



## 2026 March President's Note

Things are feeling like Spring, hope everyone is doing well.

The guild is moving on and growing. Looking forward to new members getting involved and volunteering for open committees. One we would really like to get set up (even though it is early)

is the Christmas holiday luncheon committee to start getting members and getting plans going – it's always a highlight to the year.

Happy sewing and see you in a next week. Gisele

**Next Meeting**  
**March 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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## March 17 Program—Jeffree Itrich & Judy Stewart “The Wedding Dress Quilt”

The lecture will begin with the author sharing her inspiration for the story. How her deeply rooted Texas family shared a part of weaving this story together. She will read from her book. The signed copies will be for sale.



The second part of the lecture, Judy Stewart will share her story about the double wedding ring pattern she used to make the Wedding dress quilt, featured on the cover and in the story.

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.



## McKinney Quilt Guild Meeting Feb 17, 2026

Called to order at 1:00pm by Gisele Oakes with a reminder to silence all cell phones and a welcome to all members and visitors. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and treasurer's report of Jan. 2026. These will be filed for audit.

Betsy Whiteman shared Sunshine and Shadows.

Ronnie reported that there are 75 paid members, 56 present including 4 new members: Carolyn Skei, Debbie LeDuc, Dione Tippawang, and Ceidys Butterworth renewing member. And 2 visitors.

## Chairperson reports:

Sharon Wilhelm: she has 41 completed quilts for veterans with over 24 quilt kits available today. She also announced that the Guild bookmarks will be ready tomorrow.

Bonnie Landon will add a place on the guild website to show all our veteran quilts and our show and tell quilts.

Candy is our new photographer. If you need a photo taken for the member directory, please see Candy so that we can put a face with your name.

Elaine Henry talked about Project Linus and that she has kits available to sew/quilt/bind. She announced that this Saturday (Feb 21st) is National Make a Blanket Day.

Carolyn Kerr talked about the pillowcases for Ryan's Case project. She has kits available to sew.

A reminder to please renew your membership if you have not already, otherwise you will not be in the updated directory.

Jean Ann talked about the April 11th DeStash event at Not Your Mama's Quilt Shop in Plano. Please bring donations to the Guild meeting next month or to Jean Ann's home.

Sharon Wilhelm presented two suggested changes to the by-laws (1) concerning length of service of elected board members (2 years or more, no limit) and (2) elected board members to be the trustees while serving on the board. A motion was made by Bonnie Landon to accept the by-law changes. The motion passed.

Beth Smietana introduced our guest lecturer Cindy Simmons who taught a little about paper piecing and Judy Niemeyer patterns, then gave a wonderful trunk show of her Judy Niemeyer quilts. There will be a workshop with Cindy Wednesday, Feb 18.

Show and tell followed, then door prizes by Deb Merrill. Adjourned at 2:20pm

**TREASURER'S REPORT** February 2026

Beginning Balance	\$19,146.59
Deposits	\$ 5,308.00
Distributions	<u>-\$ 459.95</u>
Ending Balance	\$23,994.64

Red Boot Retreat & Membership Deposit  
Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer  
03/04/2026 jacaden99@gmail.com



2026 has gotten off to a good start for Ryan's CaseforSmiles! January had 25 pillow-cases turned in and February had 27. Prior years' totals were 2024 = 559 and 2025 = 797! Thank you for your donations of 100 percent cotton novelty kid fabrics and pillow-cases sewn whether from kits provided or from your own stash!!

The Ryan's website ([www.caseforsmiles.org](http://www.caseforsmiles.org)) offers an area called 'Coping Spaces' for families, schools and communities. This is an online resource and support site offering strategies and tips related to a child's life-changing illness or injury. I now have access to literature in Spanish introducing this site if this would be of help to anyone or interest for their church, etc.

