

Celebrating!

40 Years

Quilts, Friendships, Community



The Quilting Bee



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Thoughts from the Pres:

I can't believe it's July already! Time for holiday fireworks and Ronald McDonald quilts! Be sure to come to the July general meeting to view all the cute quilts and vote for your favorites. That meeting will also be the perfect time to renew your membership and make reservations for the day and away retreats.

And our great North Texas Quilt Show is just a few weeks away! We'll use the sit and sew session at Bob Duncan 1 PM -5PM, before our July 9 general meeting, to have a good last look at one another's quilts before they're turned in for the big competition.

Sometimes there are things I've overlooked on my quilts and someone else brings those to my attention such as: extra threads attached on the front (or back), unevenness or wrinkles in the binding (corners, too), missing label, etc. There would still be time for you to correct any errors we find that judges might notice. And you can get help attaching a hanging sleeve, as well. I'll bring a steamer if you want to give your quilt a good pressing.

I believe there are still openings for volunteer duties. You can view all the descriptions and time slots by using the links on our web page. Time spent on many of these jobs really make the show more meaningful: you get to know more of our members and those from other guilds, you get a behind the scenes view of how the show is built, and maybe you get to attend a workshop for free by acting as an aide. On top of that it's just fun to spend more time at the show.

I can't wait to see all your beautiful work!

Christine

"When you can be anything in the world you choose, be Kind."

Ronald McDonald House Charities QGOA Quilt Challenge



We will be displaying these at the July meeting and voting on our favorites. We have invited the Ronald McDonald House Rep to come to the July meeting as well. We can't wait to see all your amazing quilts that you have made for these kids! Did you know that the earliest record Rose Kauhane the Guild Historian. has of RMD quilts is March 1985? So our guild has been supplying quilts to Ronald McDonald House since the guild began! We donated 24 quilts from the start!

NTQF

What a great way to celebrate the Fourth of July! Buy a ticket to the quilt show! Buy one for yourself, a friend, a relative or relatives, neighbors, your beautician, your longarmer! Someone last week said they can't attend but bought a ticket for a new member! (our peeps are the best!). Remember that the funds from the first 100 tickets goes straight to our guild budget!

I will have tickets at the July meeting. President Christine also has tickets with her at the groups she is visiting. Also, it's not too late for Junior entries!!!! Last, but not least, Sign-up Genius is open for all types of volunteer opportunities! See you at the quilt show! Happy Quilting!

Debbie Hood

**The QGOA Board meets on the first
Tuesday of the month**

**The July Board meeting will be via ZOOM.
Watch for a zoom link sent a few days
before the meeting by Christine.**

QGOA 2024 Summer Programs

- * Remember to come to our Sit and Sew before the **July 9** General Meeting from 1:00 to 5:30. We will be helping to prep your quilt for the show! Bring your machine, or handwork or a mat to prep your fabric for your next project. You might need a power strip. We usually have access to two extension cords.
- * Our **August** program will consist of a rotation of demonstration stations. We hope to have 10 to 15 people presenting. We will have the tables numbered and a list of stations. Each presentation should last about 15 minutes. We will have time for three rotations with a 5-7 minute breaks between so that you can grab refreshment, browse the donation table and allow the presenters a couple minutes to set up. ***If you are interested in presenting, please call/text/email or personally notify Sarah Muñoz or Sofia Zamarripa.***
- * ***In September*** we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Quilters Guild of Arlington. Read more here.>>>

SafeHaven

Thank you to all who donated to Safe Haven at the June meeting. Donations included Huggies Pullups, Pampers Sensitive Wipes, towels and washcloths, 14 pair of flip flops, deodorant, Tampax, Always, sunscreen, shampoo and conditioner, dishwashing liquid, Pine Sol, Q-tips, lotion and hair elastics with an approximate retail value of \$270.

Immediate needs are umbrellas, underwear for women and children, bras, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, sheets, towels, and over the counter medications.

Please give generously, and often as there is always a need!

Lauren Crespo



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!

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.

Please remember to turn in your individual Celebration blocks to Rose Kauhane **before** the September meeting. She will be at the July and August meetings and you can also catch her at Friendship meetings. The blocks will be returned to you after the September meeting.

If you have never made one or have misplaced yours there is still time to make one!

This September meeting is open to the general public please be sure to invite your family, friends, and any former members you are in contact with.

Remember to make and bring your Celebration Quilt Block to Rose Kauhane!

