

Celebrating! 40 Years

Quilts, Friendships, Community

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Thoughts from the Pres:

Did you enjoy the Quilt Show as much as I did? It was a great success by all accounts: awards to our quilters, income for the guild, great classes where we learned something new, and of course lots of new fabrics purchased!

Thanks to all our members who put in many, many hours to make this annual event so memorable. Be sure to check out the Special Edition newsletter with pictures of all our quilts and awards – thanks especially to Rose Kauhane for all the quilt photos and to Maria Freitag for putting that edition together. I heard from many people who enjoyed the member to member demos at the August meeting. Everyone said they liked the arrangement and would vote to make this a regular program, maybe with longer demo times. And now it's time to PARTY!! Get excited about our September celebration, there are great things on the schedule: food, fun, and friendship. Looking forward to seeing you, bring family and friends.

Christine

“Be silly, be honest, be kind” -- Ralph Waldo Emerson

“On my own I will just create, and if it works, it works. And if it doesn't, I'll just create something else.” – Oprah Winfrey



Happy "4-0", Quilty Folks!

Forty years of serving the community-that's a lot of quilts and donations. At our August meeting, 19 volunteers recorded 673 hours, but I don't think that includes EVERYONE'S efforts for our quilt show. Please log your hours at the September meeting for your work at the show, for the show, teaching, sewing, etc, so we can distribute your award bars at the October meeting.

Forty years ago, a stamp was \$.20 cents, bread was \$.66, and we paid about \$1.19 for gas. Bruce was "Dancing in the Dark", and George wanted to "Fall to Pieces Together". There's no telling how many thousands of hours and quilts have been generously donated by our members in this time frame. Thank you for what you do.

~Cheryl Hunker

The QGOA Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month
The September Board meeting will be via ZOOM @ 6pm. Watch for a zoom link sent a few days before the meeting by Christine Weiss.

QGOA's July Library picks

Since we are celebrating our 40th anniversary this month, I thought it appropriate to highlight a couple books on the history of quilting.

Spend time paging through Texas-born quilter Kathleen Holland McCrady's *My Journey with Quilts: Over 70 Years of Quilting 1932-2003*. Experience history as Kathleen recollects her quilting heritage and the changes that took place in the world of quilting through The Great Depression, World War II, and the Bicentennial revival.

You'll want to flip through *Texas Quilts and Quilters: A Lone Star Legacy* by Marcia Kaylakie. It showcases 34 quilts. Through their stories, the cultural development of the state unfolds. The quilts are examples of what Texas quilting was and is and they preserve an aspect of Texas history.

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

Booth Buddies

I want to thank every one of you who used your time, talent, and supplies to make inventory for our quilt show booth. We had a lot of traffic in our booth and people seemed to like our items! Now to replenish our stock! Our next sew day will be October 24th. If you want to make items individually we'll take those as well. Items can be in other mediums besides quilting (woodwork, painted, embroidered, etc.). I look forward to seeing what you can make! Thanks again! Linda Curzan

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. On September 3rd we'll be discussing "*The Thread Collectors*" by Shaunna Edwards. This is an historical testament based on a family's history of women coping with the chaos of the Civil War. 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)

SafeHaven

Thank all of you who donated to Safe Haven at the August Guild meeting. We donated \$10 cash, 1 pair of shorts, 1 T-shirt, 60 pairs of socks, and toiletries for a total of \$60.00.

Immediate needs continue to be listed as bras, underwear, leggings, deodorant, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, baby bottles & brushes, large bath towels, twin XL bedding and diapers. Safe Haven also has an Amazon Wish List, if you are so inclined. That website is

WWW.safehaventc.org/immediate-needs

Your generosity is greatly appreciated! See you all the September 40th Anniversary Celebration!

Lauren Crespo



A Big Welcome to our New and Returning members!

