



The Quilting Bee



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Thoughts from the President

It is late April as I write this and it's raining. Hopefully the showers will bring May flowers!

Our April Day Retreat was full of fun and fellowship, as always due in no small part to Debra Ware's hard work in setting up our cutting and ironing stations and design walls. I am already planning what to do at our July Day Retreat!

I'm almost through with my show quilt top and hope to have it to the quilter by the time this newsletter comes out. As of our April Guild meeting, there were only 135 show entries. Please, please, please enter a quilt! I know from Show and Tell that we have a lot of talented people in our Guild and everyone would love to see your work. I'd like to thank Phyllis and Cindy for doing a great job of lining up speakers for us. I really enjoyed Candace Hassen, our April speaker. I bought 3 of her patterns and started on one of them at Day Retreat. Unfortunately her workshop was not well attended. I am guilty of not signing up for hers myself. I am looking forward to the rest of the programs this year and would like to encourage you to attend the workshops also. I have been to many of them and always learn a lot.

Happy Quilting! *Lauren*

Stitch Group Profile: Many Minis

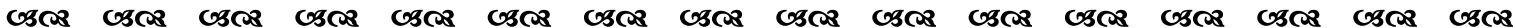
Many Mini Stitchers meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9am to 2pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church located at 4400 W. Arkansas Lane, Arlington, TX 76016. Attendees bring their lunch. As Lea Bailey and Maria Freitag are members of the church, they host the group at no cost to you, there are no fees or dues.

As the name implies, the group's focus is mini quilts. They not only work on minis for the Quilt Show auction but also quilts for themselves. Members bring patterns and fabric to share at the meetings. If you are thinking of making a mini but never have before, the group will help you get started!

Stitch groups are the ideal way to get to know other guild members and make lifelong friendships. If you need advice, tips, or help with a project, someone in the group will be glad to help you.

Occasionally someone in the group will demo a technique but you usually find them working on individual projects, visiting, and enjoying Show and Tell. Some bring a sewing machine while others hand stitch applique, or binding.

Please feel free to join them for a meeting or two to see if this group is to your liking! Contact Christine Weiss if you have any questions.



Minis Challenge

Our membership had 4 Mini's to choose from, and voted for their favorites at our April meeting!

Congratulations!

- 1st Place Veronica Mowery
- 2nd Place Brenda Whitfield
- 3rd Place Randa Dillon



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

May 12 – WINNIE FLEMING

Evening Program and Trunk Show: **Borders Bonanza:** A large trunk show featuring 40+ quilts, showing simple to intricate pieced borders and ending with round robin quilts.

May 13th Workshop: *Borders Galore!*

Create custom and spectacular borders that fit any size quilt top using a special fill in the blank formula. Supply List is on the guild's website.

LOCATION: LAMAR BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX, 1100 Port Au Prince
Arlington, TX – House adjacent to the parking lot for Day Retreat

TIME: Door Opens at 8am Setup: 8:15 am

Class: 8:30am – 3pm including a 30 minute lunch break



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*

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JULY 14 – LINDA & CARL SULLIVAN

Evening Program: **Best Tips & Tricks for Precision Piecing**

Stop being frustrated with inaccurate ¼” 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 1/4” seam allowances. Learn how to work through persnickety seam intersections & a variety of other ‘potential piecing hazards’ to achieve beautiful results.



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

City of Arlington 150th Commemorative Community Quilt Project Volunteers Needed!

Our Community Quilt Project is officially underway, and we're excited to see so many members already participating. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to make blocks your enthusiasm is what makes projects like this possible.

We still have 26 blocks available out of the 65 needed, and we'd love to have more guild members join in. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of something meaningful.

How It Works

Choose a block from the project list and sign up by emailing Will Womack.

Blocks come in 6.5", 12.5", and 18.5" sizes. We have online instructions for all the blocks.

Fabric bundles in red, white, and blue are provided and you are welcome to add coordinating fabrics, prints, and patterns to make your block uniquely yours.

Block Drop-Off

Finished blocks may be turned in at:

- ◆ The May Guild Meeting
- ◆ **All blocks should be submitted by the May Guild Meeting.**

Want to Join In?

If you'd like to claim one (or more!) of the remaining blocks, simply send an email to Will Womack at Willrw3@gmail.com that you are interested. He will help you sign up for a block and get you a fabric bundle to get started.

This quilt will be a beautiful reflection of our guild's creativity and generosity. We hope you'll consider adding your talents to the project.

MANY MINIS

Will meet for lighthearted sewing, mini quilts and hand work on Wednesday May 20th 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

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.

Nanc Christophersons' sister passed away April 12th.

*** 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, applique or 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.



BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

For our upcoming book discussions we're reading;

- ☞ 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

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.



Sandra Bermejo
Shelly Cassata
Carla Gangler
Debra Hood
Patty King
Libby McDuffie

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.



Hello, Generous Quilters!

