

# Celebrating!

## 40 Years

Quilts, Friendships, Community



# The Quilting Bee



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## Notes from the Pres Desk:

Well, we've had the April showers so there should be plenty of May flowers. Bluebonnets and roses seem to be everywhere! Including on all the fabrics I'm using lately.

Hopefully you're working on delightful Spring projects and will bring some of them to show at our May general meeting. We have a new speaker lined up to Zoom with us about a very different sewing technique. It's time to finish up those wonderful quilts and get them registered for our August show. Volunteers are available if you need help completing your entry.

**If you accepted my challenge at the April meeting to create something using the Prosperity block from our logo, note the additional cutting requirement from dark fabric 8 at 1-7/8" x 4-1/2", sorry for the omission. I'm eager to see the projects with this that you'll bring to our September celebration.**

*Be the Reason Someone Smiles Today*  
Christine

The QGOA Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month  
This May 7 we will meet at the Southeast Library at 6pm

## DID YOU KNOW?

### NTQF Event Location

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

\*\*There is still time to enter your quilts into the NTQF - **Deadline May 28**

\*\*I will have **discounted tickets on sale at the next meeting for \$12**. These tickets are special because all of the monies go to our guild!

\*\*Last chance t-shirt sale at the May meeting. I will be returning t-shirts to allow distribution to other guilds that need them. They will be more expensive at the show. I love seeing all of you wear your pretty coral t-shirts!

\*\*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**

## **QGOA Programs for 2024**

**May 14 – EMMA POWELL**

**Arpilleras (via ZOOM)**

[Dream it, Quilt It](#)

Emma Powell will be presenting by Zoom a lecture on Arpilleras (are-pea-air-uhs, burlap in Spanish). The brightly-colored patchwork pictures stitched onto sackings are chronicles of the life of the poor and oppressed during the Chilean dictatorship of the 1970-90s. Arpilleras were a form of craft art resistance. We will explore various arpilleras from that time period and what they reflect. We will also look at arpilleras today and how this craft art is being recognized. Learn a little about history, politics, and art of South America during this very captivating lecture.

**June 11 – Presidents' Quilts Trunk Show AND turn in your RMD quilts for voting in July.**

**July 9 – Guest Speaker from Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Challenge Quilts**

**August - NTQF !**

**September 10 – QGOA 40th Anniversary Celebration**



## **Annual Guild Membership Time!**

It's that time of year again!  
Membership renewal period

for current members runs from  
*May 1 - June 30, 2024 for the  
2024-2025 membership year  
(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)*

New Guild members signing up in May will receive membership for May, June of this membership year and all of the 2024-2025 membership year (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025). That's 14 months for the price of 12!

For those reaching a new membership level, *you must have reached the qualifying age by June 30, 2024*

to qualify for that level for the 2024-2025 membership year.

**QGOA membership dues for  
2024-2025 are:**

Junior (12-17) - \$20

Regular (18-64) - \$50

Senior (65-79) - \$45

Super Senior (80+)- \$5

Online membership forms will be available on the website on/or near May 1.

If you are entering a quilt as a member of QGOA, you'll want to renew your guild membership before the June 30 expiration date!! Membership forms can also be printed out from the website (please wait until the new ones are there!) to mail in or to bring to the meeting. Plenty of forms will be available at our May and June meetings.

Questions? Email Leslie Wagner at  
[tootsiewag@yahoo.com](mailto:tootsiewag@yahoo.com)

# 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

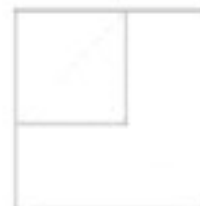
Cut two 3" squares of either your backing or binding material, for „hanging corners”

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.

## Many Minis Stitch Group

Join us twice each month as we continue to meet in May on the first and third Wednesdays at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. We can help you create a saleable mini quilt for our auction at the August quilt show or just get you started on a really fun version of quilting. Minis are like potato chips; you can't stop at just one. MINI thanks to Maria Freitag and Lea Bailey for hosting us at the church 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](mailto:hdquilt73@sbcglobal.net)

## 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

Hi all! Thank you to everyone who entered a Kitchen Towel in our April Challenge. We had some great entries!

