



**Tri-County Quilt Guild
General Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2025**

The September general meeting of the Tri-County Quilt Guild was held on September 2, 2025 at Fairfield Baptist Church in Cypress, TX. Guild President Elaine Bullard called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Elaine welcomed all and then welcomed Kayla and Grace with “My Favorite Quilt Store” up to the front. Kayla and Grace were promoting their event on September 30 – October 2, Kaffe Fassett & Brandon Malby’s US Tour 2025. There will be a lecture on Tuesday, September 30 at the Houston Marriot (airport) for a cost of \$99 and several workshops on the following days. Get an autographed copy of Kaffe’s new book Quilts in London. More information can be found on the store website. “My Favorite Quilt Store” is an on-line only quilt store that also offers curbside pick-up. There are facility tours on Wednesday – Friday. The store is located at 1240 Wilson Rd. Ct. in Humble. Last, Kayla and Grace gave away several door prizes.

Elaine called up Lisa Hart and other members to display the story book quilts that have been created by past members and the story books that inspired them. They can be checked out by teachers and/or librarians to read to their young students. The information will be placed on the website. Elaine explained that the story book quilt program is part of their mission to inform people of what the Guild does.

Elaine informed us that members from the Woodlands Area Quilt Guild were visiting tonight with their opportunity quilt. She encouraged everyone to consider supporting our neighbor guild by purchasing raffle tickets.

Elaine then announced the ten Guild members that won \$20 YLI Thread Company gift certificates. They were Sharon Buffington, Stephanie Moss, Patty Mooney, Libby Nelson, Kim Baker, Janet Winkler, Mita Chesser, Marilyn Thomas, Clark Johnson and Bobbi Miller.

Elaine then reminded us that there would not be a Guild meeting in October 2025 because many members will be busy with International Quilt Festival activities. She also informed us that a precinct bus was not booked to take a Guild group to the IQF this year. Elaine asked for a volunteer to be the Guild bus coordinator to plan a trip to IQF next year and another possible trip.

Elaine told us that we have members that do not drive at night and therefore do not come to meetings. Elaine asked for a volunteer to be the Guild Rideshare Coordinator. Connie Grudzinski volunteered. Members should let Connie know if he/she needs a ride to a monthly meeting or if he/she is willing to give someone a ride to a monthly meeting.

Elaine reminded us that an email was sent to members requesting stocking stuffers or cash donations to purchase stocking stuffers for Kenmore Services and Boys & Girls Country (mostly 11 – 17 year olds). She had several containers put on the stage for the donations. She also mentioned that Boys & Girls Country needs a “M&M’s” quilt for their May fundraiser. Claudia _____ volunteered to make a quilt for this cause.

Reports

Ginny Hilton & Rhonda Van Alstine, Holiday Bash - Preparations are ongoing. They need donations of old jeans.

Stephanie Moss, Nominating Committee – Stephanie is working with Rhonda Van Alstine and Madison Horinek to fill two open spots on the board for the 2025 – 2026 year. The open spots to be filled are the VP Administration and Junior Program Chair positions. Please let any of the committee members know if you are interested in volunteering by November. Regina Eardley then described her job (Junior Program Chair) and the 2027 possible program leads already existing. Kristi Boston then accepted a nomination to that position.

Donna Granat, Treasurer – Donna gave an abbreviated quarterly treasurer’s report. At the end of June 2026, the Guild had a total bank balance of \$74,062 - \$13,378 in checking, 45,307 in savings & \$15,376 total in 3 CD’s. Total income for the 1st half of 2025 was \$16,480 and expenses were \$18,276 for a net loss of \$1,796 which was expected. Donna invited anyone that wanted more detail concerning the report and/or budget to please come see her at the meeting or next board meeting. Elaine reminded everyone that we would be experiencing some large quilt show expenses soon.

