



2026 March President's Note

As we warm up for spring, I'm sorry to miss Nova Montgomery's Featherweight presentation.

Please welcome and support Allen guild's charity quilt. Happy quilting! Gisele

Next Meeting April 21, 2026

Doors Open 12:00
Meeting 1:00-3:30

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

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April 21 Program - Nova Montgomery "A Century of Progress— Feather Weight Machines"

Nova Montgomery is a quilter and quilt historian. She is an independent professional instructor and lecturer who loves sharing her passion for quilts and history. Nova approaches this workshop from the perspective of a Featherweight user who wants to preserve and protect their machine, but does not have an intricate knowledge of the mechanical workings of the machine. She guides students through correct maintenance while educating them about their wonderful machines.



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**DeStash Blast –
Saturday, April 11,
8:00am-12 noon
At Not Your Mama's Quilt
Shop Parking Lot**



Don't forget to invite you family and friends to come and shop at the DeStash Sale - April 11th 8:00-12:00 2963 W 15th St #3055, Plano, TX 75075 There will be many vendors plus our stash and this year we have a lot of great finds."

McKinney Quilter's Guild Meeting March 17, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 12:45pm by Gisele Oakes.

Jean Ann Clarke requested donations for the scrap sale. Deadline is April 4th. The sale will be held at Not Your Mama's Quilt Shop in Plano on April 11th.

Betsy Whiteman reported on Sunshine and Shadows.

Ronnie Stone reported that we have 49 in attendance with 4 visitors and a total of 96 paid members. Please renew your membership if you haven't already.

No changes for minutes or treasurer's report for March. They will be filed for audit.

Kathy Chambliss volunteered to chair Direction 61:3 donation quilts.

We are still looking for members to shadow board members in preparation for serving on next year's board.

Julie Cadenhead gave details about the scrap sale. We are asking members to volunteer to work at the sale for a minimum of one hour. Come early for the best selection.

Sharon Wilhelm reported on Operation Quilted Comfort.

Elaine Henry reported on Project Linus.

Carolyn Kerr reported that she has 169 cases plus today's receipts for Ryan's Case.

Bylaws corrections and additions to be postponed until next month.

New members are asked to have their photos taken by Beth Smietana this month. Candy, our regular photographer, was in a serious car accident.

Sign up for fall retreat (Sept 2-5) in May with a \$50 deposit. Cost not yet determined. Retreat will be held at Box Car in Aubrey.

Roxy spoke about patterns for Easter bags.

The Stars Over Abilene Quilt Show (June 5, 6) was announced.

Beth Smietana announced her upcoming workshops with a nice poster for details. She also announced that we will be meeting at a nearby fire station for future workshops.

Beth introduced our speakers, Jeffree Itrich, who spoke about her book "The Wedding Dress Quilt". Judy Stewart spoke about her quilts and various techniques that she uses.

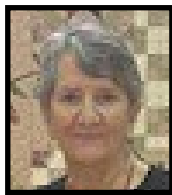
Show and tell followed as well as door prizes by Deb Merrill. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT March 2026

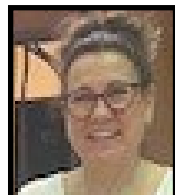
Beginning Balance	\$23,994.64
Deposits	\$ 5,638.25
Distributions	<u>-\$ 2,263.39</u>
Ending Balance	\$27,369.50

Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer
04/02/2026 jacaden99@gmail.com

Creative clutter is more blessed than tidy idleness.



President
Gisele Oakes



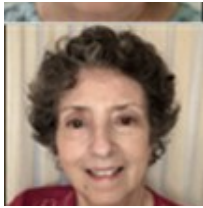
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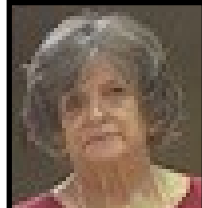
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Debbie Evans



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.** →

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2026 Committees and Chairpersons

Christmas Luncheon—Kathy Chambliss

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**

Project Linus -Elaine Henry

Retreat/Spring -Red Boot Retreat- Hillsboro, 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



Ryan's
CASE for SMILES

I want to share a quote from the Ryan's Coordinator newsletter. "This work is built on small, meaningful acts of kindness and that each one has the power to bring comfort and connection when it is needed most".

