



The Quilting Bee

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

From the office of the President:

And we're off ... to the start of another fantastic year! As they say – any morning I can wake up and get to my feet is a Good Day. February is celebrated as a month of love with Valentine's Day coming soon but preceded by Galentine's Day on February 13th. [Where Did Galentine's Day Come From?](#) Take time to show some love to family, but also to yourselves and your gal friends: bake something special, make something just for you or attend a retreat and spend time quilting and laughing with your gal pals.

We're making plans and planning to make: lots of quilts and fun times. A committee planning our 40th year celebrations is eager to hear your suggestions as they put together an agenda. We have great speakers and some new workshops on the calendar. We'll put together a schedule of member to member mini workshops including topics like paper piecing, perfect pointing, color that quilt, easy-peasy half square triangles and any other techniques you might request help with. I know you've already started on your quilts for entry to our show in August; it starts 3 weeks earlier so your deadlines will also be earlier. And in February you can start turning in those mini quilts for the auction that you've been working on or at least thinking about. I'm excited about this year and want to feel that enthusiasm from you, too. Sign up for the workshops, bring a new member or two to the meetings, volunteer for something you've never done, try a new technique. It's a Leap Year so you get a bonus day! Let's get started.
Christine

DID YOU KNOW?

NTQF Event Location –

Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas,
500 W Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX

- ♥ Quilt Entry/Registration – **Begins 2/16/24** members; 3/16/24 non-members; Ends 5/28/24
- ♥ Registration for Expo Classes and Workshops – late-May
- ♥ Quilt Check-In/Drop Off - Sunday, July 28, 2024, 12pm-4 pm at Irving Convention Center
- ♥ Quilt Pick Up - Saturday, August 3, 2024 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm

Let's get those quilts finished! No mess, no stress! Text or call with any questions!
Happy Quilting!
Debbie Hood

**The QGOA Board meets on the
first Tuesday of the month,
meetings begin at 6pm.
February 6, 2024
Southwest Branch Library
3311 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd.
ARLINGTON, TX 76017**

Welcome New and RE-Newed members!

Sandra Bermejo
Denny Cornett
Le'Ann Downs
Courtney Glazer
Jana McBroom
Dori Overman

Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

Sunshine

Hope we are not heading for another dry spell without Sunshine. We really look forward to that for sure.

Shadow No Shadow this month!!!

Piecemakers Stitch Group

The Piecemakers Stitch Group is one of several stitch groups associated with the Quilt Guild of Arlington. We are the ***only*** group that meets during the evening hours. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, from 5PM to 9PM, at the Bob Duncan Center. Our 20+ members are incredibly diverse in their talents and are very quick to share their knowledge. Piecemaker members are encouraged to use and improve their skills by contributing to the Guild and Community with their creations. Any and all Guild members are welcome to join us for a meeting. Join us for dinner prior to our meetings by contacting Debra Ware.

Booth Buddies Stitch Group

This sewing group meets on the fourth Thursday of most months to sew items for the booth. It's one of the ways we produce that new merchandise for our quilt booth. We all sew or work on a certain item like turtle mops, triangle pouches, prayer quilts, snap bags, etc. It's a chance to try making new items and expand your sewing skills. It's great to experience the interaction of several people making the same item. And we have fun, too!!

Come join us to sew on February 22 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W. Arkansas. Let Lea Bailey know you're coming, and you'll receive a supply list of tools and such a day or two before our sewing session. Or, drop by and see what we're all about! We produce items and have a good time.

President's Block

Our newest president, Christine Weiss, has picked her block and what a beauty it is! Christine would like a paper pieced log cabin that she was nice enough to print off for all of us. The paper blocks are marked in each section for fabric color placement to make it super easy. Then she took it a step farther and cut out our center fabric for us. The center is a vibrant mustard color. The color palette she chose is one of whimsy and flavor... think a bowl full of berries (jewel tones, not brights) as you are looking through your fabrics for the perfect pieces. She said, "scrappy is great!" It is a quick and easy one to mark off of your to-do list. I have already received a few blocks and this quilt is going to make our mouth water when it is done. I will have the paper with pattern on it and center block at every guild meeting, so just find me to get started supporting our president in making this a quilt to remember.

