



**Tri-County Quilt Guild  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2025**

The January general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on January 7, 2025, at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Elaine Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She welcomed all and wished them all a good year. She summarized the mission of the guild which is to preserve and encourage the art of quilting. It also provides instruction for our members, education for the public, and a gathering place for people with quilting as a common interest.

Elaine asked that anyone that has a quilted jacket, please wear it to the February general meeting.

There was no visiting Guild with a raffle quilt present.

Elaine then mentioned a few upcoming area quilt shows:

- The Greater Houston Quilt Show will be January 17-18 at the Stafford Center
- The Colorado valley Quilt Guild Quilt Show will be February 21-22 in LaGrange, TX

We had some interest in having Juniors be able to enter our quilt show, but only members can do this now. We also need to encourage our young quilters. There was a survey concerning this subject at the Holiday Bash and anyone wanting to turn in a survey late can see Donna Granat about filling out a survey.

At the next board meeting we will discuss whether there will be a general meeting in July or October (the month in which the International Quilt Festival will be in town). Please come to the board meeting if you want input.

Karl Burkett warned members about using QR codes that you do not know. Don't trust them.

Elaine asked that new officers, directors, standing chairs and quilt show chairs come up front and be introduced:

- Nathan Brown – Senior Programs Chair
- Donna Granat – Treasurer
- Janice Toler – Website, Square instructor
- Madison Horinek – VP Administrator
- Rebecca Garcia – Newsletter Editor & Block of the Month

- Robin Galvin – Secretary
- Marian Englehart – Hospitality Chair
- Donna Vandiver – VP Financial Oversight & Quilt Show Co-Chair
- Bev Volker – Director & Tin Can Raffle Chair
- Becky Burkett – Past President & Quilt Show Co-Chair
- Sharon Castillo – Charity Bee & Treasure Aisle
- Diana Moore – Boutique Co-Chair (Elaine is her side-kick)
- Lisa Hart – Storybook Quilt, Facebook & Instagram
- Jaine Jewell – Membership
- Lynn Loyd – Registered Agent
- Charmaine Fritchey – Director

The directors, Charmaine, Bev & Nancy Youens, serve as long as they want to serve. Lynn serves as long as she wants to serve. All other officers serve for one year except the Treasurer which is a 2 year appointment.

Holiday Bash Chairs will be Ginny Hilton and Rhonda Van Alstine and tonight Connie Cephus volunteered to be in charge of the raffle quilt ticket sales. We still need a third quilt show co-chair.

## **Reports**

Diana Moore, Co-Chair with Elaine for Boutique - They will be making collapsable thread catchers this month. They meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Bobbins & Threads at 10am – 2pm. They will only need a few sewing machines this week because most of the work is handwork.

Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair - As of the meeting we had 245 members with 77 present. We have recorded 1685 volunteer hours. We had 2 new members, Cindy Ball and Lidia Martinez, and two visitors, Annie Potts and Kim Wilbanks. Jaine said that ladies could still sign-in in the lobby and there were also membership cards available for those who had not picked up theirs yet.

Madison Horinek, VP Administration – Madison invited everyone out to the next board meeting, next Tuesday night at Texas Mesquite Grill Cypress at 5:30 pm to discuss new plans with the new officers in place. She also needed a few helpers for show-in-tell sign-ups in the lobby before the meeting so that she can spend more time greeting people before each general meeting.

Rebecca Garcia, BOM Chair and Newsletter Chair - In the latest newsletter there was a tutorial on making string blocks. Rebecca encouraged everyone to bring two BOM's to the next meeting and receive a special raffle ticket. The raffle winner will receive one of each of the two blocks received that night. The other BOM's will be given to the Charity Bee. The blocks should be

trimmed to 9.5". Please send her information that you may have about upcoming quilt shows, shop-hops or other fun quilt-related events that she can include in the newsletter.

Jean Chapman, Charity Bee - The second part of our mission is: Additionally, as a not-for-profit charitable organization, Tri-County supports local charities partners through donations of crafts made by our members and other requested items. These local charity partners then distribute these items throughout our community. A handout was given out that describes the following six partners and what they do: Nora's Home, Be an Angel, Two Lives Changed, Kenmar, Helping Hands and Boys and Girls Country.

