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From The President's Stash

Happy New Year, Tri-County Quilt Guild! I hope that 2025 is a healthy and prosperous year for you and yours. I would like to thank the past officers and committee chairpersons for their leadership, hard work, and attention to detail during the last few years.

Our 2026 Quilt Show Committees are hard at work. We still need co-chairs for the Raffle Quilt, Silent Auction and Quilt Show, though. Please consider helping with one of these committees. If you have questions, Becky Burkett or Donna Vandiver will gladly answer your questions.

It "takes a village" to produce a quilt show.

There will also be many opportunities to help with the day to day running of the guild. We need a Junior Property Manager to help Karl Burkett with the auditorium setup and take down for each meeting. We also need someone trained to know where the equipment is and the procedure to open up and close down the auditorium. Please consider helping Karl!

We also would like to add a few people that can help greet visitors and do sign up for Show and Tell before our meetings start.

Please consider using your time and talents to help make 2025 the best year ever for Tri-Country Quilt Guild!

Happy sewing,

Elaine Bullard - 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 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.

- Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair



Happy Birthday to These Members!

Kate Premeaux
Marisa Wilhelmi
Christine Luciani
Kimberly Baird

Jennifer Carmichael
Mary Lou Castillo
Cindy Aaron



Holiday Bash and Show and Tell





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January Block of the Month

Happy January! I'm Rebecca, and I'll be taking over the Block of the Month for 2025 now that Lisa Hart has stepped down.



With January and goal setting, many of us say this will be the year we clean out our scraps! I've got a fun block that will help with that to get the year started. I'm not much of a scrappy quilter, so these blocks stretch my scrap muscles a lot!

String blocks are an easy way to use up some of those longer scraps we have (and even those layer cake squares that you don't really love).

They look good using any fabrics, but look best when you stick to a color scheme (2 or 3 colors), and keep sizes consistent. If you've never made them before, this will be a fun exercise to try!

What you'll need:

1- 10"x10" square of light fabric (or a non-favorite fabric that is light colored when turned over)

Approximately 15-20 strips of fabric 1"-2" thick, ranging from 3"-15" in length



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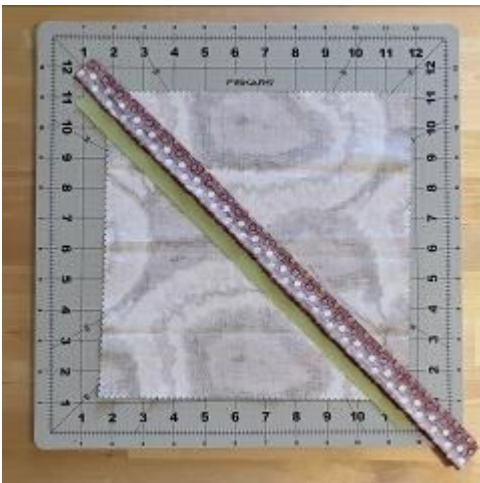
If your scraps are not thin enough, take some time to cut scraps into strips so you'll have plenty to choose from for this block.



January Block of the Month

Find the longest strip of fabric and lay it on the diagonal, **RIGHT SIDE UP** on the square. (Using a glue stick to hold it in place can be helpful here) Lay another **RST** and stitch along that seam using a 1/4" seam, press open.

Repeat on the opposite side of the original strip.



Continue adding strips outward toward each corner until the entire 10" square is covered. The original 10" square may be slightly skewed.

Flip the square over and trim the block to 9.5"x9.5", making sure all sides are within the 10" square.



And you're done! Stitch up a few of these and bring them to the February meeting!



Upcoming Events for TCQG

January 7, 2025

Lecture with Denise Spies

January 8, 2025 Workshop:

Thread Painting 101 (The Quilty Shop \$35)

Suggested Supplies:

- A Panel to Thread Paint....Large Florals are fun and easy to get started on.
- Good quality threads in various colors and thread weight. Aurifil is my thread of choice.
- Medium weight stabilizer which will stay on your piece, so no wash away.
- Sewing machine that you can drop the feed dogs on. If you have a machine with a Stitch Regulator that's perfect, but not required as long as your feed dogs can be dropped. A New Needle in your machine.
- 50wt 12wt to start with.
- And Your Creative Juices and Imagination!!!



February 4, 2025

Lecture with Annie McHugs

February 5, 2025 Workshop:

Picture Window Reverse Applique Large Dresden Plate Quilt (Bobbins and Threads \$35)

A wonderful class for everyone who wants to learn to use the Picture Window Reverse Applique Method! A 22" picture window Dresden plate will be completed. Participants will bring supplies (fabric for blades, fabrics to fussy cut, and a background).