We ask that you leave the paper on, don't trim the block and please sign your name on the paper.

Refer to the photos for color examples.



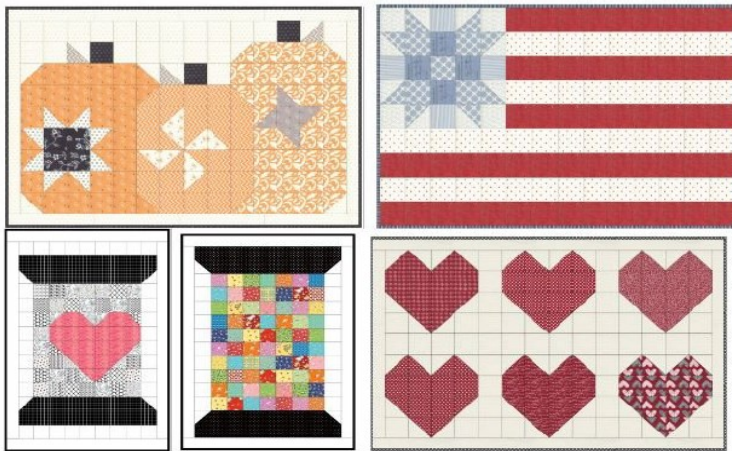
Carmen Geddes from Ten Sisters February Workshop



Carmen Geddes will be hosting the February Workshop on February 14. The Workshop will be held at Traders Village, at the RV Park Recreation Building. You may choose from any of the projects listed below. **Let me know ASAP.** Individual supply lists will be emailed to you a week before the workshop so that you can use your fabric to cut 2" x 2" inch square as per the pattern you selected. You may see these on www.Tensisters.com OR you also have the option of selecting a different pattern from her website, or if you have any of her books that you can choose from.

Sarah Munoz

Project of the Month – Each finishes 13.5x21 before border



Choose one of these fun projects to work on in class. Patterns for ALL the projects will be given in class. Extra EasyPiecing Grid will be available.

See the charts below and cut 2" squares and pre-sew 2" half square triangles. There will be a demo on hst in class if you want to wait.

Supplies: Kit Fee: \$5 includes one panel EasyPiecing Grid, patterns, step by step instructions.

Supplies:

Sewing Machine Feet : 1/4" piecing foot, basic sewing and cutting supplies, 2 washable Elmer's glue sticks or Sewline glue pen, small iron and pressing surface (there will be some in class, applique pressing sheet. (optional))

Stars and Stripes:

38- 1/4 yd (or scraps equal) 1/4 yd 24 (use previous yardage) 40- 1/4 yd (or scraps equal)

Valentine:

8 (for each heart) 6 (for each heart) 46 - 1/4 yd or scraps equal

Patchwork Pumpkin Trio:

Pumpkins: 21 3 18 2 26 3 2 20 3 3
 Patchwork: 8 4 8 1 4 *a fat quarter of each fabric will be plenty

Little Scrappy Spool:

34- 1/4 yd 32- 1/4 yd 4 (use previous yardage) 56 total squares (1/4 yd or scraps equal)

Little Spool with Pixel Heart:

32 4 10 14 32 34

Pre-Class prep: Cut 2" squares and pre-sew 2" half square triangles. There will be a demo on hst in class if you want to wait.

Email Carmen at info.tensisters@gmail.com with any questions

MINI MANIA IS HERE!

It's that time of year again when we start collecting miniature quilts for our show auction. And back by popular demand, we will be displaying our creations at the Guild meetings! Your peers will choose their favorites with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons being awarded.

Miniature quilts will also be assigned **"buy it now"** prices. You can purchase that special quilt prior to it going to the auction.

