



THE QUILTING TIMES



President's Note,
Thanks to everyone that helped put blocks together for my President quilt. Love the colors and the pattern. I don't know who all contributed but it came together beautifully. Can't wait until the weather turns cool enough to snuggle under the quilt. Thank you to everyone that contributed to making it. Gisele

Guild Meeting -October 20th 12:30—3:00
"Quilted Gifts & Fabric Sale"

There will be tables full of fabrics at 1/2 price, items for sale like table runner, placemats, seasonal items and more. We are asking for more donations of quilted items like placemats, table runners, zipper bags, scissor holders etc. These will all be priced and placed on tables for sale. We will also have Mini Quilts for sale.

The payout methods are cash and Zelle only.

You won't want to miss this meeting!! Thank you, Julie Cadenhead

This event will feature several of our very own quilt show ribbon winners, for your viewing.

We have a mini quilt sale

We have a scrap sale

We have a scissor sharpening service: **Elite Sharpening** will be on hand. Large Fabric scissors are \$15. Small are \$8.00- Cash is preferred, but he accepts Venmo, Zelle, Credit Cards will have an extra 3% fee added in.

If you bring scissors to be sharpened, PLEASE label all your pairs, Name and Phone number. Place them in a zip lock bag ALSO labeled.

Beth Smietana

November Guild Meeting November, Nov 17

Jean Johnson is a retired Registered Nurse whose specialty was surgery. She is a 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.



Next Meeting
October 20, 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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McKinney Quilters Guild Meeting minutes of September 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 12:55pm by Gisele Oakes who welcomed all, asked if any additions or corrections to the Treasurer's report of August Meeting- no changes.

The proposed nomination committee members for 2026 elections/2027 board positions were introduced:

1. Beth Smietana (executive member)
2. Shirley Lane (at large)
3. Deb Merrill (at large)
4. Margaret Neyman (alternate)

Pauline Garrett called a motion to accepted and it was seconded. All in favor and no nays.

Committee reports included the following:

Sharon Wilhelm—Operation Quilted Comfort and newsletter-

A quilt has been made and donated to sell tickets at the October meeting to purchase Vet supplies .

Poly stuffing was donated for Port Pillows- there are kits at the table to be made.

There are 126 quilts to go to the Methodist Hospital and 17 backing needing to be quilted

Betsy Whiteman—Sunshine and Shadows

Carolyn Kerr—Ryan's Case for Smiles- National goal is 40,000 cases

Elaine Henry—Project Linus- there are kits put together to be made

Jean Ann Clarke —Hope Women's Center-

Jeannie Neckar—Education

Kathy Chambliss—Direction 61:3- new facility behind Baylor, took 9 quilts.

They are asking for XL Twin quilts for boys and will accept queen size for house parents.

Asked if the guild would be willing to make Stocking for Christmas- if interested see Kathy Chambliss

Ronnie Stone—Membership report: TL Members 109, Members in attendance 44, Visitors 3, New members 3

New Members were asked to see Candy Koharchik to have your photo taken for the directory.

Julie Cadenhead: October 2026 Scrap Sale and minis sale, Items left over from Not Your Moma's sale will be ½ the listed price for members. Accepting minis donations to add to the sale.

October Meeting will be a short meeting, and sales will start after meeting

Beth Smietana: Upcoming Guild Meetings and workshops

Pauline Garrett- Meals on Wheels- Donation jar, boxes and list is at table for Harvest Boxes

****Brief break**** at 1:25

Beth Smietana: Introduce guest speaker (Allison Bayer) — "Welcome to My Scrappy World"

Show and Tell, Bonnie Landon -Needle in the Haystack prize—Deb Merrill -Door Prizes—

Next Meeting: October 20th—Quilted gifts and fabric sale & In-House Quilt Show

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Nominating Committee Members:

Beth Smietana, Chairperson

Deb Merrill, Shirley Lange, Alternate: Margaret Neyman

The 2027/2028 board positions are all filled. The candidates will be presented and voted on at our November Meeting. They will be sworn into office in December and begin serving in January.

I will ask each candidate for a short bio to be published in our November Newsletter.

