



The Quilting Bee

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**February 14
Guest Speaker:
Michelle Parker**



Dottie's Doodles

What a way to start off the new year with our hilarious speaker, Sue Heinz, sharing so much info for us to improve our quilts. She also introduced us to her best friend "Elmer". We finished the week with the Day Retreat glimpsing many beautiful quilts in the making.

Then, with great sadness, my week ended unexpectedly with the passing of my husband, Bob, entering heaven to be with Jesus. My heartfelt love and thanks for your love, prayers, and calls during this time.

My blessings to all! Dottie

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!!

Be sure to say "hello" and introduce yourself to our new members!

- Julie Gale
- Kim Helgren
- Barbara Garner
- Michelle Pinkerton
- Paula Vanecek
- Michelle Woods



**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?pwd=REtPWE9lVkl1OVFMNDA4UCtzNUJYZz09>

Meeting ID: 323 900 0165
Passcode: 147059

We are very excited and looking forward to our February 14 guest speaker Michelle Parker! Her hints and tricks should encourage more of us to create these for the upcoming expo in August.

"I started sewing in high school in Home Ec. I made lots of my clothes including prom dresses and drapes and curtains for my home. In 1997 I found a new love – quilting. I worked part-time at The Old Craft Store which fed my new love. In the early 2000's I was given the opportunity to teach beginner piecing classes. My focus for classes has always been teaching the fundamentals. Over the years in my personal quilting I found I really enjoyed small piecing and have continued to perfect my skills in miniatures. Funny how I was drawn to small piecing as the eyes and fingers don't work as well as they used to.

Over the years, almost all the classes I taught were patters I had written. In 2019, my professional life took a turn and I left the corporate world and began a longarm quilting business. I am blessed with the opportunity to be able to start this business and make my love of a quilting a full-time gig.

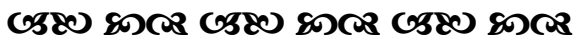
I'll focus on the fundamentals of small piecing and making miniature quilts. We'll address tools and skills that will make you more confident. We'll discuss cutting, pressing, sewing and even quilting. Yes, those are the same basics you need to piecing full size quilts but going smaller can present unexpected challenges. I'll have examples of simple miniatures and more challenging "have I lost my mind" miniature."



Golden Spool Winner

In December we recognized our guild member Kayleen Farrington as our Golden Spool Winner!

Kayleen is such a pleasant quilter, with a calm & positive attitude. She helps wherever she can, and has been very active member. She attends some workshops, the day retreat, is part of the Piecemakers Stitch Group, and she has held a number of positions on our Board. Kayleen has helped in other ways, such as joining Amy Steinert in promoting the Be My Neighbor Quilt Along by doing weekly prizes. She also boosted participation in the President's Block with her encouragement. Kayleen helped Lea Bailey promote monthly items to sell in our Guild Booth, and she volunteered to help at the Show, exhibited her own quilts, and worked at our Guild Booth. Kayleen donates her time and talent to making Ronald McDonald quilts, Project Linus, Military Quilt Project, and masks for Mission Arlington. We all appreciate everything Kayleen has done for our Guild. Thank you, Kayleen!



President's Block - UPDATE!!!

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 has chosen 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!

QGOA Membership News

As the new membership chairperson, I'm still working on making sure everyone has a nametag. It's possible we have made a nametag for you and you haven't picked it up from the membership table at our monthly meetings. I'm also making sure that if we didn't have one for you in the past, that we will have one for you at our February meeting. Your nametag comes in a protective pocket with an attached lanyard to wear around your neck - no pins or sticky back to mess up your clothes. Not only do we want everyone to wear their nametags at the monthly meetings, but it's also important to wear your nametag at other QGOA events: monthly sew days, quarterly day retreats, away retreats, and workshops, as well as QGOA group meetings (Piecemakers, Woolies, Booth Buddies, etc.). It's a great way for new members to get to know everyone else at any of these events. I keep mine in my purse, so I always have it handy.

I am also working on the update for the electronic version of the membership directory. Also, if you haven't submitted a photograph for the directory, please send one to me in JPEG format. If you find there are errors in the current directory or in the updated version, please provide your corrections to me via email.

Leslie Wagner
QGOA Membership Chairperson

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**. Thank you for supporting Ronald McDonald House.
Lisa Shoemaker



MANY MINI Stitchers

We're at a new site!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 4400 Arkansas Lane!

