

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

The Quilters' Guild of Arlington, QGOA, is excited to have you as a new member!

The purpose of this packet is to give you an insight to what we do as a guild. Our membership ranges from beginning quilters to those with many years of experience. Our hope is that you will find encouragement in your art of quilting no matter your skill level.

We encourage you to participate in all aspects of QGOA. QGOA offers national and local speakers and their workshops, stitch groups, retreats, Quilt show, encouragement, friendship and more. There are various opportunities for which we would like you to consider volunteering.

The directory is full of helpful information:

1. General information about the guild
2. Names and contact info for Executive board and Committee members
3. List of Stitch Groups
4. Past Presidents
5. Golden Spool Award recipients
6. Member roster
7. Bylaws
8. Quilt Show entry instructions and division and category descriptions

The philanthropic side of our guild supports several community outreach projects where your voluntary involvement is greatly appreciated.

There are so many ways you can be involved in our guild it can be overwhelming at times. We hope this packet will help you feel informed.

Sharon Ligon-President
Quilters' Guild of Arlington – 2016

Welcome to QGOA Programs & Workshops

One purpose of our guild is to preserve and encourage the art of quilting, provide instruction for our Guild members and education for the public, and to promote the interaction of people with this common interest.

PROGRAMS

Programs are offered at every meeting so you can learn about new techniques, tools, or products. Nationally known, state and local speakers are schedule during the year. Program Hostesses volunteer to assist the Vice President with our speakers. Loading, setting up, helping during the lecture or workshop and packing up is requested. Occasionally members volunteer to house a speaker for a night or two. If you are interested in either of those two opportunities please contact one of the Vice Presidents, Cynthia Berend or Carol Hoes. The guild has several other volunteer opportunities.

At every meeting we hold a Show and Tell, we encourage you to share your quilting experience and show the Guild your finished project, a quilt top, quilt craft item or a great quilt find.

Usually twice a year, June and December in 2016, we have a Potluck Dinner. Members are asked to bring food to share, the Board Members provide desserts.

Meeting Hospitality Hostesses are requested in the newsletter, if your last name starts with the letter listed in the Newsletter you are asked to bring a dessert or something to share at that meeting.

2016 Programs and workshops

January 12 – Deborah Boschert – “Getting from Start to Art”
January 13 – Workshop – “Captivating Compositions for Art Quilts”
February 9 – Maria Hall – “Bringing Out the Best in Your Quilt”
March 8 – Shannon Page – “Modern Quilting Basics and Improvisation”
April 12 – Flavin Glover – “A New Look at Log Cabin Quilts”
April 13 – Workshop – “Log Cabin Patchwork Houses”
May 10 – Members – QGOA 2016 Festival of Quilts Winners’ Circle
June 14 – Members – Potluck Dinner
July 12 – Debbie Panton – “Round Robin Adventure”
August 9 – Members – Members Demo Stations
September 13 – Winnie Fleming – “Trunk Show”
September 14 – Workshop – “Lone Star Table Runner”
October 11 – Shelley Clauss – “How to Make a T-Shirt Quilt”
November 8 – Robin Williamson – “Modern Quilting”
November 9 – Workshop – “Round Robin Improv Workshop”
December 13 – Members – “Potluck Dinner and Brown Bag Auction” Donation Quilt Drawing
***Workshop sign-up form and supply list are located on www.QGOA.org under Program tab.

***Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday each month at Sew Fabricated. All members are welcome to attend board meetings.

STITCH GROUPS

The Stitch Groups associated with Quilters' Guild of Arlington are an excellent way for members to become acquainted with other quilters and find the support and input for quilting projects.

Friendship Stitchers

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church in Arlington.

Contact: Helga Smith – 972-660-4417 – helgareid@sbcglobal.net

Etcetera Art Quilt Group

Meets at member's homes the 1st Thursday of each month from 7p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Contact: Denny Cornett – 817-299-0525

The Piecemakers

Meets at Bob Duncan Community Center on the 2nd & 4th Thursday. 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. Contact:

Linda McPherson – 972-988-1390 – TIKAPEA@sbcglobal.net

Sew-N-Sews

Meets @Trinity United Methodist Church, 1200 W. Green Oaks, Room A208,

1st Monday of each month unless it is a holiday. Bring your lunch and \$3 per person per meeting as a Donation to a church ministry.