V/R, Beth Smietana

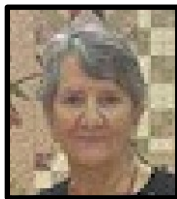
TREASURER'S REPORT September 2026

Beginning Balance	\$27,101.44
Deposits	\$ 378.00
Distributions	<u>-\$ 8,711.37</u>
Ending Balance	\$18,768.70

Report submitted by Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer
10/4/2026 jacaden99@gmail.com

Nominating Committee Offering 2027 Officers

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



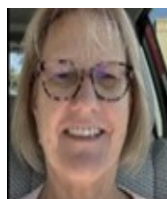
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Gisele Oakes



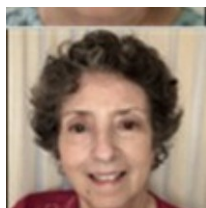
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Beth Smietana



Treasurer
Julie
Cadenhead



Secretary
Debbie Evans



Membership
Ronnie Stone



Info Officer
Sharon Wilhelm



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

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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

September 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.

Patriotic Operation Quilted Comfort

THANKS TO ALL for all the contributions in all forms!

Check out the website
mckinneyquiltersguild.net
Community Service
Operation Quilted Comfort

to see each quilt that has been turned in, photographed and sent to Bonnie Landon to put on the website. We so wanted you to be able to see every one. OUTSTANDING!

Sharon, Malinda, and Marti
Bring what you have finished as I will be bringing my buggy..

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 Smietana VP

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Look for this smaller Icon located elsewhere in the newsletter. When you find the Needle in the Haystack, report where you found it by emailing

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 Report

We have 12,546 service hours reported as of September 15. Thanks to everyone who has remembered to keep track of the time they've spent working on service projects. Don't forget that you can add hours you've donated to other service organizations as long as you don't report them there. Our goal of 15,000 seems very doable at this point. Keep up the good work!

Sunshine and Shadows

Hooray for some cooler weather & blessing of rain. We certainly needed it.



Sorry to share some Shadow news today of the passing of one of our quilting friends.

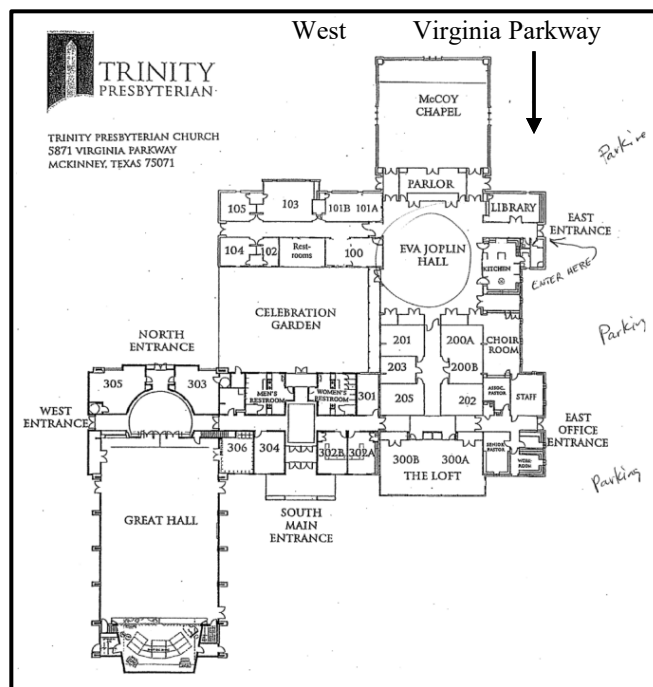
Martha Jones, as she lost her battle with cancer. At one time some years ago, she was a member of our guild. She had moved to Crowley so wasn't active anymore. Funeral is October 22. We don't have any particulars yet on the time.

Betsy Whiteman had a biopsy on a cyst on her left lower eyelid. It came back as basal cell cancer so she will have Mohs surgery to remove the cancer & then reconstruction eyelid surgery on Nov. 5th. I would appreciate your prayers for all to go well & a speedy healing.

Bonnie Longacre's arm is healed but she is having breathing problems. She is doing some sewing.

Lonetta Ingram has had a knee replacement revision. She was kept in hospital due to infection but is home now with a home IV antibiotics, PT but a lot of pain.

