



# The Quilting Bee



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## Thoughts from the Pres:

Well, the calendar hinted it was Fall as of last week, but here we know that's just a suggestion, (just like a quilt pattern is an option but not necessarily reality). We should start drinking pumpkin spice lattes and making pumpkin bread and muffins to pretend it's a change of season even though it will be 90 degrees for another month or so. Maybe reality will align with our wishes. In the meantime we're all moving ahead with the seasonal focus, making warm quilts, putting out the fall décor and thinking ahead to holiday food with friends and family. Put the finishing touches on your cute Halloween quilts and get going on those Christmas ones to be ready for gifts. Our October speaker is one you shouldn't miss. I've taken 2 class sessions from Linda Neal and she is great fun to around as well as an excellent teacher. Her best of show quilt at our show was pretty spectacular; you'll want to see other examples of her art and learn about her technique for prepared edge applique.

Don't forget that Quilt Among Friends has a special visit with Ricky Tims on 10/14.

Think cooler weather! Looking forward to seeing you on October 14th.

Christine

*"If you see someone without a smile, give 'em yours"* Dolly Parton

*"Choose to be optimistic, it feels better"*

Dali Lama

*"Just say yes and you'll figure it out afterwards"*  
Tina Fey

Presenting:



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North Texas  
QUILT FESTIVAL

**Irving Convention Center**  
**July 30- August 1, 2026**  
**Our theme is**  
**"God Bless America"**

## MANY MINIS

Will meet for light hearted sewing, mini quilts and hand work. *There has been a change to the schedule and we will now meet on October 15, the 3rd Wednesday, 9am – 1:30pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W. Arkansas, and on second Tuesday Oct 14 at Bob Duncan 1:00 – 5:00. Questions? Contact Christine Weiss*

## BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

Our October read is "Sarah's Quilt" by Nancy Turner. The first book in this series is "These Is My Words". Meet us on the first Tuesday of each month at Chicken Salad Chick in the Highlands shopping area @ 1:30pm 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.**

## ***Join us at our upcoming Programs!***

**October 14, 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.



**NEW LOCATION:** Lamar Baptist Church Annex, 1100 Port Au Prince, 76012

House adjacent to the parking lot for Day Retreat – Cream Color with Blue Trim

**NEW TIME:** Setup: 8:15 a.m. Class: 8:45 – 3:15 including a 30 minute lunch break

\*\*\* It's very important that you arrive prior to 8:30. The church hosts a Women's Bible Class on Wednesday mornings and there is very limited parking for all of the attendees.

**November 11, 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.



**TWO DAY Workshop** November 12th, Wednesday, & 13th, Thursday

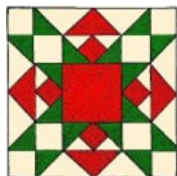
### ***Shibori Ice Dying***



Let's Have Some Fun creating a One-Of- A-Kind piece of art cloth. We'll use modern methods and dyes through the process of ice dying the fabric. Each attendee will have 4 fat quarters to dye and create their own fabric masterpieces. This is a 2 day workshop so the ice has time to melt & work with the dyes to do its magic

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

Time: **Wednesday** - Setup 8:30 Class: 9:00 – 3:30 including a 30 minute lunch break. **Thursday** – Setup Time 8:30 Class 9:00 – 11:30



### ***December 9, 2025 – A Quilter's Christmas Celebration***

Join us for an evening of fun, scrumptious food, and entertainment. An Olive Garden Dinner will be served 6:00 – 6:45. Following dinner, beginning at 7pm, we'll have a short business meeting (installation of new officers) and then the games begin! Following a few games, the DeMores (husband & wife) will perform a special Christmas musical program.

Plan to bring your favorite quilts for display as well as your crafts and other projects. Tables will be set up to display the beautiful projects members have created.

**You must pre-purchase a \$10 ticket (HUGE savings) for the 3-course dinner. Tickets go on sale at the October guild meeting or can be purchased on line at the guild's website – [www.qgoa.org](http://www.qgoa.org)**



Welcome to our  
**NEW MEMBERS**

**Ellen Hasty**  
**Jennifer Bloxham**

### **QGOA's October Library picks:**

It's been a year since I shared that I was interested in hand dyeing, well, I'm one step closer, I bought the dyes, and they've been delivered. Now to prepare some fabric. And I'm just in time to familiarize myself with hand dyeing before November's workshop. I'll be using my hand dyed fabric on a stained-glass quilt project that I shared that I was interested in in March.

