



*April newsletter*

*I'm looking forward to our next meeting. There are a lot of activities and projects in the works. I'm enjoying seeing so many members get involved with our guild. We have new members joining monthly. Lots of opportunities to make new friends, learn and have fun.*

*I hope you can all join us this month on Tuesday, April 18.*

*Happy quilting! Kathy*

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 18**

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

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

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**April 18th Program: Allen Mizdail, The Button Man**

Allen Mizdail and his wife live in East Texas. Allen studied art and architecture in college and by trade is a master carpenter with an impressive list of clients. His love of collecting Victorian black glass buttons has taken him on this adventure for over forty years. He has amassed an amazing collection. Please join us in April to hear this very interesting topic and be able to look at these beautiful items from the past.

**Sweets and Salads - May Meeting**

I'm Looking forward to May 16th for our De-Stash Your Stash Event and Sweets and Salads Lunch. For our Sweets and Salads it is your choice of whether to bring a salad or sweet to share. I have 3 people coming at 12 p.m. to help set up. I could use a few more helpers to set up if anyone is interested. My phone number is 469-450-3356 you can call or text. Mary Marrone and Suzanne Powell

**De-Stash Your Stash Sale -May Meeting**

Roll larger pieces and tie with curling ribbon. Smaller pieces in Ziploc bags. Use name tag stickers or paper attached to cloth to identify - price color sticker in dollar increments, yardage, or inches. (Please make sure your donation is usable-large enough to add to a quilt- many fat quarters or larger etc.)

Color code can be by sticker or crayon/marker on paper attached to fabric. If using tape, please do not use one that will leave a sticky residue such as packing tape.

● Green \$1.00  
 ● Blue \$2.00  
 ● Yellow \$3.00  
 ● Pink \$4.00  
 ● Red \$5.00  
 ○ White

for more than \$5.00 Write in your price.

**Pick up your items if they do not sell and you want to keep them.** If left, they will be donated to charities.

No magazines but books ok. Patterns for quilts **ok** but **not** for clothes. You can sell buttons, seam binding, thread, rickrack etc. Put in a baggie and mark as above.

**The proceeds from the sale will go directly to the guild-not individuals.**  
**Declutter your Quilt Closets!!!**      **Jean Ann Clarke, Chairperson**

**MCKINNEY QUILTER’S GUILD MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

Meeting called to order by Kathy Chambliss at 1:00 PM  
Welcome members and visitors: Karletta Pruszynski reported 53 members and 2 visitors present.

No changes were reported for the February meeting minutes or the Treasurer’s report as printed in the newsletter – they will be filed for audit.

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Betsy Whiteman reported:

- Beverly McKay’s mother passed away and stepsister is hospitalized
- Lonetta Ingram’s husband fell and was hospitalized
- Kathleen LoSapio’s daughter Alis needs continued prayers, poor CAT scan results.
- Cynthia Kullberg broke an arm.
- Deb Merrill’s husband injured himself in several places.
- Jean Ann Clarke’s dad is in hospice.

**New Raffle Quilt** – Elaine Henry – blocks that were “bought” were due back today

**BOM** – Roxy Gross – thanks for all the blocks being turned in monthly.

**Red Boot Retreat** – Lisa Terry and Carol Surrells – retreat is fully booked with 24 people, a waiting list will be started.

**De-Stash Sale** – Jean Ann Clarke – no update.

**Current Raffle Quilt** – Cynthia Fisher – tickets still available, no further visit dates planned.

**Show and Tell** – multiple beautiful quilts shown.

**Door Prizes**

Next meeting: April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Guest Speaker:** Suzan Crocker introduced Debbie Maddy who shared her journey into Shibori dyed fabrics and quilt patterns.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM

Minutes submitted by Gisele Oakes, Secretary

Beginning	\$ 22,740.54
Deposits	\$ +2,799.15
Distribution	\$ - <u>921.85</u>
Ending	\$ 24,617.84
<b>Total \$ collected For Raffle Qlt</b>	<b>\$ 1,361.00</b>
Pass Thru (retreats)	\$ 4,875.00
<b>Carol Surrells, Treasurer</b>	



**Quilting Demonstration**

Join us at the April meeting, 12:30pm. Bonnie Landon will discuss our Guild website and answer any questions you may have about accessing the Members only section.

