



# The Quilting Bee

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## Dottie's Doodles

*Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. Let's wear green!*

*Looks as if we are heading into the Spring season.*

*Our speaker, Michelle Parker, was very informative and thorough with the procedure for making miniature quilts. Hopefully more of us will try to do a miniature quilt for the show in August.*

*Filling out government forms for military survivors has been an unending procedure for me. I can finally see the end, so I have cut out Block #1 for the block party. I am going to take time to sew it today as I relax a couple of days at my son's place in the country (West Weatherford). The blocks that I have seen are very pretty.*

*We are still in NEED of a group or an individual willing to volunteer to make the 2024 Donation Quilt. The sale of the tickets are for the opportunity to win the quilt and to help us fund the expenses of the guild and for donation to charities.*

*My love to all for the calls & cards. They are very much appreciated.*

## March's Guild Meeting

### QGOA Welcomes

**Sandy Fitzpatrick as our speaker, presenting her topic via ZOOM...**



### "Why Didn't I Think of That?"

Her presentation, "Why Didn't I Think of That?" will present tips, tricks, and shortcuts to make your sewing and quilting easier and more enjoyable! For example, such as, how to sew a sleeve to your quilt quickly and easily, tricks to add dimension to your quilts, and organizational tips. Also included are ideas for small group projects to do with friends or bee members.

## Just a Note!

**We are now bringing refreshments to the guild meeting, whatever your birth month is, that's when you bring refreshments!**

**Patsy Martin, Hospitality**

**Last chance to Register for the Cactus Rose Spring Retreat!**  
The retreat filled up quickly with only a couple spots still available. Grab a friend and come join the fun!

**March 19-22, 2023  
Cactus Rose Away Retreat  
Stephenville, TX  
price \$185.00**

**Last chance to Sign is at the March meeting, Tuesday March 14, 2023**



## North Texas Quilt Festival

The **NTQF** committee needs **YOU!**

I'm sure many of you are not aware of the origins of the current quilt festival. There are six guilds associated with the NTQF:

- Trinity Valley Quilters' Guild
- Quilters' Guild of Arlington
- FW Modern Quilt Guild
- Fort Worth Quilt Guild
- Bear Creek Quilt Guild
- Irving Quilt Guild

Each guild has a representative on the board. As you may be aware, Christine Weiss and myself are your representatives taking care of the junior entries. Rose Kauhane, recently volunteered to fill the publicity position. However, there are more positions than volunteers. We are still in need of a treasurer, as well as someone to shadow the chairperson and sponsorships. If you are interested in serving for 1-2 years, please let me know.

Last, but not least, I'm so excited to see all the beautiful quilts that ya'll have created. Remember the quilt must have been finished within the past 5 years. More info about categories and entry dates to come! Happy Quilting!

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### 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 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!

## Potholder Challenge

Quilt Booth is sponsoring a competition on hot pads or potholders. It's a great way to make a small project showing off your quilting skills, trying a new technique, repurposing an orphan block, or using up some scraps. Bring your finished project to the guild meeting on March 14th. We'll vote to determine the top 3 favorites. All entries will become part of the quilt guild's booth inventory. If you see a potholder, you just can't live without, it can be purchased that evening after the winners are announced.

Accept the challenge—make a potholder!! There are lots of ideas out there. Need a few ideas—try looking on Pinterest or these links (147) Pinterest (scroll through this saved page for pins of potholders or hot pads.

GEasy Pot Holder – GE Designs (gequiltdesigns.com)

GEasy Trivet – GE Designs (gequiltdesigns.com)

Here is a great scrappy idea for a potholder at [Crazy Mom Quilts](#).