In March there were 35 pillowcases turned in plus fabric! Thank you for your support whether sewing or cutting kits all is appreciated!

Carolyn Kerr

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.

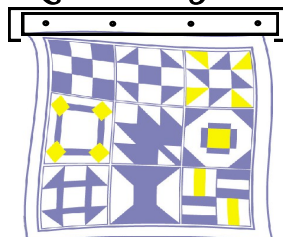
Youth (ages 14-24) to discover God's specific purpose and direction for their lives while being fully supported in our resident and non-resident programs. Locations: The Farm (plans to house up to 60 youth. Denton and McKinney houses 3 to 4 in each home.

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.

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**March Door Prizes
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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
- Hoops & Needles, Plano, Tx
- Linda's Electric Quilters, McKinney, Tx
- Pinkey's Too, Farmersville, Tx
- Quilt Country, Lewisville, Tx
- Quilt Mercantile, Celeste, 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!!

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.

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
Christmas luncheon: Co-Chair and helpers.

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May 19 Program
Ann Moore
“My Quilting Journey”

For our May 19 meeting we will welcome Ann Moore from Texas! Ann is a national quilting instructor and designer for Sew Steady/Westalee. She will share with us her “Quilting Journey.” You will love seeing the ruler-work that she does – it is beautiful!

Wednesday, May 20 “Ruler Work Workshop”
Location: Fire Dept #5 on Virginia Pkwy

Time:10-4 Workshop \$65.00 Kit Optional \$15.00

We are currently taking sign-ups for this class.

Learn how to quilt your own quilts using templates for your designs. Ruler work is guided free motion using templates to design and quilt your quilt. My class gives you a good sampling of templates and is considered an introduction to ruler work, we use my loaner templates so you can try before you buy, and only buy if you chose to. We will spend the day using several rulers (templates) designed to make quilting your quilt an easier process on your domestic machine. Let me teach you how to transform your quilt tops into finished quilts.

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**Sunshine and
Shadows**

Candy Koharchik is slowly recovering from her bruised heart suffered in the car accident.

Bonnie Longacre fell and spiral fractured her humerus bone. It certainly isn't humorous. Surgery was performed on Friday, April 3rd. She will be out of commission for some time. Prayers on her behalf would be much appreciated.

Roxy Gross Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers and well wishes. I am doing well. Looking forward to getting some time out of the stabilizing sling and starting PT on the 10th. Sending hugs, Roxy

Sara Lindsay had kidney stone surgery late last week and is not recovering well. She is asking for prayers.

Let's keep all these ailing quilters in our Prayers. Betsy Whiteman

Lots of new ideas, use any fabric, make your own fabric, trace a design, give depth and dimension, add textures, use both ends of the Crayola, uses both sides of the brain, therapeutic, and just plain fun! Sharon Wilhelm

