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From The President's Stash

The International Quilt Festival is literally right around the corner. I hope everyone got signed up for all the classes they wanted to take and finds all the treasures they are looking for in the market. I know we will see some amazing quilts – traditional, modern, art, pieced, applique, thread-painted, paint-painted, colored, embellished. There are so many techniques and ways to put together a top, a backing and batting! I think that's what I love about quilting as an artform and hobby. There are so many different ways of doing it! You like paper-piecing? Great! I like machine embroidery! Wonderful! I know many will be thought provoking statements. Many will be joyous expressions. Above all this, I hope you enjoy your time at the Festival – sharing the love of quilting with like-minded people.

Reminder – because of Festival, there is no general meeting in November. There will be a board meeting on the 12th . Hopefully I'll see you at the GRB!

Becky Burkett - President

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.

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Meetings

Fairfield Baptist Church
27240 Highway 290
Cypress, Texas
On 290 westbound
between
Mueschke and Mason Road.
1st Tuesday of the month,
7pm-9pm
tricountyguild@gmail.com



Welcome New Members!

Rebecca Huss Elizabeth Steele Sarah Sumbera
Julie Vaughn Michelle Walter Marisa Wilhelmi

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 {tricountyguild@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, Membership Chair



Happy Birthday to These Members!

Ida Anderson
Catherine Brown
Janet Cary
Buina Collins
Debbie Davis

Eileen Egloff
Kristi Grove
Candi Hays
Tricia Limon
Diana Reed

Susan Smith
Donna Welmaker
Shirley Whitley
Shelly Wiggins
Janet Winkler



Annual Meeting Notice

2025 Officer Nominations

Tri-County Quilt Guild will hold our Annual Meeting at Fairfield Baptist Church on December 3, 2024. We will be electing officers for 2025 and celebrating the season with our Holiday Bash. Come celebrate with food, fun, and friendship. Cast your ballot and meet your newly elected officers. The election committee proposes the following slate of nominees for our 2025 officers. Any changes before the Annual Meeting will be announced.

President
Vice President for Administration
Vice President for Financial Oversight
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Chair
Senior Program Chair
Junior Program Chair

Elaine Bullard
Madison Horinek
Donna Vandiver
Robin Galvin
Donna Granat
Jaine Jewell
Nathan Brown
Regina Eardley

Thank you,

Tri-County Quilt Guild Election Committee 2024
Donna Granat, Elaine Bullard, and Bobbi Miller





