



# The Quilting Bee

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## Join us on June 13 For a FULL DAY!

We are having a **free Sit & Sew on June 13 1:30-5:30 at Bob Duncan**. At the conclusion, everything will need to be put away to prepare for our regular general meeting!

**Our speaker on June 13 is Mr. Sewing Machine**, Antonio Orozco.

Learn how to properly maintain your home sewing machine. In this class, you will learn how to properly do a blow-out on your machine, proper oiling techniques, troubleshooting issues and general preventive maintenance.

**AND...**Although our previously scheduled workshop presenter cancelled, we did not cancel our reservation at Traders' Village, YAY! We will have **another day of Sit & Sew from 9am- 4pm**. First come- first served. **Please sign up** and remember to bring your electrical cords.

**Remember our social time is from 6:30-7pm, once the meeting starts, please silence your phones and your conversations. Let's respect each other and our guests.**

## Dottie's Doodlings

Whoa!! Here we are pushing into June – halfway through 2023, I guess time is “FLYING” because we’ve been so busy! At least I have been, & I know several of you have been busier, We are now getting our quilts ready for the Quilt Show. I have seen some of your beautiful quilts, We have some deadlines, especially registering quilts in the show (June 5th), Thanks to all that have made items to sell in our booth.

Our April speaker, Linzee McCray had a very interesting program on “The History of Flour Sacks”. It is with regrets that our June speaker had to cancel, However, I am looking forward to the program that has been planned for us.

My thanks & appreciation to all of our chair people & their committees for doing a grand job of their responsibilities to make QGOA being great! Since we are a charity organization, please RECORD your hours of volunteering for the various projects that we do, such as SafeHaven, Linus Project, Veterans, & Ronald McDonald.

Tickets will be available for the Quilt Show at the June meeting for \$12, all money goes to the guild. Hope to see you at the meeting or on ZOOM!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL STARTS June 1!

IT'S JUNE and that means it's membership renewal time! The QGOA membership year now runs from July 1 through June 30. By the time you read this article, we hope to have the website membership page updated so that it reflects the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 membership year. It is especially important for our members who have entered quilts in the 2023 North Texas Quilt Show to get their renewals in promptly. Membership form is [here](#) or pay at our [website](#).

Anyone paying membership dues in June will be considered a current member through June 30, 2024. Yes, NEW members paying dues in June get 13 months of QGOA membership for the price of 12!

If you have turned 65 years of age on or before June 30, 2023, you are eligible for the discounted Senior Membership Level - \$35 per membership year.

If you have reached your 80th birthday on or before June 30, 2023, you are eligible for the Honorary Membership Level for which dues are currently \$0.00!

If you have questions, contact the membership chair, Leslie Wagner.

**North Texas Quilt  
Festival  
August 17, 18, 19,  
2023**



**Irving Convention Center  
"Soaring to New Heights"**

**FYI**

May 1 allowed outside individuals to enter the show with their quilts!

***We would like to see more  
guild quilts!***

***You can now enter more quilts  
until we reach 300!***

***Please enter them today!***

***Entry Deadline is June 5!***

Here is the link to enter your quilts!

<http://northtexasquiltfestival.com/>

If you have questions or need assistance reach out to me or  
Veronica Mowery.

We are also in need of quality minis!

**HELP WANTED:**

Our booth at the quilt show gives us an opportunity to make money to help fund the guild's budget. It gives us exposure out in the quilting world (we often have one or two members join during the quilt show). It helps support the quilting world in this area as we participate in hosting the North Texas Quilt Festival alongside the Original Sewing and Quilting Expo. It showcases our donation quilt. It's lots of fun!!!

How can you be a part of this booth experience? Well, read on...