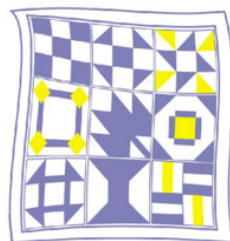
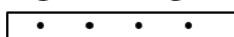
Roxanne Garrett had surgery Oct 6 to repair her heart mitral valve. She will be in the hospital for 3-5 days. Prayers for Pauline Garrett as she is facing surgery. Prayers all Around. Take care, all my quilting buddies. Betsy Whiteman



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.

Quilt Hangers



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"Hope" Women's Center **Our New Community Service Project**

They offer free and confidential pregnancy services so clients can make an informed pregnancy decision. They exist in order to provide the support and needed answers. Everything they do is free and totally confidential. They offer ultrasounds and exams. They counsel women and help them to hopefully keep their babies. They do not do abortions. Their center is donation-based and we believe that everyone should have access to their services.

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, diapers, pacifier clips, new baby clothes, and new stuffed animals. They have told me that the quilts go first, and that the mothers-to-be feel like it becomes more real when they have a baby blanket. The Boutique has new and gently used maternity clothing and items for babies and toddlers. The Cuddle Bug Boutique is where we could partner with them. Jean Ann Clark



Project ♥ Linus

Thanks for all the yarn donations, finished quilts, tops and fleece. You are invited the third Saturday of October (17th), from 9:00-2:00 for a fun day of making blankets "Out of This World".

Project Linus McKinney group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (October 13th & November 17th) 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 1985 FM1138, Royse City, TX. bring your lunch. October 17th is our annual potluck Souper lunch for the sheriff's.

Please take a quilt kit to stitch and return from the Project Linus table at the guild meeting. Each one is a precious comfort creation for a child.

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 Darrigan Co-Chair



Ryan's CASE for SMILES Formerly ConKerr Cancer

Ryan's received 52 completed pillowcases at our September meeting!

Thanks to those retreaters that took home their pillowcases to launder.

I don't have the total September Miles of Smiles count yet as numbers are still coming in nationally. Box Car Quilts Shop are once again

sponsoring Ryan's Pillowcases for the month of November into early December!!!!

Due to our October sale, I won't have kits available this month at Guild

but can take completed kits!! Carolyn Kerr

Operation Quilted Comfort for the Veterans at Bonham U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs

With a Gift of a Quilt Kit from Lily Golondzinier, Malinda K pieced and quilted 2 Quilts and 3 Bags from this one Kit. We are giving you a chance to win one of these quilts for \$1.00 a Ticket or 6 Tickets for \$5.00.

Just drop you extra part of the ticket into the box for the quilt you would like to win. All proceeds with go to support the needs of Operation Quilted Comfort. Thank you so much for all you do for the Veterans. Sharon, Malinda, Marti, and Lily Golondzinier.
Best Ever Quilters



Meals on Wheels
COLLIN COUNTY
We Deliver Hope



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

Fall Harvest Boxes Time!

Thank you to everyone who gave donations to the MOW Harvest Boxes. I was able to completely fill 3 more boxes. There is still time to donate request items or monetarily give at the next meeting. I will also take any donations of placemats, potholders, word puzzle books, etc. to put in the Harvest Boxes.

Thank you, we have such generous givers in our guild. Blessing to each of you. Pauline Garrett

MOW will have a representative at the Oct meeting for the Christmas Angels. They are doing things differently this year. They are just asking for donations of the listed items to be brought to our November meeting. They will have volunteers to pack up the bags which MOW will be ordering. All Santa Bags will be the same. They will also need volunteers to pack bags up (date to be determined) and volunteers to deliver bags on December 19th.



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Pinkeystoo.com

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Sunday - Monday Closed

Tuesday 10am -5pm

Wednesday 10am -5pm

Thursday 10am -5pm

Friday 10am -5pm

Saturday 10am -2pm

What To Bring In October

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 Qlts & 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. 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. NO SHOW AND TELL IN OCTOBER.
6. Greeter: for October Sara Lindsay

Happy October Birthdays

- 2 Diane Sharp
- 3 Toni Selby
- 5 Rose Dewalt
- 8 Karee Soward
- 9 Jean Ann Clarke
- 15 Suzan Crocker
- 20 Gisele Oakes
- 22 Shirley Lane
- 26 Deb Merrill
- 27 Mary Marrone

Bring a
Snack Please

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

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