



# THE QUILTING TIMES



## President's Note, June 2026

Okay, summer is well and truly moving in on us. My objective is to stay cool and keep my head and electrodes cool, hope people will be able to get out of town to cooler places.

Gisele

## Next Meeting June 16, 2026

Doors Open 12:00  
Meeting 1:00-3:30

## No Meeting In July

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

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## Vickie Owens Program June 16, 2026 "Laura Heine Collages"

I've been in love with vintage textiles for as long as I can remember. Both of my grandmothers were quilters, embroiderers, lacemakers, knitters, etc. Throughout the years, I explored and work, but didn't have time for quilting until my first grandchild announced her arrival, nearly 20 years ago!

Once I began that baby quilt I couldn't stop! The variety of quilt design and techniques seemed endless. I favor the traditional quilts of my grandmothers, but I've also made more than a few modern quilts. I am a member of multiple quilt guilds and I've shown quilts in shows from San Antonio to Austin to Dallas and even Houston. In 2023, three of my Laura Heine collage quilts were juried into a special exhibit at the Texas State Quilt Museum. Quilting truly is an art form and I'm honored to represent the legacy of my grandmothers and the future of textile art.

## Wednesday, June, 17th Workshop "A Laura Heine Pattern"

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Time: 10:00 -4:00 Workshop Fee \$30.00

(Supply list provided at the June meeting after signing up.)

\*If you have your own Laura Heine pattern or projects started, you are welcome to bring that to the workshop. \*



May was a busy month for Ryan's Case for Smiles! 61 pillowcases were turned in with 51 coming from the Guild! Thank you for your on-going support! I've unearthed 2 boxes of donated Christmas fabrics so look for Christmas theme kits! Carolyn Kerr

## McKinney Quilter's Guild Meeting Minutes May 19, 2026

Pre-meeting education: Sharon Wilhelm taught about using crayons on quilts.

The meeting was called to order at 1pm by Gisele Oakes, president. She reiterated that we still need shadows for some of the positions on the board.

Sharon Wilhelm shared the Sunshine and Shadows.

Ronnie reported we have 100 members with 57 members present, 4 visitors and 2 new members.

Laura Johnson talked about her newly opened retreat center in Howe called "www.Howe About a Retreat". Check out the details and amenities at [howeaboutaretreat.com](http://howeaboutaretreat.com)

The Frisco Guild was present with their beautiful raffle quilt and tickets to enter the raffle.

Roxy talked about the upcoming Plano Quilt Show (August 14, 15) and encouraged us to volunteer and enter quilts in the show.

Julie Cadenhead talked about the upcoming October minis auction and scrap sale. Please start making minis, placemats, table toppers, etc. for the sale.

Kathy Chambliss talked about Direction 61:3. She read an article from the Allen magazine about the organization's care for those leaving foster care. We make and collect twin-size quilts and pillowcases for the youth in the program.

Reports were given by Sharon (Quilted Comfort) and Barb (Project Linus)

We talked about the fall retreat at Box Car in September--\$424 (\$50 deposit)—25 spots are available.

Sharon talked about finding "the needle in the haystack" in our newsletter.

Beth shared a possible workshop for next year—a Poppins-type bag! Then she introduced our guest speaker, Ann Moore, who gave a wonderful presentation on ruler work quilting and showed many of her beautiful quilts.

Show and tell followed, door prizes were given out, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Debbie Evans, Secretary

### TREASURER'S REPORT May 2026

Beginning Balance	\$24,375.18
Deposits	\$ 810.00
Distributions	<u>-\$ 3,835.99</u>
Ending Balance	\$21,349.19

Scrap Sale at Not Your Mama's Quilt Store  
Red Boot Retreat final and Box Car Deposit for 2026.

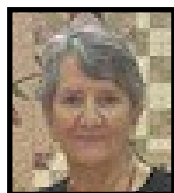
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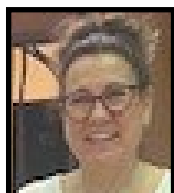
## Sunshine and Shadows

"We want to continue to pray for the members of our guild and their families as they are caring for their needs."

Betsy Whiteman



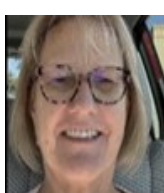
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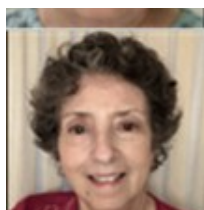
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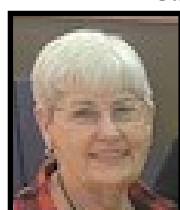
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Ronnie Stone



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Sharon  
Wilhelm



**Education Officer**  
Jeannie Neckar

## 2026 Officers

Committee Chairpersons are published but **still need some volunteers to fill some committees.** →

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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- Hillsbo-  
ro, 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

**April 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
- Not Your Mama’s Quilt Store, Plano
- 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.

