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From The President's Stash

The holiday season is here, and 2023 is mostly behind us. There were so many things I wanted to do in 2023, and now, I mostly have more UFOs. As we start 2024, let's resolve to finish some of the things we've started. The feeling of satisfaction of truly completing a quilt or other project is something of which we all can use more.

This is a reminder to watch for volunteer opportunities, especially with the quilt show coming up in TWO MONTHS!! That will go quicker than we want it to! There's a lot to do to get ready, so watch the newsletter and emails for information about needed help.

Speaking of volunteers, I want to thank my officers for all their hard work this past year. This past year has thrown us some unexpected curves, but you have handled your jobs with aplomb, and have been a joy to work with. I especially thank Jaine Jewell, who has stepped down as Secretary, and welcome our new Secretary, Donna Granat. I'm looking forward to working with all of you in 2024. Unfortunately, Nathan Brown, who was elected at the December meeting as Jr Program Chair, has decided he can't do this job after all, so we do have a vacancy on the Board. Please carefully consider if this is a position you can help fill and call Elaine Bullard if you have questions about it.

Hope you have had a joyful holiday season, filled with love and laughter (and lots of sewing!)

Becky Burkett
President

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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.



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





Upcoming Speakers

JANUARY 2, 2024 - GUILD MEETING

Lecture - Kathy Tucker is a Studio 180 Design and Laura Heine Certified Instructor. Presentation begins with her journey with quilting from the inception, 37 years ago, to when she truly learned Precision Piecing.

JANUARY 3, 2024 - WORKSHOP

"Super Star 60" Hextravanza with the Studio 180 Design Star tool taught by Kathy Tucker. Students will create a stunning quilt called "Hextravanza". A Studio 180 Star 60 tool will bring the same concepts of oversizing and trimming down into the realm of 60° shapes, multiple size options, oversizing and trim down for better accuracy, fine lines for higher precision, right and left-hand instructions, free videos, supporting patterns, and more.

Class fee is \$35. Design tool is \$45. She is giving a 10% discount to guild members on the tool.

She has come up with a beautiful kit that matches the quilt that can be purchased at Bobbins and Threads Quilt Store for \$75. The kit fabric utilizes Kaffe, Tula, Anna Maria, and Jason Yenter fabric. (Backing and binding is not included in the kit)

Once payment is received, a supply list will be provided. You do not need to purchase a kit. Fabric yardage needed is included on the supply sheet.

Contact Char Peterson, Program Chairman for more details (206) 909 -1510 and payment arrangements so you can get the supply sheet. The class will be taught at Bobbins and Threads quilt shop from 10 am to 4 pm.

SIGN UP NOW!!!





FEBRUARY 6, 2024 - GUILD MEETING

Lecture by Shawn Sickle, a National Association of Certified Quilt Judges candidate. She will discuss what a certified judge looks for in a quilt. This will be a question-and-answer opportunity. Come with all of your questions you've ever wanted to know about judging.

FEBRUARY 7, 2023 - MAKE AND TAKE

This will be a "make it take it" table runner with our own Tri-County County Guild member Jo Dick.

Jo has taught this piece several times and has volunteered to teach us. It is made with jelly rolls and can be made large or small.

A \$5 fee is required to save your place and get the supply list. Come and socialize with other guild members and make this adorable table topper or wall hanging. The class will be held at the Quilty Shop from 10 am to 4 pm.



MARCH... There will not be a March meeting due to our Quilt Show.

APRIL 2, 2024 - LECTURE

Sherri, owner of Loft Supply, will present "Why Your Batting Matters". This is a discussion of different types of batting, fibers, manufacturing methods, advantages and disadvantages of each, and how to know which batting to use on your project.

April 3, 2024 - WORKSHOP - TBD



Happy Birthday!

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Marian Page

Lori Smith

Armedia Stubbs

Marilyn Thomas

Belinda Wheeler



TCQG Displaying Quilts at Texas Oncology!

Texas Oncology-Sugar Land is now displaying Escher Christmas by Jaine Jewell.

Jaine Jewell generously allowed us to display her quilt named Escher Christmas, inspired by the works of the artist Escher. The quilt, designed by Christopher Weinhold & Danielle Steinhart, captures the mesmerizing and logic-defying essence of Escher's art. Its mathematical simplicity, comprised of interconnected triangles, fascinated me as I crafted it. I sincerely hope that you find as much joy in admiring this quilt as I did in creating it.



Best regards, Jaine Jewell



2024 Tri -County Quilt Guild presents

Quilts in Bloom

March 1st & March 2nd, 2024

Hours: Friday 10am-5pm

Saturday 10am-4pm

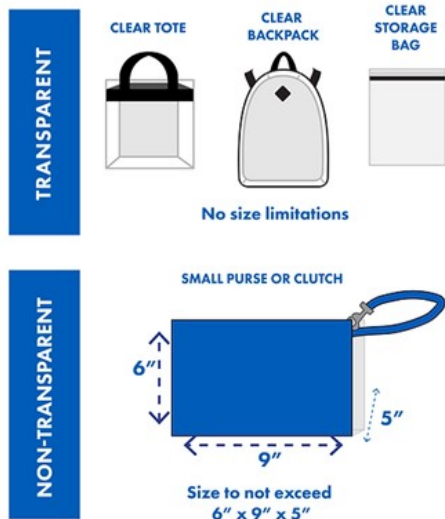
**Location – The Berry Center
8877 Barker Cypress Rd, Cypress, TX
77433**



Happy New Year, everyone! 2024 is here, and we are just 8 weeks away from our fabulous quilt show!

