



THE QUILTING TIMES



February Newsletter

Hope everyone stays warm and dry as we move into our potentially coldest month. Great time to get your sewing room “decluttered” or small projects done.

Thank you all that were at the January meeting and have already renewed your membership, I know it wasn't a very exciting meeting but at least those “housekeeping” chores are done for the year.

And thank you to our De-stash committee and Mini Madness committee for being flexible and switching months – it will give us time to make our small items to sell right before Christmas.

We look forward to having Jill Isakson back at our meeting with her trunk show.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 18th.
Gisele

**Next Meeting
February 18, 2025**

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

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

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February 18th Program Trunk Show— Jill Isakson

Jill has been making quilts for 30+ years. She will be presenting a trunk show of her colorful pieced quilts and sharing her thoughts on color and design.

March 18 Program Trunk Show with Quilt Fiction Author Patience Griffin

Patience will be sharing quilts in real life and in fiction. The talk covers my journey with quilting and writing, the importance of community, and I will answer any questions your group would like to ask. I will have a giveaway. I'll also have quilting novels, patterns, and fabric from my own fabric lines for sale.

Author with Penguin Random House, [Happily Ever Alaska](#) and [Kilts & Quilts® novels](#)

Double RITA® Finalist

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Guest designer with Riley Blake Batiks.



MCKINNEY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES - January 21, 2025

Gisele Oakes – called the meeting to order at 1:00. She welcomed all members and guests. There were no changes or corrections needed for the December minutes. The Treasurer's Report was put to the Guild for a vote with a rent increase for the 2025 budget. Both were passed and will be filed for audit.

Roxy Gross: There were 43 members present with one visitor (Marsha Fay) introduced. As of today, over half of last year's members have renewed. We were reminded to include our volunteer hours on the sign-in sheet. These hours are for anything we do to serve the greater McKinney Community. Roxy displayed her CA Poppy Quilt. She researched the CA fire and will now be collecting quilts of any size for the next three months for the victims. We may have a workday to make these quilts with the Plano Guild.

Kathy Chambliss presented a quilter's pin to Sharon Wilhelm for the exceptional work she does for the Guild. Kathy was presented with a President's quilt as outgoing President. "Jewel of the North" is name of this quilt.

Betsy Whiteman: Sunshine and Shadows

Malinda K's husband Greg is doing well after his procedure and getting energy back. Her mom is in rehab.

Bonnie Longacre still has bronchitis. Lynetta and Jim Ingram have COVID. Melissa Hoffman's mother-in-law passed away. Candy's husband George's surgery went well. He's back to work. Kathy Chambliss has one acute and one not so acute compression fracture. Ongoing treatment is necessary.

Officers and the committees under them:

President, Gisele Oakes:

- Door prizes: Deb Merrill
- Sunshine and Shadows: Betsy Whiteman (will do it again this year)

Vice President, Beth Smietana

- Programs and Workshops: Beth Smietana
- Facilities: Need help and commitment (for set up and tear down). Beth asked for monthly kitchen helpers for refreshments set up – napkins, plates, water, etc. Holiday Party: Lorraine Brown, Kathy Chambliss, Carol Surrells, Suzan Crocker and Lisa Terry have signed up.

Treasurer, Julie Cadenhead

- After discussion we voted to reverse dates of May Mini Madness/October Scrap Sale.
- October Mini Madness: Cynde Quinn, chair: Nadine Darby, Ronnie Stone, Sue Burt will help again this year. More small items were requested– handbags, pouches, etc. needed for the sale; they sold well last year.
- May Scrap Sale: Jean Ann Clarke, Deb Merrill, Melissa Hoffman, Jeannie Neckar. Put smaller scraps in baggies, please. Bigger things, roll up and put ribbon around it. Measure amount of fabric. You can put stickers on for pricing indicating length: (One yd-\$1) Green-\$1; Blue-\$2; Yellow-\$3; Pink-\$4; Red \$5; Books will be sold separately during the year as a "donation". Start bringing next month.
- Retreats: Spring-Carol Surrells and Lisa Terry (Red Boot-April 30-May 4); few spaces are available. Fall-Cynthia Weisz and Paula Washler (Sept 3-7 at Stitchin' Heaven). Sewing Day Trip \$26/day and \$52 (2 days) at Beltline/Coit in Richardson. Sign up for two days, you can leave your stuff. We had enough interest to get above pricing.