Carolyn Kerr

## February 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!!

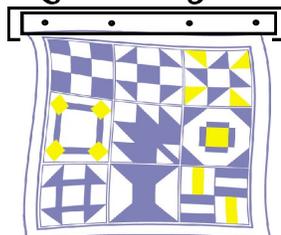
If you love visiting our local area quilt shops, Deb would love your help with picking up door prizes. If you have a few hours a month to help, please chat with Deb. 214-226-3440.

## March Education Demo with Roxy Gross

This easy sewing project (rope bowl) is perfect for using up scraps and uses inexpensive clothesline. Come let Roxy show you how easy it is.



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*Loren & Sharon Wilhelm*

## 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.

### Items may include:

- 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.  
**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      **Vice President**  
Beth Smietana      **Treasurer**  
Julie Cadenhead      **Secretary**  
Debbie Evans



**Membership**  
Ronnie Stone      **Info Officer**  
Sharon Wilhelm      **Education Officer**  
Jeannie Neckar

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**2026 Committees and Chairpersons**

**Christmas Luncheon– Open**

**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**

**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



### April 21 Program - Nova Montgomery “A Century of Progress— Feather Weight Machines”

Nova Montgomery is a **quilter** and quilt historian. She is an independent professional instructor and lecturer who loves sharing her passion for quilts and history. Nova approaches this workshop from the perspective of a Featherweight user who wants to preserve and protect their machine, but does not have an intricate knowledge of the mechanical workings of the machine. She guides students through correct maintenance while educating them about their wonderful machines.

## Committee Chairs Needed!

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

WE NEED  
**YOU!**



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 and Co-Chair  
and helpers.

Thank you in advance!! Beth, Vice President

**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!

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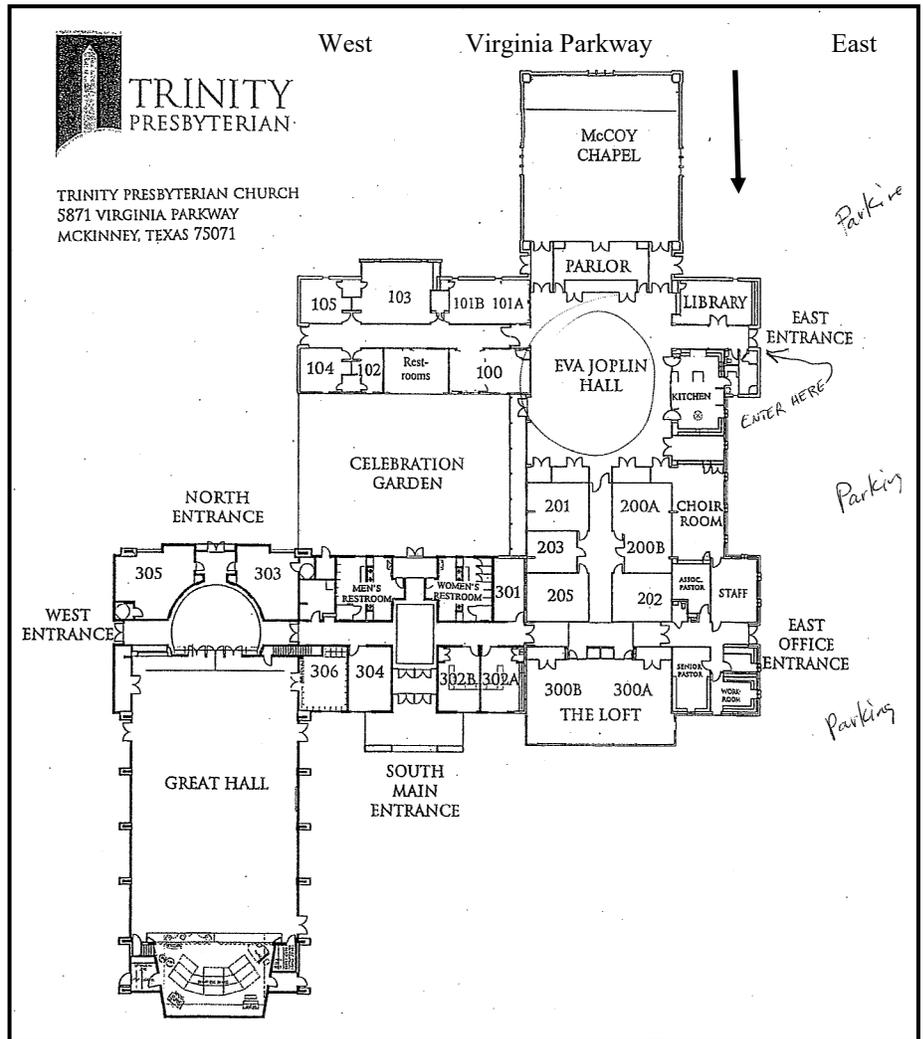
We are accepting donations **NOW** at our **March meetings** or you can drop off at Jean Ann's home, the deadline to bring to my house is April 4th: 402 High Meadow Dr. McKinney. Her phone number c/214-718-0320.

