



# The Quilting Bee



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## Thoughts from the Pres:

### It's Quilt Show Time!

After all your planning and sewing, bordering and blocking it's time to stop work and just enjoy seeing the beautiful creations made by your friends. We look forward to this show so much, it seems so far in the future and then suddenly it's on us.

Whether you've entered a quilt for competitive judging or not, it really is great to see what everyone else has been making and get some inspiration for your own next project. Grab a friend and go or meet a new friend at the show!

See you at the Show and on the 12th!

Christine

*"That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing." Simone de Beauvoir*

*"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world" Desmond Tutu*



The time is finally here! The 2024 NTQF! Thanks for submitting quilts and volunteering! Good luck and see you at the show.

## **MANY MINIS**

**will not meet in August** since everyone will be taking a break after making minis for the Quilt Show. We'll pick back up in the Fall. Questions, contact Christine Weiss  
See you Wednesday, September 3rd

## **BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS**

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)

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.

**Welcome to our  
New members!**

**Emily McBride  
Heather Scalf  
Janice Hobbs**

## Join us at our upcoming Programs!

**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.

### **October 2025 – Linda Neal**

*Program: How to Create an Award Winning Quilt*

Linda will discuss everything from starting your show quilt to entering your quilt in a contest and what the judges are evaluating. A variety of award-winning quilts will be shown and discussed- what worked well and what could have been better. This lecture is great for all level of quilters. (Even those who NEVER want to enter a quilt show!)

### **Wednesday Workshop October 15th: Four Fabulous Flowers**

Do you want to learn hand applique using the freezer paper starch technique? Then this class is for you! Learn the basics of applique: inner curves, outer curves, sharp points, tight "V's," circles and bias stems as you create *Four Fabulous Flowers*. This full day class will inspire you to create beautiful applique quilts- simple or complex.

Whether you are right-handed or left-handed, this class will be fun and stress free.

Class fee includes pattern and freezer paper templates.

Supply list is on the guild's website under Programs - October

Location: Traders Village; Community Center Bldg.; 2602 Mayfield Rd; Grand Prairie, TX

Time: Setup: 8:30 Class: 9:00 – 3:30 including a 30 minute lunch break



### **November 2025: Deborah Womack**

*Program: The Art of Shibori*

Learn the Art of Shibori through the process of Ice dying. Shibori is a Japanese dying technique where the fabric is manipulated by binding, folding and twisting, creating unique patterns in the fabric. Deborah will have lots of examples and share insight and understanding into the process of fabric dying.



## **Military Quilt Project (MQP)**

Thank you, Shirley Johnson, for hosting my table in July. I had a wonderful trip and one of the highlights was our stop in Normandy France. Visiting Ponte de Hoc, Omaha Beach and several of the cemeteries really brings home the sacrifice made by those who serve. So thankful for the opportunity to reach out to those who have served and are serving our country.

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**

### ***Sunshine:***

Our quilt show is just around the corner, and I am looking forward to seeing many beautiful quilts and lots of inspiration. Hope to see you there.

### ***Shadow:***

Sarah Munoz has been experiencing health challenges again. Prayers that the doctors can figure out what's going on.

Joyce Clark's husband, Michael, has been diagnosed with Lymphoma following a recent illness. We are wishing him a speedy and full recovery.

Linda Corbin's daughter passed away recently. A pulmonary embolism caused a heart attack following surgery. I cannot imagine such a loss as I'm sure others feel the same.

*\*\*\* 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. Linda McPherson\*\*\**



**Stephany Banks**  
**Debbie Cardenas**  
**Juli Chambers**  
**Patricia Eckstrom**  
**Marie Eggleston**  
**Kathy Hester**  
**Denita Kionka**  
**Sherri Lauritsen**

**Sherry Livingston**  
**Janice Mowery**  
**Sarah Munoz**  
**Shelly Uggen**  
**Christine Weiss**  
**Sofia Zamarripa**



A great big, heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who contributed to SafeHaven at the July meeting! Some items included in the donations this month are: back-to-school polo shirts; toothpastes and toothbrushes; shampoos; and some much needed cleaning supplies for a total of about \$90.

