



# THE QUILTING TIMES



### March newsletter

*Good morning quilters. I hope everyone is thoroughly enjoying an early Spring. It's such a wonderful time of the year! I'm always torn between digging out in the gardens with the bright yellow daffodils or digging into drawers of beautiful fabrics to create new designs. So I typically spend the mornings outside and afternoons in the sewing room.*

*March will be a busy month. We have a special speaker from Australia, Karen Styles, an education demo with Nadine Darby, and the Dallas Quilt Show coming up. We still need some help with ticket sales for the 2024 raffle quilt. I hope many of you are creating beautiful items for our upcoming mini auction.*

*Happy quilting! Kathy*

**Next Meeting**  
**March 19, 2024**  
**Doors Open 12:00**  
**Meeting 1:00-3:00**  
**First Christian Church**  
**1800 W. Hunt St.**  
**McKinney, Tx**

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### *Karen Styles: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia* *"The Art of Slow Stitching"*

The March presenter is a very special lady all the way from Australia. She is a quilt designer who has been fabricating works of art with reproduction fabrics for the past 20 years and will be here to show us some of her wonderful quilts and talk about "The Art of Slow Stitching".

I have not had the pleasure of seeing her before but she comes highly recommended by Karen who is the owner of The Quilt Asylum in Denison. I look forward to this special treat and I hope you can make it in March to hear her.

### *Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You*

I want to say a huge thank you to all who jumped in and helped set up the luncheon in February. We have such a wonderful guild full of very giving ladies. I can't forget our lone male, Dennis, who comes in every month and sets up our meeting area and then breaks it back down again. We owe him a big thank you as well and his sidekick, Carrie. Suzan

**MCKINNEY QUILTER’S GUILD MEETING (in conjunction with the Allen Quilter’s Guild)  
February 20, 2024**

**Kathy Chambliss** called the meeting to order at 1:05 and welcomed all members and visitors. There were no changes made to the January minutes or Treasurer’s report, both will be filed for audit. McKinney Guild business meeting:

**Roxy Gross** – McKinney’s guild had 41 members, 8 Allen members, 6 renewals, and 6 guests present and 2 joined. Allen had 14 members and 4 guests present.

**Betsy Whiteman** – Sunshine and Shadows: Sherry Moyer’s granddaughter’s house burned. Nadine Darby’s husband’s knee surgery went well. Betsy Whiteman’s grandson got a great summer internship.

**Carol Surrells** – Treasurer: this month’s report will be posted in the newsletter.

**Lisa Terry** Nadine Darby will be giving an education demo in March on appliqued sawtooth borders.

**Jean Ann Clarke** – May Mini Madness: please continue to bring items for our sale/auction in May. Show and tell at the upcoming meetings to be entered in a drawing.

**2024 Raffle Quilt** – Coordinator still needed to arrange attending other guild meetings and selling tickets. Packets of tickets for each member are available to be picked up.

**MJ Fielek** – MJ will be signing people up for the Annette Plog workshop on June 19th at Fabric Fanatics on Curved Piecing, \$42. Pattern and templates are available at Quilt Asylum at a discount.

**Lisa Terry** -Red Boot retreat May 1-4th is full, a waitlist will be started.

The 2024 Budget was presented and voted for approval by McKinney guild members.

Business cards and bookmarks available to be picked up. Pictures still needed for some of our new members for the yearbook.

**Spring Weeks, Allen President** – made a few announcements for the Allen guild members. Everyone was invited to fill their plates for the luncheon portion of the meeting.

**Tammy Whitehurst** was introduced as our guest speaker.

Show and Tell

Door Prizes

Next meeting: Karen Styles – The Art of Slow Stitching. There will be a \$5 fee for guests as she is an international speaker.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50pm

**Quilters Guild of Dallas** presents “I Love Rock & Roll Quilt Show”, March 15-17 at Dallas Market Hall. More information at: [quiltersguildofdallas.org](http://quiltersguildofdallas.org).

**Quilt Guild of Plano** presents “Quilt Plano 2024”, August 9-10 at Plano Event Center. More information at: [qgplano.org](http://qgplano.org).

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

February 2024

Beginning Balance	\$19,974.79
Deposits	\$ 3,050.00
Distributions	\$ 854.47
Ending Balance	\$22,170.32

Pass Through \$\$ for Red Boot Retreat \$ 4,150.00  
Report submitted by Carol Surrells, Treasurer

**Quilting Demonstration**

Join us at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, 12:30pm, to see Nadine Darby demonstrate appliqued sawtooth borders (also known as dogtooth borders).

