



The Quilting Bee

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

Notes from the Pres Desk:

Happy Spring! Everything is leafing out and the oak pollen is flying; it's definitely spring. Hope your April is starting off growing greenly and lifting your outlook. Spring should remind us to focus on all things new and fresh. How about trying something new in your quilting? Join an interest group - sewing, reading, or volunteering -- there's something for everyone. Try a new technique or take part in a quilt along.

So many things are happening. Another interesting speaker scheduled for our **April** general meeting and a **discounted workshop** for you; be sure to secure your spot! It's time to enter your beautiful quilts in our August show; read the details in the newsletter and on the website. Your inputs for the 40th celebration or our Fundraising team would be great ways to get more involved. Take advantage of all your Guild has to offer!

See you on the 9th!

Christine

DID YOU KNOW?

NTQF Event Location

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

**You need to take a photo of your finished/half-finished/somewhat finished quilt before you start your entry. There is no save feature available.

**If you make a mistake, or left off critical information on your entry and pressed SEND, it's not such a bad thing! Just email me with the correct info and I will get it fixed!

**If you have an oversized quilt, no worries, you just have to add a different hanging sleeve. You can check the website or text me. (I have to do one! ugh!)

**We need your beautiful quilts to have a successful show! AND to beat out all the local competition! LOL

**Enter your quilt here:

<https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Dallas-TX/NTQF-Entry-Form-2024>

Happy Quilting! Debbie Hood

**The QGOA Board meets on the
first Tuesday of the month
At the Southwest Library at 6pm**

Quilt show T-shirt Update

I have 2 medium and 1 small v neck t-shirt. I have a small, 2x, and 3x crew neck t-shirt. T-shirts are \$18 for all sizes. ***If you wish a different size, please contact Debbie Hood*** by April 4. Text at 817-975-5489.

April 10 WORKSHOP

Mitered Facings

With Shannon Shirley

[Supply List](#)

Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

Sunshine Still working on some Sunshine! **Shadow**

Maria Freitag's hubby Dave, had shoulder surgery on March 29 and is recovering 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. ***

Golden Spool Nomination



Please take time to recognize a fellow Guild member who you have noticed being a great contributor to our Guild. The Golden Spool is our Guild's highest honor, given for excellence and outstanding service to the QGOA and our surrounding community.

✂ The nominee and person submitting the nomination must be members of QGOA, and the nominee should not be a past recipient.

✂ Some of the traits recognized by past nominees are Guild Morale Building, Program Development, Implementation of Programs, Hospitality, Problem Solving, Guild Volunteer, Educator/Teacher, Community Outreach, Leadership and Guild Management.

Send your nomination to Carol Hoes @ carol@larwel.com. Follow this link to the

[Nomination Form](#)

Celebrating 40 Is in the works!

Start getting excited about our September party! The committee has come up with some fun activities we think you'll enjoy:

- * some special entertainment
- * a game with prizes,
- * refreshments of course
- * and cool silent auctions!

There will be more details talked about at the April general meeting and watch this newsletter for further reveals.

This should be a fun relaxed gathering after all the work for our quilt show in August; it would also be a great time to bring friends and prospective guild members, spouses and partners.

Remember your Celebration Quilt Block too!

Welcome to our New and Returning Members

Rosie Mendez Karen Miller
Donna Tucker



Vicki Best
Lauren Crespo
Kayleen Farrington
Joan Gregory
Joyce Jones
Sherry Livingston
Pat Madrid

Karen Raschio
Amy Steinert
Daniele Van Winkle
Rhonda Weddle

Quilters' Guild of Arlington Celebration Block



During our **40th Celebration in September**, we will proudly display members' Celebration blocks. If you remember, those were returned to you a few years ago. However, if you don't have one (like me!) you can make one.
Debbie Hood

Makes One Twelve Inch Finished Block

Please review all instructions before making the block. Must be a light star in dark/medium background, block may be no larger than 12.5".

Need: 1. FABRIC A - 4.5" x 36" - MEDIUM TO DARK 2. FABRIC B - 2.5" x 20", plus 4.5" square - LIGHT that is suitable for name to be seen, no strong prints; 200 ct. muslin or plain fabric is suggested. 3. Batting - 13" square 4. 13-14" square backing fabric 5. Binding fabric - two 40 - 42" widths of fabric; cut 2.5" strips, miter for one strip, double fold

Cutting Instructions

*If you are going to heavily quilt, embellish or appliqué the block you may want to cut the pieces 4.5"x 5", then square up block to 12.5". Be careful to put star points on 4.5" side.

