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From The President's Stash

Hello, all,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I don't know about you, but it has been so hot outside that I have really enjoyed staying indoors to quilt and make a few pillowcases.

We will not have a guild meeting in July because of the July 4th holiday. I hope you all have a safe and fun time over the Fourth.

If you would like to become more involved with our guild, we will soon be looking for executive board members and standing chairs for 2023. Explanations of the duties are on the blog site. Go to <http://tcqgtx.blogspot.com>, click on Membership/Forms, then scan down the page and click on Forms. There you will find a copy of Duties of Executive Board and Duties of Standing Chairs. Read over these to see if any of the positions sound interesting to you.

We'd love to see some new faces on the board.

Take care. Hope to see you at the August meeting.

Janet Winkler

Welcome New Members!!

Bobbi Miller

Mary Anne Goehring

Maura Reierson

Lisa Baker

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 {tricityguild@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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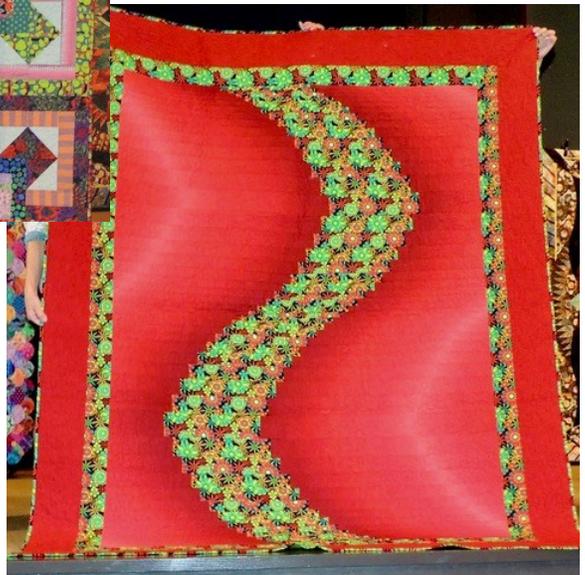
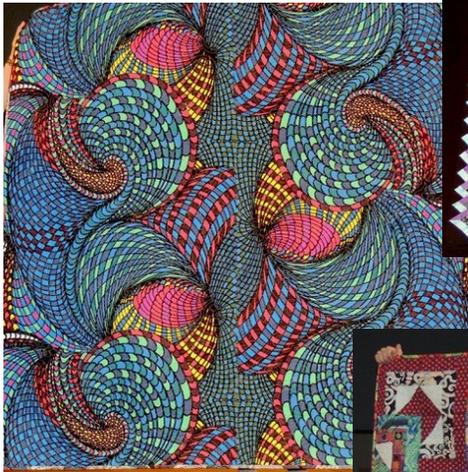
Meetings

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











August 2, 2022 Speaker — Dixie Frantz



Dixie Frantz is a recent widow, mother of three, grandmother to four little grandchildren and another due any day. She has quilted for 40 years, is a writer, traveler, and lover of life.

In 2018, after taking a collage class, she discovered collage quilting. Her first original pattern was a colorful collage panda named Moo-Shu. Her other collage quilt patterns include Trudi the Reindeer, and Bluebonnet, the Longhorn, a beginner Heart quilt, Texas flag, Origami “Peace Crane,” several versions of a gumball machine, and an angel wings quilt (which will be released later in May). Her original pdf patterns can be found on her blog and sold on Etsy.

Just for fun and to feed her quilting habit, she works part-time at My Favorite Quilt Store (an online quilting warehouse located in Humble).

Dixie has taught collage art quilting classes at Cupcake Quilts and A Needle and Thread in the Houston area. She has presented trunk shows/workshops at Peace by Piecing Quilt Guild and Kingwood Quilt Guild.

Dixie has volunteered with a prayer quilt ministry at her church for over 10 years. The group makes about 80 prayer quilts per year for those sick in the parish.

Dixie supports MD Anderson’s Ovarian Quilt Project with a donation quilt every two years in honor of her sister, Mary, who died of ovarian cancer. She also walks MD Anderson’s Boot Walk, with family, in support of the hospital’s mission to end cancer each fall.



She has volunteered for decades on behalf of the disabled community creating programs, social events, and awareness in the Kingwood area. Each year, she makes a quilt for The Village Learning Center’s annual gala which raises funds for their day center. Her middle child/angel, Mimi, age 34 when she received her angel wings, was born with cerebral palsy and attended their day center until late 2018. Profits from Life’s Loose Threads are donated to The Village Learning Center.