9AM -1PM, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Feb. 1 (cancel due to ice storm) and Feb. 22

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.

Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson - QGOA

Sunshine - No Sunshine to report

Shadow

Kathy Brann (former member) passed on January 2nd following a long illness.

Thoughts and prayers for our dear President Dottie Hughes, her husband of 72 years **Bob**, passed away on January 15th.

Kathryn Mershon, daughter of Jolene and Jim Mershon, passed away Jan 23, 2023 at her home in East Ft Worth from a stroke. No funeral for the public is planned only private services for the immediate family.

*** 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

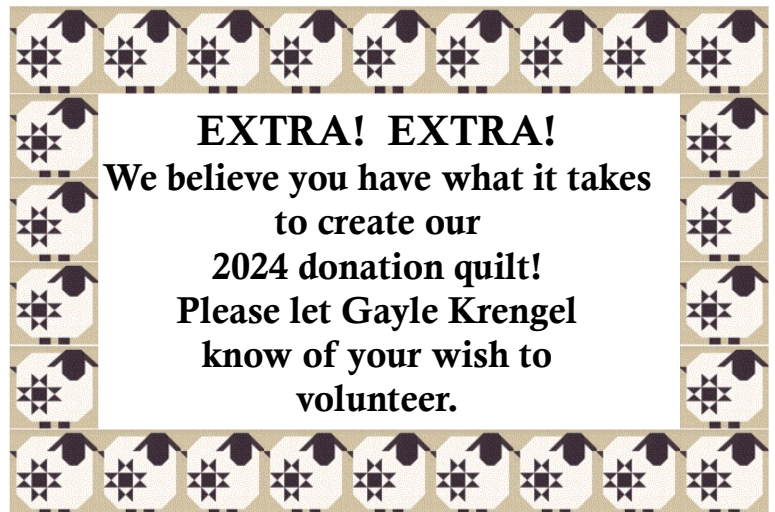
Join us on February 7 as we discuss *Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis. In March we have *Seamstress of Hollywood Blvd* by Erin McGraw. Most of these are available on Amazon as Ebooks. Join us at Chicken Salad Chick on the first Tuesday of each month 1:30-3:00 for lunch (if you like) and lively 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.



2023 Donation quilt *Friends Fly Together*

Designed by Carolyn Bowden

Quilted by Sabina Thomas



Local Quilt Shop Contest

Sewists, fabric lovers, quilters, craft folk, and more unite and VOTE for your favorite Local Quilt Shop!

Click to [Vote for your favorite local quilt shop!](#)

Voting officially ends on February 28, 2023

Community Outreach

As a guild member you are encouraged to participate in Community Outreach. Our guild currently has five opportunities to participate in.

- ♥ You can help women and children of domestic violence by donating items in need such as toiletry items and school supplies to Safe Haven of Tarrant County.
- ♥ You can help cancer patients and their families by making a miniature quilt to be auctioned off during our annual quilt show where a percentage of proceeds goes to Cancer Care Services.
- ♥ You can make a quilt to be donated to Project Linus, Ronald McDonald House, or the Fisher House Veterans. These quilts are distributed to children and veterans in need of a reminder that someone cares and that they are loved.

If you know of a child or veteran in need of a reminder that someone cares and that they are loved, let our Community Outreach chairpersons know. Also, if you have a story to share let our newsletter editor know.

For example, this quilt w, quilted by Veronica Mowery, and bound by Janice Mowery.

as made for a child of neglect placed into Child Protective Services. Janice Mowery's niece, Katrina Powell, was assigned as the CASA advocate. This child was presented with this quilt that was pieced by Judy Liston



The niece of Janice Mowery's friend, Sue Bailey, was a cancer patient at St. Jude. Janice gifted Sue's niece with a quilt in the midst of her eight-year battle with cancer and complications from cancer. This quilt was pieced by Carole Armstrong from a swap among Friendship Stitchers of snowman blocks. Sue's niece is now in remission and has been a part of numerous fundraisers for St. Jude raising thousands of dollars.



This quilt was made by Janice Mowery and gifted to Janice's grandson's half-brother Nathan. Nathan served in the Army for six years including tours overseas in Afghanistan. He wrote Janice a very touching Thank You letter expressing his appreciation.



Thanks to all who donated in January.

Donations included 1 pair of men's boots, a football, weights, 8 pairs of pajamas, 22 pairs of gloves, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, and office/school supplies.

