McKinney Quilter's Guild

# The Quilting Times

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From our President,

Thank you all who came to the October meeting and purchased fabric leftover from the spring sale. It really helps our guild to continue offering great programs.

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting. Fall will be the perfect time as the weather cools off to get more sewing done. Happy Fall, hope everyone was able to have fun on Halloween.

Happy quilting, Gisele

## November 17th Guild Meeting Program



Jean Johnson is a retired Registered Nurse whose specialty was surgery. She is married with one son, Jordan. Jean has been quilting since 1989. She has a Great love for reproduction quilts. When she is not working on reproduction quilts, she works on quilts made with African fabrics. She loves the bright and colorful fabrics. Jean uses African fabrics in many traditional quilts.

*You are invited to Our Traditional*

*Holiday Luncheon*

*Tuesday, December 15 1:00 – 3:00 pm*

*At First Christian Church McKinney, 1800 W Hunt St*

*Discipleship Center, McKinney, Texas*

*It is a well know fact that most quilters are also excellent cooks and this time is one that allows us to share some of our specialties! We have divided the choices up by your "Birthday Month" as we do for our regular meetings.*

*Main Entrée provided by the Guild*

*Sides, Salads or Appetizers January-September Birthdays*

*Desserts October, November & December Birthdays*

*Questions or requests contact:*

*Mary Marrone-469-450-3356 Valerie Mietus-847-494-5758*

**Next Meeting**
**November 17, 2026**

**Doors Open 12:00**
**Meeting 1:00–3:30**

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

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**Minutes of the McKinney Quilters Guild Meeting held on October 20, 2026, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in McKinney**

Beth Smietana called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm and welcomed all members and visitors. There were no additions or corrections to the Treasurer's report or the September minutes.

Beth then presented the candidates for the 2027-28 board. They are Roxy Gross and Bonnie Landon as co-presidents; Lillian Hughes as vice president; Karletta Pruszynski and Rose Dewald as co-secretaries; Debbie Evans for membership; and Jeannie Neckar for education. We will vote on the board members in November.

Ronnie Stone reported that we have 110 members with 48 members present and 2 visitors.

Committee chairs gave their reports:

Sharon Wilhelm—Operation Quilted Comfort—126 quilts were delivered in May with 68 more to deliver. Also, Malinda Krzyzanowski made two quilts and matching pillowcases (and 3 large bags) with fabric donated by Lilly Golondzinier that were put up for raffle. The drawing was held at the end of the meeting, and we made $253 on the raffle.

Betsy Whiteman gave the Sunshine and Shadows report

Carolyn Kerr—Ryan's Case for Smiles

Jean Ann Clarke —Hope Women's Center

Jeannie Neckar—Education—The November education demo will be by Bonnie Landon who will demonstrate faced bindings.

Kathy Chambliss—Direction 61:3

Pauline Garrett: Meals on Wheels—Harvest boxes and Santa bags—Please donate items (see the list) then the MOW staff will create the Santa bags.

Beth talked about the November speaker, Jean Johnson, who will speak about using African fabrics. There will be no workshop.

Beth introduced several of our prize-winning quilters and a few of their quilts. Each quilter gave a brief explanation of their quilt/quilts. Quilters were Jeannie Neckar, Suzan Crocker and Carolyn Kerr, Lorraine Brown, and Candy Koharchik. The Needle in the Haystack prize was drawn and announced.

Julie Cadenhead gave instructions for today's quilted gifts and fabric sale, then the sale was opened (to everyone's delight!) The meeting was then adjourned for people to shop.
--Debbie Evans, Secretary

| **TREASURER'S REPORT** | October 2026 |
|---|---|
| Beginning Balance | $18,768.70 |
| Deposits | $ 242.50 |
| Distributions | -$ 297.50 |
| Ending Balance | $18,713.07 |

Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer
11/4/2026 jacaden99@gmail.com

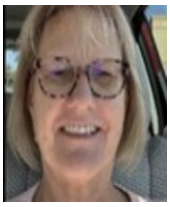
## McKinney Quilters Guild 2027 Officers

Co-Presidents-Bonnie Landon & Roxy Gross
Vice President- Lillian Hughes
Co-Secretary-Karletta Pruszynski &Rose Dewald
Treasurer – Julie Cadenhead
Membership-Debbie Evans
Education Officer – Jeannie Neckar
Information Officer-Sharon Wilhelm


President Gisele Oakes


Vice President Beth Smietana


Treasurer Julie Cadenhead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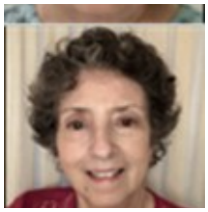
Membership Ronnie Stone


Info Officer SharonWilhelm


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 | |
|---|---|
| President: Gisele Oakes<br>mckinneyquiltersguild@gmail.com | C/817-966-8445 |
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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

## Patriotic - Operation Quilted Comfort

We have made our last delivery for this year and thought you might like to see what you have accomplished. Check out the website under Community Service. Sharon, Malinda, & Marti

## DeStash Sale- April 10th 2027

Our next DeStash will be at Not Your Mama's! I will start collecting material at the February and March Meeting. A great chance to clean up your sewing room when it cools off😉.

