches at quilt shops around the Metroplex and surrounding areas. His lecture will include a trunk show of some of his award-winning portraiture quilts. You might have seen his work in our 2019 Festival of Quilts!

New location found for workshops!

We have a new location for our workshops! It’s Recreation Center in Traders Village RV Park! It is conveniently located on Mayfield just east of Highway 360 and has just about everything! Lots of space even if we have to continue distancing, a kitchen and eating area, plenty of light both natural and overhead, electric outlets all around, and, it’s connected to the convenience store, which should prove to be very handy. There is also space to drive up close to unload our supplies before parking. Thank you to our member, Tina Griffith, for arranging this amazing place for us!



Dear ones,
 It's a new world, isn't it? I am looking forward to the return to our old life although with a few adjustments, like masks, gloves, sanitizer and social distancing! Never in our wildest dreams. Week before last project Linus had a drive through drop off at Westminster Presbyterian church. No telling how many were received, but the donation bundle from my car included fabric, batting, 90 blankets and some miscellany. Most of which came from guild members.

Please accept the thanks of the children recipients of our local hospitals and child recovery locations in Tarrant county. A special thanks go out to Jolene Mershon, Janice Farris, Susan FitzGerald, Judy Liston, Billie Brecheen, Pat Owens, the Raschio family, Randa Dillon, Elaine Grasher, Cindy Bergman, Rose Kauhane, Janice Mowery, Nancy Spell, Robbie Colley, Debra Ware, Effie Foster, Debra Hood, Amy Steinart, Carole Armstrong, Kathy Hester, Judy O'Polka, Sherry Livingston, Penny Kilpatrick, Helga Smith, Barb Cain, Charlotte Humphrey, Ching-Ling Herbert, Anne Jones, Tammy Reidy, Dale Scott, Veronica Mowery, Phyllis Borton, Lana Ogden, Julie McCloud (Quilt Among Friends), Shelley Uggen, Ronda Scott, Denny Cornett, Pat. Madrid, Gordon and Frankie, Eileen Watson, Libby McDuffy, Carolyn Bowden, Kandy Garrett, and anonymous. All of your hard work and donations will find loving arms and a new home. September was the special month that we turned in the Snowball Express quilts for Project Linus proposed by Nancy Spell last year in the Friendship Sewing Group and there was a huge response. The children of Snowball have all lost an active duty military parent. These children in Linus and Snowball are the courageous ones, along with their parents and guardians. They deal with so much with great hopes that they will be whole some day. We have the easy challenge to sew. It's what we love and we are so lucky that creating and donating is all we have to do. I repeat, "Quilters are the BEST". Everything they make, they give away. My current wish is that soon we can be together safely and relish the companionship of all the GREAT people we know. Please refer to past issues with requested dimensions for Linus quilts, and websites for fresh ideas. Stay safe and looking forward to when we can all be together again. The work we do for our guild and our community enriches us and future generations.



"Friends in My Garden"
83" X 91"

Calling all Members!

Due to the Cronona-19 Pandemic we had to cancel our sale opportunities this year. QGOA needs your help in selling our 2020 Donation Quilt Tickets!

**** NEW ****

Donation Quilt Tickets can be purchased with credit cards on our qgoa.org website! Follow the link on the home, membership or donation quilt page.

Post, Post, Post on Your Social Media!

Please reach out to your friends and family, by social media, email, phone or the good old fashion way of writing letters! Please give them the opportunity to win our beautiful quilt. Don't forget to purchase your \$20 of tickets too. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Yes, we will still have the drawing on December 8th.

Please help us and spread the word!
Thank you, Amy Steinert & Susan FitzGerald

Hey Quilter's YOU ARE IMPORTANT!!!

The nominating committee is looking for a few great people to come join the executive board and standing committees. How exciting for a new year to be rolling around? ***There are some great positions opening up!*** We would love to see your smiling face! Remember, you are not alone when taking any of these positions! You can always contact the previous person, or get with any of the members that have been on the board or standing committees. We can connect you with the person that will help you through your new position!!! YOU are the person that makes this guild work so well, all of us together!

Executive Board/Voting Members:

Vice President/programs - This person fills in if President is absent. Serves as chairperson for program committee and sets up workshops. (*This should be very easy since our wonderful Sharon Ligon has 2021 speakers **already lined up.** Thank you Sharon!*)

2nd Vice President - assists VP with programs and workshops.

Secretary - records minutes at board meetings and handles correspondence for guild.

Standing Committees:

Ronald McDonald Chairperson - This is a position that you would take over mid-year next year in 2021. It is for the Ronald McDonald Quilt Challenge. Distribution of fat quarters of fabric selection. Set up of challenge and delivery of quilts to Ronald McDonald house in Ft. Worth.

Door Prize Chairperson - This person is in charge of collecting door prizes from vendors (and sometimes membership) and distributing to winners at guild meetings each month.

2021 Raffle Quilt Assistant - This person assists raffle quilt chairperson in selling tickets each month at guild meetings.

I will tell you from my experience that I learned so much about our guild when I decided to serve on the board. I was afraid at first because I didn't know much about quilting, second I was pretty new to the guild. I was surprised by the welcome I received, the friends I have made and the positive experience I have had as a member of the board. So, jump on the board and be rewarded for your service and learn about this great guild of ours! If you are interested in any of these positions please contact myself or Joyce Blue Clark. We are both in the directory.

There are a few positions I still haven't heard back from yet if they are remaining in their positions I will update this list when I hear from those individuals.

Looking forward to speaking with you!

2020 Military Quilt Project

Quilt labels! I have printed labels for your quilts. Look for me at the October meeting!

