



President's Note, September 2026

Hope everyone has managed to stay cool and productive during our July downtime. Hope those going on the fall retreat will have a productive weekend.

I was so happy to hear we have volunteers for the open board positions for next year, thanks for stepping up ladies! Gisele



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.

Beth Smietana

Guild Meeting -October 20th 12:30—3:00 "Quilted Gifts & Fabric 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.

The payout methods are cash and Zelle only.

You won't want to miss this meeting!! Thank you, Julie Cadenhead

This event will feature several of our very own quilt show ribbon winners, for your viewing.

We have a mini quilt sale

We have a scrap sale

We have a scissor sharpening service: **Elite Sharpening** will be on hand.

Large Fabric scissors are \$15. Small are \$8.00- Cash is preferred, but he accepts Venmo, Zelle, Credit Cards will have an extra 3% fee added in.

If you bring scissors to be sharpened, PLEASE label all your pairs, Name and Phone number. Place them in a zip lock bag ALSO labeled. Beth Smietana

Next Meeting September 15, 2026

Doors Open 12:00
Education Demo 12:30
Meeting 1:00—3:30

Trinity Presbyterian Church
(East Side)5871 Virginia
Parkway
McKinney, Tx 75071

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McKinney Quilters Guild Minutes & August Treasurer's Reports.

On Aug 27, 2026, at 11:40 AM, Debra Evans <dshevens@hotmail.com> wrote:

McKinney Quilters Guild Meeting minutes of August 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 12:55pm by Gisele Oakes who welcomed all.

Ronnie Stone reported that there are currently 106 members with 4 visitors attending today.

Committee reports included the following:

Sunshine and shadows by Sharon Wilhelm.

Sharon also reported that Operation Quilted Comfort now has 126 quilts ready to be presented with additional needing only quilting, binding, and labels.

Carolyn Kerr (Ryan's Case for Smiles) talked about the Miles of Smiles program and the national goal of 40K cases.

Elaine Henry (Project Linus) reported that they had passed out 324 quilt kits at the Plano Quilt Show. She had a few more available at our meeting.

Jean Anne (Hope Women's Center) invited us to make baby quilts (36"x36") for the women and their babies cared for through the center.

Kathy Chambliss (Direction 61:3) requested twin size quilts and pillowcases for those who have aged out of foster care and are in the Direction 61:3 program.

Jeannie Neckar reported that the September education demo will be on starch and press applique. Education demos are at 12:30 before our general meeting.

Cynthia Weisz reported that there are still a few available spots for the Box Car retreat (Sept 2-6). Contact her if you are interested.

Gisele talked about the nominating committee for fall elections and the positions that are open. She requested volunteers for the committee and for the open positions.

Julie Cadenhead talked about our plans for the October 2026 meeting. We will be having a scrap and mini sale (not auction). She requested additional minis to sell. Please invite a friend!

After the break, Beth introduced our guest speaker, Tana Mueller, who shared some of the beautiful quilts she has made and her stitch-less applique method.

Bonnie Landon gave out prizes for those finding the "needle" in the newsletter. Show and Tell followed along with door prizes being awarded. Thank you to all our sponsors!

It was announced that the Rowlett Quilter's Guild will hold an "airing of the quilts" on September 26. It is free.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Sincerely, Debbie Evans, Secretary

Nominating Committee Members:

Beth Smietana, Chairperson

Deb Merrill

Shirley Lange

Alternate: Margaret Newmeyer

TREASURER'S REPORT August 2026

Beginning Balance	\$ 22,692.85
Deposits	\$ 5,493.00
Distributions	<u>-\$ 1,084.41</u>
Ending Balance	\$27,101.44

Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer
09/06/2026 jacaden99@gmail.com

The 2027/2028 board positions are all filled. The candidates will be presented and voted on at our November Meeting. They will be sworn into office in December and begin serving in January.

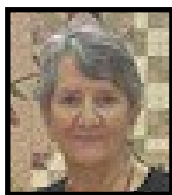
I will ask each candidate for a short bio to be published in our November Newsletter.

V/P

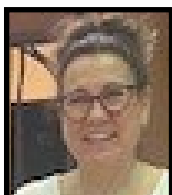
Beth Smietana

"I will not buy any more fabric until I use up the stash I have at home," I said.

And then I laughed and laughed!



President
Gisele Oakes



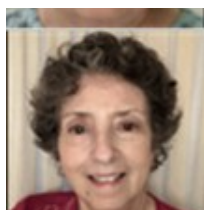
Vice President
Beth Smietana



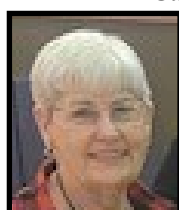
Treasurer
Julie
Cadenhead



Secretary
Debbie Evans



Membership
Ronnie Stone



Info Officer
Sharon
Wilhelm



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

Direction 61:3 Committee

"...provide for those who grieve to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called **oaks of righteousness**, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor."

Isaiah 61:3

DIRECTION 61:3 WALKS ALONGSIDE OLDER FOSTER AND AGED OUT YOUTH TO PROVIDE A NETWORK OF SUPPORT AS THEY TRANSITION TO BECOME VIBRANTLY INDEPENDENT YOUNG ADULTS.