Please contact Lisa Terry if there is a specific skill you would like to see, chances are very good others would like to see it too!

We have so many talented members in our guild. Please consider sharing a skill in future months, volunteers are still needed.  
Lisa Terry

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

Business Card ( 3 1/2" x 2" )	\$ 6.00/month or \$12.00/quarter ( 3 consecutive mos. )
Quarter Page ( 4 1/4" x 5 1/2" )	\$10.00/month or \$24.00/quarter ( 3 consecutive mos. )
Half Page( 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" )	\$15.00/month or \$36.00/quarter ( 3 consecutive mos )
Format: Microsoft Publisher or Word, PDF or JPEG.	
Contact the Newsletter Editor Sharon Wilhelm 972-424-7791 or sharonwilhelm@tx.rr.com	
Payment to McKinney Quilters Guild and Mail to Sharon Wilhelm, 1809 Midcrest Dr, Plano, Tx 75075	

**April Birthdays**

- 8 Sara Lindsay
- 13 Sharon Holliday
- 25 Marjy Duncan
- 25 Suzy Boyle
- 28 Elaine Henry

**Birthday Gals and Guys**

It is our tradition that in your Birthday Month we get to celebrate with you by you bringing the birthday snacks and/or cake to the meeting. Others may help on the months when there are only a few with birthdays.

This is a great time to try a new recipe and we can try something new.

Best of all,  
 Happy Birthday to you,  
 Happy Birthday to you,  
 Happy Birthday Dear Quilters

Happy Birthday to you.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**May**

- 1 Donna Mikesch
- 4 Barbara Snyder
- 5 Susan Maddox
- 7 Joann Sams
- 11 Betsy Whiteman
- 11 Georgia Curry
- 13 Sally Ann Flak
- 17 Laurie Tanas
- 26 Nancy Worst

**Better Homes & Gardens**  
**Quilt Sampler**  
**TOP SHOP**

*Sew Let's Quilt It*

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- Fabric and Notions
- Custom Quilting
- APQS Machine Training & Rental
- Classes

**Important Announcement from owners of Sew Let's Quilt It:**  
 After 12 years of being the quilting service business, Sew Let's Quilt It is announcing that the retail side of the shop is for sale. This would include all inventory, online business operations, and anything associated with the retail business operations. The longarm quilting services and equipment are not included in this sale.

Sew Let's Quilt It is **NOT** Closing at this time.  
 The store is **OPEN** and will be operating as usual through September!

## Our Block of the Month Program

There will be instructions for a different star-themed quilt block each month. Please make one block (or more) to donate to the guild using red, white, and blue fabric. In November we put together the donated blocks to make tops for our Veterans program. The instructions for each block will be in the monthly newsletter and instructions for all 9 blocks will be on our website.

### April Block of the Month: Joy Star

The history of the star quilts is shrouded in myth and legend. Some say the star quilt is a representation of the heavenly north, while others say it is a symbol of hope and good luck. Regardless of its origin, the star is a popular quilt block that is easy to sew and looks amazing.

Unfinished Block size 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 12  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12" finished)

The basic building squares in this pattern are HST. A good resource for making HST can be found at:

[www.blog.treasure.com/half-square-triangles/](http://www.blog.treasure.com/half-square-triangles/)

Fabric needed:

Background: Eight 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for HST

Eight 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles for corners (or use sixteen 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares)

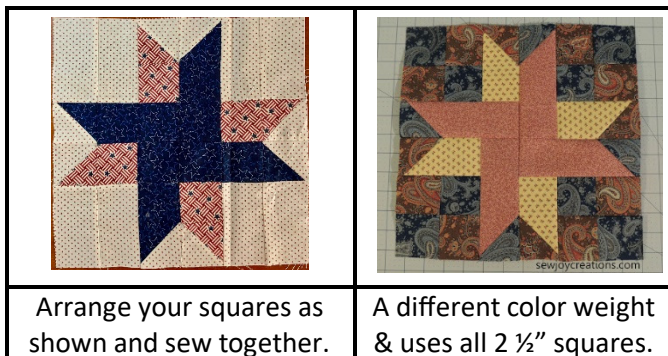
Star color 1: Six 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for center and four 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for HST

Star color 2: Eight 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares for center and four 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " for HST

Make the following HST combinations:

Four HST color 1 & background

Four HST color 2 & background



Hint: If you choose directional fabrics, pay close attention to the orientation of the fabrics during cutting and assembly to add to the realism of woven ribbons. If you want an extra challenge, you can adjust your cuts so that the pattern matches in adjacent pieces, making those seams all but disappear! But we'll leave that to your patience level.

