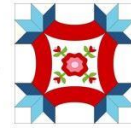


Quilters Guild of East Texas



The Stitchin' Times Newsletter

February 2024

President's Corner

Wow, I had so much fun at last month's White Elephant sale and the "Spirangles" Zoom Workshop with Mel Beach! I got some great steals on Thursday and then Friday I learned a fascinating new technique to make swirly, wonky squares and triangles...look out for my next weird creation!

And now it's time to focus on the QUILT SHOW!!!! Time has flown and it's almost upon us, with the deadline for our quilt entries being February 8th, our next guild meeting. We need you ALL to enter a quilt or five in the show to make it a great success. So let's all get on the stick and get our quilt entries ready to turn in. And make sure you sign up at the next guild meeting to volunteer during the show, it takes an army to pull it off and the more volunteers the better.

Also don't forget to pick up your quilt kit for our next Cuddle Quilt Panel Challenge! Becky will have kits for you at the Cuddle Quilt table, and your finished quilts are due in July. It's a super fun way to participate in our Community Service efforts. See you all soon!

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!

DON'T FORGET! Quilt Show Entry Forms *with* a Picture
due at the February Guild Meeting!!!!

QGET Minutes

First Christian Church – January 11, 2024

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

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.

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 \(qgetx.org\)](https://www.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!

May 9 & 10 Katherine Zimmerman – Award Winning Quilts, How to get a second look from the judges

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! Have you heard the latest news? QGET is hosting a Quilt Show next month! That means that you should be getting your quilt entry forms filled out and giving them to Susan Weber by the February meeting. Lucky for us, February has an extra day. Yep, 2024 is a Leap Year! This means that you have an additional 24 hours to sew on bindings, etc. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available at the February and March meetings. Most of the jobs will be in 2 hour increments and several of the jobs are sitting, such as Admissions, raffle ticket sales and Hospitality (new member signup and pin sales). One final note, members MUST wear their membership badges during the show.

Sherry Gary
Quilt Show Chair

Country Store: Jamie Bratcher is collecting items for the Country Store.

Silent Auction:

CALLING ALL OUR GENEROUS AND CREATIVE GUILD MEMBERS!



We need donations
For
SILENT AUCTION
QGET Quilt Show 2024



Currently we have 19 Terrific items but last year we had 69.
Last year we made right at \$4,000.00
How about \$4,500 this year???
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you know what you are giving and don't have it quite ready just help us by filling out the Silent Auction Donation form which is on the website and getting it to either Rhonda Reuter At Crafts and Quilting, Lanie Schrink or me.

Surprise us with your creativity. Baskets full of goodies or tools. Project bags or totes are always a hot item as well as seasonal items such as table runners, place mats, pillows, wall hangings, etc. Project tools, thread, kits for - embroidery, Sashiko, other needlework items. Think of something you would like and that will be a perfect donation.

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.

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

January, 2024

We are very pleased to announce that Becky Grimaud will be our new Cuddle Quilts Chair! Thank you for taking on this role... we are looking forward to working with you.

Our Community Projects sewing group has a new name... **The Giving Bee!** We had a great turnout on January 18th, and we pieced backings for quite a few Cuddle Quilts. The next Giving Bee sewing day will be Tuesday, February 20th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at First Baptist Church (301 W. Ferguson). Come join us!

CUDDLE QUILT PANEL CHALLENGE!!

We are so excited to announce another Panel Challenge being hosted by Cuddle Quilts. All you have to do to participate is sign up with Becky Grimaud at the Cuddle Quilts table at any guild meeting. Becky will give you a quilt kit complete with a panel, coordinating fabric, and backing and binding fabric. (Or you can use your own panel and fabric if you like.) Your finished quilt will be turned in at our *July guild meeting* to be voted on by our members, and the quilt makers in the top 3 places will win great prizes. The design of your quilt is entirely up to you! Add as much or as little to your panel as you want, just try to keep your quilt within the size range of 40" x 50" (smallest) to 60" x 80" (largest). If you need some design ideas Becky and her team will be happy to help you. We will also be happy to supply you with batting when you get ready to quilt, or just turn in your quilt top and backing fabric if you would rather one of our volunteer longarm quilters quilt it for you. (Please make sure you give the quilter plenty of time to finish it though!)

This challenge is a great way to get involved in our Community Service efforts, and we hope you will join us. For more information just contact Becky Grimaud at grimaudr12@gmail.com.

Our quilters have been super busy lately. We received 34 finished Drawstring Pillowcases and 9 Cuddle Quilts at our January Meeting. Quilts of Valor awarded 10 quilts on 12/16/23. Due to the poor weather, the Tyler Marines award ceremony has been postponed until Feb. 20th. The next Quilts of Valor sew day is Feb. 12th from 9 am to 3 pm at Pat

Graham's home (512 Woodland Hills Drive). Come select your fabric and pattern for your next QOV from our stash with help of others. You may bring your own machine and sew, cut fabric, press for sewers, see our finished quilts, or just fellowship. For more information, please contact Pat Graham pat@grahamfirm.net. Hope to see you there!

Deanna Sims (Child Advocacy Center) is going to give us a tour of the new facility in February. We will set up another tour next month if there is enough interest. If you are interested in a future tour, please contact Cyndi McNeill cyndio2002@gmail.com.

Volunteer Hours - Please remember to log and report your volunteer hours spent on Cuddle Quilts, Quilts of Valor and Drawstring Pillowcases. This is an important part of maintaining our non-profit status. You can email your hours monthly to Cyndi McNeill (cyndio2002@gmail.com), or report them when you sign in at the guild meetings. Thank you all so much for your work to make our community a better place!

