



# The Quilting Bee

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## **QGOA Celebrating FORTY YEARS of Quilting! 1984 - 2024**

### **President's Thoughts**

**Happy New Year!** I know it's said that time passes quicker as you age, but 2023 went by in an unbelievable rush and now we've begun 2024 (and I feel so much older). I'm so looking forward to stepping up to this role as President for our Guild. We'll have new opportunities, and likely some new challenges. We'll take them one at a time, together!

2024 is the 40th Anniversary year for our Guild and we'd like to make the most of that. It provides the perfect opportunity to let the outside community know what we do; your Exec Board is planning publicity to that end. We'd like to hear your inputs on spreading the news and also on how to celebrate the long life of your Guild. QGOA was founded in August; would you like to have a party in that month or other events throughout the year and what might those be? Bring out your ideas by notifying any Board member, or come to a Board meeting (first Tuesday of each month) and speak up. Contact me directly at any time. This will be a good year to build up our Guild. I'd like to challenge each of you to bring at least one new prospective member to one of our general meetings. New members bring new ideas and new energy to us all. Share the specialness that our Guild provides with someone you value.

***Peace and Prosperity to each of you in this new year.***

**Christine Weiss**

Irishrose102003@yahoo.com

*DID YOU KNOW?* is a new addition to the newsletter!

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

The North Texas Quilt Festival is August 1-3, 2024. We will have our first official meeting in January so I will be able to start sending you information about entry dates, etc. However, it's never too soon to get started on those QUILTY projects for the show.

2024 North Texas Quilt Festival

August 1-3, 2024

Irving Expo Center

Contact me or Lauren Crespo for any questions related to the show.

I'm off to find a quilt for the show! Oh, and make a mini!, Oh, and maybe something for the booth!

Happy Quilting! Debbie Hood

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

**January and February 2024  
Southwest Branch Library  
3311 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd.  
ARLINGTON, TX 76017**



### **2023 Golden Spool Recipient Amy Steinert**

Amy has only been a member of the guild for a few years, but she has had a BIG impact on our members!

She served as Vice President with Programs for 2 years bringing us excellent lecturers and teachers, presenting various interests, new ideas and techniques for us to try out. For the last 2 years she has been in charge of Block Party, offering quilting challenges and faithfully sending out weekly or monthly blocks to keep everyone on track - no easy task! She has offered nice prizes to encourage participation and make it a lot of fun.

Amy is also taken responsibility for collecting President's blocks.

Now, if you mention "starch" or "glue" in a conversation, you're talking about Amy. And she's a math wizard! Just ask her to "shrink" a quilt pattern and she can do it in minutes - without a calculator!

Amy continues to serve our members with her sunny personality, and shares her knowledge generously. She is truly an asset to QGOA!

### ***NOVEL READERS/BOOK CLUB***

We've been enjoying so many good books these past months. In November we read "The Giving Quilt" by Jennifer Chiaverini. If you haven't read it already, you may find time to do so. It's a neat story about quilters taking time over Thanksgiving to make quilts for the Linus program and other charities. There are several personal stories about quilters explaining how their giving is folded into their quilt making. It's a very uplifting read, with lovely philosophies. We will meet on January 2 to talk about "Patchwork of Death" by Elizabeth Ashby. This one has an interesting mystery about evaluating repro fabrics to determine which are antique and which ones are fake. For February we selected "Quilting Cruise Gambit" by Jan Cerney and in March we'll read "The Pattern Artist" by Nancy Moser which has some history on women who created Butterick patterns. First Tuesday of each month at Chicken Salad Chick in the Highlands shopping area @ 1:30 for food and lively discussion. All are welcome. Questions? contact Christine Weiss (most of our book selections are available at Amazon, free in Kindle Unlimited, low \$ otherwise, or through the public library)

### **Many Minis**

MANY MINIS stitch group continues to get together to inspire one another with ideas for bitty quilts that someone will want to buy at the 2024 Expo. Mini quilts are a bit like potato chips: you can't stop with just one, so make one for the Guild and one for yourself! We will offer books, patterns, fresh ideas, fabric exchanges and encouragement. We will start meeting right away in the new year on January 3rd! Join us each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Arkansas (S Arlington) from 9 AM to 2 PM, feel free to bring a lunch and stay the entire time, or drop in any time. Mini Thanks to Lea Bailey and Maria Freitag for graciously hosting us there all these months. Questions contact Christine Weiss



## Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

### Sunshine!!

**Finally – we have some sunshine!!! YEA!!! We have had quite the dry spell!!! Several guild members have had their quilts chosen to travel by Expo and those lucky people are:**

**Ann Siden – “Mulberry Matrix”**

**Christine Weiss – “Fantasy Garden”**

**Debra Ware – “1760 Stairs”**

**Debra Hood – “Queen’s Jubilee”**

**Elaine Grasher – Three of her miniatures:**

**“Jazzed Round Robin”**

**“Reggie Raccoon” and**

**“Pandemic #3”**



### Shadow

Sofia Zamarripa’s brother passed away and his funeral was December 11th. Please add her to your prayer list.