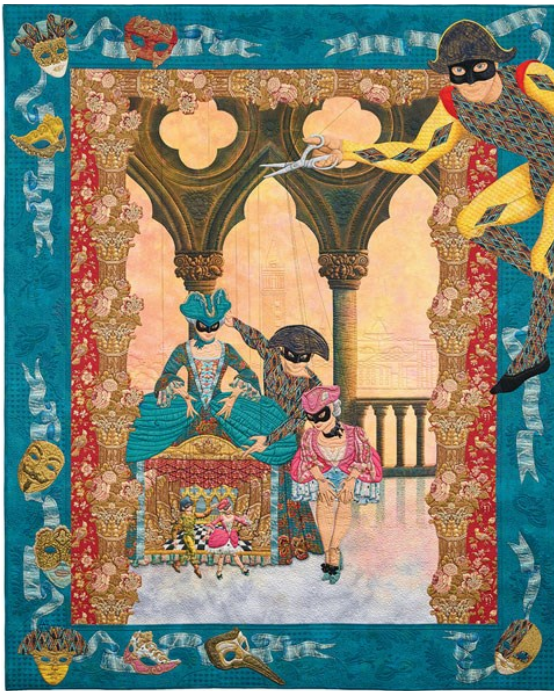
- ✂ Volunteer to do a shift at the show manning the booth. It's not hard. We'll have a short training session as we discuss a bit about engaging visitors to our booth with products. (I know, it's not easy to talk with strangers but it's not hard really. I did it at one of our shows and it was amazing how engaging it was.) Two-hour shifts. Sign up at the July or August meeting.
- ✂ Volunteer to help set up the booth the Wednesday before the quilt show. That's a bit of work but exciting to see the booth come together. Usually, the tubs and boxes are moved in for us by our own Debra Ware, but there might be a little bit of lifting. Some boxes come in our vehicles, but we have dollies and carts to move these items.
- ✂ Volunteer to train as the head of the booth committee. July and August are a perfect time to shadow me and see what all's involved. We'll be pricing items and figuring out what signage to use and which products can easily be used to interact with potential customers. You will learn all sorts of neat stuff. It's a fun job and a great way to be involved. Attend the show for free if you agree to do this.

Contact me in person, by email, or phone if you're interested in doing this or discussing it a bit more.

***NOVEL READERS/BOOK CLUB***

We'll be meeting on June 6 for another good discussion on literary matters and our favorite chicken salad flavors. This book discussion is around "The Dressmaker" by Kate Alcott, a story of life on and after the Titanic crossing. In July we'll talk about "All The Things We Lost" by Liz Trenow, one of our favorite writers. Join us at Chicken Salad Chick in the Highlands shopping area at 1:30 the first Tuesday of each month. Bring any recommendations you have for great reads, Contact Christine Weiss if you have questions or suggestions.





**APQS Best Movable Machine Workmanship Award**  
**#214 HARLEQUINADE**  
 Beckey Prior, Mansfield, TX

### **Sunshine and Shadow**

Linda McPherson - QGOA

#### **Sunshine**

QGOA member Becky Prior has won many awards for her quilt named 'Harlequinade'. She won the Best Movable Machine Award at the recent AQS QuiltWeek Paducah! It is now in the National Quilt Show Museum Permanent Collection. The quilt was designed and made by her, and quilted by Jackie Brown. It won an award in 5 consecutive AQS shows, a blue ribbon in Houston and a Best of Show at Road to California! Wow!! What an amazing honor!  
**No Shadow this month!!!**

### **Volunteer Hours**

Hello Quilty Friends! A big Thank You for the response to recording your volunteer hours at the May meeting. We had 21 members record 631.5 hours! Wow! Just a reminder-there is no amount of hours too small to record, and you can submit accumulated hours for several months. It all counts! I am a rather reserved person, and was afraid I was going to have to resort to chasing you all down during our breaks to collect hours, so thank you very much for participating and avoiding that pursuit. ☺ Cheryl Hunker

### **Cup Towel Challenge**

June we're having a cup towel challenge to benefit our booth at the quilt show. What design can you make that's decorative, functional, or just pretty on a cup towel, tea towel, hand towel, or whatever you call them? They can be embroidered; appliqued; and ruffle, prairie points, or decorative band added. They can have a special top that holds them in place. Use your favorite colors, my favorite color (red), the current trendy colors, or your stash. We'll vote on our favorites. All towels will be available for sale that night, June 13th. Bring towels by 6:30 pm. If you arrive before Lea Bailey, please leave your name with your towel. Can't wait to see YOUR cup towel!



