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From The President's Stash

Happy March, everyone!

Many of us are eagerly awaiting Spring with warm weather and all of the signs of new growth bringing happy colors back into our world, which makes me wonder---have you planned any bright color quilts? I look forward to seeing your creations at Show and Tell. VP of Administration, Madison Horinek, has issued a challenge for Show and Tell at the March meeting. She says, "Show us your St. Patrick's Day or green quilt!" Of course, we'd love to see any quilt you have. I think she's going to issue a challenge each month, so be ready for what she comes up with.

The Quilt Show chairs, Becky Burkett and Donna Vandiver, held a meeting on Thursday, February 13 with show committee chairs for a progress report. Tin Can Raffle, Raffle Quilt and Gift Boutique all reported that they're making good progress in their areas. Treasure Aisle reported that they're about to start cutting and sorting fabrics and they're looking at ways they can contribute to other committees to help them.

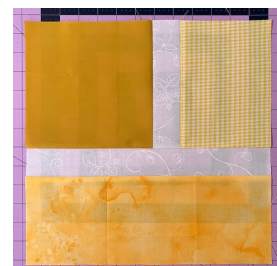
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Meetings begin promptly at 7pm, so we can adjourn on time. The front doors will be closed at 6:55, and the members will be asked to take their seats. This will allow the various committee heads & board members to get into the meeting on time. Come early so you have time to sign in, check out any raffles or upcoming workshops, visit the magazines, etc.

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March Block of the Month



Meetings

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



President's Stash, continued

As co-chairs of Gift Boutique, Diana Moore and I are introducing several big items to add to the things we offer. We're up-cycling denim shirts and jackets, and we plan to offer quilted jackets. If you have something to contribute (including ideas), let us know. Diana has an article with more details on Gift Boutique in this newsletter.

The quilted jackets shown at the February meeting during **Projects on Parade** were fabulous! There are so many creative people in our guild, and I loved the way you "strutted your stuff"! I'm looking forward to the March 4th meeting to see your painted bags from the Michelle Markey class. Of course, if you've painted on any fabric you're welcome to come Strut Your Stuff with the others. And if you have any ideas for "Projects on Parade," please let me know. The theme doesn't have to be from a guild workshop.

The speaker for the March 4th meeting will be Dianna Martinez and her Stack and Whack quilts. I think this will be a great presentation and workshop.

I hope you come have some fun with us at the meeting!

Happy sewing!

Elaine Bullard

Tri-County Quilt Guild President

Donations Needed!

To continue with the fun we have for everyone at meetings, and for our upcoming quilt show, there are a few things we need from our wonderful members!

Door Prizes:

Thank you for all of your positive comments about the door prizes for February.

Right now, fabric would be a good item to donate so I can continue to offer some inspiring choices for you.

As always, all donations are welcome.

Thank you,
Lee Ann McGuinn

Charity Bee and Boutique:

Fabric is ALWAYS needed and appreciated!

Flannel

Denim (like jackets and vests)

Notions you no longer need

Also, any quilts you have been working on for the guild that might be damaged, have seams that have popped open, have stains, etc., please turn those in so we can use them for another project.

Thanks, Sharon Castillo



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!

Susan Motycka - 3rd
Janet Deschamps - 3rd
Anita Wiese - 4th
Beverly Jones - 4th
Michelle Walters - 5th
Diane Bleck - 5th
Charla Reese - 7th

Margaret Hastings - 8th
Michelle Lewis - 10th
Regina Eardley - 12th
Karen Sherrill - 15th
Sharon Castillo - 17th
Janey Soley - 17th
Vicki Breeden - 18th

Denise Spies - 20th
Vivian Dawkins - 20th
Sara Ballard - 23rd
Lena Rogers - 27th
Nancy Youens - 28th
Tori Trevino - 30th

Welcome to our newest members!

Patti Parks
Susan Goodrich

Sharry Kohler
Beverly Jones

Cynthia Moore
Vickie Wright

Laura Tabasco



Jan Heine's heart quilt is adorning the wall of the Texas Oncology - Sugar Land facility. The staff and patients love the color and warmth our quilts provide in an otherwise monochromatic medical office setting.



