



The Quilting Bee



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Thoughts from the President

It seems we only had a week of winter in February and then charged into spring with highs in the 90's already! To paraphrase Forest Gump, Texas weather is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get.

I hope you are working hard on your quilt tops if they aren't finished yet (mine isn't). Time is growing short to get them quilted, bound, sleeved and labeled! I hope you are making a mini or 2 for the quilt show mini auction as well.

Registering quilts for the show has gotten off to a slow start, as usual, so it's not too late to enter! By the time you read this, volunteer positions for the Quilt Show should be posted. Please volunteer some time to help make the show a success! Elsewhere in this newsletter, look for a profile on Piecemakers Stitch Group. Look for profiles on the other groups in the coming months.

Happy Quilting! *Lauren*

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

Stitch Group Profile: Piecemakers

Piecemakers is one of several stitch groups under the Quilters' Guild of Arlington umbrella and is **a group that meets in the evening**. This makes it the perfect group for any of you who are still working.

We meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 4pm at a local restaurant for dinner January through October and the 2nd Thursday only in November. We have a potluck dinner at our December meeting. **The meetings are held at St Alban's Anglican Church on S. Davis starting at 5pm.**

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 us working on individual projects, visiting, and enjoying snacks and Show and Tell. Some bring a sewing machine, some hand stitch applique or binding, others are knitting, crocheting, or embroidering.

Please feel free to join us for a meeting or 2 to see if this group to your liking!

Call Debra Ware or Lauren Crespo if you have any questions.

Minis Challenge

Our membership voted at our March meeting and chose these mini quilts as their favorites!

3rd Place
Debbie Hood

2nd & 1st Place
Veronica Mowery



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

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.

Supply List is on the guild's website. No sewing machines required for this workshop!

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



May 12 – WINNIE FLEMMING

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

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

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

July 14 – LINDA SULLIVAN

Evening Program: Best Tips and Tricks for Precision Piecing

**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 April Guild Meeting
- ◆ April Day Retreat
- ◆ 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 light hearted sewing, mini quilts and hand work on

Wednesday April 15 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

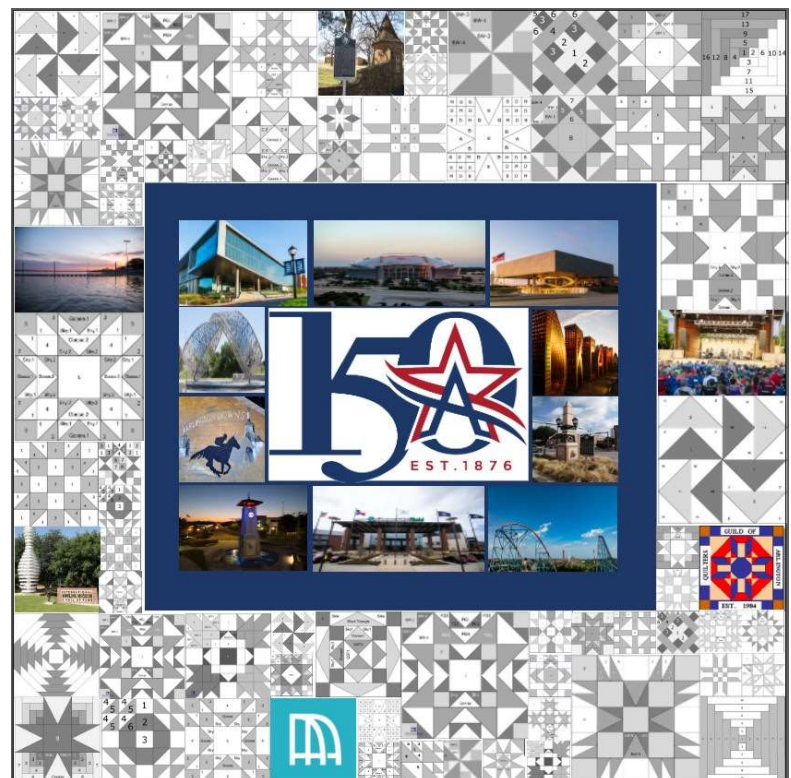
Sunshine & Shadow

Linda McPherson*

Sunshine - Please remember to share your joy moments!

Shadow - I guess it is me* that has the "shadow". I am wearing a 'Boot' since I have a broken bone in my foot! It will take a while to heal but I am still getting around.

*** 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.



HAPPY
Birthday

TO YOU

Vicki Best
Denny Cornett
Kayleen Farrington
Joan Gregory
Sharon Ligon
Karen Raschio
Sarah Reed
Dale Scott
Amy Steinert
Daniele Van Winkle
Rhonda Weddle
William R. Womack

BOOK CLUB/NOVEL READERS

For our upcoming book discussions we're reading;

- 📖 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.



**Hello, Generous
Quilters!**

In March our Guild donations to Archway added up to almost \$130. Donated necessities included cold and flu medicines, socks, and personal care items.

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.

Thanks. Dora

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

QGOA's April Library Picks

This month I'm highlighting Marsha McCloskey's book Feathered Star Quilts. Do you know what a feathered star quilt block looks like? If not, I encourage you to check out this book. Quilts showcasing these quilt blocks almost always take my breath away. Part of what attracts me to them is their various possibilities. A simplified description of a feathered star is if you take a quilt block, choose any quilt block you can image, and add eight star-like points to it and then add half square triangles along the edges of the eight points. Now that I oversize my half square triangles and trim them to size with my Bloc-Loc ruler, I think I'm ready to make a feathered star. I have never made a LeMoyne star, so leveling up and using one of them for the base of a feathered star is something I look forward to doing later on in my quilting journey. Are you ready to make a feathered star?

