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From The President's Stash

Behind the scenes, the Board of Directors and Executive Board are working to keeping the guild running smoothly. An Audit Committee and a Nominating/Election Committee have been named, and they are doing the things necessary to meet the regulations of the state and to prepare us for 2026. If you have any interest in helping the guild by serving on the Executive Board in 2026, please contact Stephanie Moss, Madison Horinek, or Rhonda VanAlstine who all serve on the Nominating/Election Committee. Currently, we are looking for a VP of Administration and a Junior Programs Chairperson for 2026. If you want more information on these positions, you can find details on our website under Members and then Documents.

Charity Bee and Treasure Aisle now under the guidance of Mary Wilyerd, Janet Winkler, and Karen Cook, and they are in need of help to finish the last few months of 2025 and prepare for the 2026 Quilt Show. Charity Bee meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, and Treasure Aisle meets the first and third Friday of each month. Please consider helping these two groups when you can.

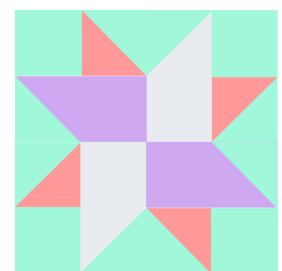
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Meetings begin promptly at 7p.m, so we can adjourn on time. The front doors will be closed at 6:55, and the members will be asked to take their seats. This will allow the various committee heads & board members to get into the meeting on time. Come early so you have time to sign in, check out any raffles or upcoming workshops, visit the magazines, etc.

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September 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



Thank you to all who took the YLI Thread Survey. We had 118 members participate, and YLI went ahead and sent us 10 gift certificates for \$20 each. We will use a random number generator to choose 10 members, and I'll get the certificates to the winners in the next two weeks.

We have just 3 meetings left for 2025! That's hard to believe. September 2, November 4, and the Annual Meeting/Holiday Bash on December 2. **There is no October meeting due to the International Quilt Festival.**

The Montgomery Quilt Walk is October 17 & 18. You can sign up to submit a quilt by going to their website <https://www.montgomeryquiltwalk.com> or you can find the link on their FB page "Montgomery Quilt Walk." If you want to submit a quilt but can't get there to turn the quilt in, contact them through their website. We also need White Glove volunteers to work both of the events. Sharon Buffington has set up a Sign Up Genius page for our Opportunity Quilt showings. Please help us by volunteering to take our quilt to an event or another guild's meeting to sell tickets.

One last thought. It's been said that 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. I believe that is a pretty accurate statement, but I think that if asked, more people would participate. I like to call it "**spreading the joy.**" We have so many opportunities for members to help this guild and the work we do. Please consider finding one thing you could do each month. Make one Block of the Month, or piece one quilt top, or quilt it or bind it. You could help Charity Bee or Treasure Aisle one day a month. Come to a Boutique Maker's Workshop, help with Tin Can Raffle, show our Opportunity Quilt, and then there's the Quilt Show! Now that has so many opportunities to help that I can't begin to list them all. And in the process of helping, you'll be amazed at the friends you make. Please think about how you can get involved in "spreading the joy" of belonging to TCQG and making it a better place for us all.

Happy sewing,
Elaine Bullard
2025 President



Show and Tell: Purple Quilts!

This month we're putting the "royal" in *royal purple*! Whether your quilt is grape-ful for scraps, plum perfect, or just eggplant-astic, bring it along for a show & tell that's sure to leave us all in stitches.

Don't be shy - violet's your time to shine!



THE Quilty SHOP

The next Meet And Greet will be Saturday September 20 from 11:00 - 1:00 at the Quilty Shop in Tomball.

We usually have light refreshments, and you are welcome to bring some if you would like.

Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.



Membership renewal for 2025-2026 is open!

This [link](#) will take you to the membership page on our website.

Please enter **all information** requested, even if you are a renewing member, as our system is unable to retrieve your information from last year.

You may pay by credit card online, or by cash or check at the general meeting or board meeting. If you are paying at a meeting, I would appreciate it if you would still **enter your information online for me - just check the box that says you will pay at a meeting.**

Remember, *you must be a member in good standing by October 31st, 2025, to be eligible to enter a quilt in the 2026 show.* (Don't panic, you have until the December meeting to enter your beautiful quilts in the show).

- Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair



Happy Birthday to These Members!

