

**November Newsletter**

Greetings fellow quilters!

Hard to believe it's already November but I love the cooler temperatures.

Thank you to all that came and supported our Holiday Mini Madness auction and sale. We did very well and will be able to continue to offer great programs next year. The Witches Boot hanging has been hanging where I see it all the time. Looking forward to our November speaker and workshop – sewing at a new location.

Thank you for continued prayers, will know more about treatments soon.

Happy sewing, Gisele

**November 18 Program -Julie Cohagan
"The Magic of the Disappearing Blocks"**

She will have a demo and trunk show of her quilts. With a few strategic cuts a rotation and rearrangement, transforms your block into an unexpected magical pattern. Like a magicians sleight of hand, the original block vanishes and is replaced by something completely different.

**Wednesday, Nov 19- Workshop
The Magic of the Disappearing Block**

Location: Sewing Solutions Hubs, 1900 Preston Rd, Plano, Tx 75093

Time:

Cost: \$25.00 Teaching Fee \$20 Classroom Fee = \$45.00

Optional Kit: \$10.00, which includes Fabric 10" x 10" Squares (5 solid background 5 prints) and 2-1/2" outer border Strips.

Supplies Needed: Sewing Machine, rotary cutter, scissors, ruler, rotating cutting mat if you have one.



Sign Up Sheet will be available at our November Meeting as there is still room for more.

Beth

Next Meeting

November 18, 2025

Doors Open 12:30

Meeting 1:00—3:00

First Christian Church

1800 W. Hunt St.

McKinney, Tx

November Mtg in Sanctuary.

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McKinney Quilters Guild Minutes - October 20, 2025

(Please silence your phones)

The meeting was called to order by **Giselle Oakes** at 1:00 PM. She welcomed all members and guests and called for changes or additions for the September minutes or Treasurer's report. There were none; they will be filed for audit.

Holiday Luncheon – signup sheet in lobby. As usual, the Guild will provide main course. October, November and December birthdays please bring desserts. All others please bring sides.

We will be meeting in Sanctuary in November - no snacks in November. Park on other side of building.

Nominating slate for Guild Board:

President	Gisele Oakes
VP/Programs	Beth Smietana
Membership	Ronnie Stone
Secretary	Debbie Evans
Treasurer	Julie Cadenhead
Communication	Sharon Wilhelm
Education	Jeannie Neckar

Betsy Whiteman – Sunshine and Shadows: Bonnie Landon – back fusion surgery. Malinda Krzyzanowski – kidney stone removal. Pauline Garrett – back issues. Gisele Oakes – recovering from brain surgery. Kathy Chambliss – infusions for infection and blood clot. Lorraine Brown's sister-in-law died this morning. Betsy's mission trip was very successful – 1300 people met Jesus as their Savior!

Cathy from MOW is asking for gifts for the elderly. Santa Bags are on round table near check-in.

Sharon Wilhelm, Operation Quilted Comfort, asked for help with photographing and delivery of veteran quilts this week.

Roxy Gross – membership report: total members are 119; community service hours 11,499; 56 present today; 9 visitors.

A vote was called to determine whether to have a July Meeting. It was decided to have a program in July.

Carolyn Kerr, Ryan's Cases for Smiles, collected 40,059 pillowcases this year; goal was 40,000.
Meeting adjourned.

Mini-Quilt SHOPPING!! Door prizes were handed out intermittently during the sale.

Noted: There was great camaraderie during the sale and fun was had by all.

Lorraine Brown, Secretary

Treasurer Report October 2025

Beginning Balance	\$16,918.44
Deposits	\$ 2,475.00
Distributions	-\$ 9.95
Ending Balance	\$19,383.49

Deposits: Mini Quilt Sale
Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead
Treasurer
11/03/2025
Jacaden99@gmail.com

Operation Quilted Comfort for Veterans In Bonham, Tx

Thank you again for all your help in picking up the last of the kits Mary M, Betsy Whiteman and others to do the quilting.

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

Sharon Wilhelm and Malinda K.



227 Pillowcases

A BIG Thank you for Loren, Keri, Mary Ann, Joan, Candy, Cynthia, & Ken for coming to put out the Pillowcases and quilts.

"Many Hands Make Light Work"



109 Quilts All sizes...
118 Port Pillow Pads Belt)
34 Dignity Bags
56 Laundry Bags
1 Patriotic Small Wall Hanging
Box of Puzzles, Games & Fun.

Jelly Roll Rug

Thanks to everyone who attended the Jelly Roll Rug demo last meeting.

Don't forget to bring your rug to the November Show n Tell!

Can't wait to see them,
Roxy



Happy Thanksgiving

*You are invited to Our Traditional
Christmas 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.*

McKinney Quilters Guild – 2026 Board Nominations

Thank you to everyone who has given their time and creativity to the guild, especially those on the Board and committee chairs. We are very fortunate to have so many active members that graciously contribute to making the McKinney Quilters Guild grow and provide services to the community and each other.

I am pleased to announce that we have a full slate of candidates for next year's board. Hats off to Diane Taylor and Annalee Smith, this year's nominating committee.

