



**Thoughts from the Pres:**

*It was great to have Teresa Duryea Wong give us her presentation on the history of glorious red dye at the November meeting. While we've heard her speak at least two other times, her sweet demeanor and quirky humor came through much more in person. She was gracious to donate books to our lending library as well!*

*December's meeting will be a total friend fest: sharing snacks, laughter and your favorite Christmas quilts with one another. Bring along your favorite sweet or savory goodie if you like, wear a crazy or ugly Christmas sweater. We'll wrap up a noteworthy 40th anniversary year filled with warm memories, and get ready to launch our Guild into 2025 with installation of your elected officers. Thank you for trusting Phyllis Borton, Cindy Worman, Gayle Krengel, Kathy Hester and myself to carry out plans for an exciting new calendar year. We've entered that end of the year rush when there is so much to do and not nearly enough time to get it all done! Hopefully you'll still have time for one last meeting of the year and visit with your quilting buddies. Look forward to seeing you all!*

*Christine*

*"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Desmond Tutu*

*"Some people look for a beautiful place. Others make a place beautiful."*

*H Khan*

*"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, it will change your life." Amy Poehler*

**December Program**

You are cordially invited to our December Social. If you aren't there we will ask "Wassail matter with you." Yes, we will have wassail. We would appreciate all that can bring a snack to share at the hospitality table. We hope to have a lengthy Show and Tell with Christmas/Winter projects and quilts. Please bring yours.

Come by the Program Table to sign up for the December workshop. Members who sign up and pay by the end of the month will receive the ruler template set FREE (value of \$28.00). You are also invited to join the Novel Readers' February book, *Kilt in Scotland* by Patience Griffin, our February speaker. Our new and enthusiastic vice president, Phyllis Borton, will have more to say about January and February programs.



**Quilt Booth Items Sale**

Do you still need to purchase some Christmas gifts? Do you like to buy things on sale? We'll be selling our items for 50% off!! Come on over to the Quilt Booth table at the December general meeting and take a look at all of our wonderful items. I'm sure there'll be something that you just can't live without! We'll be set up to take electronic payments, but as always we prefer cash or check.

If you'd like to help us build our inventory for next summer's quilt show come join the Booth Buddies stitch group on Thursday, January 23rd, 2025. Or you can make items on your own and turn them in to me any time.

Linda Curzan



## SafeHaven

Merry Christmas Everyone!  
It has been my pleasure to work with the Guild and Safe Haven for the past 3 years but I am passing the baton for 2025.

Unfortunately, donations seem to have dropped off significantly in the last year. Perhaps it is time the Guild reevaluates its relationship with this charity.

Donations at the November meeting were a 6 pack of toothbrushes, 1 bottle each of White Rain shampoo and conditioner, 1 Bath and Body works bottle of body wash, 1 bottle of Tylenol, 2 sample packs of Clinique makeup and 2 dolls with a total approximate retail value of \$40.

I know that all of you have received numerous requests for charitable contributions this holiday season but it would be great if we could really make a good showing at the December meeting.

Requested donations are new clothing, particularly socks and undergarments for both sexes of all ages and sizes, as well as over the counter medications and hygiene products.

Enjoy your Holiday Season!

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!  
Lauren Crespo



## BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

Attention avid readers and those who just like to relax with a good book. Our selected December read is "The Hope Chest" by Carolyn Brown (Kindle Unlimited).

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)

**Questions or suggestions? Contact Christine Weiss**

## MANY MINIS Stitch Group

We will meet on December 4, sewing cute little quilts (or any other light-hearted sewing you have at hand). **We'll break until the new year and resume on the third Wednesday in January on the 15th.** We meet each month 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

## Volunteers are the Best!

Hello all you stalwart volunteers! Does this time of year find you knee-deep in: Turkey leftovers? Leaves in the yard? Scraps on your sewing room floor, trying to finish up gifts? Yes to all 3, please!

