



THE QUILTING TIMES



President's note, May 2026

I had a great trip with my sister, sorry to miss the April meeting and spring retreat.

The Frisco guild will have their raffle quilt at our May meeting.

Gisele

Next Meeting May 19, 2026

Doors Open 12:00
Meeting 1:00-3:30

**Trinity Presbyterian
Church (East Side)
5871 Virginia Parkway
McKinney, Tx 75071**

May 19 Program

Ann Moore
"My Quilting Journey"



For our May 19 meeting we will welcome Ann Moore from Texas! She will share with us her "Quilting Journey. Ann is a national quilting instructor and designer for Sew Steady and ruler work on how to quilt quilts using the "Westalee" brand of templates. You will love seeing the ruler work that she does – it is beautiful!

Wednesday, May 20 "Ruler Work Workshop"
Location: Fire Dept #5 on Virginia Pkwy

Time:10-4 Workshop \$35.00 Kit Optional \$15.00
(includes several fat quarter sandwiches premade to practice on.)
*If your interested, please email Beth - afsmie@verizon.net -
to reserve your spot and receive the supply list.*

Learn how to quilt your own quilts using templates for your designs. Ruler work is guided free motion using templates to design and quilt your quilt. My class gives you a good sampling of templates and is considered an introduction to ruler work, we use my loaner templates so you can try before you buy, and only buy if you chose to. We will spend the day using several rulers (templates) designed to make quilting your quilt an easier process on your domestic machine. Let me teach you how to transform your quilt tops into finished quilts.

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Open Air DeStash Sale

A big thank you to all the members worked the scrap sale and those who donated fabrics and other items. It was a four hour sale, and we made \$3,960 for our Guild!

Congratulations everyone. We are awesome!

McKinney Quilter's Guild Meeting April 21, 2026

Meeting held at Trinity Presbyterian Church of McKinney

Called to order at 12:48 by Julie Cadenhead.

No changes or additions to the minutes or the treasury report and they will be filed for audit.

Betsy Whiteman updated us on Sunshine and Shadows.

Ronnie reported that we have 100 official (paid) members, 41 present, 3 visitors.

Sharon discussed potential changes to the by-laws. Julie Cadenhead moved that we pass the by-law changes. Deb Merrill seconded the motion. All in favor, no nays. Passed.

Sharon thanked everyone for their donations to Quilted Comfort. She had available one to quilt, 3 to piece, and 30 cases at the meeting.

Elaine Henry reported on quilts for Project Linus. She also talked about the fundraiser "Scrappy Sewing with Patty" and handed out flyers. (projectLinus.org)

Carolyn Kerr said that she had 20 kits for Ryan's Case.

There is space available for the fall retreat at Box Car. There is a \$50 deposit.

Beth talked about the workshop for May 20th (ruler quilting) and for June (Laura Heine pattern). Please sign up at the back table.

Beth introduced our speaker, Nova Montgomery, who gave a wonderful presentation (via Zoom) on "Fabulous Featherweights".

Julie announced the proceeds from our scrap sale at NYMQS of \$3960. A huge thank you to Jean Ann and her committee who collected, sorted, and marked all the donations. Thank you to all those who donated and to those who volunteered at the sale. The Guild presented Jean Ann with a gift card and flowers.

Show and tell preceded door prizes which were given out by Deb Merrill.

(You can see the show and tell quilts on the guild's website. Thank you, Bonnie!)

The Allen Quilt Guild had their raffle quilt available for viewing along with raffle tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.

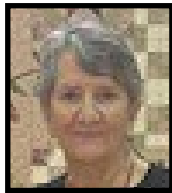
TREASURER'S REPORT April 2026

Beginning Balance	\$27,369.50
Deposits	\$ 6,908.40
Distributions	<u>-\$ 9,902.72</u>
Ending Balance	\$24,375.18

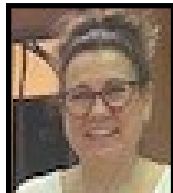
Scrap Sale at Not Your Mama's Quilt Store
Red Boot Retreat

Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer
5/4/2026 jacaden99@gmail.com

If you call this quilt
a blanket, I'm
taking it back!



