



**Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2025**

The February general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on February 4, 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 called members up who were wearing quilted jackets for “Projects on Parade”. Many beautiful jackets of various designs were modeled. Elaine announced that painted projects would be highlighted on “Projects on Parade” at the March general meeting.

Elaine told us that at the January board meeting, the board discussed further the feasibility of having youth members in the guild. Part of having youth members would be including them in our programs, which included lots of complications with insurance and training requirements. Therefore, it was decided that the guild is not prepared to accept youth members now.

Becky Burkett announced that there will be a youth category in the upcoming quilt show. Youth entries will need to have a sponsor who is a member of the guild.

Elaine then mentioned a few upcoming area quilt shows:

- Blue Triangle Quilt Guild Show will be on Saturday, February 22 at the Lilly Grove Baptist Church in Houston
- The Colorado Valley Quilt Guild Quilt Show will be February 21-22 in LaGrange, TX
- The West Houston Quilters’ Guild Springtime in Texas show will be at the Berry Center on February 28 – March 1

The calendar for 2025 has been established, and there will be ten general meetings in 2025. There will be no general meeting in July due to historically low attendance, and no general meeting in October due to the International Quilt Festival. There will be a general meeting in November due to the rescheduling of the International Quilt Festival from November to October.

Reports

Rebecca Garcia, BOM Chair and Newsletter Chair – She received 53 donated string blocks prior to the meeting. Feel free to continue to make these blocks and donate them. Half of them will be raffled at the end of the meeting. The BOM for next month is the “Simple 16” block and the instructions are in the newsletter. She also had kits for the BOM available. She asked that the “Simple 16” blocks include 2 colors – one a shade of green or brown and one neutral color.

Becky Burkett, Quilt Show Co-Chair – Raffle Tickets are now available for the raffle quilt. The quilt is starting to travel. The Quilt Show Chairs will start to meet regularly on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10am. This month, the meeting will be at Harris County BBQ in Cypress on February 13.

Madison Horinek, VP Administration – Madison invited everyone to the next board meeting, next Tuesday night at Martha’s Mexican Restaurant & Grill on Alma St. at 5:30 pm (meeting starts at 6 pm).

Diana Moore, Boutique Co-Chair - They will be making “pie” pin-cushions this month. Next month, they will be making crayon holders for children and making scrappy binding. Lots of fabric is cut and we will be taught how to inter-twine the binding. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Bobbins & Threads at 10am – 2pm.

Bev Volker & Mary Ellen Adkison, Tin Can Raffle Chairs – They will still need same items as last month for the quilt show - large baskets, ribbon (3yard+ strips), precut fabrics, 2 ½” strips of fabrics, extra notions or tools, skeins of yarn and crochet project books and African Fabric. Monetary donations are also still needed.

Sharon Buffington, Raffle Quilt Chair – Currently the raffle quilt is already being displayed at other Guild meetings. Quilt raffle tickets are now available. Square will be setup next month.

Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair - As of the meeting we had 268 members with 82 present. We have recorded 1142 volunteer hours this month. We had 2 visitors, Jackie Hillman and Susan Goodrich and 1 new member, Patti Parks. Additional sign-in and new membership cards will be available in the lobby at the break.

Nathan Brown, Senior Programs Chair –

- 2 spots still open for Picture Window Reverse Applique Large Dresden Plate Quilt with Annie McHugs tomorrow at Bobbins and Threads
- 3 spots still open for Stack and Whack, NOT a One Block Wonder with Dianna Martinez – March 5 at The Quilty Shop
- 5 spots still open for Designing with Strips and Curves with Debby Walters – April 3 at The Quilty Shop

- May sign-ups are now open. That class will include a quilt made with Lisa Erlandson of LE quilt – the Kansas City Star pattern, sampler quilt. You will finish 4 blocks in the class and have everything needed to complete the project at home.

Sharon Castillo, Treasure Aisle Co-Chair – They are adding another table for seasonal fabrics because she keeps getting those fabrics.

Show & Tell

Beautiful quilts and projects were shown by Madison Horinek, Ida Anderson, Jaine Jewell, Susan Bozarth, Kim Wilcox, Jan Heine, Marsha Frantz, Patti Parks and Bridgette Woods.

February Speaker

Nathan Brown introduced our speaker Jerriann Massey with Annie McHugs. She explained her inspiration for developing her Picture Window Reverse Applique Tool. She will teach a class on the easy use of her nine different tool designs at Bobbins and Threads on February 5. She showed us examples of quilts made from all of her designs in many sizes.

Closing

Rebecca announced that members donated a total of 53 string blocks tonight. Rebecca & Elaine pulled a raffle ticket for half of the blocks. The raffle winner chose to donate the string blocks that she won back to the guild for the use of the Charity Bee.

Elaine Bullard and Donna Vandiver drew four winning numbers for three raffle items previously on display in the lobby and a Texas Picture Window Tool donated by Jerriann Massey.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin C. Galvin
Secretary