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From The President's Stash

I think we're about to move from Spring into Summer, and that means heat and humidity which means we'll be inside more. **MORE SEWING TIME!** At least, I hope so! I've enjoyed this beautiful weather we've been having, but I need to stay inside and actually sew. How about you?

Things are moving right along for our 2026 Quilt Show. The success of our show funds our charity work, our presenters, workshops and all of the things in the background like storage units, software and things most of us never think about. Our guild is blessed to have a dedicated group that works diligently to organize this show and produce all of the items that we donate to our charity partners.

Our 2026 Quilt Show and our Charity Bee need more volunteers, though. Please consider volunteering to help with:

Treasure Aisle – meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at Cypress Creek Christian Church 10:00-2:00. Treasure Aisle is where we sell fabric, machines and notions that have been donated to us, and there's a lot of work that goes into getting everything ready. Right now, some fabric needs to be washed and ironed, and other fabric needs to be cut, bagged and tagged. Arrange to take a box of fabric home to wash and iron if you can't make it to the group meetings. You don't have to commit to both Fridays each month or even one Friday. Just come when you can. The help would be greatly appreciated.

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Meetings begin promptly at 7p.m, 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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June 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
tricityguild@gmail.com



President's Stash, continued

Charity Bee – meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at Cypress Crossing Christian Church from 10:00-2:00. If you can't make these bee meetings, take a quilt kit home to piece, quilt or put binding on. Eileen Eghoff is in the front left of the auditorium waiting for you before meetings to offer you something you can do at home. Sharon Castillo is as of right now still recuperating from back surgery and hopes to return to her volunteer work before much longer.

Denise Hardcastle is our volunteer coordinator for the 2026 Quilt Show. She will start signing up volunteers to work at the Show later this year.

There are so many things going on behind the scenes that need help. Please ask what you can do to help keep this the best guild ever!

Thanks and Happy Sewing,

Elaine Bullard

2025 Tri-County Quilt Guild President



Hello, quilting enthusiasts! Get ready to unfurl your creativity at our June Quilt Guild Meeting, where our theme is "Patriotic Quilts"! This month, we're asking you to bring in your most dazzling, star-spangled quilts for a show and tell that promises to be sew amazing, it'll have you seeing stars! Whether you've got a quilt that's red, white, and blue-tiful or one that just screams "liberty and justice for all," we want to see your handiwork. It's a great opportunity to patch up any gaps in your quilting knowledge and get inspired by the freedom of expression in each stitch. So, let your creativity ring and join us for a meeting that's sure to be a real stitch! Quilts and quilters of all stripes are welcome!

Madison Horinek - VP Administration



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!

Bev Volker - 6th
Lee Duncan - 10th
Katia Scopinich - 11th
Debra Demery - 11th
Jo Dick - 15th
Whitney Schneider - 15th
Candith Rudel - 17th
Jo Pellegrino - 18th

Connie Troutt - 18th
Patsy Mosby - 18th
Tina Lauzon - 19th
Peggy Stockton - 21st
Norma Johnson - 22nd
Kathy Mitchener - 25th
Jamie Questell - 29th

welcome

Welcome to our newest members!

Mita Chesser
Carrie Nelson
Jeanie Walker
Betty Bean

Alice Lloyd
Rosetta Anderson
Connie Goddard
Cynthia Bohannon

Kathy LeBlanc
Rose Ruth



**Look out for "*ishing" attacks.
* can be Phishing, Smishing, Vishing
(and I'm sure there are more!!!)**

The latest form of ishing seems to be "**Vishing**" where this is Voice Phishing. AI is being used to impersonate the sound, intonation, vocabulary, accent of friends, family, senior U.S. officials, Official Government Offices. The advice from the FBI is "Do NOT assume messages from government officials are authentic without independent verification."

Smishing makes use of smartphone text and messaging capabilities to state "You owe/used/received goods/services for which you owe money." They are pretending to be toll road authorities, delivery companies, or government agencies. Basically any one you might have a legitimate interaction where money is involved.