Happy sewing, Roxy

### *Tuesday, June 20th Program - "Sashings, Bold and Dangerous"*

*Sharon and Loren Wilhelm*

### *How They Can Make Or Break Your Design!*

*Sometimes we get the blocks finished and we are at a stopping point trying to decide what sashing or setting to put with those blocks. Some are so old we have to be very creative to blend the old with the new. We will give you some examples of things that just happened and some that were planned. We will be showing a display of quilts and hopefully inspire you to get those blocks out and finish those quilts.*

*For Show and Tell, bring your challenging quilts demonstrating your creativity with sashings and settings.*

## Operation Quilted Comfort - April Newsletter

We are excited to be doing community service for our **Veterans in Sam Rayburn Memorial Medical Center in Bonham, Texas**. They have a Hospital, Rehab Center and Nursing Home care. We provide Quilts, Pillowcases, Laundry bags, socks, cards and new puzzles. We are still collecting red, white, blue and patriotic fabrics and large "Cotton" batting scraps. We try to stay budget neutral with gifts from your stash. These will be at Sharon Wilhelm house, 1809 Midcrest Drive Plano, Tx 75075 972-424-7791.

There will be kits including fabric for piecing, quilting & binding at every meeting to pick up and take home. You may do some or all of the kit and bring it back to the next meeting. We need piecers, quilters and binders to help.

Listed below are dates for **Cutting and/or Sewing dates. Let me know if you are coming and dates.** Bring your lunch or snack and drink. We will have 3 cutting stations, 2 pressing stations, Lots of Fabric and Patterns to pull from for the kitting.

### Workshop for Cutting the fabric into kits --

Thursday	April 27,	10:00 - 3:00
Saturday	June 10,	10:00 - 3:00

### Workshop for sewing the Kits into Quilts, Pillowcases or Laundry Bags...

Saturday	May 13	10:30 - 3:30
Wednesday	July 12	10:30 - 3:30

RSVP to: **Sharon Wilhelm, Chairperson 972-424-7791. sharonwilhelm@tx.rr.com**

Mark your calendars. Please help any and all times you can. Thanking you in advance for your service.

Directions and supplies to bring will be emailed to the ones on the list. To be added to the list or check to see if your name is on the list, email me at the address above.

### Sunshine and Shadows

Thanks everyone for the continued prayers for many of our members and families.



**Sunshine - Joan Metlock's** back is better and she is getting out now.

**Susan Martin's mother** had been moved to Pioneer Ridge Retirement Ctr, McKinney. She is settling into her new home.

**Sandie Griego's husband, Chris** had his bypass surgery. It was successful.

### Shadows

**Loretta's husband, Jim** is at home. He is getting speech, physical, & occupational therapy at home. Continued prayers needed.

**JeanAnne Clarke's** dad passed away this week.

**Kathleen LaSopio's daughter, Alis** is at M D Anderson. Her body is no longer responding to the chemo she was receiving. It has been determined that Alis' body can't handle more chemo or any other treatment. The decision has been made to start comfort care and work on keeping her out of pain. Her whole family is there with her and they're all comforting her and each other. Only God knows the number of her days, but we ask everyone to come together in prayer now for the pain to stop and the transition to be peaceful.

Have a blessed Easter.

Betsy Whiteman

### March Door Prize Donors

Our Donations for our Door Prizes are overflowing! **Thank you** to our Guild Members and to our sponsors! Also to Malinda and Cynthia for the gathering! If you find the you cannot use the donated gift card, you might try to offer it to another member who lives closer to the shop. And always thank the Quilt Shops for their generous gifts to our Guild.