KUDOS to the 20 volunteers who found time to record 517 hours of work the past month. In spite of our own busy-ness of the season, thank you for remembering our mission to serve the community, sew generously. What goes around, comes around. Blessings and Inner-calm to you all... ~Cheryl Hunker

**\*\*If your name is on this list, then I am still holding on to your quilt show bar and would LOVE for you to pick it up at the December meeting!: Susan F., Pat H., Charlotte H., Judy J., Rose K., Sarah R., Amy S., and Ruthann U. \*\***

## QGOA's Library picks for December

Is a temperature quilt on your bucket list? Will 2025 be the year? I'm beginning to identify temperature quilts more readily lately.

Don't know what a temperature quilt is? It's simply a quilt with a pattern with 365 units, one for each day of the year, and the units are composed of at least two pieces and the colors of fabric, for the two pieces, represent the low and high temperatures of the day. Or, it could be, 52 units, one for each week of the year, and the units are composed of at least seven pieces and the colors of fabric, for the seven pieces, represent the average temperatures of the days of the week.

Although our library doesn't include a book with patterns specifically for "temperature quilts", many quilt patterns can be adapted. Stop by the library during our December meeting, where I'll have pictures of some examples.

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

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

## Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

### Sunshine:

Elaine Grasher is doing well following ongoing treatments on her eyes. YEA !

Cheryl Hunker's Tropifana quilt won a first place ribbon in the NTQF show and her quilt is now traveling as part of the 2025 exhibit. Way to go!!!

Liz Cooper's brother flew in from Vienna, Austria on Thanksgiving day and they have not seen each other since 2019.

### Shadow

It is with great sadness that I report to you that our long time guild member and friend, Gayle Lacerda passed away on November 28th, 2024. We will all miss her deeply, her smile, her laugh, the kindness and encouragement she showed to others, and her amazing talents.

Please keep her husband David, her daughters and granddaughters in your prayers. If you wish to send a card, mail to David Lacerda at 4615 Fonda Drive, Arlington, 76017.



## Booth Buddies

Booth Buddies is now making items for next year's quilt show. We will meet again in January on the 23rd, 2025.

In the meantime, anyone can handcraft or sew items for the booth. We are very short of bowl cozies (hint, hint) in various prints. Thanks for all the help each of you provides to support the guild in this obligation to the quilt show and a way to earn money for our guild's needs.

Lea Bailey



## QGOA PROGRAMS for 2025

Cindy Worman and I (Phyllis Borton) are your new program chairmen for 2025 & 2026. We are excited to find new ideas for speakers & workshops; so, please share your suggestions, thoughts, ideas and feedback with us. We are open to trying anything new, fun and different.

### **JANUARY 2025**

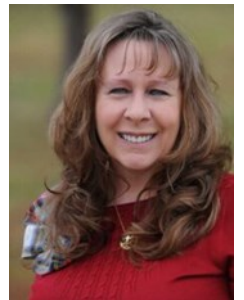
Marilyn Kennedy will present the Irish Chain Trunk Show and talk about the history of Irish Chain quilts.

**WORKSHOP:** On Wednesday Marilyn will present and teach the I-Spy Quilt using the Quilted Jewel Diamond Templates. Motifs are fussy cut from assorted fabrics and framed with bright colors. No two diamonds are alike. Templates can be used with a large variety of patterns to make many different quilts. There aren't any Y seams for these diamonds!! The workshop fee is \$40 but includes the templates (a \$24 value) and the pattern (\$9 value). The workshop will be at the SW Arlington Library Branch. Doors open at 10:00 and the workshop begins at 10:15. Lunch is on your own. Library Address: 3311 SW Green Oaks Blvd. Arlington

