



The Quilting Bee

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**Join us on May 9
as we welcome our guest**

Linzee Kull McCray “The History of Feed Sacks”

Linzee Kull McCray has been an art teacher, a bartender, and a book publicist; she has taught childbirth education to expectant parents and magazine writing to journalism undergrads. As her checkered background indicates, she's got the perfect writer's temperament: she's curious about everything.

And curiosity has led her to pursue other unexpected opportunities—to curate museum exhibitions, give talks and teach workshops at libraries, quilt guilds, and textile research centers in the U.S and Europe, and design feed-sack inspired fabrics for Moda and patterns for Clark Street Quilts.

Long before “sustainability” was a household word, people reused the fabric bags that once held everything from animal feed and seed, to sugar and flour, to ballots, hams, and even laxatives. Based on her book *Feed Sacks: The Colourful History of a Frugal Fabric*, her lecture will share both the beauty of feed sacks and their importance in the social and economic history of the times in which they were made and used. Her presentation will feature historic photos, vintage advertising, and fabric patterns, as well as actual sacks and the clothing, quilts, and other items made from them.

Dottie's Doodlings

“April Showers Bring May Flowers”

My Irises were thinned out & replanted, so now I'm hoping to have lots of beautiful flowers. Speaking of “beautiful” - at this week's Day Retreat, many quilts were being sewn & enjoyed by all. It was such a pleasure to fellowship with family of quilters. Everyone was so willing to share ideas & help others if a problem arose.

It was wonderful to have a large attendance at the April meeting. I'm looking forward to our May meeting as we welcome our speaker – Linzee Kull McCray giving her “History of Feed Sacks”. Apologies that we didn't have “Zoom” working for those at home. Hopefully we will have it available next time.

To all our members, have a blessed day on May 14th. Happy quilting!
Dottie

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

Got Hours? Did you know?

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. I 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. Look for the sign and clipboard on the back table at every meeting, or you can email them to me! Thanks very much! Cheryl

**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/>

FYI

May 1 allows outside individuals to enter show! **We prefer guild quilts!** **I've seen lots of gorgeous quilts the past few months! Please enter them today.**

Deadline is June 5!

If you have questions or need assistance reach out to me or Christine Weiss! We are also in need of quality minis!

Looking forward to seeing all your wonderful work!

Debbie Hood

Booth Buddies

Booth Buddies sewed away at their April session. We'll be having casserole carriers, dog toys, scented eye covers, playing card holders (for children or adults), foot pedal pads, and lots of other creative items for sale at our booth at the August quilt show. Next session is May 25th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church beginning at 9:00 to about 2:00. Thanks to Heather, Susan, Sarah, Randa, and Maria for their help this month. **Tell me what Maria is doing for a chance at a small prize at next guild meeting!** Lea Bailey



BOOK CLUB / NOVEL READERS

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 1:30pm on the **first Tuesday** of each month. We eat, laugh and talk a little about the book!

We look forward to you joining us when you are able! Contact Christine Weiss with a good read suggestion or questions.

Many MINI Stitchers

Join us on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** each month **9AM -2 ish** at *Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 4400 W. Arkansas Lane*, thanks to *Lea Bailey and Maria Freitag* who have agreed to host us. 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 any holiday or season that you can share at the Guild meetings, and 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.

Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson - QGOA

Sunshine

**Claudine Geisel* had shoulder surgery but is doing very well.

**Phyllis Borton* underwent cataract surgery, and all is well.

**Sarah Munoz's* husband underwent emergency surgery recently but is recovering nicely.

Shadow

**Sabina Thompson's* husband Tom passed away unexpectedly on April 6th.

**Brenda Burgess'* husband Gary has been in the hospital. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. He is in Rehab at the present time.

*** *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 .*

Throw Pillow Challenge!!!

Bring your creative, practical or whimsical pillow to the Guild Meeting, May 9, 2023. These should be pillows handcrafted or made by you or someone you know. **It can be just a pillow cover or have the pillow form in it.** We will vote on our favorite. Give it a try! All pillows will become part of the booth's inventory or can be bought that evening!

June's challenge is make a decorative kitchen towel. How can you decorate one to be cutesy, useful, or just pretty?