Door prizes awarded in March 2023 were donated by the following:

Best Little Retreat Center in Texas, Dallas, Tx  
 Blue Ribbon Quilt Shop, Wylie, Tx  
 Box Car Quilts, Aubrey, TX  
 Downtown Dry Goods, McKinney, TX  
 Fabric Fanatics, Plano, TX  
 Minding My P's & Q's, Denton, Tx  
 Must Love Fabric, Colleyville, Tx  
 Not Your Mama's Quilt Store, Plano, TX  
 Quilt Among Friends, Arlington, TX  
 Quilt Mercantile, Celeste, TX  
 Stitched With Love, McKinney, Tx  
 Sew Let's Quilt It, Dallas, TX  
 The Old Craft Store, Carrollton, TX  
 The Quilt Asylum, Denison, TX  
 Urban Spools, Dallas, Tx

Cynthia Kullberg & Malinda Krzyzanowski

**Quilt Hangers**



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*Loren & Sharon Wilhelm*

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

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**2023 Committees and Chairpersons**

**Block of the Month**-Roxy Gross/Bertie Ferrell

**De-Stash Your Stash** Jean Ann Clarke-Chair, w/Melissa Hoffman, Susan Maddox, & Deb Merrill

**Sweets & Salads**- Mary Marrone, Chair & Suzanne Powell helping

**Door Prizes**- Cynthia Kullberg and Malinda Krzyzanowski

**Education** -Lisa Terry

**Facilities** - Guild Member

**Friendship Blocks** - Mary Ann Baltzer/Bertie Ferrell

**Meals on Wheels** -Gisele Oakes -Harvest Boxes and Santa Bags

**Membership** - Karletta Pruszynski

**Newsletter, Publicity and Yearbook/Directory** - Sharon Wilhelm

**Operation Quilted Comfort/Veterans**  
Sharon Wilhelm,/Gisele Oakes

**Photographer** - Donna Mikesch/Annalee Smith

**Programs, Workshops, & Facilities**  
Suzan Crocker -Chairperson

**Project Linus** - Elaine Henry

**Raffle Quilt 2023** - Elaine Henry & Comm.

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

**Retreat/Fall** - Stitchin Heaven, Quinlan, Tx Suzan Crocker - Chairperson

**Retreat/ Day - Open**

**Ryan's Case for Smiles** - Carolyn Kerr

**Sunshine and Shadows** - Lonetta Ingram/Betsy Whiteman

**UFO Projects** - Candy Koharchik/Bertie Ferrell

**Ways and Means** - Officers

**Website** Bonnie Landon

### March's Show & Tell Pictures



**Community Service Hours Goal for 2023 - 10,000 Hours**

March there were 1,078.75 Community Service hours reported for the month from our 82 members.

This makes 2,314.25 hours total so far for the 2023 calendar year.



**Red Boot**  
RETREAT

## Spring Retreat Information Red Boot, April 20– 23, 2023 19 HCR 1309, Hillsboro, TX 76645

We're looking forward to our 3 nights at the Red Boot retreat in Hillsboro! We've made arrangements for 24 of our members to have a wonderful and fun getaway laughing, sharing and sewing. At this time all 24 spots have been taken, but we are starting a waitlist in case anyone already signed up has to drop out.

The retreat will begin on Thursday, April 20th, arriving no sooner than 12:00pm, and will end on Sunday, April 23rd at 12:00pm. The cost of \$305 per person includes the 3 nights stay and 8 meals beginning with dinner Thursday evening. There is a continental breakfast each morning as well as lunch and dinner served on Friday and Saturday, and Brunch at 9am on Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Terry at 469-733-6394 or Carol Surrells at 214-697-5318.

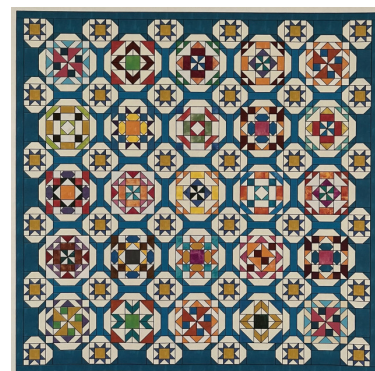
## “Garden Party” 2023 Raffle Quilt 100” x 100”

Pattern by Pat Speth/Nickel Quilts <https://patspeth.com/at@patspeth.com>

The quilt is set and at the quilter, Joe Henry. How exciting is this! You all really came through. Can hardly wait to see it!

