



THE QUILTING TIMES

From Our President

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December Newsletter

I hope everyone was able to spend a great Thanksgiving with family or friends. It was actually my older daughter's birthday and she is not a fan of the traditional Thanksgiving food so our meals were certainly different but delicious. Can't wait until our Christmas luncheon to celebrate with our guild family. We will officially be moving our meeting location to Trinity Presbyterian Church in January. I will also thank you all for the prayers we have asked for several of our guild members and families over the last several months. I should be finished with radiation treatments by January 14th. And phase 1 of chemo a few weeks later. I will get a few weeks break then start monthly cycles of chemo for the next year so I may be tired at different points but I'm not letting statistics determine my life. I have talked with a 14 year survivor of glioblastoma and she goes to the same oncology group my doctor is part of so that or longer is my goal too. ☺ A positive attitude and continuing to be active is the key to better health. And of course, continued prayers. Blessings to all, Gisele.

*You are invited to Our Traditional
Holiday Luncheon
Tuesday, December 16 1:00—3:00pm*

It is a well known fact that most quilters are also excellent cooks and this time is one that allows us to share some of our specialties! We have divided the choices up by our "Birthday Month" as we do for our regular meetings.

*Main Entrée Provided by the Guild
Sides, Salads or Appetizers January-September Birthdays
Desserts October, November & December Birthdays*

Join us for a special Walking Quilt Presentation during our Luncheon! Bring along a Christmas Quilt to share with the group as we get to know each other better. This is the perfect opportunity to connect, admire beautiful craftsmanship, and welcome new members to our community.

We can't wait to see everyone there and celebrate the season with some quilting cheer!

Questions or requests contact:

*Cynthia Kullberg 214-284-9193 or Lisa Terry 469-733-6394
Other members of the Committee: Carol Surrells, Georgia Curry,
Mary Marrone, Diane Taylor, & Kris Kouzelos.*

Next Meeting

December 16, 2025
Doors Open 12:30
Meeting 1:00—3:00

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

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McKinney Quilters Guild Meeting - November 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Gisele Oakes, President. (Please silence your cell phones.) She welcomed all members and visitors. There were no changes to the October Minutes/Treasurer Report; both will be filed for audit.

Committee Chairperson reports:

Betsy Whitman: Sunshine and Shadows – Cynthia Kullberg’s granddaughter, MacKenzie – much improved. Pauline Garrett – recovering from back issues. Suzanne Powell’s degenerative disk disease – epidural steroid injection next Tuesday. Bonnie Landon – back fusion surgery in December. Kathy Chambliss – infusions for infection and blood clot. Betsy Whiteman lost a young nephew very suddenly. All prayers appreciated.

Roxy Gross: Membership Officer - 59 members with one visitor present; total membership is 120.

Sharon Wilhelm: Operation Quilted Comfort - Everything was delivered to the veterans. Sharon appreciated those who filled out a survey. There was a good show for Christmas gifts for the Meals on Wheels participants. Sharon invited everyone to her Christmas Open House on December 14 from 1:00-5:00pm.

Carolyn Kerr: Ryan’s Cases for Smiles – final number of cases are 55,137 nationally. They are delivering five boxes of cases to Texas Oncology.

Elaine Henry: Project Linus – Still need lots of blankets; many children are ill. She has quilt kits for us.

Cynde Quinn – summary of income from Holiday **Mini Madness sale - \$2525.00**.

Gisele shared that the Board is considering relocating our Guild meetings after being informed that the current rent is being increased substantially. Details to follow when arrangements are confirmed.

Nominating Committee: Roxy Gross, Diane Taylor and Annalee Smith-Proposed slate of officers for 2026:

President: Gisele Oakes
 Vice President/Programs: Beth Smietana
 Treasurer: Julie Cadenhead
 Secretary: Debbie Evans
 Membership Officer: Ronnie Stone
 Education Officer: Jeannie Neckar
 Information Officer: Sharon Wilhelm

No other candidates were proposed and a motion was made to present the slate for voting. Guild members voted to accept the proposed Board for 2026. We were asked to consider signing up for a committee position to learn more about whether we might volunteer for a position on the Board in 2027.