***This month (May) we will be having a Novelty Pin Cushion challenge at our General Meeting on May 14. I'm looking forward to seeing what your creativity will bring!***

Our next Booth Buddies meeting will be May 23rd. Look for a communication closer to that date to see what we have planned for the sewing session. Linda Curzon



## Winners of March

### Pot holder/Hot pad Challenge

3rd Judy Jackson  
2nd Joyce Blue Clark  
1st Susan Shalvey FitzGerald

***Winner of all 3 places for the April Kitchen Towel Challenge is Patsy Martin!***

Thanks to all who participated. Late submissions are welcome if you just didn't have enough time to finish your entry.

Dear Ones: This is Elizabeth from Project Linus. We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month except in August. Meeting at 7001 Trail Lake in Ft Worth at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the fellowship hall. We take our machines or whatever you prefer to work on. We have a table of crocheters(Yarnivores), a table of sandwich makers (put three layers top batting and bottom together and pinning) to be sewn by the blanketeers, a table of sorters, tables of quilt tyers for the amount of quilts we distribute every month we must tie some, table of quality control where they brush off any lint, etc and make sure all strings are removed and seams are complete, show and tell, table of sewers sewing on Project Linus labels, snacks and lots of laughing. Please try to join us and see what a wonderful project this is. Your quilts are delivered and counted and checked and put in the proper pile for delivery. Some of the hospitals have specific requirements that we try to accommodate. Project Linus Tarrant County delivers 300-350 blankets a month to the area hospitals and different child advocacy groups. Your quilt/afghan donations are loved and cuddled by area children enduring treatments accompanied by their courageous family. Please know that your time and energy are deeply appreciated. This month thank you's to Debbie Hood, Debra Ware, Phyllis Borton, Janice Mowery, Sarah Munoz, Randa Dillon, Nancy Spell, Lauren Crespo, Elizabeth Carr, Judy Liston, Veronica Mowery, Jolene Mershon, Patricia Eckstrom, Kayleen Farrington, Patsy Martin, Ella and Nancy Rushing, Leslie Wagner, Montie Green, Barb Cain, Joyce Clark, Sharon Ligon, Linda McPherson, Cindy Bergman, Pat Hall, Dora Loughan. Robbie Colley, Susan FitzGerald, Shelly Uggen, and anonymous. Many thanks to all of you from

past months also. Project Linus survives and serves because of you.

FYI, smaller blankets 40 X 44 and larger kids 50 X 60 or larger also any fabric, notions, quilt batting, donations that you have no need for please think of Linus. Also there are some quilt top kits (donated by Jolene) that you are welcome to take and make a simple beautiful kid quilt out of. Please let me hear from you if you have any questions . Thanks for all. Elizabeth



Sandra Alicia Bermejo  
Shelly Cassata  
Debra Hood  
Charlotte Humphrey  
Patty King  
Jolene Mershon  
Becky Prior  
Judy Smithwick

### **SafeHaven**

needs for May include:

- ♥ towels
- ♥ bras
- ♥ underwear for ladies, boys, and girls
- ♥ umbrellas
- ♥ over the counter medications
- ♥ baby bottles and sippy cups
- ♥ Cash donations are also appreciated



Bring your items to the SafeHaven table at our Guild General Meeting on May 14

## **NOVEL READERS/BOOK CLUB**

On May 6 we'll be talking about "The Girl with the Golden Scissors". In June it will be "The Star and the Shamrock" by Jean Granger; this is book 1 in her series. For July we're reading "Friendship Quilts" by June Calender. Our August read is "The Seamstress of Sardinia" by Bianca Pitzorno. Join us any first Tuesday of the month at Chicken Salad Chick in the Highlands 1:30-2:30ish for lunch, laughter and book talk. We welcome your suggestions for great reads you come across. Questions or suggestions contact Christine Weiss

## **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!**

Good Springtime to you, Quilty Folks! Sew far, sew good, yes? Plenty of planting-mowing/cutting-sewing to do. Thank you to the 15 people who recorded 398 volunteer hours for last month, sewing instead of gardening. All your hours add up; if you're teaching, sewing projects, board positions, etc... let's get those hours counted. Your hard work and generous spirit is so appreciated by the recipients. Let me know if you are missing a service bar for a particular year, and we will get it to you. Thank you...Cheryl H.

