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From The President's Stash

I find it hard to believe that it's almost time for school to start! With this being the August newsletter, that means we are just six months away from our 2026 Quilt Show! How are you doing on having a quilt or two to enter? I just told my niece that I might have to take her quilt I'm making as her wedding present back for a little while so I can enter it in the show. That's if I get it finished in time for her wedding! Am I the only one running behind on my sewing?

Thank you to everyone who has donated fabric, notions, ribbons, lace, jackets and anything else that Tin Can Raffle, Boutique and Treasure Aisle has asked for. All three committees are requesting that donations be stopped. Your generosity has overwhelmed us!

Silent Auction is looking for some top notch quilts to be donated for the 2026 quilt show. The quilt that raises the most money will win \$50 for the person who donated it. I love a challenge!

The International Quilt Festival is coming up October 9-12. We will be displaying our quilt and selling raffle tickets on Friday, October 10. Sharon Buffington and Connie Cephus have set up Sign Up Genius so you can volunteer for two hours to sell tickets.

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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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August 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



We'll also need White Glove Angels to volunteer in the quilt display area. They're also using Sign Up Genius to sign up volunteers to take the quilt to visit other guilds. I'm sure Sharon and Connie will have more information for you.

Following the IQF is the Montgomery Quilt Walk, a non-judged show held in Montgomery, TX. We'll be looking for more White Glove Angels to volunteer at this event. The theme of the show is Curves. Have you made a Drunkard's Path variation of a quilt? If so, then here's your chance to show it off. Quilts made with curves are not required to be included in the show.

Nathan Brown is finishing the year with some excellent presentations/workshops. Pre-cuts, pixel quilts and quilted tennis shoes will round out an excellent year. We're hoping to get Anna Maria Horner back before this year is over.

We'll be addressing the 2026 elections soon, so if you'd like to take a more active role in guiding our guild please let a board member know. The Election Committee will be announced soon.

Stay tuned to see how the rest of 2025 finishes.

Happy sewing,
Elaine Bullard
2025 President

Show and Tell: School-Themed Quilts!

Attention, talented quilters! Our August Quilt Guild Meeting is gearing up for a "Show and Tell" session that will take you straight to the head of the class. This month, we're spotlighting school-themed quilts! Whether you're inspired by the classroom, bus rides, or the excitement of the first day, we invite you to bring in your quilt creations that capture the spirit of school days. Share and discover the creativity woven into each piece as we celebrate learning through quilting. Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your work and learn from your fellow members. Let's make this "Show and Tell" an A+ experience!





Tri-County Quilt Guild membership for 2025-2026 begins in October.

The online form will be available at Tricountyguild.org after August 1st . Get ahead of the rush and sign up early!

Remember, **you must be a member in good standing by October 31st to be eligible to enter a quilt in our 2026 show** (the deadline for entering the show is not until the December guild meeting, so don't panic!).

When you fill in the membership form online, please complete **all** the information requested. Unfortunately, our system cannot pull the info you entered last year, even if it is the same.

If you prefer to pay by cash or check at a meeting I would appreciate it if you could complete the online form prior to the meeting.

- Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair



Happy Birthday to These Members!

Debbie Spoelker - 2
Rebecca Elkins - 5
Teresa Wavra - 7
Barbara Garcia - 8
Connie Cephus - 9
Susan Croft & Darcy Albers - 10
Kathryn Archer - 11
Lane Devereux - 17

Regene Allen, Marcie Mann, Diana
Moore & Peggy Wheeler - 18
Karen Cook - 20
Mary Willyerd - 21
Marcia Ozdenvar & Anna Hoffman - 22
Mickey Garcia - 24
Jackie Hillman - 25
Mary DeCarlo & Susan Siegel - 28

welcome

Welcome to our newest members!

Diana Gilbreath & Robin Hudson



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!

August Block of the Month

August's Block is called the Vinca Block. This block is a variation on a pretty common block. This pattern is based on the free tutorial by Julie of The Crafty Quilter. She also included instructions for using scraps or charm squares if you'd like to make your own. Here's the direct link:

<https://thecraftyquilter.com/2022/08/free-tutorial-for-the-vinca-quilt-block/>

There will be kits available at the meeting on August 5th if you'd like to contribute to the charity quilt.

Any additional blocks made with your own fabric brought to the **September** 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 - as long as the corner squares are a dark green.

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 ➡



August Block of the Month

What you'll need:

Background Fabric

- (1) 2" x 13" rectangle
- (1) 3" x 9" rectangle
- (8) 2 1/2" squares

Corner Squares

- (1) 2" x 9" strip
- (1) 3" x 13" strip

Fabric 2

- (1) 2 1/2" x 20" strip

Center Fabric

- (1) 4 1/2" square

Fabric 1

- (1) 2 1/2" x 20" strip



Steps:

1. Create a strip set using Fabric 1 and Fabric 2.

2. Subcut this strip set into (4) 4 1/2" segments.

NOTE You will have excess fabric - this is intentional in the event that your strip set is not completely straight.

