



**Tri-County Quilt Guild  
General Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2025**

The November general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on November 4, 2025 at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Elaine Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Elaine welcomed all and then made a few announcements:

- There has been a small amount of interest in the ride share program.
- Thanks to all that contributed to the Christmas stockings.
- Charity Bee will not be meeting in November or December.
- The new PO Box is active and the correct POB number is at the bottom of every page on the website.

### **Reports**

**Madison Horinek, VP Administration** –An email will be sent with more details on the location of the next board meeting. Everyone is invited to come find out what the board is doing and how to become more involved. Becca is out, so any block-of-the-month submittals should be given to Madison. There will not be a BOM door prize this month. There's no newsletter announcements.

**Regina Eardley, 2026 Senior Programs Chair** – The January – March 2026 workshop schedule is already set:

- January - Sherilyn Mortenson will teach a class on free motion quilting on a domestic machine at Bobbins & Threads on January 7.
- February – Dorene Joyce will teach a class on stain glass flowers at The Quilty Shop on February 4.
- March – There will not be a workshop because we will all be catching our breaths after our quilt show.

**Becky Burkett & Donna Vandiver, Quilt Show Co-Chairs** – Becky reminded us that “Celebration 20” is our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt show on February 27-28 (4 month away). Becky thanked all of the chairs and volunteers to-date and encouraged everyone to volunteer for the remaining tasks or she would assign jobs. Donna encouraged all to enter a quilt into the show by December 2, 2025. If you don't know the designer of a pattern placed “I don't know” in the

blank. A picture is required for each entry and they prefer to get a hardcopy picture rather than a digital image (2 copies) due to the time it takes for them to make the copies.

**Denise Hardcastle, Quilt Show Volunteer Chair** – Emails were sent out this week with a link to the quilt show sign-up page. Call or email her if you are having problems with the online sign-up page and Denise help you. Also, she will bring hardcopy sign-up pages starting at the December Christmas Party. Also, there is volunteer information on the Guild website with a link to Denise. Last, not everyone hanging quilts needs to be able to climb. SIGN-UP!! We need you and we will find a job that suits you.

**Rhonda Van Alstine, Holiday Bash & Quilt Show Vender Chair**– The Holiday Bash will be at 6pm on December 2. Rhonda & Ginny Hilton need help with set-up at 3pm in the 2-story building next door. If you want to participate in the planned “Elf” game, bring a fat-quarter. Last, bring an appetizer or a dessert to share.

There are still 9 vender booths available for the quilt show. Please reach out to Rhonda if you have a vendor lead. We will have some new vendors this year.

**Paula Menard, Bus Trip Coordinator** – Paula signed up with Precinct 3 and has reserved a bus for the Guild on Thursday, March 26, 2026 to take a trip to the Quilt Museum in LaGrange. We will most likely find a nice place for lunch too. We will most likely meet at Fairfield Baptist Church that day. There will be more details to come. Paula circulated a sign-up sheet, but no money is being taken yet.

**Janet Winkler, Charity Bee** – Within the past 2 weeks, Charity Bee has donated over 250 quilts that have were made by our members. One of the groups that we donate to is “Nora’s Home”, a recovery center for transplant patients. We recently received a thank you note from quilt recipient reading, “I recently stayed at Nora’s Home and was presented with the most beautiful quilt. It was the perfect gift! May God bless you always.” We also take pillow cases and quilts to “Be an Angel” and received a thank you note from someone there too.

Charity Bee still needs help to make more quilts for next year. They will need male & female lap quilts, male & female youth quilts (especially male quilts) and wheel chair quilts (about 32” by 42”).

**Stephanie Moss, Nominating Committee** – We will be electing officers for the new 2026 board at the December meeting. The following board members are seeking reelection:

- Elaine Bullard – President
- Donna Vandiver – VP Financial Oversight
- Robin Galvin – Secretary
- Jaine Jewell – Membership Chair
- Regina Eardley – Sr. Program Chair

The nominees for the two open positions follow:

- Debbie Zaharis & Rhonda Van Alstine – VP Administration
- Kristie Boston – Jr. Program Chair

If you are interested in one of the positions you can learn more about them on our website or you should reach out to Stephanie and you can be added to the ballot.

**Bridgitte Woods, Quilt Show Schoolhouse Co-Chair** – Still need volunteers to help with Schoolhouse. They have some great classes planned.

**Bev Volker, Tin Can Raffle Co-Chair** – They have put together 37 raffle baskets to-date. They will continue to collect large baskets at the December meeting. The next 2 times that they will meet to put baskets together will be November 12 and December 10. Contact Bev if you are interested in helping. Also, please sign-up to help sell raffle tickets at the Quilt Show.

**Mary Ellen Adkison** – Mary Ellen told us about two charities that she was moved by at the International Quilt Show. She presented a board with information on “Hugs for Texas”, an effort to make “Poppy Block” quilts to be distributed to campers next year at the camps affected by the flooding in the Hill Country this year. Donations and quilt blocks are needed. The other board had information on “Sunflower Quilt for Ukraine”, an effort to build a 1,100 meter long quilt the length of Kyiv’s main street as a symbol of unity, resilience and peace and to show the international support for the country and against war. Again, donations and quilt blocks (blue & yellow) are needed. Donations will go to facial reconstruction surgeries for soldiers.

**Diana Moore, Boutique Co-Chair** – Our last boutique maker meeting will be in November and they will be making project bags. Last month they made aprons. There are some beautiful jean jacket upgrades being made now also. If you have taken kits home to work on please find yours and bring them to Diana at the Holiday Bash. Quilted jacket supplies are available for anyone that will make one, too. We will have some examples of the Boutique products to show off to members at the Holiday Bash.

**Connie Cephus, Raffle Quilt Co-Chair** – Tickets are available for the raffle quilt.

**Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair** – October was membership renewal month. We had 252 members renew their memberships through October. We had 100 members present at the meeting. There were 93 members present at the meeting and 1,713 volunteer hours were recorded. Janie welcomed 4 visitors – Sherry, Sharon, Sandy and Nina. And Jaine welcomed 3 new members, Virginia Hyman, Karyn Dogay and Faydra Gonzales.

**Connie Grudzinski, Ride Share** – Connie reported that she has had lots of ladies volunteer to provide rides to the monthly meetings for ladies in their area. Thus far, only one person has asked for a ride and she has already paired her with a ride provider. If you know of someone that can no longer drive to the meetings in the evenings, please contact Connie or consider offering that person a ride.

**Nathan Brown, 2025 Sr. Program Chair** – Nathan reminded us that the November speaker would be Samantha Krebsbach. Her workshop on making quilted sneakers will be tomorrow at

10am at The Quilty Shop. Elaine Bullard then thanked Nathan for his efforts to really upping the quality of the programs in 2025.

### **Show & Tell**

Beautiful quilts and projects that were mostly “Fall Holiday-themed” were shown by Cindy Auble, Kit Davis, Marie Englehart, Kristi Grove, Jan Heine, Jackie Hillman, Madison Horinek, Lynn Kimzey, Tricia Limon, Carol Maloney, Holly McNeill, Jen Pazicni, Kathryn Reily, Heidi Voigt and Teresa Waura.

### **November Speaker**

Nathan Brown introduced our speaker Samantha Krebsbach who spoke about “Laser Cutting in Modern Quilting”. She told us about 2 types of laser cutting machines, a Diode Laser and a CO2 Laser. She told us the pros and cons of the two lasers and safety issues that she discovered mostly from experience.

### **Closing**

Elaine Bullard, Lee Ann McGuinn and Nathan 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