



## THE QUILTING TIMES

From Our President

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## 2026 February President's Note

Hope everyone stayed safe and warm during our January arctic blast. Can't say I was very productive, couldn't get motivated to get anything done. Glad the new meeting place seems like it will be a good fit for us. Looking forward to our upcoming speakers.

Don't forget to find a committee to get involved with. Please consider volunteering for a board position for next year and think about shadowing a current board member to make transitioning easier. It takes everyone stepping up and taking a turn to make the guild continue as the great guild we are.

Thanks and happy quilting - Gisele



**February 17th Program**  
**Cindy Simmons of Electra, Texas**  
**Brief History of Paper Piecing & Trunk Show**  
Cindy will be speaking on Paper Piecing and be showing roughly 30 quilts.

**Workshop on Woven Ribbon Star**  
**February 18th 10:00am to 5:00pm @ Hoops and Needles, Parker & Independence, Plano, Tx**



She will be teaching a Judy Niemeyer pattern called "Woven Ribbon Star." Kits with fabric and patterns will be for sale. Be sure to visit the Workshop table at the January guild meeting for further information. Or contact Beth Smietana.

**Beth Smietana is looking for a Programs Co-Chair. Someone who can help man the workshop table, and then book space to accommodate the class. If you are available to help her out, please see her at the February meeting.**

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

**Destash Donations Needed!**

Its time to clear those shelves and share your stash!

We have tables reserved for the ever popular sidewalk sale, April 11th. Jean Ann and her committee are now accepting donations for this fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to pass along fabric and supplies you're no longer using and help fellow quilters discover new treasures.

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Fabric bundles & yardage  
Quilt kits & unfinished tops  
Patterns WITH fabric included  
Notions and Rulers  
Sewing tools and accessories  
UFO project and supplies

For this sale quilting material material preferred.

We are accepting donations **NOW at our Feb and March meetings** or you can drop off at Jean Ann's home, the deadline to bring to my house is April 4th: 402 High Meadow Dr. Mckinney. Her phone number c/214-718-0320.

**Next Meeting**  
**February 17, 2026**

**Doors Open 12:00**  
**Meeting 1:00–3:30**

**New Location Map Inside**  
**Trinity Presbyterian Church (East Side)**  
**5871 Virginia Parkway**  
**McKinney, Tx 75071**

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## McKinney Quilters Guild Minutes -

The January 20, 2026, meeting of the McKinney Quilters Guild was called to order by President, Gisele Oakes, at 12:56 PM. She reminded everyone to silence their cell phones and welcomed everyone. There were no additions or corrections to the Minutes and Treasurer's Report of December, 2025. These will be filed for audit.

Betsy Whiteman shared Sunshine and Shadows.

Ronnie Stone reported there are 69 paid members. There were 43 members attending today, along with 5 visitors. Please renew your membership for the 2026 year.

## Committee Reports:

Project Linus: Elaine Henry reminded that the dragonfly quilts are to be collected in February for distribution in April

Operation Quilted Comfort: Sharon Wilhelm said thanks for the donation of fabric, batting and money. There were 109 quilts donated last year. She has kits to complete a top, and kits for quilting. She plans on having a workday at her home on 1/20/2026. Malinda K. cut 2 ½ strips and 5" squares. Sharon is looking for someone to be a photographer and a backup photographer.

Ryan's Cases for Smiles: Carolyn Kerr had surgery, so no report today.

Please find a Committee to sign up to join, all the committees need co-chairs. It takes everyone's help to make this Guild work effectively.

The Board has decided to secure 4 spots at the Not Your Mama's Quilt Store DeStash Sale on April 11, 2026. We hope to get support from everyone to gather and tag bundles, move and set up. Jean Ann volunteered herself and her team to collect and price items. Other items and be donated and sold also.

Beth Smietana introduced our speaker Leo Ransom, his presentation is "The Art of Fabric Portraiture". Leo hopes to have a workshop at Quilt Country and Not Your Mamas Quilt Store. He will let us know the details.

After Show and Tell and Door Prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Fisher, Acting Recording Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT January 2026**

Beginning Balance	\$18,343.74
Deposits	\$ 1,290.00
Distributions	-\$ 487.15
Ending Balance	\$19,146.59

Membership Deposits

Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer

02/02/2026      Jacaden99@gmail.com

## Sunshine and Shadows

Elaine told us of Joe's father, Chester Henry, passed away Dec 30 at 103-1/2 years of age. Praying for your family.



### Sunshine

Bonnie Landon is recovering well and now am in PT.

Sharon's sister, Barbara, had a complete shoulder replacement surgery on Dec. 2nd and recovering very well. She is in rehab and it is working to get her shoulder back in service. Doing Great!

