



The Quilting Bee

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April 12 speaker is the award-winning quilter **Leo Ransom!!** He will be speaking about his silhouette quilts.

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!

**REMEMBER FRIENDS
PLEASE RESPECT OUR GUEST SPEAKERS
BY KEEPING YOUR PHONES, AND
CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS QUIET.**

DOTTIE'S DODDLES

HAPPY EASTER and BLESSINGS TO ALL!!



Spring is in the air with renewed energy! I know a lot of sewing & quilting has been accomplished during these winter days of cold, rain, even some snow. Some of you will now be planting gardens, traveling & visiting family gatherings.

However, we'll still need to make our machines hum-m-m-m away. Lots to do: Booth Buddy projects; quilts and miniatures to finish (registered) for the Quilt Show in August. I know I have several to bind & decide which ones to enter. I should have 1 or 2 to sell in the auction. How about you?

Hope those who participated in the Bonnie Bunny quilt blocks have decided what to make with theirs. I have!

A head cold decided I need some rest after having a couple of great-grandsons the week before (one at-a-time), so for 4 days I have been reading & napping a lot. Finally beginning to feel like I can do some sewing.

I'm sure everyone learned something of interest from our speaker, Kellie Willey, about miniature quilting. I know I did! I hope you all will plan on being in attendance or on ZOOM to welcome Leo Ransom with his trunk show of portrait picture quilts!

On another note, I no longer have my home phone, so if you would like to reach me please use my cell number, it's listed in the guild directory.

SEE YA!

April 13 – WORKSHOP Silhouettes

You choose one of Leo's patterns from 30+ patterns of people, animals, and flora. Bring 1-2 light and 1-2 dark fat quarters, plus a few supplies, and you're on your way! Amazing!

Think of the possibilities!

Booth Buddies

Booth Buddies will meet March 31 and April 28 at 9:30 am to 2:00 pm to sew items for the guild's booth at the quilt show. We meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W. Arkansas. Contact Lea Bailey for more details.

On March 21 Booth Buddies had a work session with Libby McDuffie learning to make coasters and bowls out of clothesline. These items will be for sale later this year.



Book Club News

We are continuing to meet for late lunch and lively discussions! We gather at 1:30 at Chicken Salad Chick in the Highlands on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Join us any month you choose or come every time; we eat and talk and laugh!

In March we met to discuss *Birds in the Air* by Francis O'Roarke Dowell.

Join us in **April** for *The Quilt* by Gary Paulsen.

May it's *The Forgotten Seamstress* by Liz Trenow.

June we've selected *Clay's Quilt* by Silas House and in **July** it will be *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas.

Most of these are available at Arlington Library and on Amazon. Members are willing to loan out their copies of these books and when possible we will donate hard copies to the Guild Library.

Good reads and good friends, join us when you can! Contact Christine Weiss with questions or to offer book suggestions.

SafeHaven by Lauren Crespo

Thanks to all who donated at the March meeting. We donated 18 toothbrushes, 6 tubes of toothpaste, 3 bottles of Listerine and 2 large bags of miscellaneous toiletries along with 12 bras, 27 pairs of ladies panties, 4 blouses, 10 pairs of socks and a wall clock. Quite a haul!

The wish list now includes deodorant, bar soap, bath towels and washcloths along with sippy cups for the toddlers. Lets help fulfill their needs!



**MQP
Military Quilt Project**

Shop my Stash!

This is my finish what I have started year.
How about you?

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 each year you can find it here.<http://www.bordercreekstation.com/>

String quilts, the Quilt Along Blocks, your favorite or something you wanted to try.
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

Monthly Miniature Challenge!

Our first Miniature Challenge was a great success!! We sold four of our minis for \$150.

Our next monthly challenge includes Spring, Mother's and Father's Days. "Man" minis and Seasonal minis are always a big sell. We look forward to bidding on your creative works!

Minis can be no larger than 24 inches on any side and must have a hanging sleeve. Contact Debra Ware if you have any questions.

NEW STITCH GROUP!

Many Mini Stitchers (M&Ms)

Several of us have started getting together to focus on miniature quilts. **We are meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 9am-4pm.** It's drop in anytime and all are welcome to join us.