October Show and Tell





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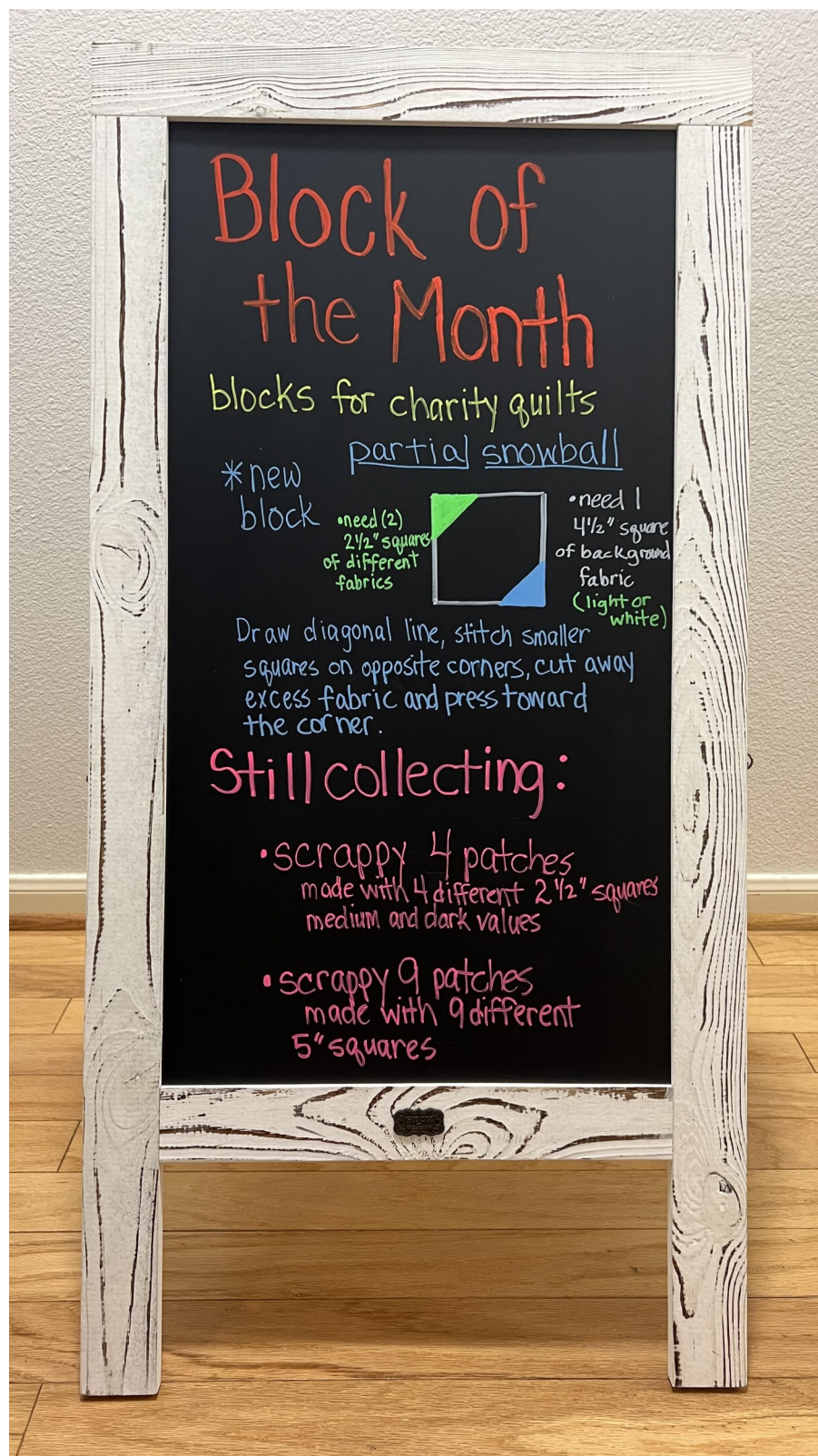


October Show and Tell





Block of the Month





A Little Behind the Scenes from October's Workshop



Coming Up

November 2024 - NO GENERAL MEETING OR WORKSHOP

November 2, 2024 – Bus trip to the International Quilt Festival

December 3, 2024 – Holiday Bash





TCQG Holiday Bash

The Holiday Bash is coming up on **Tuesday, December 3rd**. Instead of our regular meeting spot in the sanctuary, the Holiday Bash takes place on the second floor of the Education Building at the church. That's the two story building next to the sanctuary. There are both stairs and an elevator, and once you are upstairs, just head to the big room in the back.



We are continuing with the tradition of bringing an appetizer or dessert to share. You don't need to bring 100 servings, just a plate or platter of something. If you end up in a time pinch, don't let bringing something deter you from attending, we always have plenty of food. If you have dietary restrictions and need to bring something special for yourself, that is perfectly fine also. Just come out for the fellowship and fun.





TCQG Holiday Bash

We will be having the annual meeting for the guild and some fun activities also:

Fat quarter BINGO will happen again with a few improvements. I'm going to be checking for the duplicate cards prior to the event. We will have two categories this year, which will be played separately. The first category will be batiks, like last year. I know that The Quilty Shop still has their batiks on sale, so check with them if you need to stock up. Bobbins and Threads has sold out of their batik inventory. The second category will be an open category for any cotton quilting fabric so any color and print will work. Please select high quality fabrics for playing BINGO. The fabrics will be turned in upon arrival at the event and you will receive the cards to hold on to until the time to play BINGO. There will be a maximum of 4 BINGO cards per person, per game. The limit is due to space on the tables and will also make it easy for everyone to watch her/his cards adequately. The fabrics for each category will be divided into multiple prize groupings, to be distributed to multiple winners.



***If you would like to help with the setup of the Holiday Bash or have items to donate as door prizes, please reach out by email:
TCQGBOM@gmail.com***



Dressing up is encouraged! Wear your favorite holiday outfit hat or even ugly Christmas sweater. Let's end the year with a fun and memorable time. There is no need to RSVP for this event, but if you have any questions, please send me a message at the email address listed above.