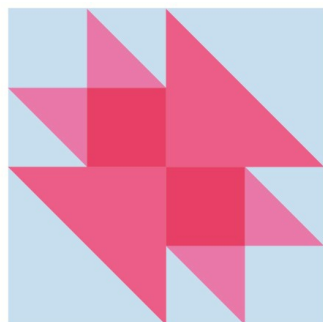
Phishing is the old email from an African Prince and any other form of email scam.

BEST ADVICE: Delete these messages if obviously a fake.

NEXT BEST ADVICE: Verify through an INDEPENDENT method, NOT one included in the message. Don't be lazy here. The scammers are counting on the convenience of a supplied URL link, email address, or phone number to suck you in. All of these supplied reply methods lead back to the scammer. NOTE: Carefully check the spelling of the entity in the email. Small spelling "errors" can lead to the wrong company or person.



REMINDER: The **May block** was the **Anvil** made with the kit or earth tones.



I will be collecting these at the meeting on **June 3rd**.

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

For every 2 blocks you bring, you will receive a raffle ticket for a BOM door prize generously donated by Elaine Bullard!

June Block of the Month

June's Block is called the Disappearing 9 Patch Block. It is a very common block that is super simple if you can sew a 9-patch and 4-patch!

There will be kits available at the meeting on June 3rd if you'd like to contribute to the charity quilt.



Any additional blocks made with your own fabric brought to the **August** meeting will be included in additional charity bee quilts. If you would like to make some blocks from your stash, use any colors you'd like - let's make this one super scrappy!

Stitch these up and bring them to the **August** meeting on **Tuesday, August 5th**. Looking forward to seeing a beautiful assortment of your donated blocks!

See instructions on the next page ➡



June Block of the Month

What you'll need:

Accent Fabric

(1) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " square

Fabric 1

(2) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

Fabric 2

(2) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

Background Fabric

(4) $4\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

Steps:

1. Following the diagram, sew a nine patch block together using $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowances. Press well. The block should measure $13\frac{1}{4}$ " square.



2. Cut the block in half vertically, and then again horizontally. This will create 4 units that are $6\frac{5}{8}$ " square.



3. Rotate the top right and bottom left so that the accent squares are on the corners.

4. Assemble a four patch with these units. The block should measure $12\frac{3}{4}$ " square.



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



Here's a HUGE THANK YOU!

So many of you have been donating blocks each month from your scraps and I was able to stitch together five tops with only **SOME** of what was donated!

These quilts get turned in to Charity Bee to be finished by other generous members of our guild.

Thank you so much for all
you do for the guild!





June 3rd lecture and 4th workshop – Kim Eleson Quiltaholics Anonymous (IQF Teacher) – Lecture – Batiks (Bobbins and Threads) – Have you ever wondered how quilting batiks are made? In this lecture, I will share my experiences making and buying batiks in Java and Bali through video, pictures and samples. **WORKSHOP – Hawaiian Appliqué- (6-hour workshop)** Have you been drooling over gorgeous Hawaiian quilts but felt intimidated by needle-turn appliqué or hand quilting? After this workshop, you will be confident in your abilities to create a beautiful masterpiece in the Hawaiian style. Using my methods, tips and tricks, you will create your own Hawaiian quilted cushion or wall hanging. Kit required.

For the June Class with Kim Oleson “Hawaiin Appliqué,” we still have 8 spots available. In addition to the class fee of \$35.00 there is a kit fee of \$45.00 that will include everything you need for the class. It will be held on June 4th @ Bobbins and Threads.

June dinner with the speaker will be held at Texas Mesquite Grill, 27104 Northwest Freeway, Cypress, Texas 77429 on June 4th 4:30 PM before the guild meeting. Those interested in attending please email Nathan Brown at njbrownservices@gmail.com or text (346) 672-0736 to reserve your spot.

We look forward to seeing you there!





Upcoming classes that are open:



August - *Positively Pre-Cuts with Scott Flanagan*

The class is full ,but we're taking names for the waiting list. This class will be on August 6th at Bobbins and Threads and the class fee is \$50.00. I will have the class prep sheet by the June meeting so if you signed up please come see me to get your information sheet so you can be ready for the class.

