



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

The August general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on August 6, 2024, at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Becky Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 announced the passing of guild member Mary Brownlee and asked members to sign condolence cards for the family.

Next Tuesday, August 13th the board meeting will be held at Rudy's Bar-B-Q in Tomball at 24503 Tomball Parkway (249) near Northpointe Blvd. Becky reminded members that everyone is invited and to RSVP to Elaine Bullard.

A new Bee will be starting on August 15th devoted to modern art quilts. The Bee is full and has a waiting list. They will be meeting at The Quilty Shop.

September 3rd is our next General Meeting, and the guild will host another Meet and Greet on Saturday, September 21st from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm at The Quilty Shop.

The International Quilt Festival in Houston runs from October 31 - November 3, 2024. Preview night is October 30th. Hurry and register for classes as they are filling up.

Visiting Quilt Guild – The Peace by Piecing Quilt Guild, Humble, TX

Becky asked guild members to support the Peace by Piecing Quilt Guild by buying raffle tickets for their stunning quilt titled "Flying to the Stars." It will be raffled off in September.

Public Service Announcement – Karl Burkett

Karl warned members that because so much of our personal information is available online, criminals will use that data to try to steal from you. Please do not fall for these

scams no matter how much the person seems to know about you. Do not click on a link in an email. Go to the legitimate website separately to gather information if you are concerned.

Charity Bee, Treasure Aisle - Sharon Castillo

Sharon announced that Charity Bee will be working on new projects for Treasure Aisle. They will be filling five pound bags with scraps and selling them for \$5 at the 2026 Quilt Show. Sharon asked for donations of scraps to fill the bags. A table featuring crazy quilting supplies will also be featured at the 2026 Quilt Show.

Sharon noted that some of our charity partners have requested pillowcases. Charity Bee will be building kits of five pillowcases for members to assemble. The instructions are on the website.

2024 International Quilt Festival – Kathryn Archer

Kathryn is coordinating a bus trip to the Houston festival on Saturday, November 2nd from the Tomball Wal-Mart leaving at 8:30 am. The cost is \$2. Please see Kathryn to sign up and to pay.

Membership Chair – Bobbi Miller

Total membership is 308 with 83 in attendance. The total number of volunteer hours reported is 1758. Bobbi introduced and welcomed 2 visitors and 2 new members.

2026 Quilt Show / Tin Can Raffle Co-Chairs - Bev Volker, Mary Ellen Adkison

Bev asked members to consider monetary donations to help fund the quilted table and chairs for the Tin Can Raffle. Please watch the newsletter and your emails for requests for donations for the Quilt Show. Tin Can Raffle will need items such as fat quarters, jelly rolls and layer cakes.

2026 Quilt Show Chair - Becky Burkett

Becky reminded the guild that the theme of the 2026 Quilt Show is *Celebrate 20* as our guild will turn 20 in 2025. Two challenge categories have been chosen: *Let's Party*, and *What's Up with The Weather*. Boutique had a great workshop last week making thread catchers. Volunteers are still needed to head up travel of the raffle quilt.

Vice-President for Administration / Boutique Co-Chair – Elaine Bullard

Montgomery Quilt Walk is October 11th and 12th. If you wish to volunteer, go to their Facebook page.

Elaine and Diana Moore will be Boutique Co-Chairs. Boutique will be held the third Wednesday of each month at Bobbins & Threads. Libby Nelson will lead the August 21st workshop. Libby will be teaching ice cream pint cozies. In September, tool caddies will be the project. Diana Moore will be teaching in October. Armchair caddies will also be a future workshop project. Elaine requested denim jackets / vests / shirts for a future Boutique project. Let Elaine know if you think of projects or improvements or are willing to teach a class. Several members offered suggestions and offered to teach. Elaine also requested donations of pretty fabrics. Eileen Egloff noted that Charity Bee welcomes donations of ugly fabrics.

Secretary / Election Committee – Donna Granat, Elaine Bullard, Bobbi Miller

Donna, Elaine, and Bobbi will be presenting a slate of nominees at the December meeting / Holiday Bash for election to next year's executive board. Donna outlined the duties of the elected officers and asked members to consider volunteering for a position. The elected officer positions are the President, Vice President for Administration, Vice President for Financial Oversight, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Program Chair, Junior Program Chair and Membership Chair. Members are encouraged to contact Donna, Elaine or Bobbi if they are interested in an officer position or any of the standing chair positions.

Becky reminded everyone to come to the meet and greet on September 21st to ask questions and find out answers about the guild.

Senior Program Chair – Nathan Brown

Tonight's speaker is Minay Sirois presenting her program *Out of My Blooming Mind*. She will be teaching a workshop with a sampling of techniques using Blooming Templates on August 7th at The Quilty Shop.

David Taylor will be our speaker and workshop leader in September. The class is full, but there is a waitlist. The location will be the Montgomery Community Center.

October plans have changed. Debby Walters will now be coming in April of 2025. Michelle Markey with Medina Domestic Arts Studio will take her place in October. Michelle's workshop will be a painted tote bag featuring a wildflower and a hummingbird.

Nathan indicated that the 2025 speakers and workshops are nearly set.

Block of the Month Chair / Photography – Lisa Hart

Lisa will be taking pictures of show and tell participants. Block of the Month instructions are on a chalkboard in the back of the room. Lisa is collecting three different units: a partial snowball, scrappy four patches, and scrappy nine patches.

Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard

The following members shared their quilts, bags, and wall hangings with the guild:

Mary Ellen Adkison, Mindy Boyd, Elaine Bullard, Janet Deschamps, Marie Engelhart, Rebecca Garcia, Connie Grudzinski, Jaine Jewell, Carol Maloney, Kaylee Mossop, and Claudia Wormuth.

August Speaker – Minay Sirois

Minay Sirois took us on her quilting journey as a pattern designer for Black Cat Creations. Minay featured Blooming Templates and String Along Papers in many of her designs.

Minay Sirois
minaysiroisquilter.com

Door Prizes – Becky Burkett

Becky drew three winning numbers, and Donna Vandiver presented the door prizes. Minay Sirois donated String Along Papers, and Beth Caldwell donated a free night at The Nest in Willis, TX. These generous donations were also presented as door prizes.

Becky adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Granat
Secretary