Cut 8* - 4.5" squares of medium to dark fabric - FABRIC A If using a fat quarter, cut along short side (18") must be at least 18"; two strips of 4.5". This will allow for 13" square for backing.

Cut 1* - 4.5" square light fabric - FABRIC B **You may wish to embroider your name and „Member Since” line** before constructing the block

Cut 8 - 2.5" squares of same light fabric - FABRIC B

Cut 1 - 13-14 " square of backing fabric, may be same as A or different

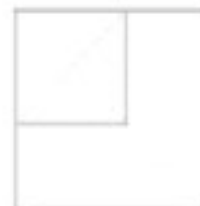
Cut two 3" squares of either your backing or binding material, for „hanging corners”

Cut 1 - 13 " square batting

Cut two (2) widths of fabric (40-42") cut 2.5" strips for binding.

Assembling Block - sew all seams with 1/4" accurate seam width

1. The star points are made using the stitch and flip method: Place a 2.5" sq. of fabric B in the corner of A with the right sides of the fabrics facing each other. With a pencil and ruler, mark a diagonal line on B from the corner to corner as shown. Sew on the line.
2. Trim patch 1/4" from sewn line. Press it gently to corner.
3. Repeat with another B patch on adjacent corner to create star points. Make total of 4 matching units for each of the star point units.
4. Join the matching units into rows with A patches as shown above; press the seams allowances toward the A's; middle row to B patch. Sew the rows together to complete the star block.



Finish

1. Quilt the block. You may embellish and quilt as desired to personalize your block! It cannot be larger than 12.5" square, so do nothing to extend size or 'dangle' off block.
2. Please make two „hanging corners”, see below for instructions.
3. Sew on the binding to the block.
4. Sign block in at least 3/4-1" lettering in middle of center square with permanent fabric pen or embroidery. Include this line under your name: Member Since - fill in year you joined QGOA!

Hanging Corners - Corner Triangles for Hanging a Small Quilt

1. Cut two 3" squares of your backing or binding material.
2. Fold in half diagonally. Press.
3. Align the folded triangles on the back of the quilt to the TOP right and left corners, raw edges even. Pin. Double check you placed the corners on the top corners!
4. Sew on the binding in your usual method.

Blocks will be retained by the QGOA for future exhibits.



It's Official!
A Proclamation
that March 5, 2024
Is
Arlington
Quilters Day!

Many thanks to our
Publicity Chair. She
spearheaded this
auspicious recognition for
the Quilters Guild of
Arlington in celebration
of our Guild's 40th
Anniversary!

QGOA awarded a veteran's quilt
to Jim Ross for his service as a
US Marine.
(Thanks to Cindy Bergman for
having the quilt ready to go on
such short notice)



Many Minis Stitch Group

Join us twice each month (***no meeting this first Wednesday, April 3***) when we exchange ideas on mini quilting and small sewing techniques, share patterns and pick out fabrics for one another. Oh, and sometimes we actually sew while we're there! Makes it easy for you to create a mini quilt for our auction or a cute one just for yourself. Thanks Lea Bailey and Maria Freitag for being our hosts all these months. Meeting at: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W. Arkansas Ln. (SW Arlington) from 9 AM to 1 PM, feel free to bring a lunch and stay the entire time, or drop in any time Questions? Contact Christine Weiss

Friendship Stitchers Stitch Group

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at First Christian Church, 901 S. Collins, Arlington from 10am-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 lunch after. Cost \$3.00 per meeting. What a bargain! Contact person: Heather Schneider, email hdquilt73@sbcglobal.net

Booth Buddies Stitch Group



We've been busy working on items for our Quilt Show Booth. We need help building our inventory. If you

aren't able to be at the sewing sessions you can make items on your own and submit to me or Lea Bailey. Another way you can participate is by making items for our challenges. We have **2 challenges** in the works: **For April**, please bring your creative Kitchen Towels. Embroidered, trimmed, hanging, boa towels, etc. - we'd love to have them!

