



# The Quilting Bee

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**January 10 – SUE HEINZ**  
**You've Got a Friend Named Elmer**

## Dottie's Doodles

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

- ♥ For: allowing me to be your president. It has been a rewarding year for me.
- ♥ For: the president's quilt blocks – they are beautiful.
- ♥ For: the inspiring programs that we were privileged to have had each month. Also for the workshops.
- ♥ For: the quarterly Day Retreats that were a success.
- ♥ For: the Away Retreat that was successful.
- ♥ For: your donations for Safe Haven, Linus, Ronald McDonald, Cancer Care (Miniature Quilts sales portion), door prizes and the Donation Quilt.
- ♥ For: the newsletter that was faithfully done for us.
- ♥ For: a very successful Quilt Festival knowing all the hours that were given.
- ♥ For: all of our members having received ribbons at the Quilt Festival – Congratulations!
- ♥ For: several members volunteering for chairs or assistants for 2023.

We will miss those that are moving away or having health issues.

(You can always ZOOM with us). In January tickets for the Donation Quilt will be on sale, and kits for RMD quilts will be available. Look for the article about our January program & workshops.

I hope all are staying healthy & warm. Pray your Christmas was joyful & have a Happy 2023 year.

Look forward to seeing you January 10th at 6:30 pm at Duncan Center.- LOVE YOU ALL!!

In her lecture, You've Got A Friend Named Elmer, you will imagine a world where every seam you stitch is perfect...every block true to size. Can you also imagine precisely matching stripes, accurately piecing circles (with ease!) and eliminating bias stretch forever? Wanna dream even more? Imagine never having to rip again! Sue Heinz guarantees you will achieve your wildest piecing dreams when you use this simple technique that requires no pins, clips or gadgets. A MUST-SEE lecture that will ROCK your piecing world!



**I have a new link for 2023 for our Zoom!!**  
**Please let me know if you have any questions!!**

**Tina Griffith**

Topic: QGOA 2023 meeting link

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3239000165?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3239000165?pwd=REtPWtPWE9lVkl1OVFMNDNA4UCtzNUJYZz09)

[pwd=REtPWtPWE9lVkl1OVFMNDNA4UCtzNUJYZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3239000165?pwd=REtPWtPWE9lVkl1OVFMNDNA4UCtzNUJYZz09)

Meeting ID: 323 900 0165

Passcode: 147059

## President's Block

Let's all get an early start on celebrating what a wonderful president our guild has by making Dottie's president's block. I'll bet you won't be able to stop with just one of these quick and elegant blocks.

Dottie's chose a two-color star block using a medium blue and white-on-white.

The half square triangles are 2.5 inches for a finished block size of 8.5 inches. Let's all help Dottie make this a quilt to remember us by.



## Guild Booth Sale

*Thank you!!*

*Thanks for supporting the guild at our 50% off sale at the guild meeting. We made \$650 for the guild.*

*Think a minute about that—that's \$1300 of merchandise. That's lots of items! Should you find you need something you saw, I can sell between shows as well. Thanks to the crew that helped unload, sell, and load up again. That crew consisted of Veronica Mowrey, Flossy Loop, Patsy Martin, Susan FitzGerald, and Lea Bailey.*

## Booth Buddies

Booth Buddies (a stitch group that supports the guild's booth at the quilt show) will be meeting on January 26th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W. Arkansas. Enter the door under the cross tower facing Arkansas. We meet from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm (bring your own lunch or wait until you leave). We work on various projects that will be sold in the guild's booth at the quilt show. You can also choose to work on something of your own choosing that will go to the booth. More details on focus project when we're closer to the date. Anyone can join us, but it'd be nice to know you were coming. Contact Lea Bailey so she'll be expecting you.

## January 2023 Sue Heinz Workshops

Present ideas and techniques to get you inspired for a new year of quilting. Workshops are generally \$40 each, but with a double offering of TWO workshops by Sue Heinz, you can sign up for both of these for a total of \$60. Why not both?

**Monday, January 9** – WORKSHOP – **Binding Perfection**, Southwest Branch Arlington Library, 3311 SW Green Oaks Blvd, 76017, Community Room, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Wednesday, January 11** – WORKSHOP – **Caffeinated Quilting**, Ron Wright Lake Arlington Branch, 4000 W. Green Oaks Blvd, (next to St. Vincent DePaul Church), 76016, Community Room, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\*\*Note that there is change of location and start times for our workshops. Each workshop is at a different Arlington Library Branch. Space will be limited. Workshop supply lists are on the [Programs Page at QGOA.org](https://www.qgoa.org/programs).

