



# TCQG News

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## From The President's Stash

IT'S HERE!!!

The 2024 Quilts in Bloom Quilt Show is HERE!!

This is the culmination of countless hours and hard work by all of you, but especially Janice Toler, Stephanie Moss, and Shari Stone. Thank you, ladies, for all the planning and hard work that you've invested in this event.

If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet, please contact Denise Hardcastle to do so. Or just come to the show and see where there is a need. We need all hands on deck! Remember – no general meeting in March, but there will be a Board meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the email for details.

Looking ahead, we have a presentation on batting in April to be given by Sherry Mark of Loft Supply with a workshop the next day on Lone Star quilts taught by our own, Elaine Bullard.

Still lots happening after the show, so read through the newsletter. And enjoy the show!

Becky Burkett

President

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**Welcome New Members!!** Rosie Fernandez  
Stacy Dong Emily Francis Jennifer Carmichael  
Charla Burnett Lori Kraus

**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



Tri-County Guild member, Jo Dick, held a fabulous "Make It/Take It" in lieu of a February workshop for participants. The class was at The Quilty Shop. She was an excellent teacher, and everyone had a wonderful time, not to mention finishing the project!!



These are some pictures of finished projects. Thank you Jo for a wonderful time.





## No General Meeting in March

See you at the Quilts in Bloom 2024 Quilt Show!

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APRIL 2, 2024 - LECTURE

The speaker is Sherry Mark with Loft Supply. "Why your Batting Matters."

A brief discussion of different types a batting: Fibers, manufacturing methods, advantages and disadvantages of each, and how to know which batting to use in your project. If you have questions.. this is a perfect time to get them answered.





April 3, 2024 - WORKSHOP

## "Lone Star Wall Hanging"

Our Tri-County Quilt Guild member and Vice President, Elaine Bullard, will be teaching us how to make a 32 inch wall hanging "Lone Star Quilt." The project will use strip sets and does not have any "Y Seams." The project is jelly roll or yardage friendly.



The Lone Star quilt is an 8 point star built on pieced diamond shapes. Elaine will guide us through constructing a basic 3 x 3 diamond after giving us some instruction on color choices and placement. After making the diamonds, she will show you how to apply the background fabric so you do not need to use "Y Seams"

Cost of the class is \$35. To sign up, contact Char Peterson, Program Chairman at 206-909-1510 or email [tolep8n@comcast](mailto:tolep8n@comcast). Once payment has been made, the supply list will be provided. Attached are several photos of Lone Star Quilts.

Class size is limited to 15 students and will be held at Bobbins and Threads Quilt Shop, 10130 Grant Rd from 10 to 4ish.



If you have entered a quilt in the Montgomery Quilt Walk in the past or would like to enter a quilt in their October 4 and 5, 2024 walk, this is a great time to get started on a project. The theme for this years show is "The Lone Star Quilt."

Entries do not have to fit the theme.



May 7, 2024 Lecture - Ann Moore

"Ann Moore Quilting" out of Huntsville, Tx will give her lecture on:

Her quilting journey with her quilts from the time she began to present.

Ann, a free motion quilting instructor, fell in love with the Westalee Rulers when she discovered them at the Houston International Festival. Teaching quilting with rulers was a natural progression, and students find that ruler work is much easier and rewarding. She incorporates ruler work and free motion quilting into her quilts and classes, if requested. At the Houston Festival in 2023, her Artisan Garden received a Livestock Show and Rodeo Blue Ribbon award. This quilt was originally designed as a teaching tool using the quilt-as-you-go method, and she knew the quilt needed more. She added corded binding and bicorne crystal beads of various sizes to embellish the quilt.

