



The Quilting Bee

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Thoughts from the Pres:

I hope everyone has stayed warm and cozy during the cold spell and you used the housebound time to get some super sewing done. Winter is almost over already with Spring just around the corner! Get busy on your quilt show quilts!

We're off to a great start this year with speakers and workshops planned. Make sure to attend all our general meetings so you can get the most out of every one. Remember that our February meeting will be held at the Lake House on (far) West Arkansas Lane.

Most months we'll also be having activities at the Bob Duncan Center before the meetings: 1pm to 5:30pm. Come early and be ready to learn techniques, sew mini quilts or just socialize with other sweet quilters. We also found that all the big tables make a great spot to lay out, or sandwich a big quilt. And I'll have log cabin precut kits to pass out for my Habitat for Humanity Log Cabin project; I appreciate any help you can give for my "President's Block".

See you at the Lake House!

Christine

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream"

~ C S Lewis

"To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step. We fail (only) when we fail to try"

~Rosa Parks

Hello Guild Members!

I am Dora Loughan (pronounced Logan) taking over for Lauren Crespo as Safe Haven ambassador. In January our generous members donated a total of \$177 in cash and goods to Safe Haven. Some donated items include: 9 cough and cold medicines; 12 shampoos and conditioners; various lotions and beauty aids; 4 toothpaste/toothbrush sets; 4 additional toothpastes; a travel mug; toys; 2 pairs of children's shoes (so cute); 5 long-sleeve onesies; and 2 tiny pairs of pants. I know these items will be used and appreciated. Please continue to remember Safe Haven, when you come across a good sale. ***Underwear of all sizes, pajamas, deodorants, shampoos, and cold medicines are always needed.*** Until next time, Dora



**Welcome to
Our New Members!**

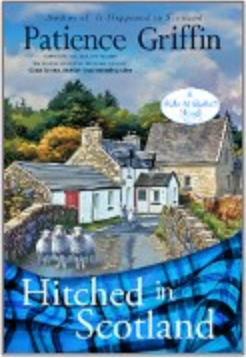
**Vickie Heer
Marla Mestad**

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

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

February 11 – PATIENCE GRIFFIN

Trunk Show with Quilt Fiction Author Patience Griffin “Sharing Quilts in Real Life and in Fiction”



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 we 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. Cost is \$50 Check out the QGOA Programs website for the supply list



April 8 - TONI OYLER



Toni Oyler is a certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor and national award winner. She will share a fabulous trunk show of her outstanding creations as she talks about her quilting journey. Prepare to be awed and inspired as she shows her beautiful work. ***WORKSHOP: Wednesday 4/9/25*** Toni will lead a workshop on Foundation Paper Piecing Cost \$40. The morning will begin with the techniques of basic foundation piecing and then progress into an easy project everyone can easily master and finish. No unfinished projects at the end of the day.

May 13 – MEMBER DEMONSTRATIONS

Back by popular demand!! Member Demonstrations presented by our knowledgeable Guild Members, showcasing their talents and expertise.

Military Quilt Project

It's already February, how is your quilt project list coming along?

I don't know about you, but for me every time

I cross off one project, I add two more!

I hope you have a Military donation quilt on

your list, Fisher House enjoys receiving

them each year and they are greatly

appreciated.

I would like to collect quilts in October this

year. Hopefully to be delivered to 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

Volunteers are the Best!

Hello Crafty Folks!

January is in The Books. Are you still

reflecting on New Year thoughts/

resolutions/intentions? Maybe this is Your

Year to join a stitch group, take a board

position, do a guild block challenge, teach/

learn a new skill...

Thank you to the 16 volunteers who

recorded 654 hours at our January

meeting. All volunteers who record hours

receive an extra 'door prize' ticket for a

chance to win a surprise. Don't be modest-

step up and record your hours, no matter

how few-they all matter. Especially to the

beneficiaries of your creative efforts.

Stay in Stitches!

Cheryl Hunker

BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

We discussed "The Women" by Kristin Hannah at the January lunch. We highly recommend this book. In February we'll talk about "Kilt in Scotland" a murder mystery ("kilt", get it?) by our February speaker, Patience Griffin. Our selection for March is "Threads of the Past" by Lanie Tiffenbach and in April we'll be talking about "Quilt of Souls" by Phyllis B Elmore. 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)



Irving Convention Center
July 30th thru August 2, 2025
The theme is... "No Place Like Home"

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

Quilt Entry: February 11
Quilt Entry Deadline: May 31

**Volunteers are need to do the
following jobs:**
Minis, Tickets,
**Backup for hanging up and taking
down quilts**

QGOA's February Library picks

Since we are not meeting at Bob Duncan in February, I decided instead of highlighting a book, I would introduce you to Jelly Roll Rulers. Back in November, Patsy donated 3 rulers which are noticeably compatible with one another. I found out that they are just 3 of a collection of 20 Jelly Roll Rulers. They are manufactured for EZ Quilting. You can find them on Missouri Star Quilt Company's website.

