



# The Quilting Bee

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## Thoughts from the President

Well, Fall certainly lingered (much to my delight) but Old Man Winter finally arrived! I hope you all stayed safe and sound and snug as a bug in a rug and got a lot of sewing done.

In January we tried upping the Day Retreat capacity from 40 to 50, so more of you could enjoy the fun and fellowship. Debra Ware was worried it might be too crowded but it worked out great! We all enjoyed it immensely and we made a lot of money on the yardage sale. More yardage will be available at this month's Guild meeting so bring cash and come prepared to shop! I hope you have all gotten a start on your show quilts as entries start next week. Time flies! Seems like the last show was just over and now the next one is just around the corner!

Look forward to seeing y'all soon!

*Lauren*

## BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

For February we've selected "West With the Night" by Beryl Markham. In March we'll read "The Charity Shop Detective Agency" by Peter Boland. April's book is "The Secret Life of Julia Child" by Diana Chambers. For May we'll review "A Day Like This" by Kelly McNeil. In June we'll discuss "The Backyard Bird Chronicles" by Amy Tan. And in July it will be "The Overstory" by Richard Powers. Wow, that's a lot of dynamic reading! Choose something to read that intrigues you and join us on the first Tuesday of the month at Chicken Salad Chick in the Highlands at 1:30pm for lively discussion, sometimes even including the book. Contact Christine Weiss with questions.



## Golden Spool Winners

In December we were able to recognize two QGOA members for their service to the guild.

The Golden Spool is our Guild's highest honor, given for excellence and outstanding service to the QGOA and our surrounding community.

Gayle Krengle presented Lea Bailey with the award, and had to mail Linda Curzon her award as she had already moved to her new home in Florida!

Congratulations  
Lea and Linda!

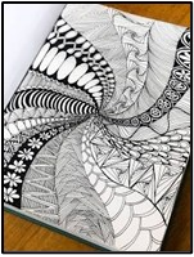


The QGOA Board meets on  
the first Tuesday of the month

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

### **FEBRUARY 10 – NANC CHRISTOPHERSON WITH NANC DESIGNS AND LONGARM QUILTING ACADEMY**

Do you find yourself overly stressed and not sure what to do next or how to relax? Zentangle is a meditative, easy-to-learn art form that involves drawing structured, repetitive patterns, called tangles, using simple strokes like dots, lines and curves within a small square on paper. It's a mindful process that promotes relaxation, focus and creativity, much like "yoga for the brain" where the focus is on the enjoyable process of creating, not the final result. Anyone, regardless of artistic skill, can create beautiful, abstract designs.



### **MARCH 10 - RHONDA PIERCE WITH SCHMETZ NEEDLES**

Confused about what needle to use? What do all those numbers on the package mean, and is changing the needle really that important? Successful sewing is often about paying attention to the little things – like the most important 2" piece of steel in your sewing machine, your needle. Get the low-down about how this little piece of steel can solve some very BIG problems, including broken threads, skipped stitches and puckered fabrics.

### **APRIL 14 – CANDACE HASSEN WITH QUILTS BY DESIGN**

Evening Program and Trunk Show: Inspiration. Candace will share her process for inspiration through her quilts. She will include strategies for staying organized, how to get things finished, and have fun while doing it. She will share her design decisions and their impact on the final quilt. Her goal is to help you to see the world with fresh eyes and get inspired by so much more than just other quilts.



### **APRIL 15 – WORKSHOP – DESIGN DECISIONS AND DRAFTING**

Learn how to change the size of quilt blocks. Candace will discuss various types of design decisions, including layout, scale, types of fabric, graph paper vs computer designing to name just a few. Participants are encouraged to bring projects from home so students can solve their design questions as a group.

**LOCATION: LAMAR BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX 1100 Port Au Prince, Arlington, TX – House adjacent to the parking lot for Day Retreat – Cream Color with Blue Trim**

**TIME: Setup: 8:15 a.m. Class: 8:30 – 3:00 including a 30 minute lunch break**

**\*\*\* Important Note: It's very important that you arrive prior to 8:15. The door opens at 8:00. The church hosts a Women's Bible Class on Wednesday mornings and there is very limited parking for all of the attendees.**

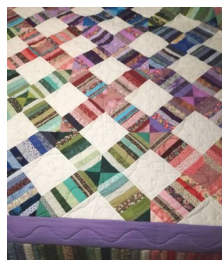
## Block Party

Hello quilty friends!

We are doing a "Receipt Roll" Quilt challenge in 2026.



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 for ideas). *Let's*



*take this whole YEAR to work on it and bring our finished tops to the December 2026 meeting.*

The next quilt along will be "Show and Tell" by Elizabeth Hartman. We will start this February 16, 2026. So go get the pattern and join the fun!



Happy quilting,  
Amy Steinert

**MANY MINIS** will meet for light hearted sewing, mini quilts and hand work on February 18, 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

## Sunshine & Shadow

Linda McPherson

Sunshine:

No news for this month.

Shadow

And I don't have any shadow to report on.

\*\*\* 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.

## 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 February Library Picks

Can you believe it's already time to enter quilts in this year's quilt show? Last year's quilt show showcased three Bargello quilts. Do you remember seeing them? Did any one of them have you do a double take and have you tell yourself; "I have to add that to my list of future projects I'd like to do"? You're in luck; our library contains three books that include clear guidance and step-by-step instructions on the unique Bargello technique. You'll learn tips and tricks to fine turn your basic skills of cutting and sewing straight lines to create flowing flame-like or wave-like patterns.