Contact : Randa Dillon – 817-530-0514 - rldquilt@gmail.com or Carolyn Bowden – 817-860- 4424 – ckbowden@sbcglobal.net

Sew Touching

Meets at Peggy's Quilt Studio the third Tuesday from 10am to 2pm. Everyone is welcome. This group works on tactile lap quilts for Alzheimer patients and Autistic children.

Contact: Billie Brecheen at blarb@sbcglobal.net

Jane & Friends (formerly Dear Jane Club)

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends

2238 Michigan Ave, Suite A

2nd Monday of the Month 10 am to 3 pm

Contact: Sherry Livingston

New Member Sit and Sew

This is in the planning stages. 3rd Thursday evening at Quilt Among Friends. Probably starting in February. Details will be announced.

GOLDEN SPOOL AWARD

The Golden Spool Award is given twice a year to a member or members that have shown exemplary service to the guild.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

According to Standing Rules of QGOA, Volunteer Hours shall collect and record volunteer hours from members at monthly Guild meetings, conduct a drawing and present a prize to winner.

Tracking of volunteer hours is a means to tally hours spent in community service by our members and to celebrate a job well done. It is used to apply for grants and to help justify our IRS status.

Take a moment at the sign-in table each meeting to write down your volunteer hours on the special sheet provided. A name will be drawn at random from the list to receive a small gift of appreciation. If you forget one month, just sign in the next and add the hours.

Anything that promotes quilting counts. Some of the ways the guild offers doing that are: making Donation Quilts for Wounded Warriors, Project Linus, Ronald McDonald House, Susan G. Komen miniature quilt auction or any other. Members who teach friends and neighbors to quilt without monetary compensation count those hours, as well as time spent making a quilt that is donated to a charity for its' raffle. Additionally, hours spent doing guild business also counts.

Remember, every hour counts!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our guild has several opportunities where our members can give back to our community and to help the guild run smoothly.

Project Linus

Project Linus is a National Organization that provides blankets of comfort, security or warmth to seriously ill, traumatized or other children in need from infancy to 18 years. If you have quilts, fabric, batting or any quilt making supplies please bring them to guild meeting for donation and Liz Cooper will collect them. The preferred size for finished quilts is 40"X44". Quilts may be quilted or tie-tacked, every four inches with cotton crochet thread.

Locally we make blanket deliveries to Cook Children's, John Peter Smith, Harris Hospital, CASA (children advocacy), Catholic charities, the Warm Place, Children's Haven (battered shelter), Snowball Express(children of wounded soldiers), children of deceased firemen, police, EMT's, and military. We also deliver if we receive a call from disaster areas or in the case of San Angelo we delivered 400 blankets to children taken from a religious compound. In December, 700 blankets were sent to the children of Sandy Hill School in Newtown, Connecticut.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at South Cliff Baptist Church 4100 W. Loop 820 Ft. Worth, TX, from 9 to 3ish. We piece, assemble, quilt, knit and crochet on these days. Please join us any time you are available or drop by to deliver blankets, fabric, batting, etc or just to see what we are all about. We do our best to make good use of all donations. So bring your machine, needle, and a sack lunch and join us for a day of work and laughter.

You may check us out at <http://www.tarrantparkercountyprojectlinus.com> for local information or nationally <http://www.projectlinus.org/help.html> or by email at plinusftw@sbcglobal.net.

Soldier Quilts

Since 2003 our guild has been making quilts for our service men and women who have been wounded while serving our country during this war time. From 2003 through the end of 2012 our guild has made and given 651 quilts to these American heroes. We currently are sending the quilts to Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio. We normally take the quilts to Brooke 3-4 times per year. Watch the newsletter for notices of upcoming delivery dates and listen for announcements at the guild meeting.