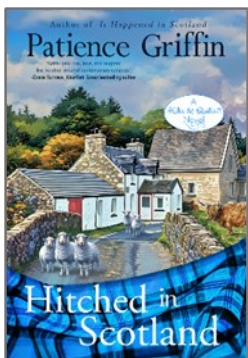


### **FEBRUARY 2025**

Patience Griffin will be our guest speaker. She is the author of the quilts & kilts novel series Sweet Home and Alaska and many other novels. She is also a patterns and fabric designer. Patience will present a trunk show featuring her quilts in real life and in fiction. She will talk about her journey with quilting, writing, and the importance of community. ***This evening's program will NOT be at our usual Bob Duncan Center but will meet at the Lake House at Lake Arlington. Address: 6300 W. Arkansas Ln. Arlington.*** The Bob Duncan



Center is hosting a special Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance and needs our regular Tuesday to decorate & prepare for that special event.





Dear ones: HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL. Almost the end of the year and it's been a lovely one, you all are so generous. We will meet the 2nd Thursday of December at Westminster Presbyterian at 7001 Trail Lake in Ft. Worth. This time we will not be sewing but eating and enjoying one another's company so leave your machines at home. We will have show and tell and everyone is supposed to bring a dish to share with others for the pot luck. Last year there were 50 people so plan for that. If you feel generous bring a few dollars for donate to the less fortunate or to the kindness of the church or to Project Linus. We will have a regular meeting in January so you can bring your machines and do some sewing then (it may also be trade days). We will have all the regular tables with sewing labels and sewing sandwiches and crocheters. It's very busy. This month one of our crocheters made a stegosaurus that looked real. The guy that made it is so talented. The turned in donations from Guild were lovely and at show and tell one of the ladies that does our quality control pulled out Nancy Spell's quilt and showed it complementing the construction and the design. Everyone was duly impressed. The guild is so generous and empathetic we are so lucky that our families are healthy and all we have to do is sew which we love!

This month Project Linus thanks Maria Freitag the indomitable spirit that sees that we get updated (she is super), ask me I'll tell you. Also special thanks to our publicity officer, Shirley Johnson, another super gal! Her effort to make Project Linus the focus at our last guild meeting is without precedent!

She decorated the table and had Linus fabric and treats to draw interest to just one of our guild community improvements projects. These children do not know how cared for they are by unknowns. Please know that all of the guild is a gift to this community. And another special acknowledgement is to Patricia Eckstrom and her band of 4th graders (the Linus Club-after school community work) that have produced 85 fleece blankets sponsored and financed by Forever Records, and also Janice and David Mowery for their huge donations of bolts of fabric. Also special thanks to Randa Dillon, Jolene Mershon, Elizabeth Carr, Kayleen Farrington, Judy Liston, Lea Bailey, Patsy Martin, Karon Kelly, Linda Curzan, Veronica Mowery, Ruth Ann, Cynthia Berend, Dora Loughan, Joyce Clark, Robbie Colley, Phyllis Borton (quilting queen), Lauren Crespo, Susan Fitzgerald, Sarah Reed, Donnella Pyle, Dottie Hughes, Pat Hall, Kay Olsen, Cindy Worman, Debbie Hood, Debra Ware, and anonymous. If I missed your work, please forgive. You are all wonderful.

As for sizes: some of the hospitals request certain sizes. please try to make your small quilts 40 X 44 and then for bigger guys and gals please try to make them at least 50 X 65. There are so many fabulous kids receiving treatments in our great hospitals and they all deserve your kindness.

There are lots of free patterns of all sorts at [www.projectlinus.org/patterns](http://www.projectlinus.org/patterns) and here is a link to the [Quilting Daily/Quiltmaker Linus Patterns](#). Each pattern will pop up as a PDF pattern so be sure that you have Adobe Reader. Also I have some quilt kits done by Jolene Mershon just ask me.

Elizabeth Cooper

## President's Block

Hello all my quilty friends!