We have so many talented members in our guild. Please consider sharing a skill in future months, volunteers are still needed. Lisa Terry

**“Ryan’s CaseforSmiles”**



Thank you all for making pillow-cases. Pick up a Kit or two to help out. Your efforts are appreciated.  
Carolyn Kerr

**KAREN STYLES ONE DAY CLASS AT THE QUILT ASYLUM**

Join us for a special, one-day class with Australian designer and teacher Karen Styles. She will be teaching “The Art of Slow Stitching” in a small group setting of 12 allowing for personal, one-on-one instruction. Included in the class fee is a clam shell pouch pattern, which measures 8.5 x 7 inches.

The class will be held at The Quilt Asylum on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 4 pm. The cost of the class is \$99. Seating is limited, so reserve your seat in the class today.

Sign up here - ["The Art of Slow Stitching"](https://www.thequiltasylum.com) or [www.thequiltasylum.com](https://www.thequiltasylum.com)



**WORKSHOPS IN 2024**

MJ Fielek will be at a table to sign up those who wish to take these workshops.

Please keep in mind that in June we will be having our first workshop since preCovid and then some!

**June 19, Wednesday- Annette Plog  
Machine Curved Piecing**

**10:00am—3:00pm at Fabric Fanatics, Plano**

Space is limited to twelve. Fee \$40.00

The workshop requires the pattern by Louise Papas called The Avenue.

Patterns are available on Etsy or at The Quilt Asylum. Acrylic Templates will be available for use at the workshop.

**August 24, Saturday —Linzee McCray  
String Piecing**

Boxcar is responsible for taking reservations and fee's. They expect to have the information regarding this in April or May.

**September 18, Wednesday- Terry Mosher  
Sashiko Embroidery**

**10:00am-3:00pm at Fabric Fanatics, Plano**

Space is limited to twelve. Fee \$42.00

Terry will provide small kits to work on that can be made into a pillow or applied to clothing.

**April 16 Program Lilo Bowman—  
Love Where You Create:  
It’s Not One Size Fits All Solutions**

Tips on organizing your quilting space to fit your needs.







# Project Linus

## The Collin, Cooke, Grayson and Rockwall Counties Texas Chapter of Project Linus

We are in need of quilts for children ages birth to 17. Each month we deliver approximately 500 blankets of all sizes including small

(36"x36" or 36"x45"), medium (45"x60") and large (54"x63").

Our blankets must be new, washable, smoke and fragrance free with no pet hair or dander. We are in need of quilted, sewn, crocheted, knitted and hand-tied blankets. We also accept pieced quilt tops ready for quilting.

We need acrylic yarn, fleece, 100% cotton kid-friendly fabrics, solids and blendables, quilt batting, thread, sewing notions, quilting services, machine embroidery services, gift cards, monetary donations. Go to [www.plcollin.org](http://www.plcollin.org) for more information.

Thank you, Elaine.



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  - Funky Dresdens
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- Minky
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& Accessories Div.**

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Save These Dates....  
**Quilters Guild of Dallas Show**  
Market Hall March 15 & 16, 2024  
Booths 100-102

