



The Quilting Bee

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February President's Message

First, thank you to our 2020 and 2021 program team for rescheduling the January speaker. I know those last minute changes are very stressful! Even if you aren't an art quilter, I bet you enjoyed Deborah Boschert's program. I plan to check out her writing YouTube!

I'm excited that we were able to reschedule Leo Ransom for February and the workshop for the 17th! Right now, we will meet in person and on ZOOM as long as we are able! If our speaker requests ZOOM only, we will accommodate by meeting via ZOOM only. So I guess OUR word of the year should be, "FLEXIBLE!"

I've noticed that many of our small stitch groups are meeting! It's much easier to meet in a smaller group and still stay connected. We have day and night groups. Check out our website for more details about time and locations. There is also information on donation quilt tickets, day retreat, away retreat and membership!

Final thoughts: Kayleen is spearheading our block of the month activities. Please be supportive of her efforts. Also, I just started my Ronald McDonald Quilt, how about you?

Happy Quilting!
Debbie Hood



UPDATE!!

Leo Ransom will be our speaker in FEBRUARY!

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!

**Leo Ransom "Silhouette" Workshop
Register for Silhouette Workshop with
Leo Ransom
February 17, 2021 @ Traders Village RV
Recreation Building**

Think this workshop is too hard? You choose one of Leo's patterns from 30+ patterns of people, animals and flora, see example below. You bring 1-2 light and 1-2 dark fat quarters, plus a few supplies and you are on your way!

Amazing! Think of the possibilities! And, we get to check out our new workshop location. Plenty of space for social distancing, etc.



The February Block of the Month

This beautiful block pattern was designed by Marcia Hohn. It is from her site, "The Quilter's Cache".

Marcia calls this pattern "Signature Cross" and it finishes at 12' x 12".

<https://www.quilterscache.com/S/SignatureCrossBlock.html>

2020 has been such a hard year for all of us. Friendship can heal so much. I thought a signature block pattern was the best one to start with.

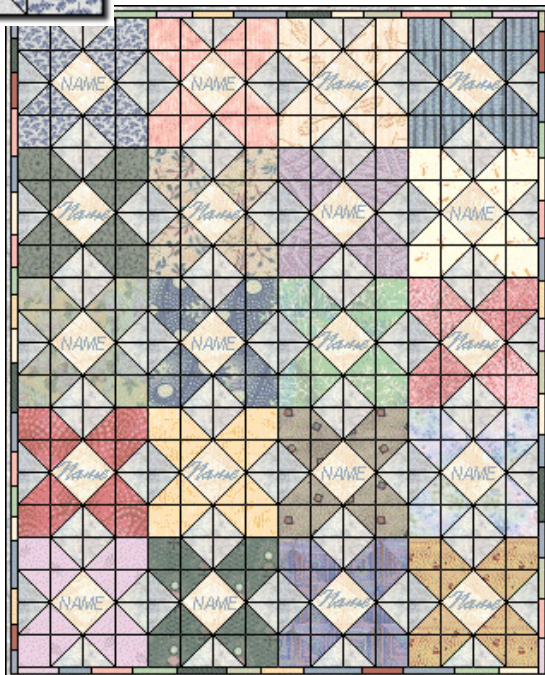
Please use pastels and/or floral material for the body of the block. The center square (for their signature) should be made out of cream material or tone on tone cream material. I think that will make a soft and pretty quilt. After 2020, we need soft and pretty!

At the February meeting, I'll have copies of the Signature Cross pattern at the Block Party table. Good Luck!!

This will be fun!!

Kayleen Farrington, Block Party

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QGOA Spring DAY Retreat

February 24, 25, 26, 2021

When: Feb. 24 - 26

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: \$50 per person. Fees must be paid with registration; the registration form is available on our [website](#) with a credit card payment link, or you may mail your form and check to Libby McDuffie (address in the guild roster). We will not be providing food or having our wonderful pot-luck meals.

It is suggested that each person has received at least one COVID19 vaccination to attend. Masks are suggested to be worn also.

2021 Donation Quilt "Tidal Transitions" (85" X 85")

A Storm at Sea quilt has always been on Kim Olmedo's bucket list. Designing this year's quilt was a good opportunity for her to create one and to play with color. Kim



started it several months into Covid-19, that "storm" was always on her mind, as she and everyone else has tried to stay focused on a brighter future.

