



THE QUILTING TIMES

**President's Note, July 2026**

The collage quilts I saw from the June workshop were very cute, everyone did a great job.

Hope those that braved the heat over the weekend were able to enjoy our holiday celebrations. It was too hot for me. Enjoy your month off, we'll see you in August. Gisele

**Next Meeting
August 18, 2026**

**Doors Open 12:00
Meeting 1:00–3:30**

No Meeting In July

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

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August 18 Program with Tana Mueller**"Texas Designaholic &
Stitchless Applique" Lecture**

Tana Mueller is a talented artist, designer, and motivational speaker, with over 30 years of experience, who resides in the Lone Star State of Texas. Drawing inspiration from her childhood experiences of rural country life, she specializes in creating captivating western, country, and wildlife designs that resonate with nostalgia and charm. A pioneer in Stitchless applique, Tana takes traditional craftsmanship to new heights, crafting artistic applique motifs that seamlessly blend artistry and innovation. Her crayon art designs, characterized by a unique blending technique, showcase her extraordinary ability to bring vivid memories to life on fabric.

Beyond her creative endeavors, Tana inspires others through her motivational speaking, sharing her journey and passion for artistry with audiences far and wide. Her work celebrates the spirit of the Texan lifestyle while honoring the beauty of personal memories and imagination. Tana's artistry is a testament to her dedication to preserving the charm of days gone by, one design at a time.

**Wednesday, August 19th Workshop \$40.00 Kit included**

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church Rm 305

5871 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Tx 75071

Time: 10:00–3:00

"Vintage Seeds" Kit a Bluebonnet Stitch Less Picture Supply list for the class will be handed out after signing up.

Payment by check to MQG will be collected at the August Meeting. Beth Smietana

McKinney Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes --June 16, 2026

At 12:30, Mary Marone gave a fascinating education demonstration using crayons on fabric.

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Gisele Oakes who welcomed everyone.

There were no additions or corrections to the treasurer's report nor the May meeting minutes. They will be filed for audit.

Ronnie Stone gave the membership report: 48 members present, 2 visitors, and 1 new member.

There were raffle quilt tickets available for a quilt (Rowlett Quilt Guild), and for a sewing machine (Gainesville guild), and tickets for the upcoming sewing and quilt show in Irving. In addition, Diane from Rowlett announced that you can make \$16/hour helping with quilts for the State Fair.

Committee chair reports were given:

Sharon Wilhelm gave the Sunshine and Shadows report. She also reported that 126 Operation Comfort quilts have been completed and will be delivered shortly.

Carolyn Kerr talked about Ryan's CaseforSmiles saying that they have requested seasonal pillowcases for the children. Kits are available.

Elaine Henry (Project Linus) reminded us to sign up for Scrappy sewing for Patty, Collin Country chapter. She had many kits available.

Kathy Chambliss (Direction 61:3) talked about the need for quilts for those aging out of foster care. She suggested that we could work together with a friend on a quilt.

Cynthia Weisz talked about the September 2nd fall retreat. They need a \$50 deposit by July 24th. There are still a few spots left.

Jean Ann talked about the Hope Women's Center and showed a couple of beautiful baby quilts created for the center.

Debbie Evans talked about a volunteer opportunity to teach sewing classes to refugee women.

We were reminded to volunteer to shadow a board member or be a co-chair as we need more members to step up and help with the guild leadership. Many hands make light work!

Beth Smietana announced the August Guild workshop will be with Tana Mueller. Please sign up.

Beth then announced our guest speaker, Vickie Owens who gave a wonderful presentation on collage quilts.

Show and Tell followed the presentation. Door prizes were given out—with a special drawing for those who found the "needle in a haystack" in the May newsletter and reported their finding.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

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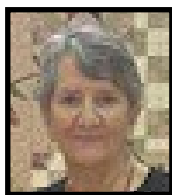
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TREASURER'S REPORT June 2026

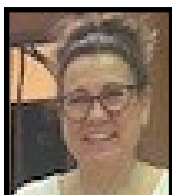
Beginning Balance	\$21,349.19
Deposits	\$
Distributions	-\$
Ending Balance	\$

Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer
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This was really hard
and took forever!



