



The Quilting Bee



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MAY 2025

Thoughts from the Pres:

It's May! And going through my head are lines from the song in the musical "Camelot: "Tra la! It's May! The lusty month of May. That lovely month when ev'ryone goes blissfully astray" Hopefully you're lustily pursuing sewing and gardening projects and nothing will go astray at all!

Especially we want all of your quilts for the quilt show not to go astray, so get those entries filled out and bind those quilts! We're planning to have a work session perhaps before the June meeting where we eagle-eye one another's quilts to make sure everything is perfectly ready for the judging: all corners mitered, bindings even, threads snipped, labels in place. Watch your newsletter for details.

In the meantime be sure to make it to the May general meeting. Back by popular demand will be the member to member demos that everyone enjoyed so much last year. Be prepared to see something new or tricky that will move you into confidently pursuing a quilting technique. See you on the 13th!

Christine

"The secret to getting ahead is getting started." Mark Twain

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever" Gandhi

Ronald McDonald Challenge

Get ready everybody!

Ronald McDonald quilts are DUE at the MAY meeting.



Lisa Shoemaker will be collecting them. She will have entry forms available for those that need them. *They will be displayed and voted on at the June Meeting.* We can't wait to see all your creativity. It is always fun to see what everyone made and is for a great cause.



NTQF T-shirts

Are available for \$18

Contact

Debbie Hood

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!

May 13 – **MEMBER DEMONSTRATIONS**

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

Member Demonstrations - Exciting demos include:

Silk Painting & Fabric Dyeing

Scrappy Triangles

Quilt Care

Bags & Zippers

Magic Formulas

Crochet – Ideas to finish those quilt borders

Military Quilts

Quilt Among Friends shop

Tips, Tricks & Trade Secrets

Each presentation is 15 minutes except for Silk Painting & Fabric Dyeing which will be 30 minutes

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.



RESCHEDULED: Toni Oyler Foundation Paper Piecing Workshop

Date: **Wednesday – June 11**

Check the QGOA website for the Supply List

Time: Set up: 8:30

Class: 9AM – 3:30PM including 30 minutes for lunch

Place: Traders' Village Community Center

2602 Mayfield Road. Grand Prairie, TX

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.

August 12 – DONNA AKINS – Our own Donna Akins will talk to us about BAGS, Bags, and MORE Bags! She will share her story and experiences about how she became so interested in bags!

August 13 – WORKSHOP – Bags, Bags, & More Bags! Donna will teach basic steps and techniques for making bags. Class members will complete a bag in this workshop. The cost of the workshop is \$40.



Membership Renewal Starts May 1

It's that time of year again! Membership renewal period for current members runs from May 1 - June 30, 2025, for the 2025-2026 membership year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026).

New Guild members signing up in May will receive membership for May, June of this membership year and all of the 2025-2026 membership year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026). That's 14 months for the price of 12!

For those reaching a new membership level, you must have reached the qualifying age by June 30, 2025 to qualify for that level for the 2025-2026 membership year.

QGOA membership dues for 2025-2026 are:

Junior (12-17) - \$20

Regular (18-64) - \$50

Senior (65-79) - \$45

Super Senior (80+) - \$5

Online membership forms will be available on the website on or near May 1. If you are entering a quilt as a member of QGOA, you'll want to renew your membership in the Guild before the June 30 expiration date!!

Membership forms can also be printed out from the website (please wait until the new ones are there!) to mail in or to bring to the meeting. Plenty of forms will be available at our May and June meetings. Questions? Email Leslie Wagner at tootsiewag@yahoo.com

Leslie Wagner



**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**

Greetings, Everyone, and Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Thanks to all who generously donated wet wipes, diapers, allergy and cold medicines, children's underwear, and various personal care items to SafeHaven at our April meeting. Altogether these items totaled just over \$200!

