



THE QUILTING TIMES



April Newsletter

Happy Spring fellow quilters! Spring is my favorite time of year as the color of the trees change every day with new leaves and the promise of spring blooms. Now if only some garden fairy would come clean out my flower beds so I could have some of those spring blooms... one can only wish.

As much as I enjoyed my trip, I was sorry to miss the March meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing the quilts presented in our April bedturning – we have so much talent in our guild and it's always fun to see what others have made.

Keep cleaning out your stash for the scrap sale (to make room for new treasures) and working on your minis for the October sale. See you on the 15th (hopefully your taxes have been submitted). Gisele

April 15th Program—Bed Turnings

The April 15th meeting will be one of the McKinney Quilt Guild's most popular meeting subjects. It is called Bed Turning and members will be bringing their quilts for us to ogle and ah at during their 15 to 20 minute presentations. We will divide up into groups and let the quilters show us their quilts and explain a little bit about each one. After time is called we will go to another area and see the quilts of another quilter. Presenters will be ...



Jeannie Neckar

I started my quilting journey in 1991 after having back surgery. My first quilt was hand quilted. Over the years I've taken a long quilting journey. I love hand applique and flowers. Do not like reproduction fabrics... too dull. Making new friends is my favorite part of quilting



Margaret Neyman I took my very first quilting class in Lubbock Texas in 1978. My husband and I moved to Dallas in 1979. I became member number 34 of the newly formed Dallas Quilt Guild. I held several offices including President and was on the committee for the first Dallas Quilt Show. I was divorced in 1986 and disappeared from the quilting world for many years. I got back into quilting after my children were grown and I was remarried. Since 2008, I've been enjoying making wonderful quilting friends and lots of quilts.



Sharon Holliday has been quilting for over 35 years. In that time, she has made hundreds of quilts in her scrappy Sourdough Quilt method. She does trunk shows and workshops for Quilt Guilds, makes lots of bags and totes, and has recently re-purchased a Gammill longarm quilting machine and looks forward to quilting her own quilts again. Sharon will be showing five or six quilts using her unique method of piecing backings. Of course, you'll get to see the front of the quilts as well!



Bonnie Landon will be rounding out our 4 presenters. Bonnie is also a Collin County Master Gardener. She will have mini's to show and a lot are nature oriented. A few of her quilts were presented at the Monarch Quilt juried show in the gardens of the Heard-Craig House in downtown McKinney during the 2021 "Arts in Bloom" which featured Monarch's in Flight.

Next Meeting

April 15, 2025

Doors Open 12:00

Meeting 1:00–3:00

First Christian Church

1800 W. Hunt St.

McKinney, Tx

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MCKINNEY QUILTERS' GUILD MEETING MINUTES – March 18, 2025

Education Demonstration – Prior to the meeting (at 12:30) Bonnie Landon demonstrated how to do Foundation Paper Piecing. She did a great job and we learned a lot. Thank you, Bonnie, for teaching us a new skill.

(Please silence or turn off cell phones)

Prior to the start of the meeting, there was a request by a group called “Sleep in Heavenly Peace”, an organization that builds beds for kids that don’t have one. They have started a chapter in Melissa and would love kids’ quilts.

Beth Smietana – called the meeting to order at 1:00pm with some thoughts about the benefit of gratitude in our lives; she welcomed all members, visitors and those from the Allen Guild selling raffle quilt tickets. There were no changes or additions needed for the minutes or Treasurer’s report as reported in the newsletter; both will be filed for audit.

Roxy Gross – Membership: She reported 58 members and three visitors present with a total of 102 members on our rolls. She is continuing to collect quilts for wildfire victims; has 100+ quilts in her bedroom. One donated quilt needing repairs was given to Nadine Darby to restore.

Committees:

Betsy Whiteman, Sunshine and Shadows –reported that Ronnie Stone is home sick. Donna Jordan of On-line Jordan Fabrics has passed away.

Elaine Henry, Project Linus – has a fundraiser going on. There are sheets on the sign-in table: For a \$20 donation (you get seven scrappy quilt patterns). Money goes to our local Collin Chapter (it takes 1 1/3 yards of fleece to make a blanket).

Carolyn Kerr, Ryan’s Cases for Smiles —Pillowcases for children up to 16 in treatment for cancer; 175 pillowcases were delivered for Texas Proton Therapy.

Sharon Wilhelm, Operation Quilted Comfort — Wheelchair quilts can be about 45”-60”. She received 15 quilts finished today. Four quilts need to be quilted. Puzzles, cards, socks, games needed.

Jean Ann Clarke, Scrap Sale – (de-stash) Please bring in fabric for the sale (see last newsletter re timing and pricing).

Cynde Quinn, October Mini Sale – Minis should be up to 24” square. October Mini sale also includes home-made treasures other than mini-quilts for sale on separate tables. Last year they sold well.

Beth Smietana, Program Updates – next month is our bed-turning: Four presenters will share their quilts and their stories.