Betsy

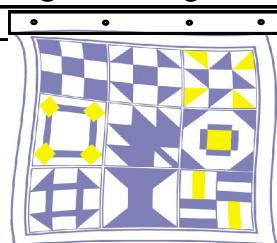


January guild meeting had 25 completed pillowcases turned in. Thank you also for the cute fabric donations!! Can't wait to get back on my feet, sorting fabrics, cutting kits, making contacts for deliveries, etc.

Special thanks to Mary Shannon, Pam Walsh and others for providing kits! Hope to be back on 17th!!

Carolyn Kerr

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Loren & Sharon Wilhelm

## December Door Prizes We Appreciate Your Generosity!

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.**

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For this sale quilting material material preferred.  
**NO BOOKS OR MAGAZINES AT THIS TIME.**

What we raise returns to our guild 100%. This fundraiser pays for our programs and guest speaker. Jean Ann Clarke [clarkefamily123@gmail.com](mailto:clarkefamily123@gmail.com)  
c/214-718-0320

## Advertising Rates

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## 2026 Officers

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



**President**  
Gisele Oakes



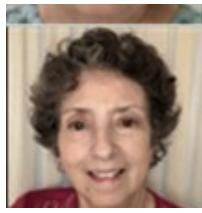
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Beth Smietana



**Treasurer**  
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**Secretary**  
Debbie Evans



**Membership**  
Ronnie Stone



**Info Officer**  
Sharon  
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**Education Officer**  
Jeannie Neckar

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## 2026 Committees and Chairpersons

### Christmas Luncheon—Open

**Door Prizes**—Deb Merrill-Chairperson,

**Co-Chair**—Needs Help

**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 & Malinda K

**Photographer**—Open Needs Help

**Programs, & Facilities** Beth Smietana  
Chairperson—

**Workshops**—Open Needs Help

**Project Linus**—Elaine Henry Chair, Barbara  
Darrigan—Co Chair

**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 Case for Smiles**—Carolyn Kerr,  
Chairperson, Mary Shannon Co Chair

**Sunshine and Shadows**—Betsy Whiteman

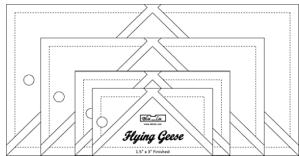
**Ways and Means**—Officers

**Website**—Bonnie Landon

**Yearbooks/Directory**—Sharon Wilhelm  
Photographer: Open Needs Help

## February Education Demonstration

### Sharon Holliday—Perfect Flying Geese



Learn how to make perfect flying geese units using the Bloc-Loc rulers. Make four matching flying geese units at one time from 2 squares. Perfect Points every time and no bunny ears to trim. Learn how to sew multiple flying geese units together in rows and blocks with perfect points.

### Humorous Quilt Sayings

1. To quilt is to live.
2. Quilt until you wilt!
3. Itching to be stitching
4. Put your foot down and QUILT.
5. Quilting forever... housework never!
6. Quilting is my passion ... chocolate comes in a close second.
7. Behind every quilter is a big pile of fabric.

## Committee Chairs Needed!

Our Guild runs on creativity, friendship .....and 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.

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: Chair, Co-Chair and helpers.

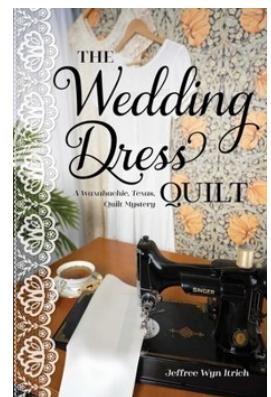
Photographer-Chair and Co-Chair

Thank you in advance!! Beth, Vice President



## March 17 Program—Jeffree Itrich “The Wedding Dress Quilt”

Writing is in my soul. And it always has been. It's something I have to do. My Novel, The Wedding Dress Quilt, marries my love of quilting and living in Texas, where my family settled 155 years ago. I reside in West, Texas, north of Waco, home of WestFest, and the best Kolaches and Buchtas in Texas.



## March 18 Workshop “Double Wedding Ring Block with Wedding Dress Fabric”

### Double Wedding Dress Ring Block

Students will make a 16 1/2" Double Wedding Ring block by using wedding dress fabrics. Judy Stewart, who made the original quilt for the book, "The Wedding Dress Quilt" will teach the class:

- \* How to clean the lace and wedding dress
- \* Grain of line in the different varieties of fabrics used for dresses'
- \*How to create interest in the block design
- \*Best practices for template safely cutting while using the template
- \* Using the curved template to create the block
- \*Quilting your block

Your completed project can be turned into a pillow or a table topper.