The slate for the 2026 McKinney Quilters Guild:

President Gisele Oakes
VP Programs Beth Smietana
Treasurer Julie Cadenhead
Secretary Debbie Evans
Membership Officer Ronnie Stone
Information Officer Sharon Wilhelm
Education Officer Jeanne Neckar

Thank you to these fabulous ladies for saying Yes. It will be another great year under their leadership. Remember, all of them have committees under their positions. Please reach out if you're interested in helping them this year. It takes a village to make it all work.



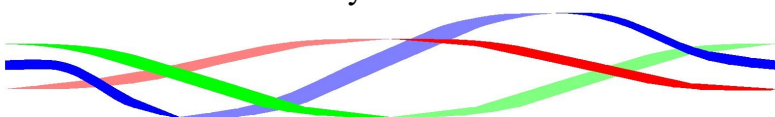
2026 McKinney Quilters Guild Survey

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



Project Linus meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00-2:00 at The Henry Center, 1985 S. FM 1138, Royce City, Tx 75189. Our Funday theme on October 18th is Football. The West McKinney Project Linus group meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month (October 14 & November 11) 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 a blanket every Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 at the Henry Center, 1985 S. FM1138, Royce City, TX. Bring your lunch.

We are sending out blankets for Snowball Express in November (Quilts should have super heroes or military/police/firemen themes).

There are 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.

Community Quilters'

Community Quilters' are located in Royce 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, Royce 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 Royce 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 Royce City, Tx. Contact Regina Forthman for reservations: forthmar@msn.com or call 972-998-3378.





Meals on Wheels—Santa Bags

Peggy Click will be at the November Meeting to pick up the clients Christmas Wish Gifts. Put them in a Santa Bag with client sheet attached and return them at the November Mtg which will be meeting in the Sanctuary.

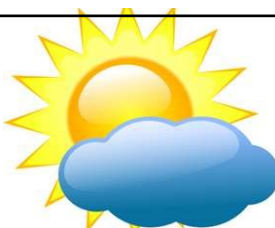
Peggy will be there early to make pick ups.
Pauline Garrett—Chairperson

Julie and I have great news to share with our Guild!

The Mini Quilt Show in October, made up of mini quilts, table runners, mug rugs, doll clothes and many other fun things made \$2,525. Our goal was \$2,000 so we exceeded our goal by \$525! Of that money, \$181 was made on Sharon Wilhelm's donated Halloween mini quilt raffle. Thank you, Sharon! This was a great idea to increase our sales.

Thank you to everyone who donated their talents for this to be such a success!! Whether you donated a mini quilt, created fun placemats to sell, helped set up the chairs and quilt stands or brought a friend - the committee thanks you!!
Cynde Quinn

Sunshine and Shadows



Cynthia Kullberg has been with her grand daughter, Mackenzie, who is having breathing problems. She is being discharged with oxygen use at home. She is improving but has some ways to go to regain her strength.

Malinda K. had her surgery for a kidney stone. Let's pray for a speedy recovery.

Pauline Garrett is in rehab following back surgery.

Bonnie Landon is scheduled for back fusion surgery on December 11th.

Betsy Whiteman's nephew passed away suddenly this week. Please keep her extended family in your prayers as they grieve this sudden loss.

Linda Macias -I would much appreciate prayers for my daughter Jennifer. She has fought a valiant battle for the last 5 years against lung cancer (never smoked) that metastasized to her brain. She's in hospice care at home and is approaching the end of her physical life. Please pray for a peaceful & loving passing.
Betsy Whiteman



*We are soooo thankful
for our fabulous
members!*

*Members: 120
Service Hours:
12,921**

**Don't forget to send
Roxy your community
service hours!*

Door Prizes



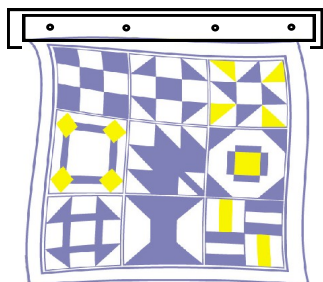
We Appreciate Your Generosity!

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)
 Linda's Electric Qltrs, McKinney
 Pinkey's Too-Farmersville, Tx
 Quilt Country - Lewisville, Tx
 Quilt Mercantile, - Celeste, Tx
 The Old Craft Store-Carrollton, Tx

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!

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Loren & Sharon Wilhelm

Ryan's CaseforSmiles



The final numbers from September's Miles of Smiles are in and the total was 55,137 pillowcases completed nationwide!!! September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness month and the annual goal is 40,000 completed pillowcases. It is a month-long mission to deliver comfort and smiles - one pillowcase at a time. Mission accomplished!!! As in past years, McKinney quilters came through - Thank you!!!

Every pillowcase that is delivered has an informative card inside that directs families to Coping Spaces, an online resource and support site offering coping strategies and tips related to a child's life-changing illness or injury. There are blogs for families, children, siblings, schools, communities, etc.
 Carolyn Kerr



Thank you Thank you

Shirley Lane and

Margaret Neyman-Snack Helpers

Cynthia Fisher -Door Monitor

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

What To Bring in November Note: Meeting in the Sanuary

- Remember to bring back the **Santa Bag Gifts** with the Client sheet Attached for Peggy to pick up at the meeting.
- 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.
- New Members get your pictures made for the Roster.
- Greeter: Bonnie Landon

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