The quilt was pieced by Kim Olmedo, Sharon Ligon, Debbie Panton.

Quilted by Pat Madrid. Thank you ladies for creating this beautiful quilt!

Tickets are available online at the link below or via mail by sending a check to QGOA at PO Box 13232, Arlington, TX 76094. We guarantee stubs will be filled out and added to the drawing. The drawing will be held December 14, 2021, need not be present to win. We will incur shipping cost for an out-of-town winner. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Members are asked to purchase \$20 for a pack of 24 tickets. Please [click here](#) to order Donation Quilt Tickets.

Please volunteer to help with the Quilt Scheduler position.

We're looking for our 2022 Donation Quilt maker/s. Are you and your friends creative and would like to design our next donation quilt? Please volunteer, we need your creative talent! Call or email Debbie Hood or Susan FitzGerald.

2021 Military Quilt Project

This may be a long winter. Lucky for us we quilters have so many opportunities to use our gift for others. If you want to start a quilt pick something you love, or repeat the one we just had. It was fun and easy and there were so many ways to arrange it!

I have fabric that was donated to the Military Quilt Project. Lots of branch specific pieces, some great scrap for string quilts. If you need some fabric for a donation quilt give me a call.

**Size Requirements: 55 x 65 to 72 x 90,
ideal size 55 x 65**

If you have made a top and are unable to quilt it, we have a few wonderful longarm quilters that will help with a few. Many hands make light work.

Sunshine and Shadow

**My husband, Bob & I will be
celebrating our 70th**

Anniversary on Feb. 2nd!

~ Dottie Hughes

Elizabeth Cooper's boyfriend's sister passed away January 10, 2021. Remember to keep their family in our prayers.

SafeHaven February 2021

Hello Friends,

We will be collecting women's and children's underwear for the month of February. Please add it to the socks from January. I hope to be able to deliver both in February.

Thanks for all you do. Be safe.

Cynthia Berend

2021 Miniature Auction

TO ALL QGOA MEMBERS:

I put this plea in the January newsletter and wish to 'repeat' it for February!!

I am asking all of our QGOA members to use their creative talents to make a miniature quilt for our auction at the quilt show for 2021. Since we were unable to have a show in 2020, we are encouraging people to give us their best shot at making a mini for our auction.

Rules are simple and located on our QGOA.ORG website under the heading of [Quilt Festival](#). If you chose to do a Cancer mini, you now have more several colors to pick from that will depict the type of cancer you wish to represent. You have choices so please let your creative juices flow and make us proud! You will have to register your mini on the Festival website but there is no charge for the entry. Each entry can either be slated to benefit Cancer Care or the guild – your choice. I am sure we will be held to a maximum number of mini's but we will accept all and put the overflow into our guild booth for sale. Please call me with any questions and please try to stick to the guidelines as that makes it easier for all that enter. I am looking forward to an awesome collection of mini's.

Thanks so much!

Linda McPherson 817-675-1971 - Cell

You see the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) logo?

Do you know what it means?

The House is a tribute to the RMH program. The Heart is a reflection of the love and compassion at the core of the RMH mission. The child's Hand is representative of the children and families that RMH serve. The Ronald McDonald Hand represents the founding mission partner, McDonald's. And the Hands joined together represent reassurance and hope that together the RMH can help families overcome any obstacle!

Thanks,
Veronica Mowery





Second Saturday
sew along (virtual)
each month from
10am-
2pm.

Look for the ZOOM link
the day before the
second Saturday.





Dear Ones: Happy Valentines to all with lots of chocolate. In spite of all the restrictions we've dealt with this year, Project Linus has been able to present area children suffering illness and trauma with lots of cuddly, comforting blankets. Thanks to you! Since 2001 Tarrant County Project Linus has donated 67,104 blankets to children. And even with quarantines and shut downs this year, our Chapter has received 4,094 blankets and delivered 3,993 right here where we live! These went to organizations like ACH(family services), Donation House(CPS), Cook Children's, Edna Gladney, Harris Hospital, Huguley, JPS, Rainbow Room, Safe Haven, Ronald McDonald House, and several others.