February Show and Tell





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February Speaker





February Speaker



**FOR ALL OF US:****Spot a Phishing Email/Text/Phone Scam:**

Generic Greetings: "Dear user"

Attachments: DON'T Open them

Urgent Response Needed: Don't heed these

Warnings of Compromised Account: See above.

Includes URL: "Danger Will Robinson" if it looks odd or has odd characters

Asks for Sensitive Info: Don't provide personal, credit card, account information

Poorly Written: Typos, misspellings and grammar issues are common If it comes from a long lost African prince: run, don't walk, away.

FOR THE KIDS:

There exist "Job Hunt Scams" that try to take advantage of those seeking gainful employment. Job scams include phishing, fake job websites, and data entry scams. They often involve requests for personal information or money.

Job scam red flags:

Requests for money: Scammers may ask for application fees, training payments, or other upfront costs.

Requests for personal information: Scammers may ask for bank account information or other sensitive details.

Unverifiable company information: Scammers may not provide a physical office location or verifiable contact information.

Job listings with suspicious details: Job listings may have vague descriptions, unrealistic compensation, or bogus company websites.

High-pressure hiring: Scammers may seem overly eager to hire or may offer flexible hours.

Unclear interview process: Scammers may not offer phone calls or video interviews, or the interview process may seem too easy.

How to avoid job scams:

Be wary of job postings that ask for money or personal information upfront.

Research the company online for reviews and warnings.

Report scams to the Better Business Bureau and the job platform where you found the posting.

From the Better Business Bureau:

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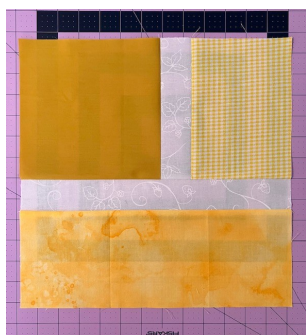
REMINDER: The **February block** was the **Simple 16** made with the kit or browns, greens, and neutrals



I will be collecting these at the meeting on **March 4th**. Blocks received will be sorted into two piles - one for a charity quilt and one for a lucky guild member. For every 2 blocks that you turn in, you will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of the meeting, I will draw a ticket, and the winners can choose to take half of the blocks to make their own quilt if they'd like.

Feel free to continue bringing **STRING BLOCKS** to donate for Charity Bee quilts. These need to be trimmed to 9.5x9.5.

March Block of the Month



March's Block is adapted from a free pattern by Shannon Fabrics called Menagerie. This is a simple block made from rectangles.

There will be 12 kits available at the meeting on March 4th if you'd like to contribute to the charity quilt.

Any additional blocks made with your own fabric brought to the March meeting will be included in the bundle for the raffle winner at the meeting. If you would like to make some blocks from your stash, please use three shades of the same color along with a solid or tone-on-tone white for the background color.

Stitch these up and bring them to the March meeting on **Tuesday, April 1st**. Looking forward to seeing a beautiful rainbow of your donated blocks!

See instructions on the next page ➡

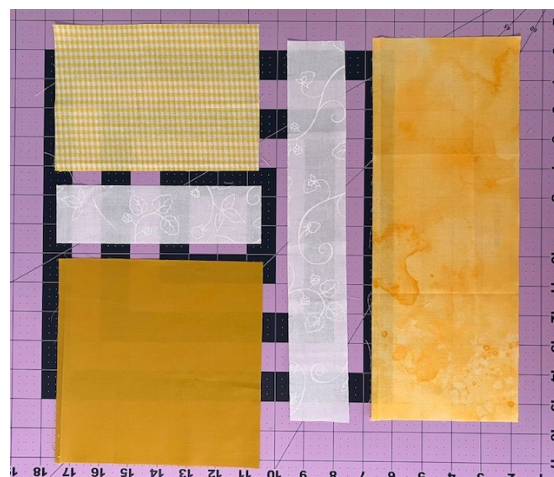


March Block of the Month

Choose a white background (or fabric that reads white) and one color that you have a light, medium, and dark shade of. It does not matter which shade you consider Fabric 1, 2, or 3.