Theme - Celebration 20

2025 is our guild's 20th anniversary; let's celebrate!



2026 Quilt Show Volunteers and Open Positions - Looking forward to a great anniversary show and we need you. We are very sad to say that Co-Chair, Jo Dick, will be moving away and will need to be replaced. We also need volunteers for Silent Auction Chair and Quilt Hanging Chair. If you are looking to meet more folks in the guild and be a part of a great team, give Becky Burkett (281-923-4786) or Donna Vandiver (901-289-0454) a call today!

Chair – Becky Burkett

- Opportunity Quilt - Susan Pavliska and Sharon Buffington
- Treasure Isle – Sharon Castillo
- Website – Janice Toler
- Vendors/Advertising – Rhonda VanAlstine
- Quilt Hanging – **Open Position**

Co-Chair – Donna Vandiver

- Tin Can Raffle – Bev Volker, Mary Ellen Adkison
- Gift Boutique – Diana Moore, Elaine Bullard
- Admissions – Bobbi Miller
- Quilt Intake- Mary Jane Sterbanz
- Judges – Debbie Spoelker and Shari Stone

Co-Chair – Open Position

- Ribbons – Deb Durr, Vicki Tate
- Silent Auction - **Open Position**
- Volunteers – Denise Hardcastle
- Schoolhouse – Stephanie Moss
- Featured Quilter - Charmaine Fritchey



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- **How's the Weather?** – We've had some crazy weather, have fun with it.

New Quilt Category – Youth (under 18 years of age)

2026 Quilt Show Rules for Entering Quilts

We have had some questions about entering quilts. Although all the rules will not be addressed here, we will attempt to state and clarify some of the rules as we get questions. Please feel free to ask the Quilt Show Chairs questions if you have them.

Is there a timeframe for completing an eligible quilt? The answer is yes. The quilt or related entry must have been completed **AFTER** February 27, 2024 except category “display only quilts”. This means that if you take the last stitch **AFTER** February 27, 2024, you are good. In interpreting “the last stitch” it does not include embellishing, modifying, adding a sleeve, or adding additional quilting to a quilt completed prior to February 27, 2024.

Can a member enter a quilt for a non-member? The answer is no. Rules state that “Entrant must be a member in good standing (dues paid) of TCQG by October 31, 2025.”



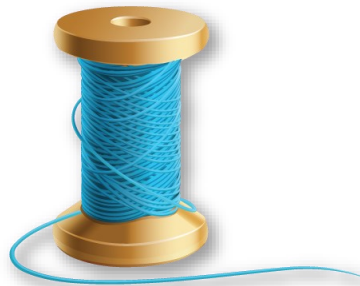
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Boutique News

The November Boutique sew day will be on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at Bobbins and Threads. Start time is 10:00. We'll be making design boards so please bring scissors and pins!

Thanks,

Diana Moore and Elaine Bullard
Boutique Co-Chairs



Tips & Techniques

November 2024

This is a quick tip and maybe more of a referral, but I thought I'd send it anyways.

I'm guessing that most of us have a favorite marking tool, but in case you don't, I'd like to recommend a few things that I use.

The Leonis water soluble pen: It has blue ink, so it's good for light fabrics and usually comes off with a light spritz of water. I'll admit that sometimes if it's been on the fabric for a while, a gentle rub on the wet area will finish the job. I've never had a problem removing the mark or its coming back.



The Chako chalk marker: I have white chalk in mine, but it does come in several other colors, and the chalk is refillable. I use this on dark fabrics, and it does come off easily. (Almost too easily, so be careful handling your marked fabric.)

A sliver of soap: Ever wonder what to do with the bar of soap when it's too small to use in the shower? Put it in your sewing room and mark your dark fabrics with it. It seems I can always find my soap. I can't say the same thing for my Chako pen.



Now, what if you have a favorite marking pen and you don't want to change? That's ok with me, but I do want to say that if you have a little trouble getting your marks off your fabric, I've read that a teaspoon of baking soda in a small spritz bottle filled with water is supposed to help the marks come off. I haven't had a chance to try this, though. So give it a try if you need help removing your marks.

