



The Quilting Bee

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President Dottie's Doodles!



What with the cold weather and pandemic, it's reading & sewing, reading & sewing, with some household chores interrupting every so often. Even some clearing out closets or straightening up the sewing area. I'm sure everyone has been trying to get things back in order.

Wasn't Ann Smith inspiring on her program? I learned some things about judging that I didn't know about. I'm sure Amy & her committee have a lot more interesting programs in the upcoming months.

Hope many of you are working on quilts to enter in the Quilt Show in August. I know some are also working on items for the 'Booth Buddies'. They can use some help. They meet on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Stay warm & hope to see you at the meeting or on zoom – Happy quilting!!



DID YOU KNOW?

QGOA broadcasts the monthly meetings every month. It's free and accessible for everyone who wants to hear the great speakers, still be an active participant, and not have to worry about driving after dark or dealing with traffic. The guild purchased new media equipment for more professional broadcasting.

There are two GREAT facilitators: Tina Griffith and guest, Ed Borton. You can TEXT Tina at 682-551-0957 any time during the meeting if there are reception or viewing problems. (No phone calls). Please share your feedback with Tina so we can continually improve the broadcasts.

The Zoom link is emailed to the membership the day before the monthly meeting (Monday).

Hi Everyone,

It's time for some quilting fun before Easter with the **"Bonita Bunny" block swap!**

Yes quilters, excitement abounds!

This darling quilt block pattern is a free Easter Mini Quilt/Block from Threadbare Collections by Rose Johnston. It features three block sizes including 6", 8", and 10" squares.

We've chosen the 10" for this swap.

Here's some ideas for the four blocks you will get in exchange: table runner, pillow(s), miniature quilt, small quilt or table topper, table runner, place mats, Easter bags or baskets.

Your choice!

Official Rules

- 1) Create 4 – 10" bunny blocks
- 2) Bunnies can be any color a bunny would be in real life, but not black for this project.
- 3) Background pastels or pastel prints. Think Easter colors.
- 4) Ears and nose: pink or peachy pink
- 5) Do not trim down your block. Let the new owners do the trimming.
- 6) Please leave the paper backing on the block. Let the new owner take it off. That way the block won't unravel during collection and distribution.
- 7) Please do not embellish the bunnies with eyes, bows or whiskers... Let the new owners do this.
- 8) Place your blocks in a simple, brown bag with YOUR NAME on it for the exchange.

Official Swap Procedure

At the beginning of the March 8th guild meeting, turn in your completed blocks at the Block Party table. Our highly trained team of expert swappers will "Hop To It" and randomly distribute the blocks and refill your bags which can be collected at the break.

Please bring your finished projects with the blocks to the April 12th meeting. Enjoy!

REMEMBER: We're doing the 10" block.

I "Hop" you like this project!

Kayleen Farrington
Block Party

Quilt Guild Booth Inventory for the Quilt Show in August

Thanks to those who have contributed to our inventory! We have 4 striped zipper bags, 3 flat zippers coin purses, 2 mug rugs, about a dozen simple wristlet key fobs made from themed fabric and 6 zipper style key fobs (these are really nifty!). We're aiming to organize items around the various holidays. So, use holiday fabrics as you create your wonderful items. Items can be crafted from wood, yarn, and other materials as well as fabric.

Donations are being accepted at each guild meeting. There's a basket at the back awaiting your handiwork. Items you donate are tax deductible because our organization is a 501 (3) c group.

Booth Buddies

This group of "buddies" meets the fourth Thursday of most months to sew items for the guild's booth. We meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church beginning at 9:30 am and ending around 2:00 pm. In the future we will learn more about making items with clothesline rope. So fun!! Wait till you see what can be created with this medium! Our next meeting is March 31st (not the 4th Thurs. in March). We'll be focusing on making jewelry and some origami bags. Be looking around for 2 eighteen inch squares or 2 fat quarters of coordinating fabric to try this out. Contact Lea Bailey if you have any questions.

Do You Have?

Booth Buddies is in need of

- ✂ clear vinyl to use in project bags (like vinyl bag that a bedspread or sheets might come in)
- ✂ old snaps especially larger ones, hook and eyes, or other sewing trinkets for jewelry.
- ✂ scraps of cotton batting to use in various projects

Bring any items to guild meeting or get with Lea Bailey.