Pat Hall
Janice Hill
Martha Moseley
Donna Shifflette



Dear Ones. It's time for some cooler weather! Think positively, I am. ***This month Project Linus is meeting September 12th*** at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7001 Trail Lake in Fort Worth. It is pretty simple to get there. I go west on I20 to Granbury Road exit 434A, go south under I20 for about 4 blocks to Hulen and turn left toward Alta Mesa for about 4 or 5 blocks and turn right onto Alta Mesa. Then about 3 blocks and there is a stop sign where you will make a U-turn and enter the first driveway, that is Westminster parking. A sign points the way to Fellowship Hall where we meet. We take our machines, and anything needed to sew. There are lots of tables of volunteers: we have many tables with sewing machines humming putting together quilt sandwiches, attaching labels to completed quilts and blankets, there are tables with lots of folks tying completed blankets (we distribute 300-350 quilts per MONTH) so it takes a lot of quilts, we have tables with crocheters crocheting lots of things - edges of fleece to entire afghans even making some darling amigurumi critters, then tables of quality control cutting strings etc and inspecting the beauty of each blanket. Some take a lunch others run to a nearby drive thru. There is a microwave, sink and coffee. We respect the kindness of the church with limited use of the kitchen. There are lots of snacks people bring cookies, candy, doughnuts, fruit so no one starves. Please try to join us, if only to see what a great effort this is to comfort ill children of Tarrant County. It is a fun time with info updates and show and tell, the ladies in charge do an incredible job of herding the chicks who donate their time to local kids.

And ***this is the month we also collect quilts, and blankets for Snowball Express,*** which will ship to Florida and the Gary Sinise

Foundation that helps the surviving kids of fallen soldiers and first responders (this is new). Such a worthwhile nationwide organization to comfort more children in need. So if you have a donation please bring it or get it to me soon. Thanks so much for all you do.

This month Project Linus would like to thank: Cynthia Berend, Dora Loughan, Ruth Ann Uzzle, Veronica Mowery, Pat Hall, Jolene Mershon, Phyllis Borton, Elizabeth Carr, Maria Freitag, Lauren Crespo, Robbie Colley, Patricia Eckstrom. Randa Dillon, Cheryl Hunker, Patsy Martin, Susan FitzGerald, Debbie Hood, Nancy Spell, Judy Liston, Debra Ware, Kayleen Farrington, Dottie Hughes, Jill Matyastik, Janice Mowery, Sarah Munoz, Elaine Grasher, and anonymous. And thanks to all that donated previously.

The hospitals request certain sizes: smaller kids 44 X 44 and for the big kids 50 X 60 or thereabouts. There are lots of big kids that are in treatment for long spells please remember them also. They all adore your creations and your kindness. If you want a new pattern try Projectlinus.org/patterns and/or "quilting daily" by Quiltmaker magazine archives Project Linus patterns. Enjoy and keep up your wonderful work.

Many thanks. e

MANY MINIS Stitch Group

We will be *resuming sewing cute little quilts in September*. We meet 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

Felted Wool Gathering (The Woolies)

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends
2238 Michigan Ave., Arlington

4th Monday of the month @ 1030 am – 3 pm

Bring 2 canned goods for food pantry.

Contact: Gayle Lacerda

The Sewcial Bee

4th Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm

Bring a handwork project or a show-and-tell!

Contact: Sharon Ligon

Many Mini Stitchers

Meets @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W.
Arkansas Ln. Arlington, 76016

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 9 am

Bring sewing machine, iron, etc. and a miniature
quilt project to work on!

Contact: Christine Weiss

Friendship Stitchers

Meets @ First Christian Church
910 S. Collins, Arlington

1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10 am

Contact: Heather Schneider

Project Linus

Linus is meeting regularly from 9:30 to 2-ish at
Westminster Presbyterian Church at

7100 Trail Lake Dr., Ft. Worth. We meet on the

2nd Thursday of the month

Contact: Elizabeth Cooper

Piecemakers

Meets @ Bob Duncan Community Center

2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6 pm – 10 pm

Contact: Debra Ware

Booth Buddies

Meets @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church
4400 W. Arkansas Ln., Arlington

4th Thursday of the month @ 9:30 am – 2 pm
(meets most months)

Bring sewing machine, iron, cutting tools

Contact: Lea Bailey

RESUME MEETING OCTOBER 24

Etcetera Art Quilt Group

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends
2238 Michigan Ave., Arlington

4th Thursday of the month @ 7 pm

Bring 2 canned goods for food pantry.

Contact: Donna Atkins or Rose Kauhane

Military Quilt Project

Just a reminder that I would like to collect your military quilts at the October meeting.

If I can deliver them to Fisher House in November so they can have them for Veterans Day on November 11th, and the yearend holidays.

Can you imagine the comfort our quilts could give to someone experiencing medical needs at the holidays?

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

They are very grateful for any quilt we donate. 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

Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

Sunshine:

****Maria Freitag** underwent another surgery on July 30th, this time labs showed clear margins, non-invasive tumor, zero nodes, no metastasis. She will begin radiation treatments in September.

****Gayle Lacerda** fell and broke her hip and had surgery. She is recovering nicely.

****Elaine Grasher** has been dealing with a retina issue and underwent a bunch of testing due to swelling and hemorrhaging. She is currently undergoing shots in the eye to reduce swelling.

