



# The Quilting Bee



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## Thoughts from the President

Wow, can you believe we're almost 1/2 way through the year already?!? Time sure flies.

### **June will mark our final meeting at Bob Duncan and the end of an era.**

Next month we will begin meeting at Lamar Baptist Church and I am so looking forward to the improved acoustics.

It will be so nice to catch more than 50% of what our speakers are saying! I hope more of you who have been attending the meetings via Zoom will try visiting the new location in person. I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope more of you entered a quilt in the show by the May 31st deadline. PLEASE sign up to work some volunteer hours at the quilt show. Not only does this bring us much needed revenue, it helps ensure that there will be another show next year.

Quilting Expo will quit sponsoring our show if we don't participate! The Guild needs the participation of all of its members to be truly successful.

Lauren

## Booth Buddies

I don't know what has happened to this year about meetings- the intention was good, but timing for meetings was just off. If you like to do crafts, come to Bob Duncan an hour or two before the guild meeting starts, I'll have supplies all ready to work on a specific craft that evening. All help is appreciated.

I also need volunteers to work the booth for a two hour period each day of the show. You can work a two hour shift any day you come to the show.

Members-this is your booth! This is what makes the money to pay for speakers as well as the rent. Please help out by volunteering two hours of your time. The show is from 10am-5pm each of the three days. I also could use someone with a truck or large SUV to help deliver booth supplies to the Irving Convention Center the morning before the show opens.

Contact Patsy Martin.



## Minis Challenge

Our membership voted for their favorites at our May meeting!

Congratulations!

1st Place Lea Bailey

2nd Place Joyce Clark

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

## JUNE 9 - PAM PAPE

Evening Program: **Crazy as a Quilt** - Learn about the history and significance of special hidden meanings in 19th century quilts through intricate embroideries using different colors of thread, floss, silk ribbon, beads, and much more.



## JUNE 10th WORKSHOP: The Art of Crazy Quilts

LOCATION: LAMAR BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX

1100 Port Au Prince

Arlington, TX - House adjacent to the parking lot for Day Retreat

TIME: Setup: 8:15 am Class: 8:30am - 3:00pm including a 30 minute lunch break. Door Opens at 8:00am.

Participants will create a 4 block Crazy Quilt wall hanging with materials and notions supplied by Pam.

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## JULY 14th - LINDA & CARL SULLIVAN

Evening Program: **Best Tips & Tricks for Precision Piecing** - Stop being frustrated with inaccurate  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances or finishing pieced blocks to the correct size. Learn best tips & tricks for fabric preparation, setting your machine for success, perfect pressing practices, tools & techniques for fine tuning to achieve perfect  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Learn how to work through persnickety seam intersections & a variety of other 'potential piecing hazards' to achieve beautiful results.



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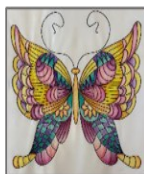
## AUGUST 11th - MICHELE MARKEY

Evening Program: Fabric Painting 101 and Trunk Show - Get inspired seeing a bevy of textile works of art using a variety of coloring & painting techniques. Watch Michele demo how to use a wide variety of tools to paint and color on fabric.



## AUGUST 12TH WORKSHOP: Butterflies & Fabric Painting 101

Do you want to learn to color on fabric? But don't want to spend a lot of money on supplies? Then come to this workshop. Michele provides all of the tools & supplies needed for fabric blocks or a canvas bag (student choice). Choose your butterfly from 10 different choices, and learn multiple coloring & painting techniques using fabric markers, Inktense pencils, paints & fabric medium. When you're finished you'll have a beautiful block for a quilt, pillow or on a bag.



**Workshops are  
\$40 for members  
\$50 for  
non-members**

There was such a great response to Winnie Fleming's Border Workshop that we had to move to Trader's Village because so many people signed up for the class! Both sewing and non-sewing participants gained a lot of very good information.



Presenting:



# Irving Convention Center July 30- August 1, 2026

*Our theme is  
"God Bless  
America"*



## Tickets are here!

**Debbie Hood will have quilt  
show tickets next meeting**

**Please volunteer at our  
Quilt Show**

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**Volunteer for NTQF Ticket Sales**

**Please review these 15 quilt guilds'  
meeting times and volunteer to attend  
their guild meeting and sell admission  
tickets for the North Texas Quilt Festival.**

**Thank you!**

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## **MANY MINIS**

*Will meet for lighthearted sewing, mini quilts and hand work on Wednesday June 17th 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, tips, techniques and patterns to get you moving on these alternative sized quilts. They finish fast and take less material. Questions, contact Christine Weiss*

## **QGOA's June Library info**

The library cabinets will not be accessible during our June meeting. If you have a book to return, please wait until July. Thanks to Lamar Baptist Church for allowing us to store our library cabinets!!!

