



# The Quilting Bee

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## Dottie's Doodlings

**VACATION, VACATION** – hope they have been lots of fun, however, getting back to your routine may take some time. On my vacation I have been enjoying time with my daughter & her family. It was great to be able to spend time with my two great-granddaughters. She & I have quilted four of my quilt tops. Also got my Ronald McDonald quilt top pieced & quilted. Now back to work....

Thank you to Sarah for subbing for me. I heard through the “grapevine” the program of the past president’s trunk show was very successful. Look forward to our August program.

We miss having Theresa as our secretary. Our prayers are with her & her family. I will be appointing, or asking someone to fill in as secretary for the remainder of the year. If you would like to volunteer, that would be a blessing.

Hope all that attended the Day Retreat “sewed up a storm” & stayed cool.

**SEE YOU – LOVE TO ALL!!!**

## North Texas Quilt Festival August 17, 18, 19, 2023 Irving Convention Center “Soaring to New Heights”

It's not too late to get \$12 tickets at the August meeting. All the monies from these tickets goes straight to the guild!

Also, if you haven't volunteered to assist with the quilt show, remember the show can't go on without you!

### *There are three ways to volunteer*

- ✕ show booth - Lea Bailey
- ✕ sign up genius, and the
- ✕ Expo website.

Thanks for those of you that have signed up for multiple spots! An added perk - you get a volunteer bar for serving in the quilt show!

**Looking forward to seeing all your wonderful work!**

**Happy Quilting!**

**Debbie Hood**

## Guild Meeting Preview Sale

The new booth inventory will be available for sale to members first on August 8 beginning at 6:30 pm. Come have a look at all the nice items we have new this year. We will also have the 5” and 10” bundles of fussy cut fabric squares on for half price. (We can't take these to the quilt show.). Cash, check, or charge.

## Quilt Show Booth Workers

We need 6-10 more people at least to work the booth for about an hour or so on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We have lots of wonderful merchandise. Now we need sales clerks to greet customers, help them be interested in something, and make the sale. It's not a hard job. You just need to be able to smile, talk a bit, and write up the sale. Contact Lea Bailey to let her know what spot you can fill.

## **Reverse Applique Workshop**

**Wednesday, August 9, 10am**

### **Information on Supplies and Preparation**

We contacted Margaret to get a better understanding so that members can know the expense that will be incurred. It could be that you may have some of these supplies already. The practice kit is either \$5.00 or \$12, pattern (\$12 for PDF or \$16 for print), Soft Fuse and Terial Magic and your batiks. Those who have registered for the workshop should begin by purchasing the Sweetheart Sorbet print pattern or Sweetheart Sorbet PDF pattern from Margaret Willingham's [website](#).

### **Prep Work Prior to Class**

Ideally the pattern should be traced onto the paper side of their fusible before class. As this is a larger pattern and we need to use every minute. Come with your batik fabrics cut to size (see pattern for yardage).

### **Supplies**

Practice Pattern downloadable \$5.00 or practice pattern kits that are already cut out and fused, ready for students to stitch, for practicing their satin stitch work. It means participants would not have to provide the items on the supply list under "For Practice Pattern". Cost is \$12.00, though, instead of \$5.00. If you want the Practice Kit for \$12.00, please let Sarah Muñoz or Sofia Zamarripa know so that Margaret can include this in the items she will be shipping.

Soft Fuse - There is a supply chain shortage of this product due to the ill health of the Soft Fuse business owner. Margaret has Soft Fuse available in 37" x 1 yard, 2 yard and 3 yard pieces, or it's available in her machine accessory kit. You may already have this. Local quilts shops may also have it.

If you use another brand, please make sure that it has a paper backing.

Terial Magic (a spray on stabilizer)

Kai scissors are optional.

Quilt Among Friends has these products and probably other sellers do as well. It's good to support small local businesses.