President
Gisele Oakes



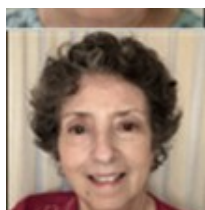
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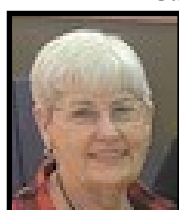
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Julie
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Secretary
Debbie Evans



Membership
Ronnie Stone



Info Officer
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

Direction 61:3—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 see Beth**

Project Linus -Elaine Henry

Retreat/Spring -Red Boot Retreat- Hillsbo-
ro, 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

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.

Kathy Chambliss

June 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
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

Calling all Quilt Shop Lovers!! We still need some bookmarks delivered when picking up Door Prizes.

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.**

Patriotic Operation Quilted Comfort

THANKS TO ALL for all the contributions in all forms!

Check out the
mckinneyquiltersguild.net
Community Service
Operation Quilted Comfort

website to see each quilt that has been turned in, photographed and sent to Bonnie Landon to put on the website. We so wanted you to be able to see every one. **OUTSTANDING!** Sharon, Malinda, and Marti

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

WE NEED
YOU!



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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Business Card (3 1/2" x 2") \$ 6.00/month or \$12.00/quarter (3 consecutive mos.)
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NEW MEETING LOCATION As Of 2026

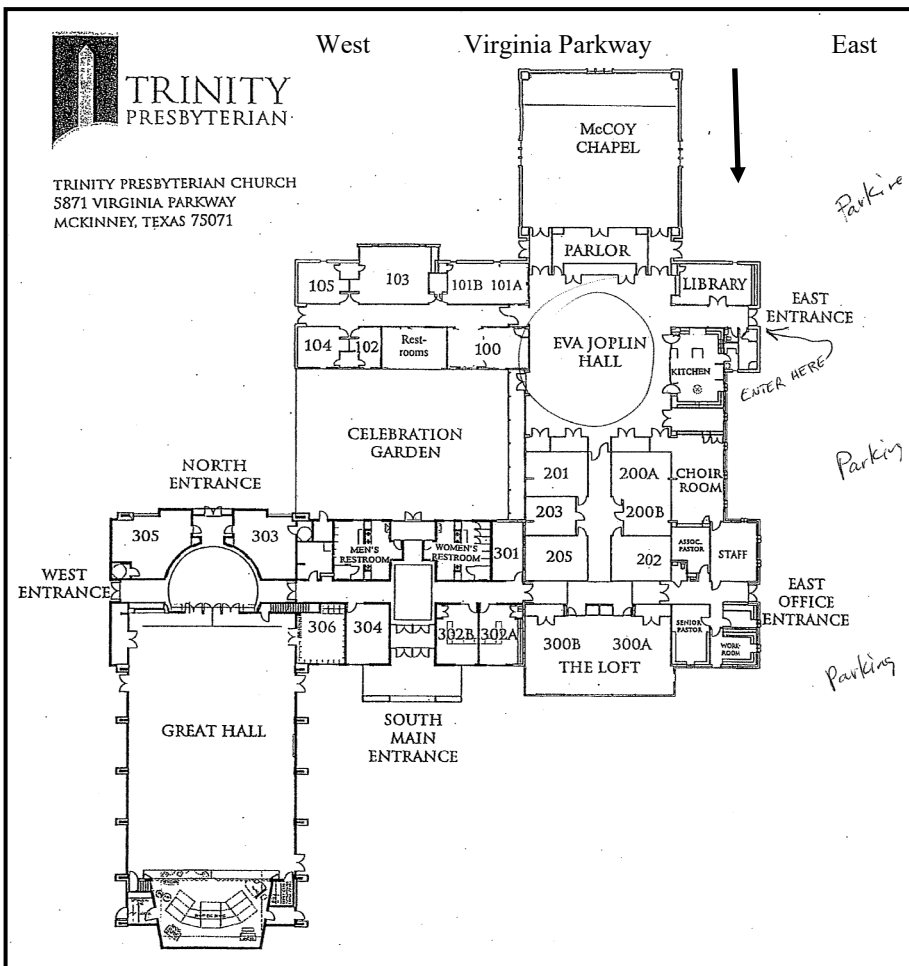
Putting in the map and new meeting location at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5871 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Tx 75071 one more month.

