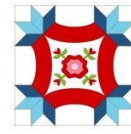




Quilters Guild of East Texas



The Stitchin' Times Newsletter

January 2024

President's Corner

Happy New Year to you all! I'm so excited about all that our guild has to offer this year, and I hope you are too. First there's the new Mystery Quilt that starts TODAY, it will be so much fun to see everyone's creations when it's finished in the summer. We also have our White Elephant Sale at the January guild meeting, so make sure you're on hand to take advantage of all the great steals and deals.

And you know the Quilt Show is fast approaching, so get those quilts finished and entered into our juried show. This year we are donating the monies made from the Raffle Quilt to local charities, and we want our members to nominate those worthy charities. You can print the Nomination Forms from our website so please make sure and get them us by the end of this month.

I hope to see you all at our upcoming guild meetings to see the wonderful programs that are on tap, and at the fun and educational workshops we have coming up. Your Board and Committee members are working extra hard to make 2024 an exceptional year and we hope you all will support our efforts and enjoy everything we are offering.

Happy Quilting,

Lisa Martin



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 – November 9, 2023

Minutes from last month's meeting can be found on the website ([here](#)).

Did You Know?!?

You can tell that you are logged in to the website when you see your name in the top right corner.



Quilters Guild of East Texas



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Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Our workshop location is back to the original location in the CLC! We are excited to be back in our original location. Our start time remains at 9:00AM.

January Program – Mel Beach Modern, Bold, Fun – Fun and Games in Quilting - January 11, 2024

Mel Beach is a San Jose, CA based quilt artist, teacher and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured, and colorful twists. She loves to have fun stretching her creativity through her completion of six 100-Day Projects involving dice and participation in 100+ quilt challenges.

For more information about Mel Beach, go to our website: [Quilters Guild of East Texas - QGET Meeting \(qgetx.org\)](http://qgetx.org)

[MelBeachQuilts](#)



START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH A BANG! THE PRICE ON THIS WORKSHOP HAS BEEN LOWERED!

Workshop – Free Styling and Spiraling – January 12, 2024 – ZOOM Workshop

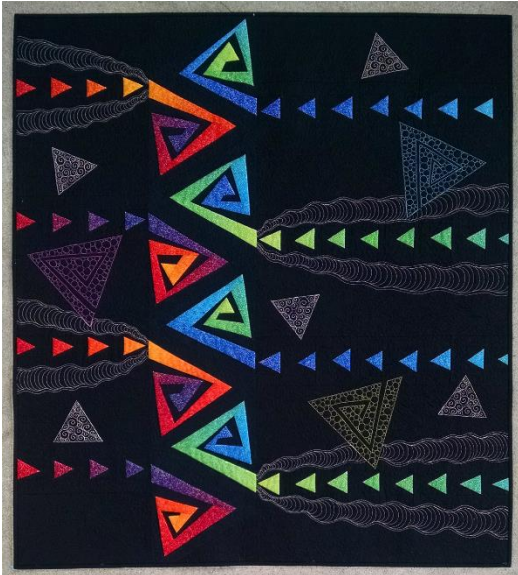
These improv-pieced spiral designs are sure to mesmerize and energize!! We'll start with square spirangles and experiment with different design options and construction techniques. Then we'll explore new spirangle designs: rectangles, triangles, hexagons, and diamonds...oh my!!

The Zoom workshops will be held in the convenience of your own sewing rooms. All you need is a laptop, iPad or other device with the Zoom app loaded. Each person attending must pay to register, but you can get together with a friend, and attend the class together.

Class Fee: \$25 Members, \$30 Non-Members

Register Here: [Quilters Guild of East Texas - Free Styling and Spiraling - Mel Beach \(qgetx.org\)](https://www.qgetx.org)

After the guild meeting in January, The Hive will present “A Hands on Zoom Tutorial” Bring your laptops or iPads and we will go through the steps to log into a Zoom meeting.



February Program – Sarah Ruiz – Rockets and Rotary Cutters – February 8, 2024

Sarah Ruiz is a quilter and aerospace engineer living in Houston, Texas.

Her creative and technical sides have always been intertwined, from drawing Disney characters and memorizing constellations as a kid to supporting the space station and dreaming up new quilts today.