There are still plenty of **Ronald McDonald** Packets available for \$5. Also remember you can always make a non-challenge fabric quilt of your choice. The dimensions must be at least 50" x 50", and **no flannel**

**fabric please**. Shelly Cassata will have them at the January meeting as I cannot be there in January. Thank you for supporting Ronald McDonald House.

Lisa Shoemaker



## MANY MINI Stitchers

**Starting in January we're going to try a new site** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 4400 Arkansas Lane thanks to Lea Bailey and Maria Freitag who have agreed to host us on Jan 4 and 18 9AM -1PM. All are welcome to join us - we have lots of ideas and tips to share - bring your sewing machine and supplies. Make a mini quilt or two, focusing on Valentine's Day, Springtime or Easter that you can share at the Guild meetings and maybe donate for the Quilt Show sales.

Text Christine Weiss with questions

## Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson - QGOA

**Sunshine** Sorry to say there is no Sunshine report for January

**Shadow** No Shadow to report for January either!!

\*\*\* Cards are always such a warm touch when someone is having a good/bad day and their dear friends take the time to send a card. Also, if you or any of your friends have a sunshine or a shadow they would like in the newsletter, please let me know.

## BOOK CLUB / NOVEL READERS

On January 3 we'll talk about *Beneath the Missouri Stars* by Carol Dean Jones. In February it will be *Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis and in March we have *Seamstress of Hollywood Blv'd* by Erin McGraw. Most of these are available on Amazon as ebooks. Join us at Chicken Salad Chick on the first Tuesday of each month 1:30-3:00 for lunch (if you like) and lively talk; we have a good time every time even if we don't get around to talking about the book! Contact Christine Weiss with questions.

## MQP Military Quilt Project

On November 20, 2022 I delivered 23 quilts, 10 fleece throws, and 2 decorative table toppers to Fisher House in Dallas, Tx. When I contacted them the first question was "Are any of them red, white and blue?". So yes, those colors are still very much desired. When I delivered the quilts, I was able to speak with the house manager about receiving quilts in the future. She requested that the quilts be washed before being donated. If you are unable to wash your quilt, please don't let that stop you from donating. Cindy Bergman







## Golden Spool Nomination

Please take time to recognize a fellow member who you have noticed being a great contributor to our Guild. The Golden Spool is our Guild's highest honor, given for excellence and outstanding service to the QGOA and our surrounding community. The nominee and person submitting the nomination must be members of QGOA, and the nominee should not be a past recipient. Some of the traits recognized by past nominees are Guild Morale Building, Program Development, Implementation of Programs, Hospitality, Problem Solving, Guild Volunteer, Educator/Teacher, Community Outreach, Leadership and Guild Management. Send your nomination to Carol Hoes @ [carol@larwel.com](mailto:carol@larwel.com). Follow this link to the Nomination Form:

<http://www.qgoa.org/forms/goldspool.pdf?x46094>

**2023 Donation quilt tickets will go on sale at the 2023 January meeting.**



**The 2023 Donation quilt was created by Friends Fly Together, and quilted by Sabina Thompson**

**NOVEMBER** donations included 5 wonderful homemade Christmas stockings filled with travel sized toiletries, as well as socks, over the counter medications, toiletries and hygiene products.



**DECEMBER** donations included a full size quilt, over a dozen socks, 2 scarves, knitted gloves, clothing, 2 purses, panties, leggings, necklace, acetaminophen, hair band, barrettes, key finder (hope I get one for Christmas!), gift bags, zipper storage bag and toiletries.

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS for January include pajamas for males and females in all sizes, deodorant, lotion, and toiletries and hygiene products.**

Thank you to everyone who donated throughout the year. Happy New Year!  
 Lauren Crespo



Dear Ones, it's a new year and we are all still here. Another Project Linus blessing to share with you about how great quilters are. A call from Janice Mowery (better known to Linus blanketeers as the Fabric, Fleece and flannel fairy) saying she ran across a nice sale and had some fabric for Project Linus, and did I want to pick it up. So I did and it was quite a surprise to find stacks and stacks of bolts of kid fabric. David graciously helped me load all those bolts into my vehicle, trip after trip after trip. Brought them home and put the bolts in several sealable storage bags. Talked with the Linus chairperson and she could take some of them at that time so they were delivered to her and another Linus lady that is doing some quilting for the organization with her new long arm. By the way, the next Linus meeting was trade day and there were bunches of kits ready to be made into quilts which included some of those fabrics. There are still bolts to be made into quilts for these kids so email me and I will get a kit top to you. Project Linus delivers about 300 quilts/blankets each month to area hospitals, charitable organizations, and special requests and this time of year is especially demanding. It takes 5 volunteers to select, separate, count, identify, load and tag bags of completed quilts for each group to be delivered and to which location. "Quilters are the best" You take your precious time to do for babies and kids that will never know who made their cuddly quilt of comfort. Please know how special you are and you are very much appreciated.

