



# THE QUILTING TIMES



*Happy New Year quilters,*

*I hope everyone enjoyed some special time with family and friends over the holidays. Dennis, Carrie and I spent several days in Oklahoma. We had the opportunity to see all of my family. Since the family isn't large, spending time with each other seems even more important.*

*I have a great feeling about 2024 with our guild. We have interesting programs, workshops, demonstrations, luncheons, and retreats ahead of us. I am hopeful that our membership will continue to grow in number and our relationships will deepen. Quilting friends are priceless.*

*Here's to a year of learning, sharing, happiness and maybe a surprise or two.  
Happy quilting! Kathy*

**Next Meeting  
January 16, 2024**

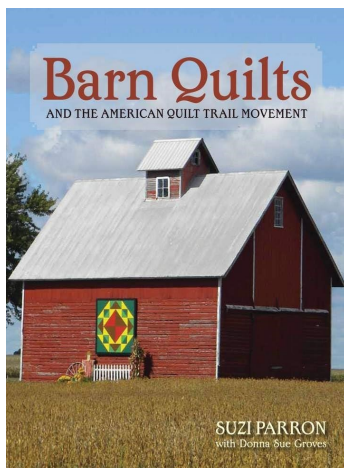
**Doors Open 12:00  
Meeting 1:00-3:00**

**First Christian Church  
1800 W. Hunt St.  
McKinney, Tx**

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### January 16, 2024 Program Suzi Parron—Barn Quilts



Suzi's program which will be by Zoom is about Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trails. Through dozens of interviews with barn artists, committee members, and barn owners Parron documents a journey that began in 2001 with the founder of the movement, Donna Sue Groves. Groves's desire to honor her mother with a quilt square painted on their barn became a group effort that eventually grew into a county-wide project. Today, registered quilt squares form a long imaginary clothesline, appearing on more than three thousand barns scattered along one hundred driving trails.

Come and enjoy this delightful program.

## MCKINNEY QUILTER'S GUILD December 19,2023

**Kathy Chambliss** called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Welcome members and visitors.

**Karletta Pruszynski** reported 55 members present, 2 of which were visitors that joined the guild.

There were no changes or corrections made to the minutes and treasurer's report from last month, both will be filed for audit.

**Betsy Whiteman and Lonetta Ingram** – Sunshine and Shadows:

Candy Koharchik's husband has finished his radiation treatments.

Gisele Oakes has a new grandson.

**Carol Surrells** – Treasurer's report will be posted in the newsletter.

Reminder – there are committee signup sheets to be filled for the coming year, it's a great way to get involved.

**Charities:**

Operation Quilted Comfort delivered 57 quilts, 151 pillowcases and 11 laundry bags as well as a box of goodies to the Veterans system in Bonham.

Carolyn Kerr will have a total number of pillowcases donated for the year to Ryan's Smiles in January.

**Candy Koharchik**-drew 2 names for the UFO winner and distributed fat quarters to those that didn't win.

**2023 Raffle Quilt** – a big thank you to the committee that got the quilt together and sold tickets:

Diane Taylor, Elaine Henry, Sharon Holliday and Annalee Smith

The winner of the drawing was Roxanne Garrett.

Proceeds will be distributed to Samaritan Inn, North Texas Food Bank and the Community Garden kitchen.

**Roxy Gross** – shared the fabric requirements for next year's BOM. We will keep our blocks until the end of the year and assemble how we want then donate to charity. Roxy would like a head count of those planning to participate.

