

**President's Note, August 2026**

It's been a challenging summer, hard to get out with it so hot. Hope people have had a great opportunity to get sewing done.

I'm just carrying on and doing the best I can and praying for all those that have asked for and need prayer. Gisele

**August 18 Program with Tana Mueller
"Texas Designaholic & Stitchless Applique" Lecture**

Texas Trunk show presentation and a short story of how I went from being a law enforcement officer to designing patterns and fabric. I hand draw a lot of my designs. I will discuss Stitchless Applique and The Warm Product, Steam A Seam 2. Lots of fun short stories as well.

Tana Mueller is a talented artist, designer, and motivational speaker, with over 30 years of experience, who resides in the Lone Star State of Texas. Drawing inspiration from her childhood experiences of rural country life, she specializes in creating captivating western, country, and wildlife designs that resonate with nostalgia and charm. A pioneer in Stitchless applique, Tana takes traditional craftsmanship to new heights, crafting artistic applique motifs that seamlessly blend artistry and innovation. Her crayon art designs, characterized by a unique blending technique, showcase her extraordinary ability to bring vivid memories to life on fabric.

Beyond her creative endeavors, Tana inspires others through her motivational speaking, sharing her journey and passion for artistry with audiences far and wide. Her work celebrates the spirit of the Texan lifestyle while honoring the beauty of personal memories and imagination. Tana's artistry is a testament to her dedication to preserving the charm of days gone by, one design at a time.

Wednesday, August 19th Workshop \$40.00 Kit included

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church Rm 305
5871 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Tx 75071

Time: 10:00–3:00

"Vintage Seeds" Kit a Bluebonnet Stitch Less Picture Supply list for the class will be handed out after signing up.

Payment by check to MQG will be collected at the August Meeting.
Beth Smietana

**Next Meeting
August 18, 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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September 15, 2026 Program
“Welcome to My Scrappy World”
Allison Bayer

Join us as Allison shares her journey of quilting and how it blossomed into a love of scrappy quilts. She developed her skill to become a better piecer from taking numerous classes with Bonnie Hunter.

Listen along as she shares her unique story and quilting journey! You won't want to miss this meeting!!



There will be NO workshop on September 16th. Beth Smietana

For Sale:

Singer Model 9410 Sewing Machine in good working order with the manual, box of attachments, extra bobbins and carrying case. **\$50.00**
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For Sale:

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With extension kit to king size.
\$50.00 or Best Offer
Janice Feller 930-364-0953



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McKinney Quilters Guild No Minutes for July due to no meeting in July but please find attached the June and July Treasurer's Reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT June 2026

Beginning Balance	\$21,349.19
Deposits	\$ 2,566.00
Distributions	<u>-\$ 1003.70</u>
Ending Balance	\$22,911.49

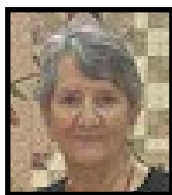
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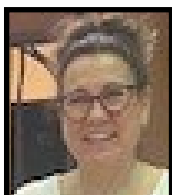
Beginning Balance	\$22,911.49
Deposits	\$ 180.00
Distributions	<u>-\$ 398.64</u>
Ending Balance	\$22,692.85

Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer
 08/905/2026 jacaden99@gmail.com

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say,
“Close Enough”.



President
Gisele Oakes



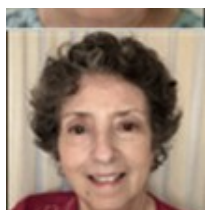
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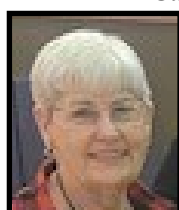
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Debbie Evans



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Ronnie Stone



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Sharon
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Education Officer
Jeannie Neckar

2026 Officers

Committee Chairpersons are published but **still need some volunteers to fill some committees.**

McKinney Quilter's Guild: 2026 Officers

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2026 Committees and Chairpersons

Christmas Luncheon— Mary Marrone & Valeri Mietus

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 see Beth**

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



October 20th Guild Meeting "In House Quilt Show and Mini Quilt Sale"

There will be tables full of fabrics at 1/2 price, items for sale like table runner, placemats, seasonal items and more. We are asking for more donations of quilted items like placemats, table runners, zipper bags, scissor holders etc. These will all be priced and placed on tables for sale. We will also have Mini Quilts for sale but we need a lot more.

Please bring your donations of any kind to the August and September meetings or call me at 214-641-7613 as soon as possible so we can be well organized for the presentation. The payout methods are cash and Zelle only.

We are trying to get a scissor sharpening service to come and much more in store. You won't want to miss this meeting!!

