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"From The President's Stash

"April flowers bring May flowers"

I certainly hope that is true! Karl has put in a new flower bed for me, and I've had fun picking out plants and flowers for a butterfly garden in our back yard. Thinking about and choosing colors and shapes that will look good together while attracting butterflies and bees got me to thinking about the colors we use in quilting, which combinations work well together and which don't.

Choosing colors seems to give quilters the most trouble. Our May presenter, Minay Sirois, will explore the various aspects of fabric, i.e. hue, value, intensity, texture and scale. She will also present a workshop where participants will bring their own fabrics that they love but aren't sure what might go with them and help explore options.

Enjoy the beautiful weather we've been having but don't forget to come to the May meeting on the 2nd!

See you then!

Becky Burkett



Welcome New Members!!	Pam Hastings	Susie Parks
Angel Fithen	Nathan Brown	Olivia Mireles
Lynn Graves	Sandra Griffith	Mary Parisian
		Cindy Jennings
		Bridgette Woods

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. Bobbi Miller

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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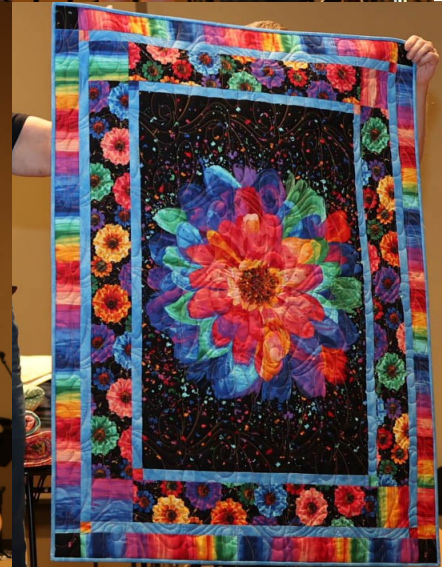


Meetings
Fairfield Baptist Church
27240 Highway 290
Cypress, Texas
On 290 westbound
between
Mueschke and Mason Road.
1st Tuesday of the month,
7pm-9pm
tricityguild@gmail.com











May Speaker

MAY LECTURE AND WORKSHOP

MINAY SIROIS

LECTURE....EXPLORING THE ASPECTS OF FABRIC SUCH AS HUE,VALUE, INTENSITY AND SCALE AND HOW TO USE THESE TO GIVE YOUR QUILTS MORE POWER AND POP.

WORKSHOP.....EXPLORING THE USE OF COLOR IN QUILTS.YOU WILL NEED A SMALL COLOR WHEEL,
(IF YOU HAVE ONE) AND A QUILT OR TOP THAT YOU WANT TO DISCUSS. PAPER AND PEN FOR NOTES. NO SEWING. WORKSHOP COST IS \$35.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING
EITHER WORKSHOP, PLEASE CONTACT
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Happy Birthday!



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TCQG Displaying Quilts at Texas Oncology!

Educating the public on the current art of quilting is a part of our mission. Quilts are displayed at Texas Oncology facility in Sugar Land. It certainly brightens up the office and the clients and staff were so excited to see them!



This is the quilt that made me want to be a quilter.

The pattern is called "Two of Us" and was created by Pat Holly and Sue Nickels. It was the 2013 Block of the Month for "The Quilt Show" hosted by Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims

In the Fall of 2012, a friend asked me to go to The International Quilt Festival at the George R Brown Convention Center in Houston. I was not a quilter and had no plans to become a quilter, but I went to spend time with my friend. I was amazed at the beautiful quilts on display, but still wasn't interested. Then I passed by a booth that had this quilt on display and I knew I had to learn to quilt! I had sewn clothing since I was about 14, so I knew how to sew. What really impressed me about this quilt was the many triangles, curved pieces and the color choices. Oh my, the color choices! I had no clue you could put colors together like this quilt had. I made a couple of simple lap quilts while I waited for the fabric kit to arrive and then spent two years making this quilt.

This quilt has Foundation Paper Piecing, Sewing Curves and Raw Edge Applique that I finished by stitching a blanket stitch around each flower, leaf and stem. There was a big learning curve in making this quilt since I was fairly new to these quilting techniques. I finished piecing the top and took it to be quilted. We moved before the long arm quilter could get to it, so I took it back home, completed the move, and the quilt sat in a closet for 5 years. In 2020 while on Facebook, I saw some extraordinary quilting someone had done and researched who had done the work. It was Louise Klare of K 7 Quilting, so I took the quilt to her. It turned out she lives 2 miles away from me.

In 2022, I had the chance to visit The National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY. and the original "Two of Us" quilt happened to be on display at that time.