Book Club Update

Join us whenever you can! Plan ahead and get some books from the library, or download an eBook, and **join us at Chicken Salad Chick** on the **FIRST Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm** for any or all of the discussions! We'll add to this planned list month to month so suggest your favorites.

March 1 : Birds in the Air by Francis O'Roarke Dowell. Marianne Fons calls Birds in the Air "a truly enjoyable read" about "the power of quilts to connect, heal, and restore the soul..."

April 5 : The Quilt by Gary Paulsen.

May 3 : The Forgotten Seamstress by Liz Trenow.

Contact Phyllis Borton or Christine Weiss with questions.

SafeHaven

Thanks to all who donated in January and February! We delivered several pairs of shower shoes, packages of toilet paper, plasticware, 4 pairs of socks, a pair of gloves, and 10 purses filled with goodies

Safehaven's website lists its most pressing need now are bras of all sizes and underwear, both women's and children's.

Thank you for your generosity!
Lauren Crespo

Happy Birthday

MARCH

Carr, Elizabeth
Kilpatrick, Penny
Eubank, Jo Ann
Mowery, Veronica
Cooper, Elizabeth
McBroom, Jana
Sisney, Kathy

Drennan, Melba
Edwards, Dwain
Ware, Debbie
Francois, Beverly
Bowden, Carolyn
Lacerda, Gayle



MQP Military Quilt Project

Please join me this year in continuing to honor and serve those who serve.

Shop my Stash.

I have UFOs and fabric, both scraps and yardage. Help me turn them into quilts this year. Too much to tote to the meeting each month but if you contact me, I will pull a selection for you to shop from.

Suggestions:

Border Creek Quilts offers a [Stashbuster Block](#) every year. String quilts, the Quilt Along Blocks, your favorite or something you wanted to try, the possibilities are endless!

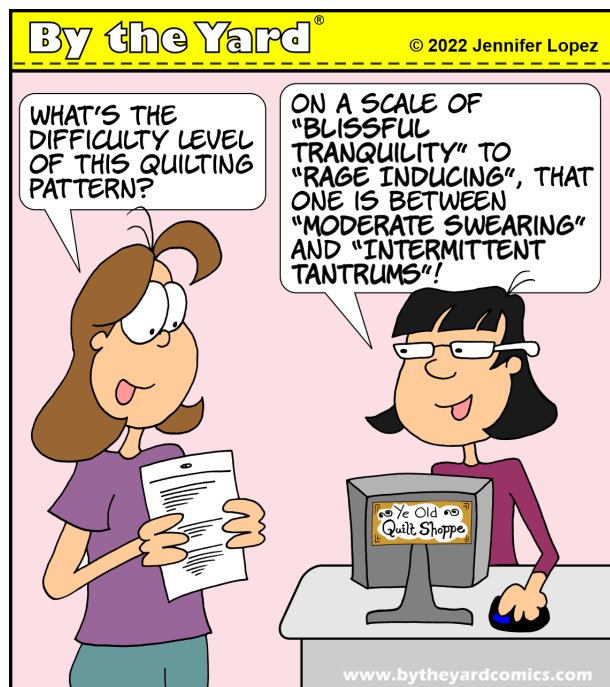
Size Requirement

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.

Cindy Bergman



Announcing the Monthly Miniature Challenge!

As you all know, our goal is to make money for both our Guild and the charity that our members choose to support each year. We need to make miniatures that people want to purchase.

After several years of working with the minis at the quilt show, I've learned that themed minis sell the quickest and for the most money.

Each month we will announce a new theme. However you are always welcome to create what you love to make. Minis will be displayed at our meetings and voted on by attending members. First, second and third place ribbons will be given. While displayed, a silent auction form will be with the mini. The minimum prices will be set by the quilt maker. If the minimum amount is met, the quilt will be sold to the highest bidder at the meeting. I believe our members should have first choice of these outstanding miniature quilts. All quilts that are not purchased at our meetings, will be collected, stored, and entered into the quilt show for auction.

Below is the suggested list of quilts by month:
January – Winter

February – Valentines and sweethearts

March – Party Hardy! – St Patrick's Day

April – Spring

May and June – Guys and Dolls/Father's and Mother's Day

July – Patriotic

August – Summer

September – Back to School

October – Halloween

November – Fall

December – Christmas and Hanukah

Always – Quilts geared to men, and any holiday

Minimum requirements: Quilts must be no larger than 24 inches on any side. Quilts must have a hanging sleeve. I will provide the forms to fill out at the meetings. I will enter the quilts for the quilt show.

