



The Quilting Bee



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Thoughts from the President

Welcome to Spring! With a hard freeze for a week followed by an exceptionally warm February, my plants don't know what to think! Worst year ever for my daffodils. All of this is to say why quilting is more rewarding than gardening! No matter what the weather, we can create something beautiful and longer lasting than any flowering plant.

I hope everyone is working on something beautiful to put in the quilt show. Registration for quilt entries has already begun. I entered a quilt and I hope you did too. It's not too late if you haven't yet!

I know everyone is wondering where we will move when our rental contract with Bob Duncan are up. Well, you won't have to wonder much longer. The board has been touring venues, researching, and exploring our options and will vote on which one at this month's board meeting. I will also be announcing the Board's decision at this month's Guild Meeting.

Speaking of Guild Meetings, I have a couple of reminders:

1. Donation Table: The goodies on the donation table are donations *FROM MEMBERS TO THE GUILD*, not a donation to the guild members. The purpose is to raise money for the great speakers Phyllis Borton lines up for us while at the same time keeping our dues as low as possible. A LOT of fabric and great acrylic rulers went home with folks at the February meeting but very little money was raised. If you take something from the donation table, PLEASE leave a fair amount in the jar (think garage or estate sale prices). Debra Ware does a great job organizing the display and the responsibility of clearing it all away at the end of every meeting. Let's make all that hard work worth her while!

2. Snacks: Some years ago, snacks were brought according to what letter your last name began with. It was a strange array of letters every month in an attempt to make the donation pool as even throughout the year as possible. People were always forgetting so some years ago we switched to donations by birth month, hoping to simplify things and have a better turnout.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SNACKS TO THE MEETING IN YOUR BIRTH MONTH. Everyone looks forward to snacks and it is a nice surprise welcome to guests, and hopefully new members.

Hope to see you all at the March meeting!

Lauren

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

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

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 BEFORE 8:15am. 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.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12 – WINNIE FLEMMING

Evening Program: Borders Bonanza
Workshop: Borders Galore

June 9 – PAM PAPE

Evening Program: Crazy as a Quilt
Workshop: The Art of Crazy Quilts

July 14 – LINDA SULLIVAN

Evening Program: Best Tips and Tricks for Precision Piecing

Tom Thumb and Kroger Rewards

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. 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 or call me, my number is in the directory.

QUILT RAFFLE 2026 STYLE!

We have 2 beautiful quilts being raffled for Guild fundraising in 2026. We're approaching the raffle a little differently this time. There will be 2 drawings for these quilts: the first name drawn will get a choice of either the applique "Calico Garden" quilt by Lori Holt or the pieced "Barn Stars" quilt using Lori Holt's Americana fabrics. The second name drawn will win the quilt not already chosen. All tickets are eligible for both drawings, so there are 2 chances on every ticket! Tickets will be available at each Guild meeting: 2 for \$5 or 10 for \$20. We'll be offering tickets at the NTQF booth where both quilts are entered into the competition. We'll also take the quilts around to quilt shops and other venues to sell tickets to the public. Let me know if you have any contacts at businesses that might let us display and sell tickets; some non fabric stores or offices may be open to giving us exposure since we're a non-profit group. If your church or organization holds a festival sometime during the year that might be a place we could display as well. Get your tickets and drop me an email if you're willing to help out with ticket sales. Christine Weiss



MANY MINIS

Will meet for light hearted sewing, mini quilts and hand work on

Wednesday March 25th 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

Sorry I am late in reporting this news but Patty King's Christmas quilt that was quilted by Richard Larson has been accepted by Paducah to be in their show. What an honor!

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.

Booth News

I was told that a lot of people don't come to "booth workshops" because it's just too much of a hassle to lug sewing machines someplace for a couple of hours. So, I have projects I need help in finishing that don't require a sewing machine!

The first project will be making clothespin snowflake ornaments. If you could bring your glue gun and the glue sticks that fit your size gun, that's all you need to bring!

We will meet at Bob Duncan at 5pm, the day of our March meeting.

Please let me know if you will be attending. 817)319-0236. Patsy Martin

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY QUILTS

Don't stop yet! This is an on-going project that is very special to me and I appreciate so much your generosity and willingness to create blocks and quilts for the Habitats homes. **We donated 30 beautiful quilts in 2025!!** And we're not stopping with just that! I'll continue to bring fabric packets and paper piecing pages to each Guild meeting for you to pick up and will gather back your completed blocks. If anyone would like to help with quilt layouts and stitching just let me know; I'm providing batting and backing. Finished quilts you want to donate are always welcome as well. Shelly Cassata has offered to help with the quilting, YAY! Questions? Call Christine Weiss



BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

For our March discussion we're reading;
☞ "The Charity Shop Detective Agency" by Peter Boland. March 3rd
☞ April's book is "The Secret War of Julia Child" by Diana Chambers. April 7th
☞ For May we'll review "A Day Like This" by Kelly McNeil. May 5th
☞ 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
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 for questions.



New Leadership for Friendship Stitchers

Jolene Mershon,

Thank you for your many years of steady, devoted leadership to the Friendship Stitchers Group. Through time, change, and countless stitches, you were the constant that held this group together. Your guidance shaped by not only our quilts, but our confidence, friendships, and love for this craft.

The care and generosity you shared over the years are woven into every piece we've made and every moment we've shared. We are so grateful for all you have given us. And to Cindy Bergman, congratulations as you step into our leadership role. We're grateful for your willingness to lead and look forward to continuing our work together, building on the strong and beautiful foundation that has been so lovingly created.