President
Gisele Oakes



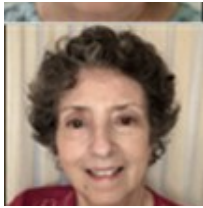
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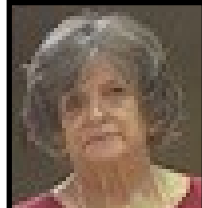
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Membership
Ronnie Stone



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Sharon
Wilhelm



Education Officer
Jeannie Neckar

2026 Officers

Committee Chairpersons are published but **still need some volunteers to fill some committees.** →

McKinney Quilter's Guild: 2026 Officers

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2026 Committees and Chairpersons

Christmas Luncheon— Mary Marrone & Valeri Mietus

Direction61:3—Kathy Chambliss

Door Prizes—Deb Merrill-Chairperson,

Co-Chair— Needs Help to pick up

Education —Jeannie Neckar

Facilities -Guild Members

Friendship Blocks - Mary Ann Baltzer

Meals on Wheels —Pauline Garrett

Thanksgiving Boxes-Pauline Garrett

Santa Bags —Pauline Garrett

Membership —Ronnie Stone, Chairperson
Lorraine Brown, Co Chair

Name Tags —Ronnie Stone

Newsletter, Publicity -Sharon Wilhelm

Operation Quilted Comfort/Veterans-
Sharon Wilhelm, Chair, Malinda K & Marti
Rajotte-Co Chairs

Photographer - **Candy Koharchik**

Programs, & Facilities Beth Smietana
Chairperson -

Workshops— **Open Needs Help**

Project Linus -Elaine Henry

Retreat/Spring -Red Boot Retreat- Hillsboro, Tx Carol Surrells & Lisa Terry

Retreat/Fall —Box Car— Aubrey, Tx Cynthia Weisz -Chairperson -Paula Washler

Retreat/ Day -**Open**

Ryan's CaseforSmiles -Carolyn Kerr,
Chairperson, Mary Shannon Co Chair

Sunshine and Shadows -Betsy Whiteman

Ways and Means -Officers

Website-Bonnie Landon

Yearbooks/Directory -Sharon Wilhelm
Photographer: Candy Koharchik



Ryan's had 22 pillowcases turned in for April and all my kits were handed out! Thanks Ladies!

Many of us know Trish Stuart from her programs and workshops. Her grandson Archer was diagnosed last week with a brain cancer, was flown to another hospital and treatment started immediately. The family lives in Alaska and have set up a Facebook page to track his progress, 'Fighting for Archer'. Trish said prayers are appreciated! Carolyn Kerr

Direction 61:3 Committee

"...provide for those who grieve to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called **oaks of righteousness**, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor." *Isaiah 61:3*

DIRECTION 61:3 WALKS ALONGSIDE OLDER FOSTER AND AGED OUT YOUTH TO PROVIDE A NETWORK OF SUPPORT AS THEY TRANSITION TO BECOME VIBRANTLY INDEPENDENT YOUNG ADULTS.

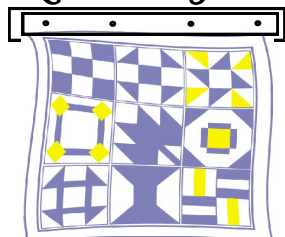
Youth (ages 14-24) to discover God's specific purpose and direction for their lives while being fully supported in our resident and non-resident programs. Locations: The Farm (plans to house up to 60 youth. Denton and McKinney houses 3 to 4 in each home.

Together, we can ensure that every young adult aging out of foster care has the opportunity to thrive in McKinney, Denton, and beyond.

We will be providing twin size quilts and a pillowcase as they get new kids and notify us of the need.

Gisele Oakes originally found this organization but Kathy Chambliss will be collecting and delivering when requested.