***** 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.**

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.



Maria Freitag
Claudine Geisel
Diane Kamego
Laural Lipari
Judy Liston
Dora Loughan
Lea Bailey
Evelyn Moore
Donna Shifflette
Cindy Worman

Happy
Birthday



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!



Congratulations to Cheryl Hunker!
 Her Fall mini won 2nd place in the Accessories Category at 2024 State Fair and the Teal quilt won 3rd place in the Quilts/Hand Quilting Category
 I want to apologize for inadvertently leaving off Cheryl's 1st Place win for her quilt "Tropi-fana" at the 2024 NTQF!



2024 NTQF
 Artisan One Person Pieced
 1st Place
"Tropi-fana"
 Cheryl Hunker

My mug rug received a
2nd Place at
 State Fair
 Randa Dillon



"Color My World"
 received
2nd Place
 at the
 2024
 State Fair
 Randa Dillon
 (The blue ribbon in the photo is from 2023)



I received a **1st Place** ribbon for my
"Organic Gardening" at the
 2024 State Fair.
 Christine Weiss
 (The blue ribbon & Spirit of Arlington ribbon in the photo is from the 2022 NTQF)

Excerpts From QGOA Celebrates 30 Years Quilters Guild of Arlington

From the Desserts section:

GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE

- 1 German chocolate cake mix
- 1 can Eagle Brand milk
- 1 jar butterscotch, caramel, fudge ice cream topping (Mrs. Richardson's 19.5 oz.)
- 2 Heath bars, crushed
- 1 (8 oz.) container Cool whip

Mix and bake according to box directions for 9 x 13 in pan. While cake is baking, mix Eagle Brand milk and ice cream topping. Punch holes in top of hot cake, and pour topping mixture over cake. Let cake cool. Cover cooled cake with cool whip and top with crushed heath bar pieces. Keep refrigerated.

Note: *Recipe from Broadway United Methodist Church, Paducah, Ky. was in the first QGOA cookbook 1992.

Janice Mowery QGOA Cookbook 1992

GOOM BARS (Turtle Cake)

- 1 German chocolate cake mix
- 1 1/2 sticks oleo
- 2/3 c. canned milk
- 1 c. pecans, chopped
- 1 (14 oz.) pkg. caramels
- 1 (6 oz.) pkg. chocolate chips

Mix cake mix, oleo, 1/3 c. canned milk and pecans. Put 1/2 mix in greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Bake in 350° oven for 6 minutes. Melt caramels and 1/3 c. canned milk. Take chocolate chips and put on top of baked mixture. Pour melted caramels over top of chips. Take other half of cake mixture and put over top of caramels. Bake in 350° oven for 16 minutes.

Note: Ouida is a charter member of the Guild and a member of Friendship Stitcher's. Variation by Janice Mowery: 16 oz. pkg. of caramels, 1/2 c. evaporated milk, 3/4 c. butter/margarine. Mix cake according to package, bake half of batter for 18 min. Melt caramels, milk and butter and follow the rest of above directions.

Ouida Bost QGOA First Cook Book 1992
Janice Mowery

From the Cookies & Candy section

GINGERSNAPS

- 2 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cloves
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 c. shortening
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 c. light molasses

Mix dry ingredients and set aside in bowl. Cream shortening and sugar, blend in egg and molasses then add flour mixture. Shape into balls, roll in sugar and put onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 min. @ 350°. Let stand 1-2 min. before moving to the cooling rack.

Judy O'Polka, Emmy Hastings

PEANUT BRITTLE

- 3 c. sugar
- 1 c. light corn syrup
- 1/2 c. water
- 3 c. raw peanuts
- 1 T. butter
- 1 T. salt
- 2 T. baking soda

Boil sugar, corn syrup, water to 240°. Add nuts and stir well and continue cooking until it reaches 290° (hard crack). Remove from heat and add butter, salt and baking soda stir quickly until well mixed. Pour on foil or 2 large cookie sheets (get ready first).

Note: Variation by Dottie Hughes: use 2 c. sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 c. raw peanuts, 2 tsp. baking soda, no salt. Notes: hard boiled stage is when it threads from the spoon. Variation by Judy O'Polka: 1 c. sugar, 3/4 c. Karo syrup, no water or vanilla, 2 c. raw peanuts, 1 tsp. baking soda, no salt. Sets up quickly. Variation by Pat Eckstrom: 1 1/2 c. water, 1/2 stick butter, 1 tsp. butter.

Darleen Jordan, Dottie Hughes, Judy O'Polka & Patrica Eckstrom