- \* Bargello Quilts with a Twist by Maggie Ball
- \* Bargello Tapestry Quilts by Marilyn S. Doheny
- \* Bargello Quilts by Marge Edie

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

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery

## Mini Challenge

### Winners for our January Mini Challenge are

**Elaine Grasher 1st & 3rd Place and  
Veronica Mowery 2nd Place**



Presenting:



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Sewing & Quilt  
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**Irving Convention Center  
July 30- August 1, 2026  
Our theme is**

**“God Bless  
America”**

**Show  
T-shirts on  
sale \$20**



## **The Archway** (formerly Safehaven)

Happy New Year! It was so good to see so many friends at our first meeting of the new year. Here's hoping it will be a good one. Many of you are thinking along the same lines and have donated to help clients of The Archway (formerly Safehaven) experience a better year. At our January meeting, 10 crocheted soap bags with soap, 6 bras, and 48 travel size Jergen's lotions were donated along with socks, toothbrushes, shampoos, cosmetic bags, and a crocheted afghan .We're off to a great start!

**Any and all personal care items are welcome at Archway including underwear, diapers, and pajamas. They also need items such as pots and pans, bedroom basics, and cleaning supplies for transitional living apartments.** Maybe you could get together with one of your besties and enjoy a shopping "spree" to collect some of these items. Any excuse to shop and visit, right?

See you next time . Dora L .

## ***Sleeps in Heavenly Peace***

2025 Year in Review

86,328 beds were delivered by all chapters during the calendar year. That's a lot of children no longer sleeping on the floor!! In Arlington, St. Barnabas United Methodist Church came on board as a satellite distribution center for the DFW Chapter. We began in mid-February 2025 and it took a few weeks for us to get our storage facility ready and stocked, but in 10.5 months we were able to deliver 221 beds in our community. Our goal for 2026 is over 300 beds delivered.

So far, in January 2026 we have already delivered 20 beds, and another 25 will be delivered on Saturday the 17th. We will have three crews out that day and they will include 12 teens from our youth group. I have picked up two quilts from two of your members, and I noticed in the store room this morning that there are four more there, and I assume they probably came from your guild and were delivered some other way. Thank You so much!

***I thought maybe a reminder about the size we are needing might help. The beds are all twin size. The preferred size of the quilts is 59"x85" to cover the 6" mattress we use for the beds. They also should be quilted and not tied, and have no religious or holiday themes. Also, there should be no buttons or embellishments.***

If you'd like, I can provide you with delivery info monthly, or for any time period you would prefer.

Also, we do "bed builds" at St. B every now and then. No experience needed and if any guild members would like to participate just let me know. In addition, if anyone would like to go along on a delivery, I can make that happen as well. It's an absolute joy to see the faces of the kids when they see their new beds for the first time.

Thank You and all the QGOA members for your help in seeing that –  
No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!  
Bill Akins

## **Military Quilt Project**

***Military Quilts will be due in November.***

Please hold on to your quilts until then. 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

Last month I brought branch specific fabric to the meeting. I still have some if you let me know I will be happy to bring it again. This month I will bring what I have that is red, white or blue. When you finish your top I have wide backing fabric and printed labels. 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 February!***

Phyllis Borton  
Joyce Clark  
Janis Hill  
Cheryl Hunker  
Emily McBride

Ann Siden  
Ruth Ann Uzzle  
Deborah Womack  
Jan Woods



Dear Ones:

I hope life is treating you well and staying healthy. I like to share an update since Project Linus Tarrant County started in 2001. We've donated almost 88,00 quilts, blankets to children needing comfort. Year before last (2024) we donated 4,567. Last year (2025) 4,270 and here is where those went. 211- ACH child and family service. 292- Catholic Charities, 907- Donation House, help needy families, 53- Fort Worth Pregnancy Center, 548-Harris Hospital neonatal, 42-Hughgley Neonatal ICU, 550- John Peter Smith, 120-JPS Iona Clinic (Azle), 45- Pregnancy Lifeline (needy families), 429-Rainbow Room (child protective services), 268-Ronald McDonald House, 150-Safe Haven (domestic violence shelter), 82-Snowball Express (children of fallen soldiers), 161-Southcliff Church (refugee relief), 1-Individual family. Thank you for all your devoted hours to helping contribute to this huge amount of comfort to Children in desperate need of comfort. I will make personal thank yous next month. We meet at Westminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Trail Lake in Ft. Worth, We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. For those who are new to us, take I-20 West to Granbury exit go left for 5 or so blocks, then Left again onto Hulen and another few blocks to Alta Mesa and go right 2 blocks to stop sign and make a u-turn and turn into the drive way and hunt a parking place. Then follow signs to the Fellowship Hall. Some hospitals request quilts to be 40 X 44 or similar size for the small ones and for the larger kids (some are big) 50 X 60 or even larger. We try to accommodate these requests. This is a totally all volunteer philanthropic organization, it rewards your heart to help these kids, our kids are

healthy and all we have to do is sew, which we all love to do. Many thanks to all of you, your time and compassion are appreciated. If you have question please call me. Most Sincere thanks, 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



## Winter Day Retreat January 2026

There was a great time had by all at our recent Day Retreat. Lots of laughter and sewing was done, as well as visiting with friends!

Care to join in the fun? Be sure to sign up to sew with us next time!

Contact Debra Ware if you are interested in attending.

### 2026 Day Retreat Schedule Lamar Baptist Church

Spring April 16, 17, & 18  
Summer July 16, 17, & 18  
Fall October 22, 23, & 24