Her contact information is www.lifesloosethreads.com (blog), @lifesloosethreads (Instagram), and dixie@lifesloosethreads.com (email) or dixielough@kingwoodcable.net (email)



August 6, 2022 Workshop— Dixie Frantz

Dixie Frantz will be presenting her Collage Quilts at the Tri County Guild Meeting on August 2nd. She will demonstrate and explain the process in making Collage Art. At that time she will give instructions/directions on how to prepare the fabric for the workshop. A pattern will be supplied in class at no charge.

Per her request....the workshop will be held the following **SATURDAY AUGUST 6th** in order that the students have the time to prepare the fabric.

The workshop will be at **BOBBINS AND THREADS** Quilt Shop, 10130 Grant Road, Suite 214, Houston (249 and Grant) Please note that the workshop is **NOT** the following day as usual.

We have chosen the Heart Stopper wall hanging as our workshop. The class is \$35. If you would like to sign up, since we are not meeting in July, please

contact Char Peterson, Program Chair, at 206 909-1510 to make payment arrangements and obtain the supply list.





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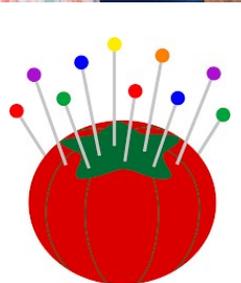
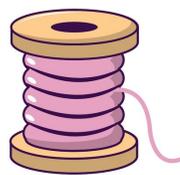
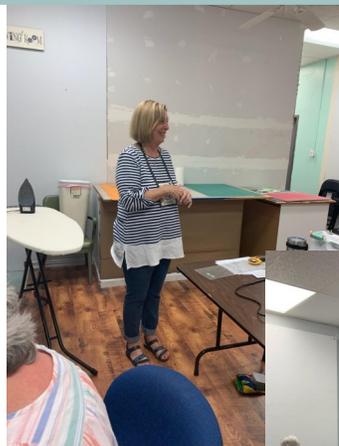
I want to thank 2 very special people. Without their dedication and selfless giving, lectures and workshops would not go so smoothly.

KARL BURKETT makes sure that every guild meeting is set up to the speakers specifications with tables, audio, and cameras, if needed. He constantly holds quilts for display, accepts packages at his home from out of town presenters and gets everything to the meetings on time and early. He is there to open the church early to allow for pre-meeting set up, and stays behind to lock up. He is a huge asset to me and the quilt guild. Thank you so very much! You are the best!

CANDI HAYES always shows up early at The Quilty Shop on workshop days to give the teacher time to set up for their class. She always gives great suggestions for lunch, helps gather orders and money, and will even go pick up lunches. This is a huge help to me as the program chair allowing me to focus on the teacher and students. Candi, I could not do this without your help. You are a very kind and giving person. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!

Char Peterson, Senior Program Chair

Lou Ann Nichols Two Color Bargello Workshop—June 8. 2022





Upcoming Workshops:

July - No workshop due to Fourth of July holiday



August - Dixie Frantz



Her specialty is collage quilts and the workshop will be held Saturday, August 6 at Bobbins & Threads Quilt Shop.

September - Debbie Walters

She specializes in using curved rulers in quilt making. The workshop will be held at Bobbins & Thread Quilt Shop.

October - Janet Matthews

She will be teaching the history and development of Foundation Piecing, specifically Judy Niemeyer. The workshop participants will make a place-mat learning Foundation Paper Piecing techniques.

November - No meeting or workshop due International Quilt Festival

December - Christmas Party





Announcing the
2024 Tri-County Quilt Show Theme - **Quilts in Bloom**

Our 2024 quilt show planning is well underway. Thanks to the committee chairs who have already volunteered their talents. Here are ways that you can help our show be successful.

Boutique Workshop - Connie Suarez, Committee Chair - consuelogsuarez@yahoo.com 713-530-5084

Join the Boutique team each month to help create a wonderful inventory of handmade items to be sold during the quilt show. In June, the team made Block Boards. The next workshop will be held on Monday, August 1st at Bobbins and Threads, 10130 Grant Road from 10:00am -2:00pm. The group will make beside remote-control holders. Bring a sewing machine, mat, rulers, rotary cutters, and other basic quilting supplies. Other materials needed for the project will be provided. Space is limited. RSVP to Connie at the email address above by July 29th if you plan to attend. Once all slots are filled, interested participants will be put on a waiting list and called if space becomes available. Hope to see you!