*From Susan FitzGerald
and the Friendship Stitchers*



QGOA's March Library Picks

Has a technique caught your eye multiple times? There has been a technique that has been catching my attention these last few years. I think I first noticed the technique used on a sample quilt hanging up in a vendor's booth at a quilt show I attended. Then I noticed the technique used in a quilt within the Readers Show & Tell section of a 2008 Quilters Newsletter Magazine; the reader referred to a 2005 edition's article by Janine Holzman with Irene Berry called "Big Block Little Block". Then I noticed the technique in a 1991 Quilters Newsletter Magazine, only this time it was an advertisement for the book "Pattern on Pattern" by Ruth McDowell.

Well, I searched our QGOA library for a book on this technique and lo and behold, I found one! The book is by Patricia Magaret and Donna Slusser and is titled, "Shadow Quilts". The technique is simply starting with a basic traditional quilt block and repeating the block in small and large scale to create a layered shadow effect. In this book, guidelines and hints from Patricia and Donna show how to choose the most visually effective blocks, determine a color scheme, and select fabric combinations that result in perfect value contrast. Since, the secret is in the fabric choices I may have to wait and tackle this technique when I have a larger fabric stash...hehe...who am I kidding?!

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

Questions? Contact Veronica Mowery



***Irving Convention Center
July 30- August 1, 2026***

***Our theme is
"God Bless America"***

**Quilt Registration
is
OPEN NOW
Sign up your quilts!**



Elizabeth Cooper
Sandy Ellison
JoAnn Eubank
Beverly Francois
Joan Graffagnini
Pat Hall

Penny Kilpatrick
Jana McBroom
Veronica Mowery
Robert Ressler
Jeannie Robinson
Kathy Sisney

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.

This month the feature category is Borders All Around. Do you have a patriotic panel? Are you looking for something to do with it? How about a border challenge? Team up with friends or do your own. Put quilt elements on a piece of paper, put them in a paper bag, give a good shake and pick one. Curves, snail's trails, flying geese, pinwheels and so on.

When you finish your quilt 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.

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

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



Dear Ones, spring has sprung I'm afraid. Oh well, mother nature is the boss. This month Project Linus would like to thank Janice Mowery, Nancy Spell, Ruth Ann Uzzle, Kayleen Farrington, Cindy Gorman, Elaine Grasher, Elizabeth Carr, Judy Liston, Donnella Pryor, Patricia Eckstrom and her Linus Club at ACA , Sandy Ellison, Robbie Colley, Patsy Martin, Susan FitzGerald, Pat Hall, Will Womack, Lauren Crespo, Maria Freitag and the quilting Queen-Phyllis Borton, Linda McPherson, Veronica Mowery, Dora Loughan, and anonymous. If I missed your name this month please forgive. In case you're wondering, Project Linus delivers 300-350 quilt/blankets per MONTH, yes I said month(!) please try to join us in this philanthropic effort. We meet at Westminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Trail Lake Dr. Ft. Worth. Take I-20 West to the Granbury Road exit, go under the highway and in about 5 blocks come to Hulen, take a left onto Hulen and go about 5 short blocks and turn right onto Altamesa, go for 2 ½ blocks to the stop sign. Make a u-turn and go into the parking lot and find a parking spot follow the signs to the Fellowship Hall. It's a great crowd of ladies and men. We sew, label, make quilt sandwiches, crochet edges, inspect the donations for loose strings and anything that doesn't belong. Then they go into the hallway to be separated into bags for each hospital or donation location. This organization has been doing these selfless thing for over THIRTY YEARS. Our Tarrant County group has donated over 86,000 quilts/blankets just since we started in 2002. Come for a visit, and check us out. Thanks for what all our contributors do.

Some of the hospitals like the donations to be all cotton, not purchased, not used and we try to accommodate them. Of course not all the places have such restrictions. And our

work goes to probably 30 places including Child Advocacy, Catholic Charities, Child Protective Services just to name a few. Our work is rewarding and keeps us busy! Thankfully our kids are healthy and all we have to do is sew(which I love). Specific sizes are little ones 40 X 44 and of course there are big kids and its nice to have them 50 X 60 or any like sizes. In the fall Project Linus donates quilts and blankets to Snowball Express. An organization specifically for the surviving children of deceased military and now includes First Responders. This takes place in Florida, it used to be here in Dallas but when Gary Sinise took over sponsorship it moved to Florida. These children belong to a special group where all of the children know what it is like to lose. All the kids that receive Project Linus quilts are treasures. Please try to come and see what we do. Thanks for your time it is the most valuable thing we have. Sincerely Elizabeth

Ronald McDonald Challenge

The 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 Quilt Among Friends as well as on their [website](#) .

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.



Block Party

Hello quilty friends!
Remember, 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 *Let's take this whole YEAR to work on it and bring our finished tops to the December 2026 meeting.*

Amy Steinert



"Every family who walks through our doors is

starting over – often with nothing more than the clothes they're wearing. Your donation of essential items helps meet a family's immediate needs while restoring dignity, stability and helping them feel at home throughout their healing journey."

Our Current Needs*

Non-Drowsy Cold/Flu Meds

Mucus Relief Meds

Baby Bottle Brushes

Pedialyte

Baby Wipes

Diapers (Size 4 & 5)

Underwear (All Sizes)

Socks (All Sizes)

Hair Gel

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

More ways you can [help](#)

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

Wednesday March 25 @ 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