



**Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026**

The February general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on February 3, 2026 at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Elaine Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Elaine welcomed all and then made a few announcements:

- Jeannie and Mary from Lakeview Quilt Guild (Nasa area) were visiting with their beautiful opportunity quilt out in the lobby of the church. Please support their club.
- Elaine reminded us that there will not be a general meeting in March and the April general meeting will be on April 21 rather than our normal night to accommodate a meet-and-greet with Anna Maria Horner. The April meeting will most likely start early at 5pm, but that time will be confirmed in a newsletter and other social media prior to the meeting.
- She also thanked everyone for being such a generous Guild with our donations, money and time noting these specifics relating to the Quilt Show:
 - The opportunity quilt has been taken on 18-20 outings
 - Tin Can Raffle has 70+ raffle baskets assembled
 - Boutique has more items and new items than ever before, including 30+ upcycled jean jackets and quilted jackets
 - Treasure Aisle has inventory equaling 2–3 times more than past years
 - Silent Auction asked for 10 auction quilts and received 20 quilts
- But then she asked that everyone remember to volunteer for Quilt Show activities. There are still plenty of positions and hours to be filled.
- Last, Elaine informed everyone that we still need 1 – 2 people to train to be backups for Karl Burkett, our Property Manager.

Reports

Lisa Hart – Lisa reminded us that a bed turning is being brought back at this Quilt Show. Red, White & Blue quilts will be featured. If you have a quilt that you would like to have included in the bed turning, contact Lisa. The “bed” will be located adjacent to the Schoolhouse booth.

Donna Granat, Treasurer – Donna gave the 2025 Annual Treasurer’s report. The 2025-2026 budgets were prepared in early 2025. We budgeted a total of \$40,107 for 2025 income compared

to actual income of \$36,662. Therefore, income was under budget by \$3,445. Our total expenses in 2025 were \$39,770, which was over our budgeted amount by \$2,582. Our actual net income for 2025 was -\$3,108. Our total bank balance at the end of 2025 was \$75,865 (\$19,993 in our checking account, \$40,349 in our savings account and \$15,522 in three CD's). Details were provided for the Guild and the Quilt Show alone. Please see Donna if you have any specific questions about actual or budget values.

Regina Eardley, Senior Programs Chair – Regina informed us about some of the upcoming 2026 programs and workshops:

- There is one more spot available for the workshop with Dorene Joyce to learn about stain glass flower quilts tomorrow at The Quilty Shop. Please let Regina know which flower you would like to make and materials will be ready tomorrow.
- March - There will not be a program or workshop.
- April – Anna Maria Horner will hold a meet & greet on the 21st. She will hold a 5-day workshop on the 22nd – 26th. In addition, Patty Roebuck will have a bag making class on the 8th at her shop in Montgomery, TX.
- May – Deb Atchison will have a talk and workshop on portrait quilts.
- June – MJ Kinman will talk about gemstone quilts and provide 2 half-day workshops, a color focused class will be taught in the morning (no machine required) and a gemstone quilt class will be taught in the afternoon.

Mary Ellen Atkinson – Mary Ellen thanked those that donated poppy blocks to Hugs from Texas and quilt blocks to the Ukraine project. Contact her if you have any more blocks to donate.

Becky Burkett & Donna Vandiver, Quilt Show Co-Chairs – Becky reminded us that the Quilt Show will be February 27 & 28, 2026.

- Please signup to volunteer to work at the Quilt Show. It's inconceivable that the Quilt Show is almost upon us and inconceivable that all of the volunteer spots are not filled.
- There will be Square training on February 18 at 1pm in the education building at Fairfield Baptist Church with Janice Toler.
- Remember that quilts in the 3 largest categories must be turned in at quilt intake on Saturday, the 21st, at Cypress Crossing Christian Church (9am – 3pm).
 - Traditional pieced quilts– all sizes
 - Quilt kits and block of the month quilts
 - Paper-pieced quilts
- The 2nd quilt intake time is on Thursday, the 26th at the Berry Center (6:30am – 10am). All other quilts can be submitted to quilt intake on either date.
- Remember to place a proper sleeve and covered label (with name & phone #) on all quilts.
- Quilt pickup on Saturday starts at 5:15pm. Please wait until then to pickup your quilt and go through the established pickup process. If you cannot pickup your quilt, designate who will pickup your quilt on the quilt intake form.
- Need snacks and water for hospitality for the volunteers and vendors.