Minatures that don't sell at the meetings, will be collected by the show coordinator and stored for the auction.

Remember miniatures specifications:

- ✂ no more that 24 inches per side,
- ✂ must have a label with makers name and guild name,
- ✂ and a hanging sleeve (not corners) large enough for a 1/2 inch dowel rod.

If you have questions, please contact Debra Ware, number is in our Membership Directory

Many Minis

MANY MINIS stitch group is at it again! We hit the ground running in January making the cutest mini quilts to donate for the Quilt Show auction (and some to keep for ourselves). We'll start bringing our newest minis to the February General Meeting and some of those might give you ideas for your own little quilts. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month when we offer books, patterns, fresh ideas, fabric exchanges and encouragement. It's on the at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Arkansas (SW 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

NOVEL READERS/BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS - Attention avid readers and those who just like to curl up with a cup of something warm and a good book: In February we'll get together to talk about "Quilting Cruise Gambit" by Jan Cerney, a good mystery. For March we'll read "The Pattern Artist" by Nancy Moser which has some history on women who created Butterick patterns. Our April read is "That Dorky Homemade Look: Quilting Lessons from a Parallel Universe" by Lisa Boyer because everyone needs to be reminded not to take ourselves or our craft too seriously. Highly recommended for May is "The Girl with the Golden Scissors" by Julia Drosten. We're also looking into "The Star and the Shamrock" by Jean Granger, which is a series of 4 books starting the story in WWII. 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, many free in kindleunlimited, low \$ otherwise, or through the public library)

A Build-Your-Stash Opportunity!

A local church has generously donated some fabric to our guild. Included are fat quarters, some panels, and lots of yardage-quite a bit of Moda, RJR, Robert Kaufman...this lady bought excellent quality fabric. Bring your cash and your sharp elbows to shop this opportunity and support our guild with your purchases. Shop early and often!



Dear Gals and Guys: It's the short month so I have to sew quickly. As a reminder, and also for the new members of QGOA that may be interested in becoming a part of this **stitch group, Project Linus** meets at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7001 Trail Lake Blvd. It is really a short distance straight across I-20 to Granbury Rd. go left onto Hulén then to Alta Mesa and go right for a couple blocks on Alta Mesa and make a u-turn at Trail Lake and the church is on the corner. We park on the East side of the building and bring our things to the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign pointing to the hall. We meet from 9am to 2:30pm and sew and sew. There is a table of quilt sandwich making if you don't care not to bring a machine. There is also a tying table with lots of folks tying the quilts that have already been strung so you just clip and tie. There is also a group of crocheters called the Yarnivores and they are all very busy and lovely folks too (if you want to join them their group is open). Then there are lots of tables where we put our machines and sew the sandwiches together and turn them right side out and close the opening and then top stitch around them and these become the tying quilts. There are lots of snacks to munch on and most bring a lunch or arrange to go get something to eat. There is coffee, microwave and sink. Please try to join us if you are available. Or if you just want to come check us out or drop off a donation and see what's happening.

This month there are lots of great quilters to thank. Jolene Mershon (kit fairy) and lots of kits were passed out this month for quilt making, Phyllis Borton (quilting queen) is always busy quilting our quilts, Janice (David) Mowery (Fleece, flannel and fabric fairy), Dottie Hughes, Nancy Spell (Polka dot princess), Lauren Crespo, Cindy Bergman, Dawn Stuecheli, Kayleen Farrington, Dora Laughlin, Judy Liston, Patricia Eckstrom, Gabriel Eckstrom, Jacob Eckstrom, Brooklyn Muzzi and Eliza Muzzi, Randa Dillon, Robbie Colley, Pat Hall, Cynthia Berend, Judy

O'Polka, Lana Ogden, Rose Kauhane, Elizabeth Carr, and anonymous.

Keep an eye on this page, we should be having FABRIC DAY when you can come and take home donated fabric to make a Project Linus quilt!

