



October Newsletter

Happy October fellow quilters! Is it Fall Yet? Calendar says it is but I sure can't wait until the temperatures fall and the leaves change colors!

Really looking forward to seeing all the great items we have made and donated for the sale.

Bring Lots of Friends and family to shop!

Gisele Oakes

Next Meeting

October 21, 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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October 21 1:00 pm - 3:00pm

First Christian Church Disciple Hall, 1800 W Hunt St, McKinney

Holiday Mini Silent Auction and Sale

Invite Your Family and Friends—More the Merrier!

This is a great time to shop for those unique Christmas Gifts and Mini Quilts in the silent auction Bidding or Buy Now. There will be items for sale like placemats, table runners, seasonal items and more. Go by the table to get a bidding number and start the bidding on things you just can't live without.

This fundraiser enables the guild to pay for the speakers and programs for the year!
 Cash, Check, or Credit Cards accepted.

There will be a last minute drop spot at Downtown Dry Goods to be picked up no later than Oct 7, 11:30am.

Cynde Quinn, Chairperson



There will be a Special Raffle Quilt "Which Witch's Boot" to take a chance on by buying tickets. There will be one lady moving around the room with tickets for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be the day of Mini Auction.



MCKINNEY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING - September 16, 2025

Education Demonstration: Roxy Gross taught us to make rope rugs today. It was a very good and fun demonstration. Thank you, Roxy!

Gisele Oakes, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm; please silence your cellphones. Thank you, Roxy, for the demo on rope rugs. Thank you to our September birthdays for snacks.

Jean Ann Clarke introduced Leeann Richardson from Hope Women's Center in McKinney to thank us for the baby quilts which our guild has provided and to inform us about the work of the Center. They really appreciate baby quilts, burp clothes, soft baby toys, hats, etc., which have been donated. Leeann is Director of Patient Srvs/Discipleship and has worked there for 19 years. The mission of the center (totally funded by donations) is to provide medical services, information, counseling and support for unplanned pregnancies and other crises for women and their partners. Jean Ann will gladly drop off any baby items we make.

Anyone lose some earrings – see Gisele. Anyone going to Houston Quilt Show? If so, Gisele has two free tickets. Patience Griffin will have a booth there this year and needs help.

Betsy Whiteman, Sunshine and Shadows - prayers needed - Deb Merrill whose mom passed away and Betsy is going on a mission trip to Philippines and asks for prayers for safety, and that God would work through them in a mighty way.

Roxy Gross, Membership, reported 58 members present, nine visitors, and four who joined at the meeting. We now have 119 members! She has an advertisement up front for the Oct. Mini Quilt Sale. Pick one up to display and tell your friends.

Sharon Wilhelm, Operation Quilted Comfort – provides quilts for Veterans at Bonham Memorial Hospital and Rehab. They have requested pillowcases, laundry bags, port pillows, catheter bag covers. Samples of these are on the table. Sharon has quilt kits for us to make and is now blessed with donations of fabric. The Oct. meeting will be the last time to donate quilts for Nov. Donations will be delivered Oct. 29; she needs another car to help deliver for Veterans Day. She has one driver and needs a rider with her. There will be a photo shoot of quilts for advertisement on Oct. 27 at 9:00am and then we will deliver to Bonham.

Carolyn Kerr, Ryan's Cases for Smiles - 102 pillowcases turned in and 55 from the community. We have 4400 toward 40,000 goal for the year.

Elaine Henry, Project Linus (makes quilts for NICU to age 16) – quilt kits on table. Project Linus Funday – Old MacDonald had a farm is the theme for quilts. You are welcome to join us.

Pauline Garrett, MOW Care Boxes – are needed all year long due to our economy. Fill a box or donate to help fill a box. Next meeting is last time to donate for harvest boxes. There will be no snacks in Oct. (sale) or Nov. (in sanctuary). Perhaps those having birthdays during these months can put their snack money towards harvest/holiday boxes.

Gisele: We need a Nominating Committee for the 2026 Board – need two members at large to work with Roxy Gross. We will be replacing Roxy Gross as Membership Chairperson and Lorraine Brown as Secretary. Please think about whether you would like to serve in one of these areas. Also the December Holiday party: Cynthia Kullberg, Kathy Chambliss, Lisa Terry and Carol Surrells have started planning.

Cynde Quinn, Holiday Mini Madness Update: October 21. Short meeting; then shop. October 10 is last day to donate for the sale. Call Cynde 469-879-7112 if you have questions.

