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From The President's Stash

Happy Holidays,

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way. I hope everyone is planning to jingle their way to our Holiday Bash Dec. 7. Lisa Hart, Holiday Bash chair, has planned a terrific, fun filled evening. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, wear a holiday hat and/or face mask, and be prepared to laugh away the evening. This will also be our annual meeting where we vote on candidates for the guild's board for 2022.

Sharon Castillo has sent emails to you all requesting stocking stuffers for our many clients. Our wish is to fulfill our clients dreams for a very merry holiday. If you have anything from the lists that you would like to donate, please bring it to the holiday bash. Stockings will be filled after the Bash. Many of you are starting, in the middle of, or completing your holiday shopping. Please remember to sign up and use Amazon Smile on your Amazon orders. There is information further back in the newsletter about how to do this. Every penny helps us provide speakers to our guild and quilts to our clients.

I wish everyone a safe and peaceful season with family and friends.

Janet Winkler

Welcome to all Members!! Many of you put in volunteer hours each month but cannot always make a guild meeting, just email me at the guild's email address {tricountyguild@gmail.com} and let me know your hours so I can include those in our monthly report. Also, please...when signing in for the guild meeting, give yourself two (2) hours credit for participation plus any volunteer hours you have accumulated. **Becky Burkett**

Meetings begin promptly at 7pm, so we can adjourn on time. The front doors will be closed at 6:55, and the members will be asked to take their seats. This will allow the various committee heads & board members to get into the meeting on time. Come early so you have time to sign in, check out any raffles or upcoming workshops, visit the magazines, etc.

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November B OM

Meetings

Fairfield Baptist Church
27240 Highway 290
Cypress, Texas
On 290 westbound between Mueschke and Mason Roads
1st Tuesday of the month,
7pm-9pm
tricountyguild@gmail.com







Notice

Fairfield Baptist Church no longer sponsors Open Gym. This is the program that you supported by bringing non-perishable food items to our meetings. Thank you for your past donations. We ask that you discontinue bringing items to the meetings. We will let you know if this changes at some point in the future.

Smile for Your Guild

Did you know that you can help our guild everytime you shop with Amazon? Just make Tri-County Quilt Guild your designated charity and our guild receives a percentage of the amount you spend with Amazon. What's even better is that it is so easy to do.

Here's how:

To set up an Amazon Smile Account to contribute to Tri-County

1. Visit [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Choose Tri-County Quilt Guild
4. Select our charity
5. Start shopping

Amazon shopping app

1. Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app
2. Make sure you've signed up for AmazonSmile
4. Do load or update the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app for iOS or Android.
5. Open the app and find "Settings" in the main menu
6. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile in the app.





December 7—Holiday Bash

The 2021 Holiday Bash will take place on Tuesday, December 7th during our regular meeting time. We are gearing up for a fun filled evening with friends, food and fellowship. Instead of the larger potluck meal that we have done in the past, we have transitioned to a more simple format. We will be bringing easy to serve appetizers and desserts and will have the food tables set up around the perimeter of the big meeting room. We will have tables set up for seating near the stage area, as usual. Just show up the night of the bash with your choice of item. We are still in need of volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Set up volunteers are needed starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Education Building--that is the two story building behind the sanctuary where we regularly meet. The Holiday Bash will be held on the second floor of that building and we will have guild members on hand to help you find the big meeting room. Please contact Lisa Hart with questions or to sign up to volunteer that night.

If you would like to participate in a two part event, please bring a half yard of a good quality batik fabric, or you could bring two fat quarters--they do not have to be the same print. This is totally optional, but it will be exciting and the remaining details will be explained at the Holiday Bash. If you choose to participate, just bring the batik fabric to Lisa up near the stage on the night of the bash.

There is still time for you to work on a festive holiday hat and even a Christmas theme or other holiday mask if you would like. We always enjoy seeing everyone's holiday creations at the Holiday Bash.