**Kathy Chambliss** – presented Outstanding Member Pins to three of our members that have made a significant impact to our guild in the last year:

Bonnie Longacre, Linda Samsury, and Jean Ann Clarke

**Show and Tell**

**Door Prizes**

**LUNCH**

Next meeting – January 16, 2024

Minutes submitted by Gisele Oakes, Secretary

### TREASURER'S REPORT December 2023

Beginning Balance	\$19,259.51
Deposits	\$ 447.00
Distributions	\$ 2,147.34
Ending Balance	\$17,559.17

\$\$ Collected for Raffle Quilt \$ 2,658.00

After deducting \$510.64 (the money paid out for supplies/tickets to make the quilt) we donated \$715.78 to each of the following charities:

Community Garden Kitchen

Samaritan Inn

North Texas Food Bank

Report submitted by Carol Surrells, Treasurer

## Quilting Demonstration

Join us at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, 12:30pm, to see Sharon Wilhelm demonstrate several different applique techniques.

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

Lisa Terry



“Garden Party” 2023 Raffle Quilt winner was **Roxanne Garrett**, member of McKinney Quilters Guild.

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



Join us for 4 nights at the Red Boot retreat in Hillsboro! We've made arrangements for 24 of our members to have a wonderful and fun get-away laughing, sharing and sewing.

The retreat will begin at 12:00pm on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and will end on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. The cost of \$400 per person includes the 4 nights stay and 11 meals beginning with dinner on Wednesday. There is a continental breakfast each morning as well as lunch and dinner served on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Brunch at 9am on Sunday.

Registration forms will be available at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. A \$50 deposit will hold your place, and the remaining amount is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please complete the registration form and mail with your deposit (checks made payable to McKinney Quilters Guild) to the attention of Carol Surrells. Mailing address is on the registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Terry at 469-733-6394 or Carol Surrrels at 214-697-5318.



## Say "Cheese"!

We are taking pictures of our new members to put a name and a face together. Donna and Betsy will have a table set up and take your picture for our directory/yearbook OR you may send your photo (jpeg or PDF) to Sharon.

sharonwilhelm@tx.rr.com or 972-743-3575

Donna Mikesch and Besty Whiteman, Photographers



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- Fabric and Notions
- Custom & Edge-to-Edge Quilting
- APQS Machine Training & Rental
- Upcoming Classes:
  - Intro to Improv
  - Funky Dresdens
  - Bag-making Basics



- Solids
- Grunge
- Thatched
- Widebacks
- Minky
- Creative Grids Rulers
- Aurafil Thread
- King Tut Thread
- By Annie Supplies
  - Mesh
  - Fold-Over Elastic
  - Zippers
  - Hardware
  - Quilter's Dream Batting



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 Save These Dates....  
**Quilters Guild of Dallas Show**  
 Market Hall March 15 & 16, 2024  
 Booths 100-102  
*Loren & Sharon Wilhelm*  
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Monday 10am - 5pm  
 Tuesday 10am - 5pm  
 Thursday 10am - 5pm  
 Friday 10am - 5pm  
 Saturday 10am - 2pm  
 Wednesday & Sunday Closed

<b>- McKinney Quilter's Guild: 2024 Officers</b>	
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**2024 Committees and Chairpersons**

**Block of the Month**-Roxy Gross

**Christmas Luncheon**-Cynthia Kullberg & Diane Taylor

**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**—Debbie Evans

**Newsletter, Publicity** Sharon Wilhelm

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

**Photographer** - Donna Mikesch & Betsy Whiteman

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

**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 & Margie 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

## January Birthdays

- 5 Melinda Segal
- 6 Sharla Brockway
- 17 Joann Sams
- 22 Paula Smith
- 23 Sharon Piumbroeck
- 29 Roxanne Garrett
- 30 Donna Sluder
- 31 Michelle Parker

## February Birthdays

(Please bring a salad to the February Luncheon.)

- 9 Nadine Darby
- 12 Roz Constant
- 17 Kathy Chambliss
- 18 Carol Anne Johnson
- 22 Candy Korharchik
- 25 Cynthia Weisz
- 26 Bertie Ferrell
- 26 Mary Ann Baltzer
- 27 Lillian Hughes

### Community Service Hours Report

At the December 19 MQG meeting there were 55 members present with two new members added - Barbara Carothers and Pat Miller.

