



TCQG News

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From The President's Stash

Can you believe we're only a few weeks from Thanksgiving with Christmas right behind? With the holidays just ahead, we also have our Holiday Bash on December 2, 2025. Ginny Hilton and Rhonda VanAlstine are our Co-Chairs for the Holiday Bash, and I'm excited to see what they have planned for us!

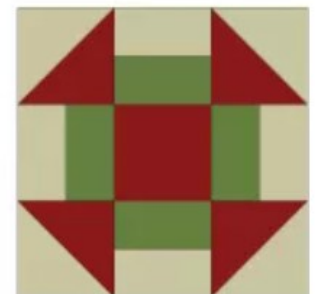
The Holiday Bash also serves as our Annual Meeting and election of officers for 2026. If you're interested in serving the guild by being on the board, let our Election Committee know. There's more information from them elsewhere in this newsletter. We will present the slate of officers at the November 4, 2025 meeting so contact the committee before then. If you're interested in knowing more about any board positions, you can find information on our website. Go to Menu>Resources>Documents>Duties of Exec Board and Exec Committee. You can always contact me with questions at elainebullard53@yahoo.com.

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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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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



I hope you're making great progress on any holiday sewing you have planned or something you're planning to enter in our February, 2026 show. The show is just around the corner now, and all committees are hard at work to make this show our best yet!

I work better with a little pressure on me, so with 3 weeks left before my niece gets married, I'll be in my sewing room hard at work finishing the quilt I started back in the Spring! I'll worry about holiday sewing and the quilt show after that.

Happy sewing,
Elaine Bullard

**SHOW
and TELL**

This month's show and tell theme is seasonal quilts. We are in the midst of fall with two big holidays coming up - so if you have a Halloween, Thanksgiving, or fall themed project, show it off at the November meeting!



Annual Meeting Notice

2026 Officer Nominations

Tri- County Quilt Guild will hold our Annual Meeting at Fairfield Baptist Church on December 2, 2025. We will elect executive officers for 2026 and celebrate the season with food, fun, and fellowship at our Holiday Bash.

There is still time to be nominated for one of our open positions. The Election Committee continues to seek nominees for:

Vice President for Administration

Junior Program Chair

Learn more about these positions by clicking on the “Resources” tab on the Tri-County Quilt Guild webpage.

<https://tricityquiltguild.org/resources/documents/>



If you are interested in an open position, please reach out to TCQG President, Elaine Bullard, or one of the Election Committee members. At the present time, the committee is proposing the following slate of 2026 officers. Any changes that occur before the Annual Meeting will be announced.

President	Elaine Bullard
Vice President for Administration*	Debbie Zaharis
Vice President for Financial Oversight	Donna Vandiver
Secretary	Robin Galvin
Membership Chair	Jaine Jewell
Junior Program Chair*	Kristie Boston
<i>*indicates an open position</i>	

Get ready to cast your vote and meet our executive officers at the Annual Meeting in December.

Sincerely,

Tri-County Quilt Guild Election Committee

Stephanie Moss, Rhonda VanAlstine, and Madison Horinek



A huge THANKYOU to the 200+ members who have already renewed their membership for 25-26!

October is renewal month. If you are planning to enter a quilt in the 2026 Quilt Show, **you must be a member of the Tri-County Quilt Guild by October 31, 2025.**

Please enter all information requested, even if you are a renewing member, as our system is unable to retrieve your information from last year. **Credit card payments directly through the site are easy and preferred.** We will accept cash or check payments at the November 4th meeting *if you have completed the membership form online by October 31st.*

You will not be eligible to enter a quilt in the quilt show if you do not meet these requirements. This [link](#) will take you to the membership page on our website. Or you can go to TriCountyQuilt-Guild.org and navigate to the membership page under the members tab.

If you have any questions or concerns reach out to me at TriCountyGuild@gmail.com

Jaine Jewell

Membership 25-26



Happy Birthday to These Members!