**Optional:** If you want all three products, Margaret has the Machine Accessory Kit available through her website.

The Machine accessory kit includes: 1 yd. x 37" of Soft Fuse, 1 pr. of Kai bent-handled sharp-tipped scissors, and 1 - 16 oz. bottle of Terial Magic spray-on stabilizer for \$45.12.

## **Membership Renewal Time!**

Our membership total for 2022-2023 was 158 people. So far we have a total of 101 members for the July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 membership year, and that number includes 8 NEW members. Please renew your membership today!

Even if you are of "a certain age" (free membership) you still need to submit your membership renewal!

We plan to update the 2023-2024 membership directory by the end of August, please be sure to renew so that we can have a complete listing of our membership in the directory!!! Be sure to send your photo too! We love having a pictorial directory with your lovely face!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Cactus Rose Fall Away Retreat**

**Thursday, September 21 thru Sunday,**

**September 24**

Sign up [online](#)

Look forward to seeing you all!

*Judy O'Polka*

General Membership – \$40

Junior Membership (under 18) – \$20

Senior Membership (65 – 79) – \$35

Membership for those 80 and over is FREE!

## Booth Buddies

Booth Buddies will not meet in August. We've had a very productive year supporting the quilt guild's booth. We will resume meeting September 28th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Look for more details next month. A big thanks to all who participated in this group this past year!  
Lea Bailey

## NOVEL READERS/BOOK CLUB

Our August read is "The Pink Suit" by Nicole Kelby and in September we'll discuss "The Last Telegram" by Liz Trenow. (see, she is a favorite writer). 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.

Well ladies, it seems the heat is getting to everyone. Not only were refreshments lacking at the July meeting but so were the SafeHaven donations. The program was great though! I really enjoyed the Past Presidents' Trunk Show. I am sure August will be just as hot, but let's try to do better. July donations had an approximate value of \$150 including a pair of pillows, 5 pair children's flip flops, a lady's nightgown, a hair dryer, 2 makeup bags and various toiletries and hygiene products. SafeHaven's current immediate needs are listed as air mattresses, towels and washcloths, lotion, flip flops, children's summer clothing, ethnic hair care products, body wash and bar soap.  
Lauren Crespo



## Christmas in August

*Do you give small items as gifts to your book club members? Sunday school class? Bridge club? Exercise group? Or some similar group? How about looking at the quilt booth's selection of small gifts.*

*We have bookmarks, key fobs, ornaments, knitted wash cloths, scrunchies, water bottle openers, etc. Items are \$10 and under each. Many are \$5 and under. Contact Lea Bailey by email if you're interested in a small group item purchase. There is limited inventory. You can reserve and pickup August 8th.*



Samples



## Volunteer Hours

WHEW ! it's sew hot! Good time to be inside piecing and NOT looking at your garden, gasping for water, hanging by a thread. Volunteer hours turned in at the July meeting were 393 for 10 intrepid sewists. REMEMBER to document ALL your work on/ for the quilt show, no matter how many hours. It all counts, folks! Thanks very much!  
Cheryl Hunker



## MQP - Military Quilt Project

Thank you to all who took home fabric last month, I can't wait to see your quilts. If you need more fabric for a military quilt to donate or a special family member or Snowball Express please contact me, and I will bring fabric to the guild meeting. I have fabric that has been donated for these quilts and I would love for you to help me use it.

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.

Many hands make light work.

Cindy Bergman



## Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

Sunshine - No Sunshine this month!!  
Shadow

Sherry Livingston's mother, Betty Bass, passed away on July 4th. Her service was on July 8th.

Heather Schneider's father, Kenneth Koeritz, passed away the end of June. Services were held on Wednesday, July 12th.

Judy O'Polka's Mom passed away early Sunday morning, July 16th.

\*\*\* 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 sunshine or a shadow they would like in the newsletter, please let me know.