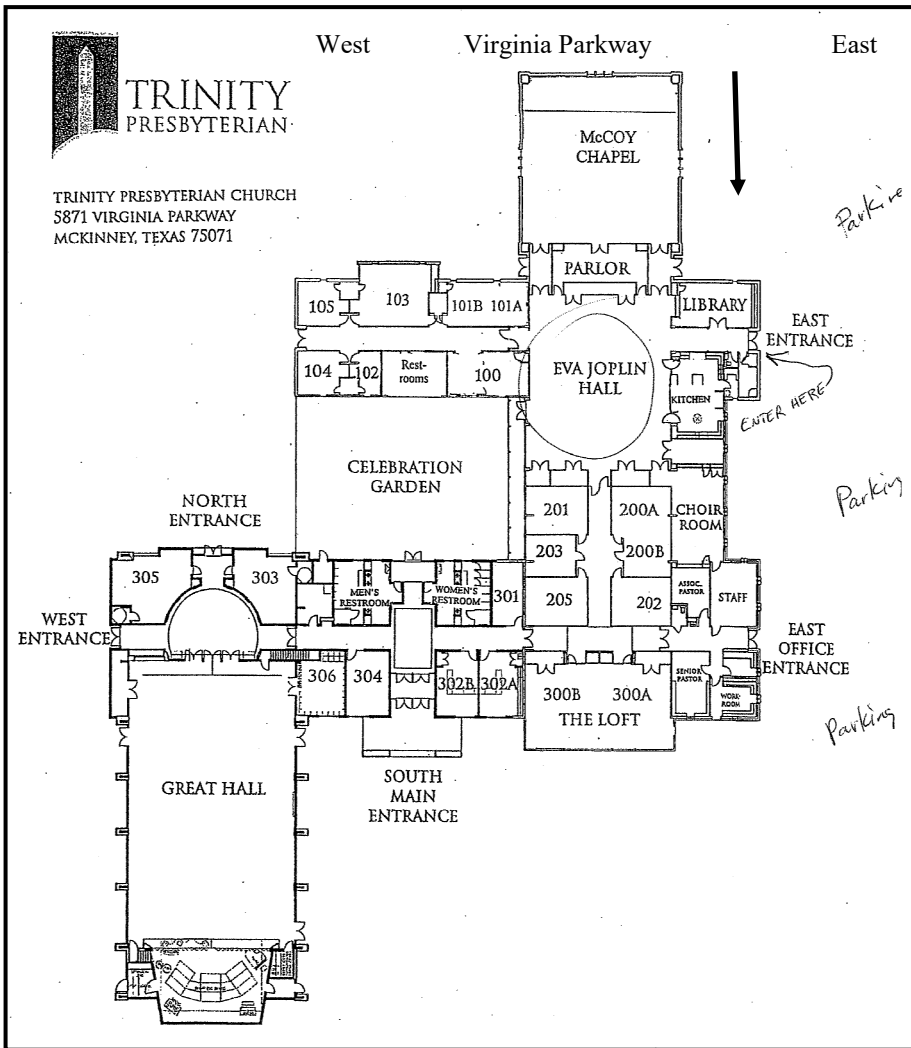


NEW MEETING LOCATION As Of JANUARY 2026

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.



Membership

We're off to a great start for 2026 with 87 renewals and 6 new members for a total of 93. Can we get to 100? Here are the six new members –

Carol Coster, Wayne Hall, Elaine Henry #2 (yes, we have two members with the same name), Debbie LeDuc, Carolyn Skei, and Dione Tippawang.

Make sure to greet our newest members.

Ronnie Stone, 3413 Almond Lane, McKinney TX 75070

And don't forget to enter your community service hours when you sign in. Last year's recorded total was 15,030!

Tutto Carrier was \$295-I'm asking \$175. Sue Burt 205-541-8894. Can bring to meeting

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- 17"L x 8"D (top access)

Patriotic Operation Quilted Comfort

Thank you for the fabrics and Bolt of 96” x 30 yds batting from Lily Golondzinier. We will be bringing in pillowcase kits since Bonnie broke her arm and we will do them until she gets able to help. We have 97 quilts turned. All have been washed and labeled. Had to order more iron on labels with all the new products coming in.



Spring Retreat Information

Red Boot, April 29 – May 3, 2026

19 HCR 1309, Hillsboro, TX 76645



Red Boot
RETREAT

Hello everyone,

It's almost time for the Red Boot retreat! There are 28 members signed up to attend, and we will send you an informational email a couple of weeks before the retreat begins. Carol and I just wanted to touch base to let you know we are looking forward to seeing everyone there, and to seeing all the lovely projects you'll be working on.

If you have any questions right now though, please let us know.

Carol and Lisa



Project ♥ Linus

We meet the third Saturday of each month for a fun day of making blankets for children. March 21st theme is St Patrick's. Wear something green and bring something green to share for lunch. We'll be making I Spy blankets and quilts.

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (March 10 & April 14) 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, 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 of Texas.

Elaine Henry Chairperson, Barbara Darringan Co-Chair

What To Bring

1. Remember to bring back the quilts you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts and Ryan'sCaseforSmiles Pillowcases.
2. Wear your nametags so we can get a name and face together especially all our new mem-bers. (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 each month. 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: Nadine Darby

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April Birthdays

- 2 Barbara Carothers**
- 6 Elaine Henry #2**
- 8 Sara Lindsay**
- 10 Julie Cadenhead**
- 21 Barb Washler**
- 25 Marjy Duncan**
- 28 Elaine Henry #1**

Please Bring a Snack!

May Birthdays

- 1 Donna Mikesch
- 7 Joann Sams
- 11 Georgia Curry
- 11 Betsy Whiteman
- 17 Laurie Tanas
- 24 Debbie Evans
- 26 Ceidys Butterworth

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