Youth (ages 14-24) to discover God's specific purpose and direction for their lives while being fully supported in our resident and non-resident programs. Locations: The Farm (plans to house up to 60 youth. Denton and McKinney houses 3 to 4 in each home.

Together, we can ensure that every young adult aging out of foster care has the opportunity to thrive in McKinney, Denton, and beyond.

We will be providing twin size quilts and a pillowcase as they get new kids and notify us of the need. Gisele Oakes originally found this organization but Kathy Chambliss will be collecting and delivering when requested.

Kathy Chambliss

August 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
Fabric Fanatics, Plano, Tx
Hoops & Needles, Plano, Tx
Linda's Electric Quilters, McKinney, Tx
Not Your Mama's Quilt Store, Plano
Pinkey's Too, Farmersville, Tx
Quilt Country, Lewisville, 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!! 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.**

Patriotic Operation Quilted Comfort

THANKS TO ALL for all the contributions in all forms!

Check out the website
mckinneyquiltersguild.net
Community Service
Operation Quilted Comfort

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. OUTSTANDING!

Sharon, Malinda, and Marti

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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Look for this smaller Icon located elsewhere in the newsletter. When you find the Needle in the Haystack, report where you found it by emailing

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.

How to Search for Free Patterns on Website

www.mckinneyquiltguild.net

Guild Activities

Free Patterns

[Laundry Bag Pattern](#)

[Easy Pillowcase Pattern](#)

[Instructions for Port Pillows](#)

[Catheter Bag Cover](#)

Education Committee Starch & Press Applique

Jeannie Neckar will be giving a demo on "Starch & Press Applique". This is a great way to prepare your applique projects to take on the road. Once prepared they are easy to travel with.

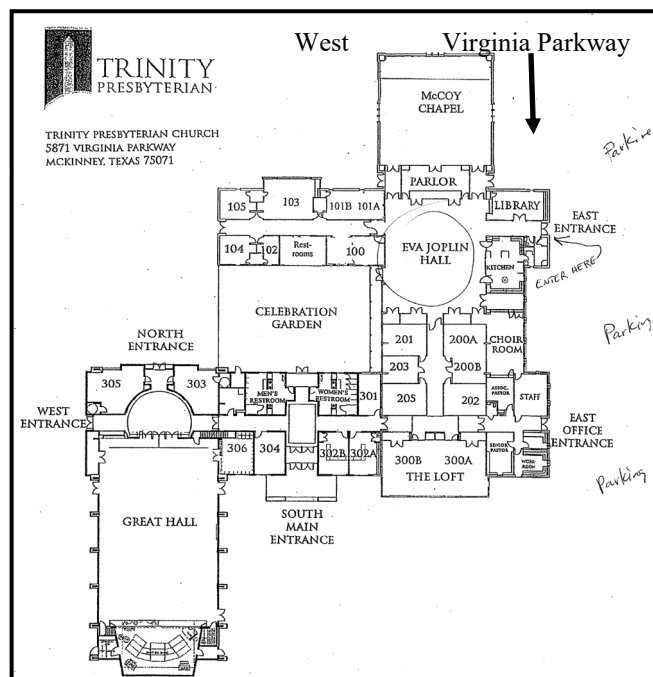
Jeannie Neckar

For Sale:

Wooden Quilting Frame
With extension kit to king size.

\$50.00 or Best Offer

Janice Feller 903-364-0953



OUR 2026 MEETING LOCATION is 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.

FOR SALE!

Husqvarna Viking Emerald 116 Sewing Machine

Asking \$125 (MSRP \$549 if new)

This machine is ideal for all types of sewing and a wide variety of projects. Its many features including a built-in needle threader, handy Sewing Guide Reference Chart, hard cover for storage, and an effortless one-step buttonhole.

This workhorse is in good working condition and comes with all accessories (except the screwdriver) and manual.

Contact Bonnie Landon at bonnie.landon@icloud.com.

Serious offers only.



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



“Hope” Women’s Center”

Our New Community Service Project

They offer free and confidential pregnancy services so clients can make an informed pregnancy decision. They exist in order to provide the support and needed answers. Everything they do is free and totally confidential. They offer ultrasounds and exams. They counsel women and help them to hopefully keep their babies. They do not do abortions. Their center is donation-based and we believe that everyone should have access to their services.

CUDDLE BUG BOUTIQUE

Hope Women’s Center provides ongoing support for women and their families. The rewards program provides opportunities to mothers to earn rewards to shop in their boutique. At the Boutique they offer classes to pregnant women and when they have taken a few classes they get to pick something from the Boutique.

They would love baby quilts of any size including quilted, flannel or crocheted. They also would love baby bibs, diapers, pacifier clips, new baby clothes, and new stuffed animals. They have told me that the quilts go first, and that the mothers-to-be feel like it becomes more real when they have a baby blanket. The Boutique has new and gently used maternity clothing and items for babies and toddlers. The Cuddle Bug Boutique is where we could partner with them. Jean Ann Clark



Project ♥ Linus

Thanks for all the finished quilts, tops and fleece and yarn donations. You are invited the third Saturday of September (19th), from 9:00-2:00 for a fun day of making blankets on a roll for kids.

