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From The President's Stash

I want to thank everyone who played a part in putting on our 2026 Quilt Show – from our fabulous chairpersons, Becky Burkett and Donna Vandiver, to their dedicated committee chairpersons and members, all the way down to the volunteers who worked so tirelessly the last of February getting things organized, loaded, unloaded, doing intake, hanging quilts, setting items out, working their stations, reloading and finally unloading back at storage. The more you were involved in the process, the more you understood how much work it takes to put on a show of our magnitude!

Kudos, everyone! Based on all of the hard work, I expect that this will be our most successful show yet.

I want to shift gears now and ask you to do something. We have several documents that govern our guild. We have our By-Laws, and we have our Policies and Procedures Document. We also have documents that tell the responsibilities of our Executive Members and Standing Chairs. Periodically the Executive Committee reevaluates the documents for validity. The By-Laws were revised last year to make a small change. This year the Executive Committee is looking at our Policies and Procedures Document. We're looking at language to make sure it's clear and to see if we need to change the way we want to do things.

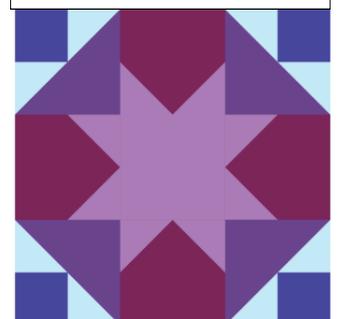
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Meetings begin promptly at 7p.m, so we can adjourn on time. The front doors will be closed at 6:55, and the members will be asked to take their seats. This will allow the various committee heads & board members to get into the meeting on time. Come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

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March BOM Sweet Pea



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



It dawned on me that many or even most of our members are unaware that we have these documents or where to find them. If you go to our website and click on the “Resources” tab, then go to “Documents,” you’ll will find these documents. Please, read them! These documents will help you understand how we govern this organization.

One example I want to point out is that once you sign up and pay for a workshop, we do not refund your money nor give you a credit towards a future class. What we can do instead, is help you get your money from the next person who signs up for the class. We are also implementing a time limit on paying for the class. But under no circumstance will you get a refund if you fail to show up for a class. If you want more information on why we have this rule and how we can help you if you need to back out of a class, please contact Regina Eardly or me. We’ll be happy to help you if we can.

As always, if there is anything I can help you with, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Happy Sewing!
Elaine Bullard
2026 President

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 10th

Martha's Mexican Restaurant

1025 Alma St

Tomball, TX 77375



The room will be ready starting at 5:30.

Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP to Rhonda VanAlstine if you’d like to join us.



Almost all of our members have already renewed for 25-26. If you have not done so yet, click [HERE](#) to go the membership page on our website.

Online credit card payments for membership renewal are fast and preferred!

If you wish to pay cash or check at the meeting, you **MUST** enter all of your information on the membership page of TriCountyQuilt-Guild.org **PRIOR** to the meeting.

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!

Anita Wiese - 4th	Michelle Lewis - 10th	Vivian Dawkins - 20th
Michelle Walter - 5th	Regina Eardley - 12th	Sara Ballard - 23rd
Holly McNeil - 5th	Sharon Castillo - 17th	Linnea Kirchhoff - 25th
Charla Reese - 7th	Dara Debauche - 17th	Lena Rogers - 27th
Janet Deschamps - 7th	Janey Soley - 17th	Nancy Youens - 28th
Margie Hastings - 8th	Vicki Breeden - 18th	Tori Trevino - 30th

welcome

Welcome to our newest members!

Cynthia Fatheree
Barbara Roebuck

Mary Coldwell
Tana Frazier

Kathleen Green
Juniece McKinley



February 2026 Meeting



February
Sew & Tell





February 2026 Meeting





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- Confirmation codes during "Friendly" support calls.
- Coinciding calls when security event seems to be happening.

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You should be the one opening support tickets. Not some BOZO when security is on the line.

Sign-in Notifications: Yours are legitimate. Others are NOT.

ALWAYS: Protect your 2F codes. Your digital life depends on these security checks. Be sure you're the one initiating all such communications.