Charity Bee is a very important part of the quilt guild. Last year Charity Bee completed 393 quilts (Jennifer Cutler quilted 231 quilts herself left over from 2022 and 2023), 287 lap quilts, 35 wheelchair quilts, 58 baby quilts, 368 flannel baby blankets, 147 pillowcases and a whole lot of drawstring bags & Christmas stockings. Jean encouraged the members to grab a quilt kit to be quilted at home. A large number of our quilts are for men, so we always need more quilts for them. Add an extra row on both sides of the lap quilts to increase the size a bit for men. A maximum size throw quilt would be about 75' x 50'. A wheelchair quilt is 36' x 40'. Charity Bee needs more workers to do various jobs – setup & take down, cut batting & backing, work on quilt tops and backs, sew bags & Christmas stockings & make and sew on labels etc. Charity Bee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:30 to 2:00 at Cypress Crossing Church. Bring a lunch.

Bev Volker & Mary Ellen Adkison, Tin Can Raffle Chairs – Needs for the quilt show are large baskets, ribbon (3yard+ strips), precut fabrics, 2 ½" strips of fabrics, extra notions or tools, skeins of yarn and crochet project books. Monetary donations are needed for the TV tray, card table and chairs. Also, they have started a basket with African fabrics for which they need additional fabrics. They will also ask each Bee group for a raffle basket.

Sharon Buffington, Raffle Quilt Chair – Currently the raffle quilt is already scheduled to be shown at the Kingwood Guild (2/6/25 at 6:15-9:00) and Atascocita Guild (2/18/25 at 6:30 – 9:30). They need volunteers to take the quilt or accompany Sharon. Additional scheduling beyond February is being done now.

Becky Burkett & Donna Vandiver, Quilt Show Co-Chairs – Still need a 3<sup>rd</sup> Co-Chair preferably with technical experience with Square.

Lisa Hart – The Guild has Facebook and Instagram accounts. We have two things on Facebook. There is a Guild page in which only the Admin can post items, but everyone can look at it or comment. The Group is where anyone can post items, comments, questions, items for sale, etc. The Instagram account is getting Likes, but little use to-date. The Storybook Quilt program has been slow to reboot since Covid, but it has over 30 story books and quilts that can be taken to school or daycares and read. It will be migrated over to the website. It's part of our mission of

education. The Blue Triangle Quilt Guild Show is on Saturday, February 22. More information on the location to come.

Nathan Brown, Senior Programs Chair – Reviewed first four months of workshops. The schedule for the whole year is on the website. The first four workshops are open for sign-up.

- Thread Painting 101 with Denise Spies – January 7 at The Quilty Shop
- Picture Window Reverse Applique Large Dresden Plate Quilt with Annie McHugs – February 4 at Bobbins and Threads
- Stack and Whack, NOT a One Block Wonder with Dianna Martinez – March 5 at The Quilty Shop
- Designing with Strips and Curves with Debby Walters – April 3 at The Quilty Shop

If you signed up for Anna Maria Horner and you have not put a deposit down, please come see Nathan. You must pay soon to hold your space. There is a long waiting list.

### **Show & Tell**

Beautiful quilts and projects were shown by Rebecca Garcia, Jaine Jewel, Connie Grudzinski, Jeanne Brown, Kim Wilcox, Becky Burkett, Carol Maloney, Jim Medeiros, Lori Kraus, Patti Parks, Sara Irwin, Harriett Raindl, Peggy Wheeler, Marie Englehart, Janice Toler, Norma Johnson, Buina Collins and Nathan Brown.

### **January Speaker**

Nathan Brown introduced our speaker Denise Spies who spoke to us about thread painting. Thread Painting is a free motion sewing technique used to create lines using a straight stitch or zigzag stitch on your sewing machine and by using different colors and thread types to create texture to a design. Denise showed us some of her beautiful thread painted artwork and briefly explained the points mentioned in her opening definition.

### **Closing**

Elaine Bullard and Donna Vandiver drew three winning numbers.

Elaine Bullard told us that while most board positions were filled this year, but we still need help for Karl Burkett with Property Management. She will keep asking.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin C. Galvin  
Secretary