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

## **Sunshine & Shadow**

*Linda McPherson\**

**Sunshine** - NO sunshine again this month. I am sure someone out there has happy news. Please remember to share your joy moments! Graduations, weddings, births, getting out of hospital, good results.

**Shadow** - Ruth Ann Uzzle underwent hip surgery and is doing well and getting around on a walker.

Linda McPherson is still in her boot! Dr. says it may be a bit longer.

\*\*\* 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.\*\*\*



## DONATION QUILTS RAFFLE

has kicked off for 2026! Be sure to get your chances for one or both of these outstanding quilts, 1 applique and 1 pieced!

Tickets are 2/\$5 or 10/\$20. Each ticket is eligible for 2 drawings: first name drawn has choice of either quilt, second name drawn receives remaining quilt. And yes, you can win twice! Both quilts are entered for judging at NTQF. Drawing will be at the December QGOA general meeting. Get your tickets at the Guild meetings or contact Christine Weiss.



Donna Akins  
Denise Butler  
Robbie Colley  
Linda Curzan  
Effie Foster  
Ellen Hasty  
Gaby Krumm  
Jill Matyastik  
Nancy Mills-Dickens

Toni Oyler  
Pamela Pape  
Heather Scarborough  
Heather Schneider  
Mike Scott  
Tory Swartzwelder  
Jan Taborsky  
Carolyn Troupe  
Tawnya Zeller

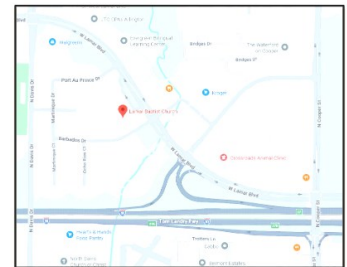
## WE ARE MOVING!

Quilt Guild of Arlington's monthly meeting is moving to Lamar Baptist Church

### JULY 2026



1000 W. LAMAR BLVD.  
ARLINGTON TX 76012



## BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

For our upcoming book discussions we're reading;

- ☞ In June we'll discuss "*The Backyard Bird Chronicles*" by Amy Tan. June 2nd
- ☞ And in July it will be "*The Overstory*" by Richard Powers. July 7th

Or look back in past newsletters to see other books we recommend and join us to reminisce. 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 for questions.



## Hello, Generous Quilters!

"Thank you" to all the generous quilters who donated much needed cold/allergy medicines, toothpastes and toothbrushes, underwear, and pillows at our May meeting!

The Archway provides immediate safe housing, as well as counseling and guidance toward a safe future, for victims of domestic abuse. Often, these victims leave an abusive situation suddenly, with very few possessions.

**Current needs are diapers (sizes 4 and 5), allergy medicines, underwear of all sizes, basic bedding, and cleaning supplies.** Thanks again, Dora.

**\*All current needs items should be new.**



Dear All: we're in summer now. Whew! It was a great day at Linus. And may I remind everyone that in my opinion "Quilters are the BEST". There were almost 275 finished quilts and also and fleece and blankets and 55 quilts tops which our darling long armers will take and make into cuddly quilts for the kids. Those will be delivered to the hospitals with great pride. Thanks to all with special thanks this month to: Linda Williams donated an enormous amount of fabric and various other things, and another huge amount of fabric was given to us through the kindness of Pat Madrid and Rueben, Leslie Wagner brought me a lot of yarn, Shirley Johnson, Janice Mowery, Lea Bailey gave this month and is holding a lot more for next month, Lauren Crespo (ever faithful), Maria Freitag, Phyllis Borton (quilting queen), Dora Loughan, Judy O'Polka, Elizabeth Carr, Nancy Spell with a bag of kid fabrics and quilts, Robbie Colley, Patricia Eckstrom and her ACA Linus Club learning community commitment, Pat Hall, Patsy Martin, Dale, Donella Pyle, Gail Krengel, Kayleen Farrington, Dottie Hughes, Effie Foster, Ruth Ann Uzzle, Judy Liston, Sandy Ellison, Susan FitzGerald, Veronica Mowery, Linda McPherson, Gayle Lacerda, and anonymous. Please forgive me if I missed your contribution.

Again the hospitals ask for certain sizes: small kids 40 X 42, and lots of bigger kids need 50 X 60 or anything in that range. They love to receive your precious creations and do truly cherish them.