Elaine Bullard



Our upcoming quilt show, **Quilts in Bloom**, will be held at the Berry Center on March 1 -2, 2024. Members are encouraged to visit the Tri-County Quilt Guild website at tri-countyquiltguild.org to review detailed Quilt Show information.

As you construct your entries, the quilt show Categories and Rules will be of interest. The "Applique" category recently received a minor edit to align it more strategically with the needs of our guild. Be sure to review every category to see where the masterpiece you are creating might be a fit.

We are amazed at the various contributions guild members are making to help us create the best show ever. All guild members are invited to contribute time, talents, ideas, and resources to support the show in some way. If you would like more information about the many ways to volunteer, please touch base with a Show or Committee Chair.

Show Chairs,

Janice Toler

Shari Stone

Stephanie Moss



Tin Can Raffle

Our 2024 Quilt Show is months away, but it is time to start working on some of the wonderful ideas for raffle items. We encourage the various Bees to create themed baskets. Picking a theme in advance will provide time to create items or gather resources needed. In past shows, we have had themes like gardening, coffee, chocolate, sports, Texas, and fabulous fabric baskets. One of the most popular raffle items in past years has been the card table and chairs. For this to happen in the 2024 Show, we will need donations of funds to pay for the materials.

Recently, we held a Tin Can Raffle committee meeting made up of a small group of interested guild members. We still need more people to make Tin Can Raffle a success. We have a lot of fun and excitement to look forward to in the coming months. Please join us!

If you are interested in

- being a part of the committee,
- contributing items,
- assembling baskets,
- or making a monetary donation for the table and chairs,

email Tin Can Raffle Chair, Donna Vandiver (vandiver_donna@yahoo.com) or talk to her at one of the guild meetings. She can usually be found at the Door Prize station at the guild meetings. Looking forward to a fabulous 2024 **Tin Can Raffle!**



Raffle Quilt Update



Thanks to all who have purchased or checked out raffle tickets to promote our beautiful 2024 raffle quilt. Raffle quilt ticket sales not only generate funds for the guild, but they also help us generate interest in our upcoming show. The raffle quilt continues to be shown, and volunteers are filling the vacant positions to show it. Thank you, everyone, for volunteering!

After the old quilt stand broke several times, a new one was purchased and donated to the guild by member Charmaine Fritchey. Thank you so much!!! Also, Show Chair Janice Toler had a 2' x 4' banner made for us to display our quilt show information when we are showing the quilt.

Volunteers are still needed to take the Raffle Quilt to various locations throughout Houston and surrounding areas. Please email Raffle Quilt Chairpersons Elaine Bullard

(elainebullard53@yahoo.com) or Bev Volker (bjpetersvolker@yahoo.com) to

find out upcoming locations and to get on the schedule to travel with the quilt.

Elaine and Bev will be selling tickets, checking out tickets, and accepting money for tickets already checked out at the next few meetings. They will not be displaying the quilt at the meetings for a couple of months in order to prevent wear and tear on the quilt.

Surprise your friends and family members with a raffle ticket or two and encourage them to “save the dates” for our 2024 show.

Quilters' Treasure Aisle

Quilters' Treasure Aisle is a wonderful resource for many quilt show attendees. All kinds of “treasures” await interested shoppers. Committee Chair Sharon Castillo will be happy to receive any items you would like to donate for this area of the show. You can bring them to any guild meeting.

Sharon and team are currently creating grab bags filled with sewing notions to sell at the show. Please check your stash for notions of any kind you are willing to share. These items will make great additions to the grab bags. Other needs include:

- unused quilt kits that include the fabric,
- aged fabric, specifically fabric with flower designs (used for appliqué work)
- jellyrolls (both large and small)
- layer cakes
- 5-inch square sets



May Boutique Workshop

The monthly workshop to make gifts for the Boutique is held on the third Tuesday of the month. We meet from 10:00am -3:00pm at Bobbins & Threads, which is located at 10130 Grant Road, Houston, TX 77070, 713-203-6259.

All guild members are welcome to join the Boutique committee members to help make items to sell at our upcoming quilt show. The Boutique committee prepares kits for the projects, so all you need to do is come to the workshop with your machine and your usual sewing supplies and get to work. You might learn to make something you haven't had experience with before.

Our project for **May 16th** is a fun organizer created by Vicki Tate, who will be leading the project. You will need to bring your sewing machine and usual sewing supplies. Vicki says this is a simple project, and we should easily complete one or two items each. Please mark your calendar and RSVP at consuelogsuarez@yahoo.com.

