



Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
March 7th, 2023

The March meeting was held in person and was called to order at 7:01pm by Becky Burkett.

Becky welcomed the group and invited everyone to the next board meeting on March 14th. Meeting place TBA and will be announced later.

Becky introduced the visiting raffle quilt which is a beautiful Arkansas Crossroads design presented by Sew Divine Quilting Ministry in Hempstead.

March Speaker/Workshop Program – Char Peterson

The March speaker is Karen Overton who will show us her collection of quilts created with Deb Tucker's rulers. Her workshop is tomorrow at The Quilty Shop, and there are 3 spaces left. See Char at the break if interested.

2024 Quilt Show – Janice Toler

The 2024 Tri-County Quilt Guild Show is now one year away! Due to the theme, Quilts in Bloom, the chairs decided to add a new category, Texas in Bloom. Janice encouraged all members to work on a quilt to enter in the show. She also appealed for donated quilts to be entered in the silent auction. Last year the most popular donated quilt was Nancy Youens' dragonfly quilt. Modern designs were also popular, as well as sporting or school related quilts such as quilts featuring the Astros or local universities.

Charity Bee – Sharon Castillo

Sharon appealed for members to assist with quilt assembly for the various charities we support. Charity Bee have assembled a variety of quilt kits that are ready for members to take home. They are working on Xmas stocking kits and have decided to make pillowcase kits which will be brought to the next meeting for pick up. Any members wishing to contribute pillowcases using fabric from their own stash are asked to use bright, novelty fabrics. Toiletry bags are still needed, as is flannel to make Hugs baby blankets.

Quilt Show Boutique Workshop – Connie Suarez

Connie showed some of the zipper sewing tool bags that were made by the group at the last meeting. The next boutique workshop will feature pin cushions. All members are welcome to attend boutique workshops.

Houston International Quilt Show 2023 – Deb Spoelker

This year's show will feature award winning quilts from local guilds. Members who have received ribbons in our last two shows are encouraged to enter their quilts. There is a \$20 entry fee. Visit the *Quilts.com* website for details and entry forms.

Deb recently scribed for the judges of the West Houston Quilt Guild at their show. She emphasized the importance of squaring up quilts entered in shows. Other items of importance include neat binding (use of a walking foot is recommended), sewing down miters at the corners of binding, and removing any loose threads caught in the stitching.

New Member Welcome – Elaine Bullard

Elaine welcomed new members and visitors, and reviewed ways for them to participate in guild activities. All are welcome at the guild workshops, board meetings and boutique workshops. Many Bees have openings, too. Bringing items for Show & Tell is another way to feel included.

Last month Elaine asked for volunteers to contribute to a Tips & Techniques section in the newsletter. There were no contributions, so Elaine again asked for contributions.

Raffle Quilt – Bev Volker

Bev reports we have had volunteers to travel with the quilt during March and April. Volunteers are needed to go to Bellaire on Tuesday May 16th. Buina Collins and Cynthia Blossom volunteered.

Membership – Bobbi Miller

Currently there are 265 members. 67 are present tonight. 1388 volunteer hours have been reported. There are 6 visitors present tonight, and 5 new members.

Block of the Month – Lisa Hart

Lisa showed the block for next month and reviewed the block-of-the-month program for new members. She asked that contributors make an additional block using like colors from their own fabrics.

Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard

The following members and visitors shared their projects with the group: Ginny Hilton, Connie Grudzinski, Jaine Jewell, Jo Dick, Mary Ellen Adkinson, Janice Toler, Cynthia Blossom, Mary Bowman, and Buina Collins.

Lisa Hart, Bev Volker, and Elaine Bullard shared their quite different quilt tops they recently made all using the same technique (1600 Triangle quilt technique).

March Speaker – Karen Overton

Char introduced Karen to the group. Karen is an experienced quilter who is also a certified instructor for Deb Tucker's Studio 180 design's tools and technique. Karen showed many of her gorgeous quilt to the group.

Door Prizes – Becky Burkett

Becky drew the door prizes with the assistance of Donna Vandiver. March winners were Bev Volker, Heidi Voigt, and Clark Johnson.

Lisa Hart drew for the Block of the Month blocks. Kathy Mitchener won however she was not present. Lisa will follow up with her.

Becky Burkett adjourned the meeting at 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaine Jewell
Secretary