



# The Quilting Bee

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## Dottie's Doodlings

*Oh my, how fast this year is coming to a close. In December we will be installing our 2024 officers. Also, announcing new chairmanships or sub-chairmanships, (If you are interested in serving in an area, please let Debbie Hood know); an audit committee will be selected; Golden Spool awarded; Budget report; and the long awaited drawing for the Donation Quilt!*

*Sally Brown was awesome with her program & the many Dear Jane Trunk show quilts. If everyone is like me, the busy season is upon us with all the activities, shopping, lunches, and even some sewing. Hope all had an enjoyable and blessed Thanksgiving.*

*I want to take this time to give you all a great big **THANK YOU** and **HUG** for such tremendous support that you gave me these past 2 years. Sure did make my job easier (even my mistakes).*

*Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!!*

## Guild Member Nametags

For our December monthly meeting, we're back to one ticket for attending, **a second ticket for WEARING YOUR QGOA NAMETAG!** Always a nice surprise to win one of the lovely door prizes! So look high and low, dig deep into your purse, and find that name tag so that you can double the chance of winning!

No nametag? See Leslie Wagner at the membership sign in table. She still has a box full of unclaimed nametags.

## Volunteer Hours Report

Hello Crafty Folks! Are your leftovers and your company gone now? Finishing up (starting?) your Christmas sewy projects? Thank you for another strong volunteer month. Sixteen people reported 536.5 hours at our last meeting. Very nice! The following people have earned bars/awards that can still be picked up at the December meeting: Pat E., Kandy G., Elaine G., Joan G., Mary J., Rose K., Gayke K., Dora L., Libby M., Sharon M., Sarah M., Ruth Ann U., Leslie W., and Christine W.

Cheryl Hunker

## QGOA's Library picks!

**Do you need a holiday project idea?** The library has you covered! **We have 20 books** that include designs from Christmas cats and dogs, to snowmen, from pumpkins to wreaths, and from Santa to the Nativity! And all the books are easy to find under the Seasonal category!

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

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

## Many Minis

MANY MINIS meets regularly to make the cutest mini quilts, some of which will be donated for the auction at next year's Quilt Show. We can help you make one for 2024 with books, ideas, fabric exchanges and encouragement. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W Arkansas Ln, 76016 (S. Arlington) from 9 AM to 2 PM, feel free to bring a lunch and stay the entire time, or drop in any time.

Questions? Contact Christine Weiss

## **NOVEL READERS/BOOK CLUB**

We've selected a group of "holiday" books to read. For December we have "Jingle Bell Shock" by Barbara Emodi. Please join us at Chicken Salad Chick in The Highlands shopping area on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm for catching up with friends, eating, and discussing the book a bit. Questions, call Christine Weiss



# Happy Birthday

Linda Corbin  
Jolene Mershon  
Lisa Shoemaker  
Barbara Cain  
Rose Kauhane  
Monica Ball  
Marilyn Christensen  
Cindy Bergman  
Debbie Boice  
Susan FitzGerald  
Gayle Kregel  
Wanda Pedersen  
Tina Griffith

## **Sunshine and Shadow**

Linda McPherson

### **Sunshine**

No Sunshine this month!!!!

### **Shadow**

*Barbara Cain had heart surgery on October 19th and is home now recuperating and doing well.*

\*\*\* 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.

## **Booth Buddies Holiday Sale!**

All the older than 6-month inventory of the booth will be on 50% off sale (some items will be marked down further) at the upcoming guild meeting. We'll be set up between 6:00-6:15 pm ready for your last -minute Christmas shopping. At these prices, there are some great items available! Need an ornament for a gift exchange? (we have quite an assortment of ornaments at prices well below Hallmark's Keepsake ornaments) Need a gift for that gift exchange? Need some good gifts for neighbors or teenagers? (bowl cozies, plastic bag holders, etc.) Need a small gift for sewing friend? (Pin cushions, 5" or 10" squares bundles, scissors holders, etc.) Need a knitted hat for a small infant? Need stocking stuffers? Come and check it out and support the guild. All proceeds benefit the guild.

## **2024 NTQF Quilt Booth**

Booth Buddies is up and sewing new items for the guild's booth at the quilt show August 1-3, 2024. We meet on December 14, 2023 (a week early to beat the holidays) from 9:00-2:00 to sew together at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W Arkansas. This month we'll be trying our hand at turtle mops and some hot pads. Come join us! Let Lea Bailey (817-845-3744 or lbailey695@gmail.com) know you'll be coming, and details will be emailed to you a bit closer to the date.

## **Time to Sit and Sew!**

Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bob Duncan Center to Sit and Sew. We will be there from 1pm to 5:30pm. We will stop at this point to get ready for our meeting.

# MQP - Military Quilt Project

Thank you to all who donated a quilt to the Military Quilt Project! I collected **26 quilts** this year and will be contacting the Fisher House in Dallas to arrange for delivery. In addition, I know that three quilts were given directly to a veteran.

Making plans for next year's projects?

While any size is great the following sizes are suggested.

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

I have fabric available as well as backing fabric. 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.

Let's all work together to show our appreciation to those who served.

Many hands make light work.

Cindy Bergman



I was going to drop off this quilt at the next guild meeting but it went instead to our PE aide here at Hyman Elementary. It was an honor to present this heartfelt "Thank you for your service" to First Lieutenant Moore of the Texas National Guard.