If you have any questions, please call or email.
Debra Ware

Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

Shadow

Pat Shelton is currently undergoing chemo for Lymphoma – please keep her in your prayers.

Charlene Seifert – past member of our guild – Passed away in January. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

2022 Donation Quilt

Ticket prices remain the same. One dollar each, or six for five dollars. Please consider buying tickets to sell to friends and family. Buy yourself some early and then buy some more later!!! You can buy your Donation Quilt tickets online! [Click here.](#)

This is a money maker for the Guild. Please support it as best you can. Our charity will receive 25% of the net proceeds from the 2022 quilt ticket sales.

If you have a contact at a quilt shop that allows people to show and sell tickets, please let Jan know as she will be doing the scheduling. Check the directory for our contact numbers.

Gayle Kregel

Jan Taborsky



72" x 84" Celebration of Color
Made by Joyce Clark, Quilted by Carol Hoes

Volunteer Hours and You!

Most every month I stand in the entrance to our meetings with a volunteer log binder. As I stand there, I am impressed to see the number of members who report their hours. I am amazed at the hours our membership volunteers in support of our community. I must admit that I was unaware of what counted as volunteer hours, until I took on this position. I hope to encourage more reporting and to demystify any questions our membership may have related to volunteer activities, hours, and reporting.

The QGOA by-laws mandate tracking Volunteer hours annually and report the results to the membership twice a year. These hours reflect the on-going commitment of the QGOA membership and their continued community involvement. Our members are giving with time and skills to promote quilting and community efforts. I invite those who have not reported their efforts to please look for me at your monthly meetings and log your volunteer time.

Volunteer hours are time spent on any of the following activities:

- ◆ Teaching neighbors and friends to quilt w/o receiving monetary compensation
- ◆ Time spent on donation quilts such as:
- ◆ Cancer Care Service
- ◆ Project Linus
- ◆ Safe Haven
- ◆ Ronald McDonalds Quilts
- ◆ Military Quilts

Time spent on guild business and projects such as:

- ◆ Selling quilt raffle tickets
- ◆ Working quilt expo or show, etc...
- ◆ Making quilts for disaster victims as well as quilts donated for community raffles

To help in reporting quilt making hours the following chart is available to help in reporting time of making standard quilts.

- * Crib 36 x 45 = 12 hours
- * Throw 56 x 75 = 30 hours
- * Twin 63 x 97 = 43 hours
- * Full 78 x 97 = 53 hours
- * Queen 84 x 102 = 60 hours
- * King 100 x 102 = 72 hours

Please see me if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting many more of you soon! Thank You! Sofia Zamarripa



Dear Ones it is almost Spring so feel cheery! Project Linus has not been able to meet in person and sew and chat and share, but hopefully we will be able to resume those great meetings soon. Our chair ladies are still making all the deliveries to hospitals and various other locations so your good work is making it to the children in need. So keep doing what we love so these kids will have a blanket of comfort to cuddle and cherish.

Project Linus received lots of bags of fabric, completed quilts, afghans, fleece blankets, batting, quilt tops, quilt backs, quilt blocks, notions, and other related items, and a monetary donation so thanks for all your gifts. As we continue to reorganize our sewing rooms and run across things we can't remember what it was purchased for, just put it in a bag for Linus! It will go to making a kid blanket.

This month we would like to offer our thanks to Judy Liston, Jill Matyastik(polka dot Princess), Nancy Spell(kit Fairy), Jolene Mershon(Fleece and flannel fairy) Janice Mowery(quilting fairy), Phyllis Borton, Ella Rushing, Shirley Johnson, Debra Hood, Jennie Franz, Flossy Loop, Gayle Krengel, Pat Hall, Patty King, Susan FitzGerald, Tory Swartzwelder, Heather, Denny Cornett, Jennifer Rake, Veronica Mowery, Maria Freitag, Patricia Eckstrom, Patsy Martin, First Nations, Linda McPherson, and anonymous. If I have missed your name please forgive. It is helpful if you attach your name to the donation.

The hospitals still request certain measurements so try to keep this in mind as you design. For smaller patients 44 X 44 or very close and for the larger patients please make them 57 X 44 or anything larger. And thanks so much for keeping this in mind.

