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From The President's Stash

August is over, and I'm looking for anything that resembles Fall! How about you? If I didn't have several projects I was already trying to finish, I'd pull out the project box I have for a fall themed quilt. Admittedly, it's been in my closet for a few years, but I'll get to it! Are you planning a fall themed quilt? Do you plan to bring it to Show and Tell?

I know when we don't meet one month the business meeting can get backed up, but we have to do a better job of staying on schedule. Show and Tell is an important part of our meeting, and with all of our enthusiastic members, it's unfortunately taking too much time. We have as many as 17 of you who sign up to share. We want to continue to share your beautiful items so we're now asking you to bring only 1 item for Show and Tell and then give a very brief statement about your project.

I apologize that this is necessary and hope you understand.

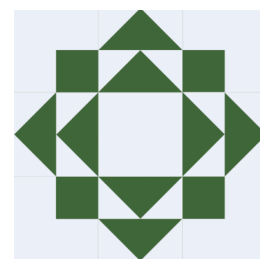
Happy sewing,
Elaine

Meetings begin promptly at 7p.m, so we can adjourn on time. The front doors will be closed at 6:55, and the members will be asked to take their seats. This will allow the various committee heads & board members to get into the meeting on time. Come early so you have time to sign in, check out any raffles or upcoming workshops, visit the magazines, etc.

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September BOM Dream Catcher



Meetings

Fairfield Baptist Church
27240 Highway 290
Cypress, Texas
On 290 westbound
between
Mueschke and Mason Road.
1st Tuesday of the month,
7pm-9pm
tricityguild@gmail.com



The Nominating/Election Committee for the 2027 Slate of Officers has been named.

I would like to thank Bev Volker, Donna Granat, and Rhonda Van Alstine for accepting a position on this committee. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Board or as a Standing Committee Chair, please contact me or one of the committee members.

Positions to be filled for 2027

- President
- Vice President of Administration
- Vice President of Financial Oversight
- Treasurer (2 years)
- Secretary
- Membership
- Junior Program Chair

The election for these positions will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is conducted at the beginning of our Holiday Bash, December 1, 2026.

Elaine Bullard



The Tri-County Quilt Guild membership year runs from October 1st - September 30th.

Early bird sign up for 26-27 is ready to go!

[2026 – 2027 Membership - TCQG](#)

Online payments with a credit card are fast and secure.

Cash/check payments will be accepted at meetings; however, you must enter your information online first (click the "pay at meeting" button).

Once payment is confirmed, we will send a printable membership card to the email address provided.

Jaine Jewell Membership 25-26



Happy Birthday to These Members!

Melinda Curtino 3rd

Peggy Johnson 4th

Sharry Kohler 4th

Robin Galvin 5th

Vicki Tate 7th

Paula Menard 9th

Pat Cutsinger 9th

Laura Phipps 11th

Martha Alderson 12th

Beverly Bales 13th

Jerianne Churchill 14th

Patricia Mooney 15th

Mary Banks Lavender 17th

Jennifer Hoffpauir 20th

Deborah Icenogle 20th

Kathy Arvin 20th

Stephanie Moss 21st

Ida Battise-Sepeda 22nd

Denise Clark-Zopfi 22nd

Kathy Jiminez 22nd

Lori Kraus 23rd

Jeanie Walker 26th

Debbie Spinner 27th

Deb Durr 28th

Mary Bowman 30th

welcome

Welcome to our newest member!

Patsy Rodriguez



We all have a
Story

Let us share yours!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

WE WANT TO FEATURE YOU!

TCQG has so many talented members! We invite you to “shine” in our new newsletter feature,
Member Spotlight.

TELL US ABOUT:

- ♥ a recent award or exhibition
- ♥ an exciting charity project
- ♥ an extraordinary quilting excursion
- ♥ a newsworthy quilting milestone

Your story may *inspire* someone else to start their next beautiful chapter.

Ready to share?

Email us for more information:
steffie.stuff@yahoo.com

We can't wait to celebrate **YOU!**

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY.



September 2026 BOM - Dream Catcher Block

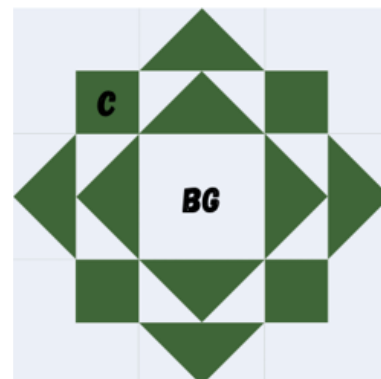
Adapted from a free quilt pattern from AllPeopleQuilt.com

Each block can be made with a BG and a fat eighth!