Sharry Kohler & Peggy
Johnson - 4th

Robin Galvin - 5th

Vicki Tate - 7th

LeeAnn McGuinn - 8th

Paula Menard - 9th

Martha Alderson - 12th

Beverly Bales - 13th

JeriAnne Churchill &
Denise Welch - 14th

Peggy Mooney - 15th

Bankie Lavender - 17th

Estalena Williams - 19th

Jennifer Hoffpauir &

Kathy Arvin - 20th

Stephanie Moss - 21st

Ida Batise-Sepeda &

Denise Clark-Zopfi - 22nd

Lori Kraus - 23rd

Jim Medeiros & Kathy

Teichmiller - 25th

Jeanie Walker - 26th

Patricia Horton &

Deb Durr - 28th

Mary Bowman - 30th

welcome

Welcome to our newest member!

Toni Anderson



August Speaker

Scott Flanagan

Positively Precuts







August Show and Tell





August Show and Tell





August Show and Tell





REMINDER: The **August block** was the **Vinca block** made with the kits or any colors and dark green chains.



I will be collecting these at the meeting on **Sept. 2nd**.

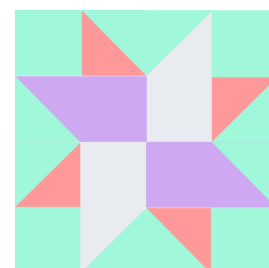
Feel free to continue bringing any size **STRING BLOCKS** or **PAST MONTH BLOCKS** to donate for **Charity Bee quilts**.

For every 2 blocks you bring, you will receive a raffle ticket for a BOM door prize!

September Block of the Month

September's Block is called the Duck Tracks Block.

There will be kits available at the meeting on September 2nd if you'd like to contribute to the charity quilt.



Any additional blocks made with your own fabric brought to the **NOVEMBER** meeting will be included in additional charity bee quilts. If you would like to make some blocks from your stash, use fall colors (browns, deep oranges, maroons, yellows, etc.)

Stitch these up and bring them to the **NOVEMBER** meeting on **Tuesday, November 4th**. Looking forward to seeing a beautiful assortment of your donated blocks!

See instructions on the next page ➡



September Block of the Month

What you'll need:

Background Fabric
(8) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

(2) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Fabric B

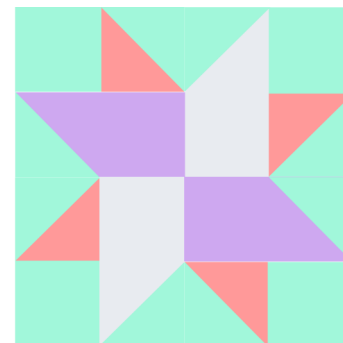
(2) $3\frac{1}{2}$ "x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

Fabric C

(2) $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

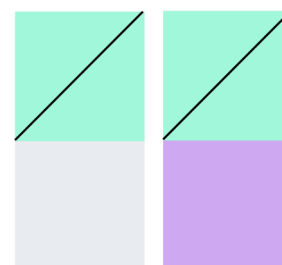
Fabric A

(2) $3\frac{1}{2}$ "x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles

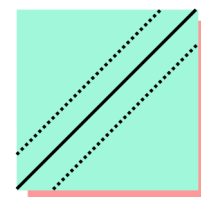


Steps:

1. Use the Fabric A and B rectangles and use the stitch and flip technique to sew a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " background square to the corner - make sure to sew all four in the direction of the diagram.



2. Using the 2-at-a-time HST method, create (4) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished HSTs using the $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares of both the background fabric and Fabric C.



3. Make a 4 patch using one HST, one $3\frac{1}{2}$ " background square, and one of the stitch-and-flip rectangles. Repeat to make 2 four patches of each Fabric A and Fabric B.



4. Assemble the block as shown in the final block above, making sure to alternate Fabric A and B, and that all points are facing the right direction.

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



Upcoming Classes:

September - *Pixel Quilts with Dee Bushrod*

WORKSHOP – Cherry Blossom Pixel Quilt workshop.



An introduction to sewing pixel quilts using 2 techniques. You'll learn both techniques while putting together a pixel cherry blossom and figuring out which technique you like best so that you can create your own pixelated quilts. Also, if you want some 1 on 1 time with Dee on a specific idea or quilt, you can sign up for 30 mins with her for an additional cost of \$40 to create your own pixel quilt, normally \$85.



Upcoming Lectures:

November's lecture will be Laser Cutting in Modern Quilting. Laser cutting technology has emerged as a transformative tool in the realm of textiles. This lecture offers a captivating glimpse into the future of creativity and precision in modern quilting

Upcoming Classes:



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.



