



Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
April 4th, 2023

The April meeting was held in person at the Fairfield Baptist Church and was called to order at 7:04 pm by Becky Burkett.

Becky introduced the visiting raffle quilt which is being shown by the Kingwood Area Quilt Guild. Members are encouraged to view the quilt and purchase raffle tickets.

Block of the Month – Becky Burkett

Lisa Hart is absent tonight so anyone with completed blocks is asked to give them to Becky at the break tonight. The April block instructions will be sent out by email at a later date.

Charity Bee – Sharon Castillo

Sharon informed the group that many kits for Christmas stockings have been picked up by members but few have been returned so far. Although the deadline for completion is not until the October meeting due to the large numbers required the charity bee group will initiate a sign-up sheet, and ask that anyone that has picked up kits sign the sheet. Sharon also stated that anyone that has a kit but is not able to complete the stockings please return the kits so that someone else may complete them.

Door Prizes – Donna Vandiver

Donna is asking for donations of fat quarters and sewing notions to be used as door prizes at future guild meetings.

Tin Can Raffle – Donna Vandiver

Donations have been steadily coming in for the gift baskets. Volunteers are needed to help put the baskets together, and assist in completing some of the projects planned. At the last quilt show a fabric covered table and chairs was a very popular item. Volunteers are needed to help do this again. Other projects planned and needing assistance include a tuffet and an ironing station.

Quilt Show Boutique Workshops – Connie Suarez

The March project was pin cushions. A large number were made by the group. The April meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday, April 12th at Bobbins & Threads. This month's project is sets of hot pads.

Senior Program Chair – Char Peterson

Tonight's speaker is Shirley Thiessen. There are a few openings remaining for tomorrow's workshop. See Char at the break if you are interested.

The May speaker is Minay Sirois. She will be speaking about exploring the use of color in quilts. Her workshop is theory only, no sewing. She will speak about the use of hue, value, density and scale, and using them to make your quilts pop. She asks that workshop attendees bring a quilt that they are unsure about so these skills can be utilized.

The June speaker is Rosie McCready. She will speak about her Redwork quilts. And her workshop will be hand embroidery. Char has concerns as nobody has signed up for this workshop yet.

There is no meeting or workshop in July (due to the July 4th Holiday).

In August the speaker will be Tiffany Hayes. Details on her talk and workshop are coming soon.

September's speaker and workshop is by Winnie Fleming who is known for her work with quilt borders. Her workshop is almost completely full.

Newsletter Tips & Techniques – Elaine Bullard

Elaine has previously asked members to provide their tried and tested quilting tips and techniques to be included in the newsletter but so far there has only been one tip submitted. Members are asked to consider submitting their favorite quilting tips.

Elaine invited new members to attend the Tri-County Quilt Guild Board meetings which are held monthly. The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11th at The Pecos Grilling Company in Tomball. (This was an error: the location is Texas Mesquite Grill in Cypress).

Raffle Quilt – Bev Volker

Bev reports during the Shop Hop we made \$141 from displaying the quilt at The Quilty Shop. Volunteers are in place to show the quilt during April. Connie Suarez and Lynn Graves volunteered to go to Bobbins & Threads on May 12th. Olivia Mirelas volunteered to go with Cynthia Blossom to the Greater Houston Quilt Guild in Bellaire on May 16th. Volunteers are still needed to go the Friendship Quilt Guild in Brenham on June 15th.

Membership – Bobbi Miller

Bobbi reminds members to sign in for each meeting and log their volunteer hours. The guild meeting counts for 2 volunteer hours. Currently there are 276 members. 77 are present tonight. There are 8 new members, and 4 visitors present tonight.

1372 volunteer hours have been reported this month.

New Member Meet & Greet/Open House – Becky Burkett

New member open houses were put on hold due to Covid. They will resume this month. There will be one on Tuesday, April 25th from 2pm-5pm at Bobbins & Threads. The next one will be on Saturday, July 22nd at The Quilty Shop. All new members are welcome and encouraged to stop by to meet and visit with the board members.

Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard

The following members and visitors shared their projects with the group: Olivia Mireles, Connie Suarez, Jean Chapman, LeeAnn McGuinn, Mary Ellen Adkinson, Jeanne Brown, Connie Grudzinski, Sara Irwin, Connie Troutt, and Janice Toler.

April Speaker – Char Peterson

Char introduced Shirley Thiessen to the group. Shirley spoke about her quilting journey and showed many of her beautiful quilts. At the end of her presentation Shirley gave a demonstration on how to accurately fit borders onto a quilt.

Door Prizes – Becky Burkett

Becky drew the door prizes with the assistance of Donna Vandiver.

Becky Burkett adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaine Jewell
Secretary