What you'll need:

Background Fabric (**BG**)
 (4) 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles
 (1) 4 1/2" square
 (20) 2 1/2" squares

Fabric **C**
 (8) 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles
 (4) 2 1/2" squares



Steps:

1. Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of (16) **BG** 2 1/2" squares.

2. Referring to **Diagram 1**, sew together an unmarked **BG** 2 1/2" square and a **Fabric C** 2 1/2" square. Add a **BG** rectangle to make a corner unit. The unit should measure 4 1/2" square. Repeat to make four corner units total.

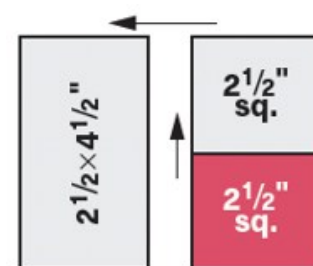


Diagram 1

3. Referring to **Diagram 2**, align a marked **BG** square with one end of a **Fabric C** rectangle. Sew on marked line. Trim seam allowance to 1/4". Press open. In the same manner add a marked **BG** square to opposite end of rectangle to make a Flying Geese unit. The unit still should measure 2 1/2" x 4 1/2". Repeat to make eight Flying Geese units total.

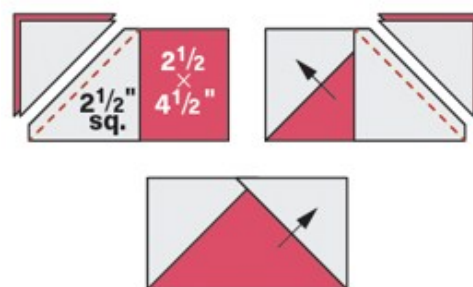


Diagram 2



Steps, cont.:

4. Referring to **Diagram 3**, sew together two Flying Geese units to make a side unit. The unit should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Repeat to make four side units total.

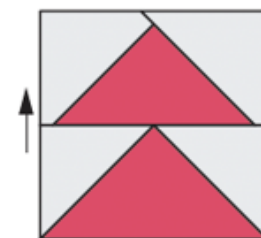


Diagram 3

5. Referring to **Diagram 4**, lay out corner units, side units, and remaining **BG** square in three rows. Sew together pieces in rows. Join rows to make a block. The block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

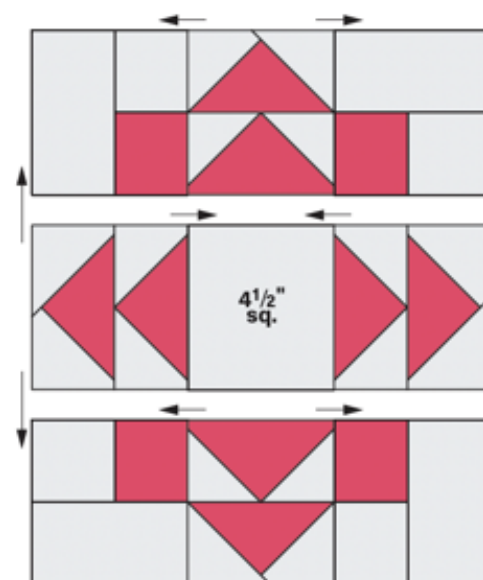
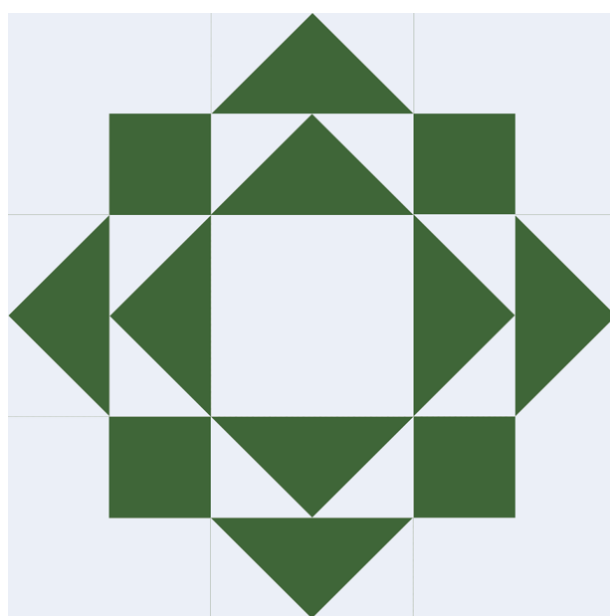
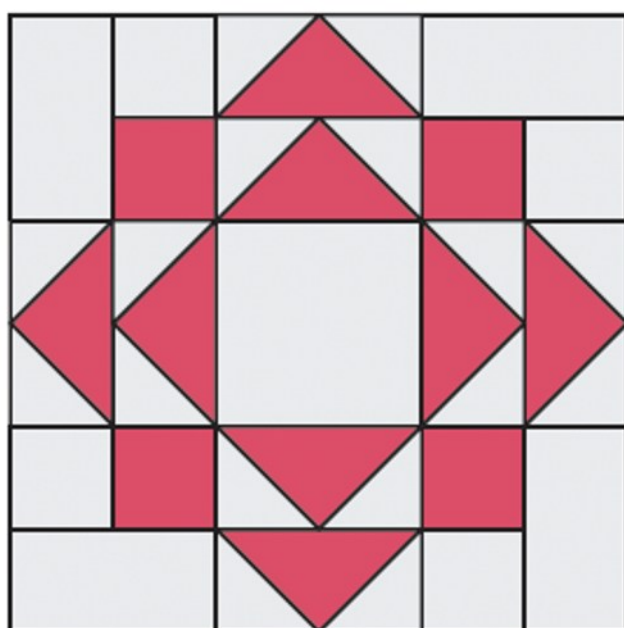