Location: Hoops and Needles, 3100 Independence Pkwy, Plano, Tx

Time: 10:00a to 4:00p Kit - \$30.00 ( includes wedding dress fabrics, embellishments, plus template)  
Optional- \$10.00 template only

Instructor fee: \$60.00 which also includes classroom fee.

Supply list for the class provided after sign-up.

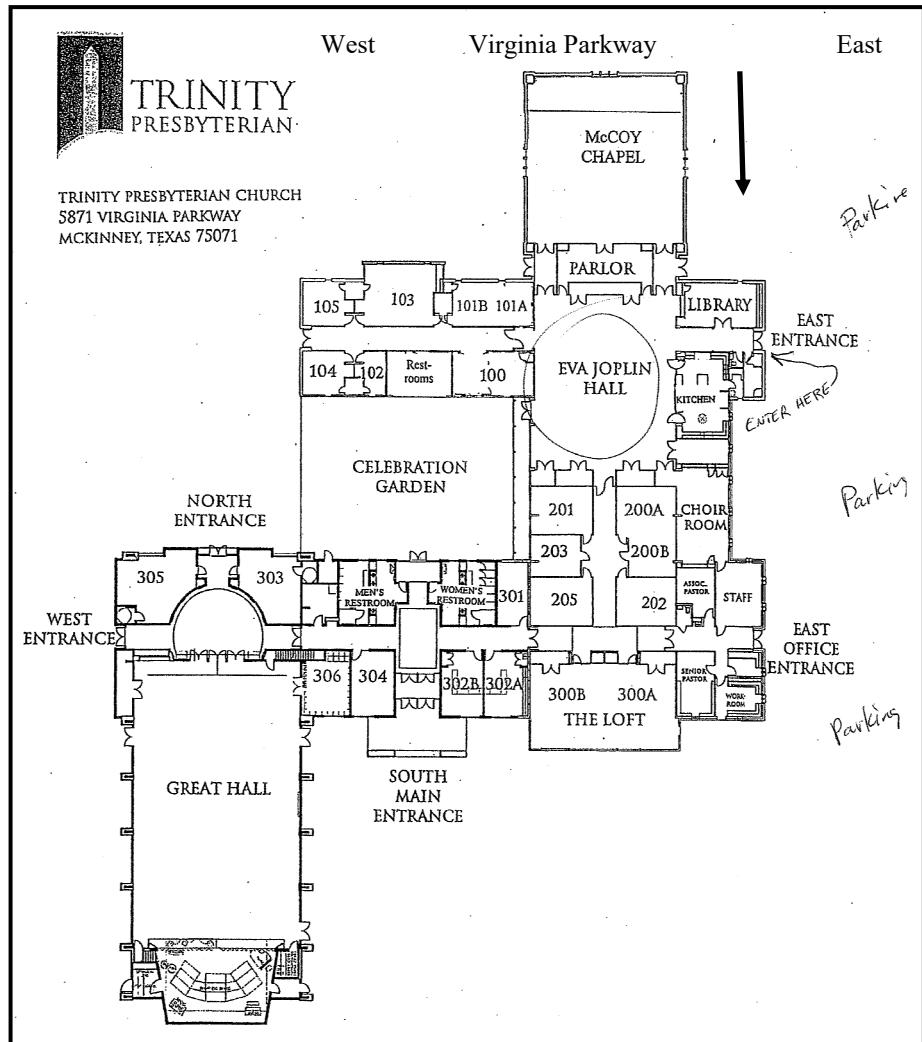
A Waxahachie, Texas, Quilt Mystery

## NEW MEETING LOCATION JANUARY 2026

MQG looks forward to our new meeting location at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5871 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Tx 75071.

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

What a great year 2025 was with 120 members. Can we surpass that in 2026? We can with YOUR renewal. If you haven't renewed yet, bring a check for \$35 to the January meeting. Renewing assures you'll continue to receive the monthly newsletter and you will be included in the guild directory. You may also mail your check and membership form to

**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!

## Community Quilters'

Community Quilters' are located in Royse City, Tx Collin County. They are comprised of volunteers who come together on a regular basis to provide crocheted blankets and handmade quilts that are given out to children going through a traumatic event. The Community Quilters have three main purposes:

- Provide support to Project Linus whose mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gift of new, handmade blankets and afghans.
- Provide a permanent home to meet, work, and store supplies for the Collin, Cooke, Grayson, and Rockwall Counties Chapter of Project Linus.
- To provide support in the way of blankets or blanket supplies to other non-profits if and when needed.



Community Quilters Project Linus chapter, "The Henry Center", 1985 S. FM 1138, Royse City, Tx 75189 meet on Wednesdays in the building behind "Our Place" Retreat Center from 9:00am-2:00pm. Contact: Regina Forthman, forthmar@msn.com or call 972-998-3378.