~Victoria Swartzwelder



Dear Ones:

It's almost the end of another year and we are all still here. Project Linus donates 300-350 quilts/blankets every month to the children in Tarrant County. Some locations are: ACH Emergency Teen Shelter, Cook Children's, Harris, JPS, Rainbow Room at Child Protective Services, Ronald McDonald House, Safe Haven, Snowball Express, Ft. Worth Pregnancy Center, Hughley, and this year we sent to Uvalde for their recovery, as well as to individual children that needed a comforting blanket. The Project Linus Stitch Group meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7001 Trail Lake Drive at Westminster Presbyterian Church. We meet from 9 am to 2:30 ish. Hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving. We take our machines on ordinary days however this month we are having our year end celebration with a pot-luck lunch. We will have show and tell this month but it is mostly celebrating a year end of accomplishment. Please join us if you have time. I'm taking a vegetable casserole to share. Our meetings are always fun and this time delicious, please try.

This is also the month that the kids from Snowball Express receive the trip to Florida and get a Linus Blanket and lots of fun. This is such a worthy segment of Linus and it is an honor to get to participate.

Many thanks to all those that donate and special thanks this month to: Kayleen Farrington, Robbie Colley, Lauren Crespo, Susan FitzGerald, Ella Rushing, Janice Mowery, Randa Dillon, Dottie Hughes, Charlotte Humphrey, Tory Swartzwelder, Joan Gregory, Jolene Mershon, Nancy Spell, Sherry Livingston, Phyllis Borton, Barb Cain, Carole Armstrong, Debbi Hood, Maria Freitag, Veronica Mowery, Patsy Martin, Debra Ware, Patricia Eckstrom, Lana Ogden, Judy Liston, and anonymous.

Please remember some hospitals have special conditions for their blankets. Please try to make the smaller one 40 X 44 and for our bigger kids at least 50 X 66. Some of these kids have been in treatment for a long time and they do grow up some. Thanks for trying to accommodate the hospitals.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL,  
Sincerely, Elizabeth.



Thank you all again for your generous donations to Safehaven in November. The approximate retail value was \$373. Donations included \$10 cash, 10 Christmas stockings filled with travel size toiletries, 1 baby quilt, 1 baby afghan, 3 fleece throws, 19 pairs of socks, 4 pair knit gloves, as well as oral hygiene items and toiletries.

Immediate needs now listed on the Safehaven website include **Air Mattresses, Pack N Plays, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, lotion, baby wipes, socks and underwear (both genders and all sizes)**. See you at our December meeting and remember these ladies and their children at Christmas!

Reminder: Safehaven will NOT accept used clothing.





## SAVE THE DATE!

**CACTUS ROSE**

**2024 AWAY RETREATS**

**MARCH 16 - 20 (SUN - WED)**

**SEPT 19 - 22 (THUR - SUN)**

**We will start taking registrations  
January 2024!**

**Happy Holidays!**

**North Texas  
Quilt Festival  
2024  
August  
1st - 3rd!**



**Irving Convention Center**

**Encourage a junior quilter to  
prepare something for the  
show!**

**The QGOA Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month, meetings begin at 6pm.**

**In December at Spring Creek Barbeque restaurant (1724 Hwy 287N, Mansfield)  
@6pm**

**At 6pm in January and February 2024**

**Southwest Branch Library**

**3311 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd. ARLINGTON, TX 76017**

### 2023 & 2024 QGOA Program and Workshops

Date	Speaker	Program/Workshop
December 12	QGOA Members	Members Trunk Show of Christmas and Winter Quilts
January 9, <b>2024</b>	DIANE ROSE	THE AMAZING QUILTER Diane will share her perspective on sewing without sight, and life in general, that will take
February 13	CARMEN GEDDES	Easy Techniques to Make the Process Fun, Faster, and
February 14	WORKSHOP	Easy Techniques to Make the Process Fun, Faster, and
March 12	PENDING	
April 9	SHANNON SHIRLEY	An Eclectic Mix
April 10	WORKSHOP	Mitered Facings

**QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON**  
**2024 Executive Board and Standing Committees**

<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>	
<b>President</b>	Christine Weiss
<b>Vice President</b>	Sarah Munoz
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Sofia Zamarripa
<b>Secretary</b>	Gayle Kregel
<b>Treasurer</b>	Patty King
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Dottie Hughes
<b>STANDING COMMITTEES</b>	
<b>Membership Chair</b>	Leslie Wagner
Membership Assistant	Pat Shelton
Membership Assistant	<b>Vacant</b>
Guild Products	Debra Ware
<b>Hospitality</b>	Amy Steinert
Door Prizes	Patsy Martin
Volunteer Hours	Cheryl Hunker
Golden Spool	Carol Hoes
Librarian	Veronica Mowery
Library Assistant	Janice Mowery
<b>Publicity</b>	Shirley Johnson
Publicity assistant	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	Maria Freitag
Historian	Rose Kauhane
Sunshine and Shadow	Linda McPherson
<b>2024 Quilt Show Chair</b>	Debra Hood
2024 Show Assistant	Lauren Crespo
2024 Quilt Show Booth	Linda Curzan
2024 Quilt Show Booth Assistant	Lea Bailey
<b>Guild Activities</b>	Judy O'Polka
Block Party	Amy Steinert
Day Retreat Coordinator	Debra Ware
Away Retreat Coordinator	Judy O'Polka
Away Retreat Assistant	Randa Dillon
<b>Community Outreach</b>	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
<b>Web Coordinator</b>	Joyce Clark
Web Assistant	Maria Freitag
Zoom Coordinator	Tina Griffith
Zoom Assistant	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>2024 Donation Quilt Coordinator</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
2024 Donation Quilt Assistant	<b>Vacant</b>

**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 & Rose Kauhane