Ida Anderson - 2nd
Tricia Limon - 2nd
Shelly Wiggins - 2nd
Sara Lindsey - 2nd
Candi Hays - 5th
Kristi Grove - 7th
Susan Kahlich - 8th

Shirley Whitley - 8th
Valerie Wagner - 12th
Eileen Egloff - 13th
Janet Winkler - 17th
Kim Baker - 19th
Virginia Phillips - 21st
Donna Welmaker - 21st

Theda Flournoy - 24th
Susan Smith - 25th
Diana Reed - 26th
Catherine Brown - 26th
Janet Cary - 27th
Debbie Davis - 30th

welcome

Welcome to our newest members!

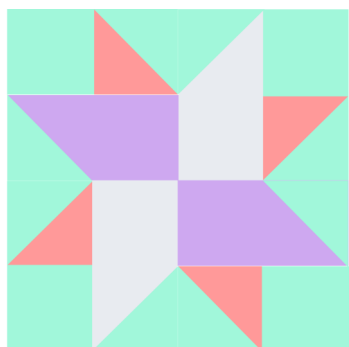
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Debbie Spinner
Laura Storm
Mary Pennington
Katie Mehlbrech



REMINDER: The **September block** was the **Duck Tracks block** made with the kits or any colors.



I will be collecting these at the meeting on **November 4th**.

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!

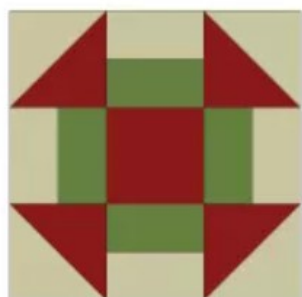
November Block of the Month

November's Block is the Churn Dash Block.

This is a block many of you have made before. It's simple but makes an impact.

There won't be any kits available at the November meeting, but we'd love any blocks you donate from your stash!

Stitch these up and bring them to the **DECEMBER** meeting on **Tuesday, December 2nd**. Looking forward to seeing a beautiful assortment of your donated blocks!



See instructions on the next page ➡



November Block of the Month

What you'll need:

Red Fabric

- (1) 4 1/2" squares
- (2) 4 7/8" squares

Green Fabric

- (1) 2 1/2" x 19" rectangles

Neutral Print

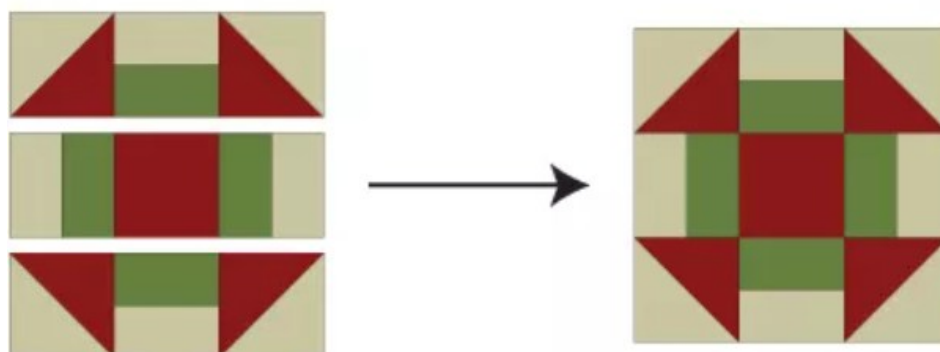
- (2) 4 7/8" squares
- (1) 2 1/2" x 19" rectangles



Make 4



Cut 4 Segments



Steps:

1. Use the red and neutral 4 7/8" squares to create 2-at-a-time HSTs. Trim to 4 1/2."
2. Stitch the 2 1/2" x 19" strips together. Press open. Subcut into 4 1/2" squares.
3. Assemble the block as shown above.

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



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.