Late March and early April you can drop off at my house. If you have odds and ends from a project that are big enough to be use you can put in a bag (Like all blue etc.) But the bigger the pieces and yardages are the best!! Please NO BOOKS or patterns! But quilt Rulers etc. are great! Jean Ann Clarke

## November 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
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.**

## Committee Chairs Needed!

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

### Advertising Rates

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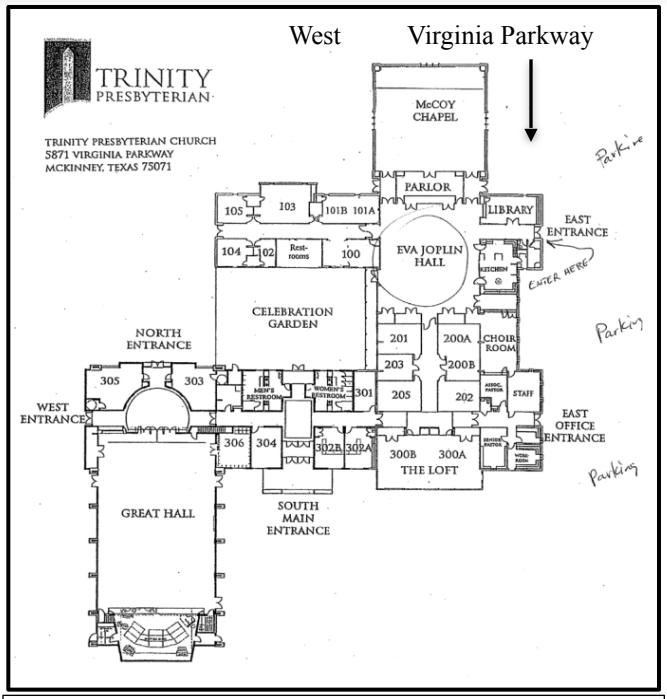
## Membership Volunteer Service Hours

We're getting there! As of November 1, our 110 members have recorded 13,442 service hours. It looks promising that we will surpass last year's total of 15,030. Thanks to all who remembered to keep track of their sewing time. Ronnie Stone

Missed the last meeting? You can see the amazing Show and Tell quilts on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ httpwww.mckinneyquiltersguild.net

We also have a photo gallery of the Operation Quilted Comfort quilts made by our generous and talented members on our website. Check them out at https://www.mckinneyquiltersguild.net/community-service (Swipe left or right to see all of the beautiful quilts.)




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.

## Sunshine and Shadows



Listed are a few of our members that are needing prayers to get though their health problems.

**Lonetta Ingram** had a knee surgery, and is home on a pic line due to infection and now has pneumonia. Praying this soon will all turn around.

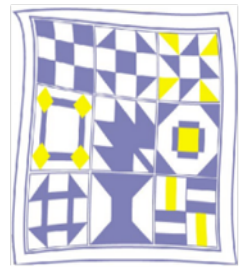
**Betsy Whiteman** had a cyst removed and Moh surgery on her lower eyelid and is home recovering.

**Roxanne Garrett** is now back on her feet and doing well.

**Pauline Garrett** has had surgery and back to the doctor to see what the next steps are.

**Roxy Gross** is recovering from her shoulder repair and still doing her own rehab several times a week.

Quilt Hangers



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Loren & Sharon Wilhelm

## Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving!!! As we celebrate the season, maybe it's time to make a list of what we are thankful for.

1. Family
2. Quilting Friends
3. Our Country
4. Our gifted talents
5. Our giving hearts

Make your list and share with your family.

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

## "Hope" Women's Center"

**Our New Community Service Project**

***Hope Women's Center***- The new mothers love getting to choose the quilts that we make for them. They can be regular baby quilts or crocheted. They also will enjoy baby bibs. Thank you all so much for your donations. -Jean Ann Clarke

## 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. The Cuddle Bug Boutique is where we could partner with them.
Jean Ann Clark

## Project ♥ Linus

Thanks for all the finished quilts, tops, fleece and yarn donations.
You are invited the third Saturday of November (21st), from 9:00-2:00 for a fun day of making blankets themed "All Creatures Great & Small" for kids. We will not meet the third Saturday in December.