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**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.

**WE NEED  
YOU!**



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 To help Beth Smetana VP

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## NEW MEETING LOCATION As Of 2026

Putting in the map and new meeting location at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5871 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Tx 75071 one more month.

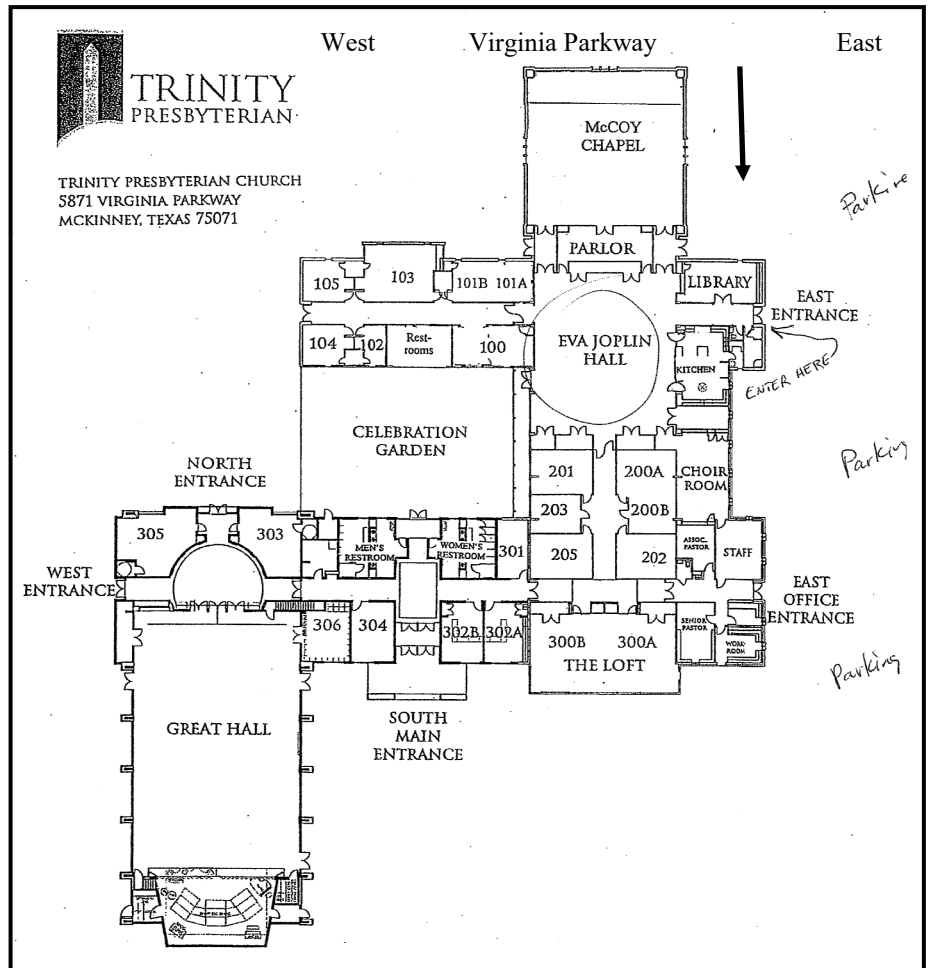
We will have the space from 12:00-3:00 - time to socialize, learn something new at an educational demonstration and enjoy a fun program.

Here's to a great year in 2026.

**Education Committee**  
Jeannie Neckar

Mary Marrone will be demonstrating colored pencils at the June meeting at 12:30. Stop by and give a listen (back left hand corner).

No Meeting  
In July.



Look for this icon located elsewhere in the newsletter. When you find the **Needle in the Haystack**, report where you found it by email to [mckinneyquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:mckinneyquiltersguild@gmail.com), you will be entered into a special drawing at the next guild meeting. The deadline to respond is 6pm the Monday before the meeting.

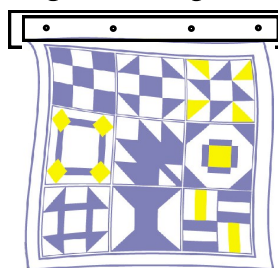
### Membership

We've passed the 100 mark and now have 104 members! Do you have a friend who might be #105? Invite them to our June meeting. **(Remember there's no meeting in July.)**

**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 Hrs!

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Loren & Sharon Wilhelm

## Patriotic Operation Quilted Comfort

Thank you for the yardages of fabrics and batting that has been donated. We now have 126 quilts washed and labeled (5 boxes). In talking with Tina at the Bonham In Take facilities in Bonham, we are able to bring the quilts we have already finished and she will keep some there and distribute them to Garland and Dallas. Thanks to Carol Coster for the roll of batting she donated. THANKS TO ALL for all the contributions in all forms!