January: Sherilyn Mortensen of Sea Sherilyn Sew will be offering a workshop on Free Motion Quilting on the domestic machine on January 7. She is the author of Ultimate Beginner's Guide to Free Motion Quilting and co-author of several other books with her sisters, Jenny Pedigo and Helen Robinson of Sew Kind of Wonderful. Registration will begin at next month's meeting, November 4th. More information to come!

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

Hope everyone has recovered from the International Quilt Festival. It seems strange not to have a guild meeting in October and to have one in November, but here we are. Scheduling with venues can be tricky. Just a reminder that the same thing happened to us in booking the Berry Center for our 2026 Show. It will be on February 27, 28 this year instead of the first weekend in March.

There is a lot going on with plans for our 2026 “Celebration 20” Quilt Show. Hopefully, everyone who wants to enter a quilt has renewed your membership by October 31st. Quilt entry is open and can be found on our website. We can’t wait to see all your beautiful quilts. Quilt entries must be completed by December 2nd including turning in 2 photos of your quilt by December 2nd. The photos should be 4” X 6”. If your quilt hasn’t been completed by that date, a photo of the pattern or an “in process” photo will suffice. Please write your name, your phone number, the name of the quilt, and the quilt category on the back of the photos.

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You can give your photos to Donna Vandiver or Becky Burkett at any time before December 2nd or bring them to Holiday Bash on December 2nd.

We need a volunteer to coordinate Quilt Appraisals for the two days of the show and volunteers (half days) to scribe for the appraiser. It's a great opportunity to learn what is considered for appraisal. Please contact Donna Vandiver (901-289-0454) or Becky Burkett (281-923-4786) if you are interested.

Don't forget to read what is going on in the different areas of the show. Our chairs have included information about their areas of interest and information to help you know how to get involved.

Becky Burkett and Donna Vandiver
Co-Chairs

Silent Auction

We currently have 5 quilts for the silent auction for the 2026 show! We would still love to have 5 more donations.

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



November Boutique News

It's hard to believe that we're just a few months away from the Quilt Show!!! So many of you have been busy behind the scenes gathering, cutting, sewing, and quilting items to sell in the Boutique! We are amazed at the talent and generosity of our quilting friends! So up front, thank you for being so helpful!

November 15 – Elaine Bullard will be holding a Boutique Makers Workshop focusing on project bags. The bags are vinyl so that you may see your project and they will be made in several sizes. Zippers keep everything closed up tight while you move from your sewing area to a classroom or Quilting Bee location. These project bags are fun and quick to make!

You'll need to bring:

- ◇ Your sewing machine, power cord, & foot pedal.
- ◇ A zipper foot, regular foot, a stitch in the ditch foot & a Teflon foot if you have one.
- ◇ Scissors
- ◇ Wonder clips
- ◇ Several colors of thread.

We'll have kits made up as usual

Please join us at Bobbins and Threads, 10130 Grant Rd Suite 214, Houston, TX 77070. We'll begin at 10:00 a.m. and sew until 3:00. If you need to leave before then, we understand!

It will be helpful if you would send a text and let either Elaine or Diana know you will be attending.

Elaine Bullard 918-808-2667 Diana Moore 281-435-7144

We would also like to encourage those who have completed kits to turn them in at our November 4 meeting, Holiday Bash on December 2 or at our final 2025 workshop, December 17th. Any unfinished kits may also be returned on these dates.



School House

School will soon be in session. Come join us in the 2026 quilt show schoolhouse for some fun and entertaining sessions. Or you can just come and rest your feet for a few minutes. We plan to have several demonstrations, Q&A sessions, and much more.

Those of you who have a burning desire to show off what you know can contact any member of the schoolhouse committee. Don't shop till you drop, just take a break, then shop some more; you might just learn something new.