Some of the people sheltering at SafeHaven leave home very quickly. It's easy to forget to pack little "necessaries" when you're rushed. Please know that your donations help fill this need and are appreciated. Dora



Golden Spool Award

Each year QGOA awards the Golden Spool Award to one of its members. It is the highest honor the guild can give to celebrate and recognize the excellence and outstanding service a member has given and shared with QGOA and the surrounding community. The nominee and person submitting the nomination must be members of QGOA. The QGOA membership can nominate any member who they feel meets the criteria noted on the Nomination form.

At our May meeting, we named a Golden Spool Recipient of 2025 (*Previous recipients are listed in your Membership Directory, and those members are not eligible*).

Patty King was nominated and chosen as the Golden Spool recipient.

She has willingly took over treasurer duties and helped revamp some of our security issues. She has also taken on other duties with NTQF. She continues to serve as part of the board (even though she is now no longer treasurer) by handling Guild Products. She is always smiling and willing to help anyone.

She truly is a treasure!

Congratulations Patty!

SafeHaven Current Needs

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| Baby Formula | Phone Chargers |
| Lotion | Cleaning Supplies |
| Hair Detangler | Air Mattresses |
| Shower Shoes | Pots & Pans |
| Leggings/Yoga Pants | |
| Athletic Shorts | |

Volunteers are the Best!

Hello, fabric-loving friends!
Our nation just celebrated National Volunteer Week April 20-26, an opportunity to recognize the people who contribute their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. Volunteering at projects close to our hearts promotes physical and mental well-being, can possibly inspire others, and can make a difference to someone we probably will never know. Quilters do not seek the recognition or the attention, but it sure does feel good to share. Why do YOU do it?

Thank you very much to our 22 volunteers who recorded a generous "682 HOURS" at our April meeting. These longer days make it easier to split our time between sewing, or working in the yard.

Now let's all get out there and sew/grow something!
~Cheryl Hunker~

QGOA's May Library Picks

Wasn't it exciting to see the impacts of different colorways of the Judy Niemeyer patterns Toni presented last month? Do you have a color wheel in your arsenal of tools?

Check out these three books on color theory for some simple concepts and practical advice to access and increase your color creativity!

- * Color and Composition for the Creative Quilter by Katie Pasquini Masopust
- * Color Play by Joen Wolfrom
- * The Quilter's Practical Guide to Color by Becky Goldsmith

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

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

MANY MINIS

MANY MINIS will be back on Wednesday May 6 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 May 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

BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

In April we talked about "Quilt of Souls" by Phyllis B Elmore. It was a touching, even tearful first person account, well worth reading. May's read is "Our Family Quilt" by Rhonda Cratty. In June we will read "Quilt City Murders #1" by Bruce Leonard, and in July "The Storyteller of Casablanca" is next. 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)

Block Party

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

UPDATE!!

NEW Due date!

Turn in your blocks at the July 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.



Watch the how-to video: [Make a "Block Lotto Bird"](#)

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!



Sandra Bermejo
Shelly Cassata
Debra Hood
Vicki Howell
Patty King
Libby McDuffie

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

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 .

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.

Booth Buddy's

Hi all! Just a couple more months to make items for our quilt booth for the North Texas Quilt Show. As announced at the April meeting, our *May challenge is items made in the shape of leaves, or using fabric with a leaf print*. Looking forward to seeing your creations! We will be awarding ribbons at the May general meeting. Our next Booth Buddies meeting will be May 22nd at Holy Cross Lutheran church from 9 - 2. Come join us!

JUNE CHALLENGE - Pumpkins! Whatever you want to make that is pumpkin shaped or uses pumpkin print fabric.



Juaitan and Chris Robinson Fam - Closing 2025



Amy Naemeh - Closing 2025

We had two families close on their homes the beginning of April. They were excited to receive their keys to their new home as well as a quilt!

Micah Hogue
Trinity Habitat

**QGOA Spring Day Retreat
April 24 –26, 2025**

**Was a great success!
Looking forward to July's
Day Retreat!**







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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**Complete contact information is available in your
Membership Directory.**

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 2pm 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 @
New time: 5 pm – 9 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