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From The President's Stash

Happy Spring, everyone! As I write this letter, the grass and trees are starting to turn green, and flowers are starting to put on blooms. Just as nature is hard at work getting ready for Spring, so are our Quilt Show Chairpersons and Committees. Becky Burkett and Donna Vandiver have initiated a monthly meeting to keep the Quilt Show running smoothly. The meetings are held at 10:00 am on the second Thursday of each month at The Harris County Smokehouse on the corner of Hwy 290 and FM 1960 (by the Tesla dealer). If you're interested in helping the Quilt Show, please feel free to attend a meeting. There are still opportunities to join in the fun of putting on the Quilt Show! Check with Becky or Donna to see how you can help.

We have been so lucky to have received two large donations to the guild to be used as we see fit. The first donation is being used by Charity Bee. The second donation will be spread around to help supply Door Prizes, BOM prizes and various Quilt Show Committees as well as Charity Bee. Please remember the guild if you or a friend is looking to destash. We can always find a way to use fabric and notions in good condition.

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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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April 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
tricountyguild@gmail.com



Cont. from President's Stash:

I think I'm repeating myself, but I want to thank everyone who helps keep our guild running so smoothly. You may have a permanent position, or you may be filling in for someone, but anything you do to benefit the guild plays a big part in this wonderful group! Kudos to all who volunteer!

Remember our Projects on Parade for the April 1, 2025 meeting will be a Texas theme in honor of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



Happy Sewing!



I was watching one of my favorite decorating shows on HGTV the other day and Ben Napier, a fantastic wood craftsman, for those of you who don't know him, had just built a beautiful dining table with curved legs. He made the curvature of the legs by laminating together layers of wood. After completing it, he had these words to say.... "This is a real problem for me. I hoard wood and I don't want to use it because it's so special. It may be something that I have a perfect use for, but then I don't want to use it for that because what if an even better something comes up in the future? So, cutting into this wood, felt, you know....like I've got a huge stack of California redwood right now that...I mean some of these boards right now are straight as an arrow and they are like twenty-five feet long and I'm gonna cut it into a ten foot board? ...And then I'm going to rip that in half?"

I think we may have found a quilter cousin!!!!
- Mary Ellen Adkison



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 {tricityguild@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!

Donna Vandiver 4th
Gail Howland 5th
Linda Niermeyer 5th
Maudie Engle 8th
Libby Nelson 10th
Charla Burnett 11th

Betty Johnson 13th
Lisa Hart 22nd
Sarah Sumner 23rd
Rhonda Pennington 24th
Patti Parks 25th
Beth Caldwell 26th

Kimberly Wilcox 26th
Victoria Queen 27th
Marie Englehart 28th
Cheryl Airth 29th
Rebecca Huss 30th

Welcome to our newest members!

George Coulam
Lee Duncan

Jennifer Hoffpauir
Jackie Hillman

Bernadette Gonzales
Stacy Dong



Claudia Wormuth's Summer Garden quilt is currently hanging at Texas Oncology-Sugar Land. The strong colors look so good and really brighten up the space!



Hop into spring at our March meeting! We invite all members to bring their pastel or Easter-themed projects for a special show and tell. Whether you're showcasing soft, soothing pastels or vibrant, festive Easter designs, we can't wait to see your quilt creations. Let's stitch together a celebration of spring colors and creativity. Remember, it's the perfect time to egg-splore new ideas and share your quilted masterpieces with fellow guild members. So, don't chick-en out - bring your projects and join the fun!



These projects do not need to be recent finishes but feel free to continue to bring your newest projects as well!

-Madison Horinek VP Administration











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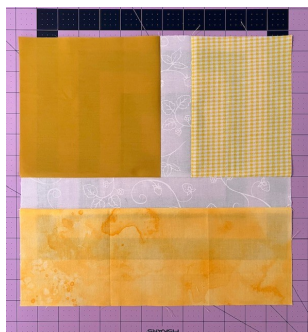
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<https://scamsurvivaltoolkit.bbbmarketplacetrust.org/>

Thanks, Karl



REMINDER: The **March block** was the **Menagerie** made with the kit or three tones of one color.

I will be collecting these at the meeting on **April 1st**.
For every 2 blocks that you turn in, you will receive a raffle ticket.

Feel free to continue bringing any size **STRING BLOCKS** to donate for **Charity Bee** quilts.

April Block of the Month

April's Block is called the Brasstown Star quilt block.

There will be kits available at the meeting on April 1st if you'd like to contribute to the charity quilt.



If you would like to make some blocks from your stash to donate to a quilt top for Charity Bee, please use green, blue, and yellow fabrics in any arrangement. Stitch these up and bring them to the May meeting on **Tuesday, May 6th**.