Some of our M&Ms have great experience creating miniature quilts, some of us are newbies, but everyone is super enthusiastic. We'll share designs, books, techniques, tips on needle and thread sizes, fabric treatment and foundation paper piecing.

We hope to spur progress in bringing seasonal minis to the Guild meetings for you to enjoy and then make lots and lots of minis for Quilt Show sales. Come drop in whenever you choose. *We meet at the Traders Village RV Park Rec Center room (where we also meet for Guild workshops). We can fit about 15 people, so bring your machines, sewing/cutting supplies and your own lunch (there are a couple food places nearby).*

Shout out to Tina Griffith who has arranged for us to use this facility, a big THANK YOU! If you've been interested but intimidated on sewing smaller this would be a great beginning. Questions? Contact Christine Weiss

*Happy April
Birthday
to our Members!*

*Sharon Ligon
Kayleen Farrington
Joyce Jones
Pat Madrid
Karen Raschio
Rhonda Weddle
Sarah Reed
Denny Cornett
Linda Newberry
Amy Steinert
Vicki Best*



Sunshine and Shadow

By Linda McPherson

Karen Harrivel's brother, Bret, passed away Tuesday evening, 3/22/22 from a long-term illness.

Shadow with some Sunshine

Maria Freitag took a nasty fall on the ice and fractured her clavicle. Ouch! She is following doctor's orders and is on the mend but with limited movement! The 'Sunshine' to this story is that she is able to publish our newsletter! You go girl! Please say a prayer for Maria that she continues to heal and soon will be as good as new.



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

**The Spring (April) Day Retreat
is full!!!**

**Contact Debra Ware if you
would like to be on the stand by**

Ronald McDonald House (RMH)

**Quilts are due by the JUNE
meeting.** We will be Voting on
them at the July meeting.

If you have not signed up for the Challenge
portion and would like to, Lisa Shoemaker
still has a few packets left of the Challenge
fabric. You can reach out to her at 469-660-
6320 or Lshoemaker@c-supply.com

Lisa will be at the April Meeting if you want
to sign up for the Challenge, or turn in any
quilts. We are accepting NON-Challenge
fabric quilts too, and we will be voting on
the best in this category as well. Please
remember that quilts must be at least 50
inches x 50 inches in size.



2022 Donation Quilt

Thank you all for taking the time to vote for
your favorite charity. The Total votes: 64
Winner: Open Arms (same charity last years
donation went to)

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.

Gayle Kregel

Jan Taborsky

**"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](https://qgoa.org/help-support-the-guild)**





Dear Quilters: Shocking!!! Project Linus met in person the second Thursday of March. I was not able to make it but am delivering all your donations next week. Right now the plan is to resume meeting the **second Thursday** of the month at Westminster Presbyterian church 7001 Trail Lake Drive Ft. Worth. We meet at 9:30 and stay until about 2ish in the fellowship hall. We take our machines and any donations or show and tells we have. Please feel free to join the group and just to be safe check with me prior to check for certain of no cancellations. Thanks! It will be super to get back to a new normal.

Lots of donations from several groups and quilt shops. Thanks to QGOA members, Friendship stitcher members, AWC Quilt members, Quilt Among Friends, and Must Love Fabric. Individual thanks to Jolene Mershon (Kit Fairy), Janice Mowery (fleece flannel Fairy), Nancy Spell (Polka Dot Princess), Phyllis Borton (Quilting Queen), Cynthia Berend, Gayle Kregel, Linda Jo Williams, Debra Hood, Janice Farris, Heather Schneider, Joan Gregory, Pat Shelton, Pat Madrid, Randa Dillon, Joyce Clark, Veronica Mowery, Ella Rushing, Jenny Franz, Jenn Rake, Denny Cornett, Rose Kauhane, Barb Strange, Sherry Livingston, Judy Liston, Susan FitzGerald, Flossy Loop, Tory Swartz, Patty King, Pat Hall, Patricia Eckstrom, Patsy Martin, First Nations, Linda McPherson, Cheryl Hunker, Sarah Munoz, Barb Cain, Kayleen Farrington, Elizabeth Carr, Elaine Grasher, Lana Ogden, Pat Owens, Charlotte Humphrey, Tammy Reidy, Bobbie Hawkins, Judy O'Polka, Ruth Callahan, and anonymous. Deepest thanks to all of you and any I missed. These kids would thank you if they could.

