



The Quilting Bee

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Dottie's Doodles

Looks like "Winter" doesn't want "Spring" to enter this week, having such a cold & rainy day! Even more rain is expected. However, the rain let's us get some quilting done! I'm trying to get caught up on the "Block of the Week," doing #7!

Our speaker, Sandy Fitzgerald, gave us some neat ideas for wool applique projects! I might even try to do something someday. (Ha!)

Congratulations to the winners of the Mini Quilts Auction and Pot Holders for Booth Buddies to have in the NTQF in August Veronica Mowery will be bringing her laptop to the April meeting to help you register your quilts for the show. Also consider volunteering to help with the show in various areas.

My appreciation to all who have been attending the meetings and those who have attended via ZOOM.

Happy quilting days & hope to see you at the meeting on April 11th. ❤️ Dottie

Guest Speaker

on

April 11

LISA ERLANDSON

***Northern Lady or
Southern Belle?***



Lisa Erlandson is a compulsive quilt collector, with an extensive collection of antique quilts, whose habit has led to several quilt-related specialties. She is an AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilted Textiles, lecturer, quilt show judge, teacher, and quilt historian. She also owns LeRetreat House in Gainesville, Texas.

She learned to sew as a child, re-discovered sewing in the mid-1980s as a drama teacher, and made her first quilt in 1991. She taught junior high school, high school and college before deciding to focus on the quilt world. She has spoken internationally and teaches and lectures at venues from small local guilds to national quilt shows. She also judges quilt shows ranging from county fairs to statewide shows. She is a past president of the American Quilt Study Group.

In her program, she will explain that here was more than just the Mason-Dixon Line that divided the North and South. This program compares and contrasts quilts from the 19th century in design, style, and fabric to examine the regional differences of our quilting ancestors.

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

North Texas Quilt Festival

August 17, 18, 19, 2023
Irving Convention Center
"Soaring to New Heights"

Go ahead and get your quilt entries in. It's never too early! Here is the link to enter your quilts!

<http://northtexasquiltfestival.com/>

Veronica Mowery will be available to help you out at our guild meeting on April 11

Looking forward to seeing all your wonderful work!

Debbie Hood

BOOK CLUB / NOVEL READERS

We had a lively discussion on our March read - *The Seamstress of Hollywood Blvd.* For the April review we are reading *Just in Time* by Marie Bostwick. In May we'll discuss *The Grace Kelly Dress* by Brenda Janowitz, and in June it's *The Dressmaker* by Kate Alcott. All are welcome to meet up with us at Chicken Salad Chick in the Highlands, at 1:30 on the first Tuesday of each month. We eat, laugh and talk a little about the book.

If you haven't been able to join us yet, here are some of the books we've reviewed and would recommend for your next read: *The Keeper of Happy Endings* by Barbara Davis, *The Sewing Machine* by Natalie Fergie, *The Forgotten Seamstress* by Liz Trenow, and *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas.

Contact Christine Weiss with good read suggestions or questions.

Potholder Challenge

Congratulations to our winners from March's Hot Pad/Potholder Challenge! First place went to Cynthia Berend for the cupcake potholder,

second place went to Janis Hillis with cherry embroidered potholder, and third place to Patsy Martin for the hot pepper hot pad.



Thanks to all who participated. We had lots of cute, cute ones turned in!

Stocking Challenge

Quilt Booth is sponsoring a stocking competition this month. Create your stocking in what effect crafting method you choose. 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 April 11th. 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 stocking, you just can't live without, it can be purchased that evening after the winners are announced. Accept the challenge—make a stocking!! There are lots of ideas out there.

Show Quilt Booth

The guild will have a booth at the North Texas Quilt Show in August. Handcrafted, finished items are accepted at each meeting. Turn them in to Lea Bailey or Patsy Martin. You're also welcome to join Booth Buddies once a month to sew on items for the booth. We'll be meeting on April 27th from 9:00-2:00 at Holy Cross Lutheran. Let Lea Bailey (lbailey695@gmail.com) know so she can include you in the email reminder and let you know what to bring. Last month we worked on window zipper bags and casserole carriers.

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

Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson - QGOA

Sunshine

Phyllis Borton underwent gallbladder surgery recently and doing just fine.

