



# The Quilting Bee

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## Thoughts from the Pres:

Looks like Spring arrived for the first of March; it's a welcome respite from the cold weather. I certainly hope you took advantage of the time at home to stay cozy and sew.

Thanks to everyone who is helping with the Log Cabin Project; you are amazing in your generosity! We have 5 quilts ready and more in work. I've also heard from a couple people who are willing to donate extra quilts from their personal stock! We have a representative from Habitats for Humanities coming to our March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to accept this first group of pretty quilts. I'll continue to bring pre-cut fabric kits to general meetings and day retreats and collect what you've made if you're interested in participating in this on-going initiative. Most months we'll be having activities at the Bob Duncan Center before the meetings: 1pm to 5:30pm. Come early and be ready to learn techniques, make bags, 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. See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

*Christine*

*"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way"* Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

*"Act as if what you do makes a difference. Because it does"* William James, American philosopher

Hello, generous Givers and Quilters! A total of \$156.10 was collected at our February meeting. 14 knitted caps; 17 items of baby clothing; and adult and children's shoes start off the February donation list. The list also includes 8 cold and flu medicines; hand sanitizers; deodorants; and toothpastes. All of these items are much needed year-round but, especially, at this time of year. Many thanks to all and keep up the good work! Dora



## MANY MINIS

**MANY MINIS** stitch group will **not** meet on **Wednesday March 5** because of observances for Ash Wednesday. We'll be back as usual on Wednesday April 2 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). Our second session for March will be 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

**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.**

**Programs in 2025!**  
**Here is a synopsis of our upcoming programs**

**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**

Exciting Lecture & Workshop with Certified Quiltworx Instructor Toni Oyler!

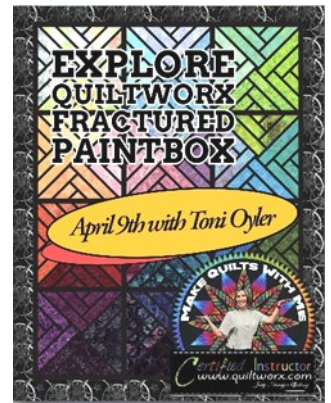
**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Trunk Show**, Toni will present a captivating lecture showcasing her stunning Quiltworx quilts. This is a wonderful opportunity to see a variety of beautiful, intricate designs and learn about the Quiltworx techniques that make these quilts truly special.

**Workshop: Intro to Paper Piecing**

**Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Traders' Village 2602 Mayfield Rd Grand Prairie, TX**

Toni will teach a hands-on Intro to Paper Piecing workshop. You'll learn the basic paper piecing techniques while working on a small project, Fractured Paintbox. You can make one block into a pillow, three into a runner, or more to make a quilt. This beginner-friendly workshop will give you the confidence to tackle more advanced designs down the road!



**Workshop Details:**

Cost: Workshop Fee \$40, plus a project fee of \$15 for the kit which includes everything you need to complete your project.

Additional Patterns & Papers available for sale

You'll leave with a finished project and the skills to continue paper piecing on your own!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an expert and take your quilting to the next level!

You can register online at QGOA.org, or at the March & April guild meetings. Cash & checks are preferred, but credit cards are acceptable.

Check out the Detailed Supply List available at QGOA.org Programs

**May 13 – MEMBER DEMONSTRATIONS**

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

## **Military Quilt Project**

Thinking of BRANCHING OUT! I have fabric that represents most branches of the military. Would you like some for your military quilt project. They are greatly loved by those who receive them. I know my boys are fiercely loyal to their branch even through they have not been active duty for some time.

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 Fellow Fabric Stashers!  
(Apparently there's a fine line between "hoarding" fabric, and having a large stash, but I sure don't know what it is.)  
I'm enjoying a marvelous pre-Spring day, trying to put those record-breaking cold temps far behind me, and hope you are too. Thank you very much, to the 11 volunteers who recorded 267 hours at our February meeting. The work our guild volunteers do is a blessing to someone, whether you are teaching, quilt-building, mini-making, booth-buddying... it all counts towards being a part of something greater. Thank you for generously giving of your time, your talents, and your fabric to make a difference to someone you probably don't even know. It sure does matter to them. Keep those hours coming in!  
~Cheryl Hunker~

## **BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS**

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. May’s read is “**Our Family Quilt**” by Rhonda Cratty. 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 March Library picks

Since I missed January's meeting and we met at the lake house last month, I decided to highlight the same books I highlighted in January. 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](#)



Elizabeth Carr	Penny Kilpatrick
Elizabeth Cooper	Jana McBroom
Melba Drennan	Veronica Mowery
Dwain Edwards	Robert Ressler
Sandy Ellison	Jeannie Robinson
JoAnn Eubank	Kathy Sisney
Beverly Francois	Debra Ware
Pat Hall	

## Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

### Sunshine

Kayleen Farrington has been suffering from back issues and is now on therapy and doing better.