The hospital requested sizes are: for smaller kids 40 X 44 and for the bigger kids (and there are lots of bigger kids) is 44 X 56 or 60 or anything larger. Thanks for your participation.

Please remember the work we do for our guild enriches us and our community for generations to come.

Thank you! Linus rep, Elizabeth

Our Volunteers are Awesome!

Hello Shivering Quilters! How is your New Year Sewing so far? Isn't it wonderful to work on projects that can keep us warm at the same time? Imagine how your generous work will warm both the hearts and bodies of your recipients!

Thank you to the 15 volunteers who recorded 245 hours at our January meeting. Keep those hours coming in: many or few, they are all important.

Cheryl Hunker

Thanks to all who donated in January. Donations included 1 child's Tylenol purchased with a \$10 cash donation, some baby shampoo and baby powder, 2 packages of disposable diapers, some makeup bags, and cotton swabs.



February's list of immediate needs on the SafeHaven website include: body wash, over the counter medications, towels and washcloths, shampoo and conditioner for textured hair, Pack N Plays, lotions, bus passes and coats which can be either new or gently used. Please give generously!

Military Quilt Project MQP

Thank you Linda McPherson for delivering one of our quilts to Dennis Dodd who served in Vietnam during 1968 and 1969.

Thank you Dennis for your service.

Getting started on this year's projects? ***I would like to collect quilts in October this year.*** So that I can deliver them in November for Veterans Day. Please wash your finished quilt and attach a label. I will have labels at Guild meeting.

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.

Many hands make light work. Let's all work together to show our appreciation to those who served. *Cindy Bergman*



QGOA's Library Selections!

Are you planning on joining in on the fun of the Fall Away retreat next month? Did you know that the Cactus Rose Hideaway Retreat Center is owned by a previous QGOA guild member? Annis Clapp is also a published author and our library carries all three of her quilting related books:

- Easy Americana Rag Quilting
- A Year of Rag Quilts
- Made from Scratch Biscuit Quilts

Stay tuned for next month's article when I highlight some additional books authored by QGOA members.

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



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.



2024 Winter Day Retreat









The best part of **Friendship Stitchers** Christmas luncheon in December was gathering all the purses and bags and filling them with necessities and fun items for residents of the Pecan Manor Nursing Home located in Kennedale, Texas. 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 several others, including sample purses from a major department store! 23 women and 12 men were blessed with purses and bags. Some of the items included lotion, socks, playing cards, scarves, jewelry, reading glasses, toys, just to name a few. It was a fun day!



The following week on Thursday, December 14th, a few of the members delivered the gifts to the Manor.

CEO Jolene (Chief Elf Organizer) reported:

Six Friendship Elves visited Pecan Manor Nursing Home taking Christmas cheer and bags stuffed with lots of goodies. The men and women seemed to be surprised and pleased. Jolene asked one man if he found anything in the bag he really liked, He said, " I'll use all of it." The employees were going to take the Kleenex boxes that were also provided and put one beside each resident's bed.

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Friendship Stitchers Stitch Group

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at First Christian Church, 901 S. Collins, Arlington from 10am to 12:30ish. Generally no sewing machines unless we have a special project going. Handwork only. Quilting, embroidery, appliqué, knitting, crochet, you get the idea! Also lots of show and tell, expert advice and tips plus conversations. Some go out to a restaurant for lunch after. Cost \$3.00 per meeting. What a bargain!



Quilt Booth for NTQF

Our guild has a free booth space at the quilt show in August. All the sales are profit for us. Having this booth provides a way for the guild to raise money for our budget. We need new merchandise to sell. Items should be handcrafted (doesn't have to be a quilt). Buyers like small, unusual items that reflect current trends. So, think creatively. What can you make so that you could donate to the booth? It's nice to have 3-5 of an item, but we'll accept one. Remember that we want good quality products. Machine embroidered items, wooden items that assist quilters, knitted or crocheted items (but no washcloths this year—we have plenty and sell a few each show), a bag set, interesting pot holders, small stuffed items you made, beauty related items, etc. have appeal. Try to use newer fabrics that reflect recent purchases. Finished items may be brought to any quilt meeting. Contact Linda Curzan or Lea Bailey for more information.