Your donations to The Archway in April, totaled \$261! Those donations included: a pillow; a sheet set; underwear; personal hygiene items; toothpastes and toothbrushes; and numerous cold and flu medicines. Thank you, everyone, for remembering to share with those who may need a helping hand right now.

Dora

Archway helps clients in emergency situations, and also helps them to transition to a safer lifestyle.

Current needs*, to ease the transitions, are diapers (sizes 4 and 5), all sizes of underwear, and basic bedroom items like pillows and sheets.

QGOA's May Library picks:

What a fabulous trunk show last month! Did you visit Candace's blog where she shares 175 of her Jacob's Ladder variations? It's amazing to see the endless possibilities of arrangement and color placement of two simple units. Continuing with the theme of Jacob's Ladder, this month I am highlighting Lisa Cogar's book **Quilted Devotions: 24 Biblical Blocks**. This book contains patterns for 24 blocks inspired by well loved Bible stories. It includes traditional blocks such as Jacob's Ladder and Bethlehem Star and blocks designed by Lisa herself. Consider checking this book out and combining your Bible studies with your quilt making.

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!**

**Enter your quilts
NOW**

before it's too late!

**Debbie Hood will have quilt
show pins at the next meeting
for \$5**

Volunteer for NTQF Ticket Sales

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

Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D44A9A72EA4FF2-62779132-selling>



Golden Spool will be awarded in June this year. If anyone has a nomination for this award I am accepting them now. Nomination form is on the website.

Gayle Kregel

<https://qgoa.org/forms/goldspool.pdf?x22462>



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!

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.



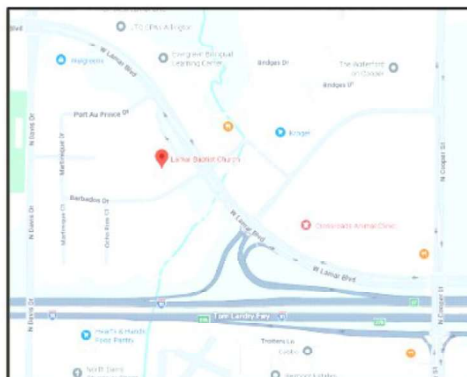
WE ARE MOVING!

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

JULY 2026



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ARLINGTON TX 76012



2026 Executive Board	
Position	Name
President	Lauren Crespo
Vice President/Programs	Phyllis Borton
2nd Vice President/Programs	Cindy Worman
Secretary	Toni Oyler
Treasurer	Kathy Hester
Parliamentarian	Christine Weiss
Standing and Appointed Committees	
Membership Chair	Will Womack
Membership Assistant	Deborah Womack
Guild Products	Patty King
Hospitality	Denise Cauble
Door Prizes	Joan Graffagnini
Volunteer Hours	Denise Cauble
Golden Spool	Gayle Kregel
Librarian	Veronica Mowery
Library Assistant	Janice Mowery
Publicity	Shirley Johnson
Newsletter	Maria Freitag
Historian	Leslie Wagner
Sunshine & Shadow	Linda McPherson
Quilt Show Chair	Debra Hood
Quilt Show Asst	Karen Raschio
Quilt Show Booth	Patsy Martin
Quilt Show Booth Asst	Tanya Zeller
Guild Activities	Judy O'Polka
Block Party	Amy Steinert
Day Retreat Coordinator	Debra Ware
Away Retreat Coordinator	Judy O'Polka
Away Retreat Asst	Randa Dillon
Community Outreach	Debra Ware
Mini Auction Quilts	Debra Ware
Project Linus	Elizabeth Cooper
Archway	Dora Laughan
Ronald McDonald Challenge	Lisa Shoemaker
Ronald McDonald Asst	Shelly Cassata
Military Quilts	Cindy Bergman
WebCoordinator	Tina Griffith
Web Asst	
Guild Zoom	Tina Griffith
Board Zoom	Lea Bailey
Donation Quilt	Christine Weiss
Arlington 150th	Will Womack
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: Debra Ware or Lauren Crespo

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

**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**

Spring Day Retreat April 2026

We had lots of fun visiting, and working on our own projects which weren't necessarily quilting related! There were a few new faces as well as a few that were missing. We hope all will be able to attend our next scheduled Day Retreat in July!



A Diamond Dotz project completed by Debra Ware a few years ago. Covid gave her the start into creating wonderful displays using tiny diamond shaped pieces to fill in the pattern. Simply gorgeous!





Patricia Eckstrom was revisiting her pattern by Winnie Fleming at Day Retreat. It's amazing how different fabrics make the same patterned square look so different! Sign up and join us on May 13 for a Winnie Fleming Workshop: ***Borders Galore!***



Pam Pape showed her recent memory quilt made in a Crazy Quilt style. **Be sure to sign up for the Pam's Workshop on June 10th: *The Art of Crazy Quilts***



Imagine our surprise when Liz Cooper said, "Show and Tell!!!" and there was her hubby Keith standing next to her! He had dropped by for a quick visit!