3. Draw a diagonal line on the back of each of the 2 1/2" squares. Place one square on the corner of the Fabric 1 and 2 segment. Stitch along the drawn line. Trim 1/4" away from the seam and press the corner out.

4. Repeat on the opposite side.

5. Make (4) total units, making sure the same fabric stays on the left side each time.



Instructions continue on the next page ➡

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

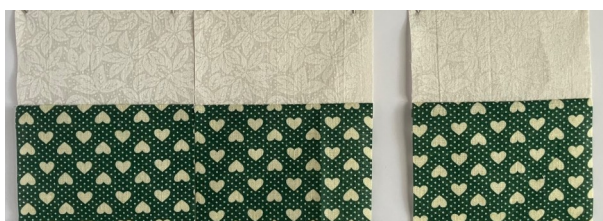


August Block of the Month, cont.

Steps:

6. Create a strip set using the 2" x 9" Corner Square fabric and the 3" x 9" Background fabric.

7. Subcut this into (4) 3" segments. You will have excess fabric so you are able to readjust your ruler if the strip set isn't super straight.



8. Create a strip set using the 3" x 13" Corner Square fabric and the 2" x 13" Background fabric.

9. Subcut this into (4) 3" segments. You will have excess fabric.

10. Rotate the units so the seams nest and stitch (4) matching units as pictured.



11. Assemble the block like a 9-Patch as shown.



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 in-

involved and some prep beforehand so get started early and sign up early as well.



Celebration 20 Quilt Show News

Things are progressing well for the Quilt Show in February. Glad to see so many members getting involved in making items for Boutique, donating items for Tin Can Raffle and Treasure Aisle, working on Schoolhouse, and Opportunity Quilt ticket sales. Many things are also happening behind the scenes such as finalizing judges (Bios to be included in upcoming newsletters), vendor booth sales, ramping up volunteers, website additions, and so much more!

Just a reminder that you will need to be a member of the guild to enter a quilt, so renew or join by the end of October. Summer is the perfect time to beat the heat and work on those beautiful quilts. Our guild is so talented.

If you are looking for ways to get more involved, see what is needed in the newsletter items posted by the committee chairs or talk to one of us. It's a great way to meet new people and share your talent.

Becky Burkett and Donna Vandiver
Co-Chairs

Last Chance for Treasure Aisle Donations

The September 2nd guild meeting will be the final time to donate items to Treasure Aisle. Someone will be at the front of the church to collect any new or gently used quilting items from your stash. You may also bring your donations to the July 23 or August 27 Charity Bee gathering at Cypress Crossing Christian Church, 15751 Cypress Rosehill Rd., Cypress, Texas, from 10:00 – 12:00.



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

Boutique Makers have been faithfully showing up on the third Wednesday at Bobbins and Threads to make some of the cutest items to sell at the 2026 Quilt Show. Individuals and Bees have been making more items to have in the boutique. We think this is going to be our best year ever!

Coming up, we'll be working on the TV Tray Ironing Stations, making tote bags from feed bags and then wrapping up projects from earlier in the year.

Please feel free to come help work on these projects or stop by and see “Libby in the Lobby” at a meeting to get a kit to work on at home.

We appreciate all who have helped us get ready for the show.

Diana Moore and Elaine Bullard



School House

Do you have a wonderful technique that you would like to share with our community of quilters?

Would you like to show off a new tool or gadget?

The 2026 quilt show Schoolhouse is just the place for you. We are seeking Volunteers who want to share their knowledge with others.

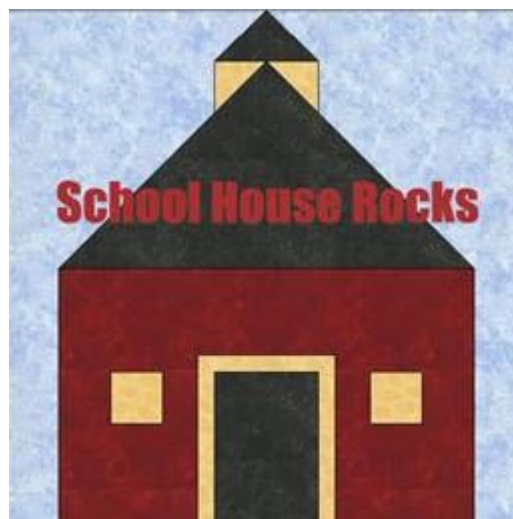
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Thanks for your support!





Miscuts due to hard to read rulers?

Use a dry erase marker to temporarily mark the line you need to use on your acrylic ruler so you can see it better. Wipe off when you're done.



How old is your rotary blade?

The next time you change your rotary blade, write the date on it with a sharpie.



If you have a tip to share, please email it to libby.n52@gmail.com



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 contact Mary Willyerd, Janet Winkler, or Karen Cook.



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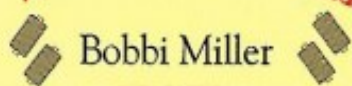
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