Lisa Hart





January 4, 2022

Speaker— Minay Sirois



IT'S MY PANEL (AND I'LL TRY IF I WANT TO)

By MINAY SIROIS

You have the panel, now what do you do with it? January's program "It's My Panel (and I'll Try if I Want to)" will look at the various types of panels available such as single border prints, large panels and multiple block panels. A show and tell will explore the various ways to use panels including quilts, bed runners, bell pulls and bags. Minay will also share her tips and tricks for working with these wonderful fabric works of art.

January 5, 2022—Workshop

PANEL CLASS SUPPLY LIST

The class will begin with a demonstration of a couple techniques I have found very useful as well as a tutorial on how to make a pieced border fit your panel. The second part of the class will be a discussion and brainstorming session on how to use the panels you bring with you. Layouts will be explored and discussed and several handouts will be provided for future use.

Supplies: Please bring the panel or panels you are wanting to use along with support fabrics you may have already chosen.

Bio for Minay Sirois

Minay Sirois has been quilting for over 40 years ... and has the fabric stash to prove it. She has worked in quilting as a shop clerk, a quilting teacher and most recently as a pattern designer for Black Cat Creations. Asked to describe her style Minay will say "Everything, so long as it involves fabric and color! Modern, Asian, antique recreation, it's all good!"

Coming in February— "Using Antique linens in your Quilts" by Rhonda Dort

Char Peterson

Program Chair



2022 Kaleidoscope of Colors

Greetings everyone!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and hopefully sewing lots of beautiful quilts! We are down to the final weeks of accepting quilt entries for our show. I've had quite a few entries come in already which is so encouraging, and I want to take the time to thank each of you for bearing with us as we work through a new way of entering quilts this year. Until we actually received the first few in, I was almost literally holding my breath, hoping it would work as expected and I'm excited to say that the feedback we've received by switching to an online system has been overwhelmingly positive.

I wanted to highlight a few key items and hopefully answer some questions that I've received a few times. If you have any questions in the meantime, please by all means don't hesitate to ask.

- The deadline to enter quilts is Tuesday, December 7th at midnight local time.
- In order to enter a quilt, you do need to be a paid member.
- The cost is \$6 per quilt entry.
- If you don't know the password, please send a request via the website at https://tricountyquilt_guild.org/quilt-show-3/quilt-entry-password/
A direct link to the quilt entry is <https://tricountyquiltguild.org/quilt-show/quilt-show-entry-form/>.
- Please attach either a picture of your quilt, the quilt pattern, or plan to bring 2 copies of the completed quilt with you to quilt intake in March. We use the pictures to be able to identify it as yours in the extremely unlikely event that the label would get separated from the quilt so we can get it back to its owner.
- The quilt label does need to include your name at a minimum and it must be covered up so that the judge can't see who made the quilt (in the unlikely event they know you).



2022 Kaleidoscope of Colors

- You absolutely do not need to have the quilt completed yet. If you don't have it done until early March, that's fine by me (although that would personally stress me out, I digress). If it's still barely started or even in the planning stages, that is totally fine to go ahead and enter it into the show now. If you haven't started a quilt yet but would like to do so, keep in mind we have some categories outside of large, traditional quilts which may appeal to you. We have hand-embroidered quilts, there is an art quilt category, 2 challenge quilts - a kaleidoscope of colors and the pandemic, and there's even a mini quilt category.

And...we still have open spaces for vendors so if you have a business of your own or know someone who does, I would love to hear from them. It can be quilting or sewing-related...or not at all. The cost of each booth is \$300 and our estimated foot traffic from previous shows has ranged from 1500-1800 people which are the most common questions I've had about vendors.

Thanks so much for helping to support the guild and our mission. There is a direct link from your participation to helping our community. More quilt entries mean more opportunities for each of you to invite your friends and family to come to the quilt show. The funds we receive from the show are our primary source of funding for the 2 main areas of our quilt guild - education (through invited speakers) and helping our community as a non-profit organization (through charity bee). Thank you so much for being part of a group that gives so much back through your time, talent, and resources!

Barbara Boone & Debbie Kelton

Quilt Show Chairs



Cypress Crossing Christian Church
15751 Cypress Rosehill Rd, Cypress, TX 77429
9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Sharon Castillo – 713.828.0861

Quilters' Treasure Aisle Needs

FINALLY, the fabric to be sold during the Tri-County Quilt Show has been cut and is ready to be packaged, labeled and priced. As promised, or threatened, there is approximately 1,000 pieces.