Opportunity Quilt (Raffle Quilt) - Elaine Bullard, Committee Chair – elainebullard53@yahoo.com 918-808-2667

The quilt is under construction. Would you like to Long Arm the quilt? We are seeking guild members who are interested in this task. Please notify Shari Stone if you are interested. Watch for additional volunteer opportunities in the coming months.

Quilters' Treasure Aisle - Sharon Castillo, Committee Chair - sharonfcastillo@gmail.com 713-828-0861

This committee sells gently used quilting items during the show. Please contact Sharon if you have any worthy items to share.

Tin Can Raffle - Donna Vandiver, Committee Chair - vandiver_donna@yahoo.com 901-289-0454

This committee puts together raffle baskets filled with donated items. As you tidy your sewing room in the months to come and find prized items that you no longer need, please donate them to help fill our beautiful raffle baskets.

Thanks from your Show Chairs,

Janice Toler janice.toler@gmail.com 281-727-8140

Shari Stone slsqilter@gmail.com 713-702-9724

Stephanie Moss steffie.stuff@yahoo.com 832-545-6404



Quilters' Treasure Aisle Donations

We are now accepting donations for the resale shop. Everything can be delivered to:

- Cypress Crossing Christian Church on the fourth Wednesday of each month between 9:30am and 2:00pm.
- Tri-County Quilt Guild meeting on the first Tuesday of each month between 6:00pm and 7:00pm.

Please be mindful that all donations **must be quilting/sewing/embroidery related.**

All items sold at the Quilters' Treasure Aisle resale shop are expected to be in good condition and ready to be used upon purchase.

Items include:

Quilting fabric

Notions (needles, pins, thread, rulers, etc.)

Original quilting patterns

Sewing furniture

Storage bins

Stash fabric consisting of pre-cut squares and sashing

Sewing/quilting/embroidery books

**This is not an all-inclusive list. It will be modified as needed.

All donations will be quickly looked over before acceptance. Those items not listed in the categories above will be returned at delivery.

Please call Sharon Castillo at 713.828.0861 or email her at sharonfcastillo@gmail.com.



Financial “State of our Guild” Presentation June, 2022 after our Quilt Show

Update on the finances for our Guild.

Thanks to everyone’s hard work, our quilt show was a huge success. Our conservative budget was blown out of the water in the best way possible. When we put the actual quilt show numbers into the budget, you can see what a wonderful difference it makes! Covid had a major impact on the past 2 years and caused a lot of uncertainty in all businesses and organizations, ours included. To be safe, budgets had to be considered in a very conservative light. Our guild is extremely fortunate that we did not suffer financially from the pandemic (in 2020 or in 2022) – but who knew for sure that would be the case.

We passed a budget in January, 2022, that had a significant shortfall. We did that knowing that we had the resources to draw on if the worst-case scenario came true. We have money in our checking/savings to cover a short-term shortfall (but only one time). We have 3 CDs of approximately \$5K each in addition to the checking/savings money but that is our extreme fall-back buffer. (For example, if we had to cancel our show in 2020, we would have needed the CD money to cover expenses incurred that would still be owed). We have money now in our checking/savings accounts that is our operating cash. The extra money shown below is the money we can now use for other items the guild needs (infrastructure). The executive board and the treasurers are discussing these items now. These “infrastructure” items include: newer computers, show software, guild website, possibly more storage space, shelving for storage spaces, expanded budget as needed for various events, etc. These are needs that we should meet to keep our guild growing and prospering.