September - *Cherry Blossom Pixel Quilts with Dee Bushrod*

Class will be September 3rd at The Quilty Shop and the class fee is \$35.00 with a kit fee of \$30.00. We still have 15 spots available for this fun and modern class!



November's class will be open for sign-up in June. We will be doing Quilted Tennis Shoes at The Quilty Shop November 5th. I'll have all the information about the class at the meeting. There is a kit fee involved and some prep beforehand.



Hope everyone is surviving the first heat-wave of this year. It's the perfect time to stay in and work on your quilt entries for the 2026 Show. The categories and rules are up on the website. The entry form is also available. 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. If you have any questions, please contact one of us. We will be happy to answer your questions.

Here is a list of the show positions and their corresponding chairs:

Admissions – Bobbi Miller

Featured Quilter Selection Chair – Nancy Ewing

Gift Boutique – Diana Moore, Elaine Bullard

Judges – Debbie Spoelker, Shari Stone

Opportunity Quilt – Sharon Buffington, Connie Cephus

Quilt Hanging – Jackie Hillman

Quilt Intake – Mary Willyerd, Lee Ann McGuinn

Ribbons – Vicki Tate, Deb Durr

Schoolhouse – Stephanie Moss

Silent Auction – Charmaine Fritchey

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Website – Janice Toler



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.



Quilt Show Chairs,
Becky Burkett and Donna Vandiver

Mary Ellen and I would like to thank everyone who donated both material items and monetary donations. You all have overwhelmed us with your items, we are still in need of some items:

- > Baskets large and medium size
- > Batik Fabric
- > Suffrage Fabric
- > Missouri Star Patterns, Books, and Labeled Items
- > Beginning Quilter Notions
- > African Fabric
- > Downtown Abby Fabric
- > Things to put in a Teapot Basket

Thank you all,
Bev Volker





BOUTIQUE NEWS

We (Elaine and Diana) arrived with an empty storage container at our May 6 Guild meeting and left with it overflowing with completed items that you, the quilters, took time to make! We also came with another storage container filled with children's pillow case kits, and once again, only a few were left for another day. Thank you for taking part in preparing for an incredible Boutique at the TCQG 2026 Quilt Show!

JUNE 18 – Shelly Wiggins will lead us in making the most wonderful Iron Carrier/Pressing Mat Bag. Fabric is being collected from our beautiful stash, but if you would like to make one from a fat quarter you especially love, feel free to bring one to the class. Thermal Resist Silver Heat Resistant Fabric will be supplied for each bag. If you would like to donate fun 1-inch buttons for this project, see Libby in the Lobby at the next Guild meeting, or sign up to participate in this workshop and bring buttons with you!

JULY 16 – We've got the cutest Origami bags on the schedule. Elaine Bullard will be our guide. After making your first bag, you will find the bags assemble so quickly that you may want to make many to give as gifts to friends!

AUGUST will find us working on TV Tray Ironing Tables. I can hardly wait to have one of these for my sewing space!

LOOKING AHEAD: 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.

Libby will be in the Lobby at our next Guild meeting to receive any donations.

We want to thank everyone that has answered our call for donations, worked on a project and been to our Sew Days. This is a fabulous group of friends and we consider ourselves blessed to know you all! Diana Moore & Elaine Bullard



This month there are two tips!

1. When buying a new cutting mat, make sure it is 36 " in length. This way you can easily cut one yard of fabric at a time.
2. Need an extra way to measure your fabric? Tape a fabric measuring tape securely to a kitchen counter for easy access in measuring widths of fabric.



If you have a tip you think would be helpful to our guild members and you'd like to share, you can email me at libby.n52@gmail.com. Thank you.

Libby Nelson



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 accepting new members!** 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.



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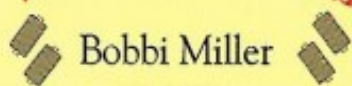
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