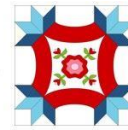




Quilters Guild of East Texas



The Stitchin' Times Newsletter

March 2024

President's Corner

It is FINALLY Quilt Show month!!! With our theme "The Joy of Color" we are sure to have so many beautiful, happy, colorful quilts. I am blown away by the huge number of quilt entries we received, over 200, and am so impressed with our member's obvious hard work and dedication. I am still madly quilting one of my entries...but then I always seem to work better under pressure!

Make sure you keep up with all the relevant dates for our Quilt Show, such as March 19th to turn in your quilt entries. And please sign up to volunteer to work before, during, and after the Show, we need as many bodies and hands to help as possible. It's so much fun to work at the Show so I hope everyone participates.

In other guild happenings, don't forget to sign up for the Dallas Bus Trip, the Cuddle Quilt Panel Challenge, and all our wonderful Workshops. There are so many exciting guild activities on the horizon, you're all sure to find something that interests you.

Happy Quilting,

Lisa Martin



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

QGET Minutes

First Christian Church – February 8, 2024

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

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

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

Our own very accomplished, award-winning President will give us a peek into how she accomplishes her wonderful applique quilts.

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

May Program:

**Katherine
Zimmerman – Award
Winning Quilts!**

*How to get a second
look from the
judges.*

May 9, 2024



May Half Day Workshop

**Precision Piecing with the Swoon
Block**

Katherine Zimmerman

May 9, 2024 - 1:30PM – 4:30PM



Do you want to learn how to sew with precision? Learn how to keep those points pointy! This is not a paper-pieced block. During class you use Katherine's techniques to complete one Swoon block.

Class Fee - \$25.00 Member, \$35.00 Non-Member

Pattern must be purchased prior to class. Check with your local quilt shop or purchase a pdf version from the original designer [here](#). (Thimble Blossoms Swoon Pattern)

Register Here: [Precision Piecing with the Swoon Block](#)

**May Full Day
Workshop**

**Prepared Edge
Machine Applique**

**Katherine
Zimmerman**

May 10, 2024



Finish your applique projects faster with your sewing machine! Katherine will start by teaching her method of prepared edge applique. Later, she will work with you individually to achieve the best stitch from your machine.

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

Kit Fee: \$5.00 Includes pattern, stabilizer, applique templates, orange stick turning tool.

[Supply List](#)

Register Here: [Prepared Edge Machine Applique](#)

June Program – Fran Morgan – Fabric Café

Fran Morgan, nationally known author, designer, teacher and co-owner of Fabric Café, has been professionally active in the creative industry for over 30 years. Fran spent her first years in the creative industry working with a large needlecraft publishing company as resident designer and Design Acquisition Director.



In January 2001, Fran co-founded Fabric Café, a publishing company in the sewing and quilting industry. She has an upbeat, fun designing style that quilters have come to love.

Fran has been featured in numerous quilting magazines, and has published over 100 books and dozens of individual patterns for the creative industry. Her newest book *Go Bold With 3-Yard Quilts*, released in January 2024.

Fran recently directed her creative talent to fabric design. Her first line, *Flower Power*, is available from Blank Textiles. Her second line, *Color Burst*, also from Blank Textiles will be available in stores June 2024.

Find out more about Fabric Cafe at the following links.

[3 Yard Quilts | Quilt Patterns & Books | Fabric Cafe](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/fabriccafe>

More upcoming workshops:

Keep an eye on our website for the latest news!

July 11, 2024

Cuddle Quilt Challenge

September 12, 13 & 14, 2024

Krista Moser – The Quilted Life

November 14 & 15, 2024

Cynthia England

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

Ladies, this is crunch time!

The start of the QGET Quilt Show is only 19 days away!!! Can you believe it? We are going to have wonderful show. There will be 215 quilts. You all have done us proud and all the quilts entered are simply amazing.

Quilt intake will begin on Tuesday the 19th from 9-12 and will be held in the Boy Scout room.

We need VOLUNTEERS! Below is a list of all the positions that need to be filled. If you can't make it to the meeting, contact Betty Lynch, our Volunteer Coordinator to sign up.

Members, if you don't want to pay the \$10 admission fee, you must wear your current name tag, and if you have the new Guild T-shirt, wear it while you are at the show.

And remember, quilt distribution will not start until 6PM.

Volunteers needed for:

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales – No one signed up for Friday and only one person signed up from 2-4 on Saturday. This is a sit-down job

Kitchen Duty – We need help on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. This is mostly a sit-down job.

Silent Auction – No Volunteers for Saturday!!!

Purse Security - Need help on Saturday

Hospitality – only 4 signed up for Friday and 2 for Saturday. We need more! This also is a sit-down job.

Admissions - Time slots are available on both Friday and Saturday. Another sit-down job.

Set/up and Take/down – We need 3 more for Saturday (after the show)

White Gloves – We only have 2 signed up for Saturday

Quilt Distribution – We need at least 3 more volunteers

Country Store - The Country Store needs help with set up on Wednesday 1-4 and Thursday

Sherry Gary

Quilt Show Chairman

Country Store: Jamie Marquez-Bratcher

Thank you to all who have donated to the Country Store! We've got some nice goodies in for the store so far. As a reminder, the last chance to donate to the Country Store is March 3, 2024.

