

Tri-County Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes September 3, 2024

The September general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on September 3, 2024, at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Becky Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Char Peterson on Saturday, August 31st. Char's children will be live streaming or posting her service.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th.

The guild will host a Meet and Greet on Saturday, September 21st from 1:30 - 3:30 pm at The Quilty Shop. Bring a friend and a snack to share. Officers will be there to answer any questions.

The Austin Area Quilt Guild will be having their quilt show on September 27 - 29 at the Palmer Event Center.

The Montgomery Quilt Walk is October 11 - 12. Submissions are open on their website montgomeryquiltwalk.com.

The International Quilt Festival in Houston is October 31 - November 3, 2024. Kathryn Archer is coordinating a bus trip to the festival on Saturday, November 2nd leaving from the Tomball Wal-Mart. Be there around 8:30 am. The cost is \$2. There are nine spots left on the bus.

The Nutcrackers raffle quilt on display tonight is by The Woodlands Area Quilt Guild. The drawing will be held December 4th. Becky encouraged members to support our sister guild. Becky was delighted to announce that two volunteers have agreed to coordinate the travel of our raffle quilt. Susan Pavliska and Sharon Buffington received a round of applause in appreciation. Becky is also working with Suzanne Gilbride to design the quilt show logo.

2026 Quilt Show Chair - Becky Burkett

Becky reminded the guild that the quilt show challenge categories are *Let's Party*, and *How's The Weather*. Additionally, a workshop category and a youth category have been added. Becky clarified the difference between mixed media and mixed technique categories. A quilt with both piecing and applique would be an example of mixed technique. A quilt that includes added media, paint, crayons, or ink, for example, which is not fabric or thread, would be a mixed media quilt.

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

The September 10th board meeting will take place at Gianna Italian Kitchen in Tomball at 28301 Tomball Parkway. The meeting will start at 6 pm. Elaine reminded members that everyone is invited and to RSVP.

The next Boutique workshop is Wednesday, September 18th at Bobbins & Threads starting at 10 am. Elaine requested help cutting kits for the tool caddy project. Libby Nelson will be keeping track of the unfinished Boutique projects. See Libby in the lobby if you wish to work on a Boutique project but are unable to attend the workshop. Boutique will be held the third Wednesday of each month at Bobbins & Threads.

Programs is looking for a larger venue to hold workshops. Please let Elaine or Nathan Brown know if you are aware of a place.

Block of the Month Chair / Holiday Bash Chair - Lisa Hart

Lisa is collecting three different units: a partial snowball, scrappy four patches with $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, and scrappy nine patches with 5" squares. Block of the Month instructions are on the chalkboard display.

On December 3rd the guild will host its Holiday Bash in the Educational Building of the Fairfield Baptist Church on the second floor. Please bring an appetizer of dessert. Signups are not necessary. There will be games and prizes. More information will be forthcoming in the newsletter. See Lisa if you are interested in helping with setup.

Charity Bee, Treasure Aisle - Sharon Castillo

Kits and Christmas stockings are available to pick up from Charity Bee. Sharon also brought bags for members to take home to fill with scraps for Treasure Aisle. The bags of scraps will be sold at the 2026 Quilt Show.

Threaded Lines Quilt Shop has donated two men's quilt kits to Charity Bee.

Charity Bee does not work in November and December but will be collecting stocking stuffers to fill the Christmas stockings for our charity partners. The list of items is in the newsletter. If preferred, monetary donations for stocking stuffers can be given to Ginny Hilton.

Sharon asked that members consider donating any unwanted holiday or seasonal fabrics to Treasure Aisle. These fabrics will be sold at the 2026 Quilt Show.

Becky added that Charity Bee supports six charity partners with quilts and Christmas stockings and stocking stuffers. The Quilter's Treasure Aisle is the resale shop of the quilt show.

Secretary / Election Committee – Donna Granat

Donna reminded members that the guild will be electing new officers at the December meeting. 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. At last month's meeting, many people volunteered to serve and were added to the slate of nominees. Due to some shuffling of positions, a Junior Program Chair is now needed for 2025. Donna asked that anyone interested in serving as Junior Program Chair contact her, Elaine Bullard or Bobbi Miller. An assistant property manager is also needed.

Membership Chair – Bobbi Miller

Bobbi acknowledged and apologized to those members who had birthdays but were left out of the newsletter. Membership was around 308 before renewals with 103 in attendance. The total number of volunteer hours reported is 2048. Bobbi introduced and welcomed 9 visitors. Renewals are underway online or in person at The Quilty Shop and at Bobbins & Threads

Senior Program Chair – Nathan Brown

Tonight's speaker is David Taylor with his program *Artistry Through Applique*. Last minute cancellations opened some spots in Wednesday's workshop. Nathan asked members to see him at the break to sign up.

In October Michelle Markey with Medina Domestic Arts Studio will teach painting on fabric tote bags. Six spaces are left. The workshop will be at Bobbins & Threads from 10 am - 4 pm.

The January workshop will be thread painting at The Quilty Shop on January 8, 2025. Sign-ups will open tonight.

The 2025 schedule will be revealed in October.

Show & Tell – Elaine Bullard

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

Jeanne Brown, Debbie Davis, Marie Engelhart, Suzanne Gilbride, Connie Grudzinski, Lori Kraus, Victoria Queen, Kim Wilcox, and Claudia Wormuth.

September Speaker - David Taylor

David Taylor entertained and inspired the guild with his art quilts and the story of his quilting journey.

David Taylor davidtaylorartquilts.com

Door Prizes – Becky Burkett

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

Becky adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Granat Secretary