Phyllis Borton
Cheryl Hunker
Ann Siden
Ruth Ann Uzzle

Dorothy Koeritz
Joyce Clark
Betty Lynch
Peggy Orr

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

Date	Speaker	Program/Workshop
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	Tony Jacobson	Presenting on Zoom "Quilting and the Art of What If"
April 9	SHANNON SHIRLEY	An Eclectic Mix
April 10	WORKSHOP	Mitered Facings

Page 13 is what is appearing in the February Edition of the Arlington Today monthly magazine. President Christine Weiss felt that since a lot of us may or may not receive this magazine, that we should share the *PAGE* they put in the magazine highlighting the Quilters' Guild of Arlington on its 40th Anniversary!

The Quilters' Guild of Arlington Turns 40!

QGOA had its beginnings when the Fielder Museum hosted quilting classes for local quilters. Those attending thought there surely was enough interest for an independent guild of makers. Thirty-three charter members formed the QGOA in 1984, a handful of dedicated quilters who just knew that everyone who sleeps needs at least one quilt (maybe more).

Humble beginnings led to expanding membership and created quilt shows held in Arlington attracting larger and larger audiences. By 2019, QGOA formed an alliance with 5 other local quilt guilds for the regional North Texas Quilt Festival (NTQF) staged at the Arlington Convention Center. In 2023, quilters entered more than 300 outstanding quilts for competition made by the associated guild's members and many more stunning quilt displays were provided by the national Original Sewing & Quilt Expo group. Continuing with a successful format, the 2024 NTQF will be held August 1-3 at the Irving Convention Center.

In 2024, QGOA's 145 members focus on providing the benefits of quilting to the community. Handmade quilts are generously donated to Project Linus which provides comfort to organizations such as ACH Emergency Teen Shelter, Cook Children's, Harris and JPS Hospitals, Rainbow Room at Child Protective Services. Ronald McDonald House receives 25-30 quilts from QGOA annually. Quilts of Valor and veteran's homes are QGOA recipients each year with 26 quilts taken to vets at the Fisher House in December 2023, and even more presented personally to local veterans. QGOA also supports Safe Haven Shelter and Cancer Care Services with material donations.

Education on the craft of quilting is a big part of the QGOA mission. Stitch groups meet on various days or evenings for "bees" of communal quilting. Novel Readers meet for lunch and discussion of books with quilting themes. General member meetings are held at the Bob Duncan Community Center on South

Center St. on the second Tuesday evening each month. While fellowship is a big part of the gatherings, exploring techniques and fresh ideas are the highlights. Speakers of distinction from across the country are brought in to share their expertise and teach quilting workshops for members to further hone their skills.

QGOA will be celebrating its 40 years of continuity and community service throughout 2024. Visitors are always welcome to attend a meeting and decide whether they can resist joining this dynamic group of men and women united by a common commitment that everyone deserves a lovingly made quilt.

QGOA is a 501(c)(3) organization, which raises funds each year in accordance with tax restrictions to achieve a balanced budget and contribute to chosen charities.

QGOA.org

Styles change but the warmth of quilts is everlasting



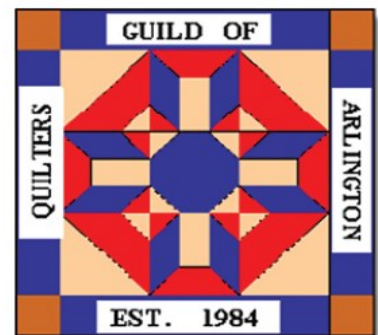
The beautiful quilt being raffled for the 2024 fundraiser.



