



## Thoughts from the Pres:

Can 2024 really be in the rear view mirror already? Our Guild had a great year celebrating 40 years of history. Now it's time for a forward look.

Instead of a resolution list make a sewlution list of all the projects you will finish this year so you can check off each accomplishment and add new ones as you go.

Pick out a new technique you haven't yet mastered and set aside time for an online class, podcast or better yet find a teacher you've admired within our membership. I find Friend to Friend teaching to be the most satisfying.

This year's Quilt Show theme is "**There's No Place Like Home**". If you haven't already started your quilt consider the possibilities for an entry in this theme category. Brainstorm with your Best Quilting Friends (BQFs) to come up with design ideas.

2025 is fresh with new planned speakers and workshops, and we can take our Guild in any direction we choose. Speak up and let us know what YOU want to get out of this year.

2025 will only happen once; let's make the most of this year.

*Christine*

There is only one you in the entire world.

Celebrate the unique you!

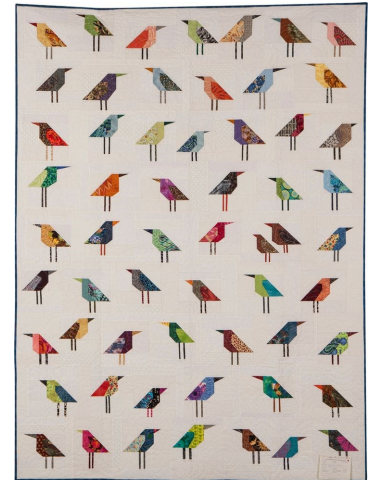
May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make.

*\*Best Quilting Friends*

## Happy New Year!

I hope you all had wonderful holiday get togethers with your friends and families and got some rest in as well. ***I thought we could start the new year off with a simple block swap.***

I have seen this crazy little bird in a couple of quilts in our local quilt shows and they are so lively and fun. Missouri Star Quilts did a video on how to do the blocks for those of us that are visual learners, this will help. Here is the [link](#) . I can't emphasize enough how easy this



block is and it allows for small discrepancies to be easily fixed when piecing the blocks together. They are intended to be unique and different from bird to bird.

We will be using small ditsy or low volume prints for the background and the birds are going to be scrappy. I have provided a few photos for inspiration. I wanted you all to be able to watch the video and maybe try a bird or two out before I see you in the new year. We will talk about this more at the January guild meeting.

I can't wait to see you all in the New Year,  
Amy Steinert



**Looking forward to the first quarter of 2025!  
Here is a synopsis of our upcoming programs**

*Your program chairmen have been hard at work putting together a line-up of speakers and programs that we hope you will enjoy throughout the year. We hope that you will find our activities interesting and informative.*

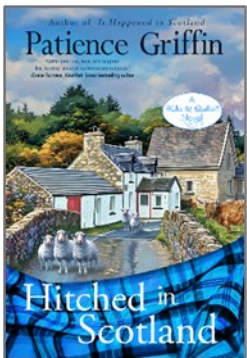
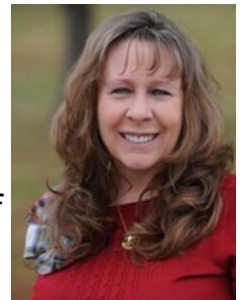
**January 14 – MARILYN KENNEDY – Marilyn will present her Irish Chain Trunk Show and talk about the history of Irish Chain quilts.**

**WORKSHOP: On Wednesday (1/15/25)** Marilyn will present and teach the Spy Quilt using the Quilted Jewel Diamond Templates. Workshop fee (\$40) includes a set of diamond templates (\$24 value), thus avoiding all Y-Seams. Templates can be used with a large variety of patterns to make many different quilts. Workshop fee also includes 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 am.** Lunch is on your own. Library Address: 3311 SW Green Oaks Blvd. Arlington. This is a HUGE bargain for the workshop



**February 11 – PATIENCE GRIFFIN – Trunk Show with Quilt Fiction Author Patience Griffin “Sharing Quilts in Real Life and in Fiction”**

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.

**March 11 - JACKIE BROWN**

**Jackie Brown is an internationally award winning domestic & longarm quilter.**

She will share her quilting journey through a presentation of her winning custom quilts. Jackie teaches free motion quilting education & inspiration.

**WORKSHOP: Wednesday, 3/12/2025,** for Domestic Machine Quilting. Jackie will talk about how to select designs for the quilt and how to fill negative spaces. In the morning Jackie will teach how to use stencils, and in the afternoon, she will teach how to work with rulers on a domestic machine.





## Military Quilt Project

Elaine Grasher and I were able to deliver 33 quilts and 1 crochet throw to Fisher House in Dallas. They are always so happy to receive our donation. It is a privilege for Elaine and I to represent our guild as we deliver your gracious gift.