## Many Minis

Many Minis stitch group continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Arkansas, with a couple exceptions. **We will not meet in August due to the quilt show.** Be sure to look at all of the minis in the show and auction to get some ideas for what brings in the most money and then come join us on September 6 and the rest of the year to get ahead on some finished little quilts for the next round of sales. Many thanks to Lea Bailey and Maria Freitag for sponsoring us at the church. Contact Christine Weiss with questions.

## QGOA's Library picks!

Haven't dipped your toes into applique? The library has 18 books dedicated to the subject! We have books on both hand and machine applique. We have books for the "terrified quilter", for the brave Baltimore Album quilter, and for every quilter in between. There are also books with applique patterns ranging from Celtic designs, to Celtic flower garden designs, to fruit & veggie garden designs. Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery This link will open a PDF file for the Library Catalog by [Author](#), [Category](#), or by [Title](#)





# Ronald McDonald House Charities

Thank you everyone who participated in the Ronald McDonald quilt drive!

Lisa Shoemaker

## Challenge Fabric Winners

3rd Place Linda McPherson

2nd Place Randa Dillon

1st Place Claudine Geisel (accepted by Shelly Cassata)



## Non-Challenge Fabric Winners

3rd Place Joyce Clark

2nd Place Veronica Mowery

1st Place Cynthia Berend





Dear Ones: Project Linus will take a rest the month of August but will resume in September. I will still accept your donations and hold them for the September meeting. We will meet the second Thursday Sept. 14th at Westminster Presbyterian Church, on Trail Lake Dr. in Ft. Worth. We begin at 9 am and finish up about 2:30 pm. Join us in the fellowship hall and bring your machines and any donations you have to offer. We are trying something new! We will be doing Show and Tell at 10:30 to enable the group inspecting all the donations an opportunity to include the huge amount of quilts, etc to be properly separated, bagged and designated for delivery. With deliveries of 300 a month to all the local locations, its a large operation! And just a quick reminder, if you want to have a quilt or military themed quilt sent to the kids in Florida for Snowball Express, I will be collecting those in September and October so they can ship in time for the kids. It's a wonderful time usually held December 5 or 6 by the Gary Sinise Foundation. The kids will pick out a blanket, stay at a hotel, go to amusement parks, and be treated grandly. And be among other kids that understand their loss.

This month we would like to offer thanks to Kayleen Farrington, Ronda Weddle, Judy Liston, Cindy Bergman, Ruth Ann Uzzle, Sharon Ligon, Patricia Eckstrom, Gabriel Eckstrom, Brooklyn Muzzi, Eliza Muzzi, Jacob Eckstrom, Elizabeth Carr, Phyllis Borton, "the wild Gardner", and anonymous. If I didn't get your name please forgive me and I'll try harder next month.

The hospitals ask that the quilts be 44 X 40 for the smaller kiddos, and 50 X 60 or even larger for the big kids. So sad that we have little ones and big ones, but they all love your blankets. So keep on happy sewing and they will be loved. Many thanks to all that feel compelled to participate!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Cooper





## 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!

Juliann Chambers  
Patricia Eckstrom  
Marie Eggleston  
Katie Favara  
Linda Frey  
Kathy Hester  
Sherri Lauritsen  
Sherry Livingston

Karen Lowe  
Janice Mowery  
Sarah Munoz  
Carol Staehle  
Shelly Uggen  
Christine Weiss  
Sofia Zamarripa

### *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**

### **2023 Donation Quilt *Friends Fly Together***

Designed by Carolyn Bowden  
Quilted by Sabina Thomas  
*Be sure to buy your tickets!*



**The QGOA Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Southwest Branch Library, 3311 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd. ARLINGTON, TX 76017 for August 1, September 5, and October 3, 2023. Meeting begins at 6pm**

## 2023 QGOA Program and Workshops

Date	Speaker	Program/Workshop
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

QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON  
2023 Executive Board and Standing Committees

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2023 Quilt Show Booth Assistant	
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Away Retreat Coordinator	Judy O'Polka
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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: Gayle Lacerda

**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