Cynthia Kullberg gave a Christmas Luncheon update; plenty of people have offered to help with decorating and food. October, November and December birthdays please bring desserts. All others please bring sides.

Beth Smietana, Vice President, introduced Julie Cohagan who conducted a lecture/trunk show on “The Magic of the Disappearing Blocks.” Beth called for any more signups for Julie’s workshop on the following day.

Show and Tell – please limit to one or two special items.

Door prizes

Next Meeting: Christmas Luncheon December 16

Treasurer Report November 2025

Beginning Balance	\$19,383.49
Deposits	\$ 115.50
Distributions	\$ -314.02
Ending Balance	\$19,184.97

Deposits: 1/2 Membership, add'l Mini Quilt Cash Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer 12/03/2025
 Jacaden99@gmail.com

January 20, 2026 Patriotic Shower for Operation Quilted Comfort In Bonham, Tx

"Great things in the McKinney Quilters Guild are never done by one person.
They are done by a team of people."

This is a shower to help get the New Year started to refurbish our patriotic, red, white, and blue fabrics and batting. Monetary gifts are welcome for Color Catchers and labels should you not have any fabric stash.

There will be Kit Cutting sessions beginning in January at Sharon Wilhelm's house, 1809 Midcrest Dr, Plano Tx from 10:00am—2:00am. Bring a snack or lunch. Dates will be posted later.

If you have any Patriotic Quilts, please bring them to the January meeting for Show and Tell.

Sharon Wilhelm and Malinda Krzyzanowski, Co-Chairpersons



2025 Quilts



2025 Pillowcases & Laundry Bags



Project Linus

This month blankets will be delivered to children in disadvantaged families in Community ISD and City of Josephine Shop with a Cop. Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (December 9 & January 13) from 1:00 – 3:00pm in the Heard-Craig Carriage House, 205 W Hunt St, McKinney.

You are welcome to join Community Quilters in cutting quilt kits, quilting, binding quilts, sorting donations, crocheting edging around fleece blankets or knitting a blanket every Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 at the Henry Center, 1985 S. FM1138, Royse City, TX. Bring your lunch. We will not meet December 24th and 31st. In January we will begin again with blankets for the sheriff's departments and Camp Dragonfly.

There are quilt kits for you to complete and return on the Project Linus table at the guild meeting. We can use 4 ply acrylic yarn, batting, completed quilts and tops, juvenile and blender 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, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/286364431424615/> Project Linus Collin Cooke Grayson Rockwall Counties of Texas.

Elaine Henry



Christmas Decorating????

*Tis a quandary for many folks, as November cold winds arrive,
To decide whether to decorate or not, and keep family traditions
alive .*

*Seems a weariness sets in for some, decorating energy on the wane,
Some see even thinking about it, with some serious disdain.*

*For some the festive joy, that comes with the work is done,
Is inspiration enough to decorate, and others just make it fun.
The trees both artificial and cut, stand tall in full display.
And brighten even the hardest soul, in a very special way.*

*Often the "kids are gone", is the weary decorators lament
And tis sad to say they are not alone, on this festive annual event.
Of to be able to encourage, to find ways to reenergize,
So folks find new motivation, to not let traditions die.*

*Or maybe some new traditions, or some old modified to share,
With neighbors, friends and others, with needs that we're aware.
Of just for sitting at home evenings, with the world placed on hold,
And as you look across the sea of twinkling lights, think less of
being old.*

*Whether clear as crystal, or a rainbow of colored lights,
Even the smallest display beckons one, to share in the delight.
And so as this holiday period, comes to an end that's near,
And plans are made to celebrate, the coming of the New Year.*

*We might take a moment to offer thanks, reach out and offer
praise,
To the master we are so grateful, in so many ways.
And maybe as the resolutions are compiled, some worn out year to
year.
We'll find the energy to decorate, and renew traditions we hold so
dear.*

≈ LHW

*Happy Holidays
McKinney Quilters Guild*

*Membership: 120
Community Service: 12,921*

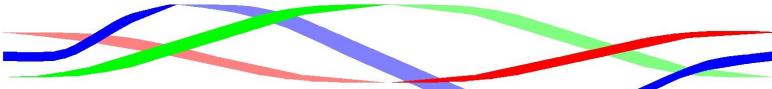


Come, Join the Fun!

