



The Quilting Bee

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Thoughts from the Pres:

"June is busting out all over" (song from the musical Carousel). With all the rain we've had lately I'll bet your yards and gardens are bursting with growth, too. Enjoy how luscious everything outdoors looks before the heat of true summer settles in.

And with that heat will come more time for... Quilting, since you'll need to spend days inside. So finish those quilts for the big show and get started on something you will want to have for celebrating Fall and Winter holidays. Be sure to bring your projects to show and tell at our meetings!

Our June general meeting should be much fun with Ronald McDonald quilts unveiled and games with prizes!

See you on the 10th!

Christine

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else" Booker T Washington

"Optimism is a happiness magnet... good people will be drawn to you" Mary Lou Retton

Ronald McDonald Challenge

Thank you all who submitted quilts for the Ronald McDonald house, they are all beautiful and unique and we cannot wait to show them off at our June meeting and pick out our favorites.

Lisa Shoemaker

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.

Patsy Martin was also nominated and chosen as the Golden Spool recipient. Patsy is a real go-getter, and serves willingly with a sweet spirit, and is always ready to volunteer to help out; especially when all you hear are "crickets"!

She has served as hospitality and door prizes (often incurring costs at her own expense!) coordinator.

Patsy is an asset to our membership with lots of energy and pep!!

NTQF T-shirts

The June guild meeting will be your last opportunity to buy quilt show t-shirts for \$18. They will be available at the quilt

show for \$20.

Payment can be cash, check, or credit card. Get them at a discount now while you can! Debbie Hood



Synopsis of our upcoming Programs

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.



September 9 – SARAH THOMAS – *Rainbow Quilt Color Method* Sarah, who recently published *Rainbow Quilt Color Method*, will be our speaker. She will present a trunk show demonstrating how to choose fabrics for multi-color and monotone designs.

September 10 – WORKSHOP – *Rainbow Quilt Color Method* – Sarah will demonstrate how to select a harmonious palette that achieves design strength through color placement, and how to use saturation and color value to make the same quilt in alternate colorways. The cost of the workshop is \$40.



Membership Renewal Continues

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

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.



**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!

Volunteers are need to do the following jobs:

Minis, Tickets,

Backup for hanging up and taking down quilts use [SignUp Genius](#)

Debbie Hood will have Show tickets at the June meeting.

Juniors can still enter items until July 1

Greetings, Everyone!

Compassionate Quilters, at the May meeting we collected approximately \$300 in donations for



SafeHaven! Donations included cash, t-shirts, underwear, socks, beach towels, flip-flops, wet wipes, sheets, toothpaste, bath soap, several personal care items, and toys.

Current needs are: baby formula; phone chargers; cleaning supplies; pots and pans; air mattresses; and leggings/yoga pants.

Did you know about SafeHaven's resale shop, Berry Good Buys, at 1701 West Berry St. in Fort Worth 76110? They accept gently used clothing and household items. You deliver to them and maybe shop for a bargain or two at the same time. Proceeds go to SafeHaven and shelter clients get to shop there for free.

Thank you for giving so freely.
Dora Loughan

Volunteers are the Best!

Good day to you, all you Generous Sewy Folks!

Meteorological Summer is here, and so are the temps that accompany it. What does your sewing summer look like: Piecing? Cutting out? Purchasing? Purging? Yes, please!

At our May meeting, 23 creative souls recorded 621 hours of volunteer work. This includes RMH, Habitat blocks, Linus, BBuddies, NTQF, Military blocks, board work, teaching/instructing, and SEW much more. We are an active, giving group making a difference in our community.

Thank you for doing your part for the guild, as we coalesce towards a common goal. Together.

~Cheryl Hunker~

MQP

Military Quilt Project

Thank you to all who stopped by the table to visit with me about our Military Quilt Project. Extra thanks to those who took fabric home with them to sew a quilt for our project. If you didn't pick up any fabric and wished you did, I have plenty of branch fabrics, wide backs and odds and ends. I would be happy to bring to the guild meeting for you. I would like to collect quilts in October this year.

I hope to deliver to Fisher House in Dallas in time for Veterans Day. If you aren't familiar with Fisher House, it is beside the VA Hospital in Dallas. Those receiving care but not admitted to the hospital can stay there. They are very appreciative of every quilt I take them.

While any size is great the following sizes are suggested. 55" x 65" to 72" x 90", ideal size is 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 have served.

Cindy Bergman

QGOA's June Library Picks

Do you shy away from letting non-quilters in on your secret that you are a quilter for fear that they are going to ask you to piece a t-shirt quilt or memory quilt? A few of our own guild members have pieced t-shirt quilts and memory quilts for family members and friends. If you ever decide to join their ranks, our library has a few books that might inspire you:

- You Did What? With My T-shirts! by Judy Bobbitt
 - Memory Quilts in the Making by Rhonda Richards
 - Memory Quilts: with T-shirts, Autographs, and Photos by Better Homes & Garden
- This link will open a PDF file for the Library Catalog by [Author](#), by [Category](#), by [Title](#) or [Specialty Rulers](#)

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

In June we'll be discussing "Quilt City Murders" by Bruce Leonard and in July we have "The Storyteller of Casablanca" by Fiona Valpy. 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)



Donna Akin
Denise Butler
Robbie Colley
Linda Curzan
Effie Foster

Kandy Garrett
Gaby Krumm
"Rosie" Mendez
Nancy Mills
Martha Mosele
Toni Oyler
Pamela Pape
Jennifer Rike
Heather Scarborough
Heather Schneider

MANY MINIS

MANY MINIS will meet on Wednesday June 4 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W. Arkansas Ln, 9AM to 2 PM sewing cute little quilts (or any other light-hearted sewing you have at hand). Our second session for June will be at Bob Duncan Center 1PM to 5PM on the 10th. 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

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!