## Military Quilt Project (MQP)

### ***Label, Label, Label. I have labels for military quilts!***

It would be very helpful if you would pick one up from me and attach it to your quilt **before** you turn it in.

Our quilts go to Fisher House in Dallas.

They are very grateful for any quilt we donate. However, they do request that quilts are laundered before we bring them. If there is some reason you cannot do yours please let me know and we will work something out.

### ***I would like to collect quilts in October this year. So that I can deliver them in November for Veterans Day.***

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



## **QGOA's May Library picks**

While our library is home to 13 different books specific to creating art quilts, none are specific to creating pictorial landscapes quite like the arpilleras we will be introduced to this month. So, since April's showers are bringing May's flowers and Mother's Day is right around the corner, I decided to highlight these 7 books that have everything to do with flowers. These books contain machine pieced flowers, appliqued flowers, English paper pieced flowers, and 3-D flowers. These books contain traditional flowers and whimsical flowers. These books contain flowers inspired by gardens in Ireland, Scotland, and Japan. While other books let the floral print of the fabric do all the work. While we won't be meeting until after Mother's Day, maybe you will check out one of these books and begin creating a Mother's Day fabric floral bouquet masterpiece for a special mom for next year!

- ✧ *A Celtic Garden* by Philomena Durcan
- ✧ *Fabled Flowers: Innovative Quilt Patterns Inspired by Japanese Sashiko and Origami Traditions* by Kumiko Sudo
- ✧ *A Floral Affair: Quilts & Accessories for Romantics* by Catherine Comyns
- ✧ *Floral Bouquet Quilts From in the Beginning* by Sharon Evans Yenter
- ✧ *Flowers All Around: Garden-Inspired Quilts* by Cindy Lammon
- ✧ *A Garden Party of Quilts: 7 Pieced Projects for Flower Lovers* by Joen Wolfrom
- ✧ *Hearts & Flowers: Hand Applique From Start to Finish* by Kathy Delaney

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

## **Excerpts From QGOA Celebrates 30 Years EASY QUICHE**

- 2 c. milk
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 c. biscuit baking mix
- 1/4 c. butter, softened
- 1 c. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 10 oz. pkg. chopped, frozen broccoli, thawed & drained
- 1 c. cubed cooked ham
- 8 oz. shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease a 10 in. quiche dish. In a large bowl, beat together milk, eggs, baking mix, butter and Parmesan cheese. Batter will be lumpy. Stir in broccoli, ham and Cheddar cheese. Pour into prepared quiche dish. Bake in preheated oven for 40 to 50 minutes, until eggs are set and top is golden brown.

Judy Liston

## **WHITE CHILI**

- 1 T. salad oil
- 1 med. onion chopped
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 2 lg. chicken breasts
- 1 (15 -19 oz.) can garbanzo beans, drained
- 1 (15-19 oz.) can white kidney beans (cannelloni)
- 1 (15-19 oz.) can white corn
- 2 (4 oz.) cans chopped, green chilies
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1-2 c. shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Slice chicken into small pieces. Sauté in hot oil until almost done. Add the chopped onion, garlic and cumin until onion and chicken are done. Drain the canned vegetables. In a 2 1/2 qt. casserole, combine the chicken mixture the vegetables and the green chilies. Mix the bouillon with 1 1/2 c. of hot water and add. Stir. Cover casserole and bake 50-60 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Remove the cover and top with cheese and hot sauce to taste.

Carole Armstrong

***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 Spring Day Retreat April 18-20, 2024

## Was a great success! Looking forward to July's Day Retreat!