Beth Smietana introduced Michael Davison, Foundation Paper Piecing, History and Trunk Show.

Show and Tell/Door Prizes

NEXT MEETING: OCT 21st – invite friends and family to come shop. We will gather at 12:45 for brief social time, short meeting to follow before shopping/bidding begin. Make sure to report service hours.

Lorraine Brown, Secretary

Treasurer Report September 2025

Beginning Balance	\$21,505.60
Deposits	\$ 1,000.00
Distributions	-\$ 5,587.16
Ending Balance	\$18,918.44

Distributions: Stitching Heaven Fall Retreat (Payment/Pass-thru)
Report submitted by Julie Cadenehead, Treasurer 10/07/2025
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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.

Listed below are the donations I received in September: Fabrics 20.5 yds x 44", 3 yds x 110", 6 yds x 108", 12-3/8 yds x 54" Wide white, 2 pack of 42 10" White Squares, 1-1/2 yds x 54" Wide low loft batting/flannel, King Batt, & large pieces of Batting Scrap. More puzzles and games were donated also.

Thank you Malinda for organizing all the scraps of fabrics into tubs of 1-1/2", 2-1/2", 5" sqs, etc. all sizes of strips that can be picked up and designed into quilts.

We now have 109 completed quilts—beat last years 101. I will give a complete list of what will be delivered after the next meeting with pictures.

We have 15 Kits for piecing/quilting to start 2026 collection, 22 Kits needing backing/batting and not sure how many are out being worked on now. I think we need to make more 45" x 54" or 60" size quilts for wheel chair for a while as we have quite a lot of large ones.

Thank you to Toni Selby for loading my BIG buggy into my car last month.

Save the Date: Monday, Oct 27 9:00 Photo Shot of Quilts at Waterview Church of Christ 1409 Waterview, Richardson, Tx. We need at least 5 Helper so it won't take so long.

Save the Date: Wednesday, Oct 29 9:30am meet at Applebees parking lot on 380 McKinney to drive to Bonham to make the delivery at 10:30 am. I believe we will need at least 3 cars to carry all the boxes. RSVP Sharon 972-742—3575.

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

Sharon Wilhelm and Malinda K.



Happy Halloween

Membership: 119

Service Hours: 11,499

*Don't forget to record your
Community Service Hours!*

Education Demo Message

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



Thank you

Thank you

*Shirley Lane and
Margaret Neyman-
Snack Helpers
Cynthia Fisher -
Door Monitor*

McKinney Quilters Guild Mini Quilt Auction

And Other Items For Sale Tuesday, October 21 1:00 - 3:00
More Minis have come in (see below).

Fall is in the Air and that means the holidays will soon be here!! AND SO WILL THE MINI QUILT AUCTION to raise money for our Guild - October 21 from 1-3.

Last month several Holiday mini quilts and fun gift ideas for the holidays were submitted. Check out the library quilt with its own library card!! And the Halloween Spooky Quilt! Lots of fun Totes, Bags, Holiday Napkins and even an apron will be hard to resist for presents.
 Cynde Quinn, Chairperson



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 and Time TBD (additional classroom fee added once class size determined) Sign up sheet at Oct Meeting.

Cost: \$25.00 Teaching Fee

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.



Nominating Committee Report

Chairman Roxy Gross

Committee: Diane Taylor and Annalee Smith

The nominating committee is looking for members willing to serve on the 2026 Board as Secretary or Membership Chair. Both positions are a great opportunity to meet members and take an active role in helping to grow the guild. The duties and responsibilities of these positions are in our By-laws, found on our website or ask someone that is currently serving.

Nominations will be presented and voted on at the November Membership Meeting.

- President Gisele Oakes
- Vice President Beth Smietana
- Treasurer Julie Cadenhead
- Secretary
- Membership Officer
- Information Officer Sharon Wilhelm
- Education Officer Jeannie Neckar

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-Stack 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 1985 S. FM 1138, Fate, TX. 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.

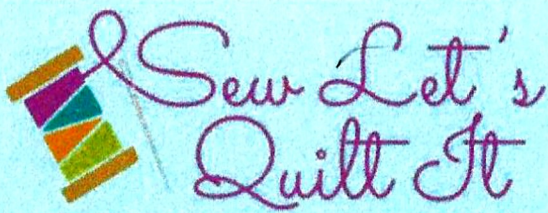
You are welcome to join in cutting quilt kits, quilting, binding quilts, sorting fabric or yarn, crocheting around blankets or knitting a blanket every Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 at the Henry Center, 1985 S. FM1138, Fate, TX. Bring your lunch.