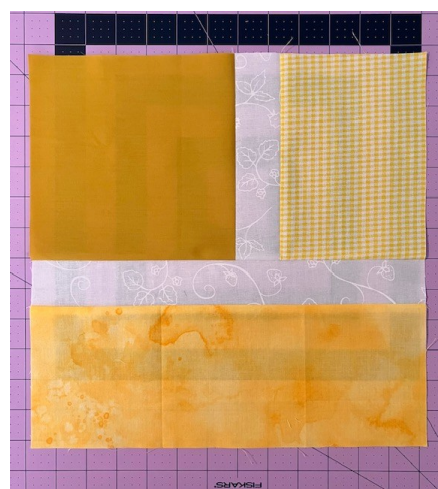
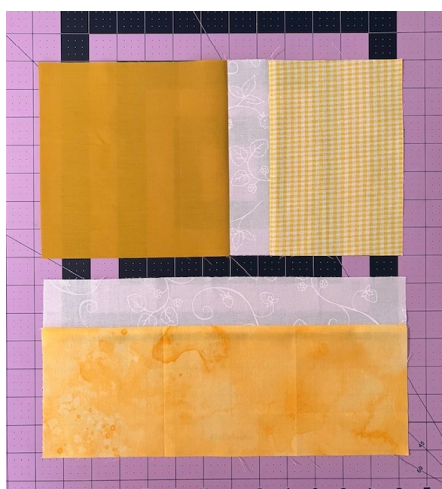
What you'll need:

- 1 - 7" square Fabric 1
- 1 - 5"x7" Fabric 2
- 1 - 5"x13" Fabric 3
- 1 - 2"x7" Background
- 1 - 2"x13" Background



Steps:

- Using a 1/4" seam allowance, sew the top row together following the picture (below left).
- Attach the 13" pieces together with the background strip on top.
- When attaching the top and bottom units, make sure the 7" square is on the **top left** side.
- Your block should measure 13"x13".



If you have any questions, email me at news4tcqg@gmail.com



We still have spots available for the below workshops.

If anyone would like to sign up please contact Nathan Brown at njbrownservices@gmail.com or text/call (346) 672-0736.

Dianna Martinez - stack n whack at the Quilty Shop on **3/5/25** - **6 spots left**

Debbie Walters - designing with strips and curves, lines and curves - Drunkard's Path at the Quilty Shop on **4/2/25** - **8 spots left**

Also, If you have signed up for Anna Maria Horner, please make sure you have 1/2 of your payment in by the April 1st Guild meeting. You can contact me anytime to make a payment via square. The final payment is due by the June Guild meeting so please take note and make preparation accordingly.

If you took the Michele Markey class in October 2025, please bring your finished bags to the March Guild Meeting so we can take a group picture and tag Michele Markey from our Guild FB and Instagram pages.

March 5th Workshop: Stack and Whack, NOT a One Block Wonder (The Quilty Shop \$35)

April 2nd Workshop: Designing with Strips and Curves (The Quilty Shop)

This workshop introduces quilters to the Basic Set cutting templates and the Drunkard's Path block with its many (MANY!) variations.



Tri-County is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, so what's more fitting than "Celebration 20" as our theme for the 2026 Quilt Show. Start thinking about your entries for the 2026 Show. The categories and rules are up on the website. Our challenge categories are "Let's Party" and "How's the Weather." Let's have some fun with that. Be



creative! We know that our members are extremely talented and will rise to the challenge.

Our opportunity quilt is already traveling, and raffle tickets are available for sale. If you would like to buy tickets, help with showing the quilt at different venues, or help us sell tickets, please contact Sharon Buffington (713-725-9443). She will also have tickets available at the guild meetings.

There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year for you to help make this a great quilt show. Please share your skills and knowledge, make new friends, and support the guild by volunteering. One critical need the Quilt Show has is the need for someone who is very comfortable with technology, specifically Square (Point-of-Sale system). While we are familiar with it, we are not experts and would really appreciate the help of someone who is. Please contact Becky or Donna if you can help us out.

