



THE QUILTING TIMES



May Newsletter

Hope everyone had a blessed Easter with family or friends. We have been so lucky to have spring lasting this long before the heat wave hits.

Thanks to all of our education and bed turning presenters last month, I always enjoy seeing other people's journey in quilting and the different styles our talented members express.

Come ready to find great deals at our scrap sale. Jean Ann and her team have been working hard to sort and price all of our wonderful donations. Look especially at the kits that were donated. The patterns have fabric (and more than what was listed for requirements) already curated and ready to make great donation quilts at a steal! Please don't come until 12:30 to give the crew a chance to set up; buying will commence after a short business meeting. Please hold your show and tell until June.

Happy Quilting, Gisele

De-Stash Your Stash Sale -May 20 Meeting

You are Invited to our Sale.

Doors Open at 12:30

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

De-Stash Your Stash Sale -May 20 Meeting.

NO MATERIALS CAN BE ADDED AT THE SALE. IT MUST BE BROUGHT TO APRIL MEETING OR DROPPED OFF BEFORE MAY 11TH TO JEAN ANN! 214-718-0320

Next Meeting

May 20, 2025

Doors Open 12:30

Meeting 1:00-3:00

First Christian Church

1800 W. Hunt St.

McKinney, Tx

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McKinney Quilters Guild Minutes - April 15, 2025

The hand-quilting demo was well attended. Thanks, Nadine, for teaching us a new skill.

(Please silence or turn off cell phones.)

The meeting was called to order by Gisele Oakes at 1:00 PM. She welcomed all members and guests and thanked Beth Smietana for chairing the March meeting while she was away. There were no changes or additions needed for the posted March minutes or Treasurer's report; they will be filed for audit.

Roxy Gross - welcomed all visitors and members. Attendance today was 59; we had eight visitors, four of whom joined the guild. We are now at 105 members. Roxy is continuing to collect quilts for wildfire victims - one to every certified victim. She sent one load of 62 quilts out to California via a friend who was driving there. She is hoping to collect many more. A California Guild member shared with Roxy how excited the children get when they find they can pick any quilt they want for their own! They share their tears and stories. Remember, she is still collecting quilts - any size!

Sunshine and Shadows - Bonnie Landon's husband's aunt passed away over the weekend. Stella Turner had open heart surgery; Jeanne Neckar is ill; Susan Crocker has a doctor's appointment coming up to see what more can be done after her fall in February resulting in a broken neck.

Elaine Henry - Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides handmade blankets to children 0-18 who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. It takes 1 1/3 yards of fleece to make a blanket for a child. Project Linus would very much welcome gifts of Joann's fleece. There are some good deals right now but when Joann's closes, it will be very difficult to get such reasonable prices on fleece.

Carolyn Kerr - Ryan's Cases for Smiles is a local nonprofit which sews hand-made, colorful pillowcases for children who are staying in the hospital. Last month 89 pillowcases were contributed by the McKinney Guild. Nationwide, to date, 3,000,000 pillowcases have been contributed; about 75,000 children receive them each year.

Gisele Oakes - Other quilt requests besides CA relief - Direction 61:3, Sleep in Heavenly Peace (local Melissa chapter makes beds for children that don't have one) would love to gift a twin quilt to the kids receiving beds).

Cynthia Weisz - Fall Retreat at Stitchin' Heaven - Sept. 3-7, 2025. There are 30 spots at \$410. Sign-ups will begin today.

Jean Ann Clarke - May De-Stash sale donations- after today, contributions need to be delivered to Jean Ann's home. Bring rickrack, zippers, or anything needed for a quilt. Only our guild is invited for the de-stash sale so we can get first dibs on all the fabric that our guild has donated. May 11 is the last day that contributions will be accepted. Jean Ann also showed us what she had done with donated squares making them into cute little quilts.

Diane Taylor - Calling Master Gardeners, April 26, Meyers' Park. They will be selling all kinds of plants - perennials, annuals, etc. - a nice variety. The sale will be from 9-12, but the parking lot will be open one hour earlier.

Gisele - Thank you to the Guild for your generosity in all that you do. Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer, asked for help with collecting the monies from the De-stash sale next month.

Short break

Bed Turning - Bonnie Landon, Sharon Holliday, and Margaret Neyman showed their quilts on a rotating basis (15-20 minutes at each station) so that everyone got a chance to see all the beautiful quilts. The bed turning was well received and even the guests who were visiting from another guild are thinking of adding a bed turning to their programs.

Show and Tell and Door Prizes

Next Meeting - MAY 20th - De-stash sale following a short business meeting. Please don't arrive until after 12:30 pm (no educational demonstration or pre-shopping ☺). Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

Adjourn Lorraine Brown, Secretary

Thank you Thank you Thank you
Shirley Lane and Margaret Neyman-Snack Helpers
Cynthia Fisher—Door Monitor

Treasurer Report April 2025	
Beginning Balance	\$25,111.29
Deposits	\$ 2,731.00
Distributions	\$ -1725.00
Ending Balance	\$26,117.29
Deposit: Membership	
Red Boot May Retreat (pass-thru)	
Report submitted by	
Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer. 5/06/2025	
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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

California Wildfire Victims Quilts

62 lovely quilts from the Allen, Dallas, McKinney, Plano, Red River and Waco quilt guilds were delivered to the Camarillo Quilters Association for their Pop-Up events. Victims from the November and January wildfires are invited to come and select a quilt to keep. Event chair, Patrice, wrote *"the visible physical transformation of the fire survivors when they enter the event is uplifting and amazing, from quiet and downtrodden lining up outside to upright and excited to choose a quilt from the assortment of colors and sizes. On*



behalf of the fire survivors, thank you very much. Patrice"

I am collecting for a second donation to go to California in June. If you have a quilt (any size, any color, any theme), you would like to donate, please bring it to the May or June guild meeting or give me a call and we'll arrange pickup.

