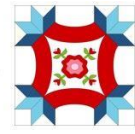




Quilters Guild of East Texas



The Stitchin' Times Newsletter

March 2023

President's Corner

Hi everyone! Welcome to March, and that means only one thing, Quilt Show! I am looking forward to being a participant, unfortunately not with a quilt entry, but as a worker bee. I haven't signed up for anything in particular. I will be a "floater" and Cecilia and MaryLou can put me wherever they need me, since I am planning on being there all day every day. I am hoping that everyone signs up for a job. We can't put on a show of this magnitude without a lot of help. That being said, I was able to get a glimpse of the entry quilts last month during the Show layout meeting and every one of them left me gob smacked! You all entered beautiful quilts. I am looking forward to a wonderful show!

Sherry Gary

President



Find all kinds of Event, Guild, Program, and General Guild information at our website: www.qgetx.org. You can sign up for most events on-line, pay online or mail in your payment!

QGET Minutes

First Christian Church – February 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Sherry Gary at 10:00 AM. Guest, new members and returning members were welcomed.

Announcements – Marilyn Hardy addressed the membership to inform them of Serena Vrnak, longtime member of the guild, who has moved to Dallas to be near her daughter due to health reasons. Feel free to text her on her cell phone listed on membership roster.

The minutes of the January General meeting were posted in the newsletter. Additions or corrections were queried. Hearing none, the minutes stand approved as printed in newsletter.

Treasurer Report – The Treasurer's report is posted in the lobby. Any questions should be directed to Sheryl Moore, Treasurer.

1st Vice President – **Cindy Newland** – The HIVE will meet in community center at 11:30 for a demonstration on methods for making a design wall. There will be no HIVE meetings in March and April. In May a demonstration of paper piecing is planned. In June the topic is Yo Yos.

2nd Vice President – **Mitzy Pearson**- In March Marilyn Hardy will speak on use of scraps for quilting and give a trunk show of American scrap quilts. No workshop is planned as the Dallas bus trip is scheduled for this Friday. There are 5 spaces available on the bus. In April Anna Maria Horner will give a lecture on Blueprint Quilting. Thursday afternoon will be a half day workshop on Hand Applique. Friday will include an all-day workshop on Cross Country Quilt. Information for workshop will be posted on website. Cost for workshop is \$75.00 and members can sign up online and mail in a check for the fee as the mechanism for online payments is not available at this time. In May Deb Atchinson, certified educator for Shannon Brinkley, is scheduled. Mitzy asked for 4 quilt holders to volunteer for Show & Tell.

Membership – **Letha Sparks** – Membership is increasing. In December membership was 147 members and January saw 11 new members We have 5 new or returning members today.

Quilt Show – **Cecilia Brannon (Jackie Ruffing)** – Cecilia Brannon not present. Jackie announced today is last day to enter a quilt in the show. Raffle tickets are available to pick up. Challenge Animal's entry form due March 9 and animals must be turned in by March 21. Silent auction items are due March 9. Country Store items should be turned in to Lisa Martin by the end of February. Quilt show pins are \$5.00. Members were urged to sign up for assignments in lobby after the meeting. Contact Cecilia if you have a wagon the guild can use during the quilt show. We will unload the truck around 9:30 and hang quilts at 11:30. We will continue hanging at 9:00 AM the next day. Need volunteers for set up and take down. Ladder climbing is required to set up poles. Teens will help in the set-up process. Karen Walters explained how quilts will be hung. Small quilts will be hung Wednesday morning of week for show. Take down starts when show is over. Need volunteers to carry quilts to distribution area. Need drape holders and training will be provided. If husbands can help, bring them. Need volunteers to sign up today. Lisa Martin will hold a session to get items organized and priced for Country Store at her home February 20.

Social Media/Communications – **Lucinda Cox** – Guild website is up. Members can sign in and there is a "members only" section. Job descriptions are posted and the membership directory is available and is updated every few months. Soon will be able to pay for workshops online.

Event Coordinator – **Pat Graham** – Pat thanked members for turning in many blocks to use for the Quilts of Valor quilts. Two quilts will be given to veterans in April, 7 in June and 25 at the July 13 celebration. Members were asked to save this date and attend the celebration honoring veterans. There are 5 spots open on the Dallas Quilt Show bus trip.