**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  
 On another note, Cedar Hill Quilt Guild will be coming on Tuesday, June 13 to sell tickets for their raffle quilt.

## MQP - Military Quilt Project

The year is passing so quickly! Last month brought Memorial Day, a time to remember those that have passed, November is coming with Veteran's Day, a time to honor and thank those who are and have served our country, Please consider making a quilt to donate in memory or honor 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 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. Snowball Express is a weeklong camp for children who lost a parent in the line of duty. Please see Liz Cooper for more information. 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.

## Booth Buddies

We'll meet on June 22nd to finish up sewing items for the booth. We meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church from 9:00 to 2:00 working on items for the quilt booth. It's time for us to finish up projects and begin pricing items. Pricing will happen in July. Contact Lea Bailey for more details.

## New Products Showcase

On August 8th at 6:00 pm we'll have our sale of mainly new items in the inventory for the quilt booth. That gives our members first look and opportunity to buy these items at the full price. Not all the stock will be available. (Later this fall we'll have our 50% off sale.)

## QGOA's Summer Day Retreat

July 20, 21, 22

[Sign up here](#)

9am - 5pm Thursday & Friday

9am - 3:30pm Saturday

## QGOA's Library picks!

Didn't take our January speaker Sue Heinz's Binding Perfection workshop, but want to elevate your quilt to the next level?

Learn to make bias bindings, piped finishes, scalloped edges, prairie points and more in these three library books:

--A Fine Finish: New Bindings for Award-Winning Quilts by Cody Mazuran

--Borders, Bindings, & Edges: The Art of Finishing Your Quilt by Sally Collins

--Happy Endings: Finishing the Edges of Your Quilt by Mimi Dietrich

One of these three books may have just the edge treatment your quilt needs to catch the judge's eye in August!

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



Dear ones,  
 Another month has passed and it's almost Summer! Linus is meeting in person at Westminster Presbyterian on Trail Lake in Fort Worth on the 3rd Thursday of the month (no meeting in August). We take our machines and what ever project you want to work on, or there are labels to sew on quilts, sew quilt sandwiches together and then top stitch, and build quilt sandwiches with tops, back and batting to be sewn. It is lots of fun and sharing. We have show and tell with lots of new ideas. There is also a large crochet group making gifts for the kids in the hospitals (Yarnivores). **Also as a reminder coming in Sept and Oct is "Snowball Express"**. That is our donation of 1500 quilts to the children of Snowball-they are children that have lost a parent in active duty military service. These children are flown to Florida to enjoy all the delights of Disney etc . Everything is donated by airlines, hotels', parks etc. It is a small pleasure provided to these precious kids. They must be at least five so these quilts need to be for larger kids use. Thanks for your interest and participation.

Special thanks to our members Phyllis Borton, Veronica Mowery, Debra Hood, Debra Ware, Lauren Crespo, Ella Rushing, Wild Gardner, Janice Mowery, Heather Schneider, Pat Shelton, Linda Jo Williams, Elizabeth Carr, Judy Liston, Joan Gregory , Nancy Spell, Carole Armstrong, Claudine Geisel, Susan FitzGerald, Jolene Mershon, and anonymous. Thanks so much to all of you lovely quilters, the children appreciate your gifts to brighten their lives.

Refer to past newsletters to get sizes, or call me, also check out the website for new patterns. Thanks so much. E.

Ladies, in May the Guild donated approximately \$250 worth of items including womens and girls nightclothes, girls underwear, socks, Gerber onesies, 2 towels, 54 washcloths, toiletries, hygiene products, and school supplies.



**Immediate needs for JUNE now listed as reusable water bottles, kids flip flops, sensitive skin body wash, ethnic hair care products, phone chargers, headphones, earbuds, spray sunscreen and bug repellent**, Please pick up an item or 2 when you are out shopping. Thank you all for your generous support!  
 Lauren Crespo

**Miniature Quilt Challenge May winners!**

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.