Sizes preferred 44 X 44 for smaller kiddos, and 57 X 44 for bigger kids. Look up www.projectlinus.org/patterns for free ideas for quilting, crocheting and knitting. Then look up Quiltmaker Magazine Project Linus designs and they also have archived ones. Happy Sewing. Many thanks, E. Cooper

President's Block

Dottie has chosen a traditional and very pretty pattern for her Presidential block. Please check out the Card Basket Quilt Block at the following site:

[Free Tutorial - Card Basket Quilt Block](#)

Where the pattern states, Dottie would like...
Light/Ivory White or a white on white
Medium/Green Light Blue in a calico, print or batik

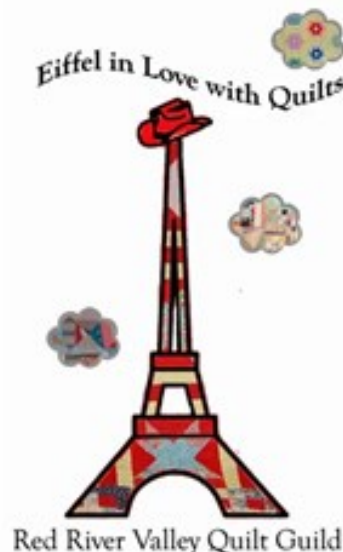
Dark 1/Burgundy Calico Medium Blue in a calico, print or batik

Dark 2/Burgundy Print SOLID Dark Blue

BLOCK PARTY!!

If you participated in the Bonita Bunny Block Swap, then bring your finished projects to the April 12th meeting and show us your works of art! You could have turned your blocks into a table runner, small quilt, table topper, or a miniature. We'd love to see them.

April's Block Party is a Throw Pillow Cover Challenge! Make a Spring- or Summer-themed pillow cover (any size found at JoAnn's, but no smaller than 12" x 12"). Bring the pillow cover to the April 12 General Meeting. The membership in attendance will vote for their favorites! Pillow covers can be donated to the Guild Booth for sale at NTQF 2022, or you may keep yours to decorate your home.



*Paris Quilt Show
Join us in 2022 in
Paris, Texas.
May 13-14, 2022
Love Civic Center
2025 S Collegiate Dr
Paris, TX 7546*

NORTH TEXAS QUILT FESTIVAL –

Did You Know???

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 representatives ,
Randa Dillon
Debbie Hood



Mark your calendars for the
2022

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

I know you are preparing your quilts to enter the show, and I know they will be wonderful! I also know you are working on miniatures for the mini auction. Remember, this is one way we benefit financially from the show.

2022 THEME

“BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED”

Click [Here](#) for a
PDF document
of all the
Rules and Categories
to enter the NTQF!!!

North Texas Quilt Festival - August 18, 19, & 20, 2022

2022 Quilt Entry Instructions

NTQF Show Calendar

Event Dates – Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 18, 19, & 20, 2022

Event Location – Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, 500 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, TX 75039

Quilt Entry/Registration (online only) – Begins 4/1/22; Ends 6/5/22

Registration for Expo Classes and Workshops – mid-May

Quilt Check-In/Drop Off - Sunday, August 14, 2022 12:00 – 4:00 pm at Irving Convention Center

Quilt Pick Up - Saturday, August 20, 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm

Entry Requirements

1. All entries, photos and fees must be submitted online at <https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Dallas-TX/NTQF>
2. If assistance is needed, please contact your guild NTQF representative or quilt show chair.
3. A separate entry with the non-refundable entry fee is required for each quilt entered in the show. The entry fee is \$25 for a host guild member and \$40 for *non-members*.
Host guilds include:
Bear Creek Quilt Guild, Fort Worth Modern Quilt Guild, Fort Worth Quilt Guild, Irving Quilt Guild, Quilters' Guild Of Arlington, Trinity Valley Quilters' Guild.
4. Each entry must include a color photo of your quilt. A "work-in-progress" photo is acceptable as long as the quilt is recognizable, although a pattern photo is not.
5. All quilts entered must have been completed within the last five years (2017-2022).
6. If an entry is withdrawn after July 15 or is not submitted at quilt check-in for the show, the entrant may not be allowed to submit an entry for the next North Texas Quilt Festival.