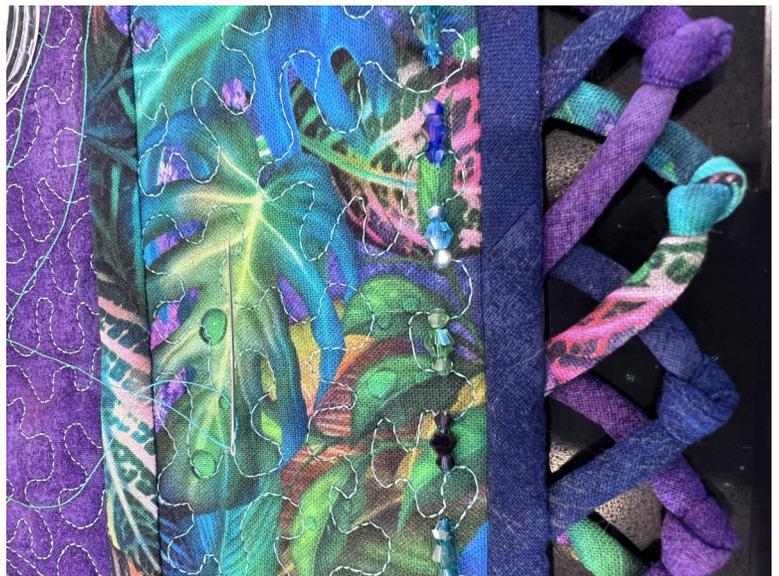
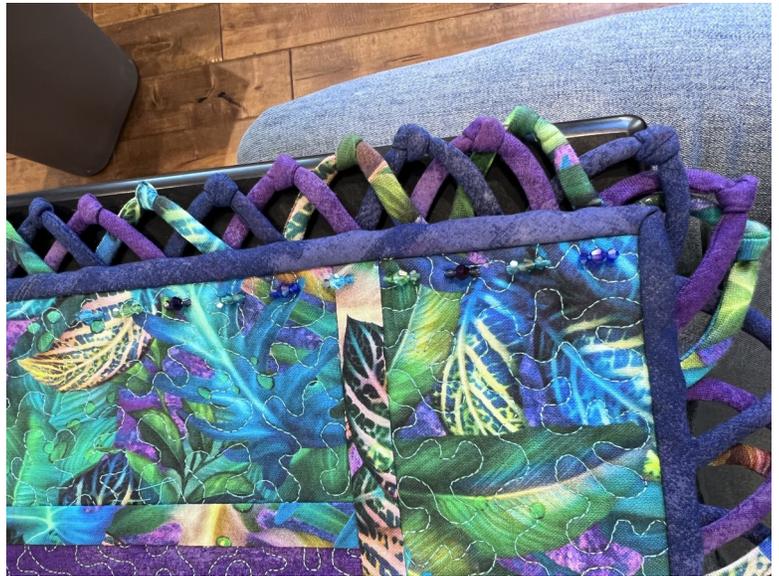




## May 8, 2024 Workshop:

The workshop on May 8th will be making a small sample square and teaching you the cording technique on it plus some ruler work with templates if time.

Class fee is \$35. Contact Char Peterson, Program Chairman at 206-909-1510 or email [tolep8n@comcast](mailto:tolep8n@comcast) to sign up and make payment arrangements. Once payment has been received, the supply list will be provided. The class will be at The Quilty Shop in Tomball from 10 am to 4ish. Limited class size. TCQG members have priority in signing up.





# Happy Birthday!

Sara Ballard

Vicki Breeden

Barbara Britton

Nakita Brooks

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Vivian Dawkins

Janet Deschamps

Margie Hastings

Beverly Jones

Michelle Lewis

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Susan Motycka

Charla Reese

Janie Soley

Tori Trevino

Judith Whited

Nancy Youens



We can hardly believe that March is almost here, and we are just days away from our 2024 quilt show! The past two years have been filled with committee meetings, conference calls, sewing days, informal meet ups, trips to the storage unit, and many other behind-the-scenes activities required to put on a fabulous show.

Serving as Show Chairs for the 2024 show has been both a great honor and a wonderful experience. We have enjoyed learning new things, meeting new friends, and—most of all—getting a firsthand view of the many above-and-beyond contributions made by the members in this fabulous community of quilters. The hundreds of volunteer hours you have contributed over the past two years have helped us put together what we think will be an awesome show. A **BIG** thank you goes out to each one of you for your hard work and commitment. Truly, we could not have done it without you!

We look forward to seeing all the beautiful quilts “in bloom” at the Berry Center and can’t wait to congratulate our ribbon winners. We appreciate you and thank you, again, for helping us create a great show.

Show Chairs,

Janice Toler

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Shari Stone

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Stephanie Moss

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If you have any questions regarding block of the month, please send an email to [TCQGBOM@gmail.com](mailto:TCQGBOM@gmail.com)

Lisa Hart  
BOM Chairperson



## Tips & Techniques

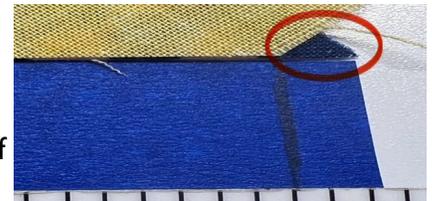
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# 1/4" Seam Allowances & Matching Points

I have two tips this month, but they're connected in a way that should be very helpful.

### Tip #1. Lining up fabrics cut on an angle

1. If you're joining strips of fabric that have been cut at an angle, you know you have to slide one fabric down so there's a "V" created at 1/4". That's where you'll start sewing your seam. Here's how to know you're exactly at 1/4" where the fabrics cross.
2. Take a piece of blue painters tape and trim the end of each end of the tape so it is squared off. Stick the strip of tape to your sewing cabinet, extension table or dining room table (whatever your machine sits on). Measure and mark 1/4" inside the edge of the tape from each end.
3. Make sure you're working with your fabrics Right Sides Together! Now, take the piece of fabric with the pointed end and put the tip of the fabric at the end of the tape. Lay the second piece of fabric on top of the first piece and line up the bottom corner of the fabric



with the line you drew on your tape (1/4" from the edge). The "V" that is created should be your perfect 1/4" seam line.