Dana Riley from Samaritan Inn (a quilter, herself) came to thank the Guild for their donations of cash and quilts over the years. She shared about the Inn and offered to give tours to the Guild.

Allen Quilt Guild is selling raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt.

Short Break

Beth Smietana – Welcomed and introduced Patience Griffin, March’s Program. Patience is an award-winning author who has been writing and sewing her whole life but didn’t discover her love of quilting until her late thirties. She decided the best way to acquire her first quilt was to make one for herself. She now has her own fabric lines and quilting patterns.

Show and Tell / Door Prizes – Remember to send thank you notes!

Next Meeting: April 15, 2025

Lorraine Brown, Secretary

Treasurer Report March 2025	
Beginning Balance	\$22,289.33
Deposits	\$ 5,020.00
Distributions	<u>\$ -2,198.04</u>
Ending Balance	\$25,111.29
Deposit: Membership	
Red Boot May Retreat (pass-thru)	
Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer.	



Red Boot
RETREAT

Spring Retreat Information
Red Boot, April 30 – May 4, 2025
19 HCR 1309, Hillsboro, TX 76645

Only one more month until Red Boot! 28 members have signed up for the retreat, which at this time is sold out. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list in case someone has to drop out, please contact

Lisa Terry at 469-733-6394 or Carol Surrells at 214-697-5318.



Stitchin' Heaven Retreat Center - 321 Richards St., Quitman, Tx 75783

Fall Retreat September 3-7, 2025 Wed-Sunday \$410.00 Fee

Come Away and Quilt at this beautiful place. Across the parking lot is the largest quilt shop in Texas.

Meals are provided in the fee. Registration form can be emailed to you.

First 30 to sign up will be able to attend. **Register Forms will be at the April Meeting.**

Make a \$50 deposit to hold your spot.

Mail your deposit to Paula Washler, 502 Baltusrol Circle, Garland, Tx 75044.

Cynthia Weisz 214-325-6152

Paula Washler 765-625-0790

Sunshine and Shadows

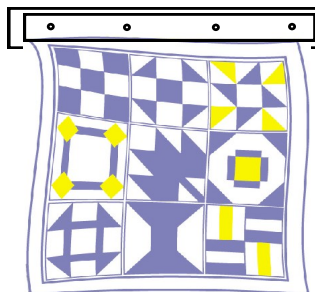
Cynthia Weisz had knee surgery and doing PT now. Prayers this will go well.



Keep Suzan Crocker in your prayers as she continues to heal after breaking her neck.

Betsy Whiteman

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Loren & Sharon Wilhelm



Operation Quilted Comfort for Veteran

Thank you again for the generous gifts of fabrics and batting. AND due to those gifts we are providing you with 28 Quilt Kits and 8 Pillowcase Kits ready for you to pick up.

We have 28 quilts, 76 Pillowcases and 9 Laundry bags ready to go.

Sharon and Malinda K

February Door Prizes We Appreciate Your Generosity!



Thanks to the Quilt Shops for their generous gifts to our guild. Thank you Missouri Star and our Guild Members for their donations!

Best Little Retreat Center in TX - Dallas, Tx
Downtown Dry Goods - McKinney, Tx
Fabric Fanatics - Plano
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!



McKinney Quilters Guild Mini Quilt Auction

And Other Items For Sale Tuesday, October 21 (note date change) 1:00 - 3:00

It's not too early to start making a mini or two for the Mini Quilt Auction. If each one of us made just one, we would have 120 to hand in to our new Chairperson. AND if you made more than one we could SHOCK her. Here are the instructions...

1. Do your best quality of work as this auction is a fund raiser for the operation of the guild, pays for speakers and programs for the year.
2. Quilted by hand or machine –not tied
3. Best selling themes are holidays; ie. Christmas & Halloween. OR scrappy, seasonal, vintage etc.
4. Size for mini 24" per side. Anything larger should be a buy now price.
5. Invite your friends and family. A hand out invitation will be provided at the sign in table.

Cynde Quinn—Chairperson

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

**Quilt Donations for California
Wildfire Victims**

Thank you, thank you! I am overwhelmed and so appreciative for the quilt donations received to donate to the Southern California Quilt Association for their work in providing quilts for the verified victims of the wildfires. The need is great and continues to increase. Quilts are still needed for November's Mountain Fire victims and many more due to 6,011 homes lost in the Eaton fire. I have received 59 quilts from members of the McKinney, Plano & Allen guilds, with another 34 on their way to me. I will continue collecting quilts until the beginning of May to then drive them to CA for distribution.

My heartfelt thank you for all the support.
Roxy Gross

2025 Officers

Committee Chairperson will be published after each officer gets her committees filled.

