

September Newsletter

Greetings quilters! Hopefully as we get further into September, the worst of the summer heat will be behind us, and we can start enjoying the cooler weather and tastes and smells of Fall. Rosie's Redwork workshop was very interesting but probably not something I will do a lot of in the future.

There will be lots of fun things in the next few months, especially as we get ready for the holidays with our upcoming Holiday Mini Sale. Be sure to invite all your friends and family to come shop for unique one of a kind items.

Happy quilting Gisele

September 16 Program

What's The Big Deal About Paper Piecing?

Michael Davison

- Michael Davison , A Quiltworx Certified Instructor, Michael specializes in foundation paper piecing techniques and enjoys experimenting with unique fabric combinations to put his own spin on Judy Niemeyer's patterns. Michael is also a long arm quilter and teaches locally and nationally on cruise ships.



**Next Meeting
September 16,2025**

**Doors Open 12:30
Education Demo 12:30**

**First Christian Church
1800 W. Hunt St.
McKinney, Tx**

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MCKINNEY QUILTER'S GUILD MEETING - August 19, 2025

[Please place your donation quilts out for display]

Education presentation: Sharon Holliday, Flying Geese BlocLoc ruler-CANCELLED

The meeting was called to order by Gisele Oakes just prior to 1:00 PM to allow more time for the Redwork presentation.

Requested by Gisele: The Guild would like to create a directory of longarm quilters who would be willing to occasionally take on donation quilts. Please sign up at the sign-in table with your information. We will post the list on our private Facebook page. This would be nice for us to have and share with Guild members.

We would also like to request two-three more able-bodied members to help us clean up at the end of the meeting so we can get out on time.

Ronnie Stone and Suzanne Powell, Membership, covered the sign-in table for Roxy Gross who was out of town. There were 56 members and six visitors present.

Betsy Whiteman, Sunshine and Shadows, reported Melissa Hoffman's husband having brain surgery. Mary Ann Baltzer had her gallbladder removed.

Cynthia Weisz, Stitchin' Heaven Retreat, reported there are two weeks till the next retreat. One person dropped out so a spot has opened up. A great time will be had by all. For the Stitchin' Heaven retreat, please come at 1:00pm after having eaten lunch. First meal served will be dinner. Cynthia and Paula reported having visited Boxcar Quilts to consider switching venues in the future. [Boxcar venue is closer, has a beautiful fabric store, catered food and nice facilities.]

Sharon Wilhelm, Operation Quilted Comfort, reported no more emergency! Five ladies came to work on Saturday and pulled plenty of quilts. For those who are new – Operation Quilted Comfort provides quilts for Veterans at Bonham Memorial Nursing Home and Rehab. We are now low on fabric; we have used up most of fabric received from the shower. Sharon reported that the October meeting will be the last time to donate quilts for November delivery. They have requested pillowcases, laundry bags, port pillows, catheter bag covers. Samples of these are on the table. Malinda K., co-chair, has a team that makes laundry bags and pillowcases in Rockwall.

Elaine Henry, Project Linus, reported (for those who are new to the Guild) – Project Linus makes quilts for NICU to age 16. Next event to make quilts is for Camp Dragonfly (Grief Camp for children who have lost a parent). Typically, quilts are 45" X 45". They will be delivered by October, so September is last day to bring in quilts for Camp Dragonfly.

Carolyn Kerr, Cases for Smiles, was wearing the new T-shirt to celebrate 3,000,000 pillowcases made for children with cancer. The 40,000-pillowcase goal for September represents the number of kids who have cancer every year.

Meals On Wheels Comfort Boxes: Boxes as well as a list of items with which to fill the boxes were available at check-in. These comfort boxes are ongoing projects with Meals on Wheels (instead of just Thanksgiving/Christmas). Feel free to take a box or bring groceries to fill boxes.

Bonnie Landon (absent), Block of the Month; it was reported that the BOM quilt would go to Operation Quilted Comfort.

Cynde Quinn (absent), October Mini Madness update: We had a table full of donations this month. Mini quilts will be sold by silent auction in October, and other donations will be priced for sale on tables. October Mini Madness is one of our two big fundraisers; proceeds of the sale go to the Guild to help fund our year of presentations and other expenses.

Break

Beth Smietana welcomed and introduced Rosie De Leon-McCrady and her Redwork Presentation. Thanks to Rosie – her presentation and sales were enjoyed by all.