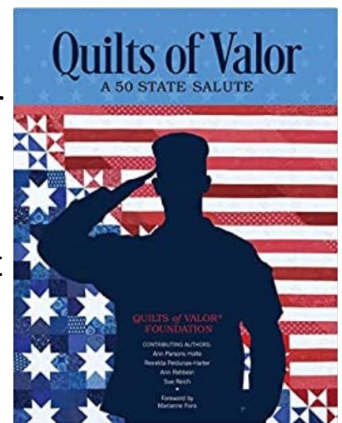
Immediate needs list for February includes twin or queen air mattresses, adult or children cold medications, shower shoes, women's underwear of all sizes, headphones, c port phone chargers, bottle cleaners and baby pacifiers.

Thank You! Lauren Crespo



QGOA Library's Newest Addition

Remember Ann Holte from last May's Lancaster Diamond Sampler program? Ann is a contributing author of ***Quilts of Valor: A 50 State Salute***. Be the first to checkout this book for inspiration for your next Military Quilt Project donation quilt!!!



Dear Ones: Happy Valentines to all! On a personal note, I think Chocolate is a cure for anything that ails you!

Just a little note to say thanks to Quilt Among Friends. They are here in Arlington and are a location to deposit Project Linus donations.

Some items are made there and others (notions, blocks, fabric, batting, etc.) are brought there for collection. They are then retrieved by a Linus volunteer and separated, divided and delivered to the local area hospitals and charitable organizations. Many thanks to their dedication to Project Linus!

Presently Linus is meeting regularly from 9:30 to 2-ish at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7100 Trail Lake Drive Ft. Worth. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month. We bring our machines or you may assemble quilt sandwiches or sit at a table and tie quilts, or crochet with our needle workers. We bring lunch or there are places nearby. Or just snack on the refreshments, and sew and visit and enjoy the pleasure of other quilters!

Thanks to quilters: Pat Hall, Jolene Mershon (kit Fairy), Nancy Spell (polka dot princess), Gayle Krengel, Jan Taborsky, DebbieHood, Michelle Athon, Lauren Crespo, Sharon Ligon, Elaine Grasher, Julie Chambers, Janice Mowery (Fabric, fleece and flannel fairy), Elizabeth Carr, Judy Liston, Pat Eckstrom, Ella Rushing, Veronica Mowery, Bobbie Hawkins, Sherry Livingston, Joan Gregory, Randa Dillon, Susan FitzGerald, Dottie Hughes, Shelley Cassata, Patsy Martin, Sarah Munoz, Phyllis Borton (quilting Queen), Debra Ware, Flossy Loop, and Anonymous. Please forgive me if I did not include you this month. These children love all your hard work.

Please remember, the hospitals prefer quilts are 44 X 40 for little kids and for larger kids please make them 44 X 57 or 60. There are lots of big kids in treatment. Thanks so much for this consideration. *And remember these are to be NEW items.*

Looking for new pattern? Try [here](#) for lots of ideas for quilting, crocheting, and knitting! Or Quilting Daily's Quiltmaker magazine archives has patterns specifically for [Project Linus](#). Many darling ideas. Quilters are the best, they make and donate from generous hearts!

Thanks again! e



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.

Sewcial Bee Stitch Group

This group has been busy as a bee helping two of our new members sew a quilt from start to finish. We've met on Saturday afternoons to cut, piece, sash, sandwich, stitch-in-the-ditch, and will soon bind our project quilt as a Linus donation. We're very proud of what our "newbies" have accomplished. How can you go wrong when there are so many helpful teachers?



Booth Buddies

This sew group is so industrious and creative! We met January 27 (not the normal 4th Thursday) to start sewing items for the guild's booth at the quilt show. It was amazing how these ladies looked at a picture and figured out how to make something or read the instructions and figured out a better way to sew the item. We turned out microwavable neck wraps, gift card holders, and several types of tree ornaments. A few things need finishing touches as you never have everything you need when sewing away from your "studio." ***You're welcome to join us for the next session on February 23 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W. Arkansas Ln. From 9:00ish to 2:00 pm. Come for part or all the time. Lea Bailey***



