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From The President's Stash

Happy July, everyone!

There's no general meeting this month due to the July 4th holiday, but that doesn't mean the guild doesn't have things going on.

The Board of Directors Meeting is July 8th . Be watching for Madison Horinek, VP of Administration to announce the location. You're always welcome at our meetings.

There's a Meet and Greet on Wednesday, July 9th at Bobbins and Thread from 11:00-1:00. More news will come from Lee Ann McGuinn, our Door Prize Chairperson and Meet and Greet Coordinator on this event. If you're new to the guild or just want to meet some more members, then come by and visit for a while. We had to change the date on this event so check your calendars.

Then we have Boutique Makers on Wednesday, July 16 at Bobbins and Thread, 10130 Grant Road, Houston from 10:00-2:00. I'll be guiding us as we make Origami Fabric Bags. They look complicated, but go together quickly.

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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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NO NEW BLOCK THIS MONTH

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
tricountyguild@gmail.com



On July 23rd we'll be hosting another Meet and Greet at The Quilty Shop, 1006 W. Main St., Tomball! This one is for internationally known artist, author and fabric designer, Anna Maria Horner and runs from 4:00 -7:00. She will start her 5 day workshop for some of our guild members the next day, but this Meet and Greet is open to ALL of our members. Programs Chairperson, Nathan Brown, has more information. Be sure to come see her fabric lines, hear her speak, see her trunk show and maybe get an autographed copy of her new book.

Then there is the previously mentioned 5 day workshop with Anna Maria. We have 24 guild members attending this event. I'm excited to see what Show and Tell looks like after this workshop!

I hope to see you at some of these events, but if not, I hope you're either vacationing with family/friends or home getting some sewing/quilting done!

Happy sewing,
Elaine Bullard
2025 President

Thanks to Jan Heine for this summery treat of a quilt hanging in Texas
Oncology - Sugar Land!
Now everyone, let's go on a picnic!





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!

Vickie Russell - 2
Robin Cabrera - 3
Jan Heine - 6
Elizabeth Steele, Georgia Maynard &
Elaine Bullard - 9
Connie Reed - 10
Mary Ellen Adkinson - 11
Sue Coutts - 14
Mary Vines & Carole Neville - 15

Tricia Macsek, Mary Lou Black & Mary
Parisian - 16
Sharon Buffington - 19
Nancy Royal - 22
Ginny Hilton & Laurie Loasby - 25
Bonnie Langan - 28
Lynn Lucas - 29
Kerry Kerns - 30
Jorden McCullough - 31

welcome

Welcome to our newest members!

Kimberly Wilson, Susan Croft, and Nancy Yetter



June's Projects on Parade
Handmade Tote Bags



Presentation by Garri Kaye
from Quilts, Inc. about IQF









June's Presenter, Kim Eleson





REMINDER: The **June block** was the **Disappearing 9 Patch** made with the kits or any color scraps.



I will be collecting these at the meeting on **August 5th**.

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!

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



Upcoming Classes:

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 have the class prep sheet so if you signed up please come see me to get your information sheet so you can be ready for the class as there is quite a bit of cutting to do in preparation for it.

Dinner with the Speaker

Dinner with the Speaker will be on August 5th at 4:30 PM at the Olive Garden, 28040 Highway 290 East, Cypress, TX. Let Nathan Brown know if you will be attending dinner that night.





Upcoming Classes:

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 is open for sign-up now. We will be doing Quilted Tennis Shoes at The Quilty Shop on November 5th. I have the information sheet for this class. There is a kit fee involved and some prep beforehand so get started early and sign up early as well.

Now for **July 23, 2025** we have a special treat! Anna Maria Horner will be doing a meet and greet and trunk show at the Quilty Shop in Tomball from 4 PM - 7 PM. All guild members are invited to this occasion. It is for **GUILD MEMBERS ONLY**. If you have questions, please reach out to Nathan Brown.





Celebration 20 Quilt Show News

Only 8 months to go until our Celebration 20 quilt show! It seems like a long time, but it will go FAST! With all of the wild weather we've been having, we're expecting some really superb entries in "How's the Weather?" category. Don't forget about the "Let's Party!" category, either. I've partied with many of you. I know your capabilities.

Nancy Youens has agreed to be our Featured Quilter for this show. I'm always in awe of her work and so very excited to see it collected into one place.

The various areas of the show have their own reports here in the newsletter, so please read those and keep up to date on what's happening.



Thank you for everything you've done and continue to do to make this show a success!

Becky Burkett

Co-Chair



Silent Auction

We would love to have 10-12 quilts for the silent auction for the 2026 show.

Quilts with sport/college themed fabrics always bring in higher bids. Quilts can range from table runners, wall hangings, or regular size. They can be art quilts, landscapes, or anything unique. The dragonfly quilt in 2022 had a bidding “war” going on the last day. Many quilters will bid high on quilts they know they would not make.

We also want to recognize the quilter whose quilt wins the highest bid by giving a \$50 gift card from her/his favorite local quilt shop.

Please see or contact Charmaine Fritchey for all inquiries.

Cfritchey@gmail.com

BOUTIQUE NEWS

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.



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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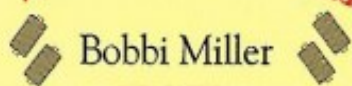
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