Show and Tell / Door Prizes – remember to send thank you notes!
Next Meeting – September 16, 2025 Lorraine Brown, Secretary

Treasurer Report August 2025

Beginning Balance	\$30,999.64
Deposits	\$ 0
Distributions	<u>-\$ 9,494.04</u>
Ending Balance	\$21,505.60

Distributions: Stitching Heaven Fall Retreat
(pass-thru)

Church Rent (6 mos)

Report submitted by Jilie Cadenherd, Treasurer
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This month's financial activity reflects stability, with no distributions recorded and a significant deposit attributed to the Stitching Heaven Fall Retreat. The increased ending balance positions the organization well for upcoming expenses and initiatives. For questions or further details regarding the financial report, members are encouraged to reach out to the treasurer via the provided email

Operation Quilted Comfort for Veterans

Thank you to Gisele Oakes, Candy Koharchik, Mary Marrone, Marti Rajotte, & Diane Boudreaux for coming to the Emergency Quilt Kit Cutting. We packaged 21 Kits and I added backing and battings some even went home that day with the kit cutters.

Thank you to Malinda K and her neighborhood team for 38 Dignity Bags, 50 Port Pillows kits, loads of pillowcases and laundry bags.

Thank you to all of you that have picked up and taken home kits every month and returned them along with more fabric scraps and batting. Thank you to Linda Samsury for the bolt of batting you donated last month. Diane for the Box of Color Catchers. More puzzles and games were donated also.

And last but not least thank all of you that donated \$ at the January Shower that has allowed me to buy another bolt of 80/20 96" x 30 yds batting, ties for laundry and Dignity bags, stuffing and Velcro for Port Pillows. Thank you Malinda for organizing all the scraps of fabrics into tubs of 1-1/2", 2-1/2", 5" sqs, etc all sizes of strips that can be picked up and designed into quilts.

We now have 87 completed quilts, 11 Kits for piecing/quilting, 36 Kits needing backing/batting and not sure how many are out being worked on now. I think we need to make more 45" x 54" or 60" size quilts for a while as we have quite a lot of large ones.

Thank you to Vilda Caudill and Toni Selby for loading my BIG buggy into my car last month.

We are so proud of all you for your continued support for the Veterans.

Sharon Wilhelm and Malinda K.

What are the trends in quilting in 2025?

7 Quilting Trends To Look Out for in 2025

- Bold Graphic Designs.
- Sustainable Fabrics & Eco-Friendly Quilting.
- Vintage-Inspired Quilts.
- Technology-Infused Quilting.
- Hand-Pieced & Slow Quilting.
- Color Blocking & Minimalism.
- Quilting as Home Décor.

How many quilts does the average quilter make a year?

The average quilter starts 11 projects a year, and finishes 9, spending six hours per week dedicated to working on quilting projects.

Education Committee

September Roxy Gross Rope Rugs

Be here at 12:30 to get educated....
Jeannie Neckar, Chairperson

Thank you Thank you Thank you

*Shirley Lane and Margaret Neyman-
Snack Helpers*

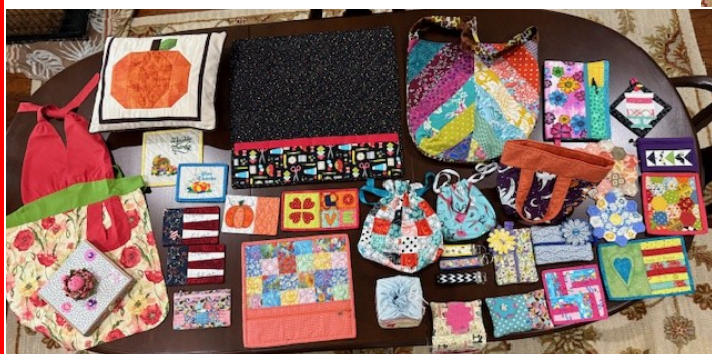
Cynthia Fisher—Door Monitor

McKinney Quilters Guild Mini Quilt Auction

*And Other Items For Sale Tuesday, October 21 (note date change) 1:00 - 3:00
More Minis have come in (see below).*

Fall is in the Air and that means the holidays will soon be here!! AND SO WILL THE MINI QUILT AUCTION to raise money for our Guild - October 21 from 1-3.

Last month several Holiday mini quilts and fun gift ideas for the holidays were submitted. Check out the library quilt with its own library card!! And the Halloween Spooky Quilt! Lots of fun Totes, Bags, Holiday Napkins and even an apron will be hard to resist for presents. Cynde Quinn, Chairperson



Invitation to Mini Auction!

Pick up an Invitation at the sign in table so you can invite your friends and relatives to come and pick up some great Christmas Gifts.