*Loren & Sharon Wilhelm*

**By Quilt Ideas**

**2024 Committees and Chairpersons**

**Block of the Month**-Roxy Gross

**Christmas Luncheon**-Cynthia Kullberg, Diane Taylor, & Mary Marrone

**Door Prizes**-Malinda Krzyzanowski & Deb Merrill

**Education** -Lisa Terry

**Facilities** -Guild Members

**Friendship Blocks** - Mary Ann Baltzer

**May Mini Madness** -Jean Ann Clarke, Chairperson—Sue Burt, Melissa Hoffman, Ronnie Stone & Bonnie Landon (pricing).

**Meals on Wheels** -Gisele Oakes -Harvest Boxes and Santa Bags

**Membership** -Roxy Gross

**Name Tags** -Roxy Gross

**Newsletter, Publicity** -Sharon Wilhelm

**Operation Quilted Comfort/Veterans**- Sharon Wilhelm & Gisele Oakes

**Photographer** -Donna Mikesch & Betsy Whiteman

**Programs, & Facilities** Suzan Crocker - Chairperson **Workshops**- MJ Fielek

**Project Linus** -Elaine Henry

**Raffle Quilt 2024 -Open**

**Retreat/Spring** -Red Boot Retreat- Hillsboro, Tx Carol Surrells & Lisa Terry

**Retreat/Fall** -Stitchin' Heaven, Quitman, Tx -Cynthia Weisz -Chairperson -Paula Washler & Marjy Duncan

**Retreat/ Day -Open**

**Ryan's Case for Smiles** -Carolyn Kerr, Chairperson - Mary Shannon

**Sunshine and Shadows** -Betsy Whiteman

**UFO Projects** -Candy Koharchik

**Ways and Means** -Officers

**Website**-Bonnie Landon

**Yearbooks/Directory** -Sharon Wilhelm

**Pinkeys Too Quilt Shop**

1300 W Audie Murphy Pkwy #1,  
Farmersville, TX 75442  
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[Pinkeystoo.com](http://Pinkeystoo.com)

Monday 10am - 5pm  
Tuesday 10am - 5pm  
Thursday 10am - 5pm  
Friday 10am - 5pm  
Saturday 10am - 2pm  
Wednesday & Sunday Closed

**- McKinney Quilter's Guild: 2024 Officers**

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**March Birthdays**

3	<i>Evelyn Peacock</i>
6	<i>Martha Jones</i>
6	<i>Sherry Moyer</i>
7	<i>Joyce Wilson</i>
11	<i>Susan Marshall</i>
15	<i>Pat Miller</i>
31	<i>Gwen Alford</i>
31	<i>Barbara Darrigan</i>

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**April Birthdays**

2	<i>Barbara Carothers</i>
8	<i>Sara Lindsay</i>
13	<i>Sharon Holliday</i>
25	<i>Marjy Duncan</i>
28	<i>Elaine Henry</i>

**February Door Prize Donors We Appreciate You!**

Thank you to our Guild Members and to our sponsors! Also to Malinda and Deb for the gathering! And always thank the Quilt Shops for their generous gifts to our guild.



- Best Little Retreat Center In Dallas Tx
  - Box Car Quilts, Aubrey, Tx
  - Downtown Dry Goods, McKinney, Tx
  - Fabrics-4-You has closed the Seagoville store and will reopen next month. You can still shop them on FB @ "Quality Fabrics at Affordable Prices."
  - Fabric Fanatics, Plano, Tx
  - Linda's Electric Quilters, McKinney, Tx
  - Minding My P's & Q's, Denton, Tx
  - Not Your Mama's Quilt Store, Plano, Tx
  - Pinkeys Too, Farmersville, Tx
  - Quilt Among Friends, Arlington, Tx
  - Quilt Country, Lewisville, Tx
  - Quilt Mercantile, Celeste, Tx
  - Sew Let's Quilt It, Dallas, Tx
  - Texas Quiltworks LLC, Rockwall, Tx
  - The Old Craft Store, Carrollton, Tx
  - Urban Spools Sewing Lounge, Dallas, Tx
- Malinda Krzyzanowski and Deb Merrill

**Sunshine and Shadows**

All seems to be well with our group this month.  
Betsy Whiteman, Chairperson



**Spring Retreat Information**  
**Red Boot, May 1 - 5, 2024**  
**19 HCR 1309, Hillsboro, TX 76645**

The Red Boot Retreat is now full. If you would like to be placed on a wait list in case someone has to cancel, please contact Lisa Terry at 469-733-6394 or Carol Surrells at 214-697-5318.



## Block of the Month March: Spring Flowers

It's not too early to think about Spring flowers. They brighten our world after the cold of winter. This block contains three flowers in a vertical block pattern.

Fabric needed for **each** flower:

Background: Three 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares; two 3 ½" x 3 ½" squares; 1 ½" x 1 ½" square.

Green: one 3 ½" x 3 ½" square (leaves).

Red: one 3 ½" x 3 ½" square and one 2 ½" x 2 ½" square.

Yellow: one 1 ½" x 1 ½" square.

Make two HST for leaf blocks.

Align one green square and one white square right-sides together.

Draw a diagonal line and sew ¼" seam on both sides Cut on diagonal line, trim to 2 ½", press.

Make two HST for tulip petals.

Align one red square and one white square right-sides together.

Draw a diagonal line and sew ¼" seam on both sides Cut on diagonal line, trim to 2 ½", press.

You will need the 2 ½" square to complete the flower (see below).

Make tulip center block.

Sew two white 1 ½" square together. Sew one yellow and one white 1 ½" square together.

