



The Quilting Bee

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Thoughts from the Pres:

With all this beautiful Spring weather I've been spending so much time gardening that I've skipped sewing altogether, except for the Away Retreat (which was so fun) and the early morning sews when it's still too dark to be outside, oh and the late night hours when it's also too dark to work in the yard but bright in my sewing room. Now I'll make real time for some sewing.

I hope you've got your quilts ready to be photo'd and submitted for the NTQF! Mine just needs binding. Remember that the theme is "There's No Place Like Home"; I'm anticipating that we'll see a house quilt or two, maybe yours?

If you haven't joined a stitch group please consider which one would suit your schedule. I've found those gatherings to really be the best way to get to know others in the Guild and find your niche. There isn't near enough time at the general meeting to develop connections and we have fabulous people to know!

We'll be having open activities at the Bob Duncan Center before the general meetings: 1:pm to 5:30pm. Come early and be ready to learn something new, sew mini quilts or just socialize with other sweet quilters. Bring your big project to layout; other quilters would be happy to give you opinions on the final look. See you on the 8th!

Christine

"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." Albert Einstein

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." Ronald Reagan

MANY MINIS

We will be back 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 April will be at Bob Duncan Center 1PM to 5PM on the 8th. 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

Wow! Once again you Quilters have proven what generous souls you have! Cash, diapers, wet wipes, lotions, cold and flu medicines, underwear, and socks were among the many items donated at our March meeting. The estimated total of these items is \$421.00. Also, our Booth Buddies cleared out their stash and donated over \$100.00 in items that may either be used by clients, or sent over to the SafeHaven resale shop, Berry Good Buys, in Ft. Worth. **Current needs at SafeHaven are, still, bras, underwear of all sizes, diapers, and cold and flu medicines.** Thanks, everyone, for remembering this worthwhile cause.



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.

Here is a synopsis of our upcoming Programs in 2025!

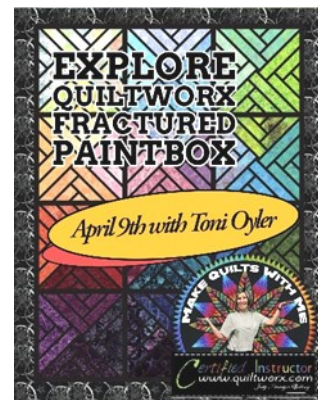
April 8 - TONI OYLER

Exciting Lecture & Workshop with Certified Quiltworx Instructor Toni Oyler! 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 9th 10am – 4 pm 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: 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 April guild meeting. Cash & checks are preferred, but credit cards are accepted. Check out the Detailed Supply List available at QGOA.org



May 13 – MEMBER DEMONSTRATIONS

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

REMEMBER! Your Ronald McDonald Quilts are due in May so that they can be ready to be voted on in June!

June 10 – RONALD MCDONALD QUILT CHALLENGE – June is our traditional annual Ronald McDonald Quilt Challenge. Ribbons are awarded for different categories and Lisa Shoemaker has all of the details. While the judging is taking place, we are going to have a game going, “QUILTY BINGO,” complete with prizes and gift cards.



July 8 – EMMA JANE POWELL – “Finish What You Started” Emma, with Dream It, Quilt It, is returning to help us get real about those unfinished projects. Emma will motivate and help kick start our drive to change the “pending” status of projects. She will dive deep into why projects are stagnant, and how to take an honest approach with quilts that have lost our enthusiasm, or we would love to finish up *already!*



July 9 – WORKSHOP – “Ripple Effect” This workshop is packed full of techniques to enhance your quilting. Learn to make your own bias piping, apply it to a curved “ripple effect” and then adhere it to your quilt background in a quilt-as-you-go method. The best part? Absolutely

no curves will be sewn in this project! Also, learn a variety of surface design techniques to include: dyeing your own lace appliques, add foiling, beading, lace, sequence, fun yarns, Angelina fibers, and more to stretch your inner creative genius in this class! You will come away from this workshop full of ideas for future projects. The cost of the workshop is \$40. Optional kit is \$15.

Military Quilt Project

Are you interested in an opportunity to have a military quilt sit and sew? If so would you like to see it occurring monthly or quarterly? Please let me hear your feedback on this.

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 though, 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 all you Sewciable folks!

Spring Sprung! As we are appreciating yet another lovely day in our area, it's easy to be thankful for the talents we have and to contemplate how we can share them.

At our March meeting, 25 generous "sewls" reported 510.5 hours! That's a LOT of volunteering, when you could have been out planting your tomatoes. Or maybe you did both, since our days are now sunnier longer in the evenings.

Thank you for your hard work promoting and supporting our guild and our community. One person really can make a difference to someone else; think how great our impact can be when we are all working together. Have you found your 'niche' in the guild?

~Cheryl Hunker~

BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

Our selection in March was "Threads of the Past" by Lanie Tiffenbach, a great retelling of the history of a community of quilters, their lives and hardships; boy they had a difficult time in the "good old days. 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 Deadline: May 31

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

QGOA's April Library Picks

Last month I highlighted a couple of books that taught some techniques to achieve a stained glass look.