Quilting perfectly combines her engineering and artistic mindsets, and she loves the puzzle-solving required to turn an idea into reality. Sarah designs modern quilts that bring new twists to traditional patterns and feature bright colors, bold lines, and graphic shapes. Her designs are easy to make, but pack a visual punch.

Sarah is also an [engineer at NASA's Johnson Space Center](#), where she began as a college student in 1997. She's had several different jobs over the years and while they've all been fun, her most "glamorous" role was working as a

flight controller for the space shuttle from 2005-2011. Sara has written a number of things about working in [Mission Control](#) and my specific roles there.

<https://saroy.net/>



**Workshop – Happy Mail: Quilted Fabric Postcards –
February 9, 2024 – ZOOM Workshop**

Quilted fabric postcards are a fun and fantastic way to use scraps, try new techniques, experiment with color and thread...and bring smiles to family and friends around the globe. In this class, we will cover my process for making quilted fabric postcards and discuss different material options and finishing techniques. I will also share tips and tricks I have learned while making over 200 postcards (so far). All students can expect to finish 1-2 postcards.

Class Fee: \$25 Members, \$30 Non-Members

Register here: [Quilters Guild of East Texas - HAPPY MAIL: Quilted Fabric Postcards - Sarah Ruiz \(qgetx.org\)](#)



March Program

**Lisa Martin – Prepared Edge Applique – March 14,
2024**

Sherry Gary - Quilt Show Meeting

**March Workshop Bus Trip to Dallas Quilt Show in lieu of workshop – March
15, 2024**

April Program

Jackie Brown – Award Winning Mast Quilter - April 11, 2024

Jackie has been quilting and teaching for over 20 years. She has earned many ribbons and has recently earned the designation of Master Quilter. Join

us as Jackie takes us through her journey and shares her tips and insights into quilting.

Learn more about Jackie on her website. Jackiesmachinequilting.com



April Workshop – Free Motion Quilting on Your Domestic Machine with Jackie Brown – April 12, 2024

Would you like to learn how to free motion quilt using your domestic sewing machine? What an amazing opportunity to learn from Jackie Brown, award winning Master Quilter! This class is for the beginner to intermediate quilter who wants to learn the basics or to expand on quilting skills.

Class Fee \$45.00 Members, \$55.00 Non-Members

Register Here: [Quilters Guild of East Texas - Free Motion Quilting on Your Domestic Machine - Jackie Brown \(qgetx.org\)](http://Quilters Guild of East Texas - Free Motion Quilting on Your Domestic Machine - Jackie Brown (qgetx.org))

More upcoming workshops:

Keep an eye on our website for the latest news!

June 13, 2024

Fran Morgan – Fabric Café Program

July 11, 2024

Cuddle Quilt Challenge

September 12, 13 & 14, 2024

Krista Moser – The Quilted Life

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

Please let me know if you have a specific speaker request. I will do my best to add them to our schedule.

Mitzy Pearson, 2nd Vice-President Programs

Quilt Show News

Hi everyone! Yes, the holidays are behind us and it's a brand new year, which means it's time to start earnestly working on having a wonderful Quilt Show. Once again, I want to thank all the guild members who signed up to lead the key positions needed to run a show. We are still in need of someone to lead in the Set Up and Take Down position. Also, Susan Weber is accepting quilt entry forms now. The entry form is in the November 2023 newsletter and on the website([here](#)). You 'll need to fill out one form per quilt and don't forget to attach a photo. **All entry forms, photos, and applicable fees must be received by Thursday, February 8, 2024.** Challenge quilt participants will need to fill out a form too. So, Stay Calm and Quilt On!

Sherry Gary
Quilt Show Chair

Raffle Proceeds to go to Local Charities

In November your Board of Directors voted to reinstate a previous guild practice to donate monies to local charities. Proceeds from the Quilt Raffle at the March 2024 Quilt Show will now be donated to local charitable organizations that will be nominated by our members. So we need YOU to think of worthwhile 501c3 charities in the Tyler area, preferably those who specialize in helping children and/or women in crisis and tell us about them.

We will be taking your nominations in December and January, and any QGET member can nominate a charity for our guild to donate to. We will most likely donate to two or three organizations, and your Board of Directors will vote to choose which ones based on your recommendations.