- Penny Kilpatrick*
- Elizabeth Carr*
- Veronica Mowery*
- JoAnn Eubank*
- Jeannie Robinson*
- Pat Hall*
- Elizabeth Cooper*
- Jana McBroom*
- Beverly Francois*
- Kathy Sisney*
- Carolyn Bowden*
- Melba Drennan*
- Dwain Edwards*
- Debra Ware*
- Gayle Lacerda*



**March!!**

## **MANY MINI Stitchers** *We're at a new site!*

Many Minis Stitch Group continues to meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 4400 W. Arkansas Lane thanks to Lea Bailey and Maria Freitag who have agreed to host us. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month 9AM -2 ish. All are welcome - we have lots of ideas, patterns and tips to share - bring your sewing machine and supplies. Make a mini quilt or two focused on Springtime, St Patrick's, Easter or any holiday that you can share at the Guild meetings and maybe donate for the Quilt Show sales. Making small quilt blocks is a skill builder that definitely improves your overall precision, translating to better big blocks as well! We'll help you get there if you haven't tried small block piecing yet. Text Christine Weiss with questions.



**2023 Donation quilt *Friends Fly Together***  
Designed by Carolyn Bowden  
Quilted by Sabina Thomas

Thank you to all of the members who purchased tickets at the February meeting. Good luck to all of you! Thank you to Veronica and Janice Mowery for taking the quilt to Denton and selling tickets. I have calls out to a few quilt guilds in the area to take our quilt to. If you have any guilds to recommend to us, please let me or Jan know .

### **Sunshine and Shadow**

Linda McPherson - QGOA

#### **Sunshine**

Since we did not have any Sunshine for January or February, I couldn't let another month go without something good to report!

So, my sunshine is that my quilt 'Plain and Fancy' was chosen by Sewing Expo to travel from March through November! I was shocked to say the least. Let me know if there are others traveling!

#### **Shadow**

No Shadow to report for March!!

\*\*\* 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



## MQP Military Quilt Project

When I delivered the quilts to Fisher House in Dallas I was able to speak with the house manager about receiving quilts in the future. I am looking forward to our Guild having an ongoing arrangement with the Fisher House! They love the red, white, and blue quilts. 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, we will work it out. I also have labels to go on the quilts and it would be very helpful to me if you could attach one to your quilt before turning it in. A note with your name pinned to the quilt would also be appreciated as I try to keep a record of quilts received each year and who donated them. Now to stitch up some hugs and encouragement!

Recommend size is 55 x 65 to 72 x 90, ideal size 55 x 65

I have donated fabric, various sizes and colors, also some backing, fabric which is mostly red, or blue solid. If you would like to do a quilt for Snowball Express and need some fabrics this fabric is also available for those quilts too.

If you make a top and are unable to quilt it, we have a few longarm quilters who will usually take on a few.

After the quilting you can finish with the binding and the label.

*My goal is to take a minimum of 22 quilts to Fisher House in November.*

*Cindy Bergman*

### Ronald McDonald House Charities

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.



*Thanks to all who donated in February . We gave a shawl, 5 pair of socks, 2 pair of gloves, 3 scarves, feminine hygiene products, Huggies wipes, pacifiers, toothbrushes, and over the counter medications worth approximately \$220.*

**Listed needs are: over the counter medications, body wash, ethnic hair care products, shampoo & conditioner (adult & children), lotion, Chapstick, Pedialyte, Band-Aids and Neosporin.**

*Enjoy this great weather! See you all in March!*

### QGOA's Library

Need ideas and inspiration for your Ronald McDonald Challenge Quilt?

Check out these 3 library books that have over 30 patterns kids will love!!!

\*Fast Patch Kids' Quilts by Anita Hallock

\*Fast, Fat Quarter Baby Quilts by M' Liss Rae Hawley

\*Cuddly, Snuggly Quilts by Linda K. Johnson

Check the website for a link to the updated Library catalog.