Kayleen Farrington has a quilt that is traveling with the Sewing Expo! A great Honor!

Sara Munoz's husband had emergency surgery and is doing well.

Shadow

I just learned that Kathy Longstreet, a former QGOA member passed away on Sunday, March 6th. Prayers go out to her family.

Leslie Wagner's father in-law passed away recently and she and her husband are traveling to the service.

**** 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 .*

Look for the Dallas Modern to come to our April meeting to sell raffle tickets. We will go to them later in the month of April. We are trying to get the donation quilt on display so that other people will have a chance to buy tickets. If you are a member of another quilt guild, please ask if we can come to them sometime soon. Let me know who I can contact and set up a date.

Thanks, Gayle and Jan

GUILD FABRIC SALE:

Thanks to Maria Freitag, Dora Loughlan and Christine Weiss for selling more of the donated fabric at Quilting Among Friends on Saturday, March 25 during their Parking Lot Sale. Some lucky quilters were able to take home reproduction fat quarters for beautiful quilts! Tickets for our donation quilt were also sold; thanks, Gayle Krengel, for setting that up! Fabric will be available to buy at the April Guild meeting.

MQP - Military Quilt Project

What is the Military Quilt Project? What started with a request for quilts to be delivered to Brooks Army Hospital in San Antonio in November of 2005 has developed into our Military Quilt Project.

As the need for quilts at Brooks for wounded military personnel dropped and the difficulty of getting quilts to them increased, we began looking for a need closer to home. We have delivered quilts to the Dallas Veteran's Hospital, a local VFW Post to take to a veteran's home and sent out to Semper Fi caseworkers to be handed out at Christmas. For the last three years our quilts have gone to the Fisher House in Dallas. Fisher House is for veterans receiving care at the hospital but not admitted.

They love the red, white, and blue ones and are so grateful to receive them! They ask that we laundry the quilts before we bring them. I have printed labels available and would appreciate it if you could help me out by sewing a label on the quilt before you turn it in.

While any size is great, the following sizes are suggested 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! Once quilted you can finish with the binding and a label. Need fabric? Give me a call! I have fabric that has been donated for these quilts as well as quilts for Snowball Express.

Many hands make light work. 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 the following in March: mens socks, Kleenex, makeup bags, over the counter medications, oral hygiene products, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, body wash and lotion.

Safehaven has not updated its website wish list since February but they have let me know they are ALWAYS in need of pajamas of all sizes for all ages, male and female! They can also ALWAYS use hygiene products and over the counter medications. Hope to take a nice another nice batch from our April meeting!

Thank You! Lauren Crespo

QGOA's Library

Are you enjoying the 'Two-Color Quilt' Quilt Along?

You may want to checkout this book *Take 2: Eleven Contemporary or Traditional Two-color Quilts* where Joanna Brooks Myrick guides you through her complete instructions for eleven two-color quilts.

The link will open a PDF file for the Library Catalog by [Author](#) or by [Title](#) Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

Got Hours? Did you know that...?

Hi everyone, I'm Cheryl Hunker, our volunteer hours collector. QGOA is such a generous and supportive group with your time and talents. I'd like to encourage you to record your hours for your guild work. Linus, Ronald McDonald, teaching a friend how to quilt or make a "tie" fleece blanket, or volunteering to lead a group. Our guild loves to be involved in the community! You can be anonymous, or use a synonym: "Jane Sew", ..."Ima Toobusy" or..."Stasha Busta". You can even add up your hours for several months' worth and record one entry. No number of hours is too small. The important thing is that we have a count of our volunteer hours, ESPECIALLY if you hope to receive a pin to wear on your nametag for working at the NTQF in August. No hours recorded? No pin! Look for the sign and clipboard on the back table at every meeting, or you can email them to me. Thanks very much! Cheryl