*It's time to renew your membership
to McKinney Quilters Guild!*



*Dues are still only \$35/year
Lots of great speakers, community service projects
educational lessons, quilting tips
and GREAT QUILTING FRIENDS!*



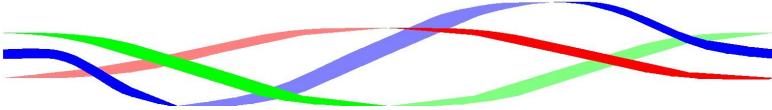
2026 McKinney Quilters Guild Survey

Each year around this time we put out a questionnaire to find out what this guild likes, dislikes, approves, disapproves, new things to try and a source to use to create the guild that is of interest to each of the members. It is your input that Chairpersons and Co-Chairs use to form their committees for the year. In the past we have had a very low return of the surveys to guide this 120 member guild, so we are asking you to pick one up, fill in your choices and return them.

This year we will be trying to fill the committees with a **Chairperson and a Co-Chair** so we can run smoothly in case someone is out. Some of the committees are a once a year opportunity to serve and others are every month. Find one to get involved in and get to know a small group to help.

Fill out the survey and return to Sharon Wilhelm.

In January, sign up sheets will be available for you to choose what committee you want to work with.



*Please Note: Due to a church conflict, we will be meeting in the Sanctuary-other side of the building for our **November** Meeting.*

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

NEW MEETING LOCATION JANUARY 2026

MQG looks forward to our new meeting location at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5871 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Tx 75071.

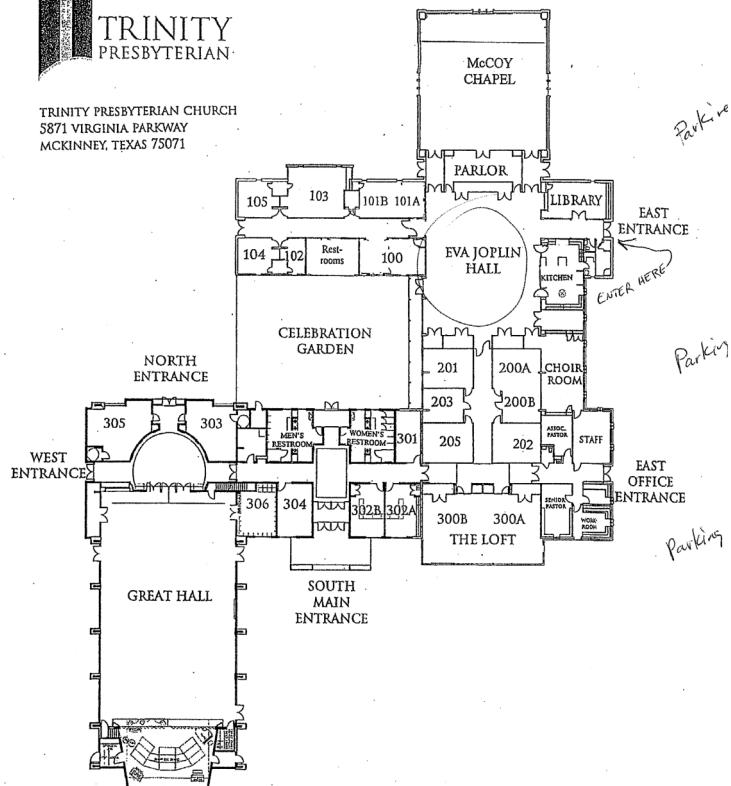
We will have the space from 12:30-3:00 - time to socialize, learn something new at an educational demonstration and enjoy a fun program.

Here's to a great year in 2026.