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.

For Sale:

Wooden Quilting Frame
With extension kit to king size.
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Janice Feller 930-364-0953



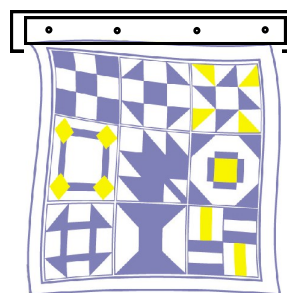
Look for this icon *located elsewhere* in the newsletter. When you find the **Needle in the Haystack**, report where you found it by email to mckinneyquiltersguild@gmail.com, you will be entered into a special drawing at the next guild meeting. The deadline to respond is 6pm the Monday before the meeting.

Membership

With 106 members our guild is growing month by month. Remember to add your service hours when we see you in August. It will have been two months since the June meeting so you probably have twice as many hours as usual!

Ronnie

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Loren & Sharon Wilhelm

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.

There are several spots still open and we are now letting friends or family of Guild members have the opportunity to come to be with us at Box Car. So, you can contact either me or Paula to fill those spots. My phone number is (214)325-6152, Paula's is (765)625-0790.

Final payment for the retreat is due on July 24! Total cost of the retreat is \$424 minus your deposit. Please mail to Paula Washler at 502 Baltusrol Circle, Garland TX. 75044

We are looking forward to having a great time at our fall retreat.

Thanks, Cynthia Weisz



Project ♥ Linus

Be sure to stop by our booth just inside the doorway across the aisle from Quilt Ideas at Quilt Plano on August 14 & 15 and pick up a free quilt kit to make & return at our August Guild Meeting to embrace and soothe a child.

In our mission of making blankets to comfort children, we meet the third Saturday of each month (July 18th) for a fun day creating blankets. Christmas in July will be the theme.

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (July 14th & August 11th) 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, machine 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://www.facebook.com/groups/286364431424615/> Project Linus Collin Cooke Grayson Rockwall Counties Texas.

Elaine Henry Chairperson, Barbara Darrigan Co-Chair



June was a busy month for Ryan's CaseforSmiles! 21 pillowcases were turned in from the Guild! Thank you for your on-going support! I've unearthed 2 boxes of donated Christmas fabrics so look for Christmas theme kits! Carolyn Kerr

September 15, 2026 Program

Allison Bayer

Please join us as we welcome, Allison Bayer as our September 15th guest lecturer. Allison will share her journey of quilting and how it blossomed into a love for scrap quilts.

There will be no workshop the following day. Beth Smietana



Sunshine and Shadows

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's enjoy the sunshine of these hot July days by staying indoors & QUILTING. May we all find something to appreciate this month, a morning cup of coffee or time with a special friend, or something else that makes you smile. Appreciating helps us get through the days where we find more shadows than sunshine. Betsy



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What To Bring In August

1. Remember to bring back the quilts you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts, Ryan's CaseforSmiles Pillowcases 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 for 2 months. 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: for August Gayle Culwell

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Pinkeystoo.com

Effective May 1st

Sunday - Monday Closed

Tuesday 10am -5pm

Wednesday 10am -5pm

Thursday 10am -5pm

Friday 10am -5pm

Saturday 10am -2pm

This took forever so
you'd better pretend to love it.

NO MEETING IN JULY July Happy Birthdays

- 1 Jan Robins
- 2 Diane Taylor
- 13 Sharon Wilhelm
- 17 Suzanne Powell
- 23 Mary Binder
- 28 Karletta Pruszynski
- 29 Bonnie Landon
- 30 Barbara Morgan

NO MEETING IN JULY
Because it is your Birth-
day, please bring a snack
another month so we can
celebrate with you.

Happy August Birthdays

- 1 Linda Macias
- 3 Rita Pope
- 20 Mary Carter
- 25 Sandie Greigo

Could use some help
with more snacks!

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