***An idea for August: try partnering up with one or more of your BFFs to put together a laundry basket of cleaning supplies, a backpack of school supplies, or a tote of personal care products. You get to spend time with your friends and contribute to a worthy cause!***

See you next time! Dora

## Volunteers are the Best!

Hi, Blocks-Folks!

Show of hands: who has been busy sewing, got overheated, turned on your ceiling fan, and all your piecing scattered everywhere? No? Hmm....

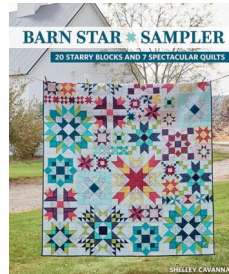
Kudos to the 21 sewy volunteers who recorded 580 hours at our July meeting. There are probably more of you, and more hours, that we can capture, ESPECIALLY if they in any way contribute to the NTQF. If you are not recording your hours, we won't know to give you the yearly bar. Bars will HOPEFULLY be distributed at the September meeting, so you can record any additional festival hours at the August meeting.

Thank you for every little (and big) thing you do to make someone's day just a bit better, making an impact in our guild and in our community.  
~Cheryl Hunker~



Hello quilty friends!

I will be bringing your swapped flock of "Block Lotto Birds" to the August general guild meeting if you participated in the swap. Wow, these birds are awesome and so fun to look at all of them.



The *Barn Star Sampler* by Shelley Cavanna quilt along will begin Monday August 4th after all the fun the week before at our quilt show. I was notified that this book has been ordered and will be available for us to use through our guild's

library. 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.



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 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



# Project Linus

Hi All: get ready for the heat. Project :LINus would like to thank you wonderful members of QgOA for your generosity and kindness. Special thanks to Nancy Spell(Polka dot princess), Jolene Mershon (kit Fairy), Janice Mowery ( fabric Fairy), Kathy Hester and her friend that crochets, Dottie Hughes, Robbie Colley, Elaine Grasher, Veonica Mowery, The Friendship stitch group, Judy Liston, Lea Bailey, Dora Loughan and Good Shepherd, Susan FitzGerald, Linda McPherson, Phyllis Borton(Quilting Queen), Maria Freitag, Elizabeth Carr, Debra Ware, Patricia Eckstrom, and anonymous. If I missed you please forgive.

For those of you that are unfamiliar with Linus we meet the 2nd Thursday of the Month except AUGUST so don't come this month, but we will resume in September and thrilled to have any of you that so desire. We bring our machines and sew on labels and sew up sandwiches to be tied. We have crochet tables, we have the table that assembles the sandwiches and pins them. Lots of things to do so come. we meet at Westminster Presbyterian church located 7001 trail Lkae Drive in Fort Worth. We arrive at 9ish and stay til 2ish. We have show and tell and some times have kits to take hoe and make a quilt or some days we have trade days when there are all sorts of items to take home and make a quilt. All these items go to local hospitals to cheer children hospitalized for treatment. We deliver 300-350 quilts and blankets per month so it takes all of us to accomplish this fete. we meet in the Fellowship Hall so follow the signs after parking. You can bring a lunch or there are some local little spots to pick up something on the way. There are usually some goodies to snack on and coffee.

Certain hospital ask for specific items and

we try to accommodate them.. Foe smaller blankets 44 X 44 and for larger kids 50 X 60 or anything larger. Lots of these kids are not babies.

And this month and next please check last months newsletter for details of SNOWBALL EXPRESS. Those items must be larger 50 X 60 the kids that go to that have to be at least 5 years old and then all the way up. Snowball Express is a select group of kids sponsored by the Gary Sinise Foundation and go to Florida for days of enjoyment. And we are privileged to get to comfort them with a blanket. The kids in Snowball have all lost a parent to active duty military and now snowball includes the surviving kids of First responders. Every thing provided for them is through the foundation and they just get to be a kid among other kids that have the same loss that they have. Those need to be turned in by 2nd Thursday September. please KEEP THEM IN MIND. And a giant thank you. Thats a lot of information. All my thanks to all of you. Elizabeth.