If you have your President's Block finished be sure to bring it to the December meeting. We will be presenting them to Christine. Please feel free to be scrappy on these and have some fun. ***She asks that you leave the paper on, don't trim the block and please sign your name on the paper.***



## Military Quilt Project (MQP)

WOW! You are all amazing! I have 33 quilts, and one crochet throw to take to Fisher House.

Thank you for all your dedication to our military personnel, both active and veteran. Enjoy your holidays and when you are ready to start next year's quilt, I have some fabric I would love for you to use.

Cindy Bergman

Military Quilt Project Chairperson

Welcome to  
Returning  
Members!

Karen Raschio

Theresa Sparkman

**CONGRATULATIONS  
ARLINGTON GUILD  
MEMBERS!!!**



We sold out of Challenge Fabric in 3 weeks. This must be a record. There is still an opportunity of to enter non-challenge fabric quilts as well in June 2025. Usually there is a little less competition in this category when the guild members choose their favorites for a chance at a ribbon. There is plenty of time before June 17th for us to make a Challenge or Non Challenge quilt. You can also enter one in each category if you are ambitious. Thank you everyone for Embracing this year's fabric and selling out of the challenge fabric so quickly".

## 2024 Donation Quilt

Many thanks to Debra Ware for the donation of our 2024 Quilt.

Be sure to get your tickets to be entered into the donation quilt drawing to be held at our December 2024 general meeting.



## **QGOA Stitch Groups**

### **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

**Meeting Dec 4, and January 15, 2025**

### **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 9am to 2:30pm 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

### **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: Elaine Grasher

### **The Sewcial Bee**

**4th Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm**

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

Contact: Sharon Ligon

**Resume meeting in January, 2025**

### **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 JANUARY 23, 2025**

### **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

## **Time to Sew Stitch Group**

A new small group dedicated to sewing anything you want. Sort of a retreat style get together. It is your time to sew. Bring your machine and a project. We meet the third Sunday of the month. 12pm-4pm at Laural's house in Arlington. The first meeting will be January 19. For details contact:

Laural Lipari mwlipari@verizon.net

## **Cactus Rose Away Retreat**

**March 16-19, 2025**

**Cost \$210**

Registration for the away retreat begins at our January Guild Meeting. You can download and print the away retreat form from the guilds website. Be sure to bring it with you to the meeting.



If you're not able to print a form I will have some with me. The retreat fills up pretty fast and we don't want you to miss out. So be sure to come to the meeting if you want to secure a spot.

**Registration will NOT be online**



**Make quilts for the 2025 NTQF!**

**Countdown begins in January!**

**The theme is...**

**“No Place Like Home”**

**Irving Convention Center**

**July 30th thru August 2, 2025**

# **PUCKER-UP PROJECT TOTE CLASS**

Bodobo Bags By Ticklegrass Designs

**When: Friday, January 31st, 2025**

**Times: 9AM – 3PM**

**Where: Lamar Baptist Church**

**Instructors: Debra Ware and Patty King**

**Class Fee: \*\$65.00**

\*Fee includes everything except your choice of outside/inside fabrics and optional zipper.

Included with fee;

- Pattern
- 1 yard Pellon 987F Fusible Fleece
- 4 yards Pellon SF101 Shape-Flex (pattern quantity incorrect)
- 6 in piece of 525 Decovil, extra base stabilizer (not on pattern)
- 1 2/3 yards of 1 inch cotton webbing for Strap (34 colors available)
- 1 package (8 ct) 1in Dritz Curtain Grommets (4-6 colors)
- Quilter's cotton, vinyl or cork can be used for the base of this bag. However, for your first bag, I recommend using cotton.

If you are interested in taking the class, please sign up at the December meeting or call Debra Ware at 817-909-6720.

Stabilizer packages will be available at the December meeting. Webbing and grommets will be selected during the class.

Some prep work will be required prior to the class in order to complete the project by 3pm. If we are unable to complete the bag during class, we can meet again prior to the February Guild meeting.

If you have your own supplies, fee adjustments can be arranged .