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**April Door Prizes
We Appreciate Your
Generosity!**

Thanks to the Quilt Shops for their generous gifts to our guild.



- Best Little Retreat Center, Dallas, Tx
- Box Car Quilts, Aubrey, Tx
- Downtown Dry Goods, McKinney, Tx
- Fabric Fanatics, Plano, Tx
- Hoops & Needles, Plano, Tx
- Linda's Electric Quilters, McKinney, Tx
- Not Your Mama's Quilt Store, Plano
- Pinkey's Too, Farmersville, Tx
- Quilt Country, Lewisville, Tx
- Quilt Mercantile, Celeste, Tx
- The Old Craft Store, Carrollton, Tx

Please remember to send a Thank You to our donors. If you do not have any thank notes, please see me. I have some! Deb Merrill

Don't forget to take some Bookmarks for each shop.

Calling all Quilt Shop Lovers!!

If you love visiting our local area quilt shops, Deb would love your help with picking up door prizes. If you have a few hours a month to help, please chat with Deb. 214-226-3440.

Committee Chairs Needed!

Our Guild runs on creativity, friendshipand volunteers.

Right now, we're looking for members willing to help out. Chairing a committee does NOT mean doing every-

WE NEED
YOU!



thing yourself. It means helping to guide a small team, keeping things organized, and making sure one important part of our guild continues to thrive.

You will always have support, past notes and experienced members to lean on.

Build connections, share your ideas and influence guild activities. Keep our guild strong and growing.

Try something new!



Open Committees:

- Door Prize—Co-Chair Programs - Co-Chair and Shadow for next years board.
- Workshop—Chair To help Beth Smietana VP

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Vickie Owens
Program June 16, 2026
“Laura Heine Collages”

I’ve been in love with vintage textiles for as long as I can remember. Both of my grandmothers were quilters, embroiderers, lace-makers, knitters, etc. Through out the years, I explored and work, but didn’t have time for quilting until my first grandchild announced her arrival, nearly 20 years ago!

Once I began that baby quilt I couldn’t stop! The variety of quilt design and techniques seemed endless. I favor the traditional quilts of my grandmothers, but I’ve also made more than a few modern quilts. I am a member of multiple quilt guild and I’ve shown quilts in shows from San Antonio to Austin to Dallas and even Houston. In 2023, three of my Laura Heine collage quilts were juried into a special exhibit at the Texas State Quilt Museum. Quilting truly is an art form and I’m honored to represent the legacy of my grandmothers and the future of textile art.

Wednesday, June, 17th Workshop
“A Laura Heine Pattern”

Location: to be determined

Time: 10:00 –4:00 Workshop Fee \$30.00

(Supply list provided at the May meeting after signing up.)

*If you have your own Laura Heine pattern or projects started, your welcome to bring that to the workshop. *



Sunshine and Shadows

Candy Koharchik latest echocardiogram showed her heart is good but also found lymphnodes questionably abnormal and praying the test will show they are benign. Please continue to pray for her.

Talked with **Carol Surrells** about her husband, **Dennis**, who is still in the hospital for over a week. They have run lots of tests and have him on dialysis for diabetics, has had a blood transfusion, doing some rehab and still doing some other test. Please keep Carol and Dennis in your prayers that the Doctors can find all his troubles and find solutions.

Bonnie Longacre was in the hospital for one week due to dehydration but now at home. Let’s keep all these ailing quilters in our Prayers. Betsy Whiteman

May Education Demonstration
Gelly Roll Pen, **Box 96 of Crayola Colors**,
Textures, & Every Color of Embroidery Floss

Lots of new ideas, use any fabric, make your own fabric, trace a design, give depth and dimension, add textures, use both ends of the Crayola, uses both sides of the brain, therapeutic, and just plain fun! Sharon Wilhelm

NEW MEETING LOCATION As Of 2026

Putting in the map and new meeting location at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5871 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Tx 75071 one more month.