Sharon, Malinda, and Marti

### McKinney Quilters Guild Fall Retreat

**September 2-6 Wednesday - Sunday**

**Box Car Ranch Retreat, 3728 Warschun Rd, Aubrey, Tx 76227**

Located on a beautiful working horse ranch in North Texas.

Fall retreat will be held at Box Car Ranch, Wednesday noon to Sunday noon, September 2 thru the 6th for the cost of \$424.00. Food service starts Wednesday evening and goes through Sunday morning. Sign up will occur at the May meeting. Paper work and a \$50 dollar deposit will save a spot for the first 25 people that sign up. The full payment is due by July 31st.

Box Car provides what's called no frills days so you have an opportunity of coming in on Tuesday, September 1st without any food service or staying through Sunday into Monday noon with capabilities of eating leftovers. Either one or both of these days will cost an extra \$80 per day, payable directly to Box Car.

Also, FYI, at Box Car, each person that is in attendance, has their own refrigerator space for personal food items and/or medicine that can be stored.

Massage services can be booked when you get there too.

\$50 for 30 mins

\$80 for 1 hour

\$120 for 90 mins

Looking forward to seeing you at the fall retreat.

Cynthia Weisz For further information: text me or call me (214)325-6152.



## Project ♥ Linus

We are busy cutting Quilt kits to hand out at our booth at Quilt Plano. Be sure to stop by.

In our mission of making blankets to comfort children, we meet the third Saturday of each month (June 20th) for a fun day creating blankets. June's theme is Double the Fun. Lunchtime munchies will be double good.

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (June 9 & July 14th) 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 to hand out at the Plano Quilt show, machine 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.

Elaine Henry Chairperson, Barbara Darrigan Co-Chair

**August 18 Program with Tana Mueller**

**“Texas Designaholic & Stitchless Applique” Lecture**

Tana Mueller is a talented artist, designer, and motivational speaker, with over 30 years of experience, who resides in the Lone Star State of Texas. Drawing inspiration from her childhood experiences of rural country life, she specializes in creating captivating western, country, and wildlife designs that resonate with nostalgia and charm. A pioneer in Stitchless applique, Tana takes traditional craftsmanship to new heights, crafting artistic applique motifs that seamlessly blend artistry and innovation. Her crayon art designs, characterized by a unique blending technique, showcase her extraordinary ability to bring vivid memories to life on fabric.



Beyond her creative endeavors, Tana inspires others through her motivational speaking, sharing her journey and passion for artistry with audiences far and wide. Her work celebrates the spirit of the Texan lifestyle while honoring the beauty of personal memories and imagination. Tana's artistry is a testament to her dedication to preserving the charm of days gone by, one design at a time.

**Wednesday, August 19th Workshop \$40.00**

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church Rm 305

5871 Virginia Parkway, McKinney, Tx 75071

Time: 10:00–4:00

**“Vintage Seeds” Kit** a Bluebonnet Stitch Less Picture Supply list for the class will be handed out after signing up which begins at the July Guild meeting..



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**What To Bring**

1. Remember to bring back the quilts you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts, Ryan's CaseforSmiles Pillow-cases and Directions 61:3.
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 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.
4. New Members get your picture made or send a head shot to Candy Koharchik or Beth Smietana.
5. Greeter: Suzanne Powell

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Tuesday 10am -5pm

Wednesday 10am -5pm

Thursday 10am -5pm

Friday 10am -5pm

Saturday 10am -2pm

**Quilting is my passion ...  
 chocolate comes in a close second.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**June Birthdays**

2 Beth Smietana  
 12 Debbie LeDuc  
 17 Cynthia Kullberg  
 19 Lori Beach  
 21 Cynthia Fisher  
 22 Valerie Mietus  
 23 Kris Kouzelos  
 26 Bonnie Longacre  
 27 Carolyn Kerr

**On your Birthday month  
 please Bring a Snack to  
 share to celebrate!**

**NO MEETING IN JULY**  
**July Happy Birthdays**

1 Jan Robins  
 2 Diane Taylor  
 13 Sharon Wilhelm  
 17 Suzanne Powell  
 23 Mary Binder  
 28 Karletta Pruszynski  
 29 Bonnie Landon  
 30 Barbara Morgan

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