March Block of the Month - Sweet Pea

Adapted from a Moda Blockheads block, originally by Heather Briggs

What you'll need:

Background Fabric (BG)

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

Fabric A

(4) $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Fabric B

(4) $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares

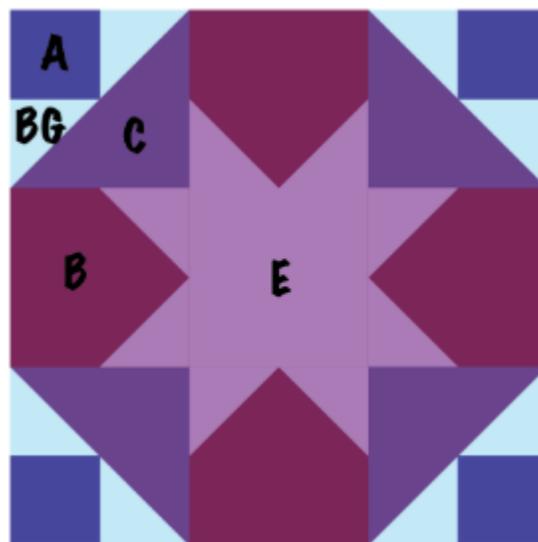
Fabric C

(2) $4 \frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Fabric E

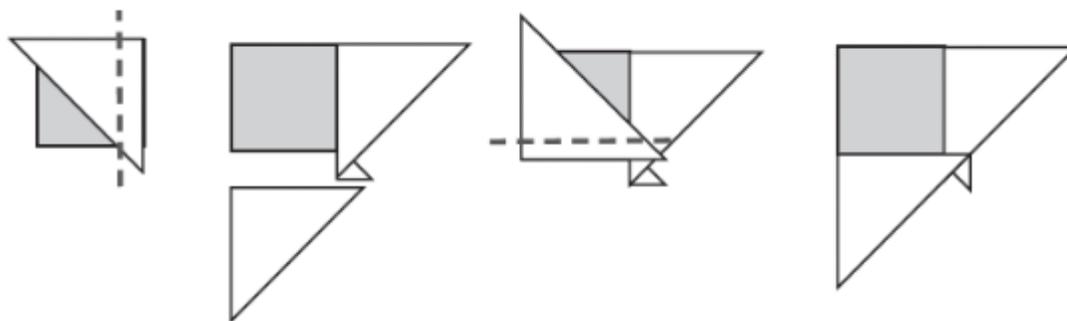
(8) $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares

(1) $4 \frac{1}{2}$ " square



Steps:

1. Cut each of the **C** squares in half diagonally, and the **BG** squares in quarters diagonally.
2. Following the diagram, stitch the corner unit using (1) **A** square and (2) **BG** triangles from Step 1.



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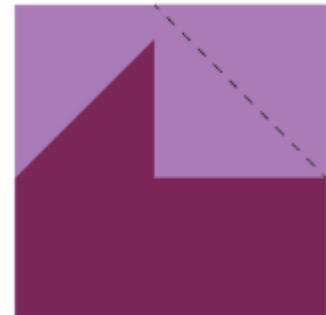


Steps, continued:

3. Line up a **C** triangle to the top corner of the unit, stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the long edge of **C**. Repeat to make (4) corner units and square to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".



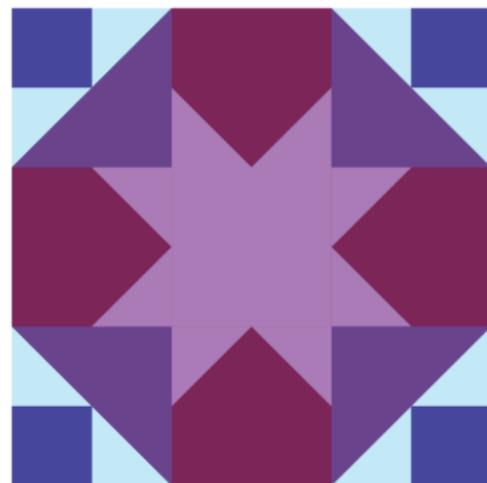
4. Line up a **E** $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square along the corner of a **B** square. Stitch corner to corner on the small square. Flip and press. Trim the excess from the back.



5. Repeat **step 4** on the next corner so you have two star legs on the **B** square. Repeat to make (4) stitch-and-flip star leg units, square to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ".

6. Assemble the block in a 9-patch following the final block layout.

Stitch up extra blocks with your stash to donate to the BOM scrappy tops and bring them to the April meeting.



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



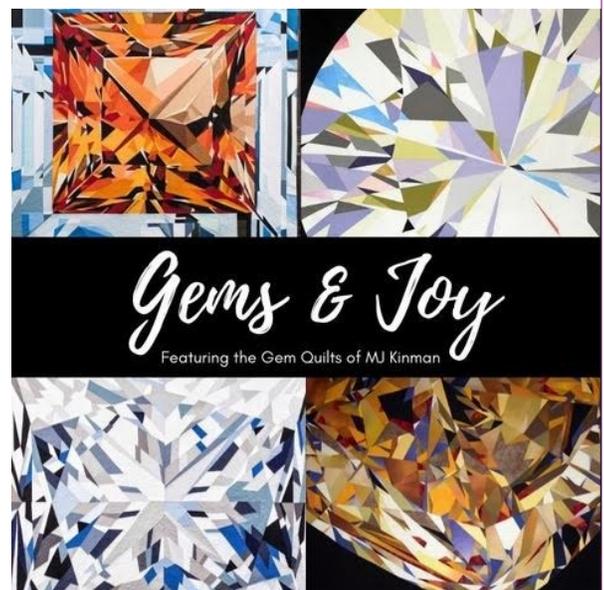
Upcoming Lectures:

April 8: Great Little Bucket Bag Workshop with Patty Roebuck of Lola & Viv's. 10-3 at Lola & Viv's Designs, 301 Prairie Street, Montgomery \$35. Space limited; sign up now!



