



THE QUILTING TIMES



Hello quilters.

I'm sure all of you are enjoying a reprieve from the heat as I am. Although it's always a good time in the sewing room regardless of the weather.

I want to thank you all for your friendship and happy spirits. Our speaker last month, Jean Johnson was most impressed with all of you. This is a great group to be involved with.

I feel like when we move into the month of September, time seems to quickly roll into the holidays and the end of the year. We have a great lineup of speakers and events planned. I'm looking forward to Sharon Holliday's program this month, Stitchin Heaven retreat and Becky Goldsmith in October. Then Allison Bayer will speak in November and we will have a wonderful luncheon in December. There continues to be many opportunities to get involved and spend time with friends.

Happy quilting and see you soon! Kathy

September 19th Program

Sharon Holliday

"How to Buy a Sewing Machine"

This month we will host several different sewing machine vendors who will showcase two or three of their sewing machine models (and possibly a couple embroidery models) so that we can learn what's new and what's available from our favorite brands. We will hear about the various features available from each brand/model and then we will get the opportunity to "test-drive" them, all in one place. **Come early at 12:15 to see and touch and ask questions.**



So if you were looking for a new sewing machine, or embroidery machine, or just want to know what's available, or what's coming out soon, this is the perfect program to find out what's new and upcoming in the sewing machine world.

**Next Meeting
September 19, 2023**

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

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

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**Meeting called to order at 1:00
August 15, 2023**

Kathy Chambliss – Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

Welcome to all members and guests.

Karletta Pruszynski – 50 members present and 14 guests.

There were no changes or corrections made for the June meeting minutes or Treasurer's report, they will be filed for audit.

Betsy Whiteman and Lonetta Ingram – Sunshine and Shadows: Roxy Gross having rotator cuff surgery; Cynthia Kullberg and Malinda Krzyzanowski's husband are both recovering from COVID.

Carolyn Kerr – Ryan's Cases: guild has completed 199 to date; the Proton Therapy center is requesting Halloween cases.

Carol Surrells – Treasurer's report: \$21410.74 as of July

Roxy Gross – BOM: this year we only have 9 blocks total, hope to get quilts put together to deliver for Operation Quilted Comfort in November.

Gisele Oakes – Harvest Boxes: the list of the contents needed is available, boxes need to be delivered by September 15th.

Sharon Wilhelm – Operation Quilted Comfort: multiple pillowcases, laundry bags and quilts have been completed. More tops and kits are available to complete before November.

Suzan Crocker – Stitchin' Heaven retreat: retreat is full with 28 attending, there is a waiting list in case of cancellations. Balance due ASAP.

Diane Taylor – Garden Party raffle quilt: still have around 20 members that haven't picked up their envelopes with tickets yet. Additional tickets available. Please let Diane know if you have contacts with other groups to bring the quilt and sell tickets.

Program: Jean Johnson shared her "19th Century Revisited" quilts to share.

There were several winners at the Plano quilt show from our guild – congratulations for the great representation.

**Show and Tell
Door prizes**

**Next meeting: September 19th. Sharon Holliday will have several sewing machine vendors to check out new machines. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm
Minutes submitted by Gisele Oakes, Secretary**

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 2023

Beginning Balance	\$21,410.74
Deposits	\$ 7,477.00
Distributions	\$ 351.66
Ending Balance	\$28,536.08

Pass Through \$\$ Collected for Raffle Quilt	\$1,220.00
Pass Through \$\$ Collected for Retreat	\$9,270.00
Report submitted by Carol Surrells, Treasurer	



Miles of Pillowcase Smiles

Join Ryan's Case for Smiles® in helping kids feel better to heal better with the delivery of a whimsical pillowcase.

Each year, approximately 40,000 children are in cancer treatment across the country.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month.



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★ **Join us!** ★
Goal: Sew 40,000 pillowcases



SEW A PILLOWCASE

Sew one pillowcase for every child in treatment.



MAKE A DONATION

Help bring smiles to the children in your local community.



GET INVOLVED

Find your local chapter.

★ **It's simple! With your support, we can achieve our goal!** ★

caseforsmiles.org







October 17 Program Becky Goldsmith "A Piece O'Cake Life"

I have stories to share with you and who doesn't love a good story?! Even after 28+ years as an author and teacher, I wasn't sure where to start this particular story, so I asked quilters what they wanted to know about my quilting life. This lecture answers those excellent questions :-).

Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins started Piece O' Cake in 1994 and published more than 30 books and hundreds of patterns, including 7 Blocks of the Month. Linda is mostly retired now while Becky continues writing books and teaching. Her classes are always interesting and informative, with an emphasis on teaching techniques that help you improve your sewing skills without making you crazy.

