



## **Tri-County Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

The September meeting was held at the Fairfield Baptist Church and was called to order at 7:02 pm by Becky Burkett.

Becky welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and reviewed the mission of the guild which is to promote the art of quilting through education and charity.

Tri-County Quilt Guild provides a loaner quilt for a rotating display at the Katy office of Texas Oncology. Becky is seeking a Fall/Thanksgiving themed quilt and also a winter/Holiday themed quilt for display. Members are asked to see Becky during the break if they have a quilt they are willing to loan out.

Becky read a communication from the organizers of the Houston International Quilt Festival looking for paid staff for this year's show. Payment includes parking and ranges from \$9-\$12/hr. Becky has additional information if anyone is available to help.

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

Char has secured Kathy Tucker for January's speaker and workshop. Char showed an example of Kathy's designs which will be used for the workshop. It is called the Super Star 60 Hextravaganza. The workshop will be January 3<sup>rd</sup>; members are encouraged to sign up.

### **BOM/Holiday Bash – Lisa Hart**

All kits have been distributed for this month. The October block is called Zig Zag Path and may be turned in at the Holiday Bash. Members are also able to make more of the Color Wash blocks featured in previous months.

The Holiday Bash will be held in the Education building. Assistance will be provided to ensure everyone can find the location. Members are encouraged to bring appetizers, finger foods or desserts to share. Lisa needs volunteers to assist with set up and cleaning up. Games and other activities are planned. Holiday attire is encouraged. More information will be sent out closer to the event.

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

The group met recently at Donna's home. They assembled 31 baskets and have enough additional items to complete about 13 more! There will be a second assembly party in January. Donations are still being accepted, and Donna is hoping to meet or exceed last year's basket total of 64. Members planning to donate items do not need to include the gift basket, cellophane, or filler paper. Donations of wired ribbon would be appreciated to decorate the baskets.

### **2024 Quilt Show – Janice Toler**

- The link to enter quilts in the show is now live on the Tri-County Quilt Show website. Entrants must renew their memberships prior to October 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to enter.
- The information session on September 14<sup>th</sup> was very successful. There will be another one on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Education building.
- Janice and Stephanie will be available to answer questions during the break, and Janice has an example of the quilt sleeve if necessary.
- In addition to registering on the website and paying the fee, members must provide 2 photographs of their quilt entry for identification processes during the show. Please bring your photos to the Holiday Bash.

### **Charity Bee – Sharon Castillo**

Sharon was excited to share that members have completed about 700 Christmas stockings. Items needed to fill the stockings are listed in the newsletters. Monetary donations are also accepted, and Sharon asks that a *Square* device be available for credit card donations at the Holiday Bash.

Sharon notified members that Charity Bee has received some donations of quilts that are unusable due to the colors running when the quilt is washed. Members are implored to use *color catchers* and wash the quilts repeatedly until all residual dye is removed prior to donation to charity bee.

### **Boutique – Stephanie Moss & Debby Dodge**

- Stephanie thanked Debby for stepping up to run the group after the loss of Connie Suarez.
- Recently several members volunteered to quilt a piece of fabric to be used to make Show & Tell bags for Boutique. The completed bags were shown to the group. In addition, samples of other Boutique 2023 projects were shared. These items included a reuseable grocery bag, a mattress pocket organizer, sewing machine mats with a built-in trash holder, hot pads & mitts, and a flower organizer.
- The next Boutique workshop will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at Bobbins & Threads from 10am. All members are welcome to participate.

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

- The October Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at. The meeting will be held at BB's Tex-Orleans restaurant in Cypress. All members are welcome.
- The Montgomery Quilt Walk event is this weekend. Elaine was able to secure the 24hrs of volunteers she promised. She will be contacting them with relevant information.
- The International Quilt Festival has invited local quilt guilds to bring their opportunity quilts to display and sell raffle tickets during the show. Tri-County will display its quilt on Thursday and Friday. In exchange for displaying our opportunity quilt, Tri-County must provide 40hrs worth of volunteers to work 2hr shifts from Thursday through Saturday. These volunteers will assist with ticket sales and on the display floor as "white glove" attendants. Elaine has signup sheets for these shifts and all members are asked to consider assisting.

### **Raffle Quilt – Bev Volker**

Beginning today, we will have a contest to see who can sell the most raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5 for 6. The member selling the most tickets from the October 3<sup>rd</sup> general meeting and the end of the Holiday Bash on December 5<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$50 gift certificate to The Quilty Shop.

### **Membership – Bobbi Miller**

There are 293 total members for 2023. 177 have renewed for 2024 so far. 83 members are present tonight, and a total of 1639 volunteer hours have been reported for this month. There are 3 visitors present and one new member. Bobbi will be available during the break for anyone who forgot to sign in. Also see Bobbi if you have renewed your membership but you have not received your 2024 membership card.

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

Becky informed the group that Tri-County Quilt Guild is now reincorporated with the State of Texas. We will file with the IRS in the next day or so in order to reinstate our 501(c)3 status.

### **Bylaws Revision Vote – Becky Burkett**

Bylaws revisions were posted for review as required. Members present voted on the changes. 83 members voted in the affirmative, and the motion passed.

### **Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard**

The following members shared their quilts with the group: Char Peterson, Barbara Hamala, Jeanne Brown, Diana Moore, Victoria Queen, Michelle Lewis, Clark Johnson, and Janet Winkler.

### **October Speaker – Char Peterson**

Char introduced tonight's speaker, Vasudha Govindan, to the group. Vasudha spoke about her quilting journey. She was gifted with a selection of previously owned fabrics which prompted her to wonder about the story behind the previous owner and led to her naming her endeavor as Storied Quilts.

As Vasudha gained quilting experience, she was drawn to modern quilting techniques and using a combination of straight line and free motion quilting to complete them. She shared a number of her quilts with the group.

Website: [Storiedquilts.com](http://Storiedquilts.com).

Insta: @storiedquilts314

### **Door Prizes – Becky Burkett**

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

Becky adjourned the meeting at 9:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaine Jewell  
Secretary