You can use them to rotary cut all sorts of shapes from the 2.5" wide precut strips, including squares, rectangles, triangles of various angles, diamonds, parallelograms, circles, hexagons, octagons, and even Dresden and petal shapes.

If you have any you would like to donate we would appreciate them.

While our library doesn't have a book with specific patterns that use jelly rolls, it does have a few books with patterns that use strip piecing. National Sew a Jelly Roll Day isn't celebrated until September, but don't let that stop you from getting a head start!

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

*We had a great Day Retreat this month!!
Look forward to the next one!

*There have been several of our Guild members who have been chosen to share their quilts as part of a traveling exhibit for The Original Sewing and Quilt Expo 2025 season. Congratulations!

Shadow

Elizabeth Cooper's brother passed away in January.

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"Just Spinning My Wheels" created by Rose Kauhane will be touring with The Original Sewing and Quilt Expo for the 2025 season.

Happy Birthday February!

*Phyllis Borton
Joyce Clark
Janis Hill
Cheryl Hunker
Peggy Orr
Christina Pickett
Ann Siden
Ruth Ann Uzzle*

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! We can't wait to see all the quilts you make!



Dear ladies and gents, stay warm and quilt! That sounds heavenly to me. January was a super month for donations! Project Linus would like to say thanks to all of you with special thanks to: Charlotte Humphrey, Janice Mowery, Gayle Krengel, Donella Pyle, Lea Bailey, Gayle LaCerde (of blessed memory) via Stitch group with Shelly Uggen, Phyllis Borton for her super assistance quilting, Patricia Eckstrom, Debra Ware, Dora Loughan, Lauren Crespo, Veronica Mowery, Lisa Shoemaker, Judy Liston, Debbie Hood, Jolene Mershon, Heather Schneider, Nancy Spell (polka dot princess), Barb Strange, Montie Greene, Lana Ogden, please forgive if I missed your name, please assist me by attaching your name to your donation. You are all so wonderful to innocent kids needing comfort.

For newbies, Linus meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (except August) at 7100 Trail Lake in Ft. Worth at the Westminster Presbyterian church in the fellowship hall. Bring a machine, or crochet hook, or smiling face and we will put you to work. Lots of things to do and great people. Bring a lunch or snack. Please try to join us for a fun day. This February meeting will be Trade Days when there will be fabric etc. for blanketeers to take home and make a lovely quilt out of. It was planned for January but remember. it snowed that day and everything was closed. Sure hope to see you any time you can join us.

Keep in mind, blanket 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 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.

Booth Buddy's

Hi all! Just a few months until the North Texas Quilt Festival! We need to get some new items made to sell in our booth. We will meet on February 27 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church from 9:00 - 2:00. Our plan is to work on some bags/pouches, some bowl and plate cozies, and some oven mitts. If you make anything on your own that you would like to contribute to the booth you can give it to me at the General meeting. Hope you can join us on the 27th! Linda Curzan

MANY MINIS Stitch Group Change

MANY MINIS stitch group will meet on the ***First Wednesday*** of the month. February 5 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 will not meet a second time in February, but we'll gather at Bob Duncan Center 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 xchange 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



Cactus Rose Away Retreat

March 16-19, 2025

IS FULL

As predicted we filled up the night of the Guild meeting! We have a wait list going for those who missed out that night. It's not unheard of for someone to pull out! So let me know sooner rather than later to get you on that list. Judy O'Polka



Sewcial Bees Stitch Group

We enjoyed sharing our quilts and working on hand items. We also celebrated our friend Karon's achievement of making her very first patchwork quilt and quilted it without help too! AND it was her birthday too! Marla was able to complete a quilt from our January class Irish Chain Piecing, Linda completed her grid design, and Karen S. completed a quilt from a 1987 pattern! !





The first Day Retreat of 2025 was a great success!

We had lots of fun and completed lots of projects too! Several of us were able to work on our "President's Block". Our guild President Christine Weiss wants this year's President Block to be a part of a donation project that is near and dear to her heart, Habitat for Humanity. Christine has generously provided fabric kits with the Log Cabin Foundation Paper, as well as all the "logs" PRE-CUT! All you have to do is sew them! Look for her kits at our next general meeting!





The center portion of Patsy Martin's quilt are squares that her daughter cross stitched for her.







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
1st Wednesdays @ 9am -2pm
Bring sewing machine, iron, etc. and a miniature
quilt project to work on!
Contact: Christine Weiss

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
Due to the change in ownership and location
details will be sent as soon as we have them.
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

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

Etcetera Art Quilt Group

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends, Arlington
Due to the change in ownership and location
details will be sent as soon as we have them.
Contact: Donna Atkins or Rose Kauhane