Diagram 4





Upcoming Lectures and Workshops

SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

The Quilty Shop from 10-3

FEE \$35



DTF Pumpkins and Fabric Painting

Class – Medina Domestic Arts Studio (Michele Markey)

These pumpkins are so much fun to color! In this class, each student will choose a pumpkin design and type of item to color:

1. A Direct to Film Iron on Transfer Pumpkin of their choice to be ironed on either a white tote bag, white fabric or a denim shirt (students can bring their own denim shirt or buy one at class.) Tote bag will be provided at no extra charge.

2. Using DTF (direct to film) transfers – a type of iron-on transfer with ink, you will choose from the designs offered (which include the designs shown above) and learn how to apply a DTF using a heat press.

3. Learn several basic techniques on how to color on your denim shirt, tote bag, or block. (applicable to most other fabrics as well).

Each pumpkin kit comes with a 24 set of acrylic markers, samples of fabric paint, fabric medium, brushes and paint palette. The pumpkins come in three sizes: 8-9 inch, 10 inch and 12 inch – students can choose either size (no extra charge for larger size).

Class Fee (which includes acrylic markers, DTF and tote bag/fabric): \$35.00

Shirts will be available in sizes Small to 3XL for \$30.00 plus tax, if you choose to do an optional t-shirt.

Class Time and Date: September 2, 2026

Class Location: The Quilty Shop from 10-3pm

Email Regina.Eardley@gmail.com to be added to the waitlist

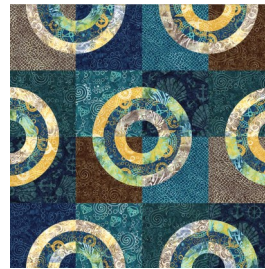


Upcoming Lectures and Workshops

OCTOBER 7, 2026

The Quilty Shop from 10-3

FEE: \$35



CURVED PAPER PIECING WITH MICHAEL Davison

Curved paper piecing? I thought paper piecing had to always be straight lines? Nope!

Using Michael's Hydrology foundation papers and the curved paper piecing technique, you will learn how to sew accurate curves and create this versatile 44" x44" wall hanging with the help of paper and printed lines. There are two layout versions.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

8-10 Dark Fat Quarters for Backgrounds

4 Light Fat Quarters for the light fabrics on both sides of the "waves"

1/2 yd of Medium Focus Fabric for the center of the "waves"

OR

Pre-Cut Kit: I have laser cut kits in the original Sunken Treasure batiks seen in the class images available for \$75. Shapes are ready for foundation paper- piecing. Those optional kits are \$75 and can be ordered through his website at michaelquilts.com

Workshop fee of \$35 includes the pattern and foundation papers to make 44"x44".

Email Regina.Eardley@gmail.com to register.



Upcoming Lectures and Workshops

NOVEMBER-BONUS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 4, Jackie Hillman will be offering a second opportunity to learn her Disappearing Flying Geese process. It will be held at Sew & Vacuum Warehouse, 13233 North Eldridge, Cypress. From 10-4. There are multiple layout versions, and you can do as few as 4 blocks. Fee is \$35. There is a waitlist for this class.





Join your fellow guild members on December 1, 2026.

