



**Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025**

The April general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on April 2, 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 Texas themed “Projects on Parade”. Many beautiful items were modeled.

Elaine asked Linda with the Baytown Area Guild to come forward and tell us about her, her guild and the quilt that they have displayed in the lobby. Linda is the Program Chair for her quilt guild. They meet on the 1st Monday of each month. They brought a lovely Fall themed raffle quilt to display. Elaine encouraged everyone to see the quilt and consider supporting the Baytown Area Guild by purchasing raffle tickets during the meeting break.

Elaine explained that once each year the board reviews our By-Laws and Duties Document for possible revisions. Elaine told us that the documents should reflect how we actually operate and vice-versa. Currently, the By-Laws Article XI states that when a By-Laws change is proposed, the membership must be notified of the proposed change and required vote at least 30 days prior to the voting date. The notice must be made in an announcement at a general meeting, via an email or in a website posting. The club normally makes these notices by all three methods, so the By-Laws Committee is recommending that the requirement in the By-Laws be revised to make all three methods of notification required rather than only one method as currently required. Elaine informed us that tomorrow this proposed revision to the By-Laws would be posted on the website and an email would be sent to all of the membership explaining to proposed change.

Reports

Connie Cephus, Raffle Quilt Co-Chair –Raffle tickets are available for members to “purchase-to-sell”. Quilt Show post cards with the “Lemoyne Trails” raffle quilt picture are also available. On April 14, the raffle quilt will be taken to the Greater Houston Quilt Guild to be displayed.

Please consider signing up to help that evening. Elaine reminded us that members are needed to take the raffle quilt to other locations.

Madison Horinek, VP Administration – The next board meeting will be at Sam's Steak & Seafood in Cypress next Tuesday at 5:30pm. An email will be sent with more details. Everyone is invited find out what the board is doing and how to become more involved.

Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair - As of the meeting, we had 279 members. There were 93 members present at the meeting. Janie welcomed 2 visitors – Rebecca and Jerri Ann and a new member – Mary Ann Craig. We recorded 1,706 volunteer hours this month.

Rebecca Garcia, BOM Chair and Newsletter Chair – Rebecca showed everyone a quilt top that she pieced from some of the nine-square blocks that she received from members in February. She planned to give the quilt top to the Charity Bee to complete. The BOM to submit in May is the “Brasstown Star” block, a striking block made from square-in-a-square units. Instructions are in the newsletter. She brought a limited number of kits for the BOM, but they were already claimed. Rebecca asked that the BOM's be made in a combination of green, yellow and blue fabrics in any arrangement.

Rebecca also announced that there will be a door prize given out each month for those that bring BOM's.

Becky Burkett, Quilt Show Co-Chair – There are only 11 months until Quilt Show 2026. Updates on the progress of the quilt show committees is in the newsletter. There still are a couple of Chair positions available, so please talk to Becky or Donna Vandiver if you want to volunteer. Elaine reminded us that they will find us if we don't volunteer ourselves.

Diana Moore, Boutique Co-Chair – This month, the committee will be making crayon rolls for children. Last month, they made scrappy binding and there 2 kits left at the boutique counter in the lobby. Also, there are pillowcase kits at the boutique counter to be picked up by members to make.

Diana also thanked all of the members that are quilting pieces of fabric to be transformed into “show-n-tell” bags at the May workshop. Shelley Wiggins will teach members how to make travel iron bags that open up to reveal a ironing pad at the June workshop. The committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Bobbins & Threads at 10am – 2pm. Diana asked that volunteers sign up for each workshop. Elaine informed us that the Boutique Committee plans to “knock it out of the park” for the next Quilt Show.

Bev Volker & Mary Ellen Adkison, Tin Can Raffle Chairs – Thanks for the monetary donations last month. They purchased the table, chairs and fabric for that raffle item. They will be meeting at Bobbins & Threads on April 9 at 10am to start work on covering the table and chairs. They need up to 7 additional people to help then. They are also looking for volunteers to

start organizing the baskets this weekend. Please contact Bev or Mary Ellen if you can volunteer this weekend. Bev and Mary Ellen are also still collecting donations and baskets.

Nathan Brown, Senior Programs Chair –

- Scott Flanagan's class is being opened up for the "Falling Stars" quilt - August 6 at Bobbins & Threads (\$50 class charge), no supply list yet. 16 spots are left (2 already sold)
- The September class is also being opened up with Dee Bushrod of Pixel Quilts – September 3 at Quilty Shop. 18 spots are left. (\$30 kit fee)
- The workshop tomorrow is "Designing with Strips and Curves" with Debby Walters – Quilty Shop. The class is filled. -
- 9 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 vintage sampler from the Kansas City Star (\$35 class charge)
- 10 spots are still open for the workshop with Kim Ellison of Quilt-aholics Anonymous – June 3 at Bobbins & Threads. Her workshop will be on Hawaiian applique. (\$35 class fee & \$45 kit fee)
- Nathan has contacted several ladies that were on the waiting list for the Anna Maria Horner workshop and placed them in the class, so he is taking additional names for the waiting list. Come see him if you want to be placed on the waiting list. Spots do open up.

Charity Bee – There are several quilts available to be quilted, draw string bag kits and one quilt to be bound. Please come pick up a project at the break.

HLSR Honorees - Elaine Bullard asked that the Guild members that entered a quilt in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and won a ribbon, please come up to the front and be recognized. The five ladies were Stephanie Moss, Marsha Franty, Jackie Hillman, Connie Grudzinski and Thomazine Alexander. HLSR quilt show winning quilts will be displayed at the Texas Quilt Museum in LaGrange in May.

Show & Tell

Beautiful quilts and projects were shown by Donna Vandiver (2), Jim Medeiros, Connie Grudzinski, Jaine Jewell, Jan Heine, Katia Scopinich, Sara Irwin, Mary Ellen Adkison, Lisa Hart, Bridgette Woods, Kim Wilcox, Holly McNeill, Kristi Grove, Linda Niermeyer, Cindy Auble and Janice Toler.

Madison encouraged members to bring quilts that honor Mother's Day and/or our members' moms for Show & Tell next month.

April Speaker

Nathan Brown introduced our speaker Debby Walters to talk about her personal quilting evolution and “Strips and Curves” while displaying 44 amazing quilts. She grew up sewing and began quilting in 1989. She owned a quilt retreat in 2017 and now owns a business that manufactures, distributes and teaches the use of seven sets of templates for sewing that started with a Drunkards Path template.

Closing

Elaine Bullard and Lee Ann McGuinn drew three winning numbers for three raffle items previously on display in the lobby. Rebecca drew one winning number for the BOM donors.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin C. Galvin
Secretary