



# The Quilting Bee

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## Thoughts from the Pres:

Summer has arrived in all it's hot glory. Hopefully you've all made plans for ways to keep cool. I think sewing makes you cooler, so that's my plan!

I heard from our local Habitat's contact that they just got back from a trip to Nepal where they were helping to set up an organization for home building. When their hosts heard about our Guild making quilts for new homeowners they gathered local textiles to donate, hoping to collaborate with us. Does that make us internationally famous?

Habitats is offering us 2 boxes of fabrics if we want to incorporate those into our quilts. I'll bring those items to the July 8 meeting and we'll see how we can best use them.

Get your happy clothes out and get ready to attend our big Quilt Show. It's one of the highlights of the year and a major source for our fundraising. Be there as a volunteer and bring your friends to the vendor market.

Show off what we do!

See you on July 8th!

*Christine*

*"Imperfection is beauty and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring"*  
*Marilyn Monroe*

*"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift, which is why we call it the Present". Make the most of your present.*

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.

## Ronald McDonald Challenge



Thank you all who submitted quilts for the Ronald McDonald house, they are all beautiful and unique, and we thank each of you for sharing your heart with all these quilts! Congratulations go out to our Challenge fabric and Non-Challenge fabric winners. Thank You! Lisa Shoemaker

## Challenge Fabric Winners



*Left to right*

- 1st Robbie Colley "Up and Away"
- 2nd Lana Ogden "Elephants"
- 3rd Elizabeth Cooper "Jungle Fun"

## Non-Challenge Fabric Winners



*Left to right*

- 3rd Randa Dillon "Herding Snails"
- 2nd Cynthia Bernd "Ice Cream with Sprinkles"
- 1st Christine Weiss "Friendly Faces"

## IT'S A NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR!

**OH, MY! July 1 marks the beginning of the NEW 2025-2026 membership year and ONLY HALF of our members from the 2024-2025 membership year have paid to renew their membership! So, if you haven't renewed yet, you have one month of grace (until July 31) before we drop you from the membership roster and email list.**

I know we all have a lot going on, including getting our quilts ready to show at the 2025 Original Sewing & Quilt Expo/North Texas Quilt Festival. I made sure to pay my dues despite having had my home turned topsy-turvy in May and June with a major repair to 40 feet of load-bearing exterior wall. The repairs have put a huge dent in my bank account, so it's a good thing I've got a fabric stash and lots of UFOs. And, oh yeah! I've got to finish the quilt I entered in the quilt show!

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ASAP!** Not sure if you did so yet or not? Call me (I'm in the QGOA membership directory) or email me at [tootsiewag@yahoo.com](mailto:tootsiewag@yahoo.com)  
Leslie Wagner

### Join us at our upcoming Programs!

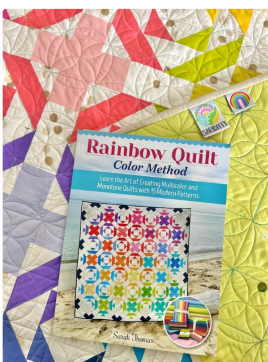


**July 8 – EMMA JANE POWELL – “Finish What You Started”** Emma, with Dream It, Quilt It, is returning to help us get real about those unfinished projects. Emma will motivate and help kick start our drive to change the “pending” status of projects. She will dive deep into why projects are stagnant, and 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.

## Military Quilt Project (MQP)

Happy 4th of July, what a great day to celebrate our Freedom and those who serve and have served.

***I would like to collect quilts in October this year.*** Hopefully to be delivered 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 55 x 65. I have wide width fabric for the backing in red, blue and black. 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

## Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

### Sunshine

**Shine a little light by sharing your happy moments with us!**

### Shadow

Randy Siden, Ann's husband, was back in the hospital and underwent surgery on May 26th and was released on June 11th. He has really had a time of it and prayers are appreciated. As of this writing, he is improving but slowly.

