



# The Quilting Bee

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## **Thoughts from the President**

Welcome to the New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

With the New Year come the familiar rhythm of Day and Away Retreats, meetings, speakers and workshops, Ronald McDonald & Veteran quilts and the Quilt Show.

The New Year also brings changes including a new President and Secretary. I am thankful to have wonderful, experienced, dedicated board members to help and guide me and an engaged membership to make this year great for everyone.

A big change will be where we meet the second half of the year as we say goodbye to our longtime home, Bob Duncan Center, due to costs. The board is still exploring options and would welcome any suggestions. We will keep you informed as decisions are made.

I am looking forward to serving the Guild and serving the community with our charity projects and having a lot of wonderful fellowship along the way.

Lauren Crespo



**Lauren Crespo and Toni Oyler**  
*President Secretary*

## **BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS**

For our January 6th gathering we've chosen "The Cuckoos Calling" by Robert Galbraith to discuss, 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)

## **Gratitude and a New Beginning for the Website**

As my term on the Board comes to an end, I want to share that the Guild's website will now be managed by Tina Griffith. Tina brings enthusiasm and a fresh perspective, and I know she will take great care of keeping our online home running smoothly.

Thank you to each of you for the opportunity to serve on the Board. It has truly been an honor to support the Guild, and to keep everyone connected. I'm grateful for your trust, encouragement, and kindness throughout my time in this role.

Please join me in welcoming Tina as the incoming Web Coordinator.  
Happy Quilting, Joyce Clark

**The QGOA Board meets on  
the first Tuesday of the month**

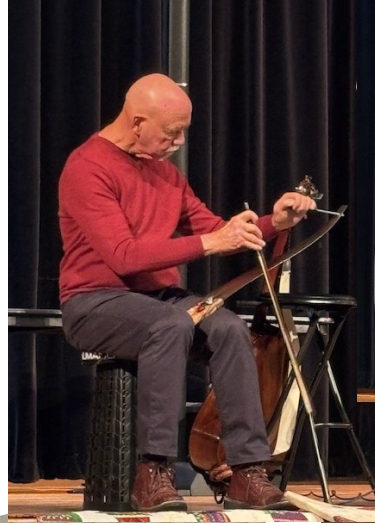
# Looking forward to a fun filled year of 2026 QGOA's Programs!

## 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.



## A Quilter's Christmas Celebration (just a few photos)



**Friendship Stitchers** had their Annual Christmas luncheon on December 4th. After a delicious luncheon and some fun games and a little show and tell the members assembled the Christmas gifts for the Pecan Manor residents. This year several members made festive pillowcases and then filled them with all sorts of goodies, some necessary items, some fun items and a seasonal throw. Several members had purchased the throws and then Cindy Bergman approached her local Kroger manager for a discount on an additional 10 throws so there would be one for every resident. He gave her the throws at no charge! Several members (and two of the husbands) met at Pecan Manor on Thursday December 11 to deliver the gifts. Brandy escorted the group through the building making sure the men and women were ready to have visitors. The folks enjoyed visiting with the group and many thanks were expressed. Rose



## Block Party

Hello quilty friends!  
To start the new year off, I would like to challenge your creativity and do a "Receipt Roll" Quilt. This is a great way to make a dent in your scraps.



You can use scraps using a same color theme, scraps from a favorite designer or scraps from the entire rainbow of colors. For

this quilt, you use large or small scraps of fabric and a roll of calculator receipt paper (I will supply this to those that are up for the challenge)! It might be interesting to add some of your saved fabric selvages too. This is simple; you just sew scraps of fabric to the receipt, trim along the edge of the paper and creatively incorporate it into a quilt design (see photos below). Let's take this whole year to work on it and bring our finished tops to the December 2026 meeting.

Our next sew along will be the "Swoon" quilt. There are many versions and sizes of this quilt. If you use the following link, you can look at all of them in one place (['swoon' | Fat Quarter Shop](#)). We will start this on January 19, 2026, the Monday



after our January guild meeting. This will be a fast quilt along, depending on which pattern you choose there are 1, 4, 12 or 16 blocks and range from mini to bed size quilt. Our goal is to complete this in 1 month. You need to choose

and purchase a Swoon pattern. There are several, so if you choose the one with 16 blocks total, then you will do 4 blocks a week and if you choose the one with 4 (mini) you will do one block a week. The 5th week will be borders, sashing and finishing.

The next quilt along will be "Show and Tell" by Elizabeth Hartman. With all of the seasonal sales, I wanted to give you the heads up so if you came across the pattern on sale you could go ahead and purchase it.  
Amy Steinert



**Welcome to our Newest Member!**  
**Rosemary Hamilton**

**MANY MINIS** will meet for light hearted sewing, mini quilts and hand work on January 21st, 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

## Tom Thumb and Kroger Rewards

Since we are approaching the holidays and are going to be buying plenty 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](#) 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](mailto:veronica_mowery@yahoo.com) or call me, my number is in the directory.

## QGOA's January Library picks:

Since we didn't bring out the library cabinets last month, I decided to highlight the same books.