See instructions on the next page ➡



April Block of the Month

What you'll need:

Fabric 1:

4 - 4 1/2" squares

4 - 4" squares. *Cut along diagonal to create a total of 8 triangles*

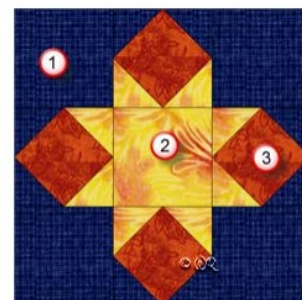
Fabric 2:

1 - 4 1/2" square

4 - 4" squares. *Cut along diagonal to create a total of 8 triangles*

Fabric 3:

4 - 3 3/8" squares



Steps:

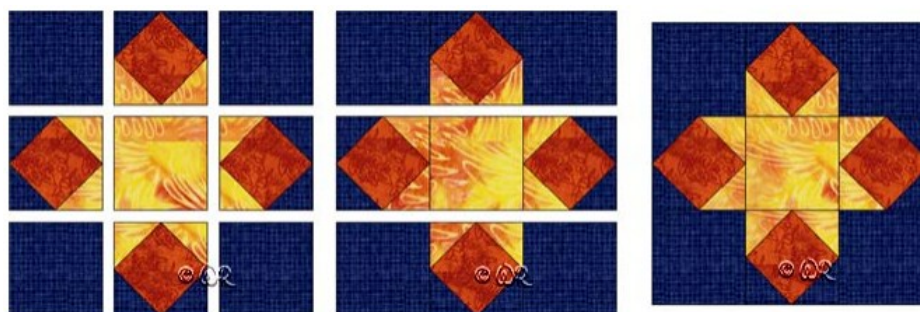
1. Fold each triangle in half along the long edge and finger press a small crease in the center.

2. Along each side of the Fabric 3 squares, fold in half and finger press a small crease in the center.

3. Following the diagram, create 4 units using the Fabric 3 squares and Fabric 1 and 2 triangles. *Note: to ensure your triangles are centered, line up the creases you made in steps 1 and 2.*

4. Trim these blocks to 4 1/2", making sure to leave 1/4" around each point of the diamond.

5. Assemble the block in a nine-patch following the diagram.



Free pattern by Wendy Russell of Patchwork Square <http://patchworksquare.com>

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



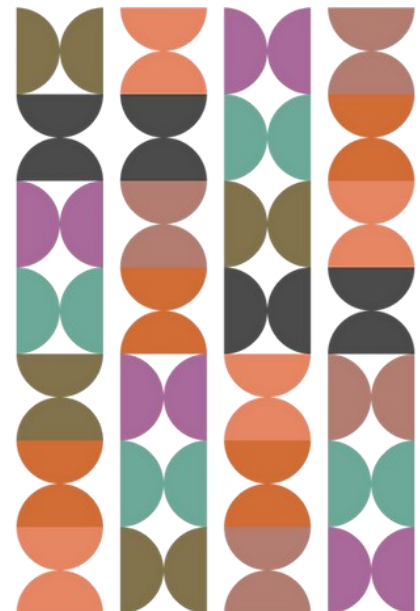
We still have spots available for the below workshops.

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

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

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.



May 6th lecture and May 7th workshop: Lisa Erlandson, LE Quilts – Star Light, Star Bright, Stars Upon My Bed Tonight (Bobbins and Threads) –



Stars grace some of our oldest quilts in either quilting, piecing or applique. This trunk show takes us across time to see how our expression of stars in quilts has changed in the last 200 years – or has it? The WORKSHOP is Wimmen's Work – Patterns celebrating women's life from earlier, but not really simpler days.

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.



It's less than a year until our "Celebration 20" Quilt Show on February 27 & 28, 2026. Yes, it's earlier this time due to Berry Center scheduling. 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.

There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year for you to help make this a great quilt show. Mary Jane Strerbanz has stepped down as Quilt intake Chair, but Lee Ann McGuinn and Mary Willyerd have volunteered to Co-Chair Quilt intake. They both have been active volunteers in that area in past years and have graciously volunteered to lead that area. Welcome to the team! We still have openings for three key positions. (1) a technology person, specifically in the use of Square, (2) Quilt Hanging Chair, main duties include mapping out the quilt display after we get the quilt entries and leading the quilt hanging team, and (3) Silent Auction Chair, main duties include getting quilts for the auction and supervising the volunteers that are taking bids at the show. Please share your skills and knowledge, make new friends, and support the guild by volunteering.

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.

We are looking forward to a fun and busy year. All the current Show Chairs are busy getting their individual areas show ready and sharing ideas with the entire team. Thanks for all your hard work. 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

Our guild is made up of such generous people! You contribute supplies toward our projects and give your time to volunteer in making the items that will stock our shelves at our 2026 Quilt Show. All of your efforts contribute to funding teachers who inspire our quilting design and help build our skills. All this while 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.

APRIL 16 – Children's crayon rolls. Do you have bright colored fabrics and mid-weight 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!



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!

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.
- Heavyweight, see-through vinyl for upcoming project bags

Libby will be in the Lobby at our next Guild meeting with kits that you can make at home and also to receive any donations and any finished projects.

Diana Moore & Elaine Bullard

Charity Bee, Treasure Aisle, and Boutique:

- Flannel
- Denim (like jackets and vests)
- Notions you no longer need
- 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.
- Charity Bee can use any cotton batting cutoffs you've accumulated to piece together into usable quilt batting. Please measure and label the pieces (this speeds up selection and assembly) and bring them to meeting or Charity Bee (fourth Wednesday, see Charity Bee section in "Bee Info" for details).

Thanks, Sharon Castillo



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.



Friday, March 28, 2025 9
AM - Saturday 29, 5 PM

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April 4-5th

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