There were 1138 community service hours reported for the month of December which gives a total for the year **9916.25**.

Just a little shy of the goal of **10,000 hours**.

Karletta Pruszynski,

Vice President Membership

**New 2024 Goal 11,000 hours**

### Sunshine and Shadows

Thanks everyone for the continued prayers for our members and families.



#### Sunshine

**Candy Koharchik's husband, George**, has finished his radiation treatments.

**Gisele Oakes** has a new grandbaby boy. Her daughter and son-in-law live in McKinney.

**Shadows**—Lonetta's husband, Jim, is good but experiencing some occasional episodes. Prayers are still welcome.

Betsy Whiteman, Chairperson

### December Door Prize Donors

#### We Appreciate You!

Our Donations for our Door Prizes are overflowing!

**Thank you** to our Guild Members and to our sponsors! Also to Malinda and Cynthia 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
- Fabric Fanatics, Plano, Tx
- Fabrics 4 You, Seagoville, Tx
- Kaleidoscope Quilts, Whitesboro, Tx
- Minding My P's & Q's, Denton, Tx
- Quilt Among Friends, Arlington, Tx
- Quilt Asylum, Denison, Tx
- Quilt Country, Lewisville, Tx
- Sharon Holiday, Sourdough Quilts
- The Old Craft Store, Carrollton, Tx
- Urban Spools, Dallas, Tx

## January Block of the Month

Happiest of New Years to you and your families!

This year's Block of the Month project is a mystery quilt entitled "Home for every season". Each month a block pattern will be presented at the monthly meeting, in the newsletter and on our website. I'm hoping you will make 2 blocks: one for your quilt and one to make a quilt to donate to the Veteran's Program. This year you will keep the blocks you make each month. In September, you'll get finishing instructions to put the blocks together for a completed top.

If you are going to participate in the project (and I'm really hoping you do), please let me know by signing up at the meeting or dropping me an email (roxygross6@gmail.com). I want to get an idea of how many quilts we will have for Veterans Day and to be able to send you some extra hints along the way.

Fabrics Needed for whole quilt:

Background (light) 1-2/3 yd, Red 3/4 yd, Blue 1/2 yard, Dark Blue FQ, White 1/4 yard  
Green FQ, Yellow FQ, Brown F8. Scraps will work for these colors.

I am excited to introduce the first block for this year's BOM mystery quilt, the LeMoyne Star

Fabric Needed

Background: Four 3 1/2" squares (corners) and four 4 1/4" squares (for HST).

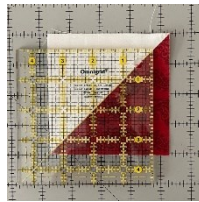
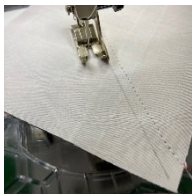
One 2 1/2" x 12 1/2" strip (for top of the star block).

Four red 4 1/4" squares and four blue 4 1/4" squares (for HST).

Make four red & background HST & four blue & background HST.

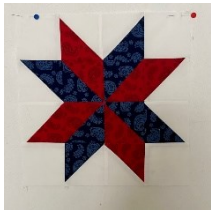
Using 4 1/4" square, put right sides together, draw a diagonal line down the center and sew 1/4" on either side of the line. Cut along the line forming 2 HST. Iron with dark side on top. Trim to 3 1/2".

Make four red & blue HST using the same method above.



Lay out squares as shown below and sew together.

Unfinished block should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2".



Sew a background strip (2 1/2" x 12 1/2") to the top of the star block.

Alternative: Make the star using 8 different color fabrics or make it using one color star fabric.

Happy Sewing, Roxy

**ALERT! The total fabric needed given is WITHOUT borders or if you add another row to make the quilt large enough for QOV standard size of 60" x 80".**

The next event for Project Linus is Camp Dragonfly blankets *needed by the February meeting*. Any dragonfly print or embroidery is acceptable for the larger quilts 48 x 52 or more. These will go to children who have a family member who perished in the military service.