Don't forget to please join Pat Speth's Facebook Group and post pictures of the block(s) you made. We will post a picture of the finished quilt! You may find the pattern for this quilt on her page for \$8.00. There are lots of others as well. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/patspeth>.

Elaine Henry, 2023 Raffle Quilt Chairman [quiltqueen111@gmail.com](mailto:quiltqueen111@gmail.com)



## McKinney Quilter's Guild Yearbook/Directory 2023

You will be able to pick up your Yearbook/Directory at the April Meeting (if all goes as expected). Included will be all the history, purpose of the guild, past and current presidents, officers, current programs, committees and charities we support, picture directory (much requested), and updated ByLaws.

Also included will be flyers for Project Linus, Ryan's Cases, our book marks with all our programs for this year, business cards to give to friends and relatives (that might like to know what you are up to) and some forms you might need at some time.

Some of these things will also be on our website for you to download. We will help you get your picture and profile set up on the website.

If you are not able to pick up your directory, have one of your friends pick it up. We will have them out at every meeting until everyone has one.

Sharon Wilhelm, Editor





### What to bring to the April 18 Meeting

- Wear your **Name Tag** as we have lots of new members. Holders available at check in table.
- Sign in and get your **Door Prize Ticket**.
- *Record your volunteer hours for 2023.*
- Meet and sit by one of our new members in case they have questions.
- Turn in your **pillowcases** for Ryan's Case For Smiles to Carolyn Kerr.
- Be sure to **bring your Quilts for Show & Tell**. We love this part of our meeting.
- **Mary Marrone - April Greeter**
- Bring your 2023 BOM March Block "Joy Star" in red, white and blue. Instructions found in this newsletter and on the web-site.
- Continue cleaning out your STASH for May.



## Project Linus

### Project Linus

#### Collin Cooke Grayson Rockwall Texas Chapters

Project Linus continues to supply blankets for children in hospitals in Collin, Cooke, Grayson and Rockwall Counties as well as the sheriff's departments in those four counties, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that provides beds for children (while we provide the twin size quilts for covers),

Hope Women's Center in McKinney (receiving blankets and baby quilts), Samaritan Inn, Community ISD, Josephine and Rockwall Police Departments.

We appreciate donations of yarn, fleece, fabric yardage and money to buy supplies as well as quilts, quilt tops, backs and batting. Thank you so much to those of you who donate a quilt often!

Elaine Henry - quiltqueen111@gmail.com

### Ryan's Case for Smiles

At the March meeting we had 36 completed pillowcases turn in! Thank you for your hard work to help make this 15<sup>th</sup> year of Ryan's Case-for Smiles successful! Also thank you for supplying much needed baggies. I have been restocked for now!

Thank you for indicating that your pillowcase has been laundered but please just a note included is great. If the baggie is written on then it has to be replaced, per the guidelines. Thank you Guild for your continued support!!

Thank you MQG quilters for your hard work!

Carolyn Kerr

ckerr0165@gmail.com



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FEEL BETTER TO HEAL BETTER



### UFO's? Me Too!

**UFO Challenge:** Make a list of 10 projects you would like to work on and submit your name and list to Candy Koharchik

[musicalrosary@tx.rr.com](mailto:musicalrosary@tx.rr.com).

The list can consist of projects for finishing blocks, finishing piecing, or finishing quilting/binding. Bring your items to show and tell as you finish them. I will keep track of what you bring and the drawing for a prize (quilting by Candy) will be in December.

No monthly deadlines, just the end of the year deadline.

I have two more months of tasks taken care of on my list. How about you????!!!!

If you are not going to be able to attend this month's meeting, please email or text me with your challenge completions, otherwise, I shall see you at the meeting.

Candy Koharchik,

[musicalrosary@tx.rr.com](mailto:musicalrosary@tx.rr.com);

214-585-1317 (cell)

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