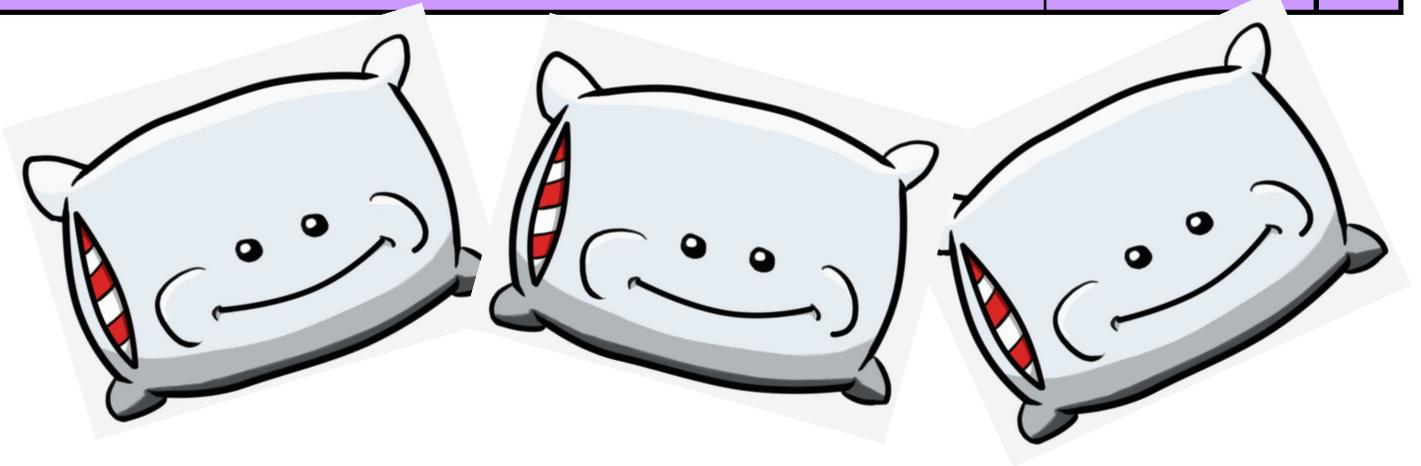
Our budgeted vs actual-to-date income and expenses are:

Budget January, 2022

Proposed Income	\$39,971
Proposed Expense	\$50,776
Difference:	-\$10,805

Actual quilt show numbers in the budget:

Proposed income:	\$64,421
Proposed Expense:	\$50,522
Difference	\$13,899



MILES OF PILLOWCASES SMILES

SEPTEMBER IS PEDIATRIC CANCER MONTH

Please join the month long
campaign with Parade of Pil-

lowcases at our September meeting. We will display all of the pillowcases we make during the show and tell parade. After the Parade, the pillowcases will be donated to Ryan's Case for Smiles. With your help throughout September, Ryan's Case for Smiles can reach the goal of making 55,000 pillowcases for children with life-changing illness or injuries. The pillowcases stay in our Houston and surrounding areas. The pillowcases are made by using the hot dog or burrito method. but can also be done with the French seam or a serger.

PLEASE, WON'T YOU JOIN US?

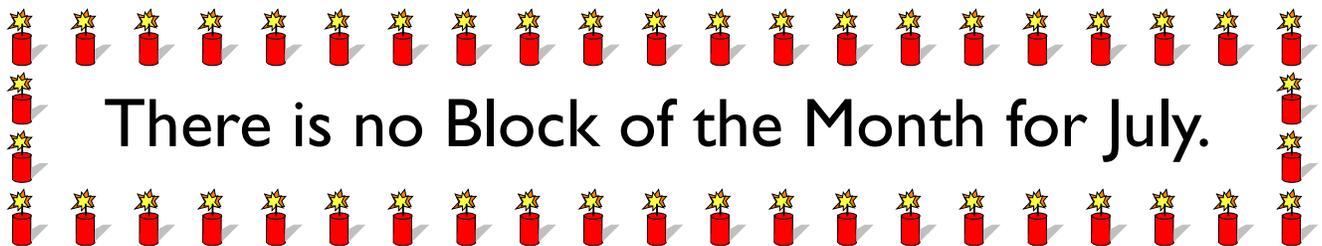
For more information on instructions or guidelines, please email sheilacaseforsmiles@gmail.com or check out the Ryan's Case for Smiles website at <https://caseforsmiles.org/>





Meeting Cancellation

Our July 5th guild meeting will be cancelled due to the Fourth of July holiday the day before. We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday. See you in August.

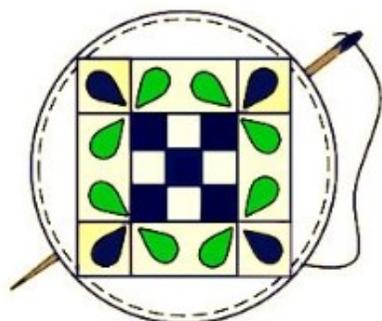


There is no Block of the Month for July.