MCKINNEY QUILTERS GUILD MEETING MINUTES - January 21, 2025 Cont'd

Secretary, Lorraine Brown:

- Community Service-needs Chair/Co-chair Persons.
- Project Linus – Elaine Henry, Melissa Hoffman - 500 blankets/month - fleece or quilted. If interested in quilt kits for Project Linus, she will bring some next time. They meet on Wed. (9-2) and every 3rd Saturday in Royse City. Every 2nd Tuesday, they meet in McKinney.
- Operation Quilted Comfort/Veteran’s Quilts – Sharon Wilhelm, Melinda K. Sharon will hold a cutting day on Tuesday, 1/28 to cut kits.
- Ryan’s CaseforSmiles/Pillowcases – Carolyn Kerr – Nat’l Org. for children living with cancer. Last year the Guild made 559 pillowcases; previously 432. Also done as a service project at Fall Retreat.
- Meals on Wheels – Pauline Garrett has agreed to chair. Peggy Click is the contact at Meals on Wheels.
- Direction 61:3. Serves youth aging out of foster care in McKinney/Denton areas providing them with a twin size quilt and matching pillowcase. Need twin size quilts/pillowcases for boys and girls. Gisele Oakes, Chair-person

Information Officer, Sharon Wilhelm:

- Newsletter, Yearbook - on Website. She needs list of all chairs/co-chairs. Bonnie Landon helping with this. Members Only page, you can set up your profile. Excel spreadsheet and/or paper copy for members. Let Sharon know if you prefer spreadsheet. You may use a picture from last year. Facebook Members Only Group (is new). Point is so that we can communicate about inclement weather, etc. Also we have a public Facebook page.

Publicity, Website, Reporter – Bonnie Landon

Photographer – Donna Mikesch

Membership, Roxy Gross:

- Needs help with sign-in – She will make a signup sheet. Also, please check your names for correct spelling.
- Small Groups – Suzan Crocker, Mary Marrone. Toyed with small groups in the past (some interest today); some get together at Dry Goods. If anyone wants to organize.
- Friendship Blocks – Mary Ann Baltzer -Make blocks when someone leaves.
- Greeters/Hostesses – Cynthia Fisher
- Name tags – Roxy Gross
- New Member Socials – Roxy Gross
- Birthdays – Betsy Whiteman
- Rosters – Roxy Gross
- Yearbook – Sharon Wilhelm

Education Officer, Jeannie Neckar: – rope baskets, y-seams, machine binding lesson, paper piecing. Needs ideas, if you have any.

Block of the Month – Bonnie Landon, red, white, blue or Christmas for block of the Month quilt.

Program – Patriotic Shower

Show and Tell and Door Prizes

Adjourn – Next meeting to be February 18, 2025 – Trunk Show by Jill Isakson

Lorraine Brown, Secretary

Membership Report

These are the current numbers under membership report

Our current paid 2025 membership is 81, which includes 6 new members.

There are 45 members that still need to renew their memberships.

Roxy Gross

TREASURER’S REPORT January 2025

Beginning Balance	\$17,788.73
Deposits	\$ 5,420.00
Distributions	<u>\$ 1,163.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$22,045.73

Deposits were Membership and Red Boot Retreat (pass-Thru)

Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer

January Door Prizes We Appreciate Your Generosity!



Thanks to the Quilt Shops for their generous gifts to our guild. Thank you Missouri Star and our Guild Members for their donations!

Best Little Retreat Center In Texas—Dallas, Tx
Box Car Quilts—Aubrey, Tx
Downtown Dry Goods—McKinney, Tx
Fabric Fanatics—Plano, Tx
Quilt Country—Lewisville, Tx
Urban Spools—Dallas, Tx

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!



We had 23 completed pillowcases turned in at the January meeting! Thank you! Also the Guild was contacted by a member of the community that was destashing. Ryan's happily received enough juvenile fabric for a dozen pillowcase kits! So when Spring cleaning/organizing your stash, remember Ryan's!!

Carolyn Kerr

Join or Renew Your Membership



It's time to renew your McKinney Quilters Guild Membership! Bring it to the February meeting!

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.



Remember to renew your membership!

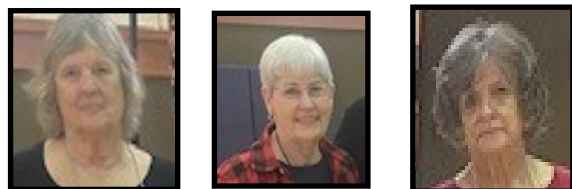


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Lorraine Brown



Membership
Roxy Gross

Info Officer
Sharon Wilhelm

Education Officer
Jeannie Neckar

2025 Officers

Committee Chairperson will be published after each officer gets her committees filled.