Happy Sewing!

Elaine Bullard.

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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 Bee-keeper! Organize your bee, find a location, contact the Queen Bee Chair to let her know, and go from there!

Charla Reese, Queen Bee, charla361@yahoo.com



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



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 dpdurr1@yahoo.com and Anita Arendall nita1028@sbcglobal.net.



Quilter's Dozen: Meets the 4th Thursdays at The Quilty Shop from 10-4:30. We have great times together! This bee has openings.

Bee Keeper: Charmaine Fritchey 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, Stacy Chandler, 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, Stacy Chandler stacey1622003@yahoo.com



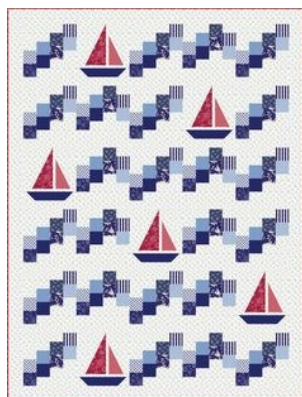
Quirky Quilters This bee is for those quilters who want to push the boundaries of traditional quilting by exploring textile art. This may include, but not limited to, collage, fabric painting, mixed media, free motion quilting, slow stitching, raw edge applique, pixelated blocks, foundation paper piecing, and thread painting. The purpose is to share ideas and techniques, encourage creativity, and seek feedback in a safe environment. We will work on our own projects, possibly invite guest speakers, and learn from one another. If this sounds like fun, give this bee a try. Quirky Quilters meets at The Quilty Shop on the third Thursday of each month from 5-9pm. This bee is currently full. To be put on the wait list, contact Regina Eardley, Beekeeper, at Regina.Eardley@gmail.com.



Cypress Crossing Christian Church
15751 Cypress Rosehill Rd, Cypress, TX 77429

4th Wednesday of each Month, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
Sharon Castillo – 713.828.0861

CHARITY BEE NEEDS TODDLER, SCHOOL AGE, YOUNG AND ADULT MEN'S LAP QUILTS



Kenmar Residential Services and Boys and Girls Country
The residents at Kenmar Residential and Boys and Girls Country have sent their Christmas wish list: Lots to choose from!

- Construction paper
- Clip board
- Markers
- Small puzzle
- Ball cap
- Activity books
- Wall stickers for children
- Reflective toys
- Noise making toys
- Hand size balls
- Hands size toys to shake
- Things to squeeze
- Easy activity books
- Small backpack
- Calming CDs
- Art supplies
- Poster board
- Pillow cases
- Small toys

- Wall stickers for young adult males
- Wrestling posters
- Inexpensive purse or backpack for wheelchair, possible female wallet
- Simple puzzles
- Scripture books
- Gardening supplies
- Decorative cups
- Decorative pillow and pillowcase
- Easy puzzle books, decorative pencils and sharpener
- Sewing supplies and hats (cancer survivor)
- *Puzzle Books
- *Decorative Socks
- *Magazines
- *Large Crayons
- *Stuffed Animals
- *Toiletries (travel size)
- *Sweets (cookies of all flavors)

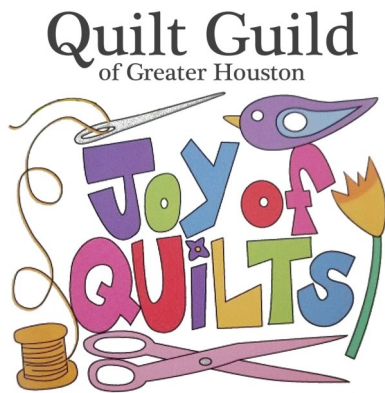


Texas Quilt Museum

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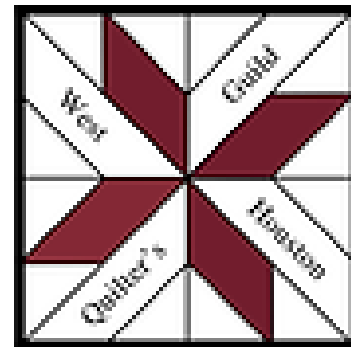


***Princess Feathers and Feathered Stars and
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