For May - please bring novelty pincushions - something fun and unexpected that will capture the attention of our booth shoppers. See the examples included here. We would like you to fill them with crushed walnut shells instead of fiberfill. We will have bags of walnut shells for you to pick up at the April general meeting. Can't wait to see what you make! Our next Booth Buddy meeting will be on April 25th to sew items for booth inventory. Hope to see you there!



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.

2024 April Spring Day Retreat

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.

Hi All, its now spring. I don't remember winter but such is Texas. The last Linus meeting in March was super! This organization is phenomenal in helping our community. You all are one of the largest contributors. Wish you could join us. We had 50 folks sign in to do our various activities. The collections for that day included almost 325 finished blankets, close to 200 quilt tops, several dollars for our quilting supplies, and food donations for the church support of the needy.

As a reminder we meet at Westminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Trail Lake Drive Ft. Worth from 9-2:30ish on the second Thursday. I go west on I-20 to Granbury exit and turn left under the hwy, then go 7 or 8 blocks and turn left on Hulen then 5 or so blocks to Altamesa and turn right for 2 blocks and u-turn at the stop sign and go into the church parking lot. We meet at the Fellowship Hall and take our machines, any work we want to do, but Linus supplies lots to do: quilt sandwiches that need sewing, blankets that need attaching a label, a crochet group(Yarnivores), a group of quality control that brushes all the strings or anything foreign for removal, then a group that separates, counts and bags for each individual hospital. Lots of jobs that are fun and lots of visiting with other wonderful quilters.

Special thanks this month to: Deb Ware, Kayleen Farrington, Jolene Mershon, Patsy Martin, Lauren Crespo, Phyllis Borton, Ella and Nancy Rushing, Debbie Hood, Janice Mowery, Nancy Spell, Randa Dillon, Montie Greene, Barb Cain, Leslie Wagner, Dora Laughlin, Linda McPherson, Cindy Bergman, Pat Hall, Robbie Colley, Susan FitzGerald, Elizabeth Carr, Elaine Grasher, Donella Pyle, Patricia Eckstrom, Veronica Mowery, and anonymous.

Another reminder, some hospitals request certain sizes and we try to accommodate them.

Small kids 40X44 or so and for bigger kids 44X50 or 65 what ever you like. There are big sick children too. And they all can use a loving touch from one of you so please continue to create your beautiful work. The parents of these kids are so courageous. Aren't we lucky we just get to sew?

Looking for a new pattern check out Project Linus [patterns](#)

Quilters are the BEST!

FYI...there is another trade day planned for a couple months ahead. There are so many donations of darling fabric to take home and make something divine for some ailing child to cuddle. You know this group is open to all who want to come to sew, investigate, observe, visit, and sew some more.

Elizabeth-Linus rep



Thank you friends for your generous donations at the March meeting totaling approximately \$185.00.

Donations included a 4 pack of boys boxer briefs, 4 pair of socks, 6 children's hats and gloves, 1 bottle brush, 2 pacifiers, 2 sewing kits, 1 bag with clinique makeup, 12 toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpaste 1 pair of flip flops, 6 baby bibs and lots of over the counter medications, 2 shampoos and 2 conditioners.



Safehaven's wish list now lists towels, bras, underwear for ladies, boys & girls, umbrellas, over the counter medications, baby bottles and sippy cups.

Please remember these families when shopping and bring something for them to our April Meeting. They really appreciate it!
Lauren Crespo

NOVEL READERS/BOOK CLUB

We've been reading "That Dorky Homemade Look: Quilting Lessons from a Parallel Universe". It's a series of very funny essays on the quilting life and all its challenges that will be the center of our lively discussion at Chicken Salad Chick on April 2 @ 1:30. For May we'll read "The Girl With the Golden Scissors" by Julia Drosten, a WWI historical fiction. In June we'll discuss "The Star and the Shamrock" by Jean Granger which moves historically to WWII. We welcome you and your suggestions on other good reads. Join us on the first Tuesday each month for lunch, talk and laughter. Contact Christine Weiss with ideas or questions.

Ronald McDonald House Charities QGOA Quilt Challenge

Guild members, we still have Ronald McDonald challenge fabric left and would love to sell out! This is a fun challenge for all skill levels, a good practice quilt for beginners, and that quilt will provide a child at Ronald McDonald the benefit of having this comfort them, and cherish the warmth it brings them. It is \$5 for the fat quarter and we will have them for sale at the next guild meeting. If you want to donate a quilt to Ronald McDonald House in 2024 you can make a challenge or non-challenge fabric quilt. Guidelines are on the [website](#) and quilts will be due by the June 2024 meeting and judging will happen at the July meeting along with a visit from a rep from RMD.