***\*\*\* 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. \*\*\****

**Welcome to our New Members!**

**Toni Oyler**

**Barbara Rogers**

**Jan Woods**



Presenting:  
ORIGINAL  
Sewing & Quilt  
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**Irving Convention Center  
July 30th thru August 2, 2025  
"No Place Like Home"**

**Volunteers are still needed to do the following jobs:**

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



**Carole Armstrong**

**Vicki Nicklas**

**Julie Gale**

**Karen Scribner**

**Barbara Garner**

**Susan Sloan**

**Elaine Grasher**

**Sabina Thompson**

**Dottie Hughes**

**Flossy Loop**

Hello Fellow Stitchers!

In June, you contributed about \$275 to Safehaven. Way to go! These donations included pots with lids, fleece throws, flip flops, phone chargers, lots of lotions and face care products, personal hygiene items, and \$30 in cash.

FYI Safehaven offers not only 24-hour emergency shelter but help with rent, counseling, and legal assistance too.

**Current needs are baby formula, phone chargers, cleaning supplies, athletic shorts, shower shoes, leggings, air mattresses, pots and pans, hair detanglers, and lotions.**

Dora



### MOST NEEDED ITEMS

NAVY BLUE POLOS

NOTEBOOKS

SCISSORS

WHITE POLOS

GLUE

FOLDERS

KHAKIS

ERASERS

HIGHLIGHTERS

COLORED PENCILS

BACKPACKS

PENCIL POUCHES

CRAYONS

PENS

MARKERS

### MANY MINIS

We will meet on July 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 July 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 at Holy Cross Church all these months. Questions, contact Christine Weiss

Wednesday Minis in August will be on break. See you Wednesday in September on the 3rd

### Volunteers are the Best!

Hello Hot Sewy Folks...

Is anyone else dangling their legs in a pool as they hand-sew? Just checking...

Pondering: We've all seen the "Quilting is my Superpower" tees. What would your Hero name be? Maybe...

Bobbinator? Quiltamus Prime?

Fabricologist? Threadalizer?

Just a reminder to please record your volunteer hours for any work you've done, especially for the NTQF. This is how we distribute the yearly guild bars, and if you aren't on the list, you might not get a bar! And I know how strongly you feel about the bars!

At our June meeting, 25 industrious creative-types recorded 670 hours - Very Nice Job.

The past couple of months we've even added a few new names, which is an encouraging testament to the dedication of our hardworking guild.

Thank you for what you do for the guild and our community. ~Cheryl Hunker~

## QGOA's July Library Picks

Do you need a quick project in between summer vacations or want to introduce a grandchild to quilting this summer? Check out the book *Learn to Quilt-As-You-Go: 14 Projects You Can Finish Fast* by Gudrun Erla. With the quilt-as-you-go method, when the piecing is finished, so is the quilting! Once you've mastered the technique, you can up your game with *More Reversible Quilts* by Sharon Pederson. Sharon shares 11 projects, where you are making projects two at a time using the quilt-as-you-go method. \*\* Heads up\*\* Our library content is growing once more. In addition to our books and our specialty rulers we will begin loaning out AccuQuilt dies! If you have any AccuQuilt dies you would like to loan/donate, please bring them to our July meeting.

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

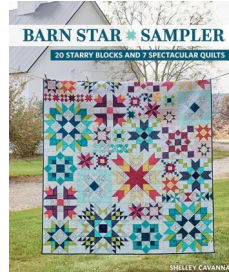
Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

## BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

In July we'll be discussing "The Storyteller of Casablanca" by Fiona Valpy. Our pick for August is "The Girl With the Louding Voice" by Abi Dare. September's book will be "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon (story of a midwife) and then October's read is "Sarah's Quilt" by Nancy Turner. 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*)



Hello quilty friends!  
Sew many things to do... past, present and future. First, if you are participating in the **Block Lotto Bird swap bring them to the July meeting and give them to me with your name on the back, on a seam (so you don't get your own block back)**. I will bring them back to you at the August meeting.