Sew white unit above yellow/white unit as shown below.

Sew the squares together as shown below to make one 6 ½" x 6 ½" flower block.

Make two more flower blocks: the same colors or vary the colors.

Sew three flowers together vertically. The block should measure 6 ½" x 18 ½".



Sew a 6 ½" x 1 ¼" background strip to the top and bottom of the block.

Sew a 2" x 20 ½" strip to the left side of the block.

Sew a 1 ½" x 20 ½" strip to the right side of the block.

### February Block of the Month Additional Instructions

Apologies from Roxy. These instructions were left off the print out last month.

Before you sew the two halves of the hearts together:

Sew a 2" x 2" square to the top right corner of the left side of the heart. Trim and press.

Sew a 2" x 2" square to the top left corner of the right side of the heart. Trim and press.

Now sew the two sides together vertically to form the heart.



**Let's get Creative!**

**May Mini Madness Silent Auction** (at the regular May meeting)

Loved seeing all the hands of people making things to donate for the sale! There are many great ideas online and we will have an idea sheet



for you to peruse for ideas also. ***These are 'Mini' quilts which are no more than 24" on any side and can have a hanging sleeve, please label with the maker's name, title, and year on the back. The mini quilts should also be quilted by hand or machine- not tied.***

Quilted table runners, placemats, baby quilts, purses and tote/book bags would also be great. These will be at a buy now price. Think of Christmas shopping and gift giving. Handmade gifts are the best! They are more personal. The best sellers are holiday themed, i.e. Christmas, Valentines, and Halloween etc. Each item you donate puts your name in for a prize to be drawn at the May meeting. More details to follow. *It's for a great cause-our main fund raiser for the McKinney Quilt Guild, so we would like to have a lot of participation, and your best work. This pays for our speakers and programs for the year. Let's start a bidding war! Bring in your finished Mini quilts for show and tell- when you finish them in March and April. Let people know they will be in the silent auction in May and then give them to Jean Ann Clarke. Invite your friends and family to the May meeting, there will be invitations to hand out in March and April.*

Jean Ann Clarke



**McKinney Quilters Guild  
2024 Raffle Quilt**

***"The Queen & Her Court II"***

***By Wing and a Prayer design 96" x 108"***

***We still need a Committee Chair and committee*** to set up meetings to show and sell tickets. *It is best if two go together to help hang the quilt. If you are going to another guild you are a member in, please sign up to take it. This money is distributed to community service organization in McKinney.*

***Raffle Tickets \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.***

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### Show & Tell





### Things to Remember to Bring

- Wear Your Name Tag as we learn all our new members.
- *Keep a list of your volunteer hours to turn in at each meeting to help reach our **Goal of 11,000 hours** for 2024.*
- Turn in your **pillowcases** for Ryan's Casefor-smiles to Carolyn Kerr.
- If you have any items you'd like to donate for door prizes, please bring them to the meeting(s) and we'll make bags to regift them out to members.
- **Ronnie Stone March Greeter**
- Don't forget to bring your **Show and Tell**
- **Pick up** MQG Business Cards to give to friends to come to the meetings.
- **Pick up** some MQG Bookmarks if you are going to a quilt shop to put on their check out counter.
- Bring your Mini Quilts to turn in.
- During show and tell last month, would whoever that made the quilt using dragon fly materials let me know what line of fabric was used? Malinda K

### UFO Challenge 2024

UFO Challenge! If you are interested in participating, please see me at the March meeting to signup. You may also text me at 214-585-1317. Just be sure to sign your name to the text so I know who you are.

Prize drawing at December meeting.  
Thanks

Candy Koharchik at  
[musicalrosary@tx.rr.com](mailto:musicalrosary@tx.rr.com).  
Or call 214-585-1317.

**Operation Quilted Comfort**

**Sam Rayburn Memorial Center  
Bonham, Tx**

**Come by my table and pick up a kit or two for piecing and/or quilting.**



1. Honey, I Shrunk the Quilt...by R. U. Kidding
2. Always Buy An Extra Yard...by Justin Case
3. Shop Hop Carpooling...by Phil M. Up
4. Wind Those Bobbins!...by M. T. Spools
5. Addicted to Quilt Shops...by C.U. Sune
6. Labeling Your Quilting Tools...by M. R. Mine
7. Finishing Your Quilt Edges...by Ima Binder
8. What's the Point of It All?...by U. R. A. Needle
9. Softening Your Quilting Callouses...by Lana Lynn

