



Tri-County Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes February 6, 2024

The February general meeting of The Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on February 6, 2024, at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Becky Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed all. 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. Members were encouraged to buy raffle tickets from Sue with the Livingston Piecemakers Quilt Guild who brought their raffle quilt to display at the meeting.

Block of the Month Chair - Lisa Hart

The Block of the Month continues to be the Happy Scrappy 4-Patch. Use 4 different 2 ½ inch squares in medium and / or dark fabrics.

The Quilty Shop will host a sewing day to put together Color Wash blocks on Friday, March 8th, 10 am – 3 pm. Details will be in the newsletter and on Facebook.

2024 Quilt Show Co-Chair - Janice Toler

The Tri-County Quilt Show is March 1st and 2nd at the Berry Center. The cost is \$10 total for both days and is the same for everybody. Bring your big purses, Janet advised. The plastic bag rule will not be in effect. Tomorrow is the last day to make changes to the sizes of the quilts entered in the show. Janice has printed lists of quilt entrants by category, and these lists are displayed in the back of the church. Please check your entry to be sure the details are correct.

2024 Quilt Show Volunteers Chair - Denise Hardcastle

Thank you to members who have signed up to volunteer at the Quilt Show. There are many positions that still need to be filled. The links in the newsletter do not work, but the email links do, as do the links on the website. Hardcopies are also available for sign up in the lobby. There are still 140 open positions. Everyone is needed and encouraged to help. There are positions available for all abilities, and position descriptions are included on the sign ups.

2024 Quilt Show Quilt Intake Chair - Mary Jane Sterbanz

On Saturday, February 24th, at Cypress Crossings Christian Church from 9 am - 1 pm, quilt show entrants should bring all quilts in the Traditionally Pieced category. If you have quilts in other categories in addition to Traditionally Pieced, or if you are working on Thursday, February 29th, you may also bring your quilts on February 24th. The second quilt turn in will be on February 29th, at the Berry Center, at either 7 am, 8 am or 9 am, depending on the category. An email with details will be sent to members. Mary Jane encouraged members to contact her with questions and to sign up to help with intake on Thursday, February 29th.

2024 Quilt Show Quilt Hanging Chair - Marietjie Engelbrecht

Please make sure that the quilts turned in for the Quilt Show have a sleeve, and that the sleeve is at least 4 inches wide. Small quilts, less than 40 inches, can have a sleeve that is a little narrower. Sleeves should be all the way across the quilt. Please do not use corner hanging sleeves. Make sure the sleeves are securely stitched to the quilt.

2024 Quilt Show Tin Can Raffle Chair - Donna Vandiver

Tomorrow at Bobbins and Threads, Tin Can Raffle volunteers will be sewing the raffle table and chairs. Members are encouraged to come help sew and to sign up to work at Tin Can Raffle at the Quilt Show.

2024 Quilt Show Vendors Chair - Stephanie Moss for Rhonda Van Alstine

Rhonda has secured almost 50 vendors for our show. Many of our favorite quilt shops will be there: The Quilty Shop, Bobbins & Threads, Sew Special Quilts, Cupcake Quilts. Some new vendors include Chalk Couture, and The Nest Retreat Center. A full list is available on the website. Members are encouraged to support our vendors.

Charity Bee - Beverly McGaughey

Members are reminded that there are charity quilts that need to be quilted and charity quilts that need to be bound available for pick up. Charity Bee has also put together 3 yard quilt kits with donated fabrics. Sample quilts have been made for each kit. There are no time limits for completion of any charity quilt.

Newsletter Advertising Chair - Connie Grudzinski

Members are encouraged to advertise their businesses. Even a non-quilt related business can be advertised, such as tax preparation. Business card size ads are \$25/year. Contact Connie if you have any questions.

Senior Program Chair – Char Peterson

Tomorrow, Jo Dick will teach a “Make It, Take It” table topper project in lieu of a February workshop for \$5 at The Quilty Shop starting at 10 am. Come at 9:30 or 9:45 am to set up. There is still room to sign up.

Vice-President for Administration / Raffle Quilt – Elaine Bullard

The member who buys the most raffle quilt tickets by intermission of this meeting will receive \$50 off longarm quilting services by Becky Burkett. Sign up to sell tickets for the raffle quilt at the Quilt Show.

T-shirts can be ordered in the next few days by link to the T-shirt store. Elaine encouraged members to order 1 or 2 sizes larger than normal. Members will receive an email with a link and must order by Monday, February 12th at 10 am. T-shirts will be available on Saturday, February 24th, at Cypress Crossings Christian Church or on Thursday, February 29th, at the Berry Center.

Membership – Bobbi Miller

A total of 94 members signed in for tonight’s meeting. Total membership is 272, with 4 new members signing up tonight. The total number of volunteer hours reported for the month was 2284. Bobbi introduced 4 visitors and our 4 new members. Members are encouraged to sign up to work at admissions and membership at the Quilt Show.

2024 Quilt Show Quilter’s Treasure Aisle – Sharon Castillo

The Quilter’s Treasure Aisle donation deadline was February 2nd, and the response from members was incredible. In 2023, Charity Bee distributed 408 quilts to be completed. At the end of 2023, 352 completed quilts were turned in ranging in years from 2019 to 2023. In 2023, the total number of quilts donated was 440. Sharon thanked members for their efforts, and Becky encouraged members to join Charity Bee at Cypress Crossings Christian Church on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard

The following members shared their quilts and creations with the group: Jan Heine, Victoria Queen, Marietjie Engelbrecht, Donna Rowe and Lucy Kowis.

February Speaker – Shawn Sickle

Shawn Sickle will be one of four judges in our 2024 TCQG Quilt Show. She is a candidate of the National Association of Certified Quilt Show Judges. Shawn shared with us her inspiration and excitement for judging quilts. She claims that the training has improved the quality of her quilting. In a question and answer format, Shawn gave members some tips and great advice. One piece of advice she shared was that it doesn't matter if the binding is by hand or by machine, just do it well.

Door Prizes – Becky Burkett

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

Bev Volker announced that the winner of Becky's \$50 gift certificate was Donna Granat.

Becky reminded members that there was no March general meeting and adjourned the February meeting at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Granat
Secretary