Meanwhile, so that you don't get bored waiting for your flock to fly back to you, you can start preparing for our next sew along! We will be doing the Barn Star Sampler by Shelley Cavanna. The blocks range from 4 to 24 inches. We will be sewing these blocks over 18-20 weeks, so that we finish before the holiday season. This will give you ample time if you are wanted to make it as a Christmas gift. If you want to participate in this quilt along, please email me at [amsteinert@gmail.com](mailto:amsteinert@gmail.com) so that I can create a group email list.



Finally, *our next swap* will be "Postage Stamps". Again, however many you give me, is what you will get back. These make super cute mini quilts, bags, pillows, etc.. They are super easy. To make these, you will fussy cut a fabric image that you adhere to a double sided fusible (Steam-a-seam light or something comparable, yet flexible). Then we swap, we will be putting our own white fabric behind the image, then use pinking scissors to create the "stamp". Let's keep the size of our fussy cut fabric to no more than 2.5 inches tall or wide. The deadline for these will be the November guild meeting, because I know you will want to show your project off to all of your friends and family that visit over the holidays.



As always, if you have any ideas that you would like to add to our list of activities, please share them with me.

Happy quilting, Amy Steinert

Greetings all!

Project Linus would like to thank Nancy Spell, Jolene Mershon, Judy Liston, Elizabeth Carr, Randa Dillon, Lea Bailey and ms Menzies, Donella Pyle, Dora Loughan and Good Shepherd, Susan FitzGerald, Veronica Mowery, Linda McPherson, Robbie Colley, Phyllis Borton, Lauren Crespo, Debra Ware, Gayle Lacerda, Shelley Uggen, Sheryl Hunker, Will Geisel, Linda Curzan, and anonymous. Please forgive if I missed your acknowledgement, each of you are all so kind and generous! Linus meets the second Tuesday of the month except in August. We meet at Westminster Presbyterian, 7001 Trail Lake Dr., Ft. Worth. Check an older newsletter for quick directions to church and Fellowship Hall. Please join us or stop by to observe. If you are stash busting Linus is happy to receive fabric tops, notions, anything sewing related. The hospitals ask for sizes 44 x 44 for smaller kids and 50 x 60 for big ones. Or anything larger.

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

Enjoy your sewing time.

Sincere thanks, Elizabeth

## Booth Buddies

Hi all, Can you believe its already July? What fun we had at our guild meeting in June! We had some great entries for our challenge. The Winners are in the photo, Barbara 1st Place, 2nd Place Shirley Johnson (Shirley had to leave early so I held her winning entry), and Judy Jackson 3rd Place .

The NTQF is just a few weeks away! Thank you to everyone who has contributed items that will be sold at the show! The only other thing I need is a few volunteers to help in the booth. Shifts are 2 hours. I'll have the sign-up sheet at the July meeting. If you have any more items you want to contribute please bring them to me then. Our Booth Buddy meetings will resume in September. See you soon! Linda Curzan



**The QGOA Project Linus Rep is Elizabeth Cooper.** Please coordinate with her to get your 45"x60" (or larger, there are quite a few teenagers that are a part of this gathering) BY the SEPTEMBER 9TH Guild meeting so she can take them that Thursday to our Tarrant County Project Linus Chapter.

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Email from Tarrant County Project Linus  
 "The following came from the Florida chapter of Project Linus. That chapter coordinates the Snowball Express blankets that are sent from around the country. Last year we sent 100 blankets -- and I'd like to do that again this year. I've been saving quilts and blankets for SBE all year and I have about 45 so far. Our September meeting (Sept 11) will be the deadline for turning in any blankets that you want to go to Snowball.

Please call me if you are new to PL and don't know about Snowball Express.