Contact: Lea Bailey



2023 Donation quilt *Friends Fly Together*

Designed by Carolyn Bowden

Quilted by Sabina Thomas

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

MQP - Military Quilt Project

May already, this month brings Memorial Day, a day to remember those who fought and died for our freedoms. Please consider making a quilt to donate in memory of one of your loved ones who served. Our quilts will be going 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 launder 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 or 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 are willing to help. 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

The RMHC Challenge finale is swiftly approaching! Have you finished your RMH quilt yet? **Completed quilts will be due in June with voting taking place in July.**

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.



Thank you ladies for your April donations. They included 2 pair toddler pajamas, 2 pair wrangler jeans, 5 pair children's flip flops, OTC allergy medication, oral hygiene items, 5 regular size Aim toothpaste and travel size toiletries.

Immediate needs now listed on the Safehaven website are: twin size sheets, towels and washcloths, OTC cold and flu medication, Pedialyte, men's and women's deodorant and lotion.

Looking forward to your May donations!
Thank You! Lauren Crespo

QGOA's May Library picks!

I'm looking forward to this month's program on feed sacks!

Consider checking out these related books from the library:

--Feedsacks! : Beautiful Quilts from Humble Beginnings by Edie McGinnis.
--Sugar Sack Quilts: 12 Quilts Using Vintage or Reproduction Fabrics by Glenna Hailey.
This link will open a PDF file for the Library Catalog by [Author](#) or by [Title](#)
Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

SAVE THE DATE!

Cactus Rose Fall Away Retreat

Thursday, September 21 thru Sunday, September 24

Sign ups begin in July

Look forward to seeing you all!

Judy O'Polka





Project ♥ Linus

Dear Ones:

I hope all are well. It's been a great month with lots of beautiful quilts donated for the sick and kids in treatment here in Ft. Worth. Project Linus meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7001 Trail Lake Dr. We meet from 9:30-2:30 and bring our machines and sew sandwiches made up of top back and batting. We sew all around the outer portion leaving a section open large enough to turn the sandwich right side out, close up the open area, top stitch the exterior of the sandwich all around to stabilize the quilt. We also sew on Linus labels to the inspected quilts. After top stitching sandwiches they go to the tying table. This is necessary to complete as many as possible since we deliver 300-350 per month to area locations. Please try to join us! We also have a large crochet group that is part of Linus and they are also prolific producers.

Hope you were able to take part in the guild quilt day retreat. Lots of work was completed and many were donated to Linus, along with lots of yardage and blocks and tops and scraps. If you have not attended a Linus meeting or a retreat for your own enjoyment please try to schedule visiting each.

Special thanks this month to Patricia Eckstrom, Judy Liston, Cindy Worman, Gayle Lacerda, Patsy Martin, Lauren Crespo, Pat Hall, Debra Hood, Barb Cain, Nancy Spell, Debra Ware, Cheryl Hunker, Jolene Mershon, Phyllis Borton, and anonymous.

Please remember that project Linus blankets must be NEW (unused). These children in hospitals are vulnerable to all sorts of things. Thanks for your cooperation. Been making lots of donation quilts and still at it and if you do such, remember to record your volunteer hours. Thanks so much for your generosity!

Elizabeth Cooper

A LOCK ON YOUR SCISSORS? WHY?

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The struggle is real!! What do you do? Have you gone to the extreme as our beloved Mrs. Bobbins? Email our newsletter editor Maria Freitag with your answer! Your answers will be used in a future article!

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.

**No mini quilts were brought in for April
Look forward to seeing what you have
for May!**

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!



Happy Birthday

*Shelly Cassata
Vicki Howell
Wanda Mills
Debbie Panton
Kathie Thompson
Beckey Prior
Patty King
Libby McDuffie
Debbie Hood*

The QGOA Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Arlington Library. The May 2 and June 6 meetings will be held at the Southwest Branch Library, 3311 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington, TX 76017 at 6pm. The board will not meet on the 4th of July, they will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 4pm, prior to the General Meeting.

2023 QGOA Program and Workshops

Date	Speaker	Program/Workshop
May 9	Linzee Kull McCray	The History of Feed Sacks
May 10	Linzee Kull McCray	<i>Workshop</i> - Signs of String
June	TBD	
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 SPRING DAY RETREAT!

Be sure to join us for the fun at our next Day Retreat, July 20, 21, & 22







Sarah Munoz's hooded tamarack jacket



Front and back of the quilt by Patricia Eckstrom



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**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!

Quilters' Guild of Arlington

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Community Outreach - information about:
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Linus Project
SafeHaven
Ronald McHouse Quilt Challenge
Miniature Quilts

Happy Quilting!
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