Linda McPherson



Maria Freitag



Lea Bailey 3rd place

If you have any questions, please call Debra Ware.

## President's Block

The year is quickly flying past! Have you made your President's Block yet? Show your appreciation for the 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!

*Denise Butler  
Liz West  
Kandy Garrett  
Heather Scarborough  
Jill Matyastik  
Effie Foster  
Jan Taborsky  
Gaby Krumm*

*Donna Akins  
Linda Curzan  
Pamela Pape  
Tory Swartzwelder  
Carolyn Troupe  
Nancy Mills  
Heather Schneider  
Robbie Colley*

## FREE PATTERNS!!!

Did you know that [Bear Creek Quilting Co](#) has dozens of free downloadable patterns from fabric manufacturers? You do not need to buy products to get the patterns, and many of them are from name quilt designers!

### *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

The **QGOA Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month** at an Arlington Library. The June 6 meeting 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, however, they will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 4pm, prior to the General Meeting.

## 2023 QGOA Program and Workshops

Date	Speaker	Program/Workshop
June 13	Antonio Orozco	Mr. Sewing Machine - Learn how to properly maintain your home sewing machine.
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



## Friendship Stitchers Latest Project

Friendship stitchers has been working on a group quilt that is being submitted as a donation to the 2023 Ovarian Cancer Quilt Project sponsored by MD Anderson Cancer Center. All the fabric was donated by members and we spent a meeting day cutting the fabric for the blocks which were then taken home by members to piece together and assemble into rows. Jolene Mershon cut all the sashing and binding. Then we designated a sewing day for one of our meeting days where all the rows of blocks were put together with the sashing. Judy O'Polka, Sherry Livingston and Barb Cain did all the sewing as Randa Dillon and Judy Liston pinned, Kandy Garrett kept all the seams pressed as they progressed. We finished the top in one meeting! The quilt was then sent home with Nancy Spell to quilt. She then handed it off to Heather Schneider to do the machine sewing for the binding and Ching Ling Herbert finished the binding with all the handwork. The sleeve and label were then attached by Liz Cooper and Judy Liston, Rose Kauhane took a picture of the quilt with Friendship to show our project to the rest of the QGOA guild. The quilt is ready to be mailed before the June 30 deadline.

The whole project was a collaboration, from picking a pattern to voting on a title for the quilt. The pattern we decided on is called Elephant Parade, designed by Dana Bolyard from *The Big Book of Fat-Quarter Quilts*. It measures 63 ½ Inches X 77 ½ inches. The group decided on the title Friendship Ribbons for the quilt. With most members contributing their time and fabric we have been able to finish the project, and hope that it is purchased for a good price so as to raise money for Ovarian Cancer research at the upcoming auction of the Ovarian Cancer Quilt Project.



## 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!



# QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON

## 2023-24 Membership Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Options - July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Members (Ages 18-64) \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Seniors (Ages 65-79) \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Honorary Members (80 +) \$ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Members (Ages 12 - 17) \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Directory Booklet (Optional) \*\* \$3.75 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Every member will receive an electronic copy of the membership directory with quarterly updates of new members. Members may also purchase a printed directory booklet if they prefer a hard copy.

- Check the box if you DO NOT want your information in the Directory. DIRECTORY IS NOT ONLINE.
- Check the box to withhold your information from QGOA newsletters and/or website.

PICTURE:  Use the same picture in the current directory  
 Send new picture to Membership Chairperson - Leslie Wagner at [tootsiewag@yshoo.com](mailto:tootsiewag@yshoo.com)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON**  
2023 Executive Board and Standing Committees

<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>	
President	Dottie Hughes
Vice President	Sarah Munoz
Co-Vice President	Sofia Zamarripa
Secretary	Theresa Sparkman
Treasurer	Patty King
Parliamentarian	Debbie Hood
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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
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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: Gayle LaCerde

### ***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