



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

The March general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on March 4, 2025 at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Elaine Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 brought painted fabric jackets, shirts, totes, etc. for “Projects on Parade”. Several items were modeled. Many of the projects were begun in classes taught by Michelle Markey of Medina Domestic Arts Studio. Elaine announced that Texas quilts or themed items would be highlighted for “Projects on Parade” at the April general meeting.

There were two quilt guilds displaying their raffle quilts in the church lobby, the Lakeview Quilt Guild and the Mainland Morning Quilt Guild. Elaine encouraged everyone to see the quilts and consider supporting the guilds by purchasing raffle tickets during the meeting break.

Elaine then mentioned a few upcoming area quilt shows:

- Dallas Quilt Show at the Dallas Market Hall on Friday – Sunday, March 14-16
- Quilters Guild of East Texas Quilt Show in Tyler, TX on Friday – Saturday, March 21-22
- American Spirit Quilt Show in Georgetown, TX on Friday – Saturday, March 28-29

More detailed information on the quilt shows will be published in the newsletter.

Madison Horinek announced that the next board meeting will be at Giana’s Italian Kitchen in Tomball next Tuesday at 5:30pm. An email will be sent with more details. Everyone is invited.

Reports

Rebecca Garcia, BOM Chair and Newsletter Chair – Rebecca showed everyone a lap quilt top that she pieced from some of the string blocks that she received from members in January and February. She planned to give the quilt top to the Charity Bee to complete. The BOM to submit in April is the “Managerie” block, a simple block made from rectangles. Instructions are in the newsletter. She brought a limited number of kits for the BOM available, but they were already claimed.

Donna Granat, Treasurer – Donna gave the treasurer’s report for 2024, a quilt show year. Our actual income in 2024 exceeded the budget and the actual expenses in 2024 were under the budget yielding net income in 2024 of \$3,273. The total bank balance at the end of 2024 was \$77,155 (\$16,704 in checking, \$45,218 in savings & \$15,233 in CD’s). An audit of the 2023 financial records was performed in 2024.

Donna also reminded everyone that the “books” are open to the membership. Financial statements and check requests can also be reviewed upon request. Check request forms must be signed by a Committee Chair and Elaine Bullard before Donna can accept them. Donna always has the checkbook with her at the general meetings.

Donna Vandiver, Quilt Show Co-Chair – Categories and rules for the quilt show are posted on the website. We expect “postcards” to be available to membership at the next general meeting. The quilt show chairs have a meeting every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am at Cypress Harris County BBQ. Everyone that wants to volunteer is welcome.

Sharon Buffington, Raffle Quilt Chair – The raffle quilt will be at Bobbins & Threads this Saturday for the Shop Hop from 10am – 3pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the lobby if you can work for a 2-hour period selling raffle tickets at Bobbins & Threads. Also, Becky and Karl will be taking the quilt to another location later this month.

Bev Volker & Mary Ellen Adkison, Tin Can Raffle Chairs – Their primary goal now is to raise \$150 to purchase the table and chairs to be covered and raffled. Last year, they raised a lot of money with that raffle item and want to duplicate that. They left a “tin can” at the front of the stage for monetary donations. They also asked for large baskets and precut fabrics. Sharon Castillo offered that there may be some things in the Charity Bee storage that would be useful to the Tin Can Raffle Committee .

Diana Moore, Boutique Co-Chair – Diana showed everyone a quilted piece of fabric that will become a “show-n-tell” bag. There were several kits remaining that need to be completed before the May workshop when the “show-n-tell” bags will be constructed. Laurie Loasby will lead the meeting this month teaching ladies to make scrappy binding. In April, the committee will be making crayon rolls for children. Diana said that the committee had lots of needs: Colorful floral fabrics, cotton doilies, mid-weight fusible interfacing, batting (48” x 60”) and ¾” x 8’ dowels. Libby will be in the lobby to receive donations and hand out kits. Last, Elaine said that they still need denim jackets. The committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Bobbins & Threads at 10am – 2pm.

Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair - As of the meeting, we had 276 members including Jackie Hillman who just joined. There were 95 members present at the meeting. Janie welcomed 4 visitors - Susan, Mary Ann, Carla and Ross. We recorded 1,639 volunteer hours this month.

Nathan Brown, Senior Programs Chair –

- The workshop tomorrow is “Stack and Whack, NOT a One Block Wonder” with Dianna Martinez at The Quilty Shop
- 7 spots are still open for “Designing with Strips and Curves” with Debby Walters – April 2 at The Quilty Shop (kit fee of \$39.95 for rulers)
- 16 spots are still open for the workshop with Lisa Erlandson of LE quilts – May 7 at Bobbins & Threads. The presentation will be “Star Light, Star Bright, Stars upon my Bed Tonight”. The workshop will include a sampler from the Kansas City Star (nine different star blocks). He doesn’t know yet if there is a kit fee.
- The June 4 workshop signup opened tonight. Kim Ellison will give a presentation in June on Batiks. Her workshop will be on Hawaiian applique at Bobbins & Threads.

Sharon Castillo, Treasure Aisle Co-Chair – Plastic bags are available on the stage to be filled with donated scraps to be sold at Treasure Aisle in the quilt show.

Show & Tell

Beautiful quilts and projects were shown by Madison Horinek, Libby Nelson, Jenifer Cutler, Diana Moore, Elaine Bullard, Jim Medeiros, Jaine Jewell, Lisa Hart, Lori Kraus, Debbie Davis, Stephanie Wilson, Kathryn Reily, Lynn Kimzey, Kinda Niermeyer, Connie Grudzinski, Claudia Wormuth & Buina Collins.

Madison encouraged members to bring floral, Spring, pastel and Easter themed quilts for Show & Tell next month.

March Speaker

Nathan Brown introduced our speaker Dianna Martinez to talk about “Stack-n-Whack”. She has been quilting for about 30 years and is retired from education. She worked at a quilt shop for about 15 years. She has been teaching quilting techniques since then. She is also the Leader for the local chapter of **Quilts of Valor** in Montgomery.

She introduced us to the “Stack-n-Whack” technique. All of the quilts were beautiful and no quilt were the same. She showed us many of her beautiful quilts and example fabrics that she recommended to use for this technique. Dianna also explained how to identify the repeat of a fabric.

Closing

Elaine Bullard and Donna Vandiver drew three winning numbers for three raffle items previously on display in the lobby. Rebecca drew one winning number for the BOM donations. There were

not a lot of BOM donors that wished to be part of the raffle, so Rebecca will bring the prize to the winner at the next general meeting.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin C. Galvin
Secretary