\*\*\* 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.





Dear Ones: Welcome New Year. Hope we are all done with responsibilities so we can get to quilting. I'm excited! Project Linus meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. There are other opportunities to sew like guild retreats, stitch groups with QGOA, guild activities, quilt show, booth buddies, and lots more to participate in. Happy Sewing. As a reminder Linus meets at 7001 Trail Lake Drive in Fort Worth at 9 am till 2:30 in the Fellowship hall. Please bring your machine - lots of sewing sandwiches, labelling, binding, piecing, not to mention crochet by the Yarnivores so come bring your talent, join us and enjoy. Several times a year we enjoy TRADE DAYS where you can gather fabric, patterns, pieces, yarn, patterns etc., anything for sewing that has been donated and for us to take home and make something beautiful out of for the Kids at our local hospitals. Bring any donations that you have for show and tell. If you missed the last meeting, it was delightful! Lots of good food and chatting and show and tell. We didn't sew but will start fresh January 11, 2024 so try to join us.

Special Thanks to: Jolene Mershon(kit fairy), Phyllis Borton(quilting queen), Nancy Spell (Polka dot Princess), Janice Mowery(fabric, fleece, flannel fairy), Randa Dillon, Robbie Colley, Lauren Crespo, Susan FitzGerald, Patsy Martin, Cynthia Berend, Dottie Hughes, Charlotte Humphrey, Lana Ogden, Debbie Hood, Debra Ware, Patricia Eckstrom, Veronica Mowery, Maria Freitag, Sarah Munoz, Joyce Clark, Pat Hall, Gayle Krengle, and anonymous. If I missed you please forgive.

Some of the hospitals are very specific of size and content and others are happy to receive any blankets of comfort and we try to accommodate each of them. Sizes are 40 X 44 for the smaller ones and for the larger kids and some are large : 44 X 50 or 44 X 60 or larger. Thanks so much for your understanding.

If you are looking for a pattern please try

[www.projectlinus.org/patterns](http://www.projectlinus.org/patterns), there are quilt, crochet and knit patterns at that site. Also Quiltmaker magazine has archived patterns designed especially for Project Linus kids so check them out too! Happy and Healthy New Year to All, Sincere thanks, Elizabeth

### ***Our Volunteers are Awesome!***

Hello Quilty Folks and a Happy New Year (WHAT??? Already?) To You. You belong to a guild with a generous group of quilters. Even with everything else going on in December, 15 guild members reported 438 volunteer hours. Volunteering to serve others with your time, skills, and talents while juggling all the extra activities that occur during these busy holidays is inspiring. We don't volunteer for recognition, but we do it to share and pass along the blessings we have received. Thank you.

These volunteers can pick up their award bars at the January meeting: Christine W., Ruth Ann U., Sarah M., Sharon M., and Joan G.

Cheryl Hunker

Thanks to all of you, including Booth Buddies, we had our biggest monthly donation ever of \$690! Thank you all for your generous holiday spirit!



***Safehaven lists their immediate needs as baby nail clippers, formula, children and infants Tylenol, Midol, Pepto Bismol, Alka Seltzer, Refresh Eye Drops, Tums, Johnson & Johnson baby bubble bath, lotion, shampoo and body wash, along with shower shoes (flip flops) and toiletries. Let's fill up their medicine cabinet in January!***

Hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas, and Happy New Year!  
***Reminder: Safehaven will NOT accept used clothing.***

**Friendship Stitchers'** final 2023 meeting was their Annual Christmas Luncheon. Games were played including a giant plastic wrap ball that we had to unroll in the hopes of getting a treat or small sewing item. We had a lot of fun and Effie, our eldest member, participated like a pro! Judy unwrapped a festive pair of glasses.

We also had delicious food! Nancy Spell cooked us a ham and turkey! Side dishes were scrumptious, and desserts were out of this world! But the best part was gathering all the purses and bags filled with necessities and fun items for residents of the Pecan Manor Nursing Home. Normally we exchange gifts with each other but this year we decided to bless the residents instead. Many members participated in gathering the purses and bags and all the items to go in them. We had some great donations from others also. It was a fun day!  
Rose Kauhane



### **2024 Donation Quilt**

Many thanks to Debra Ware for the donation of our 2024 Quilt.

The board is in need of someone to volunteer to be the 2024 Donation Quilt Coordinator as well as an Assistant. Please consider doing this worthwhile job. The raffle quilt is one of our major money-making projects. It helps to pay for our speakers.



# Military Quilt Project

## MQP

Elaine Grasher and I delivered twenty-seven quilts to the Fisher House in Dallas. Fisher House is for veterans receiving care at the hospital but not admitted. The quilts are very much appreciated and loved by those who receive them there.

The Piecemaker Stitch group contributed eighteen quilts. They picked two easy patterns and challenged all members of the group to make one. Many thanks to them for their dedication!