Project Linus would like to recognize some of the contributors and blanketeers: Quilt Among Friends, Peggy McCormick, Jolene Mershon, Nancy Spell, Janice Mowery, Cynthia Berend, Janice Farris, Phyllis Borton, Debra Hood, Susan FitzGerald, Judy Liston, Debra Ware, Kara Overman, Effie Foster, Bobbie, Robbie Colley, Charlotte Humphrey, Randa Dillon, Pat Owens, Montie Green, Shelley Uggen, Pat Shelton, Ella Rushing, Gloria Speakman, Veronica Mowery, Dottie Hughes, Ching-Ling Herbert, Kayleen Farrington, Elizabeth Carr, Joan Gregory, Rose Kauhane, Penny Kilpatrick, Sheila Kinsey, Mona Landers, Sherry Livingston, Pat Madrid, Patsy Martin, Libby McDuffie, Linda McPherson, Tammy Reidy, Tory Swartzwelder, Carolyn Bowden, Denny Cornett, Dorothy Koeritz, Gayle Lacerda, Jill Matyastik, Dale Scott, Amy Steinart, Carole Armstrong, Kathy Hester, Helga Smith, Billie Brecheen, and to the entire Friendship Stitchers sewing Group that made so many string quilts! All of you are priceless and these children deeply thank you.

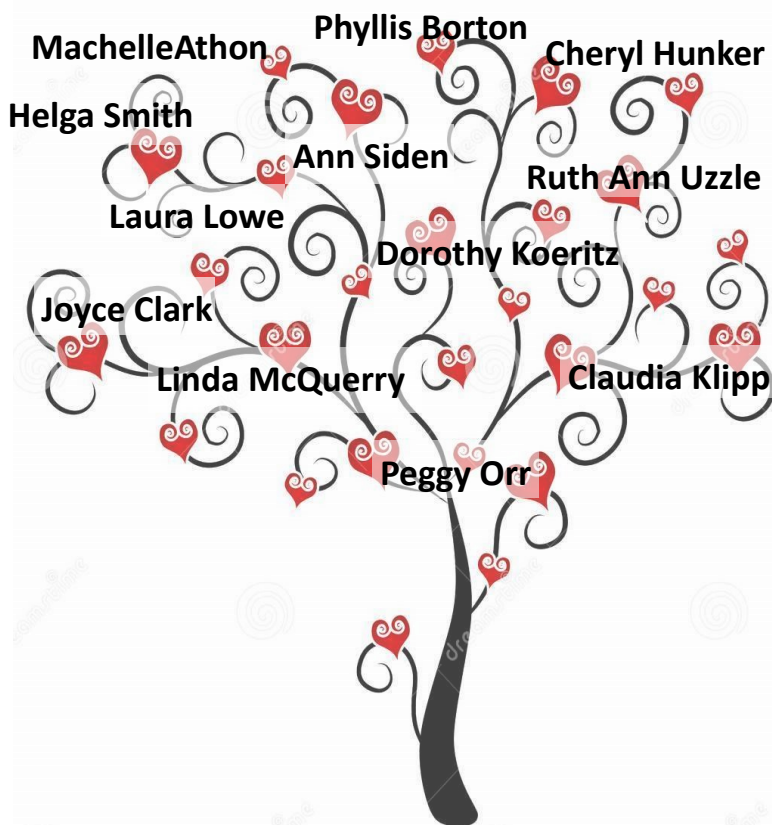
Keep quilting, unfortunately the need is necessary. Please remember the work we do for our guild and community enrich us and generations to come. Elizabeth

Door Prize Collection

I want to thank the countless number of members who donated items for our door prizes for the last two years. It has been my pleasure to put those together and present them at the meetings. I am turning this job over the **Charlotte Humphrey**.

If you are still cleaning out your “stash” of stuff and come across projects that you never finished, hunks of fabric that now does not go with your house, thread that you purchased but never opened and can't remember what quilt you bought it for, pairs of scissors you bought because they were on sale and got them home and realize you already have some just like them. Or if you go out shopping and just feel like getting something to donate, please get that stuff to Charlotte. I am sure she will do a great job! Happy New Year to everyone!
Gayle Krengel

Heartfelt Birthday Blessings to YOU in February!!