There are many ways to help with this project. Many of our members make a quilt start to finish. Or, you can make blocks, or pick up already made blocks from the Block Party table and put them together into a quilt. Our preference is for the quilts to measure finished, about 50" X 50", but any size will be accepted. Knowing that many of the wounded soldiers are in wheel chairs so we try to make our quilts a size that won't drag on the ground if spread across a lap. If you feel that you can only do one part of the

process, such as quilting/tying or binding, see Sandy Boice or Debbie Boice and they will make sure that the quilt is completed.

Safe Haven

The mission of Safe Haven is to reduce domestic violence through services that support victims and their families and prevent abuse through intervention and education. Safe Haven gives Emergency Shelter, Transitional Living, Counseling, Legal Services, Batterers' Intervention and Prevention Programs, Victim Assistance, Bilingual Services, Education Services, and Shelter Support.

The Quilt Guild of Arlington, helps Safe Haven with various monthly donations.

These include:

January	Diapers/Baby wipes	July	Feminine hygiene products
February	Children's socks	August	School supplies
March	Children's underwear	September	Soap and towels
April	Shampoo, brush, comb, etc.	October	Prepackaged snacks
May	Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss	November	Children's toys
June	Women's underwear	December	Mittens, scarves, or hats

We also have a money jar, in which donations are appreciated.

Susan G. Komen Foundation Miniature Guild Auction

Susan G. Komen silent auction held at the guild's quilt show. It started in 1997 when QGOA members and friends began making miniature quilts to be auctioned at the annual quilt show. 100% of the proceeds from the auction are given to the Tarrant County Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, whose mission it is to eradicate breast cancer as a life threatening disease through advancement in research, education, screening, and treatment.

In 2003, a Pink Challenge category was added by then chairman, Nancy Martinson, now titled "Nancy's Pink Challenge." Nancy lost her battle with breast cancer in 2004 and "The Pink Challenge" is held each year in her memory. The membership votes on the quilts submitted for the Nancy's Pink Challenge each year at the March general meeting. Only those quilts that meet the challenge criteria are eligible for ribbons.

There are 2 categories of miniature quilt entries. An entry form is required for each miniature quilt entered and the rules for these quilt categories are different. Please see the quilt show Divisions and Categories for specific criteria for these entries

Ronald McDonald House Quilt - To be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Ft Worth; lap or throw size preferred, must be washable and have no buttons or similar items. The Ronald McDonald Challenge is a quilt show category. Participants must use a recognizable amount of the selected focus fabric and make a quilt that is at least 50" on each side and then enter the quilt into the quilt show. The due date for these will be announced.

DONATION QUILT

Each year our guild produces a donation quilt that we use as a fund raiser. Each member is asked to sell or purchase at least \$20 of tickets for the drawing that we have in December. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales goes to a community charity, or cause, that the members select at the January meeting. The remainder of the proceeds go toward the support guild activities.

There are many opportunities to take the donation quilt and sell tickets at various locations; area quilt guild meetings and shop hops. Please consider volunteering for this job with Susan FitzGerald, the current Donation Quilt Coordinator.

YEARLY QUILT SHOW

Our guild has a quilt show each year. This is an avenue for our members to show their beautiful work and it is one of the primary ways that our guild raises money for expenses such as national speakers. The 2016 show is April 22-23. There are many opportunities to volunteer with this event and we certainly need help from everyone.

Watch the newsletter and listen at meetings for these opportunities. If you're interested in volunteering for the 2016 show, contact Libbie Mc Duffie or Rhonda Weddle, Quilt Show Chairmen or Volunteer Chairperson, Colette Wong, 972-230-0225. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

If you are interested in entering a quilt (or more), you can find all the information required on our website: www.qgoa.org