Cuddle Quilts/Pillowcases – **Lisa Martin**- We received 9 cuddle quilts and 2 tops today. The guild will provide batting. We have many kits available for pillowcases.

Bee Keeper – **Maressa Campbell** – Open Bees were reported and contact person for bee identified. Open groups are Bee Creative (meets 1st Tuesday/month at home of Deb Monroe, 10:00 AM), Bizzy Bees (meets at Colonial Baptist Church, every Thursday/month at 9:00, except during guild week; Sharon Moses is contact), GLOB (meets 1st Thursday/month at 9:30-12:00 and Marilyn Hardy is contact), Piece Makers (meets 3rd Thursday/month at 9:30 – noon at Hideaway Marina, Vicki Burt contact), Sew Joyful (meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday/month at Pollard Methodist Church, 10:00 am – 3pm, Lisa

Martin is contact), Quilts of Valor (meets quarterly, Pat Graham contact, next meeting May 1). The Community Service group meets 3rd Tuesday/month at 1st Baptist Church, 10:00 AM-3pm. Susan Branscum is contact.

Sunshine and Shadows – **Rhonda Chapman** – Rhonda thanked members for communication provided on sheets. Betty Gray's brother passed away. Joyce Herrington's mother (97 years old) passed. Theresa Dunn, former guild member and quilt judge, passed away. Sunshine entries are Rose Wilson has a new granddaughter. Deals Dollar Tree – flexible cutting mats (2 for \$1.25) can run through cutting machine (Silhouette, Scan n Cut, Cricut) and use as templates. Left over batting 8.5 X 10.5 inches works on Swiffer mop.

Reception – **Kathy Burns** – 83 members attended today. New members are Mary Milham, Kim Loewen, and Cheryl Wessels. Patty Price and Donna Kilgore returning members. Door prizes donated by Rhonda Reuter (Crafts and Quilting), Jessica and Abby Culbertson (A Joyful Thread), Anonymous, and Marcie Alberts (Options) were awarded.

Mitzy Pearson introduced the speaker Tiffany Hayes, pattern designer for several fabric manufacturers. She moved to Mineola from California. Tiffany showed a variety of quilts using new fabrics. She makes a quilt, photographs it and sends to manufacturer for publication consideration. Her presentation was very interesting and gave members many ideas for use of fabrics in quilting.

Show and Tell was held.

Meeting closed at 11:45AM.

Respectfully submitted by Frieda Pickett, Secretary

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

NEWSFLASH!

We can now register and pay online for workshops!! Thanks to Lucinda Cox's expertise and many hours of time. The website keeps getting better and better!

March Program – Marilyn Hardy will present a trunk show highlighting the American scrap quilt.

Workshop Friday – No workshop this month. We will be on a bus trip visiting the Dallas Quilt Show.

Sign up for the Bus Trip [HERE](#).

April Program - Anna Maria Horner –Lecture: Anna Maria's Blueprint Quilting a presentation that goes in depth on Anna Maria's unique composition styles, and her adventurous variations on those themes.

Rhonda Reuter of Craft's and Quilting is working with Anna to put together some optional kits for the classes. Rhonda will also bring a Pop-up shop with lots of Anna's fabric to the guild meeting.

Anna's workshops are being offered at amazing prices much lower than you would find at a show. Of course, that's one of the great benefits of guild membership. We all work hard to raise money through our own quilt show and that money helps cover expenses of bringing in nationally known speakers.

Workshop Thursday - 2:00-6:00 - Applique Stories - A half-day workshop all about hand applique. \$45

Sign up at the meeting or online [HERE](#)



Workshop Friday –10:00-5:00 – Cross Country Quilt - This class features fabric selection, machine patchwork, compositional planning and layout, curved bias applique. This class can accommodate 18 people. \$75 – all attendees will receive the pattern at no additional charge.

Sign up at the meeting or online: [HERE](#)



May Program – Deb Atchison – Scrappy Applique – Deb is a certified quilting instructor using Shannon Brinkley's Scrappy Applique process. She is an experienced educator and quilter who enjoys leading participants through the process of creating beautiful works of art with fabric! Teaching is Deb's lifelong career and quilting is her passion. Deb is a Legit Kits Ambassador and Instructor and Project Coordinator for Quilt Beyond Borders.