If you are looking for a pattern try www.Projectlinus.org/ and [Quiltmaker magazine](http://www.Quiltmaker.com/) With sincere thanks to all of you wonderful quilters. Thanks, Elizabeth

Cactus Rose Spring Retreat 2022 Sunday March 20, 2022 – Wednesday March 23, 2022



Don't miss out, just a few spots left!

*QGOA is offering an away retreat for the great price of \$185 for a 3-night, 4-day retreat! Included in this price is breakfast, lunch and dinner, except for Sunday which will be Dinner only and Wednesday will be brunch.

Drinks include coffee, tea and filtered tap water (no bottled water) and/or you can bring your own drinks and "sippy cups".

Check-in is no earlier than 10am Sunday and a flexible 2pm checkout on Wednesday

***You may Sign-up online
@ qgoa.org website – forms
Or @ Guild Meeting***

****It is suggested that each person has received at least one COVID 19 vaccination.***

***Away Retreat Coordinator
Judy O'Polka***

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

"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>



NORTH TEXAS QUILT FESTIVAL –

Some Background

Quilters' Guild of Arlington was established in 1984. A few years later, the guild began hosting a quilt festival. These Festivals continued through 2016. In 2017 we deemed it advantageous to join with five other North Texas Guilds (Bear Creek, Fort Worth, Fort Worth Modern, Irving and Trinity Valley guilds) in hosting a quilt festival. Additionally, we were able to cooperate with Hoffman Media's Original Sewing and Quilting Expo (OSQE). There are eight OSQE across the country and ***we are the only one with a judged show.***

Why have a Quilt Festival?

- ✂ We love a great quilt show
- ✂ We love shopping the vendors
- ✂ We love sharing our art with quilters and non-quilters alike
- ✂ We love that it is a fund raising opportunity
- ✂ There are many advantages to having NTQF in conjunction with OSQE:
 - ✂ They rent the venue and the venue sets up the floor
 - ✂ They hire the judges
 - ✂ They print the ticket
 - ✂ They give each participating guild a free booth (\$1000 value)
 - ✂ They advertise
 - ✂ They provide the ribbons
 - ✂ They provide complementary and consignment tickets
 - ✂ They provide wonderful vendors
 - ✂ They provide teachers and classes in which anyone can enroll

In return, there are responsibilities of each participating guild:

- * We sell our complementary and consignment tickets
- * We enter quilts into the judged show
- * We volunteer to be Expo Ambassadors
- * We volunteer to the NTQF committee needs (set up, take down, bag check, info booth, mini auction to name a few opportunities)
- * We volunteer to work the QGOA booth

How does the NTQF make money for the guild?

- ◆ Sell our complementary tickets (we get full cost of these tickets), and our consignment tickets (we get ½ the cost of the ticket). We get on portion for the tickets sales at the door.
- ◆ We donate miniature quilts for the auction. We will probably be able to display about 40 minis for the auction. Others will be sold in the booth.
- ◆ We sell handmade items in our guild booth. It is important for members to donate items to sell.

- ◆ We get a percentage of sales of NTQF merchandise, bag check etc. This percentage is based on the membership of each guild. ***Since QGOA is one of the largest guilds of the 6, we get a larger percentage. This, of course means, that we need to have a large number of volunteers.***

One more thought. We really want the OSQE to succeed here so this partnership can continue.

Your NTQF committee representative ,
Randa Dillon
Debbie Hood



Mark your calendars for the
2022

North Texas Quilt Festival
August 18-20, 2022
Irving Convention Center

Start working on the quilts you want to enter and miniatures you want to donate to the auction!

The 2021 NTQF was a great success and the 2022 Festival will surpass that for sure!

2022 THEME

“BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED”

Friendship Stitchers Round Robin Project

We occasionally decide on a group project/challenge to share with each other. This time we decided to do a round robin but rather than passing it around everyone will work on their own project. Each month someone will determine what the next round/border should be composed of such as half-square triangles, curved, strips, etc. Each person can decide how much to include in their border, maybe the entire border will be composed of it or maybe the choice will just be highlighted. Each creator decides their own preference. Often someone will bring their piece for suggestions from the group. Here is a look at some of the tops so far. (Some of us are behind a little and some are behind a lot). This is what was shared at our first January meeting.

