



**Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2026**

The January general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on January 6, 2026 at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Elaine Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Elaine thanked everyone for the prayers received before and after her recent knee surgery and thanked her physical therapist, Gayle Smit for her help with recovery.

Elaine welcomed all and then made a few announcements:

- Elaine asked for volunteers to handout 2026 general meeting schedules. She noted that there will not be a general meeting in March 2026 and July 2026. She also pointed out that the April general meeting will be on April 21, 2026 rather than our normal night to accommodate a meet-and-greet with Anna Marie Horner.
- Elaine also thanked all of the Guild volunteers and officers for their contributions during 2025.

Stephanie Moss with the Nominating Committee reported that the new board members elected for 2026 are the following:

- Elaine Bullard – President
- Donna Vandiver – VP Financial Oversight
- Robin Galvin – Secretary
- Jaine Jewell – Membership Chair
- Regina Eardley – Sr. Program Chair
- Rhonda Van Alstine – VP Administration
- Kristie Boston – Jr. Program Chair

Because Kristie Boston could not be at the December meeting, she was asked to come forward and tell the membership a bit about herself and her experiences relating to her newly elected position. Kristie invited the membership to let her know if there is someone in particular that they want to hear present to the Guild. Stephanie then gave Kristie her oath as a new 2026 officer.

Reports

Stephanie Moss, Quilt Show Schoolhouse Chair - Stephanie advised 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 be a full schedule of Schoolhouse sessions in the newsletter.

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

- January - Sherilyn Mortenson will teach a workshop on free motion quilting on a domestic machine at Bobbins & Threads on January 7.
- February – Dorene Joyce will teach a workshop on making stain glass flowers at The Quilty Shop on February 4.

Janice Toler, Photography – Janice introduced us to Kit Davis, a fairly new member who has volunteered to work with Janice taking and submitting photographs for Guild events.

Janet Winkler, Charity Bee & Quilt Show Treasure Aisle Co-Chair – Janet thanked everyone helped with their 2025 effort. There were more than 500 quilt tops turned into Charity Bee in 2025 to be completed. The Guild also donated the following items to partner charities in 2025:

- 360 quilts
- 535 Christmas stockings
- 480 drawstring bags
- 80 pillowcases
- 265 Hugs flannel baby blankets

Janet is making a list of the different tasks that they need done for Charity Bee so that members can choose how they each want to contribute to their effort. The list will be in the newsletter. Charity Bee meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Cypress Crossing Christian Church. Janet also encouraged members to volunteer to work at the Treasure Aisle booth at the Quilt Show.

Diana Moore, Quilt Show Boutique Co-Chair – Diana informed us that there were several samples of items to be sold at the Quilt Show Boutique this year. Many items have already been reserved. There will be one last Boutique workshop on January 21 to finish several remaining show-&-tell bags to be sewn. Elaine asked that anyone who upcycled a denim jacket please come by and sign the inside of it.

Rebecca Garcia, BOM Chair and Newsletter Chair – Rebecca showed us a board with the block of the month for January. The BOM is also described in the newsletter. BOM will be a bit different this year. It will include twelve 12” blocks with kits available each month.

Becky Burkett, Quilt Show Co-Chair – Becky reminded us that the Quilt Show will be February 27 & 28, 2026. Please signup to volunteer to work at the Quilt Show. The next Quilt Show meeting will be on Thursday morning, January 8, at Harris County BBQ at 290 & 1960. She needs to hear from people who know the details of the quilt intake and quilt hanging tasks to better understand the process.

Mary Ellen Atkinson, Quilt Show Tin Can Raffle Co-Chair – Mary Ellen reminded us to volunteer to sell raffle tickets at the Quilt Show. They also will need help to move the many baskets to storage from Elaine’s guest house soon.

Sharon Buffington, Raffle Quilt Co-Chair – Sharon reminded us to sell opportunity quilt raffle tickets. Any person who buys \$50 worth of raffle tickets (for themselves or to resell) will be entered into a drawing for a Jelly Roll. Two Jelly Rolls will be given away in the drawing at the April General Meeting. She also has cards available for the quilt show.

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 139 open volunteer spots still unfilled. Call her or send her an e-mail if you cannot find what or when you want to volunteer.

An e-mail will soon be sent out to reserve a time slot, if you want to have a quilt appraised. The cost will be \$65 paid to the appraiser, Marcia _____. Patti Hawkins will be coordinating the appraisal opportunities.

Rhonda VanAlstine, VP Administration & Quilt Show Vendor Chair –The next board meeting will be at Pecos Grill in Tomball on Tuesday, January 20 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.

She also informed us that there are still eight vendor booths open for the Quilt Show. Let her know if you have a lead on someone that might want to have a booth at the show.

Paula Menard, Precinct 3 Bus Trips Coordinator – A bus has been reserved to take us on a trip to visit the Quilt Museum in La Grange, Texas on March 26. The cost will be \$10 (not including cost of lunch) and at least 15 people are required to keep the bus reservation. There is signup sheet in the lobby.

Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair –Jaine reported the following:

- Current Guild membership is 276 members to date
- January general meeting attendance is 115 people
- 1654 volunteer hours were recorded for the past month
- There are 5 visitors at the general meeting tonight
- One new member joined the Guild at the December meeting – Kathy Jiminez

Lisa Hart – Lisa reminded us that a bed turning is being brought back at this Quilt Show. Red, White & Blue quilts will be featured. Look for details in the newsletter. If you have a quilt that you would like to have included in the bed turning, contact Lisa and/or bring it to the next general meeting.

Lisa also reminded us to report any spam that we detect on our facebook page.

Show & Tell

Beautiful quilts and projects were presented by our members – Buina Collins, Marie Engelhart, Jackie Hillman, Madison Horinek, Jaine Jewell, Georgia Maynard, Diana Moore, Peggy Wheeler and Nancy Youens.

Elaine made a few more announcements:

- Stickers with your Name and phone number are handy at the Quilt Show when bidding on a raffle or auction item.
- The Kingwood Quilt Guild showed their Opportunity Quilt in the lobby tonight. Teresa, their Guild President designed the patriotic quilt. Black Cat Creations now carries the paper pieced pattern.

January Speaker

Regina Eardley introduced our speaker Sherilyn Mortinsen who spoke about her quilting journey and published quilting books and patterns as she presented. Sherilyn is the owner of “Sea Sherilyn Sew” and her quilting expertise includes free-motion quilting, pattern designing, teaching and presenting. She also enjoys a association with Gammill as one of their talented quilt artists. Sherilyn also taught a workshop on free-motion quilting on a domestic machine at Bobbins & Threads on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am.

Closing

Elaine Bullard and Lee Ann McGuinn drew three winning numbers for three raffle items previously on display in the lobby.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin C. Galvin
Secretary