Looking forward to what we do in 2025!

Cindy Bergman



## BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

Moving into the new year we'll discuss "**The Women**" by Kristin Hannah at the January lunch. In February we'll talk about "**Kilt in Scotland**" a murder mystery ("kilt", get it?) by our February speaker, Patience Griffin. 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) Note: Novelist Patience Griffin is the scheduled speaker for the February 2025 general meeting!

Welcome to  
Our New Member!  
Deborah Cardenas

## Volunteers are the Best!

Happy New Year, Sewy Folks!

As we turn our eyes (and our calendars) to a Brand New Year, we ponder the past year. What could I do better? What could I learn new? How can I make a difference? Is this the year I start using more (insert color choice!) in my quilts? A new year brings new hope and possibilities. Go Bravely.

Thank you to the 24 caring volunteers who somehow, during this extra-busy holiday season, managed to record 799 hours at our fun and food-filled December meeting! Every hour, every quilt makes a difference to SOMEone.

~Cheryl Hunker

## QGOA's January Library picks

Do you make bias binding to finish your quilts? Do you make bias stems when appliquéing? Have you thought about taking those skills and applying them to stained glass quilts? I have; I have always loved stained glass windows, and two particular quilts caught my eye in the last four years. The first quilt was Gifts of Creation at the 2020 Dallas Quilt Show and the second was Halloween at the 2024 Paducah AQS Quilt Show. (I'll have pictures of these two quilts at the cabinets.)

If you are interested in learning the bias tape method, check out Quick Quilts Using Quick Bias by Gretchen K. Hudock.

Or, if you'd prefer learning simplified techniques for fusing colorful applique pieces to a black background, check out Stained Glass Quilts Made Easy by Amy Whalen Helmkamp.

The quilt Halloween was actually foundation paper pieced, so when it comes to a stained glass look, there is definitely more than one way to skin that cat.

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** - Vicki Howell moved to Kentucky to be close to her son – which is great news for her but sad news for the guild. We will truly miss her sense of humor and her wonderful friendship!!!

**Shadow** - Susan Fitzgerald suffered a stroke in her left eye and is now blind in that eye. She is adjusting, and is able to drive too! I cannot imagine the difficulties she is going through having to deal with that.

Rose Kauhane has suffered blood clots and has had to go to rehab. Wishing her the very best going forward.

\*\*\* Please take the time to send a card. Cards always means so much to the individuals affected by good or bad news. Also, if you or any of your friends have sunshine or a shadow they would like in the newsletter, please let me know. *Thanks.*

## Booth Buddy's

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! It's time to get busy making new inventory for our Quilt Show Booth - just 7 months away! We resume our meetings this month on January 23rd at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. During this time we usually all work on a specific item. I hope you can join us! If you can't attend our Thursday gathering, but want to contribute items for us to sell in the booth you can bring those items to me at any general meeting. Let's get creative!

Linda Curzan



Patricia Bradford

Randa Dillon

Carol Hanley Garcia

Karon Kelly

Debra Lohden

Patsy Martin

Lana Ogden

Judy O'Polka

Teena Peterman

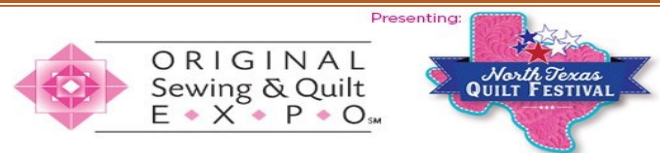
Donella Pyle

Jamie Rhorer

Carla Roberson

Pat Shelton

Kathey Youngblood



**The Countdown begins!**

**The theme is... "No Place Like Home"**

**So grab your wickeds, Dorothys, Toto's, flying monkeys, houses or anything else that screams the theme!**

**Entry dates coming soon!**

**Irving Convention Center**

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



## Membership Update

Tell all your quilty friends, it's a great time to join QGOA. NEW members through the age of 79 can join the Quilters' Guild of Arlington for half-price dues anytime between January 1 and April 30. Super Senior membership (ages 80+) is already a bargain at \$5. Your half-price Guild membership will last until June 30, 2025, because the current membership year is from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, and everyone will need to renew their membership for the following year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). Annual renewal for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 year begins May 1, 2025, and new members joining May 1 or thereafter will be members through the following membership year.

Membership level/ages*	Dues rate/full year	Dues rate/half-price
Junior (12-17)	\$20.00	\$10.00
General (18-64)	\$50.00	\$25.00
Senior (65-79)	\$45.00	\$22.50
Super Senior (80+)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

The online membership form should reflect half-price dues by Jan. 1, 2025.