The Piecemakers stitch group displaying quilts they made in 2022 for donation to their charities.



An historic photo of some of the original charter members with the myriad of quilts their stitch group, Friendship Stitchers, donated to the Linus Project and Ronald McDonald House during a single year.



Photos courtesy of Rose Kauhane, QGOA historian



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

By Rose Kauhane

Retreats! Retreats! Retreats!

I'm not sure when the guild started having retreats (I'm missing newsletter from 1988 to 2009) but I know both Day Retreats and Away Retreats were happening by 2009. Day retreats were held twice a year and away retreats were held once a year. The day locations have changed over the years, from the Pleasant Ridge Church in Arlington, to an Arlington Community Center, to where we are now at the Lamar Baptist Church. Libby McDuffie organized them for many years with Debra Ware taking over the reins when we moved to our current location. A big shout out also to QGOA member Debra Hood, and her husband Richard for securing, and coordinating the use of Lamar Baptist Church.

The Away Retreats have also been held in different locations and are currently being held twice a year at Cactus Rose under the excellent direction of QGOA member Judy O'Polka.

No matter where we meet there is always a great deal of laughter, chatting, sharing, show and tells, snacks, and of course sewing, plus some excellent food. If you haven't been to any retreat with the Quilters' Guild of Arlington you need to put it at the top of your bucket list!



Welcome fellow ***Away Retreaters*** to a brand new year of creative fun at our favorite retreat spot "***Cactus Rose***" in ***Stephenville, Texas!***



Registration is open for our March retreat.

You may go online at the guild's website to register and pay by credit card, or when you attend a meeting.

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!!!

2024 April Spring Day Retreat

We had an awesome time and a full house at our January Winter Day Retreat! Our next day retreat will be April 18th, 19th, and 20th. The retreats are held at Lamar Baptist Church, 1000 W. Lamar Blvd in Arlington. There will be a price increase, starting with the April retreat. The new fee will be \$60 for three days of friendship, snacks and *maybe* some sewing... Online registration for the April retreat will be open February 8th if you wish to pay with a credit card. You can also pay via check or cash at a meeting, or send your payment in the mail to Debra Ware.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, here are the dates for the July and October 2024 retreats: Summer, July 18th, 19th, and 20th. Fall, October 17th, 18th and 19th. If you have questions please contact Debra Ware.

*Excerpts From QGOA
Celebrates 30 Years Recipe Book*

SHEILA'S FIVE CAN SOUP

- 1 can Rotel tomatoes (mild or hot)
- 1 can Minestrone Soup
- 1 can beans (any kind)
- 1 can cream corn
- 1 can mixed vegetables

Do not drain any can. Mix all together in pot and cook for 1 hour. If Rotel is too hot substitute 1 can of tomatoes.

Note: I usually use any 5 cans I find in my pantry. I also add a package of taco seasoning. Sometimes I put it all together in a crock pot and set on low.

Patricia Eckstrom, Sheila Sorber

TACO SOUP II

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- 1 (28 oz.) can tomatoes, undrained
- 1 or 2 pkgs. Taco seasoning mix
- 1 pkg. Ranch style dressing mix
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes
- 1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste
- 2 cans whole kernel corn, undrained
- 2 cups water
- salt and pepper to taste

Brown ground beef, onion, and bell pepper in a large pot. Drain. Cut up tomatoes and add to the pot with their juice. Add all of the other ingredients. Simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour.

Serving suggestion: Sprinkle with tortilla chips and shredded cheese.

Barb Cain

From the This n That section:

A HAPPY HOME RECIPE

- 4 cups of love
- 2 cups of loyalty
- 3 cups of forgiveness
- 5 spoons of hope
- 2 spoons of tenderness
- 4 quarts of faith

Take love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Add friendship and hope, sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

Janice Mowery, Charter Member,
President 1994-1995

Many Thanks to Rose Kauhane for providing the recipes from the QGOA 30th Anniversary Recipe Book.