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (November 10th & December 8th) 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 1985S 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. Project Linus quilt kits may also be picked up and completed to return to Linda's Quilters in McKinney. 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 Darringan Co-Chair

Ryan's CASE for SMILES
Formerly ConKerr Cancer

Ryan's CaseforSmiles – Our national goal was to sew 40,000 pillow-cases during September in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Thanks to all the generosity and hard work the goal was exceeded with a total of 50,648!!! Each pillowcase represents a child, a little comfort, and a whole lot of love and support during an incredibly difficult time. Thank you to each quilter that helped make this happen!
Carolyn Kerr

Meals on Wheels
COLLIN COUNTY
We Deliver Hope

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



It is the time of the year for the Meals On Wheels Santa bags. They are doing things different this year.

This year they are asking for a list of items instead of individual wish lists. They have ordered Meals on Wheels labeled bags and asking for the following donations. Items will be picked up at the November meeting.

Soft fleece, throw blanket or quilt, Cozy nonslip socks, Holiday mug, Hot chocolate, tea, or coffee packets,
Individual wrapped cookies or crackers, Large print Word Search or crossword puzzle books, Pens or mechanical pencils, Travel size hand lotion and lip balm, Christmas ornaments or a festive decorations, Personalized Christmas cards.

There will be a donation jar on the table, if you prefer to give a donation for them to buy the products.

They are also looking for volunteers to help pack the bags and deliver the bags. I do not know the packing date, but the delivery date is currently scheduled for December 19. If you're interested in volunteering, please call Meals On Wheels at 972-562-6996.

Thank you SEW much for your generosity. Pauline

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**What To Bring In November**

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. Twin Quilts & Pillowcases
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..
4. Remember to bring MOW items for Santa bags.
5. New Members get your picture made or send a head shot to Candy Koharchik or Beth Smietana.
6. Greeter: for November – Joann Sams

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Pinkeystoo.com
Effective May 1st

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

**November**

2. Roxy Gross
5. Carole Murray
6. Margaret Neyman
13. Loren Wilhelm
15. Judy Cozzi
15 Lily Golondzinier
17 Lisa Terry
22. Carol Surrells
25. Jeannie Neckar

Please bring a Snack

December Birthdays

| | |
|---|---|
| 5 | Mary Shannon |
| 6 | Jane Coleman |
| 7 | Jill Isakson |
| 8 | Barbara Smith |
| 8 | Peggy Burrell |
| 10 | Jessica Hanley |
| 11 | Annalee Smith |
| 14 | Paula Washler |
| 15 | Cynde Quinn |
| 18 | Joe Henry |
| 23 | Lonetta Ingram |
| 25 | Annette Fuller |
| 25 | Judy Quintus |
| 28 | Karen King |
| 28 | Malinda Krzyznowski |

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## McKinney Quilters Guild — Membership Form 2027

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

| I am a | |
|---|---|
| | New Member |
| | Returning Member |
| | Please update my info |

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Birthday (Month & Day): _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Contact Phone # _____

Receive Newsletter by: Mail Email

I consent to publish my name and picture in Directory and on Members Only page of the website: YES NO

Dues for one year membership are $35.00 and are due January 1st. Family dues are $35.00 + $10.00 per additional person who resides at the same address. Dues paid after September 1st are $17.50.

Submit your membership dues (check or cash) with this form at one of our general meetings or send a check (no cash please) payable to McKinney Quilters Guild (MQG) and form to:

**Debbie Evans, 5409 Summit View Dr, McKinney, TX 75071**

The Guild meets the third Tuesday of each month at: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5871 Virginia Pkwy, McKinney. Social time begins at 12pm and the monthly meeting at 1 p.m. See our website for more information about monthly programs and activities: www.McKinneyQuiltersGuild.net.

*You are the most important part of our guild. Please give thought to what committees and projects in which you would like to participate to help support our guild. (Committees are listed below.) Some are one-time opportunities and others are once a month. Contact any Board Member if you have questions or for more information.*

**Please check the committee(s) you would like to volunteer for.**

| Under President | Under Treasurer | Under Secretary | Under Membership |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sunshine & Shadows | Spring/Red Boot Retreat Hillsboro | Block of the Month | Hostesses for refreshments |
| Door Prizes | Fall/Box Car Retreat Aubrey | Friendship Blocks | Greeters |
| | Day Retreats | Community Service – Project Linus | Name Tags |
| **Under Vice President** | Raffle Quilt | Community Service –Ryan's Case for Smiles | New Members & Orientation Committee |
| Programs & Workshops | | Community Service – Operation Quilted Comfort | Yearbook Directory |
| Facilities | **Under Education Officer** | Community Service – Direction 61:3 | |
| Socials | Book Technique Demos | Community Service – Hope Women's Center | |
| Salad Luncheon & Christmas Party | | Community Service – Meals on Wheels | |

**For Treasurer Use Only**

Payment: Check # _____ Amount _____. Date: _____