March 4, 2025

Lecture with Dianna Martinez

March 5, 2025 Workshop:

Stack and Whack, NOT a One Block Wonder (The Quilty Shop \$35)

**Theme - Celebration 20**

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



2026 Quilt Show Open Positions - Looking forward to a great anniversary show, and we still need you. Following are the open positions:

Show Co-Chair – the duties are managing Ribbons, Silent Auction, Volunteers, Schoolhouse, and Features Quilter as well as providing input to the other Show Chairs on show related opportunities/issues.

Opportunity Quilt Co-Chair – sad to say that Susan Pavliska had to step down for health reasons. Sharon Buffington needs a co-chair to help her schedule and manage getting our beautiful quilt out to locations and selling tickets.

Quilt Hanging – managing presentation of the quilts at the show and managing the volunteers hanging the quilts.

Silent Auction – managing the Silent Auction area at the show and managing the volunteers working in that area.

You can call Becky Burkett (281-923-4786) or Donna Vandiver (901-289-0454) to get more information or to volunteer.

Gift Boutique – watch for emails announcing upcoming workshops. The December workshop has been moved to December 11th from 10 AM to Noon because of the holidays. Boutique usually meets the third Wednesday of the month.

Tin Can Raffle – if you have any donations, please give them to Bev Volker or Mary Ellen Adkison. If you can't find them, you can leave them in the door prize area at the meetings, and they will be given to Bev or Mary Ellen.

Treasure Isle - if you have any donations, please give them to Sharon Castillo.



BOUTIQUE NEWS

The Boutique Committee is responsible for making gift items to sell at the Boutique Gift Shop booth during our Guild Quilt Show. Like elves behind the scenes, we are currently at work preparing for the 2026 Quilt Show. We gather together for specific project workshops on the third Wednesday of each month at Bobbins and Threads Quilt Store. All members are invited to join our merry-making team of volunteers. This year several of our creative and very generous members and bees have been creating and donating beautiful items that appeal to quilters, travelers, cooks, and children.

A LOOK AHEAD:

January – collapsible travel thread catchers – taught by Elaine Bullard
February – the cutest pie pincushions ever – Donna Vandiver
March – the famous Show and Tell bags led by Debbie Dodge

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

1. 2-1/2" x WOF fabric strips or WOF remnants we can cut into strips
2. Denim jackets to be up cycled.
- 3 Members to quilt fabric for show & tell bags
4. Wood poles for handles for show & tell bags.

Libby will be in the lobby at our Guild meetings to receive donations and finished projects. You may also check with her for any kits that are available.

- Diana Moore and Elaine Bullard



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Challenge Quilt Categories – Create a quilt inspired by the following themes. It can be from a purchased pattern or an original design.

- **Let's Party** – quilts with a party theme (Whatever party means to you)
- **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.”



Does your foot pedal scoot all over the floor? Mine did until I saw this trick. I have a 5 pound dumbbell weight that was mainly getting used as a way to hold my long ruler still while cutting with a rotary cutter. I now use the weight to hold my foot pedal in place while sewing. No more chasing that foot pedal around that wood floor!

I've enjoyed writing these columns. I hope you've enjoyed reading them and have found a few tips or techniques that make your sewing time more pleasant.

Bobbi Miller will be writing the Tips and Techniques articles starting with the February newsletter, so if you have any ideas to share, please contact Bobbi.



Happy sewing!
Elaine Bullard



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 Beekeeper! 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




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.



Charity Bee: Meets at Cypress Crossing Christian Church on the 4th Wednesday of each Month from 9:30-2:00. 15751 Cypress Rosehill Rd, Cypress, TX 77429. **Charity Bee needs new members and volunteers. We are growing and we need help in getting our project needs fulfilled. The activities we perform are not difficult; just very busy. We will help you learn everything you need to know.** Any questions, please call Sharon Castillo (713)828-0861.



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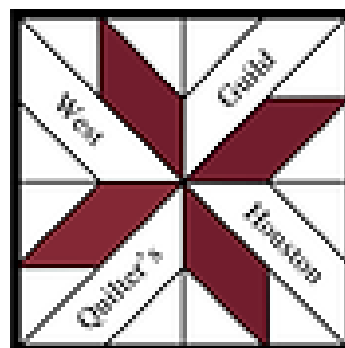
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