



The Quilting Bee

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Thoughts from the Pres:

Wow, this year is flying by fast! Hard to believe Halloween is over and we're headed toward Thanksgiving. Hope you're enjoying the slightly cooler nights and a little less warm days of Fall.

The Houston Quilt Show was fascinating with lots of quilts that we don't see in our local shows. But I have to say the vendor booths were my favorite! I brought back lots of fodder for new projects; those things will line up right behind the already formidable stack of UFOs I plan to complete. LOL Get your holiday quilts out and finish up those sewing gifts because we're moving into the holiday season and there's never enough time for everything we want to do. But also save some time with your quilting besties, they'll refresh your mental health and assure you that we're all a little crazy but we're all in this together.

See you on the 11th!

Christine

"You're in the same boat with a lotta your friends. Waiting for the day when you're ship'll come in, when the tides' gonna turn and it's all gonna roll your way" Dolly Parton

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and the shadows will fall behind you" Walt Whitman

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving" Albert Einstein

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.

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 Kregel**, at gkregel@yahoo.com. The board will be voting on a winner in November to be announced in December.

BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

At our November lunch we'll be talking about "The Seven Sisters" by Lucinda Riley. In December it will be "The Last Green Valley" by Mark Sullivan. 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 book selections are available at Amazon, many free in Kindle Unlimited @ low \$, or through the public library)

Join us at our upcoming Programs!

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

MANY MINIS

MANY MINIS will meet for light hearted sewing, mini quilts and hand work on November 5th, first Wednesday, 9am – 2pm at Holy Cross Church, 4400 W. Arkansas Ln, and second Tuesday Nov 12th at Bob Duncan 1pm – 5pm. Get started on those little quilts for donation to the 2026 Quilt Show! We'll have suggestions and patterns to share with you. Questions? Contact Christine Weiss

Holiday Thank-You Sale

November through Christmas

★ Meander or Simple E2E: 1.5¢ per sq. in. (25 % off)

★ Other E2E Patterns: 15% off through Christmas

📄 Referral Bonus: New customer = 20% off
your next quilt

Happy Holidays

Juli

Concepts in Quilting
JULIANN CHAMBERS
Making Feathers Fly
Longarm Quilter / Owner
2309 Quail Ln, Arlington, TX 7606
817-879-5683



Volunteers are the Best!

Hello all you Super Sew-ers, Piecers, Bakers, Planners, and Gardeners! Sometimes all in the same day! Just curious...what is the SMALLEST scrap of fabric you will keep? I was holding on to even the tiniest pieces (thanks to my mom!) but have now decided 2.5" is as small as I will go. This has lightened my scrap bin, and my conscience, greatly. How about you? A Tremendous Thank You to our 26 generous "Doers" who recorded a lucky 1111 hours at our October meeting. Volunteers include Lauren C, Judy J, Toni O, Flossy L, Debra W, Brenda W, Robbie C, Joyce C, Judy O, Dora L, Rose K, Tawnya Z, Veronica M, Kayleen F, Wild Gardener, Leslie W, Karen M, Randa D, Dale S, Lea B, Debbie H, Linda M, Joan G, Will W, Sarah R, and Patsy M. No amount of hours is Too Small to record!

Please remember to pick up your bar at the Volunteer Table at our November meeting: Elizabeth C, Shelley C, Robbie C, Claudine G, Elaine G, Tina G, Pat H, Kathy H, Debbie H, Charlotte H, Judy J, Denita K, Judy L, Sarah M, Kay O, Sofia Z, and Tawnya Z.

Treat yourself to some "ME" time, which looks different for each of us...
Piece Out! ~Cheryl Hunker~

Military Quilt Project

Thank you to everyone who donated a quilt to the Military Quilt Project. **I have 32 quilts to take to Fisher House!** They appreciate your kindness so much.

I have something different and exciting for us next year. More details to follow but I hope you will include a donation quilt for the Military Quilt Project as you plan your projects for next year.

While any size is great the following sizes are suggested. 55 x 65 to 72 x 90, ideal size 55 x 65. Quilts do not have to be red, white and blue, while those are certainly enjoyed, others are loved too. 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



Happy Fall, Ya'll !



Generous Quilters donated \$130 in health/beauty supplies, cash, and children's items to SafeHaven in October. Looks like everyone

is getting warmed up for the holidays. Holidays can be stressful for anyone but the folks at SafeHaven, now called Archway, are especially vulnerable, so please remember them.

They are currently in need of cleaning supplies, pots and pans, and basics such as towels and sheets.



**Cynthia Berend
Denise Cauble
Claire Cepeda
Judy Jackson
Mary Jones
Sheila Kinsey
Tamara Loonam**

**Linda G. Martinez
Linda McPherson
Sherry Quint
Barbara Rogers
Constance Smith
Theresa Sparkman
Nancy Spell**

2026 Ronald McDonald House Quilt Challenge

Quilts are Due at August 2026 Guild meeting

There are two types of Ronald McDonald House Quilts Challenges:

Ronald McDonald House Challenge Fabric Quilt Guidelines

This challenge fabric is donated by Quilt Among Friends. Please take opportunities to thank them for their sponsorship.

Packet containing the challenge fabric is \$5. The quilt maker who uses this fabric and turns the quilt in at the in AUGUST 2026 guild meeting will receive a \$5 gift card from Quilt Among Friends. *Quilts must use a recognizable amount of the challenge fabric in the quilt.*

Maker may use any other coordinating fabrics.