Becky is also a wife, mother, grandmother, and certified yoga instructor who is searching for balance, strength, and happiness in all things.



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Important Announcement from owners of Sew Let's Quilt It:

After 12 years of being the quilting service business, Sew Let's Quilt It is announcing that the retail side of the shop is for sale. This would include all inventory, online business operations, and anything associated with the retail business operations. The longarm quilting services and equipment are not included in this sale.

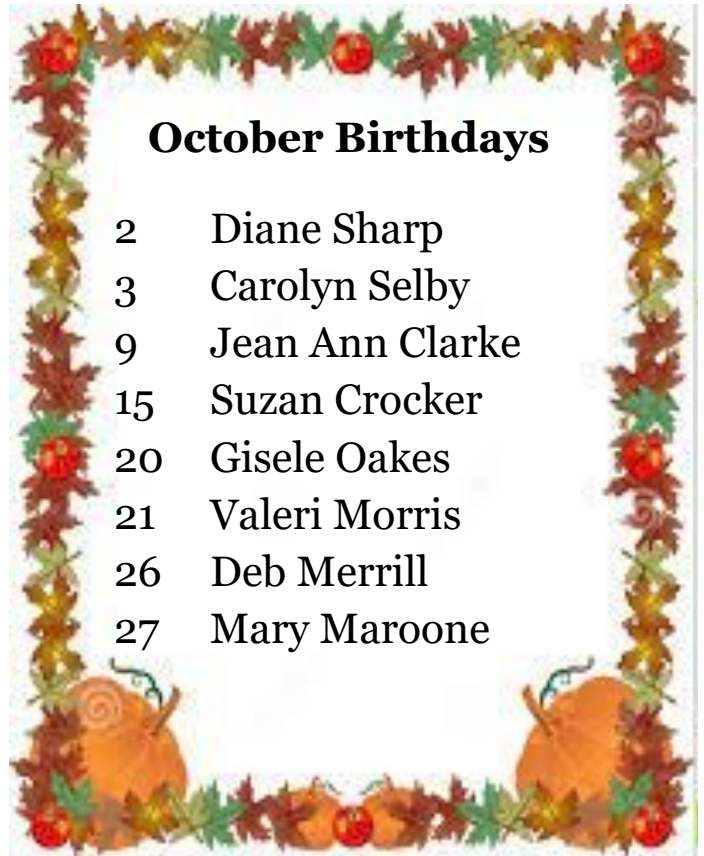
Sew Let's Quilt It is **NOT** closing at this time.

The store is **OPEN** and will be operating as usual through September!



September Birthdays

- 8 Beverly McKay
- 10 MJ Fielek
- 13 Christine Varnell
- 14 Melissa Hoffman
- 18 Carolyn Miller
- 19 Sue Burt
- 25 Patsy Padgett
- 29 June Harper



October Birthdays

- 2 Diane Sharp
- 3 Carolyn Selby
- 9 Jean Ann Clarke
- 15 Suzan Crocker
- 20 Gisele Oakes
- 21 Valeri Morris
- 26 Deb Merrill
- 27 Mary Maroone

Sunshine and Shadows

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



Sunshine

We are moving **Roxy Gross** up to sunshine! She has had the shoulder surgery and doing well. Will be in the sling until end of Sept and then set up rehab to get the shoulder moving again.

Mary Ann has had some adjustments to shoulder and is doing well.

Shadows

Have not heard of any shadows this month. Yeah!

*Karletta Pruszyński Membership Officer
August Meeting*

Membership total: 96 (2 new members)

Community Service hours (August): 893.75

Community service hours (2023 total): 5687.7. Goal 10,000.

**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!

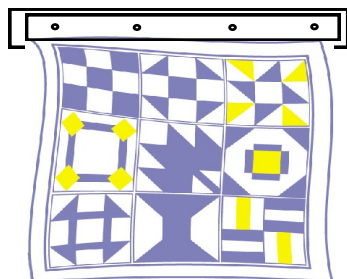
If you find the you cannot use the donated gift card, you might try to offer it to another member who lives closer to the shop.

And always thank the Quilt Shops for their generous gifts to our Guild.

- Downtown Dry Goods, McKinney, TX
- Fabric Fanatics, Plano, TX
- Fabrics 4 You, Seagoville, TX
- Quilt Asylum, Denison, Tx
- Quilt Country, Lewisville, TX
- The Old Craft Store, Carrollton, TX
- Urban Spools, Dallas

Cynthia Kullberg & Malinda Krzyzanowski

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

McKinney Quilter's Guild: 2023 Officers

President: Kathy Chambliss (new email address in next newsletter)	214-395-2154
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2023 Committees and Chairpersons

Block of the Month-Roxy Gross/Bertie Ferrell

Christmas Luncheon-Sara Lindsay

De-Stash Your Stash Jean Ann Clarke-Chair, w/Melissa Hoffman, & Deb Merrill.