Workshop Friday – 10:00-5:00 - Scrappy Applique – Scrappy Applique is a raw-edge applique technique created by Shannon Brinkley. This technique is fun and easy, giving quilters the freedom to play with fabric and color to create unique mosaic quilts. Workshop is \$45. Pattern purchase is required. Specialty stabilizer, fusible, thread kit is \$22.

Sign up at meeting or online: [HERE](#)



To sign up for class, call Rose Wilson 903-530-6947; for questions, call Mitzy Pearson 469-387-6931.

Workshop General Class information-

Classes are normally held on the Friday 10 am to 4:30 pm, following our Guild meeting on Thursday. Please arrive a little early to get your work area set up. Class will start promptly at 10:00.

The classes meet in the Christian Life Center (CLC) building which is behind the church building where we have our Guild meetings. We use Room 5. You may bring your lunch or get take-out locally during our lunch break. Please see the supply list on QGETX.org for your specific class.

Mitzy Pearson, 2nd Vice-President Programs

Program Speakers Needed

If you are interested in presenting a program and/or workshop for our guild or for other area guilds, please contact Mitzy Pearson, 469-387-6931.

[Quilt Show 2023](#) <<link to website

2023 Tyler Quilt Show

It's Quilt Show month! Where did the time go? I guess time flies when you're busy working on quilts.

We have 130 quilts to hang in our show. A show means work for everyone—quilts to handle on intake morning, quilts to hang, White Glove volunteers, take down and finally distribution. I appreciate the volunteer work you as guild members give to this show. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Your Quilt Show Committee Chairs

Admissions - Susan Branscum
Challenge Animals - Maresa Campbell
Country Store - Lisa Martin
Demos and Lectures - Jan Copas
Judging - Marilyn Hardy
Vendor Hospitality/Purse Security/White Gloves - Rose Wilson
Quilt Distribution - Cheryl Fillion
Quilt In Take - Ceil Nolley
Quilt frame setup/takedown /quilt hanging – Karen Walters
Quilt Layout - Susan Webber
Quilts, Shipped - Marcie Alberts
Raffle Quilt Take Around - Jackie Ruffing
Raffle Tickets, Sales - Jackie Ruffing
Raffle TKTS/Postcard design – Melanie and Dennis Dossey
Ribbons Sponsorships - Janene Auld
Show Pins, Design - Sandy McClenny
Show Pins, Sales - Maresa Campell
Signage – Debbie Lovett
Silent Auction - Pat Graham
Vendors/Door prizes, vendor relief - Susan Merrill
Volunteer Coordinator - Marylou Douglas

Some guild meeting reminders:

- **Shift Sign-Up** continues. Check Marylou Douglas' lists and see where you are most needed. Marylou will distribute the volunteers pins. Six (6) hours and work is required for receipt of a volunteer pin. Many of you have already worked more than 6 hours!
- **Volunteers needed:** Please contact Marylou Douglas and sign up to help.
 - Admissions Desk (Sitting position, receive admission money)
 - Country Store (cashier and help customers)
 - Hand Quilting & Handiwork Demos

- Hospitality (sitting job handing out community info and Kids Quilt Search)
- Kitchen (Vendor hospitality, clean tables)
- Purse Security (Sitting job: Take bags from volunteers and stay with them. Bring your handwork)
- Quilt Distribution (arrange tables, receive quilts from take down, arrange quilts in alphabetical order and handout quilts)
- Quilt Intake (receive and check in quilts)
- Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales (sitting job, will sell raffle tickets for Opportunity Quilt)
- Setup and Hanging Quilts (Unload trailer and frame setup, hang quilts)
- Show Pin Sales (sitting job, selling show pins) 11 p.m.-3 p.m.
- Silent Auction (take bids for purchases)
- Small Quilts (help hang the small quilt display).
- Take Down (Take down quilts & frames. Fold drapes and load into trailer)
- Vendor Relief (sit at vendor booth while they go on break, you do not sell)
- White Glove (1 hour walking position, watch quilts and answer visitor's questions)
- The beautiful **2023 Quilt Show pins** will be for sale at the March guild meeting and at the show.
- Turn in your **raffle quilt stubs**.
- Your **Silent Auction item** should be given to Pat Graham or Rhonda Rueter **no later than Thursday, March 9**.
- **March 9 is the deadline** for submitting your entry form for your challenge animals. Maresa Campbell will accept your challenge animals at the meeting, March 9. Remaining animals are to be turned in during quilt intake, Tuesday March 21, 2023.