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.



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



Meals On Wheels—Harvest Boxes

(Flyer update with complete information is listed below.)

Hi everyone,

I want to remind you to pick up some items for the Meals on Wheels Harvest Boxes. Take the list with you on your next grocery shopping trip and bring any items to the next meeting.

Our Goal is to fill 10 boxes. Boxes have been donated and will be at next week's meeting. You are encouraged to take a box, decorate as you wish and bring it to the October & November meetings. This is a group effort, I know **we can do this**. Wouldn't it be great to have all 10 boxes decorated and filled at the October and November meeting.

Fill the Boxes Shopping List (Bring all or any contributions.)

- (2) Tyson Premium Chunk White Chicken Breast, in 7 oz. Packets or easy open pull tab cans
 - (2) Starkist Charlie's Lunch to Go Kit
 - (1) 10 oz. microwaveable complete meal (on grocery shelf with other non-refrigerated microwaveable food) Recommendation: Turkey/chicken with hearty vegetables, chicken and noodles.
 - (1) Quaker Instant Oatmeal microwavable pouches- 10 per box
 - (1) package of Wheat Thins Original Crackers
 - (1) 10-18 oz jar of peanut butter
 - (1) Package of (4) 4oz plastic cups of mixed fruit in light syrup or 100% juice
 - (1) 10 oz jar of Simply Fruit jelly
 - (1) package containing 6 or 8 cheese and crackers packages
 - (2) bars of soap
 - (1) container of sanitizing wipes
 - (1) box of 110 tissues
 - (1) pack of (4) toilet paper roles
- puzzle, prizes, stickers or written notes

Please keep this list with you during your grocery shopping and bring any purchased items to the next meeting. Our goal is to fill 10 boxes by the end of October—boxes are provided. You are encouraged to take a box and decorate it as you

Sunshine and Shadows

All is Sunshine with our group as we have not had any Shadows.

Good Job! You are all taking care of yourselves.

Prayers for Betsy Whiteman on a Mission Trip.



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)
- 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!

Ryan's CaseforSmiles

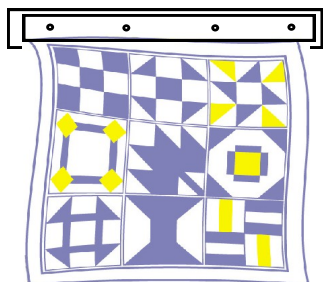


McKinney Quilter's retreaters answered the call for Ryan's Miles of Smiles September drive for pillowcases! There were 53 pillowcases completed at retreat. Thanks to Mary Shannon and Pam Walsh for doing the laundry/ironing duties so these pillowcases were immediately ready to go out to Kids!

There were many others to thank – too many to mention here but a special Thank-you went out to Rosie deLeon-McCrady for bolts of fabric donated! While the bounty was being counted and processed a contact came through and I was able to deliver 205 pillowcases to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. Thanks to Marti Rajotte for the initial contact info! The National goal was for 40,000 pillowcases in September and final counts will be released in October! Thanks to McKinney Quilter's for your continued support!

Carolyn Kerr

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Loren & Sharon Wilhelm

Meals on Wheels Santa Bags



Peggy Click will be at the October Meeting with clients Christmas Wish

Lists. If you want to pick out 1 or more to buy for, put in a Santa Bag, and return at the November Mtg which will be meeting in the Sanctuary.

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

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

What To Bring in October & November

- Remember to bring back the quilts & patterns you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts and Ryan's CaseforSmiles Pillow-cases.
- 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 11,499). You can count any volunteer hours you do for other organizations also.
- October & November Birthdays-Don't bring snacks but bring contributions to the MOW Comfort Boxes.
- Greeter: Jean Ann Clarke

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October Birthdays

- 2 Diane Sharp
- 3 Toni Selby
- 8 Karee Sowards
- 9 Jean Ann Clarke
- 15 Suzan Crocker
- 20 Valerie Morris
- 20 Gisele Oakes
- 22 Shirley Lane
- 26 Deb Merrill
- 27 Mary Marrone
- 29 Ann Oates

**Don't Bring Snacks.
 Bring items for the Meals
 on Wheels Comfort Boxes.**



November Birthdays

- 1 Marsha Fay
- 2 Roxy Gross
- 5 Carole Murray
- 6 Margaret Neyman
- 13 Loren Wilhelm
- 15 Judy Cozzi
- 16 Lilly Golondzinier
- 17 Lisa Terry
- 22 Carol Surrells
- 25 Jeannie Neckar

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