Cactus Rose - Spring AWAY Retreat - 2021
Are you Ready for a Break from Isolation or What??!!
Sunday, March 21 – Wednesday, March 24, 2021



You may Sign-up and pay online
Or mail-in form with a check

www.qgoa.org website – Forms
Or - February 9 @ Guild Meeting
March 9 @ Guild Meeting

***QGOA is offering an AWAY RETREAT for the great price
of \$170 for a 3-night, 4 day retreat!**

Included in this price is breakfast (breakfast casserole, egg tortilla, etc.) and lunch (sandwich and chips). Drinks include coffee, tea and filtered tap water (no bottled water). Not included is dinner. We will be ordering specific entrees from local restaurants. A list of the entrée selected each night for the group will be available at a later date. The first night we plan to have pizza! You may participate in the dinners at the cost of the meal ordered. Or, if you have allergies, etc., you may choose to bring your own dinner.

Check-in is no earlier than 10:00 am Sunday
and a flexible 2:00 pm checkout on Wednesday.
Our limited enrollment of 17 is going fast, don't miss out!

*It is suggested that each person has received at least one COVID 19 vaccination. This is a closed area and we will try to maintain spacing. Masks are suggested for everyone.

Away Retreat Coordinators
Judy O'Polka & Sherry Livingston

Checkout the retreat website for more details: www.cactusrosehideway.com

President's Block

Debbie Hood has chosen a block for her 2021 President's Block. It's called "Tiny Houses".
Replay: Create a tiny house quilt block with Jenny and Misty from Missouri Star. Streamed on
YouTube 2/26/19. This is a great demo.

<https://youtu.be/G1vn043LV50>

Please use Christmas fabric to make your house block. Dimension are listed below:

Block is 6" x 4.5" unfinished

Sides – 2" x 3"

Top – 1.5" x 4.5"

Door – 1.5" x 3"

Roof – 2.5" x 4.5" (corners for snowballing 2.5" x 2.5")

This is such a fun pattern. During this long winter's break, let's all start making some tiny houses.

Kayleen Farrington



Get Ready...

NORTH TEXAS QUILT FESTIVAL

August 19-21, 2021

Irving Convention Center

Theme: *Sing your Song in Fabric*

We need you to enter your quilts! We have had some extra at home time lately so hopefully you have had time to work on some entries.

Quilts of all styles and sizes (Less than 90 inches though) are needed. There is even a theme category.

We also need miniatures for the mini auction. Linda McPherson has done a fabulous job with this for a few years and she is doing it again. Yea!!!

Kathy Hester and Lea Bailey are collecting items for the guild booth. We have had great results the last two years and look forward to 2021. Here is a big thank you to Kathy and Lea.

If you have questions just contact me. My contact info is in the directory.

Randa Dillon and Christine Weiss

Your NTQF committee representatives

Check out the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo website at

www.sewingexpo.com. You will see Covid-19 protocols, online classes they are currently offering and you can even shop the vendors.

Randa Dillon and Christine Weiss

Your NTQF committee representatives

Pot Holder Challenge!

How creative can you be making a pot holder or hot pad? How can it be different and provide a solution? What's your favorite pot holder?

We challenge you to create a pot holder (or two or three) for the Pot Holder Challenge planned for April 2021 at the guild meeting. **Add a layer of heat reflecting fabric such as Insul-Bright.** Another layer of batting would be nice as well. If only using batting, please use 2 layers.

Entries will be voted on in There'll be 3 categories (creative, functional, and favorite) with one winning entry in each category receiving a prize. All entries will be considered donations to the guild and be available for sale at the quilt show in August.

Ideas?? Checkout our Pinterest Board at [https://www.pinterest.com/lbailey695/quilt-guild-booth-ideas/ tools/organize/?organization_feed=False](https://www.pinterest.com/lbailey695/quilt-guild-booth-ideas/tools/organize/?organization_feed=False)

Questions? Contact Kathy Hester or Lea Bailey

Quilt Show Booth 2021

If you have items ready to donate to sell at the quilt guild's booth at this summer's quilt show, please bring them to the next guild meeting or arrange to deliver them to Lea Bailey. Items are being accepted at each month's meeting at the tables at the back. Small items, quilted items, notion type items, knitted items, fanciful items, or whatever you think a quilter might be intrigued by--these are the kind of items we are wanting. No commercially made or manufactured items.