Make sure your quilt ready for Intake on Tuesday:

- Be certain you have securely sewn to the bottom back of your quilt, a label with your name and contact information.
- Remember that every quilt **must have** a sleeve. Small quilts can have a 2" sleeve. Large quilts must have a 4" sleeve. (Directions for sleeve making can be found on the website, [HERE](#)).
- If your quilt is **over 90 inches long**, please note that the top of the sleeve should be sewn 90" from the bottom of the quilt. This precaution will keep your quilt off the floor and away from feet.

Mark **Tuesday, March 21** on your calendar because everything begins in earnest at First Christian Church, Christian Life Center.

- **Intake** is in the BOY SCOUT ROOM.
- **Bring your quilts for check-in between 8:30 am and 11:00 am.** You will be given a receipt (necessary to reclaim your quilt on Saturday evening) and you will be asked to stand by while the Intake Committee checks your quilt over.

THIS AND THAT

Marylou Douglas will give you a ballot for voting on “**Member’s Choice**” when you sign in on the volunteer hours sheet on Friday, March 24. Member’s choice voting will continue until noon, Saturday, March 26. Return your vote to Marylou. The winner will be announced at 1 PM on Saturday.

The **drawing for “Braced Bees”** will take place at 4:30 on Saturday, March 25. Good luck, everyone.

The **show closes at 5 pm Saturday.**

Quilt Distribution will begin at approximately **6 pm.**

For all the work you’ve done, for all the work you will do, I am profoundly grateful.

Be creative and get those “Bits to Beautiful”.

Cecilia Brannon, 2023 Show Chair
903.521.6569

QGET Quilt Show 2023 Silent Auction



Sample items seen here!
Over 50 items to bid on.



Hive Update

Hi all,

Here are the plans for the next few Hive meetings. The Hive meets after our Guild meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

March: no Hive Meeting due to Quilt show

April: no Hive meeting. Please consider enrolling in Anna Marie's half day workshop

May: Paper piecing demo

June: Yo Yo's are making a comeback big time!

Cindy Newland
1st Vice President

Community Service Update

Cuddle Quilts

Cuddle Quilts received 17 completed quilts during the February guild meeting. Thank you so much to all for your time and talent! We also distributed about 4 quilt tops with batting to our long arm volunteers to be quilted. Our next Community Services Sew Day will be Tuesday, March 21 from 10-3 at First Baptist Church, 301 West Ferguson St., Tyler. Anyone is welcome to come and sew, whether it be Cuddle Quilts, pillowcases, or Quilts of Valor.

Susan Kerr
903-991-0499

Quilts of Valor

Thank you to all who have contributed blocks and fabric. That is a huge blessing and really speeds up our top making.

Right now our group is busily making enough to wrap 34 veterans. Two of these will be awarded April 8, 2023, two June 9th, five June 29th and the remainder at our Big July 13 Guild Patriotic Celebration. We have 10 quilts being made by family members or friends which leaves us 24 to complete. We have ten complete except three are being bound. Seven are at the long

armers, two are waiting to go to a long armer and several more are in various stages of being completed.

More is needed: Any size block is accepted even though 12.5 is a little easire to get the top made in a hurry. We are also in need of kahaki, off white, cream, red and blue fabric. And of course any patriotic fabric is always good.

Pat Graham, Coordinator - 903.594.4450, pat@grahamfirm.net

See more information about all of our Community Service Projects [HERE](#).

Membership Update

We welcomed five new members (two are returning members) at our February meeting. In addition, we had one new member join through the website. Please welcome:

Cynthia Johnson (joined via the website from Anna)
Donna Kilgore (returning member from Palestine))
Kim Loewen (new member from Tyler)
Mary Milham (new member from Whitehouse)
Patricia Price (returning member from Bullard)
Cheryl Wessels (new member from Tyler)

Current membership stands at 163. There were 83 members in attendance at the February meeting. It is so good to see all the members who are attendance as we get to renew our friendships and make plans for future workshops and the quilt show. Please help me welcome these new members at our meetings. The website continues to attract new members and we want to especially welcome them to our guild. If anyone needs to contact me, you can email me at louisej603@att.net. I look forward to seeing everyone at our March guild meeting.

Letha Sparks
Membership Chair

Event Update



Dallas Quilt Show

Bus Trip, March 10, 2023

Bus is full! Thank you riders!

Tickets are purchased!