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

Remember miniature 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.

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 4pm. We will stop at this point to get ready for our meeting.

Our Volunteers are Awesome!

Hello Fellow Sew-and-Sews! At the March guild meeting, 19 of you recorded...563 hours WOW. Did you teach someone to sew? Work on a charity quilt? Make Both Buddy/Mini items? All your work counts towards hours, and you can even record accumulated hours for several months.

Participating in guild activities with friends/new acquaintances promotes "Collective Effervescence": Group activities excite and unite us. They can motivate and inspire us. Look for your opportunity to get involved. If anyone is missing an award/service bar for previous years, let me know and I'll get it to you. Thank you for your work for our guild and our community.

Thanks for your help...Cheryl Hunker

Military Quilt Project MQP

The year just seems to be flying by!
***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 MQP label. I will have the labels available at our 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

Quilt Booth for NTQF

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.



QGOA's Library Selections!

Did you attend the Dallas Quilt Show last month? Noticed the quantity of art and modern quilts? Are you planning on or thinking about attending this month's workshop with Shannon Shirley on mitered facings? Facings are a great alternative to bindings for art and modern quilts. Don't have an art or modern quilt to apply a facing to? No problem, our library has you covered! Our library is home to 18 different books that will guide you through different techniques and processes you can use to branch into the art and modern quilt arena. Some books have projects to follow along with while other books encourage you to ask yourself "what if?" (sound familiar?) and improvise to create your own original work. 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. You don't have to travel with the quilt unless you choose to (although it lets other guilds help our money making efforts). You can set up at each monthly guild meeting. The raffle quilt is one of our major money-making projects. It helps to pay for our speakers, like our recent well received speaker, Carmen Geddes!

**Excerpts From
QGOA Celebrates 30 Years**

BARACHO BEANS

- 4 (15 oz.) cans pinto beans
- 1 whole onion (diced)
- 6 T. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. cumin
- 4 cloves garlic (pressed)
- 4 whole Jalapeño pepper (fine diced)
- 1/4 lb. bacon (chopped)
- 1/2 bell pepper (fine diced)
- 1 bunch cilantro (finely chopped)

Add all the ingredients except for the cilantro together in a pot. **DO NOT DRAIN THE BEANS.** Cover and simmer for about 2 hours, stirring frequently. Chop fine the cilantro (stems and all) and add to the pot about a half hour before completion. You may be tempted to use fresh beans instead of canned. **DON'T DO IT.** This recipe needs the juice from the canned beans.

Judy O'Polka

CALABAZA CON QUESOS

Squash with Cheese

- 2 cans hominy, drained
- 1 lb. Monterrey jack cheese, grated
- 1 pt. low fat sour cream
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 (4 oz.) can chopped green chiles
- 2 lbs. squash (yellow or any other) grated
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1 1/2 c. cheddar cheese, shredded

Sauté squash & onion in butter. Stir in all ingredients except cheddar cheese. Spoon into 9 x 13 pan. Bake @ 325° for 45 minutes. Top with cheddar cheese the last 15 minutes.

Kandy Garrett

Mindy Merrell

FYI for those who are in possession of this cookbook you still have a little time to download a copy to your phone iPad or laptop. Just follow the directions in the front of the book. You will need the number at the bottom of one of the book pages. It should be available until August.

Many Thanks to Rose Kauhane for providing the recipes from the QGOA 30th Anniversary Recipe Book, and for the History of QGOA

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 it 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



QGOA Cactus Rose Away Retreat March 2024 is a wrap! A lot of wonderful projects were completed this past weekend!



Sofia Zamarripa



Christine Weiss



Jill Matyastik



Patsy Martin



Sabina Thompson



Judy Jackson



Dora Loughan



Randa Dillon



Shelly Uggen



Dawn Stuecheli



This row of four items were completed by
Judy O'Polka



Denny Cornett



Barb Cain



Jennifer Rike



Randa Dillon



Sarah Muñoz



Kandy Garrett
laundry basket
birthday blocks