If you'd like to help with organizing the items for the store, we are having several volunteer days.

March 8 at 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

March 11 - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

March 13 - 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

March 15 - 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

If you'd like to **volunteer**, please contact Jamie at (480)628-5414 for details.

Silent Auction: Pat Graham



SILENT AUCTION

QGET Quilt Show 2024



Currently we have over 60 Terrific items
NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP BIDDING!
March 22-23, 2024



Just a tiny sample of some of our Silent Auction items.

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. Bring a sack lunch and get to know each other.

March – no Hive due to planning groups meeting for the upcoming Quilt Show. (If you haven't volunteered there is still time to get your name on a volunteer sheet!)

Cindy Newland
1st Vice President

Community Projects News - March, 2024

The Community Projects group has a new name: The Giving Bee! This bee is open to anyone working on community projects... Cuddle Quilts, Quilts of Valor, Drawstring Pillowcases, etc. The March sew day will be Tuesday, March 19th at First Baptist Church on Ferguson. Come join us! For more information, please contact Becky Grimaud (grimaudr12@gmail.com) or Cyndi McNeill (cyndio2002@gmail.com)

CUDDLE QUILT PANEL CHALLENGE!!

The Panel Challenge being hosted by Cuddle Quilts is off to a great start! We gave out quite a few quilt kits at the February meeting, and will have more in March. All you have to do to participate is sign up with Becky Grimaud at the Cuddle Quilts table at the 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.) Please consider making larger quilt for a teenage girl or boy. Your finished quilt will be turned in at our July 11th 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 longarmers quilt it for you. (Please make sure you give the quilter plenty of time to finish it though! Also, please return any leftover scraps to us... we can use them to make more Cuddle Quilts.)

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.

Quilts of Valor -

The Quilts of Valor crew has been very busy. Since we began awarding Quilts of Valor in September, 2022 until February 20, 2024, we have held 32 ceremonies and awarded 115 quilts! Fantastic work everybody!!

The next QOV Sew Day will be held Monday, February 26th at Pat Graham's 9:00 a.m. to 3:00. Fabric, Patterns and Batting for QOV Quilts available at Pat's house. If you need some, just contact Pat (pat@grahamfirm.net) and arrange to pick up.

Angel Layettes is looking for volunteers to help make custom burial layettes for infants. If you would like to gather a few friends and volunteer, please contact Kim Sanchez. Here is their website for more information:

<https://www.angellayettes.org/>

Calling all Longarmers!!! We need your help quilting Cuddle Quilts and Quilts of Valor. When the Panel Challenge quilt tops start coming in, we are really going to need you!

Royal Family Kids Camp

Angie Self has asked us to help with children's quilts for the annual Royal Family Kids Camp. She will need finished quilts by the end of May in order to distribute them at camp. You can turn your finished quilts in to Becky Grimaud or Angie Self at any guild meeting between now and May 31st.

Keep tracking those volunteer hours! Please remember to track your time spent on volunteer projects and report them at the end of every month to Cyndi McNeill (cyndio2002@gmail.com), or report them when you sign in at the guild

meetings. This is an important part of maintaining our non-profit status. Thank you all so much for your work to make our community a better place!

All Texas Shop Hop (<https://alltexasshop.com/>)

The All Texas Shop Hop starts March 1st and runs through the end of April. This is a great chance to visit quilt shops throughout Texas. Grab a few friends, hop in the car, and go exploring! The All Texas Shop Hop magazine is available at several of our local quilt shops, and it lists all participating shops and even maps them out by region. Hope to hear back from some of you about your big adventures!

Quilts of Valor





Event Update

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.

Cost is \$60 per member, which includes your ticket to the show.

Reservations will begin at the December 14th Guild meeting or Online ([Here](#)).

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.

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

There is a list of Bee meetings in the Guild calendar. Try one you will find your Peeps there!

New Bee

Zoom meeting the 4th Thursday of the month from 7-9 pm. Online only hosted by me.

E-mail me if you wish to attend and I will send you a link that day.

ellen.baranowski@gmail.com

Sashiko Bee

4th Wednesday of the month 10am-1:30 pm at

Crafts & Quilting.

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 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.

Congratulations to Rose Wilson, who won the 12 Log Cabin Heart blocks that were turned in at our February guild meeting!

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

March block-

Woven Knot

April block-

April Showers





Connie Miller
Block of the Month

MYSTERY QUILT

Mystery Quilt – Third Clue Revealed!

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

Here is Mom E. Quilter’s (aka Mom), progress for this 3rd clue. These 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





March Birthdays

1 - Janet Hancock

2 - Linda Mayfield

7 - Judy Green

Nancy McReynolds

14 - Betty Lynch

17 - Debbie Lovett

19 - Cathy Woodson

20 - Susan Branscum

22 - Shari Wagner

24 - Mickey Markmann

27 - Tiffany Hayes


30 - Joyce Moody

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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

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Refreshments, Quilt Holders & Folders, & Door Greeters

March- N,T,U,V

Thank you!!!

**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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4202 South Broadway



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