Dear ones another great month!
I received quilted blankets from Phyllis (beautiful job) that had been assembled by Nancy Spell and Randa Dillon. What incredible ladies! Linus would also like to thank Dora Loughan she turned in blankets that her church people made and a quilt of her own. More personal thanks to Joan Gregory, Elizabeth Carr, Jolene Mershon (the kit Fairy), Lea Bailey, Phyllis Borton (quilting queen), and Debra Ware are a pair of devotees, Patricia Eckstrom and her 5th grade Linus Club group at ACA, Christine Weiss, Lauren Crespo, Robbie Colley, the ever wonderful Maria Freitag, Judy Liston, Donella Pyle, Ronda Scott, Gayle, Shelley Uggan, and anonymous. Thanks to all you lovely folks that make a day a little brighter for a child in hospital. For any newcomers, Linus meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (except August) at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall from 9-2ish, 7001 Trail Lake Drive Ft. Worth. I take I-20 west to Granbury Rd., exit and go left under the overpass, then about 5 blocks to Hulen St turn left onto Hulen, go about 4 blocks to Altamesa and turn right, go about 3 blocks and make a u-turn at the stop sign and enter the parking lot and come to the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, we take our sewing machines, and sew sandwiches together, or add labels, there is an inspection table to trim threads etc, a table making quilt sandwiches, 2 tables of crocheters, several tables of folks tying quilts for distribution so there is plenty to do, its loads of fun and a little work. We take a lunch, or snack on the goodies others bring to share. Please join us if only to observe. All these folks are dedicated as you are and their lives are enriched by the work they do for these kids. The hospitals request small 40 x 42 for little kids and for bigger kids (you know there are big kids) 50 x 60 or even larger if you

choose to make.

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

Enjoy your sewing time.

Sincere thanks, Elizabeth.

Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

Sunshine

The good news today is that Randy Siden (Ann Siden's husband) is finally back at home after 84 days between hospitals and rehab. Recovery will be slow but at least he is at home.

Dave and Maria Freitag celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary in June!

Shadow

Earlier in April, Patsy Martin underwent biopsy surgery and had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Chemo begins on June 2, and once completed with chemo there will be radiation treatments too. Please remember her in your prayers.



Welcome to our New/Returning Members!

Tamara Loonam

Sherry Quint

Nancy Spellman

Brenda Whitfield



QGOA Away Retreat At Cactus Rose

Apologies and correction!
I mistakenly announced we
would begin Fall Away Retreat
registration at our June Guild
meeting. It was a senior moment! I meant to
say the **July** meeting.

We are not registering online anymore,
so please plan to be at the **July meeting** to
register for the retreat! Please **do not mail**
your registration and check to me.

If you are not able to be at the meeting, it's
ok to ask a friend to hand it in when they
register. **Only two entries per customer**
please! We want to be fair to all guild
members because the retreat does fill up
quickly.

Thank You for your understanding.

Judy O'Polka, Away Retreat Coordinator

Cactus Rose Away Retreat
Cost \$210
Thursday-Sunday Sept 18-21

Registration will open
at 6:30pm
July 8th!

Save the Dates for 2026!
March 15-18 2026
Sept 17-20 2026

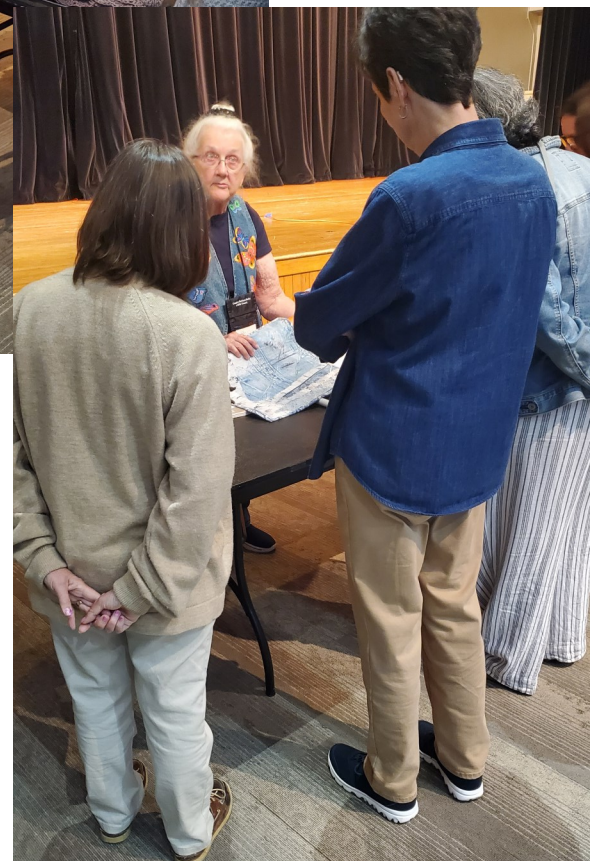


Booth Buddy's

Hi all! The quilt show will be here soon!
Several of us have been making items to
sell in our booth, as individuals and during
Booth Buddy meetings. Thank you to
everyone who has participated! We will not
have any more Booth Buddy meetings
before the show. If you want to donate any
items please bring them to the general
meetings in June and July. We need some
volunteers to work in the booth each day. I
need 1 volunteer during each 2 hour shift.
I'll have a sign-up sheet at the general
meeting so please come sign up!
Lastly, **please remember to bring your**
pumpkin challenge items to the June
meeting. Ribbons will be awarded to the
top 3 favorites.
Linda Curzon

Fun was had by all, and maybe a little bit of learning a new technique at our May Guild meeting with the Members Demonstration night!

Thank you to all our generous presenters, who willingly gave of their time!



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

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