Sweets & Salads- Mary Marrone, Chair & Suzanne Powell helping

Door Prizes- Cynthia Kullberg and Malinda Krzyzanowski

Education -Lisa Terry

Facilities - Guild Member

Friendship Blocks - Mary Ann Baltzer/Bertie Ferrell

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

Membership - Karletta Pruszynski

Newsletter, Publicity and Yearbook/Directory - Sharon Wilhelm

Operation Quilted Comfort/Veterans
Sharon Wilhelm/Gisele Oakes

Photographer - Donna Mikesch/Annalee Smith

Programs, Workshops, & Facilities
Suzan Crocker -Chairperson

Project Linus - Elaine Henry

Raffle Quilt 2023 - Elaine Henry & Comm.

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

Retreat/Fall - Stitchin' Heaven, Quitman, Tx Suzan Crocker - Chairperson

Retreat/ Day - Open

Ryan's Case for Smiles - Carolyn Kerr

Sunshine and Shadows - Lonetta Ingram/Betsy Whiteman

UFO Projects - Candy Koharchik/Bertie Ferrell

Ways and Means - Officers

Website Bonnie Landon

FALL RETREAT

Ladies it's almost time for the retreat. Don't forget to pack your comfy pj's, more projects than you will get to, giggles and jokes and come have fun!

There will be a table for snacks to share and a bones table.

STITCHIN' HEAVEN
 321 Richards Street
 Quitman, Tx 75783
 903-760-7397
 469-964-4566 Suzan

September 27th – October 1st
 Check in is at Noon

UFO's? Me Too!

Just a reminder that you may text or email me with pictures of your finished quilting tasks (piecing, cutting material, binding, etc). You don't have to wait until the end of the month or the end of the year. However, if you want a chance at a gift certificate, you do have to participate. I will not be at September's meeting, so if you have items ready this month, please text or email. Thanks,

Candy Koharchik

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*Quilting is my
 Therapy!*

Operation Quilted Comfort for the Veterans

Gathering all patriotic quilts to get a count. Please bring all the blocks you have made no matter the month. Any quilts that are out need to bring in September & October meetings to get them quilted. The September BOM's are coming in. We have the settings designed and sashing, corner squares, borders and binding already cut and kitted. We just need the blocks for setting the rest. We will have some kits available at the meeting and will be taking the balance to the retreat to finish up. Come check out our table. Right now we only have 31 quilts finished. We are shooting for 70-80. Delivery November. Sharon and Gisele

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

Advertising Rates

Business Card (3 1/2" x 2")	\$ 6.00/month or \$12.00/quarter (3 consecutive mos.)
Quarter Page (4 1/4" x 5 1/2")	\$10.00/month or \$24.00/quarter (3 consecutive mos.)
Half Page(5 1/2" x 8 1/2")	\$15.00/month or \$36.00/quarter (3 consecutive mos)

Format: Microsoft Publisher or Word, PDF or JPEG.

Contact the Newsletter Editor Sharon Wilhelm 972-424-7791 or sharonwilhelm@tx.rr.com

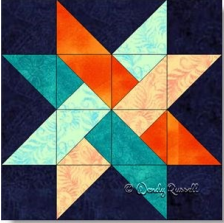


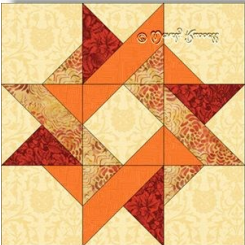
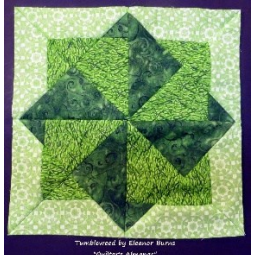
Payment to McKinney Quilters Guild and Mail to Sharon Wilhelm, 1809 Midcrest Dr, Plano, Tx 75075

Our Block of the Month Program

September will be the last star block pattern for our patriotic quilt tops for the Block of the Month program, 2023. It looks like we are on our way to about a dozen quilt tops to hand over to our Veterans Program. Way to go!

September Block of the Month: Quilter's Choice

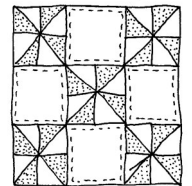
There is a wide variety of 12 1/2" unfinished (12" finished) star quilt blocks available online. Take a look at some of the ones listed below or find one that appeals to you or remake one of the other months' patterns.