The Boutique Committee would like to thank the bees and individuals who have been making and donating items for us to sell at the quilt show. We have a great guild, and we are grateful for all the donations. It truly takes everyone's efforts to have a successful show. We are well on our way in the Boutique due to all the help and participation of our terrific guild members. Thank you one and all!





BOM will be sent out
in email blast and on
the webpage this
month.

Check it out.





Tips and Techniques

May 2023

Sewing Machine Needle Selection & Use

Submitted by Marie Engelhart

Topstitch needles are very good all-round needles to use for piecing as well as topstitching. They have a light sharp point, an elongated eye and have a deep groove lining the shaft of the needle. The topstitch needle is the same needle as the metallic needle. Dr. Bob of Superior Threads states that you choose the correct needle size based on the thread you're using, not on your fabric.

- 70/10—fine weight threads such as kimono silk, MonoPoly, and 60 weight threads.
- 80/12—piecing weight threads such as Masterpiece, So Fine! #50 and 50 weight threads
- 90/14—Quilting/Embroidery threads, King Tut, Rainbows, Highlights, 40 weight threads
- 100/16—heavy threads such as So Fine! 30, Sew Sassy, 30 weight threads

Marie states she uses a Microtex needle when sewing batiks as the batik fabric is so densely woven. The Microtex needle has a very slim, acute tip.

There are two types of needles. Regular and titanium coated. A regular needle should be replaced after 4-8 hours of use. Titanium coated needles can be used for about 60 hours before needing to be replaced which makes titanium needles more cost effective to use since they only cost about 20 cents more per needle.

This information comes from the CD: Thread Therapy with Dr. Bob—Eliminate Your Frustrations with Thread, Needles and Tension. The CD was produced by Superior Threads.

Thank you, Marie, for submitting this tip!

If you have a tip or technique, let me know!

Elaine Bullard

elainebullard53@yahoo.com.



Tri-County's Fabulous Bees



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



Charla Reese, Queen Bee

Our Bees create a strong sense of a quilting community within the guild. Consider becoming a Beekeeper! Organize your bee, find a location, contact the Queen Bee Chair to let her know, and go from there!



BEE Czars: Meets the 4th Saturday of the month at The Quilty Shop. We choose projects as a group or work on our UFO's. We plan on two retreats a year. If you are interested in joining this be please call to be put on a waiting list.

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



Day Strippers: 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 to be put on a waiting list. New members have been moving in through the list!

Bee Keeper: Judy Klevorn jkklevorn@gmail.com



Quilty Pleasures Meets on the first and third Monday from 1:30-4:30 at The Quilty Shop. . 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.

Bee Keepers: Deb Durr and Anita Arendall.



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

Bee Keeper: Charmaine Fritchey cfritchey@gmail.com



Grateful Threads: Formerly We Bee Quilters. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Quilty Shop in Tomball from 10 a.m. To 1:30 p.m. We are a fun group of ladies who meet to sew whatever you are working on or a long lost "ufo", hand work, etc. Come to share tips and tricks and socialize. Come when you can. Contact bee keeper, Char Peterson to be included in our group. An email is sent out prior to the bee to remind you to rsvp. No experience is need....just come and have a great sewing day in a beautiful quilting shop.

Bee Keeper: Char Peterson Tolep8n@comcast.net. 206 909-1510.



Cypress Crossing Christian Church

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9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Sharon Castillo – 713.828.0861

Ongoing needs for Charity Bee....

- **We are in desperate need of Flannel for the HUGS we donate.**
- **Blending fabric for BOM (white, white-on-white, beige, etc.)**
- **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)**

We welcome all quilting related donations. If you want to meet at The Quilty Shop in Tomball to hand over your donations, please call Mary Willyerd at 284-770-3981 or to meet at Cypress Crossing Christian Church on Cypress-Rosehill, please call Sharon Castillo at 713-828-0861. For more information, contact beekeeper [Sharon Castillo](#).





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9/22 & 9/23



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Saturday, May 6, 10AM to 5 PM

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5350 Bill Pickett Trail, Taylor, TX 76574.

<https://www.ctquiltguild.org/show.php>



Quilt Show

WILDFLOWER QUILT GUILD

2023 QUILT SHOW

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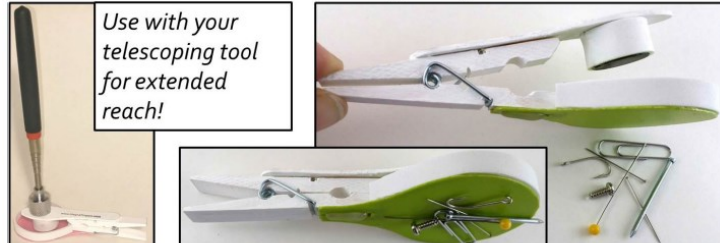
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