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

### BOOK CLUB / NOVEL READERS

On March 7 we will be discussing ***The Seamstress of Hollywood Blv'd*** by Erin McGraw. For April we've chosen ***Just in Time*** by Marie Bostwick. Most of the books we choose to read and review are available on Amazon or at the Arlington libraries as ebooks. Join us at Chicken Salad Chick in the Highlands 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 much about the book! Contact Christine Weiss with good read suggestions or questions.



Dear Ones . Happy March with the luck of the Irish smiling on you! Would like to take a moment to acknowledge the contributions of QGOA's incredible members . Many groups in Tarrant County donate, however, the blanketeers at Project Linus recognize that most all of the donations from QGOA are complete(sandwiched, quilted, bound) and adorable and specifically for my praise is Phyllis Borton (known to Linus as "Quilting Queen") she graciously quilts my quilts with adorable Jets, stars, astronauts, ETs, autos, what ever she and Ed have chosen to amuse the children, and they do inspire chuckles from the kids in bed. A total of year 2023 was 4,193 donated blankets. We are so fortunate that we celebrate healthy children and friends and our experience is to sew(happy sewing); we create: shop fabric , collect fabric, pattern choice, and sew and quilt, knit, crochet, shape fleece, etc. So your reputation is well established as super great quilters/blanketeers. To each of you that donates to our chapter of Project Linus my admiration is to your beautiful work and generous use of your time to children in dire health, needing treatments and oxygen and injections, you provide a time of joy and smiles for each of them. You may never receive their thanks but accept that you are angels here in Tarrant County/Dallas County giving relief to these precious persons.

**Project Linus meets at Westminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Trail Lake Drive, Ft. Worth from 9:30-2ish.** We take machines and sew together sandwiches that others have put together and tables of folks tie some of those, tables of folks crochet blankets or little items for the patients . It's a busy day with lots of conversations and knowledge sharing. Please try to join us even if observing.

Special thanks to: Jolene Mershon(kit fairy), Pat Hall, Nancy Spell(polka dot princess) Gayle Krengel, Phyllis Borton(quilting Queen), Jan Taborsky, Janice Mowery

(Fabric, fleece, flannel fairy), Judy Liston, Patricia Eckstrom, Debbie Hood, Lauren Crespo, Sharon Ligon, Claudine Geisel, Julie Chambers, Debra Ware, Sheila Kinsey, Elizabeth Carr, Ella Rushing, Veronica Mowery, Linda McPherson, Jill Matyastik, Elaine Grasher, Randa Dillon, Susan FitzGerald, Joan Gregory, Sherry Livingston, Dottie Hughes, Cynthia Berend, Lana Ogden, Lisa Shoemaker, and anonymous.

The hospitals request new, handmade quilts minimum sizes: 40 X 44 for the little ones and 44 X 56/60 for our bigger kids. If you need a new pattern please visit Quiltmaker magazine archives for free patterns designed for [Linus](#) . Each of you are a treasure and I thank you for all you do. Sincerely. E.

## Miniature Quilt Challenge!!

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 (Name of mini, your name QGOA, 2023)**

I will store any miniature that does not sell at our meeting and turn them in for the auction at our quilt show. If you have any questions, please call Debra Ware.

### **Congratulations to our February Minis Winners!**

**1st place was Christine Weiss with Welcome Spring**

**2nd place was Joyce Clark with Halloween Spider**

**3rd place was Lea Bailey with Lucky Charm**

# QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON WEBSITE QGOA.ORG

Did you know the Guild has a website? An online site where you can find information about the guild, meetings, programs, workshops, retreats, the quilt show, the book club, stitch groups, and community outreach programs; download newsletters; find the president's block; or pay online for membership, workshops, donation quilt tickets, and retreats? Do you need a longarm quilter, or do you have something quilty to sell? Look on the Marketplace Page! Do you want to find out who the speaker is for the next meeting? Look on the Home Page or the Programs Page! It's packed with so much information to keep you in the know with our Guild!