Thank you, Julie Cadenhead



Patriotic Operation Quilted Comfort

THANKS TO ALL for all the
contributions in all forms!

Check out the
mckinneyquiltersguild.net
Community Service
Operation Quilted Comfort

website to see each quilt that has been turned in, photographed and sent to Bonnie Landon to put on the website. We so wanted you to be able to see every one. OUTSTAND-

June Door Prizes We Appreciate Your Generosity!

Thanks to the Quilt Shops for
their generous gifts to our guild.



Best Little Retreat Center, Dallas
Box Car Quilts, Aubrey
Downtown Dry Goods, McKinney
Fabric Fanatics, Plano
Hoops & Needles, Plano
Linda's Electric Quilters, McKinney
Not Your Mama's Quilt Store, Plano
Pinkey's Too, Farmersville
Quilt Country, Lewisville,
The Old Craft Store, Carrollton,

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!! We still need some
bookmarks delivered when picking up Door Prizes.**

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 every-

**WE NEED
YOU!**



thing yourself. It means helping to guide a small team, keeping things organized, and making sure one important part of our guild continues to thrive.

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 To help
Beth Smietana VP

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Why should I consider the Programs / VP position?

- I have had the good fortune while in this position to meet some incredibly talented quilters. Many whom I consider friends!

I have gained quilting techniques, in addition to honing my own craft simply by attending the workshops. Speaking of which, moving forward, the new Programs Chair will have their workshop fee paid for. That means, FREE workshops!! And, if you choose to partner with a friend in this position, they are also FREE. Who can beat that???

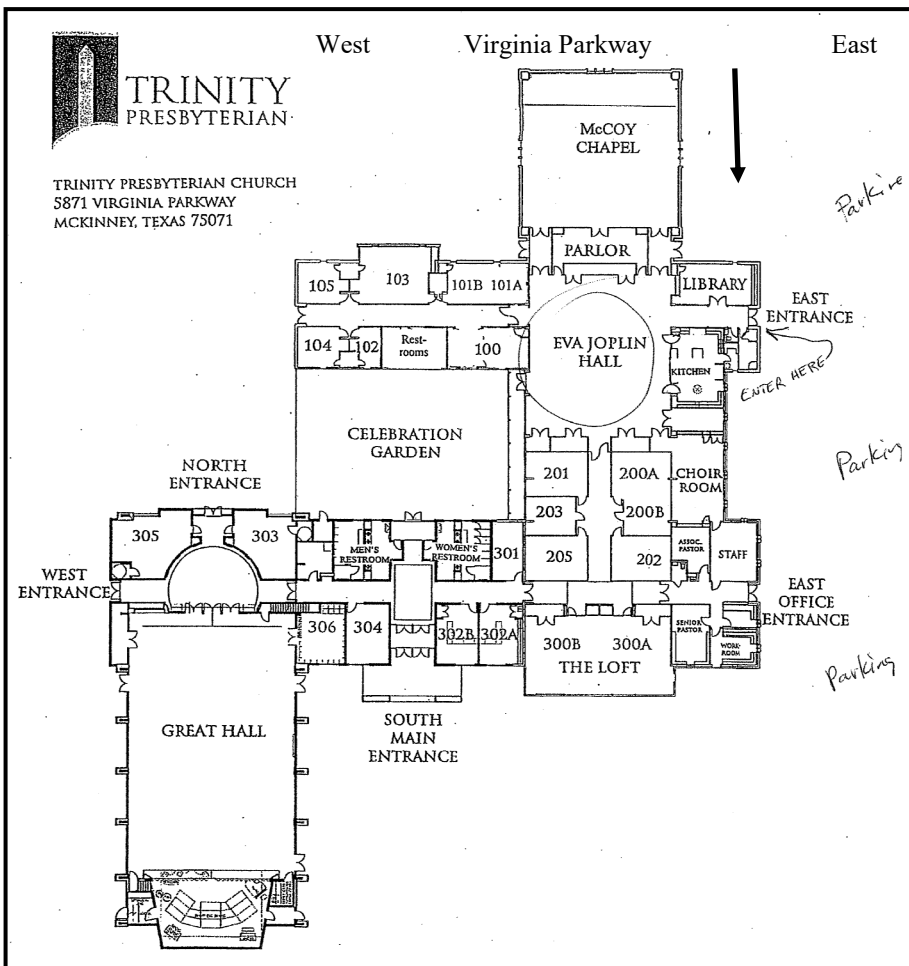
I feel it's important to support and grow our guild and one way is offering interesting lecturers and workshops. Its rewarding when a visitor decides to join after they attend our meeting.

Lastly, you are never alone in this position. We have a guild with members who will step up if you ever need help. Not to mention past program chairs to answer any of your questions. Our 2027 schedule is nearly complete.