MANY MINIS Stitch Group

Will be taking the summer off; we'll resume sewing cute little quilts in September on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 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 all these months. Questions, contact Christine Weiss

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

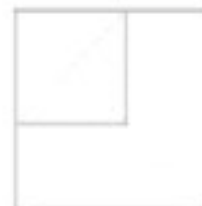
Cut two 3" squares of either your backing or binding material, for „hanging corners“

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.

Sunshine and Shadow

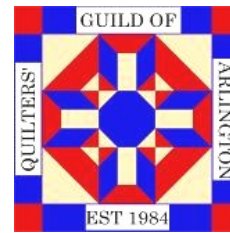
Linda McPherson

Sunshine

Joyce Clark underwent knee surgery and is recovering well.

Brenda Burgess has also had knee surgery and is doing well with her rehab.

*** 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.



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

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

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 meeting. Questions? Email Leslie Wagner at tootsiewa@yahoo.com

Quilt Booth Help

The quilt show booth needs help setting up and manning the guild's booth during the upcoming show July 31 (setup) and August 1-3 (show). Please sign up at the next meeting to help. Or, contact Linda Curzan. It's lots of fun to help the booth.

It's also time to bring any items you've made for the booth to the guild meeting or contact Linda, or Lea Bailey. Items need to be priced and ready to go to Irving on July 31st. We really appreciate all the items members make for us to sell! This is one of the ways we support the guild's budget.

Sneak a peek at a few of the new items that Booth Buddies made at their last meeting. We will meet on July 25 right before the show from 9:00-2:00 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Contact Lea for details.



Welcome to New Members

NEW

Denita Kionka

RETURNING

Sarah Reed



Dear Ones. Thank you for all you do for so many children in need of the comfort of a cuddly blanket. *It is Snowball Express time again! Linus received notice that there is an earlier deadline this year. It takes time to ship, categorize prepare to organize for all those kids to be able to select from a section rather than thumb through a pile. They are accepting quilts/blankets from Sept. 1 – Oct 31, 2024. Hope this doesn't complicate anyone's efforts. So please try to get your quilts to me to deliver by the second Thursday of Sept. Click here for more information and [stipulations](#) from Snowball. AND there is a new amount needed – they are requesting 2500 blankets!* Our director is doing all the choosing so no effort there. Also, a reminder that we meet at Westminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Trail Lake in Fort Worth. For those of you unfamiliar: take I-20 west to Granbury Rd exit, go left for 5 blocks to Hulen go left on Hulen then 4 blocks to Altamesa and go right for 3 blocks to the stop sign. Make a u-turn on Altamesa and turn into the driveway on your right and park. Signs point to Fellowship Hall where we meet. There are lots of activities to join in. Tables of making quilt sandwiches with top batting and back and pinned, sewers adding labels or sewing around the sandwiches for tying, crocheters, tyers making knots and snipping excess, quality control(for stray threads etc) and separators preparing bags for deliveries of **the 300-350 blankets we deliver each month**. It's a large group with lots of activity to help everyone do super work. So please feel free to join us. We have show and tell 11:00ish, there are snacks and we take a break for lunch at your choice, and end about 2:00pm. I generally take my machine as do many of us and sew and sew. We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month except in

August. Come see us and join in, or just observe and meet and greet. These are all awesome people just like you doing work to improve our community.

This month Project Linus would like to thank Jolene Mershon(kit fairy), Janice Mowery (fabric, fleece, flannel fairy), Nancy Spell (polka dot princess), Phyllis Borton(quilting queen), Randa Dillon, Robbie Colley, Susan FitzGerald, Veronica Mowery, Dottie Hughes, Cynthia Berend, Cindy Worman, Julian Chamber, Pat Hall, Kay Olsen, Dora Loughan, Elizabeth Carr, Shirley Johnson, Lauren Crespo, Sarah Reed, Patsy Martin, and a special thanks to all of you that put a name on your donation to assist me and forgive if I missed you.

The hospitals request sizes of 40 X 44 for smaller kids and babies. For larger kids and teens 50 X 60 or 44 X 57 or any thing larger or equivalent. Thanks to all of you for your cooperation. If you are looking for a darling new free pattern go [here](#). They have crochet, fleece, and quilt patterns. Happy summer quilting and be safe if travelling. Thanks all, E.

BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

Attention avid readers and those who just like to sit by the water with a cool drink and a good book. **July's** read is "Friendship Quilts" by June Calendar. For **August** we'll read "The Seamstress of Sardinia" by Bianca Pitzorno. For **September** we've chosen "The Thread Collectors" by Shaunna Edwards. And in **October** we'll talk about "The Dressmakers of Auschwitz" by Lucy Addington. Meet us on the 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 or suggestions? Contact Christine Weiss

(most of our book selections are available at Amazon, many free in kindle unlimited @ low \$, or through the public library)



SNOWBALL EXPRESS HONORING THE FALLEN

The Snowball Express holiday season gathering is one of the two Project Linus national efforts to which we can provide blankets to support children of fallen military heroes. This year, the second session is for fallen first responders. Learn more about Snowball Express [here](#). This year's effort once again in Orlando, will need about 2500 blankets. Kid ready blankets will be accepted Sept 1 through October 31, 2024. Shipping information will be published in late August. *Please do not use previous year information.* All blankets *MUST* be handmade of *NEW*, washable materials, from smoke free environments, and *FREE of SCENT* such as fabric softener.

Specifications

- ◆ Make sure that the blankets are of all new materials: quilts, fleece, knitted, or crochet.
- ◆ All blankets must be 45 X 60 or larger. No exceptions. The children who attend must be at least 5 years old, so we do not need baby blankets. So, 1 ½ to 2 yards of fleece makes a nice blanket. See projectlinus.org for finishing patterns.
- ◆ For fleece tied blankets, please make sure that they do not have selvages, are ONE layer only, and that they lie flat after finishing.
- ◆ Chapters should securely sew on a Project Linus National label. Nothing else, no extra tags or notes. No glue or iron on please. Sew them on flat and secure all four sides, please.

- ◆ Do not wrap up the blankets in any way. No individual plastic bags, no yarn or bows, nothing. We just have to take those off for sorting.

Theme – DO's!

- ◆ Service-specific blankets are our greatest request (Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines in that order). For the first responder session, fire and police themes are appreciated.
- ◆ Next favorite are Star Wars, Superheroes, Minions, Disney, and camouflage.
- ◆ These kids also like popular themes so we need plenty of sports, cartoon characters, cheer, gymnastics, puppies, kittens, horses, lady bugs, any animal, etc.
- ◆ We do want blankets from National major league teams (NFL, MLB, NHL, NBA)!
- ◆ The kids loved the blankets that were entirely crocheted. They also loved the chunky chenille crocheted blankets.

Theme - DON'Ts!

- ◆ DO NOT send any blankets that closely resemble the US flag. Flags are draped over caskets at military and first responder funerals and may remind of that terrible day. (Flags within a print or other red, white & blue are ok.)
- ◆ No College teams/logos – we can't know where kids are from or who they support.
- ◆ No Christmas or specific holiday-themed blankets. We want the kids to love and use their blankets year-round.

This is one of the few times we use blankets outside our chapter area agencies.

Very Important Volunteers!

Hello Crafty Folks! This time last year we were in the middle of the drought, but there were hardly any mosquitos. They're sure making up for it this year.

I'm sew pleased to report we had 22 people record "1039 hours" at our June meeting.

Several people did have a few months' worth of hours, which is GREAT.

Think about what you are doing to promote the guild and its many projects: booth buddies, Linus, RMcD, minis, quilt show, teaching... and sew many other opportunities for us to co-sew and share our collective effervescence. Thank you for your generous spirit and support.

Cheryl H.

Sign ups for the away retreat begin in July at the guilds' general meeting.



Save the Date!

CACTUS ROSE

2024 FALL AWAY RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 19 - 22 (THUR - SUN)

Cost \$200.00

Please note:

Away Retreat registration will open for member sign ups at the Guilds general meeting in JULY.

It will be first come first serve to secure a spot.

If you are unable to attend the July guild meeting...on line registration will become available the day following the July guild meeting.

Military Quilt Project

Wow, the year is flying by so quickly. Just a reminder I would like to collect your military quilts at the October meeting so I can get them to Fisher House in November before the holidays. Can you imagine the comfort our quilts could give to someone experiencing medical needs at the holidays? They are very grateful for any quilt we donate.

Please laundry and label your quilts before donating. I have printed labels available at the guild meeting. If you need help getting your quilt prepared, please let me know and we will work something out.

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 to make a quilt, 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 July Library picks

I'm always thanking my lucky stars I'm living in the USA! How about you? Why not add a patriotic themed quilt to your Fourth of July decor to celebrate the American spirit!

Find some stars and stripes inspiration within these following library books:

*Patriotic Little Quilts by Alice Berg

*Quilts of Valor: A 50 State Salute by Anne Holte

*Star Spangled Favorites by Eleanor Burns

*Stars and Stripes Sampler by Fons & Porter

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

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.