I will need about 6 people to accomplish this feat and have expectations it will take about 6 weeks to get everything completed.

The first workshop will be on Tuesday January 11th at Cypress Crossing Christian Church (address is listed at the top of this page) from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We will be meeting every week for 6 weeks. If you can join us, please email me at

sharonfcastillo@gmail.com or call/text me at 713.828.0861

If you have already notified me that you want to help, please text or email me again to be sure I have your information. Also, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.



Enjoy time completing
previous Blocks of the
Month!



Notification of Annual Guild Meeting

The annual meeting of Tri-County Quilt Guild will be December 7, 2021 at 7:00pm. Election of 2022 Officers will be held and we will celebrate with our Holiday Bash. Please plan to attend.

December Birthdays, Special Events, Recognitions, Sympathies

Barbara	Pavlas	01 Dec
Cheri	Blocker	02 Dec
David	Blocker	02 Dec
Debbie	Hunter	04 Dec
Joynell	Jones	05 Dec
Carol	Maloney	06 Dec
Mary	Brownlee	08 Dec
Kathy	Stoddard	08 Dec
Lucy	Supler	10 Dec
Tiffany	Engle	12 Dec

Mary (Lynn)	Kimzey	12 Dec
Janet	Megason	12 Dec
Catherine	Green	13 Dec
Carol	Johnson	14 Dec
Debra	Becker	15 Dec
Carol	Westbrook	15 Dec
Cynthia	Blossom	18 Dec
Jeannette	Medus	18 Dec
Mariaha	Pedder	18 Dec
Janice	Toler	19 Dec
Marilyn	Barnes	23 Dec



Betsy	Andjelich	24 Dec
Sue	Baack	24 Dec
Denise	Hardcastle	26 Dec
Char	Peterson	28 Dec
Diane	Dillon	29 Dec
Rae	Brode	30 Dec
Brenda	Halbardier	30 Dec



Date	February 18-19, 2022
Theme	Hearth & Home Quilt Show
Location	Brenham, TX
More Information	https://friendshipquiltguild.weebly.com/2022-quilt-show.html
Date	February 18-19, 2022
Theme	Hill Country Quilt Guild Special Winter Show
Location	Kerville, TX
More Information	http://www.hillcountryquiltguild.com/
Date	February 25-26, 2022
Theme	Colorado Valley Quilt Guild 'The Best Little Quilt Show in Texas'
Location	KC Community Center 190 S Brown St, La Grange, TX
More Information	https://www.coloradovalleyqg.com/
Date	March 4-6, 2022
Theme	Tri County Quilt Guild <i>Kaleidoscope of Colors</i>
Location	The Berry Center
More Information	https://tricountyquiltguild.org/



Charmaine Fritchey
Queen Bee

Tri-County's Fabulous Bees

Remember: you must be a paid member to participate in our Bees.



Our Bees create a strong sense of a quilting community within the guild. Consider becoming a Beekeeper! Organize your bee, find a location, contact Queen Bee Charmaine Fritchey to let her know, and go from there! If your bee does something unique, contact Janice Toler so she can recognize your bee in the newsletter.



BEE Czars: Meets the 3rd Monday from 5PM-8PM at Quilters Crossing. We choose projects as a group or work on our UFO's. We usually go on two retreats a year. If you are interested in joining this be please call to be put on a waiting list.

Ann Keilers 832-515-1081 or Marian Page 281-797-3014.



Day Strippers: Barbara Clark, BeeKeeper. bclark448@gmail.com Daystrippers is the only bee that has been with TCQG since its beginning. It meets at Cypress Crossing Christian Church on the second Friday of each month from 10 - 2. They work on personal projects and occasionally go on retreats and to quilt shows together. There are currently no openings in this bee. However, you can contact beekeeper, Barbara Clark to be put on a waiting list. New members have been moving in through the list!



Quilter's Dozen: Charmaine Fritchey Beekeeper. cfritchey@gmail.com. Meets the 2nd Thursday at Quilters Crossing from 10-2:30. We have great times together! We have openings for 3 members.