Special thanks this month to all of you and to name a few: Jolene Mershon (Kit Fairy), Lauren Crespo, Joyce Clark, Patsy Martin, The Fabric Fairy-Janice Mowery, Nancy Spell (Polkadot Princess), Sheila Kinsey, Elizabeth Carr, Susan FitzGerald, Lisa Shoemaker, Veronica Mowery, Linda McPherson, Deb Ware, Judy Liston, Bobbie Hawkins, Patricia Eckstrom, Ella Rushing, Gayle Krengel, Phyllis Borton (Quilting Queen), Pat Hall, Jill

Matyastik, Dottie Hughes, Cynthia Berend, Deb Hood, Jennie Fran, Sarah Munoz, Debby Rake, Denny Cornett, Patty King, Barb Cain, Sherry Livingston, Lana Ogden, Quilt Among Friends, Tammy Reidy, Charlotte Humphrey, Elaine Grasher, Piecemakers, Pat Shelton, Randa Dillon, Pat Owens, Amy Steinert, Robbie Colley, Kayleen Farrington, and all you that have donated in the past.

Preferred sizes: 40 X 44 for smaller ones and 40 X 57/60 or larger.

There are free patterns at Project Linus .org for quilts, fleece, crochet, knit. And designs specific for Project Linus by Quiltmaker magazine under Project Linus. Check them out. We also received a request from JPS for a few single layer flannel receiving blankets. Maybe they are to lay over the incubators in NICU, don't know. Loads of thanks to all of you for your generous donations. Keep those needles working. Thanks so much for everything you all do for these children in need. Elizabeth Cooper

## Miniature Quilts

As you know, we auction miniature quilts at our show every year as a fund raiser. In 2022, we offered these miniature works of art to our members first. This was a huge success and we have decided to continue it in 2023. Each month, the mini quilts will be collected at our meetings, voted on by our members, ribbons given, and priced with a "buy it now" price. Seasonal quilts tend to be our best sellers at auction; Christmas, Halloween, ect. As of this date, the basic rules still apply; minimum size of 10 inches per side, and not over 24 inches. It must have a hanging sleeve and maker label. I will store any miniature that does not sale at our meeting and turn them in for the auction at our quilt show. If you have any questions, please call Debra Ware.



## **Volunteer Hours**

I was having fun inputting the volunteer hours for this year and found myself in awe of the number of hours reported thus far for the year. Although, I did notice a glitch in some of my calculations and the report below now stands corrected.

I am sure some of you have not reported your “gifts of time” given to QGOA and our community. I encourage you to look for the volunteer table in the back of our meeting room and record your time on the volunteer sheet.

Examples of time to be reported are projects and activities such as the following: Linus, Military Quilt Project, guild booth, Ronald McDonald House, teaching others, miniatures, delivery of items to SafeHaven women’s shelter, time spent on guild business, NTQF, and other efforts to QGOA and the community.

Anything that promotes quilting counts! So, look for the volunteer table and record any hours you have accumulated which have not been previously recorded.

Interesting facts to date:

- \* 44 members have recorded volunteer hours this year
- \* Total hours to date 3,762
- \* Tory Swartzfelder has recorded 690 hours!
- \* 200+ hours by Joyce Clark, Elizabeth Cooper, Elaine Grasher
- \* 100+ hours Lauren Crespo, Randa Dillon, Kayleen Farrington, Maria Freitag, Debra Hood, Dottie Hughes, Gayle Krengel, Debra Ware, and Christine Weiss.

Thank you all for your time, these hours support our 501c3 status!

Sofia Zamarripa

“Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort!”



*Pat Shelton  
Cathy Florence  
Lana Ogden  
Barbara Watkins  
Randa Dillon  
Anne Jones  
Debbie Myers  
Judy O'Polka  
Pat Bradford  
Debra Lohden  
Patsy Martin  
Carla Roberson  
Karon Kelly*

### *Save the Date!*

*March 19-22, 2023*

*Cactus Rose Away Retreat*

*Stephenville, TX*

*price \$185.00*

*Sign ups will begin January 2023*

**North Texas Quilt Festival**

**August 17, 18, 19,**

**2023**

**Irving Convention Center**

Go ahead and get your next quilt entries ready. It’s never too early!

Also, we again will need miniatures for the quilt auction and items to sell in the guild booth.

Looking forward to seeing your wonderful work.