## HOME PAGE

Guild Happenings - upcoming speakers, events  
Calendar of Events  
Meeting time, location  
ZOOM Link  
Link to list of Board Members  
QGOA History  
Forms, Links, Guild address

## QUILT FESTIVAL PAGE

Festival news and updates

## PROGRAMS PAGE

Workshop registration - printable form and online pmt. links  
Upcoming programs, speakers (ZOOM or in person), workshop info., links to workshop supply lists  
Previous programs

## MEMBERSHIP PAGE

Annual Registration Form - printable form and online payment links  
Donation quilt tickets - online purchase link

**NEWS PAGE** - downloadable newsletters

**PHOTOS PAGE** - photos of workshops, retreats, etc.

**BLOCK PARTY PAGE** - news and instructions on President Block or any block challenges, sew alongs

**RETREATS PAGE** - Day Retreat and Away Retreat registration, locations, printable and online registrations link, and contact info.

## COMMUNITY PAGE

Marketplace - members can list ads for their quilt-related businesses or to sell quilt- or sewing-related items  
Novel Quilters (book club) - dates and time of meetings, books to read, location, and contact information  
Stitch Groups - dates and time of meetings, locations, and contact information  
Community Outreach - information about:  
Military Quilt Project  
Linus Project  
SafeHaven  
Ronald McHouse Quilt Challenge  
Miniature Quilts

**Happy Quilting!**  
**Joyce Clark, Web Coordinator**  
**help@qgoa.org**

## Upcoming Challenges Sponsored by the Quilt Booth

Be creative and support the guild!  
 Look for a stocking challenge in **April**  
 (quilted blanks will be available at the March  
 meeting, or contact Lea Bailey).  
 Look for a throw pillow challenge in June.

### Items Wanted

Quilt Booth is soliciting items handcrafted  
 (not store bought or manufactured, but  
 handmade or with the help of a machine in  
 the crafting) by members to sell at our booth  
 at the quilt show this August. Items sold bring  
 in money that helps fund the guild budget.  
 You can bring items monthly to the guild  
 meeting. Turn in at the Quilt Booth table at  
 the back. Contact Lea Bailey if there are any  
 questions.

## 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.

### 2023 QGOA Program and Workshops

| Date         | Speaker             | Program/Workshop                                                   |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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  | <i>Workshop</i> - Signs of String                                  |
| June 13      | Christina Cameli    | How to Love Free Motion Quilting                                   |
| June 14      | Christine Cameli    | <i>Workshop</i> - 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 | <i>Workshop</i> - 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                  |

QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON  
2023 Executive Board and Standing Committees

| EXECUTIVE BOARD                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                       | Dottie Hughes      |
| Vice President                  | Sarah Munoz        |
| Co-Vice President               | Sofia Zamarripa    |
| Secretary                       | Theresa Sparkman   |
| Treasurer                       | Patty King         |
| Parliamentarian                 | Debbie Hood        |
| STANDING & APPOINTED COMMITTEES |                    |
| Membership                      | Leslie Wagner      |
| Membership Assistant            |                    |
| Guild Products                  | Debra Ware         |
| Hospitality                     | Patsy Martin       |
| Door Prizes                     | Charlotte Humphrey |
| Volunteer Hours                 | Cheryl Hunker      |
| Golden Spool                    | Carol Hoes         |
| Librarian                       | Veronica Mowery    |
| Librarian Assistant             | Janice Mowery      |
| Publicity                       | Phyllis Borton     |
| 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 |                    |
| Guild Activities                | Judy O'Polka       |
| Block Party                     | Amy Steinert       |
| Day Retreat Coordinator         | Debra Ware         |
| 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 Krengel      |
| 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 @ 6:30 pm**  
Bring a handwork project or a show-and-tell!  
Contact: Debbie Hood or Sharon Ligon

***Many Mini Stitchers***

Meets @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W.  
Arkansas Ln. Arlington, 76016  
**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 Dr., 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 @ 9:30 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