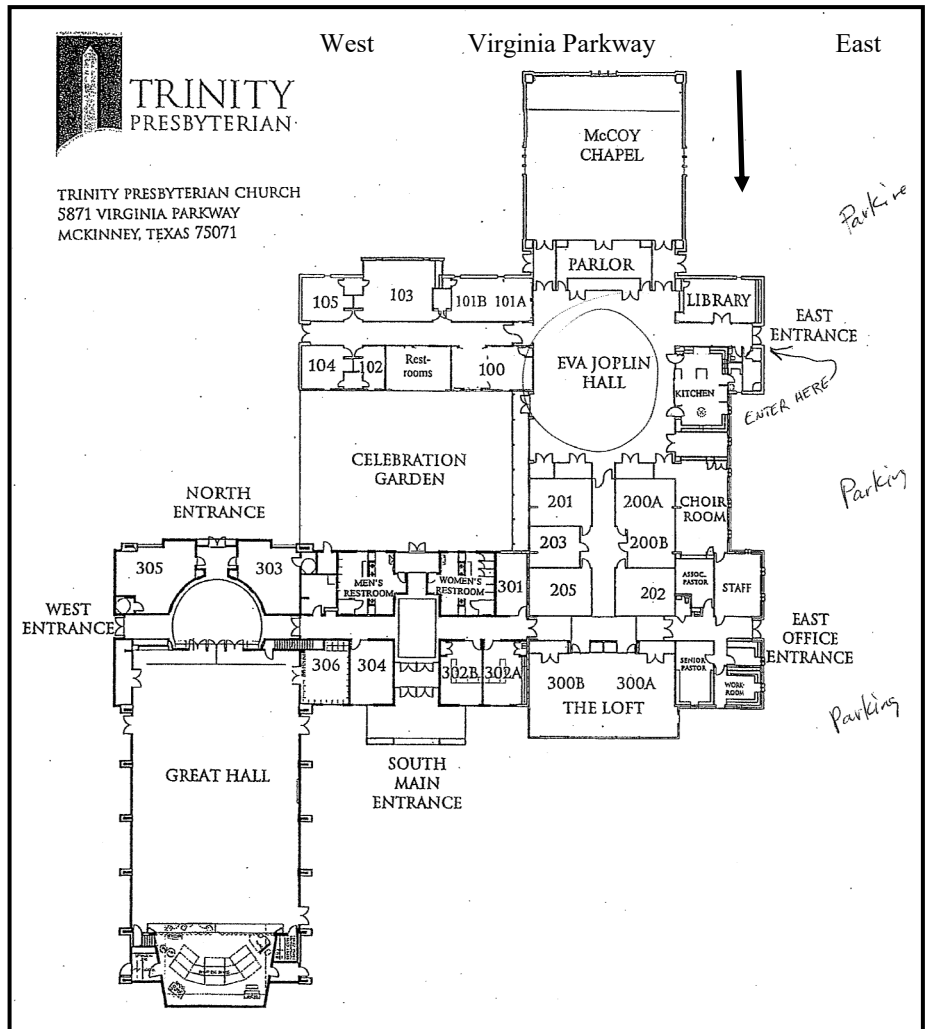
We will have the space from 12:00-3:00 - time to socialize, learn something new at an educational demonstration and enjoy a fun program.

Here's to a great year in 2026.

Updated By Laws

You will be able to find the updated By Laws on our website www.McKinneyquilterguild.net/ Members Only/By Laws

Made with Love,
not perfection.



If you found *the Needle in the Haystack* in this newsletter and report where you found it by email to mckinneyquiltersguild@gmail.com, you will be entered into a special drawing at the next guild meeting. The deadline to respond is 6pm the Monday before the meeting.

Membership

Thanks to everyone who has renewed, we've made it to the century mark with exactly 100 members as of the end of April. Remember it's not too late to join us to see what wonderful programs are in store for the rest of 2026.

Ronnie Stone, 3413 Almond Lane, McKinney TX 75070

And don't forget to enter your community service hours when you sign in. Last year's recorded total was 15,030!