Many Hands Make Light Work!

Cindy Bergman



## ***Quilters' Guild of Arlington 40 Years in the Making ... Quilts, Friendships, Community***

In the beginning:

Quilt classes and Quilt shows were being held at the Fielder Museum in Arlington. An idea was born, and inquiries were conducted to determine interest in forming a quilter's guild. From that the first organizing meeting was held at the First Christian Church at 901 S. Collins. Over 75 people attended, from which came 33 charter members. At that meeting having a guild quilt show was already on the radar. That idea was tabled in favor of working together first on a single quilt.

The very first guild quilt show was held at that same church much later. More on quilt shows coming in another issue! One of our small stitch groups "Friendship Quilters" still meets at that same church. So First Christian Church has been a part of our story since the very beginning.

The monthly meetings moved to the First Presbyterian Church located next to First Christian Church and then back again to First Christian Church before finally moving to our current location originally called Arlington Community Center and now called Bob Duncan Community Center.

Membership in the guild has had its ups and downs over time, but some things remain the same: a love of making quilts, a treasure of friends, and a community of service.

I thought it might be fun to include some recipes each month as part of our 40th year!  
Rose Kauhane, Historian

## **QGOA Recipes**

Part of the guild's 30-year celebration included the printing and selling of a recipe book with favorite recipes of the guild members. Included in addition to their recipes were some submitted by well-known national quilters such as Bonnie Hunter, Ricky Timms, and Paula Nadelstern.

*Excerpts From*  
**QGOA Celebrates 30 Years**  
Quilters Guild of Arlington

From the Appetizers and Beverages Section:

### **LONE STAR CAVIAR**

- 1 lb. dried black-eyed peas
- 2 c. Italian salad dressing
- 1 1/2 c. onion, diced
- 1 c. green onion, finely chopped
- 2 c. green pepper, diced
- 1/2 c. jalapeño peppers, finely chopped
- 1 (3 oz.) jar diced pimento, drained
- 1 T. garlic, finely chopped
- salt to taste
- hot pepper sauce to taste

Soak black-eyed peas in enough water to cover for six hours or overnight. Drain well. Transfer peas to saucepan, add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and allow to boil until tender, about 45 minutes. Do not overcook. Drain well and transfer to a large bowl. Blend in dressing and let cool. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.

Note: Recipe came from Beverly Bundy - *Cooking Up A Storm* in the Star-Telegram. The recipe was from Gail Pickett of Joshua. Some Texas caviar has hominy.

Janice Mowery

## **From the This & That Section:**

### *Recipe For A Better Life*

- 1/2 cup healthy anger
- 1 c. Self-confidence
- 1T. Savvy
- Dash of determination
- Pinch of purpose
- Ounce of optimism.

Before it comes to a boil. Combine with self-confidence. Add savvy, determination and purpose. Mix energetically with optimism until well-blended. Be careful not to crush, beat or whip into a frenzy or mixture will turn sour. Top off with a generous helping of the sweetness of life. Shake yourself vigorously, then let settle. Serves anyone willing to sample it.

Let anger brew to the simmering point.  
Remove from heat

Dottie Hughes

## **QGOA's Library picks!**

Was your New Year's resolution to learn a new technique or challenge yourself, maybe curved piecing?

Checkout our books:

- Blendable Curves by Peggy J. Barkle
- Crazy Curves by Elisa Wilson
- Geometric Gems: Quilts from Diamonds, Circles, and Squares by Cathy Wierzbicki
- Paper Pieced Curves by Jodie Davis

These books are sure to get you out of your comfort zone!

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



**Welcome fellow away retreaters to a brand new year of creative fun at our favorite retreat spot “Cactus Rose” in Stephenville, Texas. We start taking registrations for our March retreat at the January Guild meeting. You may also go online at the guild’s website to register and pay by credit card if you are unable to attend the meeting.**

**Mark your calendars:**

**CACTUS ROSE 2024 AWAY RETREAT  
 MARCH 16 - 20 (SUN - WED)  
 Cost \$200.00**

**Annis had a \$5 increase in the daily rate which explains the \$15 increase in cost from \$185 to \$200. As always the price does include all meals for the 4 days and three nights we will be there. Not to mention a boat load of fun!!!**



Pat Shelton  
 Lana Ogden  
 Cheryl Howe  
 Annette Plog  
 Cathy Florence  
 Randa Dillon  
 Anne Jones  
 Kathy Kaju

Debbie Myers  
 Judy O'Polka  
 Patricia Bradford  
 Patsy Martin  
 Carla Roberson  
 Debra Lohden  
 Karon Kelly  
 Donella Pyle

***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.

**2024 QGOA Program and Workshops**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Program/Workshop</b>
January 9, 2024	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 Successful by 10 Sisters owner Carmen Geddes.
February 14	WORKSHOP	Easy Techniques to Make the Process Fun, Faster, and Successful
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	Lisa Shoemaker
<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: 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