Mary Ann, Tarrant County Project Linus"

Email From the Florida Chapter Snowball Coordinator

*"Blankets are needed for Snowball Express It's time to begin getting the word out to your blanketeers about one of our Annual National efforts, Snowball Express. This event of the Gary Sinise Foundation is held annually in December for Gold Star kids (children who have lost active military parents) and kids of fallen first responders (in a separate following session).*

*You can learn more about the event at [\[\[https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/snowball-express\]](https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/snowball-express)*

***Our need will be for about 1800 of all types of blankets at least 45x60, inspected, fleece selvages removed, labels sewn on (4 sides please), checked for pins, and ready to distribute. Please do not spend your funds to send us too small blankets. We cannot use them for Snowball Express; 45 X 60 or larger, please. If you will be in the Orlando/Disney area in mid December and would like to help us hand out blankets to the kids, check with Michele for details."***



## Blankets Needed for Snowball Express

### Specifications

- ♥ Make sure that the blankets are of all new materials: quilts, fleece, knitted, or crochet.
- ♥ All blankets must be 45 X 60 or larger. The children who attend must be at least 5 years old, so we do not need baby blankets.
- ♥ 1 ½ to 2 yards of fleece makes a nice blanket. See [projectlinus.org](http://projectlinus.org) for finishing patterns.
- ♥ For fleece tied blankets, please make sure that they do not have selvages, *are ONE layer only*, and that they lie flat after finishing.
- ♥ Chapters should securely sew on a Project Linus National label. Nothing else, no extra tags or notes. No glue or iron on, please.
- ♥ Do not wrap up the blankets in any way. No individual plastic bags, no yarn or bows, nothing.

### Themes – DO's!

- ♥ Service-specific blankets are our greatest request (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard - in that order) plus first responders (police, fire, EMT).
- ♥ Next favorite are Star Wars, Superheroes, Minions, Disney, and camouflage.
- ♥ These kids also like all the popular themes so we need plenty of sports, cartoon characters, cheer, gymnastics, puppies, kittens, horses, lady bugs, unicorns, mermaids, any animal, etc.
- ♥ We do want blankets from National major league teams (NFL, MLB, NHL, NBA)!
- ♥ The kids loved the blankets that were entirely crocheted or knit. They also loved the chunky chenille crocheted blankets.

### Themes- DON'Ts!

- ♥ DO NOT send any blankets that closely resemble the US flag. Flags are draped over caskets at funerals and may remind the children of that terrible day. (Flags within a print or other red, white & blue are ok.)
- ♥ No College teams/logos
- ♥ No Christmas or specific holiday-themed blankets. We want the kids to love and use their blankets year-round.



# QGOA Away Retreat At Cactus Rose

**WE WILL NOT BE  
ACCEPTING  
REGISTRATIONS ONLINE**

*We will not be taking registrations online. The retreat fills up quickly and I expect that will be the case when registration opens in July. You can find the printable registration form on the guild's web page.*

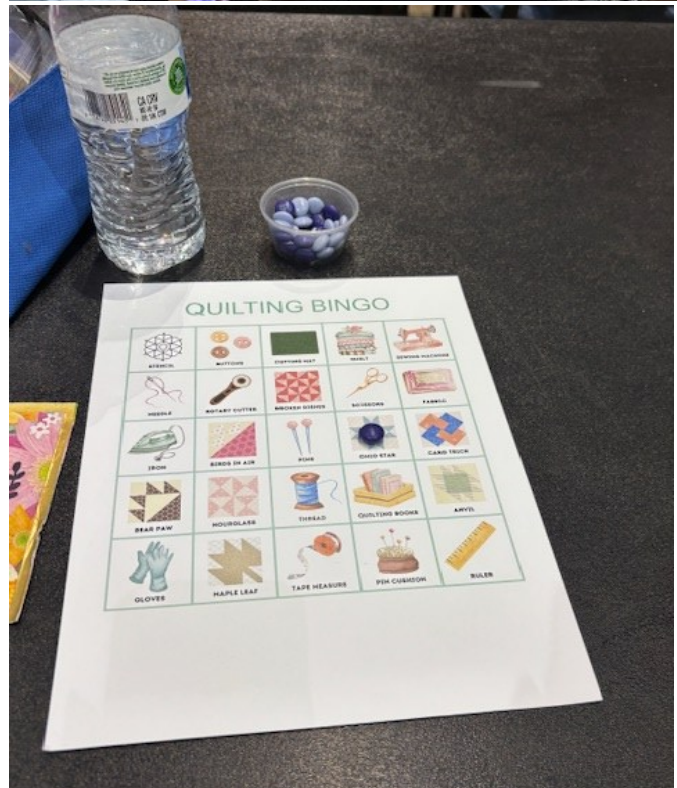
*That said, you may secure your spot by attending the guild's July meeting! If you are unable to be at the meeting, it's ok to ask a friend to hand it in when they register. Only two per customer please! We want to be fair to all guild members who wish to attend. Registration will open at 6:30pm July 8th!*