On the other end of your fabric pieces to be sewn, you'll have to look under the top fabric and match the bottom fabric to the line drawn on the tape and the top fabric will have the pointed end that should sit at the end of the tape. (Oops! Mine isn't quite right in this photo.)

Pin the two pieces together and sew fabrics together.

The piece of tape is not a gauge of how long your fabric should be. You should only be looking at the ends of the tape as a guide for placement to achieve the perfect 1/4" seam. When you open your fabrics, the edges of your fabrics should create a straight line when you use this method!



## Tip #2. Matching intersections when they're at an angle.

1. On the back side of one fabric, take a small quilting ruler and using an erasable pen draw 1/4" line down the side you'll sew on the fabric that will be on top. I have a 2-1/2" x 6" ruler and a 3" x 9" that are both great for this.
2. Lay the other fabric Right Side Up and slide under the fabric you just drew the 1/4" line on. Now draw a 1/4" line at the seam lines of the bottom fabric.
3. Take a straight pin and place the pin through the 1/4" line at the seam of the top fabric and through the 1/4" mark at the seam on the bottom fabric.



4. Push the pin all the way through the two fabrics keeping the pin straight up and down holding those two points together. Place another pin where the two points meet and then remove the first pin.
5. Sew your seam and open your fabrics. Press (I like to press open) and admire your matching points and even edges at the top and bottom.



Happy sewing,  
Elaine Bullard  
elainebullard53@yahoo.com



## 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](mailto: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 4th Thursdaysat The Quilty Shop from 10-4:30. We have great times together! This bee has openings.

Bee Keeper: Charmaine Fritchey [cfritchey@gmail.com](mailto:cfritchey@gmail.com)



**Grateful Threads:** Formerly "We Be Quilters". We have changed our meeting time to the THIRD THURSDAY -once a month- at the Quilty Shop in Tomball from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Now a full day!! We are a "sassy" group of Quilters who meet to sew whatever you are working on, a long lost "UFO", hand work, etc. Come to share tips, get ideas, and socialize. Come when you can, no experience necessary. Contact Bee Keeper, Char Peterson, to be included in our great group. An email is sent out prior to the Bee to remind you to RSVP. Come and have a great sewing day with us in a beautiful quilting shop. Bee Keeper, Char Peterson, [tolep8n@comcast.net](mailto:tolep8n@comcast.net) or call 206 909 1510



2024 SHINER HERITAGE QUILTERS  
*"Spring into Quilting" Show*

Friday and Saturday  
**March 8 & 9, 2024**

9:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.  
Methodist Church Activity Center  
102 W. Church St.  
Shiner, TX 77984  
(1 block off Hwy 90A)

Admission: \$5  
Children 6 and under are free  
Quilts, wall hanging, needle art,  
special block challenge, vendors,  
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[www.shinerheritagequilters.org](http://www.shinerheritagequilters.org)  
Find us on Facebook! Shiner Heritage Quilt Guild

<https://www.shinerheritagequilters.org/quilt-show->



*"Lillebet's Garden"*  
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April 12-13, 2024

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<https://www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org/index.php/qui>

## Gun Barrel Quilters Guild--Mabank, Texas



2024 Quilt Show  
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April 26-27, 2024

Friday 9AM-5PM  
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*The CR Legacy Event Center*  
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<https://www.gunbarrelquiltersguild.org/>



Event Name: Rock Around The Block  
 Dates/Times: Friday May 3, 2024 from 10am to 4pm  
 Saturday May 4, 2024 from 10am to 3pm  
 Venue: Fort Bend County Fair Grounds  
 4310 Highway 36 S, Rosenberg, Texas 77471  
 Website: [www.cpqgtx.org](http://www.cpqgtx.org)

Facebook: [Event - Save The Date!](#)

There will be *Quilts – Vendors - Door Prizes - Food for Purchase - Raffle Baskets - Quilts for Sale* and a **Quilts of Valor Ceremony** on the Saturday.

## Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas 2024 Quilt Showcase

Friday,  
 May 3rd,  
 2024  
 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday,  
 May 4th,  
 2024  
 10 am - 3 pm

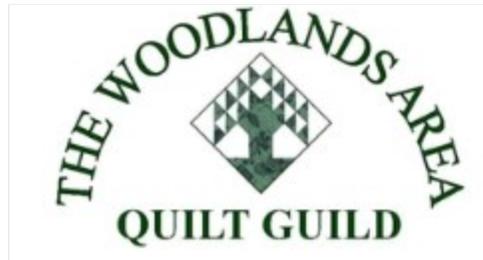
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WAQG Quilt Show 2024

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**WAQG Quilt Show 2024**  
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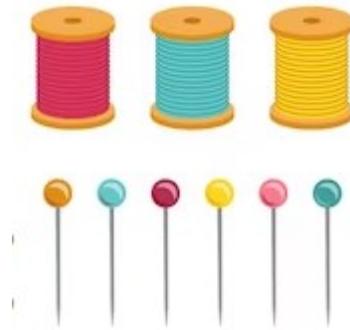
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