



## **Tri-County Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The September meeting was held at the Fairfield Baptist Church and was called to order at 7:00 pm by Becky Burkett.

Becky welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

### **Vice-President Administration - Elaine Bullard**

- Elaine encourages members to contribute Tips & Techniques on quilting to be included in the guild newsletter. She has submission forms available.
- The September Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held at Pecos Grilling Company in Tomball. All members are welcome.
- Elaine still has plenty of Tri-County Quilt Guild business cards, as well as postcards advertising the 2024 quilt show. Please see her during the break if you need them.
- The International Quilt Festival Houston is looking for volunteers to assist, both during the show and year-round in their Houston office. Pay is \$9-\$12/hr, and parking is reimbursed. Volunteers that assist as a “Quilt Angel” get priority enrollment to enroll in classes one week before the public in 2024.
- The Montgomery Quilt Walk is October 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed. Also, Tri-County Quilt Guild members are invited to show their quilts. Elaine has some submission forms if you have a quilt to show. See [montgomeryquiltwalk.com](http://montgomeryquiltwalk.com) for additional information.
- Elaine is heading up the Guild Nominating Committee for 2024, along with Mary Willard and Ida Anderson. Positions open for 2024 are: Secretary, Senior & Junior Program Chair, and Newsletter Ads Chair. All members are encouraged to participate in the guild.

### **2024 Quilt Show – Janice Toler, Stephanie Moss & Shari Stone**

- The show chairs are holding a quilt show information session on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Education Building. All are welcome.
- Janice showed her first quilt, and shared her disappointment at finding out it was ineligible for a show as she used a kit. Shari pointed to the hanging sleeve on the back of the quilt and reminded members that a YouTube video with instructions for making a hanging sleeve may be found on the guild website under the quilt

show section. Quilt labels must have the name of the quilter, name of the quilt, and a contact phone number. Labels also must be covered by a piece of fabric.

- Stephanie encouraged all members to enter a quilt in the show regardless of their experience.
- Debbie Dodge showed an example of the quilted Show & Tell quilt carrying bag that will be completed by the Boutique group this month. The next Boutique workshop will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, at Bobbins & Threads. Attendees are encouraged to bring a walking foot in addition to their sewing machine and supplies.
- Debbie also showed some of the sewn items that members have donated to Boutique. She thanked everyone that has donated items.
- Bev Volker informed the group that the raffle quilt will be shown this month in Bryan, at Sew Special Quilts in Katy, and at The Quilty Shop. Volunteers are still needed to take the quilt to Sew Special Quilt on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to buy and sell raffle tickets. Bev will be available during the break. \$120 worth of tickets have been sold so far this evening.

#### **Charity Bee/Treasure Aisle – Sharon Castillo**

- Sharon asks members to take kits home to complete. She was excited to report there are about 10 empty bins in the storage room which indicates members have been doing a great job completing quilts for donation.
- One of our charity partners has changed their name from Cypress Teen Life to Two Lives Changed. This organization supports mothers aged from 13-30, and they are requesting donations of small quilts suitable for babies and toddlers. Sharon asks that any donated quilts be suitable for girls or boys to use. Discussion ensued regarding the best size for these quilts. Quilts should be around 40”x50”.

#### **Membership – Bobbi Miller**

Currently the guild has 335 members. 91 members signed in tonight, including two new members who joined tonight. A total of 1583 volunteer hours were reported. There are 4 visitors present. Bobbi reminds everyone that membership renewals for 2024 are now due. She will be available during the break for anyone wishing to renew.

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

Char showed the workshop project for October. The name of the piece is Winding River and will be taught by Veshuda Govindan on October 4<sup>th</sup> at The Quilty Shop. Char read a synopsis of Veshuda’s quilting journey. There are still some spots left in the workshop.

#### **Tin Can Raffle – Donna Vandiver**

The group will meet on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Bobbins & Threads to complete the tuffet. Tonight the group received enough monetary donations to purchase the table and chairs which will be decorated for the raffle. These are always a popular item in the raffle.

The tin can raffle group is meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> to start assembling baskets. There will be a second assembly meeting in January. All are welcome.  
Donation of baskets and items to place in baskets are still being accepted.

### **Block of the Month – Lisa Hart**

The September block is a Star block. Any pattern may be used as long as the block is 12” finished. Colors suitable for male recipients are requested. Lisa is planning to use some of these blocks to piece baby quilts.

Lisa has received lots of donations of the 6” color wash block. She is planning to put together a team to work on grouping these blocks to make quilts sometime after the Holidays. Color wash blocks may be turned in up to the Holiday Bash. For every 10 blocks turned in Lisa will enter a raffle ticket, the winner will receive a Hoffman fabrics jelly roll.

Lisa is in charge of the Holiday Bash at the annual meeting in December. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

### **Tri-County Quilt Guild 501-(c)3 Status – Becky Burkett**

Becky informed the group that due to an oversight, the guild does not currently hold non-profit status with the IRS or incorporation status with State of Texas. The necessary steps for reinstatement have been taken. The initial application with the State Comptroller’s office has been approved, and we are waiting for the Secretary of State’s office to approve the incorporation. Once that is in place, we will be able to submit the IRS application to reinstate the 501-(c)3 status.

### **Executive Board Nomination – Becky Burkett**

While the current Bylaws were being reviewed, it was noted that we need an additional member on the Board of Directors. Our former Director, Linda Love, was not able to continue to serve because of health reasons. Becky introduced Bev Volker as the nominee. Bev has been a guild member for five years, and a quilter for about 30 years. Bev spoke about her interest in quilting and of her contributions to the guild. Ginny Hilton made a motion to approve Bev Volker for the Executive Board; Cindy Auble seconded, and the motion passed.

Becky informed membership that they will vote on the proposed Bylaw changes at the next meeting. She will send everyone the proposed updates as well as the current Bylaws for revision. The proposed updates will also be available on the website and summarized in the next newsletter. A two thirds majority vote is required to pass Bylaw changes.

### **Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard**

The following members shared their quilts with the group: Jan Heine, Bridgette woods, Carol Hatcher, Tara Webb, Sheila Kristynik, Suzanne Gilbride, Lee Ann McGuinn,

Jeanne Brown, Kim Wilcox, Jaine Jewell, Elaine Bullard, Mary Ellen Adkinson, Connie Grudzinski, Madison Horinek, Bankie Lavender, and Sara Irwin.

**August Speaker – Char Peterson**

Char introduced Winnie Fleming who presented on her quilting journey and showed many of her beautiful quilts that featured her special floating border technique.

**Door Prizes – Becky Burkett**

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

Becky adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaine Jewell  
Secretary