



The Quilting Bee

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Thoughts from the Pres:

While you're recovering from all the turkey and stuffing, and stuffing yourself here's some non-fattening food for thought...

Thank you for all the generosity I see from members of our Guild. You give so much of your time and our various communities benefit from every hour of your donated time.

Thank you for your creativity. I am blown away by your willingness to make quilts for Veterans, for Linus Project, for Ronald McDonald House; so much imagination and creative effort shows in every quilt. And for making quilts and quilt blocks for Habitat quilts, so many entire beautiful quilts have been donated!

Thank you for your friendship. I see the bonds of friendship being forged among our members, some of them years in the growing, some brand new. I have gotten to know so many more of you through the various stitch groups; that really has been the best way to make new friends. Most of my new friends are people I would never have met without this Guild; I treasure them all.

It's hard for me to believe it's been almost 2 years since I started sending monthly messages to all of you, but I've looked forward to each and every one. It has been a real privilege for me to serve as President of your Guild and I appreciate the trust you extended to me. I have enjoyed every aspect of the role and look forward to supporting Lauren Crespo as she steps up as President January 2026.

Christine

"Do what you feel in your heart to be right – for you will be criticized anyway"

Eleanor Roosevelt

MANY MINIS will meet for light hearted sewing, mini quilts and hand work on December 17th, the THIRD Wednesday of the month from 9am – 2pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4400 W. Arkansas. 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

BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

At our December 2nd lunch date we'll discuss "The Last Green Valley" by Mark Sullivan. For January we've chosen "The Cuckoos Calling" by Robert Galbraith and for February we'll be reading "West with the Night" by Beryl Markham. 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**

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 can be purchased on line at the guild’s website – www.qgoa.org

TICKET PURCHASE DEADLINE: SUNDAY EVENING, December 7, 2025

January 2026 Jane Haworth -- Fabric Collage – What It’s All About!

Learn about the dynamic world of fabric collage quilts and their growing trend. Learn about the essentials tools used from enlarging a pattern suitable for college, the types of fabric, and techniques of construction. Whether you’re new to fabric collage, want to refine your skills, or interested in something new & different, this lecture will inspire you to experiment and bring your own vision to life in fabric.



Sneak Peek for 2026 Programs

February – Nanc Christopherson - Zentangles

March – Rhonda Pierce – Schmetz Needles

April – Candace Hassen – Inspiration Workshop: Designs, Decisions & Drafting

May - Winnie Fleming – Borders Bonanza - Workshop: Borders Galore

June – Pam Pape – Crazy as a Quilt – Workshop: Crazy as a Quilt

July – Linda Sullivan – My Best Tips & Tricks to Perfect Precision Piecing

August – Michele Markey – Embroidery Painting – Workshop: Fabric Painting 101

September – Ronald McDonald House Quilt Challenge

October – Annie Smith – How Technology is Changing the Way We Quilt –

Workshop: Absolute Essentials for Machine Applique

November – Honoring Women Veterans

December – Christmas Celebration

We had lots of fun with Deborah Womack at our fabric dying workshop. Here are pictures of some of our unique creations.



QGOA's December Library picks:

We have had plenty of wonderful speakers in the past 40 years! Many have authored books. In the past three years some of their books have been highlighted. Here are a few that haven't been highlighted.

Karen Kay Buckley's Appliqué Basics: Flower Wreaths

Deborah Boschert's Art Quilt Collage

Sue Nickels' Fabulous Feathers & Fillers: Design & Machine Quilting Techniques and Sue's Stitched Raw Edge Applique

Lerlene Nevaril's Hidden Block Quilts and Lerlene's Midnight Quilts: 11 Sparkling Projects to Light Up the Night – You may remember her Diamond Star Midnight Quilt workshop in 2015.

Teresa Duryea Wong's Magic and Memories and Teresa's Sewing & Survival: Native American Quilts from 1880 – 2022

Donna Lynn Thomas' Patchwork Palette: No-Fail Color Plans for Captivating Quilts – You may remember her Garden Glory workshop in 2014.

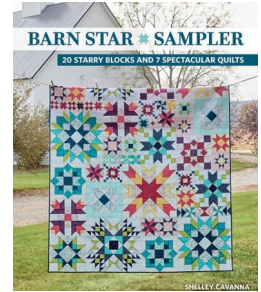
Paula Barnes' Tributes and Treasures: 12 Vintage-Inspired Quilts Made with Reproduction Prints

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

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

Block Party

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.



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

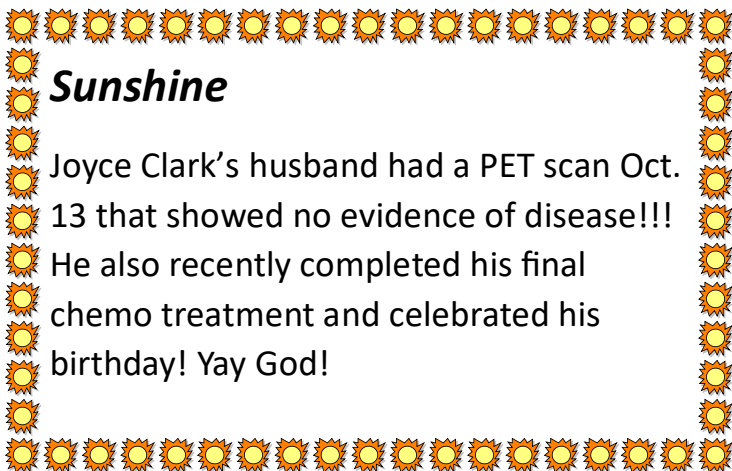
T-shirts on sale in January!