2023 QGOA Program and Workshops

Date	Speaker	Program/Workshop
February 14	Michelle Parker	Success with Small Piecing
March 14	Sandy Fitzpatrick	Why Didn't I Think of That?
April 11	Lisa Erlandson	Northern Lady or Southern Belle?
May 9	Linzee Kull McCray	The History of Feed Sacks
May 10	Linzee Kull McCray	Workshop - Signs of String
June 13	Christina Cameli	How to Love Free Motion Quilting
June 14	Christine Cameli	Workshop - Free Motion at Home
July 11	QGOA Members	Ronald McDonald Challenge & Past QGOA President's Quilt Trunk Show
August 8	Margaret Willingham	Reverse Applique: Revealing Beauty
August 9	Margaret Willingham	Workshop - Reverse Applique is Fun
September 12	Debbie Maddy	Indigo Shibori Dyeing from Itajime, Arashi, Nui, Kumo, and Beyond
October 10	Teresa Duryea Wong	The Calling of Quilt Collectors
November 14	Sally Brown	Dear Jane Trunk Show
December 12	QGOA Members	Members Trunk Show of Christmas and Winter Quilts

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

Soaring to New Heights

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.

Day Retreats Happen Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall!

The Guild hosts four Day Retreats annually, held at Lamar Baptist Church, 1000 W. Lamar Blvd., Arlington 76012. Members can bring their sewing machines and projects and sew with friends for three days!

Upcoming dates:

April 20 – 22, 2023
July 20 – 22, 2023
October 19 – 21, 2023
January 2024

The cost for the Day Retreat is \$50 per person. Times are 9-6 Thursday and Friday, and 9-4 on Saturday. Each person will have their own 6 ft table. Regular folding chairs are provided, but bring your own cushions or your own sewing chair if you wish! Bring any items that you need to work on your projects. Everything can be left at the church each night until the retreat is over. A table will be provided for snacks to share with fellow retreaters, if you want to bring something. There is also a donation table for items members want to donate or sell.

Debra Ware



2023 Winter Day Retreat Fun!

Lots of projects were completed with lots of laughter, sharing, and snacking too!



QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON
2023 Executive Board and Standing Committees

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President	Dottie Hughes
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Librarian Assistant	Janice Mowery
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Publicity Assistant	
Newsletter	Maria Freitag
Historian	Rose Kauhane
Sunshine and Shadow	Linda McPherson
2023 Quilt Show	Debra Hood
2023 Show Assistant	Christine Weiss
2023 Quilt Show Booth	Lea Bailey
2023 Quilt Show Booth Assistant	Patsy Martin
2023 Quilt Show Booth Assistant	
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Away Retreat Coordinator	Judy O'Polka
Community Outreach	Debra Ware
Cancer Care Services	Debra Ware
Project Linus	Elizabeth Cooper
Safe Haven	Lauren Crespo
Ronald McDonald Challenge	Lisa Shoemaker
Ronald McDonald Assistant	Shelly Cassata
Military Quilts	Cindy Bergman
Web Coordinator	Joyce Clark
Web Assistant	Lauren Crespo
Zoom Coordinator	Tina Griffith
203 Donation Quilt Coordinator	Gayle Kregel
2023 Donation Quilt Assistant	Jan Taborsky

**Visit a Stitch Group and make
more quilty friends!**

Felted Wool Gathering (The Woolies)

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends
2238 Michigan Ave., Arlington
4th Monday of the month @ 1030 am – 3 pm
Bring 2 canned goods for food pantry.
Contact: Sherry Livingston

The Sewcial Bee

4th Tuesday of the month @ 630 pm
Bring a handwork project or a show-and-tell!
Contact: Debbie Hood

Many Mini Stitchers

Meets @ Traders Village RV Park Rec Center
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 9 am
Bring sewing machine, iron, etc. and a miniature
quilt project to work on!
Contact: Christine Weiss

Friendship Stitchers

Meets @ First Christian Church
910 S. Collins, Arlington
1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10 am
Contact: Helga Smith

Project Linus

Linus is meeting regularly from 9:30 to 2-ish at
Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7100 Trail Lake
Drive Ft. Worth. We meet on the **2nd Thursday of
the month**
Contact: Elizabeth Cooper

Piecemakers

Meets @ Bob Duncan Community Center
2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6 pm – 10 pm
Contact: Debra Ware

Booth Buddies

Meets @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church
4400 W. Arkansas Ln., Arlington
4th Thursday of the month @ 930 am – 2 pm
(meets most months)
Bring sewing machine, iron, cutting tools
Contact: Lea Bailey

Etcetera Art Quilt Group

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends
2238 Michigan Ave., Arlington
4th Thursday of the month @ 7 pm
Bring 2 canned goods for food pantry.
Contact: Donna Atkins