To nominate a charity for this program just click the link ([here](#)) to download the Nomination Form. Fill it out, along with any pertinent background information, and either hand it in at the December or January guild meeting or scan it and email it to [Lisa Martin](#) (<-email link) before January 30th. (A collection box for these forms will be at the Cuddle Quilt table at the guild meetings.)

I look forward to hearing about all the amazing charities that you guild members nominate. At the February guild meeting I plan to announce the recipients that have been chosen.

Lisa Martin
President

Country Store:

Donations have been trickling in for the past few months, and we are anticipating a wave of donations in the new year for the team of volunteers to process. We will have boxes at the January meeting near the entrance of the building for you to leave donations. If you cannot attend a meeting and would still like to donate, feel free to reach out to me directly and make arrangements (I like getting a phone call, but text or email is ok too). You can reach me at (480)628-5414 or jamie.marquez@gmail.com.

Silent Auction:

QGET Quilt Show 2024 SILENT AUCTION



Pat Graham, Rhonda Reuter and Lanie Schrink are chairing the 2024 Silent Auction.
We are ready to accept your items.
We are suggesting projects with a Fair Market Value of no less than \$40.00.

Surprise us with your creativity. Baskets full of goodies, and bags/totes are always a hot item as well as seasonal items. Think of something you would like and that will be a perfect donation.

You may bring your items to the Guild meetings and give to Pat Graham or Lanie Schrink, or drop them off with Rhonda at Crafts and Quilting.

Please help us by filling out the Silent Auction Donation form which is on the website.
Pat Graham

Hive Update

The Hive is a group that meets 30 minutes after our regular Thursday meeting. The goal of the Hive is to teach a short demo and to help our newest members become acquainted with each other and to become a part of the guild. New members are the main goal of the Hive but any member that is interested in the demo topic is welcome to attend and meet new members. Meeting is usually in the same room as our regular monthly meeting.

January - Bring your laptop or tablet and learn how to Zoom for the Workshop.
February – Using All Your Scraps by Carol Brown
March – No Hive Meeting
April – Braided Lanyards by Jan Glover
May – Zippered Pouch by Rhonda Chapman

Cindy Newland
1st Vice President

Community Projects Update

Child Advocacy Center - received 25 Cuddle Quilts and 50 Drawstring Pillowcases in December.

Hope Haven - will receive 10 Cuddle Quilts and Drawstring Pillowcases next week.

QOV - 1 awarded last week, and 11 more will be awarded this Saturday.

QOV Sew Day - Monday, Feb. 12th at Pat's home; No Community Projects sew day this month due to Christmas Holiday. The next one will be Tuesday, January 16th.

T-shirts - Order now! We will be turning in the order in January so that we will have the shirts in time for the Quilt Show in March. You can order today or mail your order to me.

Thank you!

Cyndi McNeill
Community Projects

Event Update

White Elephant Sale - Jan 11, 2024

We will be having our White Elephant Sale on Thursday, January 11, 2024, before and after our Guild Meeting. This will be a great opportunity to clean out

your sewing room. The sale is for sewing related items. You will have a table to display your items, you price them, and make change. If you have items left you do not wish to take home they can be donated to the Country Store.

If you are interested, please contact Jo Nortier to request a table at nortierjosefina@gmail.com

DALLAS QUILT SHOW

March 15, 2024

We are going to the Dallas Quilt Show. A 48-passenger bus has been scheduled and we will need at least 40 people to pay for the bus. We can stop in Hideaway and we will stop at Buckee's on they way.

The cost will be \$60 per member, which includes your ticket to the show. Your reservation can be made online ([here](#)) or at Guild meetings.

We will have a waiting list for any friends who are not Guild members. If the bus is not full by the February 8th Guild meeting, we will be contacting people on the Waiting List. Their cost will be \$65.

Bee Update

You can see all our Open Bees ([here](#)) on the website.

Bee's are a great way to learn a new skill and make friends. Start 2024 with new friends.