Thanks to everyone who submitted one or more quilts for the show. More than 200 quilts will be shared with our community on March 1st and 2nd!

As we count down the days to this long-awaited event, there is still much to do to create an exceptional show. The coming weeks will be busy ones, and there is something for EVERYONE to do (yes, even you)! Below are a few helpful reminders as final preparations are being made for our “Quilts in Bloom” show.

**BERRY CENTER**
CLEAR BAG POLICY

The Berry Center's **clear bag policy will be in effect** for guests who attend this year's show. Please review the information at the link below to learn more about the policy. Also, share the information with friends and family members who plan to attend. We do not

want anyone to be turned away at the door; let's get the word out as we tell others about the show!

<https://www.berrycenter.net/clear-bag-policy>

Thanks again for all of the beautiful quilt entries. Remember, you will need to submit two photos of each quilt submitted. If you still need to turn in photos, they may be emailed to Janice Toler or turned in at the January meeting.



Show quilts must also have a quilt sleeve and label attached. Labels should include your name, quilt name, and your contact information. Labels must be covered so they are not visible to judges. [Click here](#) for instructions on how to make and attach a quilt sleeve.

Volunteers are the backbone of a great show. As always, there are many volunteer opportunities available for this year's show. There is certain to be a volunteer opportunity that is a perfect fit for you. Click the links found in this newsletter to view available volunteer opportunities and sign up asap.

There are still a few vendor slots available for this year's show. If you know someone who may be interested in serving as a vendor, please reach out so we can connect them with our vendor chair. You may also direct them to the TCQG website [vendor page](#) which contains all the information needed to become a show vendor.

Raffle tickets will continue to be sold at each guild meeting leading up to the show. We encourage you to purchase raffle tickets to sell to or share with friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers.. They are a great way to start a conversation about the show.

Watch for emails during the upcoming months with detailed information regarding quilt intake dates and times.

Please tell everyone—everywhere you go, every chance you get—about the spectacular quilt show happening at the Berry Center on March 1st and 2nd! We are getting excited. We hope you are, too!

Show Chairs,
Janice Toler
Janice.toler@gmail.com

Shari Stone
slsqilter@gmail.com

Stephanie Moss
steffie.stuff@yahoo.com



Our 2024 Quilt Show is just a couple of months away, and volunteers are needed. Below is a listing of activities that you can sign up for. On the website find each activity to be directed to the applicable sign-up page. A brief description of each activity is noted at the top of each sign-up page. Additional activities may be added in the future. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Denise Hardcastle at 713-301-1426 or email dshhardcastle1@outlook.com.

Activity	Link
Hanging Quilts	Hanging Quilts 2024 Quilt Show
Membership Table	Membership Table 2024
Office Security	Office Security 2024
Opportunity Quilt	Opportunity Quilt 2024 Quilt Show
Public Admissions	Public Admissions 2024 Quilt Show
Quilt Intake	Quilt Intake 2024 Quilt Show
Schoolhouse	Schoolhouse 2024 Quilt Show
Silent Auction	Silent Auction 2024
Tin Can Raffle	Tin Can Raffle 2024 Quilt Show
Vendor Support	Vendor Support 2024 Quilt Show
Volunteers Admission	Volunteers Admissions 2024



This is a friendly reminder that February 2nd is the last day to turn in any fabric donations for the quilt show.

If you need someone to pick it up, call me, Sharon Castillo and I will make arrangements to do that.

Thanks Sharon Castillo 713.828.0861

Important

Change is good, but it can also create a challenge.

As you are finishing up your entry quilt(s), please contact Janice Toler immediately if any of the following changes have occurred:

- the size of your quilt has shifted (even if by an inch or two)

- you know you will not finish your quilt in time for the show

- you have changed your quilt name or inspiration

These seem like small details, but such changes have a HUGE impact on the volunteers assigned to create the plan for the quilt display area, hang quilts, and ensure each quilt is showcased with accurate information.

Some of these tasks must be completed weeks before the show; your diligence assists these teams in carrying them out with ease. Just imagine a quilt that won't fit into the space reserved for it causing a chain reaction of reorganizing that devours time and drains energy!

We are counting on you to help us with these important items. Please take action immediately if you have one or more of the changes noted above.



TCQG Gift Boutique



The TCQG Gift Boutique has not planned any new projects for January or February 2024. Instead, we will complete unfinished projects from our prior workshops. We will also be tagging and pricing in preparation for the quilt show coming up all too quickly.