We Bee Quilters: Nancy Terlikoski Co Beekeeper. Nancy_terlikoski@sbcglobal.net. Sarah Ballard, Co beekeeper— mballard11@comcast.net Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at Quilters Crossing from 1-4 PM. This bee is a group of quilters who just want to enjoy spending time doing what we love with fellow quilters. We work on our own projects, group projects, exchanges. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome!



Charity Bee meets the 4th Wednesday at Cypress Crossing Christian Church
from 9:30am to 2:30pm.

Cypress Crossing Christian Church
15751 Cypress Rosehill Rd, Cypress, TX 77429

Sharon Castillo – 713.828.0861

Ongoing needs for Charity Bee....

- Flannel yardage for the HUGS we donate.
- Blending fabric for BOM (white, white-on-white, beige, etc.)
- New standard size for our baby quilts (minimum 36"x36" square to lap quilt size.)
- Men's quilts; both tops and finished quilts.
- All fabric must be returned from a quilt bundle (finished quilt and all scraps)
- Please include a seven inch square of backing fabric attached to a donated finished quilt.

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

We will be collecting stocking stuffers at the Christmas Bash and will continue through Wednesday, the following day at Cypress Crossing Christian Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

From the Charity Bee Team!!

Stocking stuffers - Examples of things to bring: manicure sets, hygiene items (shampoo, deodorant, body wash, shaving cream, disposable razors, toothbrushes/toothpaste, mouthwash, body soap, dental floss, brushes and combs, nail polish, hand sanitizer, chap stick, makeup kits, etc.) Colorful socks and underlings, barrettes, bows, etc. for girls' hair. All hygiene items, including socks and underlings, must be in their original packages. Note pads, journals, pens and pencils, craft supplies, puzzles, playing cards, card games, movies, crayons, flashlights, storybooks, coloring books, crossword puzzle books, sudoku books.



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Kenmar Residential Services (formerly Bethesda Lutheran)

The residents at Kenmar Residential have sent their Christmas wish list: Lots to choose from!

- Construction paper, clip board, Markers
- Ball cap
- Activity books
- Wall stickers for children
- Noise making toys
- Hand size balls
- Stuff animals
- Decorative socks
- Easy activity books
- Small backpack
- Calming CDs
- Art supplies
- Pillow cases
- Small toys
- Wall stickers for young adult males
- Inexpensive purse or backpack for wheelchair, possible female wallet
- Large crayons
- Magazines
- Gardening supplies
- Decorative cup
- Decorative pillow and pillowcase
- Easy puzzle books, decorative pencils and sharpener



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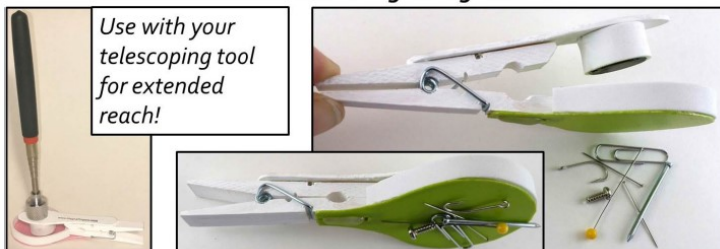


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For Sale

APQS George, a sit down long arm machine, is for sale for \$5,900. It was \$7,200 new. APQS has agreed to give a 2 year warranty to this mac

I am also including the following: Martelli's 8" & 11" FMQ hoops (\$120), Ruler Foot ([\$140] came with a scoop foot so a total of 2 feet) , Pet Grooming Arm ([\$45] for quilt suspension), Patsy Thompson Designs Quilt Suspension System (\$100), Bobbin Winder, 2 Aluminum L Bobbins, 5 prewound bobbins (2 are magna glide), 1 Glide 5000m thread, & manual. The value of these items is \$405.

Because George has been discontinued, this is a great buy for someone wanting an APQS sit down machine, especially since it has a 2 year warranty.

If interested, please contact:

Lavena Wyatt, 713-444-4223, lavenawyatt@gmail.com



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