## 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

We're off to a great start for 2026 with 87 renewals and 6 new members for a total of 93. Can we get to 100? Here are the six new members –

**Carol Coster, Wayne Hall, Elaine Henry #2 (yes, we have two members with the same name), Debbie LeDuc, Carolyn Skei, and Dione Tippawang.**

Make sure to greet our newest members.

**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!

**Tutto Carrier was \$295-I'm asking \$175. Sue Burt 205-541-8894. Can bring to meeting**

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## Sunshine and Shadows



I was so encouraged by all the spontaneous sunshine reports last month. Our bodies may be wearing out, but we continue to persevere with the help of modern medicine. New joints keep us moving so that we can continue to pursue our love of quilting.

**Candy Koharchik** was in a car accident (t Boned) on Saturday and heart muscle got damaged (bruised). In the hospital since Saturday. Starting different heart meds. May miss guild meeting next week. Please keep Candy, the doctors and nurses in your prayers.

**Roxy** will be having right shoulder replacement surgery on March 27th. Prayers and good wishes for a quick recovery are most appreciated. No quilting for probably 2 months.

## Did You Know?



The seam ripper, an essential, often dreaded sewing tool, originated in the late 19th century as specialized needlework became common. Early precursors included finger mounted blades, with the first dedicated, fork-shaped, and curved-blade designs appearing in patent records around 1883 and 1898 to safely remove stitches

## For Sale

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

Email: [lorrainebrown@lbrown19375@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainebrown@lbrown19375@gmail.com)  
if interested.



### **Patriotic Operation Quilted Comfort**

The Kit Cutting day at my house was very successful! We had 8 of us pulling patterns, fabric and some bindings putting together 32 Kits. Some of the ladies even took some kits home with them that day! Yeah!

I have been cutting Backings and Bindings for the 32 kits and next getting the batting cut for each one. Then all will be ready to pick up at the next meeting. We have 41 completed & washed quilts in stock and 21 ready to wash.

If you have any Patriotic Quilts, please bring them to the March meeting for Show and Tell. We are going to put the pictures on the Website!

Sharon Wilhelm Chair -Malinda Krzyzanowski & Marti Rajotti, Co-Chairpersons



*Red Boot*  
RETREAT

### **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. For the members signed up for the retreat, payment in full is due by March 17.



### **Project ♥ Linus**

We meet the third Saturday of each month for a fun day of making blankets for children. March 21st theme is St Patrick's. Wear something green and bring something green to share for lunch. We'll be making I Spy blankets and quilts.

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (March 10 & April 14) 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.

**What To Bring**

1. Join or renew your membership.
2. **DeStash Blast Sales**—We are accepting donations NOW at our 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'sCaseforSmiles 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: Candy Koharchik

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

Everyone who can't keep up with the laundry or the dishes, but decided it was a great time to start quilting.

**March Birthdays**

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

Please Bring a Snack!

**April Birthdays**

- 2 Barbara Carothers
- 6 Elaine Henry #2
- 8 Sara Lindsay
- 10 Julie Cadenhead
- 21 Barb Washler
- 25 Marjy Duncan
- 28 Elaine Henry #1

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