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McKinney Quilters Guild

114 Members

9,615 Community Service Hours



Sunshine and Shadows



Shadows—Deb Merrill’s Mom passed away last Friday night. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Betsy Whiteman

McKinney Quilter’s Guild: 2025 Officers

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2025 Committees and Chairpersons

Block of the Month-Bonnie Landon

Christmas Luncheon- Cynthia Kullberg-Chair,

Education -Jeannie Neckar

Facilities -Guild Members

Friendship Blocks - Mary Ann Baltzer

Kitchen Clean-up- Shirley Lane/Margaret Neyman

Meals on Wheels -Thanksgiving Boxes & Santa Bags -Pauline Garrett-Chair

Membership -Roxy Gross, Chair -Co Chairs are rotating.

Name Tags -Roxy Gross, Chair

Newsletter, Publicity -Sharon Wilhelm, Chair, Bonnie Landon—Co Chair

Operation Quilted Comfort/Veterans- Sharon Wilhelm, Chair, Malinda K, Co Chair

Photographer -Donna Mikesch & Betsy Whiteman

Programs, & Facilities Beth Smietana - Chairperson - Co Chair Marti Rajotte

Workshops-

Project Linus -Elaine Henry-Chair, Mary Marrone- Co-Chair

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

Retreat/Fall -Stitchin’ Heaven, Quitman, Tx -Cynthia Weisz -Chairperson -Paula Washler -Co-Chair.

Retreat/ Day -OPEN

Ryan’s CaseforSmiles -Carolyn Kerr, Chair and Mary Shannon-Co Chair

Sunshine and Shadows -Betsy Whiteman

Ways and Means -Officers

Oct-Mini Quilt Auction- Cynde Quinn

Mini Special Quilt-Which Witches Boot

De-Stash Sale—Jean Ann Clarke, Chair Melissa Hoffman-Co-Chair, Deb Merrill, and Jeannie Neckar.

Website-Bonnie Landon



Project Linus meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00-2:00 at 1985 S. FM 1138, Fate, TX. Our Funday theme on September 20th is Old MacDonald Had a Farm. The West McKinney Project Linus group meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month (September 9 & October 14) at 1:00 – 3:00pm in the Heard-Craig Carriage House, 205 W Hunt St, McKinney.

You are welcome to join in cutting quilt kits, quilting, binding quilts, sorting fabric or yarn, crocheting around blankets or knitting something every Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 at the Henry Center, 1985 S. FM1138, Fate, TX. Bring your lunch.

We are sending out blankets for Camp Dragonfly (dragonfly theme) in October as well as Christmas blankets for City of Josephine Police's Shop with a Cop and Snowball Express in November (Quilts should have super heroes or military/police/firemen themes) .

There will be quilt kits for you to complete and return on the Project Linus table at the guild meeting. Any kits you picked up at the Plano Quilt Show you can turn in here as well.

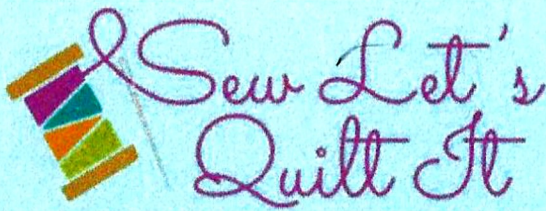
We can use 4 ply acrylic yarn, batting, completed quilts or tops, cotton quilting fabric, finances, fleece (It takes 1 1/3 yds per blanket), your valuable time & expertise.

Talk to Elaine Henry for more information or contact Regina Forthman, through our Facebook page, Project Linus Collin Cooke Grayson Rockwall Counties Texas.

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Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 1st Thursday. Please submit or contact your newsletter editor.



Meals On Wheels—Harvest Boxes
(Flyer update with complete information will be sent to everyone's emails next week after the meeting.)

Hi everyone,

I want to remind you to pick up some items for the Meals on Wheels Harvest Boxes. Take the list with you on your next grocery shopping trip and bring any items to the next meeting.

Our Goal is to fill 10 boxes. Boxes have been donated and will be at next week's meeting. You are encouraged to take a box, decorate as you wish and bring it to the September meeting. This is a group effort, I know **we can do this**. Wouldn't it be great to have all 10 boxes decorated and filled at the September meeting.

I will send out an updated list after next week's meeting.

I will be out of town and not at next week's meeting. If you have any questions, please ask Gisele.

Thank you , Pauline Garrett –Chair person.

