



**Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2026**

The May general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on May 5, 2026 at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Elaine Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Business Meeting

After welcoming all, Elaine Bullard made several announcements:

- Ladies from the Baytown Quilt Guild were visiting with their opportunity quilt. Please show them your support.
- Thanks for being flexible in April for the meet & greet with Anna Maria Parry. Good time was had by all at the meet & greet and at the workshop – good time, good meals, good learning experience.
- If you subscribed to Quilt Folk Magazine recently, you also received a Greater Houston issue. Many of our members were featured – Deb Spoelker, Lisa Hart, Thomazine Alexander, Marisa Wilhelmi, Stephanie Moss, Susan Bozarth and Becky Burkett. Congratulations to all that were included in the magazine.
- Patty Mooney and Jan Heine volunteered to co-chair the 2026 Holiday Bash.
- Those that went to the Lakeview Quilt Show said that it was a nice show, different presentation than ours, but beautiful quilts.
- There are several more quilt shows and events coming soon:
 - Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas Bi-annual Quilt Showcase – July 10-11
 - Woodlands Area Guild 2026 Quilt Show, Bloomin' Crazy for Quilts – June 19-20
 - Texas Thimble Trail Vendor Market in Huntsville – July 17-18
- Please return all storage unit keys to Karl Burkett if not needed after the quilt show.

Committee Reports

Donna Granat, Treasurer – Donna gave the Treasurer's report for the First Quarter of 2026. As of March 31, 2026, the Guild's total bank balance was \$105,394 (\$49,389 in checking, \$40,409 in savings & \$15,596 in 3 CD's). First quarter activity follows:

	<u>Total 1st Quarter</u>	<u>Quilt Show only</u>
Total Income	\$64,525	\$59,246
Total Expenses	\$31,708	\$25,115
Net Income	\$32,817	\$34,131

Donna gave the Guild some added detail on the income and expense items for the Quilt Show. The largest income sources were Treasure Aisle, Admissions (about 1300 entrants), Vendor Rentals, Tin Can Raffle and Boutique (87%). The largest expenses were Berry Center rental, poles & drapes rental and extra storage rental (75%). Last, she reminded us that the guild books are open to everyone and please contact her if you have any questions.

Rebecca Garcia, Block of the Month – Becca showed us the latest BOM, “All Stars”. She had quilt kits available. She also cautioned us to take our time because there are lots of half-square-triangles to be sewn together. The “points” and the ¼” seams are important. Check to see that the stars are turned the correct direction (follow the instructions).

Rhonda Van Alstine, VP Administration – The next board meeting will be at Gianna’s Italian Kitchen in Tomball next Tuesday at 5:30pm. An 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.

Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair – Membership information follows:

- 304 members have joined this year to-date.
- 7 new members joined recently – Linda Range, Ann Little, Melissa Centanni, Ester Ruiz, Linda Haman, Mary Montgomery and Mary Barnes.
- 76 people were in attendance.
- 1816 volunteer service hours were reported since the last meeting.
- 4 visitors were in attendance - Carolyn Shimoda, Helen Davies, Colletta Towne and Tina James.

Bev Volker, Tin Can Raffle Quilt Show Chair – The ten raffle items that had the largest number of raffle tickets follow:

Sewing Machine	Poppins Bag
Card Table & Chairs	Quilters Dozen Pre-cuts Basket
“A Place for Everything” Bag	Everything Blue Fabric Basket
Large Ironing Station	Painted Guitar
Black & White Fabric Basket	Red, White & Blue & Texas Themed Basket

Bev also thanked everyone that helped with or donated to the Tin Can Raffle at the quilt show.

Regina Eardley, Senior Programs Chair –The upcoming 2026 programs and workshops follow:

- There were still 2 openings for Deb Atchison’s portrait quilt workshop, from 9am to 3pm at Bobbins & Thread.
- June – MJ Kinman will talk about gemstone quilts on June 2 and provide 2 half-day workshops on June 3. A color theory class will be taught in the morning (no machine required) and a gemstone quilt class will be taught in the afternoon. Both workshops will be at The Quilty Shop in Tomball.

- July – There will be no general meeting, but Jackie Hillman will teach a “disappearing flying geese” workshop at Sew-Vac-Warehouse on July 15.

Lee Ann McGuinn, Meet & Greet – Our first meet & greet this summer will be on June 13 at Sew-Vac-Warehouse from 11am to 1pm. There will be two additional meet & greets this summer, one at The Quilty Shop and one at Bobbins & Threads, but they have not been scheduled yet.

Show & Tell

Many beautiful quilts and projects were presented by our members – Cheryl Airth, Mindy Boyd, Jeanne Brown, Sharon Buffington, Mary Coldwell, Debbie Davis, Jackie Hillman, Madison Horinek, Jaine Jewell, Diana Marcotte, Stephanie Moss, Janice Toler, Kim Wilcox, Claudia Wormuth and Debbie Zaharis.

May Speaker

Regina Eardley introduced our speaker, Deb Atchison who is a quilting educator. She is the Director – Certified Instructors for Legit Kits Foundation Paper Piecing and is also a certified instructor of Shannon Brinkley’s Scrappy Applique and Portrait Quilting techniques. Deb has spent many years teaching all over the world. She told us about her quilting journey and explained portrait quilting to us.

Closing

Lee Ann McGuinn (and Kaylee) drew three winning numbers for three door prize items previously on display in the lobby.

Becca Garcia drew a door winner from the ladies that have been returning blocks of the month this quarter.

One additional door prize drawing was made for an item donated by Deb Atchison, a Teflon sheet for ironing.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin C. Galvin
Secretary