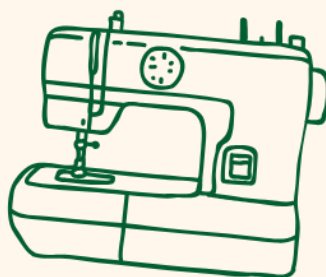
We will meet upstairs at Fairfield Baptist Church at 6:30. Don't forget to bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. If you want to participate in the game, you will need to bring either a black with white or white with black fat quarter. If you would like to donate a door prize, you can give it to Jan Heine or Patty Mooney at the September or October meeting.

We are looking forward to a fun Holiday Bash!





Tri-County Meet & Greet



Saturday, September 19th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Want to meet other guild members?

Thinking about joining the guild?

What is a quilt guild?



Bobbins & Threads
10130 Grant Rd
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Like us & join
our Facebook
group!



tricountyquiltguild.org



Meetings the 1st Tuesday of the month
7-9pm
at Fairfield Baptist Church



 **TRI-COUNTY
QUILT GUILD**
BUS TRIP
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

-  **WE'RE GOING TO A QUILT SHOP!**
-  • **A CHRISTMAS SHOP!** 
 - **AND LUNCH, OF COURSE!** 

**Paula Menard will have more
information and sign-up available
at the September 1, 2026 meeting.**





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**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO SIGN UP:
SEE PAULA MENARD**
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Sept. 1, 2026 GENERAL MEETING

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Space is Limited! Register Early!**



2028 Quilt Show News

We Still Need Your Help!

We are still looking for co-chairs for our Raffle Quilt travel team and Schoolhouse committee. Please consider joining our team and help make our quilt show a huge success.



Committee Chairs

The following individuals are currently serving on the 2028 Quilt Show committees. If you are interested in helping or would like to serve as a co-chair, please contact any of the individuals listed below.

- Quilt Show Chairs – Denise Hardcastle, Patty Mooney and Karen Potter
- Boutique — Donna Granat, Laurie Loasby, and Whitney Schneider
- Judges — Shari Stone, Debbie Spoelker, and Vicki Tate
- Quilt Hanging — Jackie Hillman and Karl Burkett
- Quilt Intake — Lee Ann McGuinn and Donna Vandiver
- Raffle Quilt — Sharon Buffington and 1 Open position
- Ribbons — Belinda Wheeler and Vicki Tate
- Schoolhouse — Tricia Limon and 2 Open positions
- Silent Auction — Elaine Bullard and Diana Moore
- Tin Can Raffle — Virginia (Jenny) Hyman and Robin Galvin
- Treasure Aisle — Libby Nelson, Mary Willyerd, and Kathleen Green
- Vendors — Rhonda VanAlstine and Faydra Gonzalez
- Volunteers — Connie Cephus
- Website — Janice Toler



Quilt Show Website

Updates about the 2028 Quilt Show will be posted on the Tri-County Quilt Guild website (www.tricountyquiltguild.org). New information will be added as plans develop so members can stay informed. The site will currently include the show rules and categories, committee descriptions, instructions for making a quilt sleeve, vendor information and other helpful resources.

Questions?

We would be happy to answer your questions and talk with you as plans come together. Please reach out to me or either of my co-chairs if you would like more information or would like to get involved.

2028 Quilt Show Chairs

Denise Hardcastle - (713) 301-1426

Patty Mooney – (281) 380-5970

Karen Potter – (832) 499-6338



Boutique Makers Needed



Please join us September 16th and each third Wednesday of the month at Bobbins & Threads (10130 Grant Rd.), from 10am-2pm.

On September the 16th we will be making Hot Tool Holders designed by Shelly Wiggins. Please bring your sewing machine and normal sewing supplies. A walking foot may be helpful, too. We will supply kits.

Come help us create beautiful handmade items to sell at the 2028 Quilt Show 'Color My World.' Don't forget to support our local quilt shops who generously donate space for us to sew together. Feel free to call or text Donna, (281) 507-2477, if you have questions.

See you there,
Donna Granat, Whitney Schneider & Laurie Loasby
Boutique Co-Chairs



Treasure Aisle

If you like to deal with measuring/cutting fabric, folding fat quarters, sorting assorted supplies or enjoy lively conversation with a motivated group, please join us the second Wednesday of each month.



We meet at the Cypress Crossing Christian Church at 15751 Cypress Rosehill Road from 9:30 am until about 1:30 pm. All are welcome to share your ideas and be a part of this hardworking group.





3 Tips for August

1. Use only ONE brand of rulers! If you lay one brand on top of another, there can be slight differences which add up across a whole quilt.