Fill the Boxes Shopping List

- (2) Tyson Premium Chunk White Chicken Breast, in 7 oz. Packets or easy open pull tab cans
- (2) Starkist Charlie's Lunch to Go Kit
- (1) 10 oz. microwaveable complete meal (on grocery shelf with other non-refrigerated microwaveable food) Recommendation: Turkey/chicken with hearty vegetables, chicken and noodles.
- (1) Quaker Instant Oatmeal microwavable pouches- 10 per box
- (1) package of Wheat Thins Original Crackers
- (1) 10-18 oz jar of peanut butter
- (1) Package of (4) 4oz plastic cups of mixed fruit in light syrup or 100% juice
- (1) 10 oz jar of Simply Fruit jelly
- (1) package containing 6 or 8 cheese and crackers packages
- (2) bars of soap
- (1) container of sanitizing wipes
- (1) box of 110 tissues
- (1) pack of (4) toilet paper roles
- puzzle, prizes, stickers or written notes

Please keep this list with you during your grocery shopping and bring any purchased items to the next meeting. Our goal is to fill 10 boxes by the end of October—boxes are provided. You are encouraged to take a box and decorate it as you wish. Thank you for your support.

Door Prizes



We Appreciate Your Generosity!

Thank you to the Shops that consistently provide our guild Door Prizes:

- Best Little Retreat Center - Dallas
- Box Car Quilt—Aubrey, Tx
- Downtown Dry Good - McKinney
- Fabric Fanatics - Plano
- Linda's Electric Quilters - McKinney
- Quilt Country - Lewisville,
- Quilt Mercantile, - celeste, Tx
- Rosie deLeon-McCrary -Rosie's Redwork

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

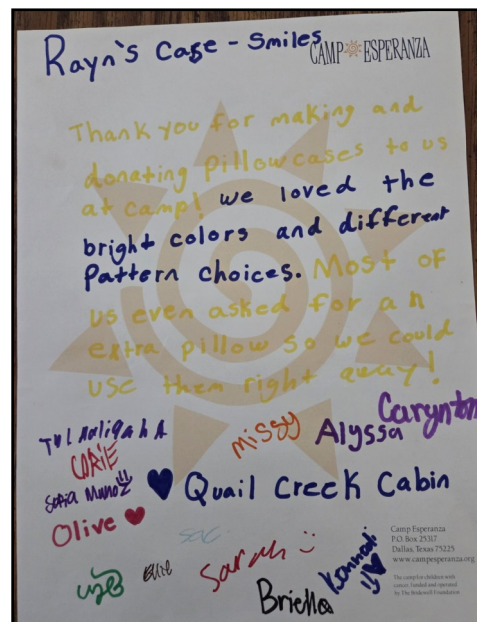
Ryan's CaseforSmiles



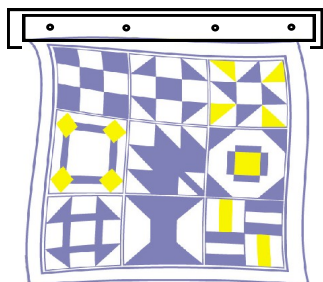
August was another record month with 102 completed pillowcases turned in for Ryan's Caseforsmiles! Thank you for sewing through July/August!! Ryan's is an 18 year old, non-profit organization that supports September's Childhood Awareness Month annually. The national goal is to complete 40,000 pillowcases in September! This goal represents the approximate number of children in cancer treatment. We have a great jump start with MQG retreaters sewing pillowcases on their retreat time.

Thank you for your dedication!

Carolyn Kerr



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What To Bring in August

- Remember to bring back the quilts & patterns you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts and Ryan's CaseforSmiles Pillow-cases.
- Wear your nametags so we can get a name and face together especially all our new members. (New Members get your picture made.)
- Don't forget when you sign in with Roxy to post your volunteer hours each month. As a 501 (c)3 organization, our goal this year is 14,750 hours (we are at 7,658). You can count any volunteer hours you do for other organizations also.
- September Birthdays—Bring Snacks
- Greeter: Lisa Terry and Cynde Quinn

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September Birthdays

3 *Madeline Peck*
 10 *MJ Fielek*
 13 *Gayle Culwell*
 13 *Anita Kuehne*
 13 *Christine Varnell*
 14 *Melissa Hoffman*
 15 *Marti Rajotte*
 19 *Sue Burt*
 23 *Gina McCurdy*
 24 *Diane Boubreaux*
 25 *Patsy Padgett*
 26 *Linda Shaw*
 30 *Lorraine Brown*
 30 *June Harper*
Birthday Girls Bring Snacks

October Birthdays

2 *Diane Sharp*
 3 *Toni Selby*
 8 *Karee Sowards*
 9 *Jean Ann Clarke*
 15 *Suzan Crocker*
 20 *Valerie Morris*
 20 *Gisele Oakes*
 22 *Shirley Lane*
 26 *Deb Merrill*
 27 *Mary Marrone*
 29 *Ann Oates*

Bring Your Birthday Snack

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