



**Tri-County Quilt Guild**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

The May meeting was held in person at the Fairfield Baptist Church and was called to order at 7:03 pm by Becky Burkett.

Becky welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. She then announced a product recall for the SteamFast Travel Iron and reviewed the steps to be taken for a refund.

Becky thanked everyone that attended the Meet & Greet at Bobbins & Threads last week. It was a resounding success, and we have several visitors and new members present at tonight's meeting. A second Meet & Greet will be held on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4pm at The Quilty Shop.

The Tri-County Quilt Guild displays quilts at the Sugarland office of Texas Oncology. Becky asked if anyone has a summer themed quilt they are willing to loan to be displayed for a month or two.

**2024 Quilt Show – Stephanie Moss**

At the entrance to tonight's meeting Stephanie handed out the quilt show postcards. These feature information about the show at the Berry Center and include a picture of the raffle quilt. Members are encouraged to assist in distributing the postcards to local businesses and retreat facilities.

Stephanie announced the search for a Schoolhouse Chair for the show. She reviewed the purpose of schoolhouse (teaching/learning new techniques) and encouraged members to consider volunteering for this unique opportunity.

**Newsletter Tips & Techniques – Elaine Bullard**

Elaine stated that she has been receiving some tips & techniques from members but encourages all members to contribute a quilting related tip.

Elaine announced the next Tri-County Quilt Guild board meeting is Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Sam's Seafood & Steak restaurant on Grant Road. All current guild members are invited to attend and participate in board meetings.

The guild website is [TriCountyQuiltGuild.com](http://TriCountyQuiltGuild.com). Members with comments or suggestions related to the website are asked to go through Elaine who will bring suggestions to the board for approval prior to submission to the WebMaster.

### **Raffle Quilt – Bev Volker**

Bev announced that sales of raffle tickets for the quilt have so far raised \$1154. Volunteers are in place to show the quilt at the Kingwood Quilt Guild, Bobbins & Threads, and the Greater Houston Quilt Guild meeting during the month of May. Volunteers are needed to travel with the quilt in June. Bev is available during the break for those wishing to sign up for June.

Becky Burkett announced the Woodlands Quilt Guild is displaying their raffle quilt in the lobby tonight. They are displaying a quilt, pillow, and advent calendar all in the same Holiday theme. Members are encouraged to support our sister guilds by purchasing raffle tickets.

### **Senior Program Chair – Char Peterson**

Tonight's speaker is Minay Sirois. Her presentation will focus on exploring the use of color in quilts. Tomorrow's workshop is theory only, no sewing.

The June speaker and workshop on red work by Rosie McCready has been cancelled due to low interest. In replacement Char has booked Allie McCathren, a marine biologist who is known as the Exhausted Octopus. Allie's workshop will feature an improv quilt that uses raw edge applique.

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

Due to high demand September's speaker, Winnie Fleming, will hold workshops on both Tuesday and Wednesday. Her workshops will feature borders.

### **Publicity Chair for 2024 Quilt Show – Cynthia Blossom**

Cynthia has been known as the "blue boa lady" in the guild for some time. Her last boa fell apart after three years, and an anonymous member has gifted her with a new one.

As a member of Charity Bee Cynthia has been working on putting quilt kits together. She has three bags worth of fabric which has been precut into 3.5" squares, 3.5" strips, and 5" strips. She is looking for volunteers to sew these pieces together to form 5" blocks. Cynthia is available during the break for anyone who can assist with this project.

Cynthia noted there are 4 men present at tonight's meeting. She welcomes them and encourages members to invite more men to become members of the guild.

**Membership – Bobbi Miller**

Bobbi announced we have 281 total members of the guild. 91 are present tonight, with 4 visitors, and 10 new members. 1409 volunteer hours have been reported.

**Quilt Show Boutique Workshops – Connie Suarez**

The May project will be an organizer. The meeting will be held at 10am on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Bobbins & Threads.

**Block of the Month – Lisa Hart**

Lisa reviewed the block of the month program for the benefit of new members. Kits are given out at the beginning of each meeting; members are encouraged to complete the block and make an additional block using fabric from their own stash in a similar colorway. Lisa showed an example of the block for this month. If members are able to make additional blocks using their own fabric they are asked to use colors that will be appropriate for a quilt for a man.

**Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard**

The following members and visitors shared their projects with the group: Becky Burkett, Jen Pazieni, Connie Grudzinski, Susie Parks, Lisa Hart, Tara Webb, Dawn Oakley, Jan Heine, Buina Collins, Sara Irwin, Margie Williams, and Pat Berger.

**May Speaker – Char Peterson**

Char introduced Minay Sirois who gave an interesting talk on the use of color and hue in quilting. She shared many of her beautiful quilts with the group.

**Door Prizes – Becky Burkett**

Becky drew the door prizes with the assistance of Donna Vandiver. Tonight's winners were Kathryn Becker, Pat Berger, and Tiffany Engle.

Becky Burkett adjourned the meeting at 9:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaine Jewell  
Secretary