Happy Birthday

Carole Armstong
Ruth A. Callahan
Julie Gale
Barbara Garner
Dottie Hughes
Flossy Loop
Vicki Nicklas

Dori Overman
Ella Rushing
Karen Scribner
Susan Sloan
Nancy Soteriou
Sabina Thompson



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 well received speaker, Carmen Geddes of Ten Sisters!

**Recipe Excerpts From
QGOA Celebrates 30 Years**

From the Main Dishes Section

BUSY DAY DINNER

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 pkg. Tater Tots
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can whole kernel corn (drained)
- 1/2 c. chopped onion

Brown ground beef and onion. Drain off grease. Mix the 2 soups with the ground beef. Put the meat mixture on the bottom of a 9 X 13 baking dish. Add the drained corn on top of meat mixture. Cover the corn with a layer of tater tots. Bake at 350° until tater tots are crispy.

Ruth Ann Uzzle

CHICKEN CURRY

- 3 lbs. cooked chicken, chopped
- 1 sm. onion, chopped
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1/2 c. flour
- 1 to 2 oz. curry powder, to taste
- 1 c. cream
- 1 1/2 c. chicken stock
- 1 1/2 c. milk
- 1 tsp. salt & pepper or to taste
- cooked rice

Melt butter and add chopped onion, sauté until onion is soft. Add curry powder, flour and salt and cook over low heat for about 5 - 6 minutes. Slowly add chicken broth to combine with flour mixture. Add milk and cream and cook on medium heat for 10-15 minutes; add chicken. Serve with rice and assorted condiments such as chopped ripe olives, raisins, bacon bits, chopped peanuts and red or black currant jelly. To serve: Place rice in bowl and top with chicken curry. Each person can pick the toppings they would like. This is a family favorite at the Lacerda's.

Gayle Lacerda

TWENTY MINUTE TAMALES

- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1 - 2 T. oil
- 1 lb. ground beef or shredded chicken
- 1 can (17 oz.) whole kernel corn with liquid
- 1 can (16 oz.) stewed tomatoes
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1 c. corn meal
- 1 can (4.5 oz.) chopped green chilies
- 1 T. chili powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cumin
- 1 c. grated cheddar or Jack cheese

Heat oil in a large skillet. Cook onions and meat until onions are soft and meat is mostly cooked. Add

corn, tomatoes, sour cream, corn meal, chilies, chili powder, salt and cumin. Mix well. Sprinkle cheese over top to within 1/4 inch of edge. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes.

Sharon Ligon

From the This and That Section

BUTTERSCOTCH SAUCE/DIP

- 2 (12 oz.) pkgs. butterscotch morsels
- 2 cans sweetened condensed milk
- 2 T. white vinegar
- 1 T. cinnamon

Melt together butterscotch morsels and condensed milk. Add vinegar and cinnamon. Stir until well blended. Store in jelly jars in refrigerator. To use melt in microwave and use as a dip with tart apple slices (such as Granny Smith). Slice apples and soak in water with lemon juice to prevent darkening. Note: This makes a great gift. Put a jar of sauce in a basket with a few apples and include instructions for use.

Charlotte Humphrey

JALAPEÑO JELLY

- 3/4 c. green pepper
- 1/3 c. Jalapeño peppers
- 1 c. white vinegar
- 1 bottle pectin
- green food coloring
- 2 T. lime juice

Seed peppers & chop finely. Combine peppers, sugar & vinegar. Boil 5-10 minutes. Add pectin and bring to a boil again. Remove from heat and add lime juice. Put in small jars. Note: USE RUBBER GLOVES.

Ouida Bost

JOYCE'S HOT SAUCE

- 1 (28 oz.) can whole tomatoes
- 1 (10 oz.) can Rotel (original) tomatoes
- 1/4 c. diced onions
- 1 large fresh Jalapeño pepper
- 1 T. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. cumin

Chop onion and pepper. Put in food processor and pulse until medium fine chopped. Put in bowl. Remove core of tomatoes and pulse in food processor until desired consistency. Add to onion and pepper. Pulse Rotel tomatoes until desired consistency. Add to tomatoes. Add salts, black pepper and cumin. Place in large sauce pan, bring to slow boil and cook on low heat for at least 15 minutes.

Note: After you have made one batch of hot sauce, you may adjust to your taste any ingredient by adding more jalapeño or Hot rather than original Rotel. Recipe easily makes large batches.

Joyce Jones