2. Press your fabrics with a light starch or Best Press type of product before cutting. Once stitched on first piecing, press them RS together prior to opening (do not finger press open as this tends to distort the pieces). Allow to cool before opening

up to press to one side (dark side). Measure these sets before continuing on to more assembly.

3. Snowballing corners tip >>>





Tri-County's Fabulous Bees



Remember: you must be a paid member to participate in our Bees.



Our Bees create a strong sense of a quilting community within the guild. Consider becoming a Beekeeper! Organize your bee, find a location, contact the Queen Bee Chair to let her know, and go from there!

Charla Reese, Queen Bee, charla361@yahoo.com



BEE Czars: Meets the 4th Saturday of the month at The Quilty Shop. We choose projects as a group or work on our UFO's. We plan on two retreats a year. If you are interested in joining this bee, please call to be put on a waiting list.

Bee Keepers: Ann Keilers 832-515-1081 or Marian Page 281-797-3014.



Day Strippers: Day Strippers is the only bee that has been with TCQG since its beginning. It meets at Cypress Crossing Christian Church on the second Friday of each month from 10 - 2. They work on personal projects and occasionally go on retreats and to quilt shows together. We have a few openings in our bee. Please email our bee keeper for details about joining us.

Bee Keeper: Lisa Hart daystrippers@gmail.com



Quilty Pleasures Meets on the second and fourth Monday from 1:30-4:30 at The Quilty Shop. We mostly work on individual projects with an occasional group project. Our Bee is currently closed to new members, but contact either of the CoBee Keepers to be added to a waiting list.

Bee Keepers: Deb Durr dpdurr1@yahoo.com and Anita Arendall



Quilter's Dozen: Meets the 4th Thursdays at The Quilty Shop from 10-4:30. We have great times together! This bee has openings.

Bee Keeper: Charmaine Fritchey cfritchey@gmail.com



Grateful Threads: Formerly "We Be Quilters". We have changed our meeting time to the THIRD THURSDAY -once a month- at the Quilty Shop in Tomball from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Now a full day!! We are a "sassy" group of Quilters who meet to sew whatever you are working on, a long lost "UFO", hand work, etc. Come to share tips, get ideas, and socialize. Come when you can, no experience necessary. Contact Bee Keeper, Stacy Chandler, to be included in our great group. An email is sent out prior to the Bee to remind you to RSVP. Come and have a great sewing day with us in a beautiful quilting shop.

Bee Keeper, Stacy Chandler stacey1622003@yahoo.com



Quirky Quilters: This bee is for those quilters who want to push the boundaries of traditional quilting by exploring textile art. This may include, but not limited to, collage, fabric painting, mixed media, free motion quilting, slow stitching, raw edge applique, pixelated blocks, foundation paper piecing, and thread painting. The purpose is to share ideas and techniques, encourage creativity, and seek feedback in a safe environment. We will work on our own projects, possibly invite guest speakers, and learn from one another. If this sounds like fun, give this bee a try. Quirky Quilters meets at The Quilty Shop on the third Thursday of each month from 5-9pm. **This bee is accepting new members!** Contact Regina Eardley, Beekeeper, at Regina.Eardley@gmail.com.



Charity Bee: Meets at Cypress Crossing Christian Church on the 4th Wednesday of each Month from 9:30-1:00. 15751 Cypress Rosehill Rd, Cypress, TX 77429. **Charity Bee needs new members and volunteers. We are growing and we need help in getting our project needs fulfilled. The activities we perform are not difficult; just very busy. We will help you learn everything you need to know.** Any questions, please contact Natalie Pryor natcpryor@gmail.com



On Thursday, August 13th, several of our members met at The Quilty Shop in Tomball to work on Trick or Treat bags for Boys and Girls Country. We had a great time and completed **95%** of the bags. Several members kindly took the remaining kits home to finish them.

Thank you to everyone who helped out—another success for Tri-County Quilt Guild!

Charity Bee Chairman
Natalie Pryor





Creative Memories Quilt Guild

PO Box 1243, Caldwell, TX

39th Annual Quilt Show

2026

No Admission Fee

Country Store

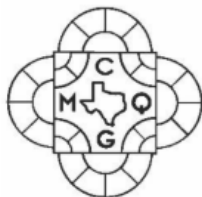
Opportunity Quilt Tickets \$1 at the door

Drawing will be 4:00 p.m. Saturday

Quilt: "Tilting at Windmills"

Size: 96 inches by 96 inches

Friday, September 11, 9:00 - 5:00
Saturday, September 12, 9:00 - 4:00



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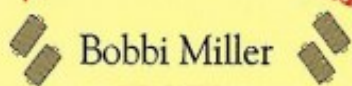
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