



Tri-County Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes January 2, 2024

The first general meeting of 2024 was held on January 2, 2024, at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Becky Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone back after the holidays. She summarized the mission of the guild which is to promote the art of quilting through instruction and encouragement of our members, education of the public, and support of our community through charitable donations.

Tri-County Quilt Guild provides quilts for a rotating display at Texas Oncology in Sugar Land. The current quilt on display by Jaine Jewell is holiday themed, and Becky is requesting a new quilt to display.

The Junior Program Chair position remains open as the elected member has decided not to accept the position. Becky asked members to consider serving in the role. Two additional positions are open for members' consideration: Assistant Property Manager and Election Committee Chair.

Senior Program Chair – Char Peterson

Kathy Tucker, tonight's speaker, still has openings for the January 3rd workshop. The workshop is \$35, the tool is \$45, and kits are available for \$75.

The February speaker will be quilt show judge Shawn Sickle, who will discuss the judging process and answer our questions. There will not be a workshop, but guild member Jo Dick will conduct a "Make It, Take It" session for just \$5. The project is a jelly-roll table topper and will take place on February 7th at The Quilty Shop.

Charity Bee Chair / Quilter's Treasure Aisle – Sharon Castillo

Charity Bee is looking for someone to cut fabric for Christmas stockings as we have lost our current source. Sharon is working on a solution, but 600 stockings are already ready to go for this year.

A final 2023 report will be presented in February, but preliminary numbers were presented by Sharon:

265 quilts were donated to Nora's Home.

121 quilts were donated to Two Lives Changed.

90 pillowcases were donated to Be An Angel Fund.

95 drawstring bags, 33 lap quilts and 8 wheelchairs quilts were donated to other charities.

550 Hugs were made.

Charity Bee meets at Cypress Crossings Christian Church on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:30 am - 2 pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to join this fun group.

Quilter's Treasure Aisle is set to go for the 2024 Quilt Show with donations and volunteers. Sharon explained that members have donated quilting related items such as notions, quilting fabric and even machines. The items sold at the Quilt Show are priced so as not to compete with our vendors but will still bring in money for the guild. Donations will be accepted until our February meeting.

2024 Quilt Show Co-Chair – Janice Toler

All paperwork, photographs and fees have been turned in by Quilt Show entrants. Janice asked members to let her know if a quilt will not be finished or if the size of a finished quilt changes from the size stated on the entry form. Accurate sizes are needed to plan the layout of the quilts. The sizes defining quilt categories, especially in the Traditionally Pieced category, may be adjusted to even out the number of entries.

Quilts will be turned in on two different dates. Some of the larger categories will be turned in on Saturday, February 24th at the Cypress Crossings Christian Church, and the rest will be turned on the Thursday, February 29th at the Berry Center. Details will be emailed to members letting them know when to turn in their quilts.

Printed posters advertising our 2024 Quilt Show are available for members to take and hang up in various locations to bring in visitors. The Berry Center will be enforcing a clear bag / small purse policy for regular entry into the show this year. Janice asked members to let their friends and family know.

2024 Quilt Show Volunteers – Denise Hardcastle

Printed sign-up sheets are available for members to volunteer at the Quilt Show. Additionally, links will be emailed for volunteer sign-up via Sign-Up Genius. Denise urged members to volunteer and indicated that there are many jobs for all abilities. Times may also be adjusted to suit a volunteer's schedule.

Door Prizes Chair / Tin Can Raffle – Donna Vandiver

Donna expressed her appreciation of member donations for door prizes. Many baskets have been assembled for the Tin Can Raffle to be held at the 2024 Quilt Show. One more basket assembly meeting will take place in the last week of January at Donna's house. The exact date and time will be emailed. A covered table and chairs will also be completed in early February. Donations are still being accepted until our February meeting.

Membership – Bobbi Miller

A total of 80 members signed in for tonight's meeting. Total membership is 265, and 1296 total volunteer hours were reported for the month. Bobbi acknowledged 3 new members, and 3 visitors were introduced and welcomed with applause.

Vice-President for Administration / Raffle Quilt – Elaine Bullard

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at Gianna Italian Kitchen in Tomball, TX. All members are welcome at board meetings. The February board meeting will take place February 20th, the third Tuesday of the month, to avoid conflict with Valentine's Day crowds.

Elaine encourages members to submit ideas for the newsletter's Tips and Techniques section.

A new contest will be starting tonight. The member who buys the most raffle quilt tickets by the February 6th meeting will receive \$50 off longarm quilting services by Becky Burkett. Members are also asked to bring back the money for raffle tickets that have been checked out.

Guild members will be offered the opportunity, possibly next week, to buy T-shirts with the guild logo through a third party T-shirt business. Different styles and sizes will be offered and will cost around \$18-\$20. The T-shirts should be ready in time for the Quilt Show but are not required for volunteers.

Block of the Month Chair – Lisa Hart

The Friendship Quilt Guild of Brenham, TX will be having a quilt show February 16th and 17th at the Fireman's Training Center in Brenham. Lisa will be a vendor.

The Block of the Month for January, February and March will be the Happy Scrappy 4-Patch. Use 4 different 2 ½ inch squares in medium and / or dark fabrics.

Lisa drew a winner from those members who turned in Color Wash blocks, and the winner received a Hoffman Bali Pop set of 2 ½ inch strips. Members were invited to help sort and sew the hundreds of Color Wash blocks on March 25th.

Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard

The following members shared their quilts with the group: Nancy Youens, Janice Toler, Marietjie Engelbrecht, Jaine Jewell, Sara Irwin, Shelly Wiggins, Gail Smith, Rebecca Garcia, Jeanne Brown and Kim Wilcox.

January Speaker – Kathy Tucker introduced by Char Peterson

Kathy Tucker is a certified teacher of Studio 180 Design and Laura Heine Collage. Kathy and her husband Stan run K&S Quilting in Montgomery, TX. A lifelong educator with a PhD in Education, Kathy offers longarm quilting services, classes and workshops. She and Stan also offer classes in making barn quilts. Kathy led us through her quilting journey with a beautiful collection of her quilts.

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Door Prizes – Becky Burkett

Becky drew three winning numbers, and Donna Vandiver presented the door prizes.

Becky adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Granat
Secretary