*Judy O'Polka, Away Retreat Coordinator*

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

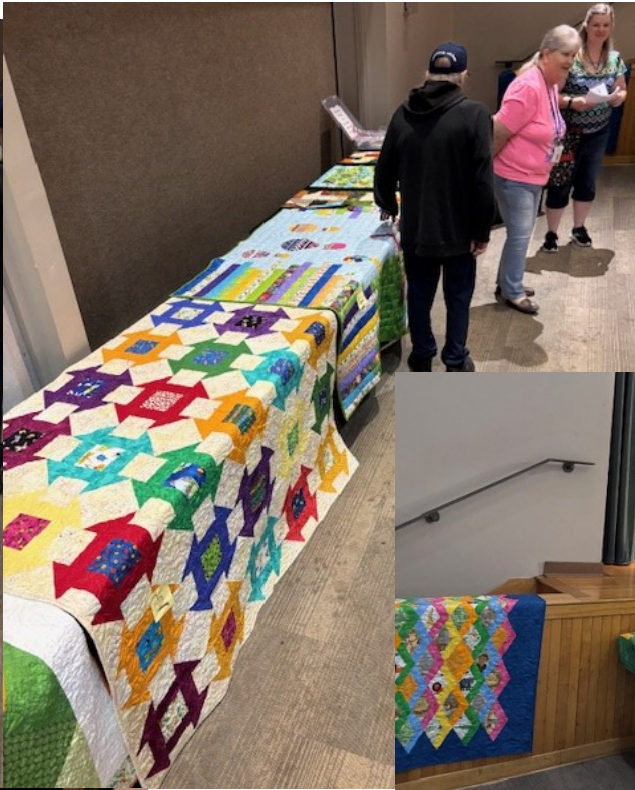
**Registration will open  
at 6:30pm  
July 8th!**

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



## 2025 Ronald McDonald House Challenge Night!

You can tell that a great time was had by all with all that laughter! Many thanks to our VPs of Programs Phyllis Borton and Cindy Worman, as well as Debbie Hood our "bingo caller" who all made the evening so much fun!



**2025 RMD Challenge Fabric quilts**



**2025 RMD Non-Challenge Fabric quilts**

<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>	
President	Christine Weiss
Vice President	Phyllis Borton
2nd Vice President	Cindy Worman
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Membership Assistant	Sharon Ligon
Membership Assistant	
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Hospitality	Amy Steinert
Door Prizes	Patsy Martin
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Publicity assistant	Lisa Shoemaker
Newsletter	Maria Freitag
Historian	Rose Kauhane Leslie Wagner
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2025 Show Assistant	Lauren Crespo
2025 Quilt Show Booth	Linda Curzan
2025 Quilt Show Booth Assist	Lea Bailey
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Block Party	Amy Steinert
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Away Retreat Coordinator	Judy O'Polka
Away Retreat Assistant	Randa Dillon
Community Outreach	Debra Ware
Cancer Care Services	Debra Ware
Project Linus	Elizabeth Cooper
Safe Haven	Dora Loughan
Ronald McDonald Challenge	Lisa Shoemaker
Ronald McDonald Assistant	Shelly Cassata
Military Quilts	Cindy Bergman
Web Coordinator	Joyce Clark
Web Assistant	Maria Freitag
Zoom Coordinator	Tina Griffith
Zoom Assistant	
2025 Fundraising Coordinator	
2025 Fundraising Coordinator Assist	

**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  
or other 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