This month I am planning a fun time for the Sashiko Bee, which will meet the 4th Wednesday of the month (**January 24th**) at **Crafts & Quilting 715** College Ave, Tyler **10 am to 1:30** (bring your sack lunch)

I plan to attend the 1st Thursday meeting of the Baltimore Album group at the 1st Baptist Downtown as I have always wanted to do one (it will have a modern twist).

Others have expressed interest in a Crazy Quilt Bee. Anyone else wanting to do one?

All you need to start a Bee is a few others interested and a meeting place. You can host or lead a Bee.

Contact me if you are interested. Ellen.Baranowski@gmail.com

Ellen Baranowski
Bee Keeper



Retreats

Greenbriar Retreat - Jan 21-25, 2024

Sign up for the January retreat! The cost is \$318 with a \$50 deposit due at guild meeting. Contact Rose Wilson to be put on the list.

You can register with Rose Wilson and see more information [here](#).

Rose can be contacted by Email hrwil4950@gmail.com or phone 903-530-6947 for information.

BOM (Block of the Month) Quilt Block Drawing

Each month we will offer a 12 ½" block pattern to our members, and you can download the patterns from our website. The block will be due at the next

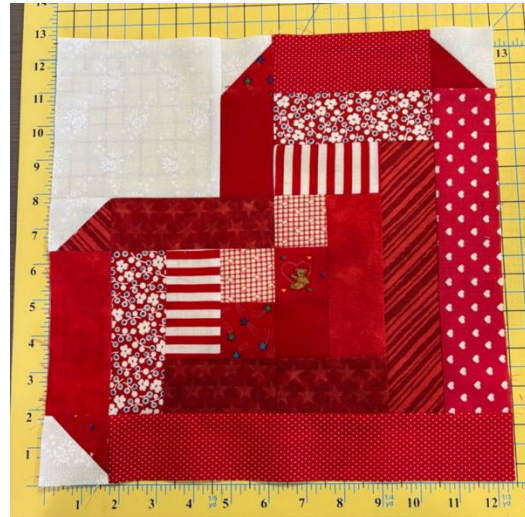
month's guild meeting, and you will turn them in to Connie Miller at the BOM table. For each block that you turn in you will get one chance to win the drawing. Typically one or two participants will win ALL the blocks each month. Just click the link ([here](#)) to learn more about this fun activity and to download the patterns. Please contact Connie Miller with any questions.

In December we had 17 blocks turned in. Congratulations to the winner of the Santa blocks, Jan Glover, and the winner of the Tree blocks, Lisa Martin.

The blocks due at the January guild meeting are pictured here:



The blocks due at the February guild meeting are pictured here:



Connie Miller
Block of the Month

Mystery Quilt to begin January 1st!!!

We hope you will all choose to participate in our newest activity, A Mystery Quilt! You will not know in advance what the finished quilt will look like, but you will be given guidance on fabric choices and yardage. At the beginning of each month new “Clue” will be posted on our website, with instructions for that month. Won’t it be fun to find out from the very last clue how your creation is actually going to go together?

Our Mystery Quilt will start January 1st, 2024 and run through July, 2024, and there is no need to sign up! The clues will be posted on our website, with links to them in our newsletter each month. Since your last clue will come in July, we plan to have a big reveal of everyone’s finished quilt tops at the September guild meeting. We hope many of you won’t be able to resist this mysterious quilting experience! [Betty Lynch](#) (<-email link) will be in charge of this great new activity, so please direct any questions to her.

Clues will be posted on our website at the beginning of every month, and to see the FIRST CLUE click ([here](#)).



January Birthdays

16 - Bonnie Edwards

19 - Angela Rohlack, Ro Simmons

22 - Millie Wester

25 - Cecilia Brannon

27 - Jamie Rhorer


29 - Janene Auld, Lucinda Cox,
Martha Roy

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All Executive Board Members and Chairs listed on website: [HERE](#)

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Upcoming Quilt Shows

Dallas Quilt Show

March 15-17

Dallas Market Hall

2200 N Stemmons Hwy

Dallas, TX

10-5 Friday - Sat; 11-4 Sunday

Tickets \$15.00

Gun Barrel Quilt Show

April 26-27

Dallas Market Hall

2205 West Main

Gun Barrel City, TX

9-5 Friday and 9-4- Saturday

Tickets TBD

**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
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