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PRESBYTERIAN

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5871 VIRGINIA PARKWAY
MCKINNEY, TEXAS 75071



Community Quilters'

Community Quilters' are located in Royse City, Tx Collin County. They are comprised of volunteers who come together on a regular basis to provide crocheted blankets and handmade quilts that are given out to children going through a traumatic event. The Community Quilters have three main purposes:

- Provide support to Project Linus whose mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gift of new, handmade blankets and afghans.
- Provide a permanent home to meet, work, and store supplies for the Collin, Cooke, Grayson, and Rockwall Counties Chapter of Project Linus.
- To provide support in the way of blankets or blanket supplies to other non-profits if and when needed.



Community Quilters Project Linus chapter, "The Henry Center", 1985 S. FM 1138, Royse City, Tx 75189 meet on Wednesdays in the building behind "Our Place" Retreat Center from 9:00am-2:00pm. Contact: Regina Forthman forthmar@msn.com or call 972-998-3378.

Our Place Retreat Center,

1997 S FM 1138 Royse City, Tx 75189

Our Place Quilt Retreat is a cozy retreat created for 6-7 guests designed to meet the needs of quilters.



3 uniquely decorated bedrooms, vanity area in each bedroom, 6 work stations with comfortable chairs, 6 small side shelving units for individual cup holders and scrap/thread bins, cutting & pressing stations, 2 large design walls, fully equipped kitchen, large picturesque porches, and outdoor seating & fire pit.

Owned and operated by Community Quilters of Royse City, Tx. Contact Regina Forthman for reservations: forthmar@msn.com or call 972-998-3378.

Leo Ransom

Workshop

The Art of Fabric Portraiture

This will be a full day workshop where you will learn the technique of layering fabrics with a cut away process. Leo is offering 14 different patterns to choose from.

Wednesday January 21, 2026 @ 10:00am
Sewing Solutions Hub – Plano

Instructor fee: \$75.00- Classroom rental: \$20.00
Kits available: \$20.00

Student Cancellation Policy.

Students may cancel their workshop registration up to 14 days before the scheduled date for a full refund.

Cancellations made fewer than 14 days before the workshop, students will receive a 50% refund as materials, planning and class preparation will already be underway.

However, students are welcome to transfer their spot to another participant at no additional charge.

If the instructor must cancel for any reason, all students will receive a full refund or choose to transfer their registration to a rescheduled date.

Sunshine and Shadows

Betsy Whiteman's daughter & family that moved to Pensacola, FL have found a new home and will close excrow on Dec 9th.



Malinda K's grand niece is out of the NICU and in a regular room. She is getting multiple spinal taps & MRIs to ensure she is continuing to make progress. She had a stroke, meningitis, & a salmonella infection. She is expected to be in the hospital for another 3 weeks.

Sharon's sister, Barbara, had a complete shoulder replacement surgery on Dec. 2nd.

Stella Turner's husband had a bad fall & adverse reactions to some prescribed medications and was hospitalized.

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

As we close out 2025, we have SO MUCH to be thankful for.

Betsy Whiteman

Door Prizes



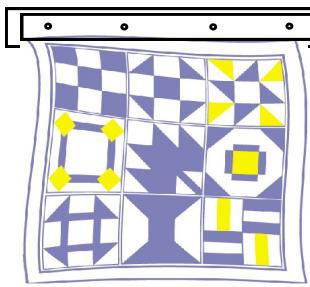
We Appreciate Your Generosity!

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, Tx
 Fabric Fanatics - Plano, Tx
 Hoops and Needles-Plano, Tx (New)
 Pinkey's Too-Farmersville, Tx
 Quilt Country - Lewisville, Tx
 The Old Craft Store-Carrollton, Tx
 Julie Cohagen—Nov Speaker

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!

Quilt Hangers



By Quilt Ideas

Quilt Hangers & Accessories Div.

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 Plano, Texas 75075
 Phone 972-424-7791
 Email: patterns@quiltideas.com

Loren & Sharon Wilhelm

Ryan's CaseforSmiles



I had the opportunity to deliver another 175 pillowcases to Texas Oncology on December 2nd! That's 5 Banker Boxes loaded with precious pillowcases. They were most thrilled to receive an entire box of Christmas/Winter themed pillowcases! I also had some Valentines themed that I added for next February.