## Our Place Retreat Center,

**1997 S FM 1138 Royse City, Tx 75189**

*Our Place Quilt Retreat is a cozy retreat created for 6-7 guests designed to meet the needs of quilters.*

*3 uniquely decorated bedrooms, vanity area in each bedroom, 6 work stations with comfortable*



*chairs, 6 small side shelving units for individual cup holders and scrap/thread bins, cutting & pressing stations, 2 large design walls, fully equipped kitchen, large picturesque porches, and outdoor seating & fire pit.*

*Owned and operated by Community Quilters of Royse City, Tx. Contact Regina Forthman for reservations: forthmar@msn.com or call 972-998-3378.*

## Membership Drive

Have you renewed your guild membership yet? If you haven't, it's not too late to bring a check or cash to the meeting on February 17. You may also mail it along with the membership form to:

Ronnie Stone, 3413 Almond Lane, McKinney TX 75070

We currently have 68 renewals and two new members. Renewals must be received by March 1 in order to be included in the directory.

## For Sale

\$1250-Gently-Used Janome Skyline S7, a workhorse of a machine, used only for retreats and includes Red Totto Wheelie Cart. See Janome website for more details.

Email: lorainebrown@lbrown19375@gmail.com  
if interested.



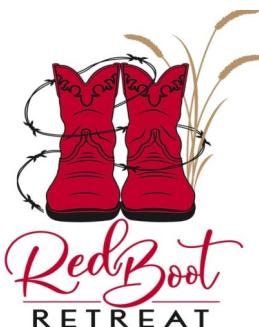
## Operation Quilted Comfort Patriotic Shower

Just knew you would like to hear the results of the patriotic, red, white, and blue fabrics, batting, & \$ Shower.

1 Roll 96" x 30 yd Roll of 80/20 Hobbs Batting, misc. large batting scraps, 93-1/2 yds of Fabrics (including several wide backs, fat quarters, bolts and misc scraps), Box (72 sheets) of Shout Color Catchers, misc puzzles, sticky notes and \$120.00 - checks and cash. I have been cutting battings and backings for kits that will be ready to pick up at the next meeting. We have 39 completed & washed quilts in stock.

All are welcome to a Kit Cutting on Tuesday, February 24 at Sharon Wilhelm's house, 1809 Midcrest Dr, Plano Tx 75075 from 10:00am—2:00am. RSVP 972-743-3575. Bring a snack or lunch. If you have any Patriotic Quilts, please bring them to the February meeting for Show and Tell.

Sharon Wilhelm and Malinda Krzyzanowski, Co-Chairpersons



### Spring Retreat Information Red Boot, April 29 – May 3, 2026 19 HCR 1309, Hillsboro, TX 76645

28 members have signed up for the retreat, which at this time is sold out. We have a waitlist in case of any cancellations. If you would like to be placed on the list, please contact Lisa Terry at 469-733-6394 or Carol Surrells at 214-697-5318.



The first of March we deliver Blankets for Camp Dragonfly so quilts for that need to be turned in by the February Guild meeting.

We meet the third Saturday of each month for a fun day of making blankets for children. February's theme is Linus, celebrating 30 years of Project Linus.

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (February 10 & March 10) 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 Darrington Co-Chair

## What To Bring

1. Join or renew your membership.
2. DeStash Blast Sales—We are accepting donations NOW at our Feb and March meetings or you can drop off at Jean Ann's home: 402 High Meadow Dr. McKinney and her phone number-214-718-0320 (C)
3. Remember to bring back the quilts you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts and Ryan's Case for Smiles Pillowcases.
4. Wear your nametags so we can get a name and face together especially all our new members. (New Members get your picture made.)
5. 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.
6. New Members get your picture made or send a head shot to Sharon Wilhelm.
7. Greeter: Mary Marrone

### February Birthdays

5	Rosie DeLeon-McCardy
9	Nadine Darby
10	Ronnie Stone
17	Kathy Chambliss
18	Carol Anne Johnson
21	Robin Fisk
22	Candy Koharchik
25	Cynthia Weisz
26	Bertie Ferrell
26	Mary Ann Baltzer
27	Lillian Hughes
28	Marsha Minchew

Please Bring a snack.

## Pinkeys Too Quilt Shop

1300 W Audie Murphy Pkwy #1,  
Farmersville, TX 75442  
[972\) 784-3080](tel:9727843080)  
[Pinkeystoo.com](http://Pinkeystoo.com)

Monday	10am - 5pm
Tuesday	10am - 5pm
Thursday	10am - 5pm
Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 2pm



### March Birthdays

7	Joyce Wilson
9	Janet Medlock
15	Pat Miller
19	Pam Walsh
23	Stella Turner
28	Sandy Stubbs
31	Barbara Darrigan

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