Patriotic Operation Quilted Comfort

Thank you for the 10 yards of fabrics donated at the retreat. All pillowcase kits and laundry bags kits were made at Red Boot Retreat to help since Bonnie broke her arm.

We now have 121 quilts turned. Had to order more iron on labels with all the new products coming in. Thanks to Mary Marrone for the 15 quilts she quilted for us. THANKS TO ALL for all the contributions in all forms!

Sharon, Malinda, and Marti

McKinney Quilters Guild Fall Retreat

September 2-6 Wednesday - Sunday

Box Car Ranch Retreat, 3728 Warschun Rd, Aubrey, Tx 76227

Located on a beautiful working horse ranch in North Texas.

Fall retreat will be held at Box Car Ranch, Wednesday noon to Sunday noon, September 2 thru the 6th for the cost of \$424.00. Food service starts Wednesday evening and goes through Sunday morning. Sign up will occur at the May meeting. Paper work and a \$50 dollar deposit will save a spot for the first 25 people that sign up.

Box Car provides what's called no frills days so you have an opportunity of coming in on Tuesday, September 1st without any food service or staying through Sunday into Monday noon with capabilities of eating leftovers. Either one or both of these days will cost an extra \$80 per day, payable directly to Box Car.

Also, FYI, at Box Car, each person that is in attendance, has their own refrigerator space for personal food items and/or medicine that can be stored.

Massage services can be booked when you get there too.

\$50 for 30 mins

\$80 for 1 hour

\$120 for 90 mins

Looking forward to seeing you at the fall retreat Thank you, Cynthia Weisz For further information: text me or call me (214)325-6152.



Project ♥ Linus

Thanks to Mary Marone for 2 bags of quilts, Sandie Griego and Ronnie Stone for completing tops. In our mission of making blankets to comfort children, we meet the third Saturday of each month for a fun day creating blankets. April (18th) theme is trains. It will include a choo-choo lunch for a fun trip.

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1:00-3:00pm in the Heard-Craig Carriage House, 205 W Hunt St., McKinney.

You are welcome to join Community Quilters in sorting donations, cutting quilt kits, quilting, binding quilts, each Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 at 1985 S. FM1138, Royse City, TX. Bring your lunch. There are quilt kits for you to complete and return on the Project Linus table at the guild meeting.

For more information contact Regina Forthman, through our Facebook page, [https://](https://www.facebook.com/groups/286364431424615/)

www.facebook.com/groups/286364431424615/ Project Linus Collin Cooke Grayson Rockwall Counties of Texas.

Elaine Henry Chairperson, Barbara Darrigan Co-Chair

What To Bring

1. Remember to bring back the quilts you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts, Ryan'sCaseforSmiles Pillow-cases and Directions 61:3.
2. Wear your nametags so we can get a name and face together especially all our new members. (New Members get your picture made and pick up your name tag.)
3. Don't forget when you sign in with Ronnie to post your volunteer hours each month. As a 501(c)3 organization, our goal this year is 15,000 hours. You can count any volunteer hours you do for other organizations also.
4. New Members get your picture made or send a head shot to Candy Koharchik or Beth Smietana
5. Greeter: Sandie Greigo

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Effective May 1st

Sunday - Monday Closed

Tuesday 10am -5pm

Wednesday 10am -5pm

Thursday 10am -5pm

Friday 10am -5pm

Saturday 10am -2pm

“Let a quilt be a hug from the universe when you need it.”

May Birthdays

- 1 Donna Mikesch
- 7 Joann Sams
- 11 Georgia Curry
- 11 Betsy Whiteman
- 17 Laurie Tanas
- 24 Debbie Evans
- 26 Ceidys Butterworth

Please Bring a Snack!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Beth Smietana
- 12 Debbie LeDuc
- 17 Cynthia Kullberg
- 19 Lori Beach
- 21 Cynthia Fisher
- 22 Valerie Mietus
- 23 Kris Kouzelos
- 26 Bonnie Longacre
- 27 Carolyn Kerr

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