Our Collin, Cooke, Grayson, Rockwall chapter concluded 2023 with over 100,000 blankets donated since beginning in 1994. Thanks, Elaine Henry



**Project Linus**

**2024 McKinney Quilters Guild Board Members**

President



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Vice President



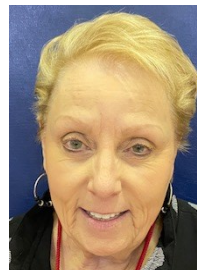
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Treasurer



Carol Surrells

Membership



Roxy Gross

Education



Lisa Terry

Info Officer



Sharon Wilhelm



**“Ryan’s CaseforSmiles”**

December was a busy month for Ryan’s! 90 completed pillowcases were turned in making the 2023 total for MQG 472! We are looking for new recipients to support along with our established clients. There has been an interest in seasonal pillowcases by one facility. The Guild has done a great job answering the last minute call for specific themed pillowcases! Thank you! Carolyn Kerr



**Ryan’s CaseforSmiles - 2023 End of Year Report**

Ryan’s celebrated the 16<sup>th</sup> year of operation in 2023. McKinney Quilters Guild had a great year of supporting Ryan’s. There were 472 completed pillowcases turned in, donations of fabric, and zip lock baggies. Previous years were: ‘22 546 pillowcases completed and ‘21 125 pillowcases completed. The 2023 total for the D/FW Chapter was 1,652 completed pillowcases and 332 deliveries.

Mary Shannon has stepped up to assist in cutting kits, covering meetings when I’m unable to attend, etc. This has been a big help! Fabric donations continue from outside donors. There are still two drop off locations, Plano Sewing Center, Plano and Pinky’s Too Quilt shop, Farmersville.

Outside of MQG activities - This year’s total numbers were boosted by Box Car Quilt Shop hosting a month (November) long focus on Ryan’s. Some Community Quilters from that area jumped in and we received 543 completed pillowcases along with zip lock baggies.

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*Let's get Creative!*

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

Please start to think about what you would like to make to donate. 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 and Halloween. 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 February, 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 starting in April.

Jean Ann Clarke, Chairperson



### *McKinney Quilters Guild 2024 Raffle Quilt*

*"The Queen & Her Court II"  
By Wing and a Prayer design  
96" x 108"*

*This quilt was pieced, appliqued and  
donated by Sandie Griego, and custom  
machine quilted by Lynne Haley.*

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

## Things to Remember to Bring

- *January Membership Renewal NOW to be in yearbook. 2024 Form on website under "More".*
- *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 CaseForSmiles to Carolyn Kerr.
- **Cynthia Fisher January Greeter**
- Don't forget to bring your **Show and Tell Friendship Quilts**.
- **January Birthday Girls** remember to bring refreshments.
- If you are storing any of the guilds retreat items ie. Irons, ironing boards, etc please make a list and give to one of the officers.
- Come prepared to have your picture made for our directory, if you have not.
- 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.

## UFO Challenge 2024

If you are interested in joining the challenge, please write down up to 10 tasks or projects to work on. You do not have to have a completed quilt, just a completed task and show me the sheet so I can sign off on completed task each month. For questions, please email

Candy Koharchik at [musicalrosary@tx.rr.com](mailto:musicalrosary@tx.rr.com).

Or call 214-585-1317.

2023 Christmas Party



## February Guest Speaker



*Tammy Whitehurst*  
*"Joy for the Journey"*  
*You're Invited*

By McKinney & Allen Quilt Guilds to our

**Friendship Quilters' Luncheon**

*"Soups, Salads, & Desserts"*

**Tuesday, February 20th**

**1:00 - 3:00 pm**

**First Christian Church**

**1800 Hunt Street, McKinney Texas**

**Bring a Friendship Quilt for show and tell!**