We are looking forward to a fun and busy year! Let's make this the best show ever!

Quilt Show Chairs,
Becky Burkett and Donna Vandiver

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 MAKERS

We would like to thank all of the faithful participants who have been busy sewing up a storm readying our Boutique shelves for the 2026 Quilt Show! We're having a great time becoming friends while we sew together!

COMING SOON!

Please make sure to bring these items with you: sewing machine, neutral thread, and a hand sewing needle.

March 19– Laurie Loasby will guide us in the making of scrappy binding. A fun and creative way to finish a quilt! We will be selling useable lengths of scrappy binding (throw size, twin, queen, king) at the 2026 Quilt Show Boutique.

APRIL 16 – Children's crayon rolls. Do you have bright colored fabrics and midweight fusible interfacing that you would like to donate for our Children's Crayon rolls? **FABRIC NEEDS:** at least 9 inches by full width of fabric (selvage to selvage). Solids are also welcome for contrasts.

May 21 – All day workshop with Debbie Dodge and the **SHOW AND TELL BAGS**.

We have several willing quilters at work quilting the fabric for the Show and Tell Bags. Lots of work! But oh, so worth it! If you are willing to quilt some fabric for us, please contact Diana at 281-435-7144 or Elaine at 918-808-2667.

We are starting to create our examples of upcycled denim shirts and jackets. Be watching for samples to show up at a meeting! We will probably work on this project outside of our normal Boutique Sewing Days. Let us know if you're interested.

We've got some surprises up our sleeves, but aren't quite ready to share them with everyone. Come to the meetings to see what we're introducing for Boutique!



NEEDED SUPPLIES FOR UPCOMING BOUTIQUE PROJECTS:

Colorful floral fabrics. They can be scraps if there are full flowers that we can fussy cut.

Cotton doilies

Midweight fusible interfacing: at least 21 inches in length.

Batting to continue our quilting for the Show and Tell Bags. SIZE NEEDED 48 X 60.

3/4" by 8' wooden dowel rods for our Show and Tell Bags. Sara Irwin will cut and finish the dowel rods for us. Thank You, Sara!

Libby will be in the Lobby at our next Guild meeting to receive any donations.

We want to thank everyone who has answered our call for donations, worked on a project for us and been to our Sew Days. This is a fabulous group of friends, and we consider ourselves blessed to know you all!

Diana Moore & Elaine Bullard



Striped Binding

Don't you just love a striped binding? I know I do! Getting the stripes to match is an easy thing to do, too.

Lay your binding strips right sides together at a 90 degree angle as usual.

Fold the top fabric back at a 45 degree angle. You can use the edge of a stripe to help with this.

(Here I've shown the fold line from folding the top fabric back at a 45 degree angle.)



Slide the top fabric to the left or right so the stripes line up perfectly. (Make sure you still have a 1/4" seam allowance to the right of the fold line on the bottom fabric.)

I take a glue stick and put a few dabs on the fabric where the seam allowances will be.



Open the top fabric back up and either give it a quick press or pin it for a couple of minutes to let the glue dry.

Stitch along the fold line. Open the binding strip up and check to make sure you have your stripes matched the way you want and then trim your seam allowance.



Press your seam allowance open and fold your binding in half. Press and admire your perfectly matched stripes!



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.

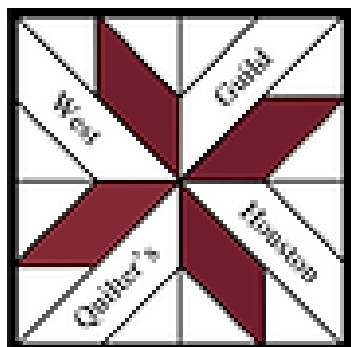
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Quirky Quilters: This bee is for those quilters who want to push the boundaries of traditional quilting by exploring textile art. This may include, but not limited to, collage, fabric painting, mixed media, free motion quilting, slow stitching, raw 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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“Red, White and Blue Quilts from International Quilt Festival’s 50th Anniversary,” “International Quilt Festival 2024 Judged Show Prizewinners,” and “Libby Lehman: The Art of Quilting.”

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