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2025 Committees and Chairpersons

- Block of the Month**-Bonnie Landon
- Christmas Luncheon**- Carol Surrells
- 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
- Membership** -Roxy Gross
- Name Tags** -Roxy Gross
- Newsletter, Publicity** -Sharon Wilhelm
- Operation Quilted Comfort/Veterans**- Sharon Wilhelm & Malinda K
- Photographer** -Donna Mikesch & Betsy Whiteman
- Programs, & Facilities** Beth Smietana - Chairperson - **Workshops**-
- Project Linus** -Elaine Henry
- Retreat/Spring** -Red Boot Retreat- Hillsboro, Tx Carol Surrells & Lisa Terry
- Retreat/Fall** -Stitchin' Heaven, Quitman, Tx -Cynthia Weisz -Chairperson -Paula Washler
- Retreat/ Day** -Pauline Garrett
- Ryan's CaseforSmiles** -Carolyn Kerr, Chairperson
- Sunshine and Shadows** -Betsy Whiteman
- Ways and Means** -Officers
- Oct-Mini Quilt Auction**- Cynde Quinn
- Mini Special Quilt-Open**
- My Scrap Sale**—Jean Ann Clarke, Chair Deb Merrill, Melissa Hoffman and Jeannie Neckar.
- Website**-Bonnie Landon
- Yearbooks/Directory** -Sharon Wilhelm

California Wildfire Quilts for Victims

Your help is needed and appreciated.

The wildfires in California over the last 3 months have been devastating! So many people have been affected. The Camarillo Quilters Association (my former guild) is collecting and distributing new quilts to families who lost their homes in the Mountain Fire, which started in Somis, California, and was pushed through parts of Camarillo and Santa Paula on November 6th and 7th by strong Santa Ana winds. These families are invited to "pop-up distribution sites" where each member of the family gets to choose the size and colors of the quilt they want.

I am reaching out to members of our guild to ask if you have a quilt you might contribute. I will collect quilts until May and then, ensure they are delivered to CQA for distribution.

The most popular size is "lap size," which gives makers a lot of leeway for sizing. Bed-sized quilts are appreciated as well as children/teen quilts.

It takes several months for many families to settle into a form of permanent housing after the initial weeks in motels, RVs, and bunking in with family members. Once settled a bit, people are more emotionally prepared to come forward to choose a quilt. This spring is the ideal time for us to offer these families the comfort of new quilts for each family member. These distribution events are very emotional for the quilters as well as the families who lost everything. We hug, hold hands, and listen. And shed tears as they share stories.

Camarillo Quilters appreciates the help from sister guilds to provide these quilts to our friends and neighbors who are building their lives anew. I am sure the need will expand as other fire areas begin the process of dealing with the loss.

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and quilts of comfort.

Roxanne Gross (roxygross6@gmail.com)



Project Linus

We meet every Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 to make quilts, knit, crochet and fleece blankets for children newborn to age 17. All 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 FM-1138, Royse City while the West McKinney Project Linus group meets every 2nd Tuesday (February 11 & March 11) at 1:00pm in the Heard-Craig Carriage House, 205 W Hunt St, McKinney.

Donations are welcome, financial, fleece, acrylic yarn, fabric, batting, completed quilts or tops, your valuable time and expertise.

Talk to Elaine Henry for more information or contact Regina Forthman, via our Facebook page, Project Linus Collin Cooke Grayson Rockwall Counties Texas.

Elaine Henry

Please join us! It's VERY important!!!

If you haven't already, renew your guild membership today!

We want you listed in the 2025 Directory!

For only \$35/year you get: Programs, Speakers, Newsletters! New ideas, New patterns, New techniques!



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Renewing your Membership? Send \$35 membership fee to:

Roxanne Gross, 1500 Country Walk Dr,
McKinney TX 75051

De-Stash Your Stash Sale -May 20 Meeting

Roll larger pieces and tie with curling ribbon. Smaller pieces in Ziploc bags.
Use name tag stickers or paper attached to cloth to identify - price color sticker in dollar increments, yardage, or inches. (Please make sure your donation is usable-large enough to add to a quilt- many fat quarters or larger etc.)

Color code can be by sticker or crayon/marker on paper attached to fabric. If using tape, please do not use one that will leave a sticky residue such as packing tape.



Green \$1.00 Blue \$2.00 Yellow \$3.00 Pink \$4.00 Red \$5.00 White for more than \$5.00
write in your price.

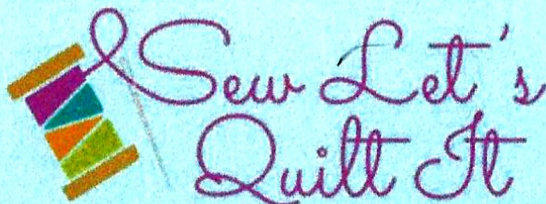
Pick up your items if they do not sell and you want to keep them. If left, they will be donated to charities.

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.