## Booth Buddy's

Booth Buddies will meet on March 27th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church from 9am - 2pm. We've only got 4 months to get some new inventory made for our Quilt Show booth. We're especially looking for new ideas, so if you've got any, let me know! If you've got any items you want to donate you can give them to me at the general meeting.  
Linda Curzan

**BAGS, ETC** is a new stitch group that grew out of the enthusiastic response to the Pucker Up bag class taught in January by Deb Ware and Patti King. Everyone had a fun day and was so successful in making that great bag that we voted to keep going on this craft. We'll meet at Bob Duncan Center on the Tuesday of each general meeting from 1-5 PM. **On March 11 we'll take on the Big Bucket Tote** which is made from 2 ½" strips and is big enough to hold a quilt. The pattern and supply list are free from the Pellon web site ( [Big Bucket Tote | Pellon® Projects](#) ) Bring your necessary sewing supplies and create with us! Questions: contact Amy Steinert

## Ronald McDonald Challenge

**Quilts are 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 Ones: BRRR. You all are so generous to the Project Linus kiddos. Please accept thanks. Linus would like to thank Jolene Mershon, Judy Liston, Gayle Lacerda (of blessed memory), Effie Foster, Janice Mowery, Courtney Glazer, Donella Pyle, Nancy Spell, Randa Dillon, Phyllis Borton, Patricia Eckstrom, Elizabeth Carr, Lauren Crespo, Jan Taborsky, Pat Hall, Veronica Mowery, Lea Bailey, Shelley Uggen, Lisa Shoemaker, Heather Schneider, Charlotte Humphrey, Dora Loughan, Linda McPherson, Elaine Grasher, Robbie Colley, Dottie Hughes, and anonymous. Deepest thanks to all of you for all you do, you have so many obligations to family this time of year and find time to donate to ailing or abused kids.

Please remember we meet the second Thursday of the month except August. This last meeting was the trade days that was postponed from January due to snow and it was productive. There were 63 volunteers there working. 350 quilts and blankets were collected and bagged for delivery, almost 200 quilt tops! A great day. As a reminder we meet at the Westminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Trail Lake in Fort Worth. We meet 9:30-2 park in the lot on the east side of the building and enter the Fellowship hall and work and play and eat. We take machines for attaching labels, sewing sandwiches together, and general sewing. There is a place for tying the quilts that have been sewn, and a table for crochet teams that make lovely blankets. One lady brings hole-punched fleece to crochet the edges. Kids love all the blanket/quilts/afghans we take.

For sizes, some hospitals require 40 X 44 for smaller kids and the 50 X 60 or anything larger for the bigger kids. Project Linus donates to all needy children from ages 0-18 and some exceptions for children that have been in treatment and are still childlike. Please continue your work for these kids. If I have missed acknowledging your

donation please forgive. The work we do for our guild and our community enriches us and generations to come.

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

## Block Party



Just a quick reminder to those of you who are participating in the "Lotto Bird Block"...

**Due date: June Guild meeting**

**How many:** As many as you want! There is no minimum. For every bird

you turn in, that is the number of birds you will get back. The more we make, the bigger our pool of birds will be to swap from.

Link to the how-to video: Make a "Block Lotto Bird" Quilt with Jenny Doan of Missouri Star (Video Tutorial)

### **Fabric requirements:**

**There is only one,** use white/barely off-white low volume or small/ditsy prints for the background. For the birds, go wild and be creative!



## **QGOA Stitch Groups**

### ***Friendship Stitchers***

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

### **BAGS, ETC** is a new stitch group

Meets at the Bob Duncan Center on the **2nd Tuesday** 1-5 PM  
Contact: Amy Steinart  
**On March 11 we'll take on the Big Bucket Tote**

### ***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

### ***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 or Linda Curzon

### ***Etcetera Art Quilt Group***

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends,  
2400 W Pioneer Pkwy, Suite 250  
Arlington, TX 76013-6058  
7pm  
Contact: Donna Atkins or Rose Kauhane

### ***Woolies***

None at this time



## **Sew A Long Time!**

Hello all my quilty friends!

I have found a cute little (41.5" square) quilt for us to do together. It is part

pieced and part applique/embroidery. This would also lend itself to using wool and embroidery. It has pattern options for embroidery and applique. So, if you want to dip your toes in and try applique and/or embroidery, this might be a good place to start. This would make an adorable baby or donation quilt. The sew along will start March 17<sup>th</sup> and end on May 5<sup>th</sup> (eight weeks total). If you would like to participate, please email me. If you want a head start on fabric pulling or shopping, I can send the fabric requirements, just text or email me. Happy sewing, Amy Steinert

**Welcome to  
Our New Members!**  
*Deborah Womack  
William Womack*

## **Cactus Rose Away Retreat March 16-19, 2025 IS FULL**

Less than a few weeks away and the fun begins! I for one am looking forward to getting a lot done and getting to hang with all my quilting friends! Now's the time to start getting your pretty's ready for the retreat. Can't wait to see all those fun projects!

We are a full house but do have a short wait list going. If anyone finds they are unable to attend I will need to know before our next meeting. For those who haven't made full payment, it is due no later than Tuesday, March 11 the night of our Guild Meeting.



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2025 Quilt Show Booth Assistant	Lea Bailey

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