May 5: Come listen to Deb Atchison, Educator & Certified Instructor share her quilting journey & Trunk Show. She will be teaching a Portrait Quilt Workshop on **Wednesday, May 6**, at Bobbins & Threads, 9-3, \$35.

June 2: MJ Kinman will offer a Program & Trunk show on "Gems & Joy". **June 3**, she will offer two separate workshops: Crack the Color Code, 10-1pm, \$35 + \$5 kit fee. From 2-5 she will conduct a "Gemstones" class. \$35 + \$5 pattern. Both workshops will be at The Quilty Shop, 1006 W Main, Tomball.



Email Regina.Eardley@gmail.com to register.



The Anna Maria (Horner) Parry Extravaganza



Meet & Greet – **Tuesday**
April 21, 2026
Fairfield Baptist Church
5:00-7:00 pm

Tri-County Quilt Guild
Meeting – 7:00-8:00 pm

Workshop – **Wednesday**
April 22 thru Sunday
April 26, 2026
Montgomery Community
Center
14420 Liberty St.
Montgomery, TX 77356



Thank you!

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Schoolhouse team extends a heartfelt thanks to our Show and Committee Chairs, class facilitators and participants, volunteers, and all TCQG members and friends. We truly appreciated your volunteer efforts, donations, words of encouragement, and joyful participation.

Thank you for your above-and-beyond support! We could not have done it without **YOU!**



Celebration 20 Schoolhouse Team

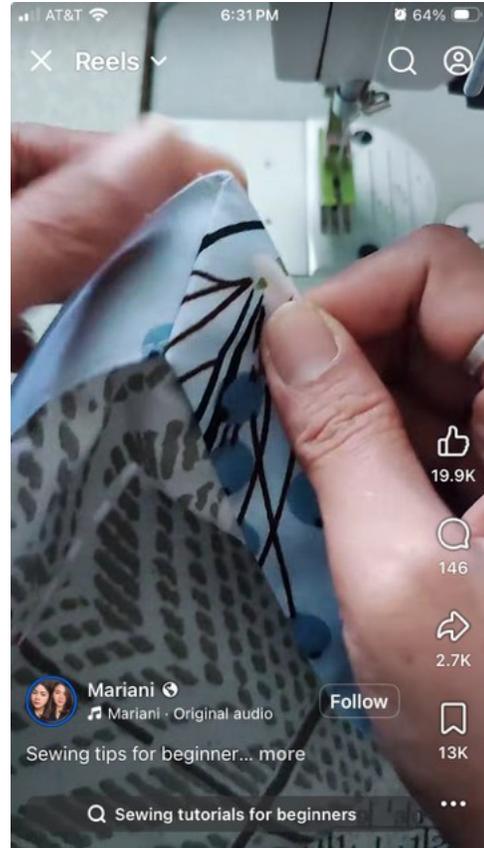
Stephanie Moss, Chair
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Tips for March



Make the ends of a draw-string bag look extra professional



Tip for binding your corners

Click the screenshots to be taken to the Facebook videos to see these tips in action.



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.



The Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas will have their bi-annual quilt showcase on July 10-11, 2026. The quilt showcase committee has decided this will be an **open** quilt show. Accordingly, we invite your members to consider entering their quilts into the Peace by Piece quilt show.

Information about the rules and quilt categories can be found at <http://cpqgtx.org/quilt-entry-menu>.

Quilters can enter quilts into our show with the following limitations: Only 2 quilts per quilter may be entered by quilters who are not members of our guild

Quilters who are not members of our guild may not enter the challenge categories

A maximum of 225 quilts will be accepted for judging on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Here are some key dates your quilters will want to know:

April 1, 2026 – Online submissions will open

at <http://cpqgtx.org/2026-quilt-showcase>

May 21, 2026 – Deadline for all submissions

June 22 – July 1, 2026 – Deadline for shipped quilts to be received

July 8, 2026 – Quilt turn-in at the Stafford Centre in Stafford, TX

July 9, 2026 – Quilt judging

July 10-11, 2026 – Peace by Piecing Quilt Showcase

July 11, 2026 – Quilt pick-up at the Stafford Centre



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