7:30 a.m. Bus leaves First Christian Church, Tyler

8:00 a.m. Bus picks up at Hideaway –
Bakery & service station exit 552.

Last minute and updated Information will be emailed to all riders .



SAVE THE DATE!



JULY 13, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

You won't want to miss this event!

Our July 13, 2023 QGET meeting is going to be a great time of honoring our veterans and celebrating America.

Our program will be wrapping of 25 (at the moment) veterans with Quilts of Valor made by our own Guild members. These quilts are awarded to our veterans who have been touched by war. Suzanne DiCarlo, our Texas State Coordinator, will be here to present the quilts. The Quilt makers will be showing the special quilt made for each individual veteran. And you will hear a little about what each veteran has done.

The Colors and Pledge of Allegiance will be presented and led by Marine Corp League #1381, Jacksonville, Texas. The Tyler Connection, a local barbershop quartet who are part of the East Texas Men in Harmony, will sing a couple of very special patriotic songs.

And then we will have a 4th of July type meal ending with a sing-along of patriotic medleys led by The Tyler Connection. Tables will be decorated with give-a-way centerpieces.

This will be a special time of Thanking our Veterans for their service to our country and keeping us free.



We are preparing for 150 so we need help with the food.

We are asking businesses to donate food for this event: Brisket and sauce, slider buns, potato salad, chips, cole slaw, and baked beans. If any of you Guild members have relatives or dear friends with a restaurant or business that might be willing to help us PLEASE let me know. It always helps to know someone.

We will probably ask the Guild members to bring dessert and watermelon.



Lots of stitching happening! Next QOV Sew day – May 1, 2023

Pat Graham

Sunshine and Shadows

Send your Sunshine and Shadows Information to Rhonda Chapman. Please text her at 909.957.8836 or send email to her [here](#).

Bee Update

If you are not part of a small group, I would be glad to help you find a group that fits you. Being in a small group enhances your experience in being in the Guild and is fun! It is also a great way to make friends. If you would like to start a small group, please contact me. I can help guide you through the process

Open Small Groups –

Bee Creative – Meets the 1st Tues of each month at the home of Deb Monroe, 10:00 am.

Bizzy Bees – Meets at Colonial Baptist Church, every Thursday except Guild week, 9:00 am.

GLOB – Meets the 1st Thursday each month, First Baptist Church Downtown Tyler, 9:30 am–12:00.

Piece Makers – Meets the 3rd Thursday each month at 9:30 till lunch, Hideaway Marina.

Sew Joyful – Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at Pollard Methodist Church, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Closed Small Groups –

These groups have a full membership and are not able to accept new members.

Blazing Needles
Calico Cutters (Holly Lake Ranch)
Chatty Stitchers (Athens)
Nimble Thimbles
Nine Patches
Quilters' Knot
Seams Close
Sew Happy Quilters

Community Service Group – Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month, First Baptist Church, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. This group works on donations. All community service groups welcome.

If your small group is not listed, please let me know so I can update my list to include all small groups.

Thank you,
Beekeeper, Maresa Campbell

March Birthdays

1- Janet Hancock

17 - Debbie Lovett

2 - Linda Mayfield

19 - Cathy Woodson

7 - Nancy McReynolds

20 - Susan Branscum

13 - Delia Cedeno

27 - Cynthia Adrian

14 - Betty Lynch

29 - Pam Howard

31 - Joyce Moody

Request for Antique or Vintage Quilts

The Goodman-LeGrand Museum, located at 624 N. Broadway, will host a special antique quilt display from Saturday, March 18th to Saturday, April 15th. Debbie Isham the director for the museum is requesting a few quilts to be exhibited. These should be from the early 1800's to the early 1940's. She is also requesting quilt racks. Setup will be March 16th or 17th. Cathy Woodson is coordinating the quilt collection. Contact Cathy at 903-570-8706 or woodsonc15@gmail.com.

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**Refreshments, Show & Tell
Program Quilt Holders & Folders, Door Greeters**

January	H, I, K
February	O, P, Q, R
March	N, T, U, V
April	C
May	L, G
June	S
July	B
August	A, D, J
September	E, F
October	W, X, Y, Z
November	M
December	Luncheon

Location for Quilters' Guild of East Texas
1st Christian Church of Tyler
Corner of South Broadway and Loop 323 for
Quilters' Guild of East Texas.
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