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
OPEN NOW**

**Sign up your quilts!
***Enter your quilts be-
fore 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' meet-
ing times and volunteer to attend and sell
admission tickets for the North Texas
Quilt Festival.**

Thank you!

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selling](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D44A9A72EA4FF2-62779132-selling)**



With the first quarter of the year closing we (SHP Sleeps in Heavenly Peace/St. Barnabas UMC) find that we are already running well ahead of our bed delivery projection for 2026. We have delivered 99 beds so far with 33 scheduled for delivery on March 21.

That's 132 kids in our community who will no longer be sleeping on the floor!

My crew personally delivered a bed on March 10 that had one of your quilts included in the bedding package. When I showed the mother the finished bed, she was so impressed with the quilt that she began to cry. It was for her 3-year-old daughter.

We can't make every child safe, but we try our best. We can't fill anyone's wallet or give every child the confidence they need after life has been kinda rough.

But we can help kids sleep comfortably at night. We can give them a piece of furniture that is theirs and theirs alone. We can show them that they matter, and we can tell them people who care for them built them a bed. People who've never met them love them enough to make quilts to keep them warm. It's a big world, and it's not always kind to little souls. But you are. You gave. You created a quilt that tells them that they matter. You gave them a little place of security. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads.

Thank You!
Bill Akins

PS: Quilt size that we need is 59"x85", and should be quilted and not tied, and have no religious or holiday themes. Also, there should be no buttons or embellishments.

NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Military Quilt Project

Military Quilts will be due in November.

It's April and you know what that brings? April Showers, a perfect time to stay inside and dry, working on quilting projects. I hope one of yours is a quilt for Fisher House! This is our military quilt donation recipient, they are always so thankful to receive your generous donations.

I will have wide backing fabric at the April meeting and will be ordering some more 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

Project Linus

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen: Project Linus had a lovely month and they would like to thank you all. Said it before and it is true "Quilters are the Best". They use their time to do for others and generous is their middle name. Thank you to Nancy Spell- Polka dot princess, Phyllis Borton- quilting Queen, Jolene Mershon -Kit Fairy, Pat Hall, Lauren Crespo, Gayle Krengel, Patricia Eckstrom, The Linus Club at ACA, Elaine Grasher, Janice Mowery- fabric Fairy, Robbie Colley, Ruth Ann Uzzle, Kayleen Farrington, Cindy Worman, Elizabeth Carr, Judy Liston, Donella Pyle, Sandy Ellison, Patsy Martin, Pat Hall, Will Womack, Lea Bailey, Dora Loughan, Susan FitzGerald, Veronica Mowery, Linda McPherson, Claudine Geisel, Cheryl Hunker, Cynthia Berend, Barb Cain, Dottie Hughes, Becky Pryor, Shelly Uggen and Gayle Laerda (her memory is a blessing), Judy O'Polka, Kathy Hester, Maria Freitag, Randa Dillon, Cindy Bergman, Courtney Glazer, and anonymous. Many thanks to the entire guild.

www.projectlinus/patterns.org has free patterns for all sorts of creations and Quiltmaker magazine has a site (Quilting daily) check these out for darling free to download patterns designed for kids..

As a reminder: Linus meets the 2nd Thursday of each month except August. We meet at Westminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Trail Lake Dr. in Fort Worth. Just a short distance across I-20 to Granbury Rd exit and a few turns after that for a lovely morning of sewing, visiting and making new friends. We bring our machines and sew sandwiches and turn right side out and then top stitch and these go to a table where they are tied. There is a table making sandwiches out of matched tops and backs and pinned to batting. A table of crocheters make edges on fleece and other things. A hallway of sorters keep an account of donations and

sorting by hospital and bagging for delivery to donation sites. A table of "inspectors" look for strings and comb over for loose whatever. We have show and tell and get some great ideas. So come check us out and there is always something to do while there. We are committed to deliver 300-350 quilts per month to the area hospitals.

Some of the hospitals require some specifics and we try accommodate them. For the smaller kids 40 X 44 is good and for the larger kids 50 X 60 or even larger. Sadly big kids have health issues too.

Thanks so much for your time and hard work. Remember! Snowball Express is coming in September. The donations have to be shipped to Florida where the kids are treated to days of entertainment and fun and feeling normal. Gary Sinise is now the provider for an all-expenses paid days to get therapy and support for surviving children of deceased veterans. It is an honour to be part of this group. These quilts should be of the larger sizes all the kids are big kids. So keep sewing. There is a need out there. Many thanks "the work we do enriches us and our community." 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.

2026 Executive Board	
Position	Name
President	Lauren Crespo
Vice President/Programs	Phyllis Borton
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Secretary	Toni Oyler
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Membership Assistant	Deborah Womack
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Golden Spool	Gayle Kregel
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Library Assistant	Janice Mowery
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Newsletter	Maria Freitag
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Sunshine & Shadow	Linda McPherson
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Quilt Show Asst	Karen Raschio
Quilt Show Booth	Patsy Martin
Quilt Show Booth Asst	Tanya Zeller
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Block Party	Amy Steinert
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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
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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
freitagmaria@yahoo.com

Another successful **Spring QGOA Away Retreat**

at Cactus Rose!

We sewed, talked, played games, put together a puzzle and had so much fun laughing and breaking out in song; mostly Shelly but we all joined in the fun and laughter! 😊

Monica won the golden thread for being the only little elf dressed for Saint Patty's Day!



Thank you Jill Matyastik for supplying the fun little bowl project at retreat. I used my little fabric bowl for an Easter decoration! Mark your calendars:

The next QGOA Away Retreat at Cactus Rose will be in September the 17th thru the 20th. Thursday Sunday
Registration will begin at the August 11th guild meeting.