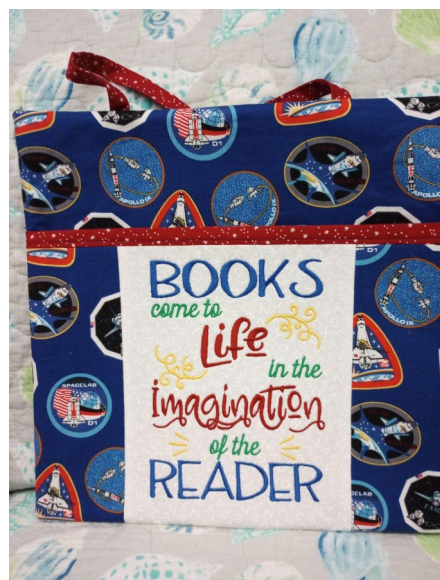
If you have any unfinished kits from the TCQG Gift Boutique workshops, please call or text Debby Dodge at 832-971-9459 so we can arrange to take



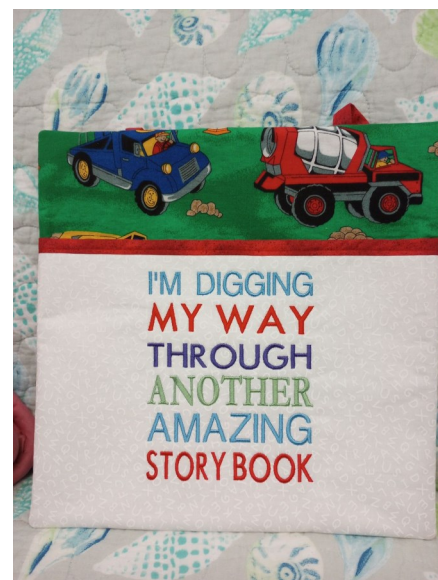
those kits off your hands. Thank you very much for your participation in the workshops.

If you are new to our guild, you might want to know that the TCQG Gift Boutique is responsible for making and gathering handmade gift items which we sell at the Gift Boutique booth at our quilt shows. We also sell gift items donated by our very generous bees and individual members.

If you were at the Holiday Bash, you got a sneak peek at some very charming reading pillows for toddlers made by the Quilter's Dozen Bee. The pillows were embroidered with charming sayings and then cleverly constructed with fabrics which coordinate with the sayings. These lovely pillows were presented to us by Shelly Wiggins representing the Quilter's Dozen Bee. They are sure to be a hot Gift Boutique item at this year's show.



If you have participated in our workshops or donated gift items for us to sell at the quilt show, then please consider working the Gift Boutique booth. We need two people at the checkout table at all times as well as a minimum of two floaters at all times. If interested in helping out at the booth and/or helping with set up, please contact Debby Dodge. Cell 832-971-9459 or email dodged@flash.net.





If you have any questions
regarding block of the
month, please send an
email to
TCQGBOM@gmail.com

Lisa Hart

BOM Chairperson



Thread Bits

On that rare occasion you need to “unsew” a seam, do you end up with bits of thread all over your shirt? I sure did until I saw this tip.

I take about a 6” piece of blue painter’s tape and form a loop with it with the sticky side out. After cutting the stitches in the seam, I’ll use the loop of tape to press along the seam line and pick up the bits of thread. I then stick the loop onto my sewing machine, my shirt or even my left hand and then its handy when I’m ready to remove more bits of thread. This gives me an easy way to clean the bits of thread off the fabric and I don’t look like I lost the battle of thread bits!

Another handy idea for picking up bits of thread is to keep a sticky roller brush near your cutting mat. Just roll it back and forth on your mat to it to clean up threads and fabric fuzz.

Happy sewing!

Elaine Bullard



Tri-County's Fabulous Bees



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



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!

Charla Reese, Queen Bee



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 the 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 second and fourth 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 10-1:30. 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 needed...just come and have a great sewing day in a beautiful quilting shop.

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



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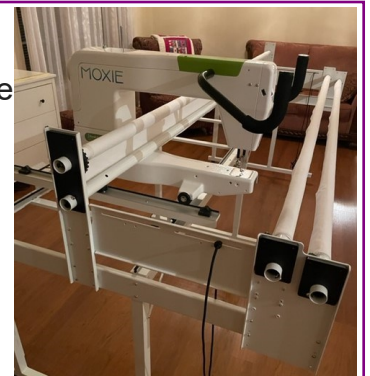
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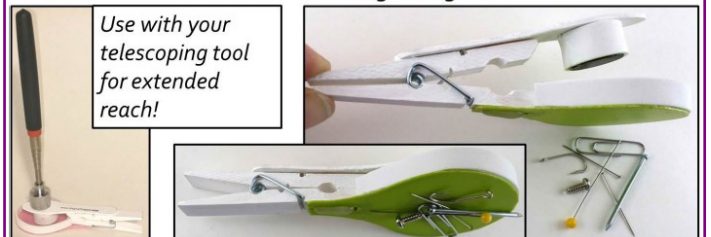
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