For the newbies, Project Linus meets the 2nd Thursday of the month (except August) at Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 7001 Trail Lake Drive in Ft. Worth. It's a few miles on (I-20 West to Granbury Rd exit (before Hulen), go left under I-20 a couple blocks to Hulen and go left couple blocks to Alta Mere and go Right for short distance to

stop sign make a U-Turn and in feet enter the parking lot of the church driveway, park and follow the sign to Fellowship Hall. We bring machines to attach Linus labels to your donations and some crochet, fleece, some do quality control to assure the kids get quilts without dog hair or strings attached, there is a table or two that make sandwiches pinning three layers together to sew and make a quilt, and some are doing that sewing of the sandwiches, and then there are our delivery gals that take lists and separate quilts into bags and mark them for hospital and amounts. It is a very busy day please join us and observe or if you feel an urge-there is lots to do. This is a totally volunteer organization that is nationwide. Our donations go to local hospitals, JPS, Harris, Cooks, fire depts for abused kids, CASA judicial representation, Catholic Charities, and many others too many to name here. Know that they are all appreciated and loved.

A brief reminder that **Snowball Express** is coming soon, look [online](#) for all the info of Snowball Express it is incredible and sponsored by the Gary Sinise Foundation in Florida. Your hours of devotion to these kids is so greatly appreciated words really don't express.

And my heartfelt thanks to all of you who donated this month, and will in the future, and have in the past, you are the BEST.

Sincerely Elizabeth.

## Ronald McDonald Challenge

Your quilts are due at the **August meeting** and will be displayed in September. Just a reminder that there are 2 categories and you can always choose to do a non-challenge fabric quilt which is an open category for you to create ANY quilt. Remember, there are some older kids that are patients at Cooks Children.



## Military Quilt Project Challenge

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

**Just a reminder that Military Quilts will be turned in and displayed at the November meeting.**

There will be three categories for your peers to vote on their favorite in each category.

- ★ 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

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

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



### SAVE THE DATE!

## Cactus Rose QGOA Fall Away Retreat

### September 17 - 20, 2026

We will take **Registration** for the Retreat at our **August** Guild Meeting held at Lamar Baptist Church.

Price for retreat is \$210 for 3 night/4 days, meals included!

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by Jennifer Lopez

IS THIS ALL YOU PACKED? YOUR SUITCASE SEEMS AWFULLY LIGHT.

DON'T BE SILLY, THAT'S AN EMPTY BAG FOR ALL THE FABRIC I'M GOING TO BUY.



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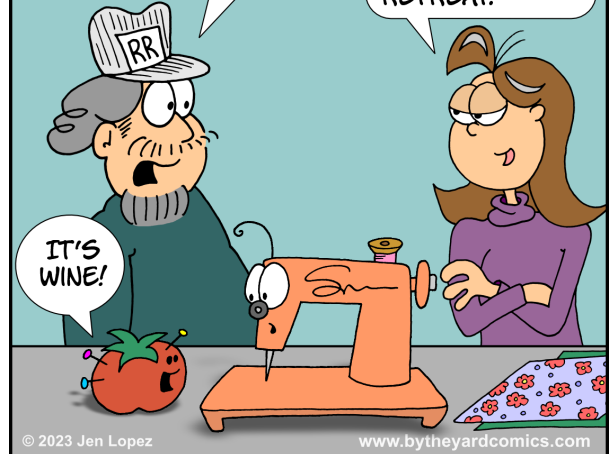
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WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE GOING ON AT THE RETREAT THAT TAKES AN ENTIRE WEEK?

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE RETREAT STAYS AT THE RETREAT.

IT'S WINE!



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Fundraising Coordinator	

## **QGOA Stitch Groups**

### ***Friendship Stitchers***

Meets @ First Christian Church  
910 S. Collins, Arlington  
**1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10 am**  
Contact: Cindy Bergman

### ***Many Mini Stitchers***

Meets @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church,  
4400 W. Arkansas Ln. Arlington, 76016  
**3rd Wednesday** from 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 changed our meeting place 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: Brenda Whitfield

### ***The Sewcial Bee***

**4th Tuesday of the month @ 6 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 Akins or Rose Kauhane

**Newsletter article submissions for the  
upcoming month are due by at least the 20th of  
the previous month ie. May articles are due in  
April**

**Your stitch group is welcome to send in photos.  
We all love to see what you are up to! Please  
email your photo in JPG format if possible  
Thanks for sharing what a great guild we have!  
Maria Freitag, Newsletter Editor**