This month I'm highlighting the book *French Braid Quilts: 14 Quick Quilts with Dramatic Results* by Jane Hardy Miller. I've always loved the look of French braids, so quilts incorporating French braids have always caught my attention. I'm in good company since, our very own, Lauren Crespo's Blue French Braid quilt caught the attention of the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo Director and received the OSQE Director's Choice Ribbon at the 2022 NTQF. I'll have a picture of Lauren's quilt at the cabinet.

I need to quilt Jane's Thanks, Frank pattern; it combines the stained glass look with the braided pattern; I could kill two birds with one stone, can't beat that!

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

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

Booth Buddy's

Happy Spring! We've been working on new items to sell at the Quilt Show Booth. In March we worked on some casserole dish hot pads, zipper bags, and some cross-shaped page holders to keep your books open without holding them. I also received some items from individuals at the March meeting. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way! We'll meet next time on April 17th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church from 9 - 2. Come join us!

Let's do a Challenge! Think about leaves! What kind of items can you make that look like leaves or use fabric with leaves? Please bring your items to the May meeting. We'll give ribbons for our top 3 favorite items.

Can't wait to see what you create!



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!



Vicki Best
Denny Cornett
Kayleen Farrington
Joan Gregory
Sharon Ligon
Wanita Lucas

Pat Madrid
Karen Raschio
Sarah Reed
Amy Steinert
Daniele Van Winkle
Rhonda Weddle
William R. Womack

Dear Ones: It has been a terrific March and now it's April! Project Linus would like to acknowledge your generous donations. Thank you to Jolene Mershon, Nancy Spell, Judy Liston, Patricia Eckstrom and the 5th grade Linus Club at ACA, Randa Dillion, Robbie Colley, Donella Pyle, Susan FitzGerald, Veronica Mowery, Amy Steinart, Sharon Ligon, Lauren Crespo, Janice Mowery, Dora Loughan, Elizabeth Carr, Jan Taborsky, Phyllis Borton, Pat, Hall, Courtney, Geisel, Gayle Lacerda, Charlotte Humphrey, Lisa Shoemaker, Heather Schneider, Lea Bailey, Shelley Uggen, Shirley Johnson, Kayleen Farrington, Thank you all so much.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 7100 Trail Lake Ft. Worth. From 9:30-2:00

It's easy to get to! Go west on I20 to Granbury Rd and go left until reach Hulen and go left til reaching Alta Mere and go right couple blocks to stop sign and do a u-turn to reach the parking lot. follow signs to Fellowship Hall and we will see you there! We sew and chat and have show and tell and snack. There are many tables for different activities for making blankets for ailing children. There is a table that puts tops and backs onto batting and pinning to be made into quilts. There are tables that have those completed blankets ready to tie together and there are many tables for sewing those quilt sandwiches into quilts to be tied. There are several tables of crocheters adding edges to fleece and also making afghans. Some tables are in charge of inspecting and trimming off strings etc for being sorted and bagged and sent to various hospitals. There are many activities to keep us busy for hours and lots of darling show and tells too!

Sizes: 42 X44 for smaller kids there are lots of those and there are also many big kids that need 50 X 50 or anything larger. Thanks for trying to help these kids heal. Thank you for your generosity . If I have missed

acknowledging you please forgive. Please assist my memory by adding your name to your donation. Pin on an old label for mailing. Wishing all good health.

Sincerely, Elizabeth

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 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.



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
Meet as needed

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



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 17th and end on May 5th (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!**

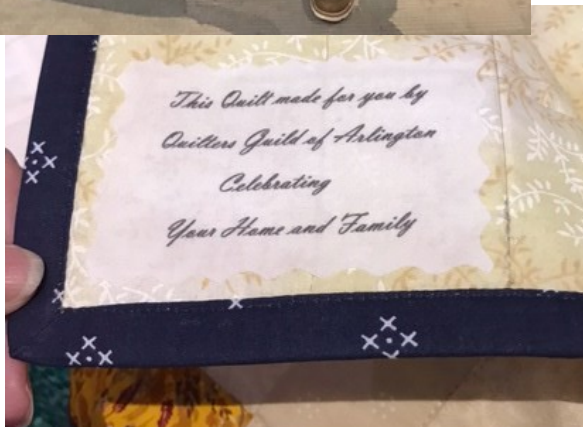
***Janice Hobbs
Diane Johnson***



President's Block

The annual challenge is going well! Our President Christine Weiss was able to present to the Trinity Habitat representative Micah Hogue: Four completed Log Cabin quilts were made with squares that were made by you, and given to Christine, 3 finished quilts donated by Nancy Spell, and 1 finished quilt donated by Patsy Martin, for a total of 8 quilts at this time. The quilts will be added to a Welcome Basket that is presented to the family upon moving into their new home.

“Trinity Habitat for Humanity partners with people in our community to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage.” Find out more [here](#).



Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

Sunshine:

I'm still looking for good news. Anyone???