## **Booth Buddies**

Hi all! Once again I want to thank everyone who contributed to our quilt booth for the 2025 NTQF - those who made things on their own, those who came to Booth Buddy meetings, those who participated in our challenges, those who helped set up and take down our booth, and those who helped us sell at the show. We couldn't do it without you!

Our next Booth Buddy meeting will be September 25th from 9 am - 2 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church so I hope you'll join us! See you soon!

Linda Curzan

## ***Be a part of Snowball Express!***

***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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### **QGOA's August Library Picks**

Want to make a quilt where anything goes? Our library has just the books for you. Alice Wilhoit's Crazy Patchwork and Barbara Randle's Crazy Quilting with Attitude will introduce you to a technique that has been around since the late 1800s. When I saw a crazy quilt for the first time, I lumped it into the scrappy utility quilt pile not realizing crazy quilts are far from scrappy utility quilts with their fancier silk and velvet fabrics, their ribbons and laces, and their beads and buttons. A crazy quilt project would be perfect for using up some of your miscellaneous non-100%-cotton stash, trims and embellishments, and perfect for using those gazillion decorative stitches you would never use otherwise.

**\*\* Don't forget\*\*** If you have any specialty rulers (either for piecing or quilting) or AccuQuilt dies you would like to loan/donate, please bring them; we'll be happy to share them!

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

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery



## **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.

## **Habitat Project**

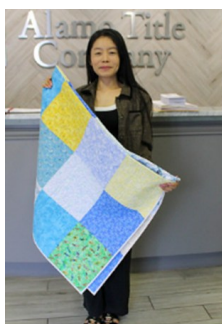
Has proven to be well received by our members and really successful in the output of lovely quilts. We brought 12 new quilts to show off at the July general meeting and those were picked up by the Habitat staff. That brings us to 20 warm, cozy quilts ready for Tarrant families to pick out for their new homes. We received photos and some heartfelt comments from recent new homeowners.

Thank you's to all those members who have made blocks for the Log Cabin quilts. Special thanks to generous members who contributed complete quilts or quilt tops including: Donella Pyle, Judy Liston, Randa Dillon, Nancy Spell, Jolene Mershon, Dottie Hughes, Lea Bailey, Sharon Ligon. And thanks to quilters Shelly Casatta, Phyllis Borton (her husband, too) for helping to finish quilt tops.

We're not done yet! We'll continue to ask your help in making blocks and will be glad to take any quilts you have to contribute – any style, any size since each family gets to choose their own favorite. They may want a bed quilt, a lap blanket, something to use for picnics or a cozy couch cuddle blanket. I'll provide fabric block kits, batting and backing for the foreseeable future. I think this is a valuable contribution to our community and you should be really proud of your part in it. Thank you so much for embracing this project.

Christine

Chris and Juaitan Robinson, "Chris and I were both surprised, and excited, to get the quilt. It adds extra warmth to our home, not just physically but emotionally. That quilt lays over the back of my chair as a reminder of how blessed we are."



Amy Naemeh, "A quilt made with hands, filled with heart. Thank you for this beautiful gift—it's more than a quilt; it's comfort, care, and kindness wrapped in every stitch."



# 2025 Summer Day Retreat

A great time was had by all, and several projects were completed too!

Looking forward to the Fall Retreat in October, 16-18!



Boxy Stars a FREE pattern from Bonnie K Hunter





Janice's Four Patch Posy! Stunning!

Hand pieced, hand sewn, and hand quilted! Beautiful work!!



Jelly Roll Sizzle FREE pattern from the Fat Quarter Shop





# **2025 Quilt Show Granbury Quilt Guild**

***“Stitching Our  
Community Together”***

Special Exhibits, Vendors, Boutique

**Oct 17th and 18th**

**Friday 10 am to 4 pm**

**Saturday 10 am to 3 pm**

***Admission: \$10.00 or  
\$8.00 with a can of food for  
Mission Granbury***

First United Methodist  
Church  
301 Loop 567  
Granbury, TX 76048

[Granburyquiltguild.com](http://Granburyquiltguild.com)

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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  
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**  
**NO MEETING IN AUGUST**  
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)  
**RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER**

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