School house committee:

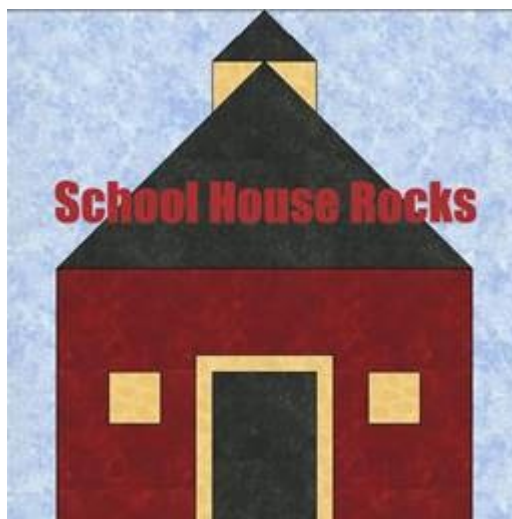
Stephanie Moss

Kristi Grove

Trish Limon

Bridgette Woods

Thanks for your support!





Three Tips for November

Store empty or unused bobbins on a large notebook ring.



To store matching bobbins and thread spools, thread a narrow rubber band through the bobbin hole. Pass the bobbin through the rubber band to secure and wrap around the thread spool.



Use clothespins to hold binding strips on the edge of quilts as you sew on the binding.





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.



Christmas is coming!

You know that means it's time for stockings and stocking stuffers. Please help us make Christmas this year a happy holiday for the children we serve. We have the stockings, but are in desperate need of items to put in them.

The children have sent their Christmas wish lists and there's lots to choose from!

Construction paper

Puzzles

Activity books

Reflective toys

Hand size balls

Decorative Socks

Small backpack

Art supplies

Pillow cases

Wall stickers for young adult males

Inexpensive purse or backpack

Ball cap

Easy puzzle books,

Noise making toys

Sewing supplies

Crayons & Markers

Calming CDs

Poster board

Small toys

Posters

Decorative pillow and pillowcase

Magazines

Stuffed Animals

Decorative pencils and sharpener

Scripture books

Gardening supplies

Sweets (cookies of all flavors)

Toiletries (regular size)

You can bring items to:

Tri-County Quilt Guild Meeting

November 4

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Fairfield Baptist Church

27240 US-290 Cypress, TX 77433

You may bring items to the Holiday Bash, but we would really appreciate getting your contributions before then.

Cash donations are always welcome and we will have volunteers at the guild meeting collecting your contributions of cash and stocking stuffers.

Thank you all for helping make the holidays brighter for these children.

Elaine Bullard



The Knights of Columbus Quilt Show is a benefit for local charitable needs, supported by the Waller County Piece-makers Quilt Guild in Hempstead, Texas, the Hockley Quilters from the Community Center in Hockley, Texas, and the Sew Devine Quilters in Pine Island, Texas.



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025, 10am>7pm

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With **LIVE AUCTION** at 6pm, **SILENT AUCTION** 10 to 4, and **DINNER** at 5pm

Quilt Show Featuring **Glenda Wilder**

Glenda started quilting as a teenager making very simple quilts with scraps, scissors and cardboard. Now, quilts that look complicated but are actually easy to construct are an important part of her design focus, helping beginning quilters to confidently finish designs that also appeal to experienced quilters. Follow Glenda on Facebook, Instagram and Threads under the name @glendawilderdesigns. Glenda's website is (www.glendawilderdesigns.com)



WIN Enter a Quilt **WIN** 19 categories **WIN** Open to all **WIN**
Deadline for **Quilt Entry** in the Show is **Nov 1, 2025**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



www.Facebook.com/KCHempsteadQuiltShow

Jack Gibbs, KC Representative

At jacklgibbs@gmail.com or 713-816-1923 or

Paula Ivy, Quilt Show Chief Executive

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WEBSITE: www.kcbenefitquiltshow.com

TO VISIT

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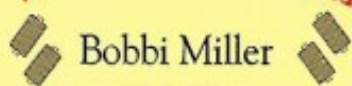
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