General Information

1. Quilts must remain on display for the entire festival and must be clean, in good condition, free of animal hair and smoke.
2. Quilts will be accepted in the order registered with total number of entries limited per the site and participating guild. Each entrant may only enter three (3) quilts with no more than two (2) per category. Please specify order of preference for each entry.
3. Quilt width must be 96" or less due to site limitations. Quilts wider than 96" **WILL NOT** be accepted.
4. Quilts over 90" in height have special sleeve requirements. Please see the sleeve requirements in the Quilt Preparation section.
5. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry that it deems inappropriate or that does not meet the requirements.
6. Quilts will be placed in size categories by the Show Committee based on the total entries received.
7. Entrants are responsible for their own insurance on all items. The completed Entry Form releases North Texas Quilt Festival and Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, its officers, agents and volunteers from all liability.
8. Ribbons and Awards will be given at the discretion of the Judges and Show Committee to winning quilts.

Quilt Preparation

1. **Sleeve** – Quilts must have an attached, sewn 4" sleeve. Quilts under 24" may have a 2" sewn attached sleeve. The sleeve should be the same width as the quilt, not including the binding. The sleeve should include ½" of ease and be stitched to the quilt on both the top and bottom of the sleeve. Entries without a sewn sleeve will not be accepted. *Quilts longer than 90" require the top of the sleeve to be placed 90" from the bottom of the quilt to ensure that the quilt will not touch the floor when hanging.*

2. **Festival Quilt Identity Label** – A quilt label should be sewn on a lower back corner. The label should include: a) the name of the quilt; b) the entrant's name; c) the entrant's address; d) the entrant's phone number. This is a Festival Quilt Identity Label; a personal label does not substitute, unless it includes all of the above information. To ensure impartiality in judging, please apply a fabric flap sewn or carefully safety pinned along the top edge of any label with identification of the maker(s) in order to conceal your personal information.
3. **Fabric Bag** – Each separate entry must be submitted to check-in in a fabric pillowcase or any fabric bag sized to fit your quilt (no plastic bags). The outside of the fabric bag must be clearly labeled with the entrant's name and phone number in permanent lettering either sewn or in ink.
4. **Quilts requiring special handling/packaging** will not be repackaged into their special packaging. It is up to the entrant to repackage these quilts at Quilt Pick-Up. All quilts must be able to be stacked with other quilts without potential damage to your quilt or any other quilt in the show.

Quilt Check-In/Dropoff: Sunday, August 14, 2022 12:00 – 4:00 pm

At Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, 500 West Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039

1. Please have quilts ready for examination at Quilt Check-In for the required Festival Quilt Label and Sleeve.
2. Entries will not be accepted if not in a properly-labeled cloth pillowcase or bag.
3. You will receive a Claim Check for each quilt submitted.
4. If someone else will be picking up your entry, please inform the Check-In Team.
5. Please contact your guild NTQF Representative or arrange with a guild member for assistance in dropping off your quilts during the drop-off hours.

Quilt Pick UP: Saturday, August 20, 2022 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm

At Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, 500 West Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039

1. Must have Claim Check for each quilt you are picking up.
2. If you cannot pick up your quilt, please make arrangements for someone to help you with this. Unclaimed quilts will receive loving foster care until they are reunited with their owners. An after show foster care fee will be charged each day of foster care. The fee is \$10.00 per day per quilt.
3. Quilts requiring special handling/packaging will not be repackaged into their special packaging. It is up to the entrant to repackage these quilts at Quilt Pick-Up. Please allow extra time for pickup as quilts packaged in standard fabric bags will be processed first.

**Click [Here](#) for a
PDF document
of all the
Rules and Categories
to enter the NTQF!!!**

Mark your calendars!

The next Cactus Rose Fall Away Retreat

will be Thursday, Sept 22 through Sunday, September 25, 2022.

Our next Spring Away Retreat has been scheduled March 19-22, 2023!

Here are some candid shots of retreaters, and a few quilts at the

2022 Cactus Rose Spring Retreat.