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



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

### Show T-shirts on sale \$20 January 2026!



### 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**

**Membership dues** are changing as of January 1, 2026. For starters, there will be only three levels of membership:

Junior (age 12-17) = \$20

Regular (age 18-89) = \$60

Super senior (age 90+) = free

The membership year remains the same, July 1 - June 30. Qualifying age must be met by June 30 before a membership year.

Starting January 1, it's half-price for NEW half-year memberships. So, if you have a friend who has been considering membership in QGOA, now's the time to join! Your half-price dues will give you full membership privileges through June 30, 2026. If you are using the website to join, please be sure the membership application form reflects the discount.

Leslie Wagner

### **Sunshine & Shadow**

*Linda McPherson*

#### **Sunshine:**

***We do have some sunshine to report!***

*Randy, Ann Siden's husband has been through a lot of issues but happy to report that he has taken 194 feet with his walker at therapy and will be going to twice a week after the first of the year. YEA!! After all he has been through, this is great news.*

*Bill, the Sleep In Heavenly Peace contact, and Donna Atkin's husband was recently in the hospital with congestive heart failure.*

*He responded well to treatment, and is now home.*

#### **Shadow**

*Thank heaven I don't have any shadow to report on. Yea again. !!!*

\*\*\* 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.

## **Military Quilt Project**

**BIG NEWS FOR the Military Quilt Project**  
This year Military Quilts will be due in November. Please hold on to your quilts until then. The quilts will be displayed and voted on by your peers.

**Quilts will be divided into three categories:**

***Red, White, and Blue***

***Branching Out***, feature your favorite branch of the military

***Borders All Around***, start with a center panel or focus block then add borders

I do have some branch specific fabric as well as wide backing fabric. Let me know if I can help you, help me, use the fabric that has been donated!

While any size is great, the following sizes are suggested. 55 x 65 to 72 x 90.

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. If you are a quilter and would like to help with the quilting, please let me know. Once quilted you can finish with the binding and a label. Please help me by putting a label on your quilt, I have printed labels available, thank you.

Many hands make light work. Let's all work together to show our appreciation to those who served.

Cindy Bergman

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

Patricia Bradford

Debbie Myers

Randa Dillon

Lana Ogden

Vickie Heer

Judy O'Polka

Karon Kelly

Donella Pyle

Debra Lohden

Brenda Whitfiel

Patsy Martin



# Project Linus

Dear Ones it's a new year and wishing each and everyone of you health and wealth, and happiness! Many thanks to Judy Liston, Donella Pyle, Lea Bailey, Susan FitzGerald, Maria Freitag, Phyllis Borton, Jolene Mershon, Randa Dillon, Nancy Spell, Dora Loughan, Janice Mowery, Linda McPherson, Robbie Colley, Veronica Mowery, Patricia Eckstrom and the Linus club at ACA, Kayleen Farrington, Lauren Crespo, Patsy Martin, Sandy Ellison, Elizabeth Carr, Cheryl Hunker, Heather Schneider, Barb Strange, Cynthia Berend, Christine Weiss, Dottie Hughes, Gayle Kregel, Elaine Grasher, Debra Ware, Debbi Hood, Claudine Geisel, Sharon Ligon, Courtney, and anonymous. We meet the second Thursday of the month at Westminster Presbyterian at 7001 Trail Lake in Ft. Worth, It's not far, just drive west on I-20 to Granbury exit. And go Left under highway. Then about five blocks to Hulen and go left again onto Hulen and another few blocks to Trail Lake and then go Right. At the stop sign make a u-turn and pull into the parking lot and come find us in the Fellowship room. Bring your machine if you wish or just come see us or to donate or we can find you a purpose and can meet all the other wonderful volunteers.

The hospitals ask for some certain sizes 40 X 44 for the little ones and 50 X 60 or even longer for the bigger kids. there are lots of big and little ones who are receiving life saving attention and they love to receive a quilt to cuddle and caress. We are thankful that we and our own darlings are safe and healthy and all we have to do is SEW which we love to do.

Thank you so much for brightening the day of the children Linus touches. Know that your time and work are appreciated. Come join us any second Thursday. Much thanks to you, Elizabeth.

## 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  
**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***

Piecemakers is changing our meeting place  
starting in January to Saint Alban's Anglican  
Parish at 911 S. Davis, Arlington, TX 76013 and  
**will meet on the 2nd & 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  
**4th Thursday of the month 7pm**  
**at Quilt Among Friends**  
Contact: Donna Atkin 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.***

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.



**Ronald McDonald**

**Challenge** fabric is sold

out! If you still want to get in the game with the Challenge Fabric it is still available for purchase directly from our local quilt shop *Quilt Among Friends*, as well as on their website, website link is below. Your quilts are due at the August meeting and will be displayed and voted on in September.

Just a reminder that there are 2 categories, Challenge and Non-Challenge. You can always do a non-challenge fabric quilt which is an open category for you to create any quilt.

Here is the link to the website to purchase more [Challenge fabric](#) if needed.