I'm also interested in quilting a one-block wonder quilt using a panel. Janice walked me through a 4-patch-posie quilt when I first started to quilt. The one-block wonder is the same concept, but instead of starting with 4 repeats in the fabric, you start with 6 panels. Then an option is to arrange the hexagons around a 7th panel that stays intact. Our library doesn't have the One-Block Wonder Panel Quilts book, but it does have Maxine Rosenthal's One-Block Wonders and One-Block Wonders Encore! books which walk you through the stack-and-whackish method of creating these hexagons that look like kaleidoscopes. Stop by the library cabinets and I'll share with you some photos that have inspired me. This link will open a PDF file for the Library Catalog by [Author](#), by [Category](#), by [Title](#) or [Specialty Rulers](#)  
Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

**2025 Texas Quilt Shows**  
**Click !**



We are about halfway through with our "**Barn Star Sampler**" quilt along. I

have met a couple of people just getting started, me included, so it's not too late for you join the fun! This book is available for us to use through our guild's library. The blocks range from 4 to 24 inches. The goal is to have this finished before the holiday season. This will give you ample time if you want 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 add you to the group email list.  
Amy Steinert



### **Our next swap will be "Postage Stamps".**

These are a great way to memorialize fabrics that you have used in a quilt and want to fondly remember. However many stamps you give me; is the number 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 have adhered 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". 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!



Dear Ones: I am thrilled that the "Fair" is here and it should be a little cooler???

Project Linus has had a wonderful month of receiving donations from our guild. We have received quilts, blankets, afghans, notions, fabric, batting, fleece, flannel, and tops and backs and blocks. Thank you to all! And also thanks to Judy Liston, Judy O'Polka, Sandy Ellison, Friendship Stitchers, Nancy Spell (polka dot princess), Donella Pyle, Claudine Geisel, Patricia Eckstrom and her fleet of kids at ACA, Jolene Mershon (the kit Fairy), Elizabeth Carr, Janice Mowery (the Fabric Fairy), Lea Bailey, the Wild Gardner, Phyllis Borton (Quilting Queen), Heather Schneider, Cynthia Berend, Barb Strange, Cindy Bergman, Maria Freitag, Dora Loughan, Lauren Crespo, Christine Weiss, Dottie Hughes, Jan Taborsky, Gayle Krengel, Robbie Colley, Debra Ware, Susan FitzGerald, Veronica Mowery, Elaine Grasher, Barb Cain, Randa Dillon, Gayle LaCerde (of blessed memory), and anonymous. I hope I got everyone!

Remember, ***we meet the 2nd Thursday of the month*** except in August, at Westminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Trail Lake in Fort Worth. I take I-20 west to Granbury exit go left for about 5 blocks and left on Hulen for about 5 blocks and go right on Trail Lake to the stop sign and u-turn and go in the driveway and park and follow signs to Fellowship Hall. Please try to join us. We bring our machines etc. and sew from 9:30 -2:00ish. Visit, have show and tell, conduct business. There are several tables of sewing, tying of quilts, making quilt sandwiches, crochet, quilt inspection for strings etc. Hope to see you there.

Some hospitals ask for certain size quilts for smaller kids, 44 X 44 and for the bigger ones 50 X 60 or any larger sizes. There are some sites that have free

patterns: [Project Linus](#) and [Quilting Daily](#) Project Linus. Many thanks to you all and these kids get to be wrapped in lots of compassion and caring. Keep Sewing, it keeps me out of the bars and off the streets. Elizabeth

### ***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.

Members may submit a nomination to me Gayle Krengel, at [gkrengel@yahoo.com](mailto:gkrengel@yahoo.com) The board will be voting on a winner in November to be announced in December.

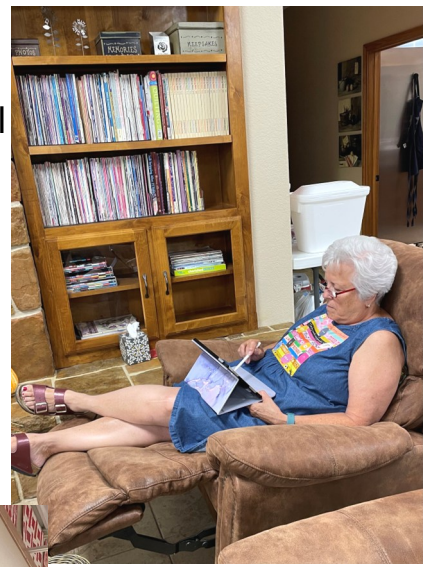
### **NTQF Guild Booth**

Hi all! As some of you know, I'm moving to Florida soon, so Patsy Martin is taking over the Quilt Booth. If you've made anything to donate to the Quilt Booth that will be set up at the 2026 North Texas Quilt Festival, please give them to her. She will be giving you information regarding meet-ups to make things in a group setting, challenges, etc. I've loved being a member of this guild for the last few years! Being the Quilt Booth coordinator has allowed me to meet a lot of you and it's been a pleasure working with all of you!

Linda Curzan

# QGOA 2025 Fall Away Retreat

Unfortunately we didn't get that group shot or so many other beautiful quilts finished at retreat. We missed our fellow retreaters Kandy Garrett and Dawn Stuecheli who sadly were unable to attend. WE MISSED YOU! We did however, have a great group of fun talented ladies and look forward to seeing you all again at the Spring Away Retreat to be held March 15-18, 2026. Sign ups begin at the January Guild Meeting, so please try to attend the January meeting to sign up in person. We always love new faces! Thanks to all who attended for making this retreat so special! See you next year! Judy O'Polka





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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

### **CHANGE OF WEEKDAY**

**3rd Wednesdays @ 9am -1:30pm**  
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  
**4th Thursdays @**  
**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

### ***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