July Birthdays, Special Events, Recognitions, Sympathies

Mary Ellen Adkison	11 Jul	Bonnie Langan	28 Jul
Kathryn Becker	22 Jul	Patricia Leger	10 Jul
Marilou Black	16 Jul	Laurie Loasby	25 Jul
Sharon Buffington	19 Jul	Lynn Lucas	29 Jul
Elaine Bullard	09 Jul	Patricia(Tricia) Macsek	16 Jul
Jean Chapman	16 Jul	Georgia Maynard	09 Jul
Suzanne Coble	27 Jul	Dee Dee Miller	24 Jul
Marilyn Dunagin	14 Jul	Barbara Riedel	23 Jul
Jan Heine	06 Jul	Nancy Royal	22 Jul
Ginny Hilton	25 Jul	Jan Strickler	17 Jul





New Braunfels Area Quilt Guild Presents "America: A Patchwork Quilt"

July 22-23, 2022
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday & Saturday

New Braunfels Civic Center
375 S. Castell
New Braunfels, Texas

North Texas Quilt Festival
August 18 - August 20

Irving Convention Center - Irving, Texas

<https://www.tvqg.org/north-texas-quilt-festival-2022/>



Austin Area Quilt Guild Quiltfest
September 23 - September 25

Palmer Event Center
900 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78704

<https://austinareaquiltguild.wildapricot.org/QuiltFest>

Piecemakers' 41st Annual Quilt Show
October 3 - 28, 2022

The Warehouse Living Arts Center
119 W. 6th Avenue
Corsicana, TX



<https://www.corsicanaquiltguild.com/2022.html>



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 Rae Brode so she can recognize your bee in the newsletter.



BEE Czars: Meets the 3rd Monday from 5PM-8PM at The Quilty Place. 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!



Quilty Pleasures Co Bee-keepers are Deb Durr and Anita Arendall. Meets on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month at The Quilty Place. (We hope to change to second and fourth Tuesdays soon.) We mostly work on individual projects with an occasional group project. Our Bee is currently closed to new members but contact either of the CoBee Keepers to be added to a waiting list.



Quilter's Dozen: Charmaine Fritchey Beekeeper. cfritchey@gmail.com. Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at The Quilty Place from 10-2:30. We have great times together! This bee is currently full, but happy to add you to waiting list.



We Bee Quilters: Char Peterson Beekeeper. Tolep8n@comcast.net. 206 909-1510. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at The Quilty Place from 10 to 2 p.m. 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, ex-changes. Anyone who would like to join is welcome. Give Char a call to be added to the list. Come have fun with us.



Calling all Tri-County Quilt Guild Members...

Our Charity Bee quilts are in desperate need of you. We have approximately 25 bins of quilt bundles (**that is approximately 175 quilts**) that need to be quilted.

If every member would take one bundle and quilt it, that would really help fulfill our need for quilts.

Now, for those of you that don't have a longarm, approximately, 20% of those 175 quilts (that is 35 quilts) can be quilted on a domestic sewing machine using a walking foot and decorative stitch. If you are a beginner quilter, one of those 35 quilts has your name on it. There is no expectation these numbers will ever change...so rest assured there will always be a bundle for you.

I have linked below some YouTube videos of quilting decorative stitches with a walking foot. Please take some time to view these videos, maybe practice on one or two squares of fabric and then dive in. These quilts are not "SHOW QUILTS". These quilts are given to recipients who don't care if the stitching design is perfect...just if the quilt will last their lifetime.

The two reasons I joined the guild are because I wanted to learn how to piece better and learn how to quilt my own quilt. With practice, I have learned both AND you can too.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Every Wednesday, I will be parked in the Fairfield Baptist Church at 27240 US 290, Cypress, TX parking lot in front of the side door. To remind everyone, this is where the guild usually meets for meetings.

Sharon Castillo, 713.828.0861

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Uv5rCcvH4U>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pf9LgT9IrBE&t=10s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=seuxXBVcZxw>

(the serpentine stitch can be replaced with any straight decorative stitch on your machine)

Please send me an email or a text, letting me know if you are picking up a bundle(s), the size you are needing (a small size for your domestic or a regular to large size for your longarm); also, the number of bundles you want to pick up so I will have plenty for everyone.



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