***\*To qualify for a membership level, you must have reached the requisite age on or before June 30, 2024.***

New nametags (which also serve as membership cards) are printed each year and can be picked up from the membership table at the monthly membership meeting. All meeting attendees and visitors receive a ticket for a chance at winning a quilty door prize. Members who wear their nametags to the meeting get a second ticket. Members who bring visitor(s) get additional ticket(s)!

Leslie Wagner Membership Chairperson

## Ronald McDonald Challenge

Due to speaker availability we had to move the Ronald McDonald quilts due date.

**Quilts are now due at the May meeting and will be displayed and voted on at the June**

**meeting.** Challenge fabric is sold out but you can still complete a non challenge quilt to donate! Lisa will make an announcement at the next meeting. We can't wait to see all the quilts you make!



## ***MANY MINIS Stitch Group Change***

MANY MINIS stitch group will meet on Wednesday January 8 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Arkansas, 9AM to 2 PM sewing cute little quilts (or any other light-hearted sewing you have at hand).

We'll follow that by gathering on Tuesday January 14 at Bob Duncan 1PM to 5PM. Changing up the day and site for this second date each month may enable more sewers to drop in and then just stay for the General Meeting that night. We'll still provide patterns, ideas, fabric exchange and enthusiasm for your next small project. Feel free to bring a lunch/dinner and stay the entire time, or drop in for a shorter time. Mini Thanks to Lea Bailey and Maria Freitag for graciously hosting us all these months. Questions, contact Christine Weiss



For everyone, a quote from our President "May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make" and please allow a moment of recognition to all the ladies and gents that make these adorable quilts and blankets for children confined to hospital beds with tubes and plaster and IV's attached to them. Or a child in custody having suffered abuse or the surviving child of a first responder or the child of a military casualty. When they receive a quilt or plush blanket that has color and characters or design that cheers them you don't get to see them and they you but the joy and comfort YOU bring them is indescribable and it can last a lifetime. These quilts are cherished and held for years and carried off to college or on the edge of a bed that continues to let these kids know that they are adored by a stranger and YOU STRANGERS are the best. When a simple design like a cat peeking thru a window is quilted to highlight it so a kid notices that precious kitty face, can it be any better. Please know that every moment you spend and every little detail you make is a gift. Your kindness and generosity are noticed please allow yourself to know how terrific you are. Project Linus meets the second Thursday of the month at Westminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Trail Lake in Fort Worth. We bring our machines, or crochet, or tie quilts, and visit and nosh and have show and tell. It's a great time. January will be Trade Days when fabric etc is available to take home and create a beauty to be loved. Please continue your work to make a difference in these kids' lives and encourage their healing.

This month Project Linus would like to thank

Kandy Garrett ,Joan Gregory, Donella Pyle. Elizabeth Carr, Lauren Crespo, Sandy Ellison, Phyllis Borton, Jolene Mershon, Patricia Eckstrom and the 4th grade Linus Club, Friendship Stitchers, Nancy Spell, Veronica Mowery, Robbie Colley, Elaine Grasher, Cindy Bergman, Janice Mowery (fabric Fairy), Rose Kauhane, Randa Dillon, Patsy Martin, Debra Ware, Judy Liston, Dottie Hughes, Debbie Hood, and anonymous. It helps me if you can attach your name to your donation. If I missed you please forgive.

Sizes: 44 X 44 for little ones and 50 X 60 or larger for bigger kids.

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.

Elizabeth Cooper, QGOA Linus Project Rep

### *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](mailto:mwlipari@verizon.net)



## 2024 Donation Quilt

There was lots of fun anticipation as our guild purchased last minute tickets for a chance to win the beautiful quilt Debra Ware donated! Many thanks to Debra Ware for the donation of our 2024 Quilt!

Ware for the donation of our 2024 Quilt!



A guest to our December meeting was asked to draw the lucky name. She drew Cindy Bergman's name! Cindy was just thrilled to win this beautiful quilt!



The **Friendship Stitchers** group played Santa at Pecan Manor in Kennedale. We delivered more than 30 pillowcases FILLED with gifts! The residents, our new Friends, expressed their delight and appreciation for the "treasure bags", as we sang our way through the halls, meeting and greeting. Merry Christmas! Thank you, Friendship Quilters.





## **QGOA Stitch Groups**

### ***Friendship Stitchers***

Meets @ First Christian Church  
910 S. Collins, Arlington  
**1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10 am**  
Contact: Heather Schneider

### ***Many Mini Stitchers***

Meets @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church,  
4400 W. Arkansas Ln. Arlington, 76016  
Bring sewing machine, iron, etc. and a miniature  
quilt project to work on!  
Contact: Christine Weiss

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025 9am-2pm**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 1pm-5pm**

### **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  
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### ***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

***"My cat takes the second shift so I can get  
my quilts done fast"***



## ***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***



# **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 .