<p>Woven star: www.patchworksquare.com</p>	<p>Triangle Star www.diaryofaquilter.com</p>	<p>Fireworks Star www.wombatquilts.com</p>
		
<p>Entwined Star www.patchworksquare.com</p>	<p>Tumbleweed Eleanor Burns www.pinterest.com pin/290341507209329930/</p>	<p>Sunshine Texas Star www.pinterest.com</p>
		

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has participated this year. Your help in completing the 9 BOMs is greatly appreciated. Happy sewing, Roxy

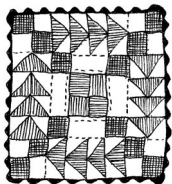
May Mini Madness 2024

We are bringing back May Mini Madness Silent Auction in 2024. It is never too early to go through your mini-quilts stack. Spruce up those class workshop samples to set aside in preparation for our auction which is a big fund raiser for our guild.



As in past years, quilts should be no larger than 36" on any side (but an inch or two larger won't mean we won't accept it!) We just want to keep them small-to-miniature in size. Quilts should have a hanging sleeve and label with the maker's name and year.

Keep gift-giving in mind while bidding during the auction. A handmade gift is the best kind! This is a major fund-raiser for the guild and we need everyone's help to make it successful.

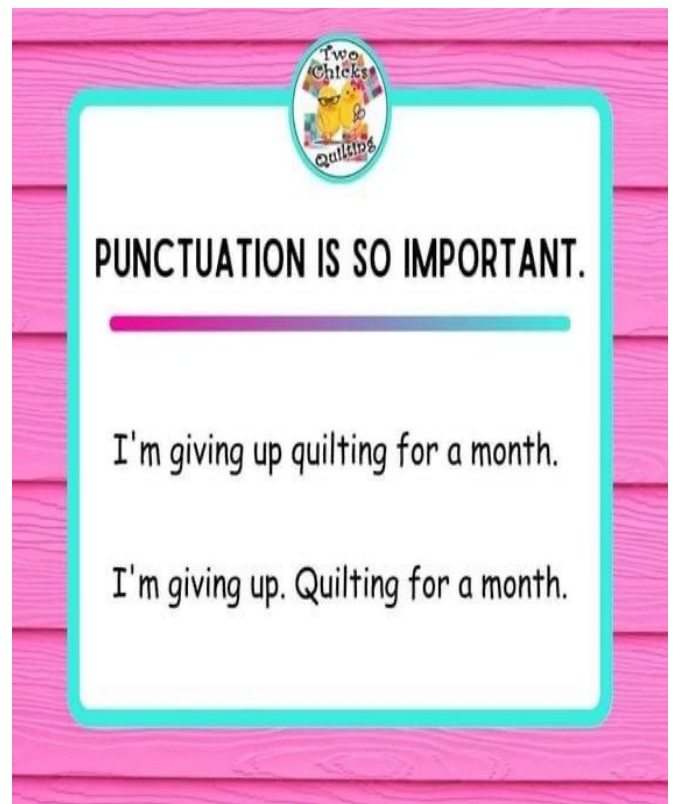


Don't forget to invite your friends for the Silent Auction. We will provide you with invitations you can carry with you as an invitation to come. More information coming.

A committee is forming and we will need helpers. Contact a Officer if you are interested.

Things to Remember to Bring

- *Keep a list of your volunteer hours to turn in at the September Meeting to help reach our Goal of 10,000 hours for 2023.*
- Meet and sit by one of our new members in case they have questions.
- Turn in your **pillowcases** for Ryan's Case For Smiles to Carolyn Kerr.
- **Lonetta Ingram—September Greeter**
- Bring any of your 2023 Blocks of the Month red, white and blue for Veteran Quilts.
- If you have any of your previous BOM's done, please bring them also.
- Don't forget to bring your Show and Tell Quilts.
- Bring in your Veteran quilts and pick up another kit to finish by the Oct Meeting.



Project Linus

2023 MYSTERY QUILT CHALLENGE THE A-MAZE-ING TYLER!

REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, AUGUST 21!

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It's TIME!!! The 2023 Project Linus Mystery Quilt Challenge - "The A-MAZE-ING Tyler" - registration is currently open! You'll receive 8 weeks of clues, instructions, and videos and in the end you will have a beautiful quilt! The Registration fee is a \$20 donation to Project Linus (be sure to include the name of your local chapter so the ENTIRE donation stays local). When signing up, please remember to put our chapter name (Collin, Cooke, Grayson, Rockwall Counties) and put Regina Forthman as the coordinator name. This will give our chapter your donation for this mystery quilt pattern.

To register, go to www.projectlinus.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Mystery Challenge. Thank you!!!

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