So, I'm still working on those projects. One of which is the Stash Buster Challenge, yep still on the list. I saw a layout for the blocks that used printed block panels, or even the block as a border around a center panel. So, if you aren't as far as you thought or just getting started there is still time to join me in making a one block quilt. The block can be found at www.bordercreekstation.com She has directions for several sizes of blocks, I like the 8 inch. The block is really just two four patches and two squares. With many ways to lay it out. If you have made a quilt top and are unable to quilt it there are a few longarm quilters willing to do one occasionally.

Size Requirement

55 x 65 to 72 x 90, ideal size 55 x 65

I have printed labels available for you to add to the back of your quilt.

We have moved the turn in to the November 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 November 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.

Cindy Bergman

Who's ready to meet in person? I am!

Who's ready for the Ronald McDonald Challenge? I am! Hi members, our 2020 Ronald McDonald Challenge Award is **this OCTOBER!!!**



The ten winners will be announced and ribbons awarded. A huge THANKS to all who participated!!!! And thanks to everyone who voted! If you are attending the meeting, please bring your quilt, if you are not attending the meeting, please make arrangements with me for pick-up/drop-off. Thanks everyone!!!
Veronica Mowery

QGOA.org *By Joyce Clark*

I recently received this letter from a Girl Scout leader whose troop used the links they found on the Guild website to earn a badge. How exciting is it that our website was used for research? Maybe the spark was lit in some of them to become interested in our wonderful craft.

"Hi,

I'm reaching out on the behalf of my Girl Scout troop because your page - <https://qgoa.org/quilt-links/> has been incredibly useful with helping them earn their "Textile Artist" badges! We've been distance learning together and holding virtual meetings to help maintain a sense of community.

To pay it forward, the girls wanted to suggest another resource they discovered that they thought would complement your page. It's <https://www.onlinemattressreview.com/bed-decorations-quilting-101/> and it's a great article on quilting! It covers quilting history and museums, shows, charities, associations and societies, and learning how to quilt.

Hopefully you find it as helpful as we did! If you decided to add it to your page, I'd love to show the girls that their suggestion was up and running to help others out. It would really help them feel that they made a positive contribution and keep them interested in quilting!

Best wishes and take care,
Denise Goodwin"

Celebrating YOU in October!!

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 month will be published.

Lauren Crespo	Sandi McMahill
Betty Hancock	Kara Overman
Carol Hoes	Renee Raschio
Charlotte Humphrey	Betsy Rush
Shirley Johnson	Michelle Woods
Chuck Kinsey	
Sharon Leary	
Sharon Matthiesen	

Sunshine & Shadow

Please remember to turn in any good news and news that is not so good! Email it to : pat@billshelton.com

We all care about each other and want to know how life has been treating you. This pandemic has kept us away from our friends, so let's use the newsletter to keep up!! *Pat Shelton*

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"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>



QGOA State Fair of Texas Winners!!

Congratulations to Sheila Parry and Randa Dillon!

In the category of themed quilt
"Celebrating Texas Icons". **Sheila Parry**
won FIRST PLACE!

She chose to highlight 10 women from
early Texas history. The quilt is named
"**Courageous Texas Women**". The front is
the first one below. On the back of the quilt,
has a brief bio on each of the ladies from
the front.



"Fire and Ice" Bargello won 3rd place in wall hanging

"Circle of Stars" won 2nd in pieced quilts



"Rabbit in the Carrot Patch" won 1st in Mug Rug



"Oh Christmas Tree" won 2nd in Christmas door hanging



Cactus Rose Retreat

Every one is busy and finishing lots of UFO's! Judy finished her blocks on the fabric Challenge! Bobbie is doing hand quilting on her Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt. I caught Sheila and Linda planning Sheila's next big State Fair quilt win (watch out 'cause Randa's a big winner also and already planning the next big one)!



QGOA - *Simpler Times Quilt (Along)*

Kraschio@gmail.com or Amysteinert@hotmail.com

This beautiful quilt was designed by Emily Cross & Betsey Langford and offered as a free QAL on the AQSblog. It measures 70" x 70", using twenty-five 8" x 8" blocks.

Although the quilt is pictured using a Christmas theme coloration, you can, and we would love for you to, make the quilt with your own special flare and personality. The quilt would be lovely in scrap fabrics that have been calling your name from hidden boxes, shelves, closets and piles in your sewing spaces!

Since we have been unable to enjoy some of the best parts of being a member of the Quilters' Guild of Arlington for the past several months (i.e., socializing with our guild friends and sharing our beautiful quilts), we would want to offer this FREE quilt along that will run over 28 weeks. In addition, we would hope for this to be a skill building and technique expanding experience so we will provide 3 alternative blocks (English paper piecing, applique and paper piecing) at the beginning, between weeks 8-10, and again between weeks 16-18. You can use these blocks to replace any of the blocks in the quilt.

In addition, there will be added incentive to participate in the QAL . . . weekly prizes and a final grand prize! In order for you to be entered into the QAL for the weekly prizes you will either post your pictures of the weekly goal/block to Quilters' Guild of Arlington Facebook page or send an email to Kraschio@gmail.com or Amysteinert@hotmail.com. Then we (Karen and Amy) will share the pictures that come via email on Facebook and the Facebook pictures with everyone participating via email. That way everyone should be able to partake in the QAL. Remember, there will be a random prize(s) drawing each week for those individuals that have posted/emailed their weekly goal/block pics.

The GRAND PRIZE will be a random drawing from those people that have posted/emailed a photo of their finished quilt top. Don't panic, after the finishing instructions have been provided you will have 2 weeks to complete your work of art. Remember, all your blocks are done at this point and you just have the sashing and piecing left to do. Finally, you will post/email your finished quilt top photo and be entered to win a grand prize!!

Just a few other ideas!! No two are a like!!