They were elated! Thank you for your continued support of this worthy, national non-profit!

Carolyn Kerr

Sewing Machine for Sale.

Hi! I have a Janome 12000 I bought in 2012 for \$10,000 and would like to sell it at this time for \$1,700. It is a sewing/embroidery machine in great condition and was just serviced this fall. I thought someone in the guild may be looking for a possible Christmas gift. If you have a bulletin I could pay to advertise it. Please contact me if it is possible for me to purchase an advertisement. My number is 214-578-3940 or email preed111tx@aol.com. Thanks

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Thank you Thank you
Shirley Lane and
Margaret Neyman-Snack Helpers
Cynthia Fisher -Door Monitor

Advertising Rates

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

Pinkeys Too Quilt Shop

1300 W Audie Murphy Pkwy #1,
Farmersville, TX 75442
[972\) 784-3080](tel:9727843080)
Pinkeystoo.com

Monday 10am - 5pm
Tuesday 10am - 5pm
Thursday 10am - 5pm
Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm
Wednesday & Sunday Closed

December Birthday

5 Mary Shannon
6 Jane Coleman
7 Jill Isakson
8 Peggy Burrell
8 Barbara Smith
11 Annalee Smith
14 Paula Washler
15 Cynde Quinn
18 Joe Henry
18 Spring Weeks
23 Loretta Ingram
25 Sandra Genovese
26 PJ Hall
28 Karen King
28 Malinda Krzyznowski

What To Bring in December

- Bring your \$35.00 to pay membership dues for 2026.
- Christmas Luncheon what to bring
Jan—Sep Birthdays Sides, Salads Or Appetizers
Oct-December Birthdays Desserts
- 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 15,000 hours (we are at 12,921). You can count any volunteer hours you do for other organizations also.
- Bring back pillowcases, quilts and Veteran quilts.
- Greeter: Jeannie Neckar, Ronnie Stone



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McKinney Quilters Guild Membership Form 2026

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Receive Newsletter by: Mail E-mail I am a: New Member Returning Member

Consent to publish my name and picture in Directory and on website: **YES NO**

Birthday Month & Day: _____ Spouse's First Name: _____

Dues for one year membership are \$35.00 and are due January 1st. Family dues are \$35.00 + \$10.00 per additional person who resides at the same address. Dues paid after September 1st are \$17.50.

Payment: Check # _____ Date: _____

You can submit your membership dues (check or cash) with this membership form at one of our general meetings or send a check (no cash please) payable to McKinney Quilters Guild (MQG) and form to:

Ronnie Stone

3413 Almond Ln

McKinney, Texas 75070

The Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month at: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5871 Virginia Pkwy, McKinney. Social time begins at 12 and the monthly meeting at 1 p.m. See our website for more information about monthly programs and activities: www.McKinneyQuiltersGuild.net

You are the most important part of our guild. Our goal is to provide you with programs and projects that support our members and community. Please give thought to what committees and projects in which you would like to participate to help support our guild. These committees and projects are listed in our directory, or you can contact any Board Member for more information.

We would also like to know your interest in all things quilting related.

Please check the topics of interest to you so that we can select programs that support these interests.

- Traditional Quilts
- Art Quilts
- Modern/Contemporary Quilts
- Antique Quilts
- Scrap Quilts
- Mystery Quilts
- Miniature Quilts
- Hand Piecing
- Machine Piecing
- Foundation Piecing
- English Paper Piecing
- Quilting Bees (small group)
- Appliqué: (circle) Hand or Machine
- Embroidery:(circle) Hand or Machine
- Other Suggestions: _____

- Quilting: (circle) Hand, Machine or Long-arm
 - Block Exchanges
 - Fabric Exchanges
 - Strip Exchanges
 - Round Robin Groups
 - Fabric Dyeing
 - Embellishment
 - Community Service (circle interests)
- Meals on Wheels Harvest Boxes, MOW
- Santa Bags, Veterans quilts, Project Linus quilts, Pillowcases
 - Retreats (several days)
 - Workshops (one day)
 - _____