Shadow

Ann Siden's husband Randy, was admitted to the hospital three weeks ago for a day type surgery and he is still there because of developing issues and is now scheduled to be sent to a Long Term Acute Care facility.

Ann Siden's brother Steve, was recently scheduled for a day surgery and he had to be admitted due to unforeseen issues. If anyone needs cards and prayers, it is Ann and of course her family.

*** 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.***

NTQF T-shirts
available for \$18



Stretches For Quilters



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healthyquilting.com



Cactus Rose Spring Away Retreat

A great time was had by all! Lots of completed projects, and Denny Cornett was the First Prize winner for St. Patrick's Day!



Cactus Rose Away Retreat projects



North Texas Quilt Festival
July 31, August 1 and 2, 2025
Irving Convention Center



Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Deadline for all donations and Art work is July 10th

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Sponsorship Program

WE are a non-profit organization, allowing your sponsorship to be tax deductible.

Winner's Ceremony \$1000

You will receive a sign displayed at Winner's Ceremony, ½ page ad in show brochure and your company will be announced as the sponsor during the Winner's Ceremony.

Best of Show Quilt \$1500

You will receive a sign displayed in front of the actual quilt throughout the three-day event, ½ page ad in show brochure and your company will be announced as the sponsor during the Winner's Ceremony.

Viewer's Choice Quilt \$1500

You will receive a displayed sign in front of all ballot boxes throughout the three-day event, all viewer's entry forms will be printed with your logo and 3 lines printed on the sponsorship page in the event brochure,

Junior Division Quilting \$ 600

You will receive a sign displayed in front of the display throughout the three-day event and your company will be announced as the sponsor during the Winner's Ceremony and 3 lines printed on the sponsorship page in the event brochure.

First Place Ribbon \$ 300

You will receive a sign displayed with the winning quilt throughout the three-day event, 2 lines printed on the sponsorship page in the event brochure, your company will be announced as the sponsor during the Winner's Ceremony.

Second Place Ribbon \$ 200

You will receive a sign displayed with the winning quilt throughout the three-day event, 1 line printed on the sponsorship page in the event brochure and your company will be announced as the sponsor during the Winner's Ceremony.

Third place ribbon \$100

You will receive a sign displayed with the winning quilt throughout the three-day event, 1 line printed on the sponsorship page in the event brochure, your company will be announced as the sponsor during the Winner's Ceremony.

General Ribbon Sponsorship \$50 dollars or more Amount \$ _____

You will receive your name printed on the sponsorship page in the event brochure.

All place ribbons will be assigned an award value to be determined from funds raised.

Please mail this completed form to Debra Hood, 1836 Rhinevalley Drive, Arlington, TX 76012. Please include a check made payable to the Quilters' Guild of Arlington. Please contact me if you have any questions and or comments at 817-975-5489 or ddhood@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for supporting our Non-Profit Charitable Organization!

North Texas Quilt Festival

July 31, August 1 and 2, 2025

Calling all Junior participants to enter a project!



Each year the NTQF creates a unique opportunity for juniors to show off their sewing/crafting talents. There are a few guidelines (see below), but we would love for you to join us! Show theme: “There’s No Place Like Home” Make sure to sign up for the fashion show with your entry.

Guidelines

- Contact a local quilt guild for assistance (see participating guilds listed below)
- **Project must be created with limited assistance from adults**
- Project ideas: quilts, bags, stuffed dolls, clothing, hats, scarfs, etc.
- Created in the last 5 years
- Submit a color photo of finished or partial/finish of the item

Entry Information

Date | Now through July 1, 2025

Cost | \$10 per entry

Junior Division – These categories are not classified by Artisan or Master

NTQF is featuring a Junior Showcase of items created by North Texas youth.

310. Junior Quilt – Age up to 9

A quilt of any technique constructed by a person 9 years old or younger.

311. Junior Quilt – Age 10 to 13

A quilt of any technique constructed by a person between 10 and 13 years old.

312. Junior Quilt – Age 14 to 17

A quilt of any technique constructed by a person between 14 and 17 years old

313. Junior Stitched Item – Age up to 9

An item created by stitching fabric. Examples are Stuffed animals, bags, home décor items, clothing item.

314. Junior Stitched Item – Age 10 to 13

An item created by stitching fabric. Examples are Stuffed animals, bags, home décor items, clothing item.

315. Junior Stitched Item – Age 14 to 17

An item created by stitching fabric. Examples are Stuffed animals, bags, home décor items, clothing item.

Contact Information

Bear Creek Quilt Guild

www.bearcreekquiltguild.com

Fort Worth Modern Quilt Guild

www.fortworthmodernquiltguild.com

Fort Worth Quilt Guild

www.fwqg.org

Irving Quilt Guild

www.irvingquiltguild.com

Quilters’ Guild of Arlington

www.qgoa.org

Trinity Valley Quilters’ Guild

www.tvqg.org

Debbie Hood, Junior Representative ddhood@sbcglobal.net [Entry Link](#)

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