You may bring your stash to the meetings in February, March, and April or you can bring to Jean Ann's house 402 High Meadow in McKinney just give me a call at 214-718-0320 or Deb Merrill 2809 Elizabeth Ct, Lucas Tx 75002 call 214-226-3440 before May 11th.

The proceeds from the sale will go directly to the guild-not individuals.
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McKinney Quilters Guild 2025 BOM

Month 1 – Pinwheels

1. Cut 6" x WOF strips from your background and yellow fabrics.
2. Subcut four @ 6" squares from your background fabric.
3. Subcut four @ 6" squares from your yellow fabric.
4. Follow the directions at https://media.rainpos.com/1251/8_at_a_time_chart_for_hst.pdf for making 8 HSTs at a time. Make a total of 32 half square triangles (HST's) using your background and yellow fabrics.
5. Trim HST's to 2.5".
6. Using 4 HSTs make 8 Pinwheel blocks as shown. Trim each block to 4.5" square.
7. Cut 2 @ 2.5" x WOF strips of background fabric.
8. Subcut into 16 @ 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles.
9. Sew 2 rectangles to the opposite sides of each pinwheel block.
10. Cut 2 @ 8.5" x WOF strips of background fabric.
11. Subcut into 16 @ 4.5" x 8.5" rectangles.
12. Sew a rectangle to the top and the bottom of the pinwheel block.
13. Each block should measure 8.5" wide x 12.5" tall. You should have a total of 8 blocks.

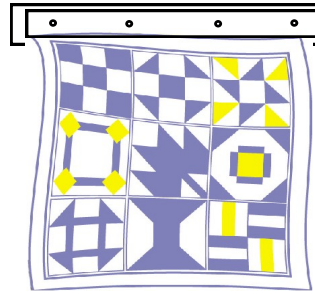


Sunshine and Shadows



Prayers Needed....
Malinda K's mother is back in the hospital.
Kathy Chambliss will have back surgery 2/11.
Suzan Crocker fell and broke her neck and is in the hospital.
 Let Betsy know if your have news.
 Betsy Whiteman, Chairperson

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Loren & Sharon Wilhelm

*"Operation Quilted Comfort"
 Veterans January Shower
 Thank You ~ Thank You*

- 300+yds of large and small pieces Fabric
 Rolled onto bolts.
- 4 Bags = 3 tubs of Batting Pieces
- 1 Bolt 96" x 15 yds Batting
- 3 Tubs of Reds, Whites, Blues, & Beige Fabrics
- 12 Pillowcases completed
- Pillowcase Kits 13
- Laundry Bags Kits 22
- Quick Strippy Qlt Kits 12
- Other Qlt Kits 19
- Unfinished Kits 12
- Stack of Fat 1/4's 66
- Kits Taken on Cutting Day 9

Sharon and Malinda



We have created a private, members only Facebook group where we can share all things Quilty (no selling please!) and keep you up to date on any happenings in the guild like cancellations due to weather conditions. If you are interested in joining the group, please send me an email at bonnie.landon@icloud.com so I can send you a link. The link will only be good for 2 days so please respond promptly when you receive the link via Facebook.

If you have any questions, please send me an email.

Thanks! — Bonnie Landon, Webmaster



Red Boot
 RETREAT

Spring Retreat Information

Red Boot, April 30 – May 4, 2025
 19 HCR 1309, Hillsboro, TX 76645

28 members have signed up for the retreat, which at this time is sold out. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list in case someone has to drop out, please contact Lisa Terry at 469-733-6394 or Carol Surrells at 214-697-5318.

What To Bring

- Don't forget your 2025 \$35 Membership Dues. Please renew by the end of February to be in the 2025 Directory.
- 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.
- Door Monitor—Cynthia Fisher
- Greeters: Madeline Peck & Joann Sams

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 Tuesday 10am - 5pm
 Thursday 10am - 5pm
 Friday 10am - 5pm
 Saturday 10am - 2pm
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February Birthdays

2 Judy Losey
 5 Rosie DeLeon-McCardy
 9 Nadine Darby
 10 Ronnie Stone
 12 Roz Constant
 17 Kathy Chambliss
 18 Carol Anne Johnson
 21 Robin Fisk
 22 Candy Koharchik
 25 Cynthia Weisz
 26 Bertie Ferrell
 26 Mary Ann Baltzer
 27 Lillian Hughes

Please Bring a snack.

March Birthdays

3 Evelyn Peacock
 6 Martha Jones
 6 Sherry Moyer
 7 Joyce Wilson
 11 Susan Marshall
 15 Pat Miller
 19 Pam Walsh
 23 Stella Turner
 31 Gwen Alford
 31 Barbara Darrigan

Please Bring a Snack.

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