Celebration 20 Quilt Show News

OMG, its already September! Before you know it, the show will be here. We are ramping up for volunteer sign up, starting soon, and Quilt Entry is scheduled to start September 15.

You will need to be a member of the guild to enter a quilt, so renew or join by the end of October. Please renew or join by visiting our website or see Janie Jewell (Membership Chair) at the meeting so she can walk you through the process.

We have made a few changes on quilt entry. Please familiarize yourself with the new requirements:

1. Quilts entered in past TCQG shows, even if modified, will not be eligible for any of the judged categories but can be entered in the Display Only category.
2. The entry form will now require the Pattern Name and Pattern Designer's Name.
3. For quilts utilizing purchased software or templates there will be a space for the Quilting Design Name and Quilting Designer. It is optional this year but will be required in the future.

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, but we could use more of your talents to get ready for the show. Please consider volunteering by contacting one of the committee chairs or emailing the guild by visiting the website.

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Here is list of chairs:

Admissions: Bobbi Miller

Boutique: Diana Moore, Elaine Bullard (can also see “Libby in the Lobby” at the meetings)

Judges: Debbie Spoelker, Shari Stone

Opportunity Quilt: Sharon Buffington, Connie Cephus

Property: Karl Burkett

Quilt Hanging: Jackie Hillman

Quilt Intake: Lee Ann McGuinn, Mary Willyerd

Ribbons: Vicki Tate, Deb Durr

Schoolhouse: Stephanie Moss

Silent Auction: Charmaine Fritchey

Tin Can Raffle: Bev Volker, Mary Ellen Adkison

Treasure Aisle: Mary Willyerd, Janet Winkler, Karen Cook

Vendors/Advertising: Rhonda VanAlstine

Website: Janice Toler

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 Maker's News September 2025

The September workday will be on Wednesday, September 17, but it will be at Elaine Bullard's home so we can use a pneumatic nail gun. We will be making the TV tray pressing stations and stapling/nailing the materials into the wood is difficult so we're moving off-site to be able to use equipment better suited for this task.

Coming up, we have Bobbi Miller leading us in making project bags in October and Diana Moore will lead us in making aprons in November.

We're getting several more denim jackets upcycled and quilted jackets made. This is going to be a great Boutique Gift Shop!

Diana Moore and Elaine Bullard
Gift Boutique Co-Chairs



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.

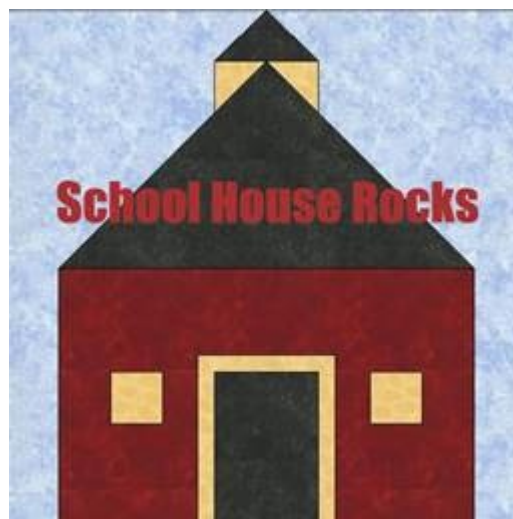
Please contact:

Stephanie Moss 832-545-6404

Bridgette Woods 260-494-9262

Kristi Grove 832-265-3234

Thanks for your support!





Lots of stray threads after each sewing session?

I got tired of having to pick up thread when I am cleaning up thread so I wrap clear packing tape around my wrist and just stick the thread on as I go.



This tip is from Deborah Durr:

I keep a small iron (on one of the wonderful Boutique TV Tray ironing stations) next to my machine. Unfortunately my memory isn't as good as I wish it was, and I frequently forget to turn off the iron when I leave the room. I read this tip on-line, and it has helped tremendously. Keep a Diaper Pin next to the iron and pin it to your top when you turn on the iron. Remove it when you turn the iron off. If you happen to spot it on your top later, immediately return to your studio and turn off that iron! [A clothes pin or something odd would also be a reminder.]





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 9:30-1:00. 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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Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild September 2025

September 26-27 | 10 AM - 5 PM

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San Antonio, TX 78232

Fall Festival of Quilts

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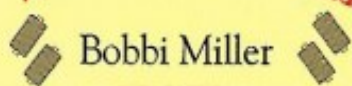
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