



**Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2024**

The April general meeting of The Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on April 2, 2024, at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Becky Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Becky has volunteered to chair the 2026 Quilt Show. Donna Vandiver will be co-chair. Members were asked to submit ideas for a theme. Slips of paper were available in the lobby during the break.

International Quilt Festival in Houston has opened registration for the 2024 Judged Show. The show will be October 31 - November 3, 2024, and the deadline for entry is May 30. For details, go to quilts.com. Becky encouraged members to enter the show.

Tomball Museum Center is seeking quilts for a Quilt and Crafters Festival on Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 10 am to 4 pm. Quilt entry fee is \$20, and the deadline for entering is May 31.

Members were encouraged to buy raffle tickets from the Waller County Piecemakers Quilt Guild who brought their opportunity quilt to display at the meeting. The drawing will be held after their November 9, 2024, Knights of Columbus Benefit Quilt Show in Hempstead, TX.

2024 Quilt Show Co-Chairs - Janice Toler & Stephanie Moss

Janice and Stephanie thanked everyone for all their help with the quilt show including volunteering before and at the show, donating items, attending the show, and entering such wonderful quilts. A presentation of income and expenses was made.

Income:

Vendor Rentals	\$14,445
Quilt Entry Fees	\$ 2,160
Public Admissions	\$11,700
Volunteer Admissions	\$ 1,020
Tin Can Raffle	\$ 6,690
Boutique	\$ 4,052
Quilter's Treasure Aisle	\$ 7,432
Silent Auction	\$ 2,970
Raffle Quilt	<u>\$ 6,410</u>
Total	\$56,879

Expenses:

Berry Center	\$19,656
Poles and Drapes	\$ 4,794
Judges Fees & Travel	\$ 3,483
Credit Card Surcharges	\$ 808
Lots of Other Stuff	<u>\$ 8,304</u>
Ribbons, Storage Units, Printing, Fabric, Plastic Table Cloths, etc.	
	\$37,045

Profit: \$19,834

Janice announced that the winner of the Viewer's Choice Award from the 2024 Quilt Show was Mary Laskowski with her quilt "Northern Lights." Best of Show winner was Jo Dick with her quilt "Amazmerizing" which, Jo informed members, was in Paducah. Janice passed the Quilt Show torch to Becky with a flash drive and some gloves.

Becky reminded members to pick up ribbon labels from Deb Durr. She also thanked Suzanne Gilbride for her years of work photographing our Show and Tell quilts and helping to manage the Facebook page. Suzanne will be retiring from this role, and Becky asked members interested in helping with photography to let her know.

Vice-President for Administration – Elaine Bullard
Junior Program Chair – Nathan Brown

Elaine asked members to pick up the t-shirts they ordered if they have not already done so. Tomorrow, April 3, 2024, is the Lone Star workshop at Bobbins & Threads. The workshop is full. Participants should be there at 9:30 if they have signed up and are asked not to park in front of the doors.

The May speaker and workshop leader will be Ann Moore who teaches free motion quilting and quilting with rulers. She will be teaching cording and binding in the May 8, 2024, workshop at The Quilty Shop.

Elaine introduced Nathan Brown who is our Junior Program Chair. Nathan informed the guild that our June speaker will be Anne Marcellis of Sam Quilt Designs. Anne will take us through her quilt journey, show us tips and tricks, and share her quilts with us. Anne's workshop will be a one block wonder quilt on June 5, 2024, at Bobbins and Threads.

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. We will have a new block starting in May, and Lisa will have kits available to pick up. Lisa informed the guild that we have an Instagram page @TCQGHTX.

Becky announced that the guild will be having a free Sew Day at Samuel Mathews Park in Tomball on Friday, June 14, 2024. Most likely we will have a potluck lunch.

Treasurer – Ginny Hilton

Ginny presented her 2023 Treasurer's Report. She has been the guild's treasurer for three years and will continue to serve for one more. Highlights include:

- \$37,181 was budgeted for 2023 income. Income includes membership, workshops, and interest. Actual income for 2023 was \$31,294.
- Expenses in 2023 totaled \$28,259. Expenses include speakers, quilt show, charity bee, donations to the churches hosting us, storage, and insurance. Char Peterson was commended for saving money on speakers.
- \$4,073 for furniture and equipment was written off in 2023. It should have been previously expensed or depreciated. We also gained \$1,082 in accruals in 2022 that were to be spent in 2023 but were not all spent.
- The year end balances for 2023 are \$28,598 in checking, \$30,025 in savings and \$15,000 total in 3 CDs.
- The books are open, and Ginny will bring financials and check requests if asked.

Membership Chair – Bobbi Miller

Total membership is 287 with 95 members present tonight. The total number of volunteer hours reported for the past 2 months including the quilt show was 3917.25. Bobbi introduced 7 visitors and 6 new members. She also asked members to check the roster to make sure their contact information is correct.

Charity Bee Chair – Sharon Castillo

Sharon encouraged members to take home a charity quilt to work on and reminded them that there are no time limits to finish it. Charity Bee is currently in need of more members to come help the group. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Cypress Crossings Christian Church in Cypress at 9:30 am.

Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard

2024 Quilt Show ribbon winners were invited to share their quilts for Show and Tell. The following members shared their quilts, creations, and ribbons with the guild: Mary Ellen Adkison, Ida Anderson, Kathy Arvin, Jeanne Brown, Karen Cook, Lane Devereux, Jo Dick, Eileen Egloff, Rebecca Garcia, Donna Granat, Connie Grudzinski, Gaile Howland, Sheila Kristynik, Michelle Lewis, Laurie Loasby, Carol Maloney, Diana Moore, Patsy Mosby, Marian Page, Deb Spoelker, Janice Toler, Bev Volker, Tara Webb, Shelly Wiggins, Kimberly Wilcox, and Nancy Youens.

April Speaker – Sherry Mark

Sherry Mark and her husband David own Loft Supply in The Woodlands and are distributors of batting made by American Fiber Products. The batting is manufactured in Fort Worth, TX. Sherry discussed the many types of natural, synthetic, and blended batting available. She informed the guild of the pros and cons of the various batting types and answered members' questions.

Door Prizes – Becky Burkett

Becky drew four winning numbers, and Donna Vandiver presented the door prizes. Sherry and David Mark donated insulated batting as a fourth door prize.

Becky adjourned the April meeting at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Granat
Secretary