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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 - **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** -Pauline Garrett
- 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-Open**
- De-Stash Sale**—Jean Ann Clarke, Chair Melissa Hoffman-Co-Chair, Deb Merrill, and Jeannie Neckar.
- Website**-Bonnie Landon
- Yearbooks/Directory** -Sharon Wilhelm

De-Stash Your Stash Sale -May 20 Meeting

Cleaning up your sewing room? Save back the fabric that you no longer need or want to give for the De-stash Sale!

Please only give quilting fabric. (No upholstery fabric etc.)

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.**

You may bring your stash to the meetings in February, March, and April or you can bring to Jean Ann's house 402 High Meadow in McKinney just give me a call at 214-718-0320. Jean Ann Clarke, Chairperson Melissa Hoffman Co Chair.

NO MATERIAL CAN BE ADDED AT THE SALE. IT MUST BE BROUGHT TO APRIL MEETING OR DROPPED OFF BEFORE MAY 11TH TO JEANN!



March was a great month for Ryan's with 89 completed pillowcases turned in! Also was able to deliver 175 pillowcases specifically for ages 1-7. I was able to take a quick tour of this outpatient facility and saw the children's pre and post treatment room. It was so bright, colorful and welcoming with a Ryan's pillowcase on each bed.

Thanks to all McKinney Quilters!
Carolyn Kerr

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McKinney Quilters Guild 2025 BOM

Month 3 – Stellie

Fabric Needed:

Background (A): cut sixteen 3-1/8" x 3-1/8" squares

Background (A): cut four 3-7/8" x 3-7/8" squares; subcut into 16 triangles

Blue (B): cut eight 3-7/8" x 3-7/8" squares; subcut into 16 triangles

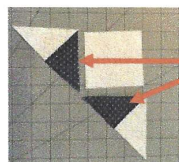


Red (C): cut four 4-1/4" x 4-1/4" rectangles

Attach a white triangle to a blue triangle as pictured.
Repeat to make 4 sets.

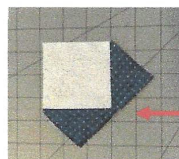


Attach a white triangle to a blue triangle as pictured.
Repeat to make 2 sets.



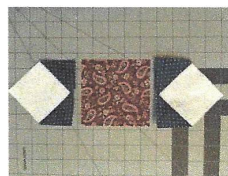
These sides will be larger than the 3-18" square. Line up the center of the triangle with the center of the square. Trim off dog ears after sewing.

Attach a blue triangles to a white triangle as pictured.
Repeat to make 2 sets.



This side should measure 4-1/4"

Attach these to a red square as pictured.



Attach the corner triangles as pictured.
Trim to 8-1/2" x 8-1/2".



Cut eight 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangles from white (background fabric).
Attach as pictured.



Repeat and make 3 more for a total of four blocks.

Blocks should measure 8-1/2" x 12-1/2".



Thanks to Bonnie Longacre and Joann Sams for the quilts donated at the March meeting.

We miss our dear friend and fellow guild member, Sherry Moyer who passed away on February 21, 2025.

There will be quilt kits on the Project Linus table for you to complete and return.

We meet every Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 to make quilts, fleece blankets, knitted and crocheted blankets for children newborn to age 17. You are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. Bring your lunch.

In addition, Project Linus meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00-2:00 at 1985 S. FM-1138, Royse City while the West McKinney Project Linus group meets every 2nd Tuesday (March 11 & April 8) at 1:00 – 3:00pm in the Heard-Craig Carriage House, 205 W Hunt St, McKinney.

Donations are welcome, acrylic yarn, batting, completed quilts or tops, cotton quilting fabric, finances, fleece (It takes 1 1/3 yds per blanket) ,

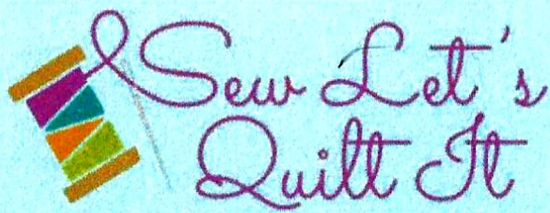
your valuable time and expertise. Talk to Elaine Henry for more information or contact Regina Forthman, through

our Facebook page, Project Linus Collin Cooke Grayson Rockwall Counties Texas.

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What To Bring

3rd Tuesday, April 15 12:00-3:00

- Remember to bring back the quilts you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts and Ryan's CaseforSmiles Pillowcases.
- 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. You can count any volunteer hours you do for other organizations also.
- Greeter: Betsy Whiteman

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

April Birthdays

2 Barbara Carothers
 8 Vilda Caudill
 8 Sara Lindsay
 10 Julie Cadzhead
 21 Barb Washler
 25 Marjy Duncan
 28 Elaine Henry

Please Bring a Snack.

May Birthdays

1 Donna Mikesch
 7 Joann Sams
 7 Laurie Tanas
 11 Georgia Curry
 24 Debbie Evans
 26 Ceidys Butterworth
 30 Jackie West

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Thank you Thank you Thank you

*Shirley Lane & Margaret Neyman-Snack Helpers
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