OTHER GUILD ACTIVITIES

Monthly Block Party - For more information contact Kim Olmedo

- Participants will need to sign up for block party with the Guild Activities person.
- It's best to sign up at the beginning of the calendar year, so you have more time to work on blocks, but you can sign up at any point in the year, as long as you think you'll have time to complete all the blocks.
- Signing up is a yearlong commitment to make a block (or sometimes up to four blocks) each month. (Most blocks are 12" finished, but in some instances you may be asked to make 4 blocks if they are 4" or 6" finished).
- Directions for each new block will be printed in the newsletter each month, and directions for all 12 blocks will be published on the website, in case you want to work ahead.
- Completed blocks will be turned in at Guild meetings to the Guild Activities person.
- At the end of the year, a drawing will be held, and each participant will receive a set of the same blocks. The number of blocks you receive depends on the number of participants; for example, if 24 people participate, each person will get 12 blocks, but if only 23 people participate, then some people may only get 11 blocks. Either way, you will end up with a set of blocks that can be used in a quilt.

Quilters' Guild of Arlington 2016 Calendar of Events

Tues, Jan 5	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Jan 12	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Program: Deborah Boschert "Getting From Start to Art"
Wed. Jan 13	Workshop - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm @ Sew Fabricated - Deborah Boschert "Captivating Compositions for Art Quilts"
Tues, Feb 2	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Feb 9	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Maria Hall "Bringing Out the Best in Your Quilt"
Tues, Mar 1	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Thurs-Sat, Mar 3-5	Day Retreat - Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ Family Life Center
Tues, Mar 8	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Program: Shannon Page "Modern Quilting Basics and Improvisation"
Tues, Apr 5	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Apr 12	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Flavin Glover "A New Look at Log Cabin Quilts"
Wed, Apr 13	Workshop - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm @ Quilt Among Friends - Flavin Glover "Log Cabin Patchwork Houses"
Fri-Sat, Apr 22-23	2016 Festival of Quilts - "Ties That Bind"
Tues, May 3	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, May 10	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - QGOA 2016 Festival of Quilts "Winners' Circle"
Tues, Jun 7	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Jun 14	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Potluck Dinner
Tues, Jul 5	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Jul 12	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Debbie Panton "Round Robin Adventure"
Tues, Aug 2	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Aug 9	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Members Demo Stations
Tues, Sept 6	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Sept 13	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Winnie Fleming - Trunk Show
Wed, Sept 14	Workshop - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm @ Quilt Among Friends - Winnie Fleming - "Lone Star Table Runner"
Tues, Oct 4	Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Oct 11	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Shelley Claus - "How to Make a T-Shirt Quilt"
Tues, Nov 1	Joint Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Nov 8	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Robin Williamson - "Modern Quilting"
Tues, Nov 9	Workshop - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm @ Sew Fabricated - Robin Williamson - "Round Robin Improv"
Tues, Dec 6	Joint Board Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Sew Fabricated
Tues, Dec 13	General Meeting - 6:30 pm @ Bob Duncan Center - Potluck Dinner & Donation Quilt Drawing

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF QUILT GUILDS (TAQG pronounced tag)

This is an association of about 37 quilt guilds in North and West Texas. TAQG meets 6 times a year and offers an array of education for the guilds. The main event is the TAQG rally held the second Saturday of July. The program always features a nationally known speaker and a good time is had by all. It is free to all guild members

Retreats

Our guild normally has in-town multi-day and away retreats twice a year. These are great fun! Take advantage of the opportunity to meet other members, share quilting expertise and ideas. The dates are announced at our meetings and also a notice will be in the newsletter.

STAYING CONNECTED AT QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON www.QGOA.ORG

The Quilters' Guild of Arlington has several ways to communicate and stay informed about events. The guild website provides information, as well as links to join the guild's social media sites.

The QGOA website www.qgoa.org provides information regarding upcoming meetings, current newsletters, monthly block party patterns, the quilt show, retreats, and other items of interest to guild members. Our website is updated frequently, so always check there first for information.

The QGOA website also enables you to join the QGOA Facebook.

To join the QGOA Facebook group

(1) click on the Facebook logo on the QGOA website. If you have a Facebook account, Facebook will open to the QGOA Facebook page where (2) you can join the group by clicking "join this group" on the upper right corner of the page. This sends a request to the moderator requesting your approval. She/he will approve you if you are a member of the guild. It is a private, closely monitored Facebook page so you are safe and private when you post there after your membership is approved