Jaine Jewell, Membership Chair – We had a final 304 members join for the 2024/2025 year. As of the September meeting, 117 members have joined the Guild for the 2025/2026 year. Jaine reviewed the online sign-up process on the website. If any member is having problems signing up on the website, contact her through the website. There were 93 members present at the meeting. Jaine welcomed 4 visitors – Kerry Nelson, Natalie Pryor, Kip Davis & Janell Kister. Several of the visitors also joined the Guild. We recorded 1,386 volunteer hours since our last general meeting. Last, Jaine reminded us that you must join the Guild by October 31 for the 2025/2026 year to be eligible to enter a quilt in the quilt show.

Sharon Buffington, Raffle Quilt Co-Chair – Our raffle quilt will be shown at the IQF and the Montgomery Quilt Walk. Volunteers are still needed for both events. We have to volunteer for a certain number of hours to continue to display our opportunity quilt at IQF each year. Sharon has

set up a Sign-up Genius site for easy volunteering. Sharon has a handout to give those that volunteer for the IQF.

Donna Vandiver, Quilt Show Co-Chair – The categories and rules for quilt entries in the Quilt Show are on the website now. They will start accepting Quilt Show entries on September 15 and the deadline for making a quilt entry is the December 2, 2025 General Meeting. New this year – you cannot enter a quilt in the upcoming TCQG Quilt Show if it has been entered in a past TCQG Quilt Show. There is one new category, the Youth Category. The two challenge categories are “How’s the Weather” and “Let’s Party”. Rhonda Van Alstine also reminded everyone that vendors can apply for space through the website also.

Elaine Bullard, Boutique Co-Chair – The Boutique Committee will be making ironing stations out of TV trays at Elaine’s home on September 17. They should be sanding, spray painting, and staple gun shooting. There will also be a Boutique Committee group meeting at Bobbins & Threads from 10 am – 2 pm on September 17 to get caught up on unfinished kits and projects. In October, the Boutique Committee will be making project bags.

Lee Ann McGuinn, Meet & Greet – There will be a meet & greet at The Quilty Shop from 11 am-1 pm on September 20. Please come (& bring a small snack) to help greet potential new members.

Madison Horinek, VP Administration – The next board meeting will be at Pecos Grill in Tomball next Tuesday at 5:30 pm. 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.

Rebecca Garcia, BOM Chair and Newsletter Chair – The September Block of the Month is the Duck Tracks Block. She brought 18 kits, but they were already taken. Please make those kits and return the blocks in November. Becca showed us her display with the instructions. She also reminded us that the pattern is also in the September newsletter. Last she showed the group a quilt top that she constructed from blocks submitted a few months ago that will be given to the Charity Bee for completion.

Nathan Brown, Senior Programs Chair –

- A few spots have opened up for the workshop tomorrow with Dee Bushrod of Pixel Quilts due to illnesses (September 3 at Quilty Shop) (\$30 kit fee).
- A few spots were still open for the November class. We will be making quilted sneakers. The worksheet and pre-class instructions are also available. (November 5 at Quilty Shop). Sign up early to give yourselves time to order the sneaker bases and quilt the fabric for the tops.

Show & Tell

Beautiful quilts and projects that were mostly “purple-themed” were shown by Mary Ellen Adkison, Jeanne Brown, Connie Grudzinski, Jan Heine, Jackie Hillman, Carol Maloney, Holly McNeill, Libby Nelson, Connie Reed, Diana Reed, Kathryn Reily, Yvonne Wilson and Debbie Zaharis.

At the November meeting, Show & Tell will include Thanksgiving, Fall and Halloween themed quilts.

September Speaker

Nathan Brown introduced our speaker Dee Bushrod who spoke about “My Passion in Pixels”. She is the creator of “Pixel Quilts”. She started quilting 19 years ago, but never enjoyed the quilt making process until she started creating and designing pixel quilts. She also created an online system to help design a pixel quilt from a photo, pixelquilts.com.

Closing

Elaine Bullard and Lee Ann McGuinn drew three winning numbers for three raffle items previously on display in the lobby. Rebecca drew one winning number from the BOM donors.

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin C. Galvin
Secretary