Happy Spring! Not that there is much of a seasonal change in Texas, but we can pretend! Good news, Project Linus is meeting regularly again on the second Tuesday of the month at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7001 Trail Lake Drive Ft. Worth. We meet at the Fellowship hall and bring our machines, show and tell and notions. We gather 9am-2pm or so and sew to our hearts content! Some bring lunch and there is usually snacks and coffee. We sew tops, blocks, and pre-pinned quilt sandwiches that will be turned right side out and top sewn then tied. It is necessary to tie our sandwiches due to the fact that we have to deliver 300-350 quilts each month. Which is another reason the Linus folks just love seeing QGOA quilts show up because almost all those donations are totally complete! We also have tables of those crocheting and knitting and adding edges to fleece. We have show and tell and share lots of tips, bits and directions among ourselves. It is always delightful. This April 14th will be Trades Day! That is when our coordinators bring tables full of fabric donated to make children's quilts and we all take bags and select things that look like something to make a darling quilt for the hospitals! So come join us and see how it all works!

This month Project Linus would like to thank: Jolene Mershon (kit fairy), Lauren Crespo, Nancy Spell (Polka dot princess), Joyce Clark, Patsy Martin, Elizabeth Carr, Judy Liston, Linda McPherson, Patricia Eckstrom, Phyllis Borton (quilting queen), Ella Rushing, Deb Ware, Veronica Mowery, Susan FitzGerald, The Fabric Fairy-Janice Mowery, Dottie Hughes, Deb Hood, Randa Dillon, Amy Steinert, Kayleen Farrington, Cynthia Berend, Gayle Krengel, Jill Matyastik, Elaine Grasher, Sarah Munoz, Joan Gregory, Lana Ogden, and anonymous. Please forgive me if I have missed your name in recognition.

Remember the hospitals prefer sizes of 40x44 for smaller kids and 44 X 56-60 or larger for the larger kids. You know they come in all sizes. Our own Nancy Spell specializes in larger quilts.

For a free new pattern check out [All People Quilt](http://AllPeopleQuilt.com) www.projectlinus.org/patterns or www.quiltingdaily.com/project-linus-quiltmaker/
Thank you for your consideration we just received some requirements for donations which include all new items since they are in hospital there can be no risk of anything foreign or risk for these kids. Thanks so much for your cooperation. These dears have so much to endure and our kids are healthy by grace and all we do is SEW which is our pleasure. With thanks, E Cooper

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)**

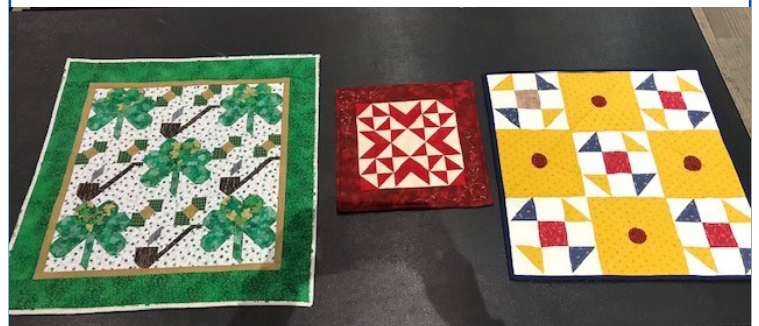
I will store any miniature that does not sell at our meeting and turn them in for the auction at our quilt show. If you have any questions, please call Debra Ware.

Congratulations to our March Minis Winners!

1st place was Christine Weiss with Lucky Leprechaun

2nd place was Patsy Martin with Scarlet Star

3rd place was Patsy Martin with Sunshine Churndash



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!



2023 QGOA Program and Workshops

Date	Speaker	Program/Workshop
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

QGOA Away Retreat at Cactus Rose

The Cactus Rose away retreat was a huge success!

What a great group of ladies! We had so much fun talking, laughing, sewing, shopping and more shopping! The massage chair felt so good at the end of the day. Here are a few pictures taken at retreat. I want to thank all the ladies at retreat for helping out in the kitchen during meal times. We couldn't do it without you and you are very much appreciated! ❤️

Peggy 3/2023 Cactus Rose



Barb 3/2023 Cactus Rose
Lost Socks



Randa 3/2023 Cactus Rose
Blue Jean Quilt



Barb 3/2023 Cactus
Rose





Randa 3/2023 Cactus Rose

Sherry



Kathy

Dawn 3/2023 Cactus Rose



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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

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!



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PROGRAMS PAGE

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Previous programs

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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!
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