Tom Thumb and Kroger Rewards

Since we are approaching the holidays and are going to be buying plenty of groceries, I wanted to remind those of you that shop at either Tom Thumb or Kroger, that they will donate a percentage of eligible purchases to the guild. We have already received a donation of \$145 this year. Every little bit helps.

Follow this link <https://qgoa.org/help-support-the-guild/> to our guild website where it will walk you through the few steps to enroll. If you need help or have any questions, feel free to email me at

veronica_mowery@yahoo.com or call me, my number is in the directory.



Sunshine

Joyce Clark's husband had a PET scan Oct. 13 that showed no evidence of disease!!! He also recently completed his final chemo treatment and celebrated his birthday! Yay God!

Greetings, all you Harried Holiday Helpers!



December is HERE, ready or not. Are you baking up a storm, trying to remember everyone's favorites? Are you making last minute stitches on your Christmas gifts? (Or maybe now they will be New Year gifts! Guilty!) Wherever you are mentally or physically in this busy season, remember to give Yourself some Grace. Thank you to the 21 generous folks who recorded 613.5 hours at our November meeting. We even had a couple of New Names, which is sew vital for our guild participation and involvement. Many hands really do make light work, and every little thing you do Matters To SOMEONE. Thank you for making a difference.

Merry Christmas to you and yours
Cheryl Hunker



Military Quilt Project

Elaine Grasher and I delivered 32 quilts to Fisher House. We visited with a lady that had been staying at the residence for three weeks while her husband was undergoing treatment at the VA Hospital. She shared how it was such a relief to not worry about where to stay and getting back and forth to the hospital during his stay, and how surprised she was to see the beautiful quilt on the bed when she arrived! Your generosity and kindness touches the hearts of those who often need a little brightness and encouragement in their days. New challenge coming in January! I hope your 2026 quilting plans will include a donation quilt for the Military Quilt Project. 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 Holidays!

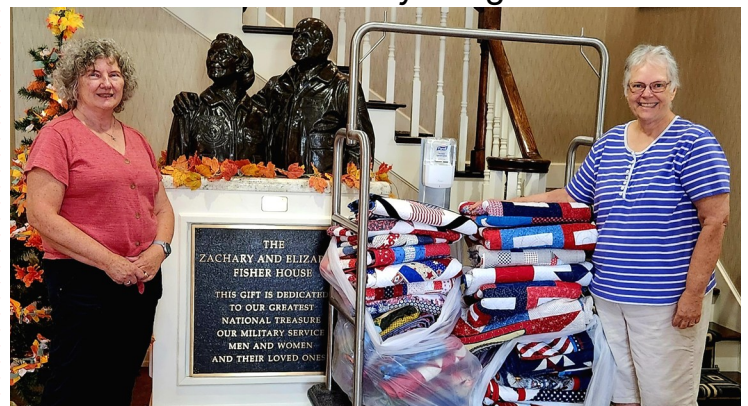
Generous Quilters, in November, you donated \$381.30 in goods to Archway (formerly Safehaven). Thanks to everyone who remembered them at this busy time of year. Archway now has more diapers, women's and children's clothes, and a variety of health and beauty aids to add to their "store" shelves.

Please continue to keep your eyes open for BOGO and clearance sales that you think may be of use for Archway.

Adult and children's pajamas and underwear, cold medicines, and cleaning supplies are always needed

Thanks for being so generous!

Dora





Dear ones. The year is drawing to an end. So many of you all have given so much of your time(your most valuable asset) for children you may never know feel comfort and Project Linus thanks you very much! This month thanks to Jolene Mershon(kit fairy), Nancy Spell(polka dot princess), Phyllis Borton(quilt queen), Debra Ware, Linus Club at ACA, Patricia Eckstrom, Janice Mowery(fabric fairy), Sandy Ellison, Debbie Hood, Robbie Colley, Judy Liston, Veronica Mowery, Dottie Hughes, Friendship Stitchers, Lauren Crespo, Donella Pyle, Susan FitzGerald, Piecemakers, Maria Freitag , YY Lee, Randa Dillon, Will Womack, Linda McPherson, Claudine Geisel, Elizabeth Carr, Cheryl Hunker, Cynthia Berend, Barb Strange, and anonymous .

Sizes 40 X 44 for smaller kids, and at least 50 x 60 for our big kids, thanks.

We meet 2nd Tuesday at Westminster Presbyterian church 7001 Trail Lake Dr in Ft Worth. Take I-20 west to Granbury Rd, go left for about 5 blocks and go left on Hulen for a few blocks to Trail Lake and go right couple blocks and u-turn at stop sign and park in lot and follow signs to the Fellowship Hall. We meet from 9-2ish. Sew talk, eat, crochet, build quilt sandwiches, etc. always fun. There are free patterns at [Project Linus](#) link [Quilting Daily/Quilt maker Linuspatterns](#), they are all darling and pretty simple. A quote from our president: *"May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make."* Your work is loved by children in hospital beds with tubes and plaster or IVs, or a child rescued from abuse or the surviving child of a first responder. And the Snowball Express quilts have been sent and will be held and loved. Thank you all. Elizabeth Cooper.

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 -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
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

**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.

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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.

**QGOA 2026
Away Retreats
at Cactus Rose in
Stephenville**



We will begin taking registration for the **Spring Cactus Rose Away Retreat** at the Guild meeting in January.

**SAVE THE FOLLOWING
2026 RETREAT DATES**

**Spring - March 15-18, 2026
Fall - September 17-20, 2026**