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (September 8th & October 13th) 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. FM1138, Royse City, TX. bring your lunch. Please take a quilt kit to complete and return from the Project Linus table at the guild meeting. Each one is a precious creation to comfort a child.

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 Darrigan Co-Chair



Ryan's

CASE for SMILES

Formerly **ConKerr Cancer**

Miles of Smiles – Ryan’s Case for Smile’s annual Campaign runs September into early October! The National goal is 40,000 pillowcases again this year which represents the number of children in cancer treatment. We were busy this summer with 50 pillowcases turned in at the August meeting!

Thank you to Cynthia Weisz and Paula Washler for taking kits to the MQG’s September Box Car Retreat. Box Car has always been a big supporter of Ryan’s Case for Smiles by doing an annual event during the month of November. They have provided hundreds of pillowcases to Ryan’s! And a big ‘Thank you’ to the retreaters also for using your retreat time for completing a pillowcase kit or two for Ryan’s Case for Smile!!!

Carolyn Kerr

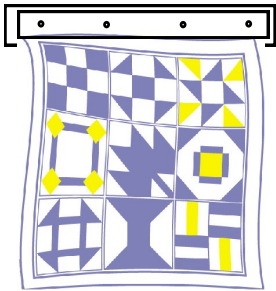


Sunshine and Shadows

Summer is drawing to a close and hopefully, our extremely hot weather will begin to taper off. May our families be healthy and blessed. May you find moments in your days to be grateful for all the blessings in your life.

Betsy

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Membership

“It’s not too late to join the guild to see the fabulous programs in store for the rest of the year. And don’t forget to add those service hours when you check in. We hope to equal last year’s number of 15,030 hours.”

Ronnie



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Big News!
The Plano Quilt Show is moving!



Quilt Plano 2027
March 12 & 13
Plano Event Center
2000 E Spring Creek Pkwy
Plano TX 75074

Important Dates:

Quilt entry deadline is January 29, 2027
Entry is open to all quilters

Mini-quilt deadline is February 11, 2027
(February Guild meeting)

Vendor booth contracts will open
mid-September

Operation Quilted Comfort for the Veterans at Bonham

We would like to introduce you to
Brenda Magness, Specialist
at the Center for Development &
Civic Engagement at VA
U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs



Thanks to all of you, we delivered:

126 Quilts in various sizes
70 Pillowcases (More Coming)
38 Laundry Bags (More Coming)
120 Catheter (Dignity) Bag Covers
182 Port Pillows
94 Ditty Bags w/zippers (for Personal
Items) (these are Malinda's brain chil-
dren) w/zippers and "USA" and "Thank
You" machine embroidered on these
bags.

Malinda, Marti, and Sharon



You are more
than welcome
to add puzzles,
games, and
stamps!

Fall Harvest Boxes Time!

Help Us Delight our Collin County Seniors
with a Harvest Box Filled with basic
necessities and Fun Surprises!

***Drop Off Your Harvest Boxes Between The Dates
and Times Below:***

October 27th Between 9am-4pm
972-562-6996

600 N Tennessee St, McKinney, Tx

Fill a copy paper box or any box with a lid with the listed items.
You may decorate the box with stickers, wrapping paper, etc.

(2) Tyson Premium Chunk White Chicken Breasts, in 7 Oz. packets or easy
open pull tab cans

(2) Starkist Charlie's Lunch To Go Kit

(1) Libby's 4 pack microwaveable vegetables

(2) Campbells' Easy Pell Vegetable Soup

(1) 10 oz. microwaveable complete meal(on grocery shelf with other nor
refrigerated microwaveable food). recommended: Turkey with hearty
vegetables and chicken, chicken and noodles.

(1) Quaker Instant Oatmeal in microwaveable pouches - 10 per box

(1) package of Wheat Thins Original Crackers

(1) 10-18 oz jar of peanut butter

(1) package of (4) 4 oz. 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 cracker packages

(2) bars of soap

(1) container of sanitizing wipes

(1) box of 110 count tissues

(1) pack of (4) toilet paper roles

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Effective May 1st

Sunday - Monday Closed

Tuesday 10am -5pm

Wednesday 10am -5pm

Thursday 10am -5pm

Friday 10am -5pm

Saturday 10am -2pm

What To Bring In September

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. 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 September Diane Sharp

Happy September Birthdays

3 Cynthia Nolen

10 MJ Fielek

13 Anita Kuehne

13 Gayle Culwell

14 Melissa Hoffman

15 Marti Rajotte

19 Sue Burt

23 Ginna McCurdy

24 Diane Boudreaux

25 Patsy Padgett

30 Lorraine Brown

*Bring a snack if this is
your Birthday.*

Happy October Birthdays

2 Diane Sharp

3 Toni Selby

5 Rose Dewalt

8 Karee Soward

9 Jean Ann Clarke

15 Suzan Crocker

20 Gisele Oakes

22 Shirley Lane

26 Deb Merrill

27 Mary Marrone

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