Rhonda VanAlstine, VP Administration –The next board meeting will be at BB’s Tex-Orleans located at 26010 Hempstead Rd. in Cypress on Tuesday, February 10 at 5:30pm. A reminder email will be sent with more details. Everyone is invited to come find out what the board is doing and how to become more involved.

Diana Moore, Quilt Show Boutique Co-Chair – Diana informed us that in the lobby there were several samples of items to be sold at the quilt show Boutique this year. Many items have already been reserved. There may also be a few more jackets to sell at the quilt show. If you have a kit or jacket that you took for Boutique, but did not complete the project, please bring it back to Elaine or Diana. The returned kit or jacket will be used for the next quilt show.

Stephanie Moss, Quilt Show Schoolhouse Chair - Stephanie reminded us that there will be one fee-based class in the Schoolhouse at the Quilt Show – “Make Your Own T-Shirt Quilt” – for a \$35 cost (includes Quilt Show admission). There will also be a full schedule of free Schoolhouse sessions and a Q&A table for people to ask “experts” quilting questions, but she needs a few more “expert” volunteers.

Jackie Hillman, Quilt Show Quilt Hanging & Take Down – So far, she only has half of the volunteers needed to do this job. There will be a short training session prior to starting on Thursday. Those that need to stand on a ladder (2 per team) should bring one (3’-4’). During take down, please do not come take your own quilt. Please give them time to take down all of the quilts and please go through the check-out process to pick up your quilt.

Rebecca Garcia, BOM Chair and Newsletter Chair – Rebecca showed us a board with the block of the month for February. The BOM instructions are in the newsletter. February BOM kits have already been picked up. March and April BOM kits and instructions will both be available at the April general meeting.

Denise Hardcastle, Quilt Show Volunteer Chair – She brought hardcopy sign-up pages to the meeting for easy sign-up tonight. Also, there is volunteer information on the Guild website with a link to sign-up genius. There are about 73 open volunteer spots still open. Call her or send her an e-mail if you cannot find what or when you want to volunteer. She will also send out reminder emails weekly.

Also, reserve a spot if you want to have a quilt appraised at the Quilt Show on Friday and Saturday. The cost will be \$65 paid directly to the appraiser.

Paula Menard, Precinct 3 Bus Trips Coordinator – Paula reminded us that the bus trip to visit the Quilt Museum in La Grange, Texas is on March 26. The cost will be \$10 cash (not including cost of lunch). There is signup sheet in the lobby. The bus will leave from Fairfield Baptist Church.

Janet Winkler, Charity Bee & Quilt Show Treasure Aisle Co-Chair – Janet informed us that the February Charity Bee meeting has been moved to the 3rd Wednesday this month at Cypress Crossing Christian Church.

Janet also encouraged members to volunteer to work at the Treasure Aisle booth at the Quilt Show.

Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair –Jaine reported the following:

- Current Guild membership is 288 members to date
- January general meeting attendance is 89 people
- 1956 volunteer hours were recorded for the past month
- There are 4 visitors at the general meeting tonight and all of them joined the Guild – Barbara Roebuck, Terri Gardner, Mary Coldwell and Mary Montgomery. Also, Tana Frazier joined the Guild this morning.

Show & Tell

Beautiful quilts and projects were presented by our members – Kathy Arvin, Cindy Auble, Stacey Chandler, Donna Granat, Kathleen Green, Jackie Hillman and Jaine Jewell.

February Speaker

Regina Eardley introduced our speaker, Dorene Joyce. Dorene is a lifelong artist and designer. She is experienced in many forms of art and design and has a bachelor-of-arts in Visual Communication. She took us through her quilting journey including a trunk show.

Closing

Elaine Bullard and Lee Ann McGuinn drew three winning numbers for three raffle items previously on display in the lobby. Dorene generously added another door prize. Then Becca drew a door prize from the BOM donors.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin C. Galvin
Secretary