February refreshments are letters O,P, Q & R

Event Update

DALLAS QUILT SHOW

March 15, 2024

DALLAS QUILT SHOW

Hello Ladies,

Are you ready for the Dallas Quilt Show? A 48-passenger bus has been reserved for Friday, March 15, 2024, for all who wish to attend. We will need 40 people to pay for the bus. This cost is \$60 per member, which includes your ticket to the show. We are currently taking reservations, online ([Here](#)) and at our Guild meetings. If you have a friend who would like to go who is not a Guild member, we have a waiting list. If the bus is not full by the February 8th Guild meeting, we will begin contacting people on the Waiting List, their cost will be \$65.

Bee Update

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

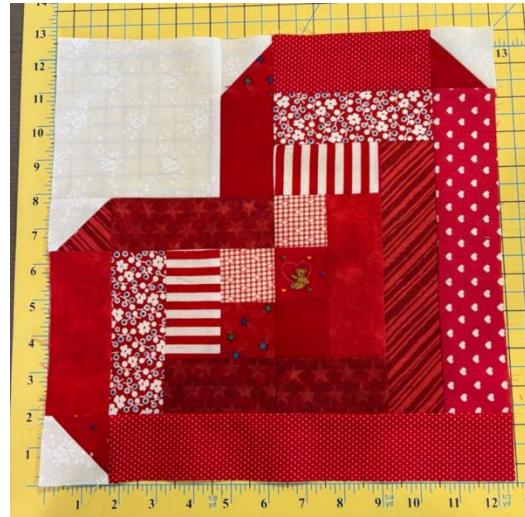
Hi, I'm Ellen Baranowski, I am the new Bee Keeper. There seems to be a need for some new Bee's.

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)

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.

E-mail me at Ellen.baranowski@gmail.com with your ideas and needs. Joining a Bee it's the way to meet new friends and learn new techniques.

Ellen Baranowski
Bee Keeper



[BOM \(Block of the Month\) Quilt Block Drawing](#)

Each month we will offer a 12 1/2" 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.

At the January guild meeting 12 snowflake blocks were turned in, and Rose Wilson won the drawing of all the blocks. They were very pretty, and I can hardly wait to see what she will make with them.

We are looking forward to seeing February's Heart Log Cabin blocks.

March block is a "Woven Knot".



Connie Miller
Block of the Month

Mystery Quilt – Another Clue Revealed!

Hello adventurous quilters, I am the “Mysterious Quilter” and am here to reveal the Second Clue to your spooky Mystery Quilt. Just click the link ([here](#)) to see what instructions I’ve got for you this month.

My pattern tester, known as Mom E. Quilter (aka Mom), will be showing you her progress each month. Here are photos of her fabric choices and the blocks she’s made from the latest clue.



As you know, clues for your Mystery Quilt will be posted monthly through July 2024, and the big reveal of your finished quilt tops will be at the September 2024 guild meeting. Please contact [Betty Lynch](#) for more information, or pick up a printed clue from her at each guild meeting. And if you're late getting started on this mystery, don't worry, just visit our website www.qgetx.org to download all the clues...it won't take long for you to catch up!

Inexplicably Yours,

Miss Mysterious Quilter



February Birthdays

1 - Jan Copas

15 - Sherry Gary, Sharon Reiland

2 - Euva Lee Scott

17 - Cheryl Wessels

5 - Ellen Baranowski

6 - Joan Wehrum

7 - Donna Bowers

10 - Sue Olsson, Penny Schepers

11 - Denise Brumels, LeAnn Calvin,
Pat Wasson

20 - Charlotte Specht

21 - Kathleen Chenoweth

23 - Angie Self

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26 - Nancy Kimball

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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

2205 West Main

Gun Barrel City, TX

9-5 Friday and 9-4- Saturday

Tickets TBD

Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas

Rock Around The Block

Friday May 3, 2024 from 10am to
4pm

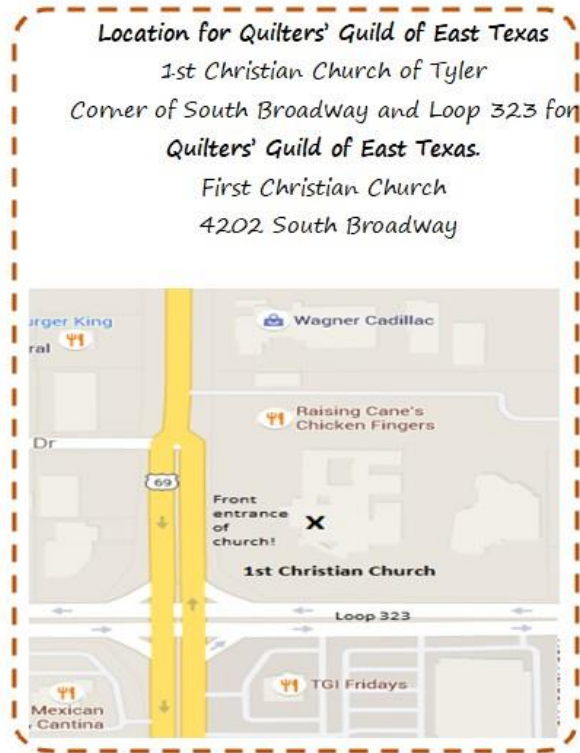
Saturday May 4, 2024 from 10am to
3pm

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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



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