My deepest appreciation and gratitude for your kindness and generosity. Roxy Gross

Photo: Kathryn Berstein (Dallas Guild) and I packing up quilts for shipment to California

Sunshine and Shadows



Bonnie Landon has had two loved ones pass away this month.

Lorraine Brown's husband, Dana, fell & cut his head. He has been moved to a rehab center.

Roxy Gross has recovered from the flu.

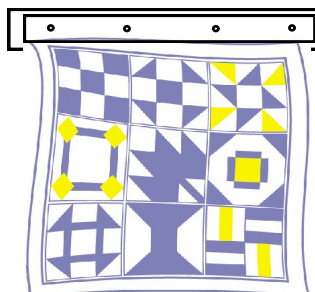
Jeannie Necker has also been under the weather.

Suzan Crocker has undergone neck surgery & we are praying for a full & speedy recovery.

Even in the midst of difficulties, we have a God who loves us & cares about is happening in our lives.

Betsy

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Loren & Sharon Wilhelm



Operation Quilted Comfort for Veteran

Thank you for picking up the quilt kits, pillowcases and laundry bags to piece and quilt on at April meeting.

We have had requests for Cateter Bags and Malinda has found a pattern, made a sample and sent it to Tina for her approval. She has also send Pillow Pads to protect ports from seat belts to see if they can use them. Both have been approved so we will have Kits, Patterns with samples made up to hand out for both. Thank you Malinda K.

April Door Prizes We Appreciate Your Generosity!



April 2025 Door Prizes provided by:

Best Little Retreat Center - Dallas
Downtown Dry Good - McKinney
Fabric Fanatics - Plano
Linda's Electric Quilters - McKinney
Pinkey's Too - Farmersville
Quilt Country - Lewisville,
Quilt Mercantile - Celeste
The Old Craft Store - Carrollton

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!

Julie and
Cynde pack-
ing up a
friends fabric
to contribute
to the scrap
sale !!



McKinney Quilters Guild Mini Quilt Auction

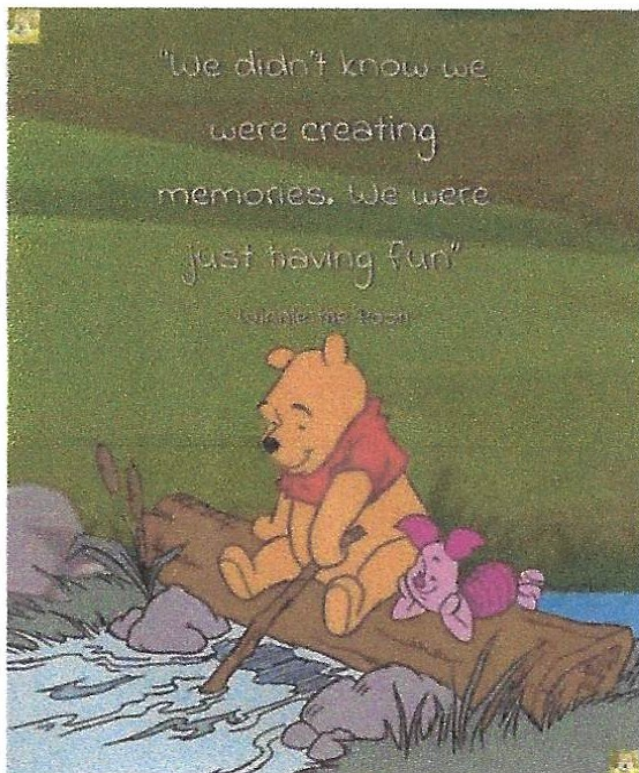
And Other Items For Sale Tuesday, October 21 (note date change) 1:00 - 3:00

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.



107 Members!

**Invite a quilting friend to the
May De-stash sale meeting.
See you there!**

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



**June 17 Program Trunk Show
Annie McHugs of Tyler Texas
Picture Windows Reverse Applique**

Annie, as she loves being called, has sewn all her life, but began quilting in 2010. The program will be a trunk show. The Picture Window Reverse Applique tool idea was born two days after the local quilt guild announced the 2019 show would feature Dresden Plate quilts. Jerriann Massey, was inspired during her early morning quiet time when the image of angels breaking through the clouds and coming to earth (John 1:51) collided with a Dresden blade in her mind. She made one and put it away until her friend, Beckey, helped her bring the tool to life. Like nothing else, the Picture Window Reverse Applique Tool comes in multiple sizes. The 30 degree Dresden comes in 10 inch size and a 5 inch size –perfect for pre-cut fabrics!

May McKinney Quilters Guild 2025 BOM

This month is time to play catch up with your blocks you have been collecting and get back current.
Bonnie Landon



April brought in 60 pillowcases for Ryan's Caseforsmiles! We have officially hit the 3 Millionth pillowcase mark nationally since Ryan's began!

'Thank you for being the reason for the smiles!'

Thanks to all McKinney Quilters!
Carolyn Kerr

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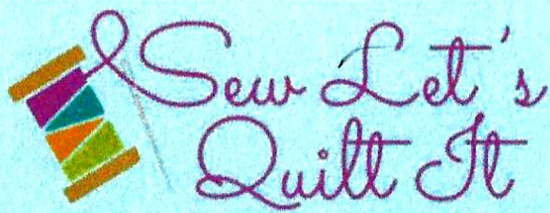
We meet every Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 to make quilts, fleece blankets, knitted and crocheted blankets for children newborn to age 17. You are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. Bring your lunch.

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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Elaine Henry and Mary Marrone
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What To Bring

3rd Tuesday, May 20 12:30-3:00

- 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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