Whoever you are in our group- I am here to guide and support you. Please consider this rewarding position! Beth Smietana

Education Officer for 2027

We are also looking for an officer to book people to share their knowledge about some skill they use to make quilting easier. See me if you would like to participate in this small way in helping our guild.
Jeannie Neckar C/719-510-2424



Look for this icon *located elsewhere* in the newsletter. When you find the **Needle in the Haystack**, report where you found it by email to mckinneyquiltersguild@gmail.com, you will be entered into a special drawing at the next guild meeting. The deadline to respond is 6pm the Monday before the meeting.

Membership

Our 106 members have now recorded over 6200 service hours so far this year. Remember to add your hours for the last two months at our next meeting. Time you spend working on projects for other service organizations can be included as long as you are not reporting them elsewhere. With your help we can surpass the 15,000 hours we logged in 2025.

Ronnie

McKinney Quilters Guild Fall Retreat

September 2-6 Wednesday - Sunday

Box Car Ranch Retreat, 3728 Warschun Rd, Aubrey, Tx 76227

Located on a beautiful working horse ranch in North Texas.

We still have a few spots open and we are now letting friends or family of Guild members have the opportunity to come to be with us at Box Car. So, if you can contact Paula at once to fill those spots if you are interested, my phone number is (765-625-0790).

The total cost of the retreat is \$424.

We are looking forward to having a great time at our fall retreat.

Thanks, Cynthia Weisz (214)325-6152 and Paula Washler (765)625-0790



Project ♥ Linus

We will not meet the third Saturday of August since we will be at our booth at Quilt Plano (August 14 & 15). Be sure to stop by our booth just inside the doorway across the aisle from Quilt Ideas and pick up a free quilt kit to make & return at our August Guild Meeting to comfort a child.

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (August 11th & September 8th) from 1:00-3:00pm in the Heard-Craig Carriage House, 205 W Hunt St., McKinney.

You are welcome to join Community Quilters in sorting donations, cutting quilt kits, machine 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 Texas.

Elaine Henry Chairperson, Barbara Darringan Co-Chair



Ryan's

CASE for SMILES

Miles of Smiles –

Remember this campaign from last year or starting to hear rumbles? Well, it's time to gear up to support Ryan's Miles of Smiles campaign throughout the month of September! Any completed pillowcase turned in during August – September will count toward the national Ryan's Case for Smiles goal of 40,000 pillowcases! This goal represents the number of children in treatment for cancer yearly.

For reminders, Ryan's pillowcases need to be 100% cotton, suitable children's fabric, without glitter or scary characters. We ask that you launder without heavy fragrances, iron, and put in a quart size baggie. Fabric donations are also appreciated!

All information is on Ryan's website: www.caseforsmiles.org. Thank you, Guild, for your continued, enthusiastic support! Carolyn Kerr



Sunshine and Shadows

Bonnie Longacre is still having health problems. Her arm is completely healed, but she is having breathing problems and needs to get her strength back.

Gisele & Candy Koharchik still have ongoing health issues as does **Wayne Hall & Carol Surrells'** husband, **Dennis**.

Jean Ann Clark's mom is in her final days. The nurse said she may only have a week left.

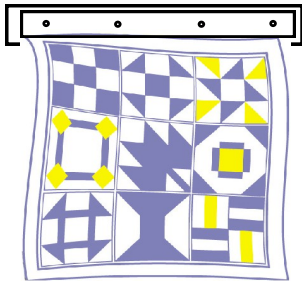
Betsy Whiteman's husband, Murry, has been diagnosed with dementia.

To end on a brighter note, Betsy's grandson, who had an internship at State Farm Insurance for the summer, was offered a full time job for next June when he completes his masters program at Georgia Tech.

I know that we all face challenges in our daily lives. Find something to appreciate today & take notice of it.

Betsy Whiteman

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What To Bring In August

1. Remember to bring back the quilts you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts, Ryan's CaseforSmiles Pillowcases and Directions 61:3.
2. Wear your nametags so we can get a name and face together especially all our new members. (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 for 2 months. 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: for August Gayle Culwell

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Sunday - Monday Closed

Tuesday 10am -5pm

Wednesday 10am -5pm

Thursday 10am -5pm

Friday 10am -5pm

Saturday 10am -2pm

Happy August Birthdays

1 Linda Macias
3 Rita Pope
20 Mary Carter
25 Sandie Greigo

Help bring snacks to
celebrate with these
Birthdays.

Happy September Birthdays

2 Diane Sharp
3 Toni Shelby
5 Rose Dewalt
8 Karee Sowards
9 Jean Ann Clarke
20 Gisele Oakes
22 Shirley Lane
27 Mary Marrone

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