The quilt must be washable and have no buttons or similar items attached that could be accidentally swallowed by young children. ***Please do not use Flannel fabric.***

Finished quilts must be at least 50 inches on each side.

*******Quilts must have an entry form and turned in at the August 2026 guild meeting.*** You may label your quilt if you would like. You do not need to add a sleeve.

Entries will be displayed at the September 2026 guild meeting and members will vote on them for ribbons.

Ronald McDonald House (non-challenge fabric) Quilt Guidelines

To be donated to Ronald McDonald House, any fabric may be used.

The quilt must be washable and have no buttons or similar items attached that could be accidentally swallowed by young children. ***Please do not use Flannel fabric.***

Finished quilts must be at least 50 inches on each side.

*******Quilts must have an entry form and turned in at the August 2026 guild meeting.*** You may label your quilt if you would like. You do not need to add a sleeve.

Entries will be displayed at the September 2026

guild meeting and members will vote on them for ribbons.

Packets are available at the general meetings beginning October 2025.

Click here for more information regarding [RMH Ft Worth](#)

Ronald McDonald House . . . providing a “home-away- from-home” for families with seriously ill children who travel to Fort Worth for pediatric medical care.



Thank you all who participated in the 2025 Ronald McDonald Quilt Challenge!

Due to your generous creativity I was able to deliver **28 quilts!** All were well received when they were dropped off. The new 2026 Ronald McDonald Challenge fabric fat quarters are out and selling quickly. We only have a few packets left available for sale at the November meeting. Quilts will be due at the August 2026 meeting. I have also attached the guidelines if anyone needs them. Also if you want to get more than just your fat quarter, Quilt Among Friends currently has more of the challenge fabric that they donated to us for the 2026 challenge quilts.

Lisa Shoemaker

Welcome to our
Returning member:
Elizabeth Carr



QGOA's November Library picks:

So, you've reached the step in your pattern that reads "quilt as desired" ...NOW WHAT? Did you know that our library has your back, whether you want to take a stab at hand quilting or learn how to get more function out of your domestic machine. The library has 3 books specific to hand quilting, 6 books specific to machine quilting, and 11 books offering you inspiration for quilting designs. So, your initial pieces won't compete against Jackie Brown's quilting of Linda Neal's show quilts, SO WHAT, they will still be works of art created by your own hands and like Angela Walters says, "Finished is Better Than Perfect!"

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

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

We are currently working our way through the "**Barn Star Sampler**" quilt book. This book is available for us to use through our guild's library.



Our next swap will be "Postage Stamps".

These are a great way to memorialize fabrics that you have used in other quilts and want to fondly remember. How ever 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 around 2.5 inches tall or wide (if it is a super cute fabric that just needs to be shared, then a little bigger will be ok).



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.

Happy quilting,
Amy Steinert



Sunshine and Shadow

Linda McPherson

Sunshine:

Joyce Clark's husband is improving and has been taken off hospice, that is great news!!!

Patsy Martin has completed her treatments and is certainly doing better and that makes us all happy!!

Shadow

Cindy Worman's sister is dealing with health issues. Prayers please.

Liz Cooper's nephew passed away on the 19th of October at the age of 54. Way too young for sure. Prayers please.

*** 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.

Project Linus

Dearest Ones: its supposed to be cool now, we will see. Hope everyone made it through the retreats and are ready to start sewing more. Project Linus would like to offer thanks to some folks this month: Robbie Colley who did a special giant favor for me this month when I was in another orbit and missed guild meeting. Kayleen Farrington, Lauren Crespo, Patsy Martin, Judy Liston, Judy O'Polka, Sandy Ellison, Friendship Stitchers, Nancy Spell, Donella Pyle, Claudine Geisel, Susan FitzGerald, Patricia Eckstrom and her club at ACA, Elaine Grasher, Jolene Mershon, Elizabeth Carr, Cheryl Hunker (and I saw your beauties at the Fair), Heather Schneider, Cindy Berend, Barb Strange, Lea Bailey, Christine Weiss, Jan Taborsky, Gayle Krengel, Kathy Hester, Dottie Hughes, Veronica Mowery, Maria Freitag, Phyllis Borton (the Quilt Queen), Janice Mowery and David, Dora Loughan, Linda McPherson, Randa Scott (I saw your beauties at the Fair), The Arlington Woman's Club, and the Quilters Guild of Arlington, and anonymous. Many thanks, and let's keep sewing.

Project Linus meets the second Thursday of the month except in August, at 7001 Trail Lake at the Westminster Presbyterian in Ft. Worth, we take our machines and sew and visit from 9-2:30 and eat and sew and talk and look at show and tell and learn new things and meet lots of friends and crochet, and there is group that makes the sandwiches we sew, and a table of quality control removing thread and a group that sorts and bags for the donations. *Project Linus delivers 300-350 quilts per MONTH to our local hospitals and other facilities. Please try to join us.*

Some hospitals request certain sizes, and we try to accommodate them. for smaller kids 40 X 44. and for the big kids and there are plenty of them, 50 X 60 or even larger .

Please keep these measurements in mind. If you have any questions please give me a call and I will explain. Don't recall how many years I have been participating in this organization but I didn't have any grandkids and the oldest is 24! What does that tell you. It is all volunteer and rewards your heart. Many thanks to all and we already sent of the Snowball Express quilts so to all of you that helped, a special thanks to you too. Sincerely, Elizabeth.



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





2025 Fall Day Retreat



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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

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