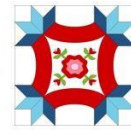




Quilters Guild of East Texas



The Stitchin' Times Newsletter

December 2023

President's Corner

It's hard to believe it's already December, I hope you all have your Christmas quilts finished and ready to be displayed in your home. I'm so looking forward to our Victorian Christmas Party at this month's Guild meeting, Pat Graham and her team have done a fantastic job of organizing it for us. It will be fun to see you ladies dressed up in Victorian garb, but If you don't want to do that just come in your most festive holiday outfit to help us celebrate.

I'm so happy to report that our new Block of the Month Quilt Raffle was a smashing success in October. Congrats to our four winners, I hope we will see the quilts and table runners you make with these adorable blocks soon. Please see the BOM article below to get the patterns for December and January. Many thanks to all who are participating in this fun challenge to make it so successful.

Don't forget that our other new activity, our Mystery Quilt, starts in January. If you've never done one I know you'll want to try it, you might be amazed at what you end up with! I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, and I hope all your dreams come true this season.

Happy Quilting
Lisa Martin



Find all kinds of Event, Guild, Program, and General Guild information at our website: www.qgetx.org. You can sign up for most events on-line, pay online or mail in your payment!

QGET Minutes

First Christian Church – November 9, 2023

Minutes from last month's meeting can be found on the website ([here](#)).

Did You Know?!?

All of our Events, Bees, Meetings, and workshops are located on our website. You can see a calendar view ([here](#)). There are individual pages for each type of gathering too.

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Our workshop location is back to the original location in the CLC! We are excited to be back in our original location. Our start time remains at 9:00AM.

Dec 14 Holiday Party Event



QGET CHRISTMAS 2023



A Very Vintage Christmas

Guild Meeting
December 14, 2023

Y'All Come!



Everything is ready for our annual Guild Christmas party.



Program – Susan Kellam and Cathy Woodson

Dressing a proper lady in authentic clothing from this era with explanations.

EVERYONE asked to bring Tea Party type foods (small sandwiches –party foods). All cold items.

Wassil, Tea and Water provided

1. We are **encouraging members to dress appropriately to fit the theme for the party. But you don't have to dress up.**

Prizes will be given for the best dressed which depicts the theme,
"A Very Vintage Christmas."



2. TABLE HOSTS –for 13 tables which will be decorated in a festive setting trying to keep with the theme. They will be ready for judging by 9:00 a.m.
3. As you register you will receive/draw a Number which will be the table you sit at.
 - a. Hopefully you will meet some new gals and get acquainted with the old.
4. Carolers will be singing – Those who would like to be a carolers please **contact Cecilia Brannon**. We need a few more singers.
5. Left Right Game will be played – **Bring ornament preferably a Vintage/Victorian type one, but any can be used.**



Crazy Quilts and Silk embroidery, which was popular during this time in our history, will be displayed.

January Program – Mel Beach Modern, Bold, Fun – Fun and Games in Quilting - January 11, 2024

Mel Beach is a San Jose, CA based quilt artist, teacher and lecturer, who breaks away from tradition by adding her own modern, beautifully textured,

and colorful twists. She loves to have fun stretching her creativity through her completion of six 100-Day Projects involving dice and participation in 100+ quilt challenges.

For more information about Mel Beach, go to our website: [Quilters Guild of East Texas - QGET Meeting \(qgetx.org\)](http://Quilters Guild of East Texas - QGET Meeting (qgetx.org))

MelBeachQuilts



Workshop – Free Styling and Spiraling – January 12, 2024 – ZOOM Workshop

These improv-pieced spiral designs are sure to mesmerize and energize!! We'll start with square spirangles and experiment with different design options and construction techniques. Then we'll explore new spirangle designs: rectangles, triangles, hexagons, and diamonds...oh my!!

The Zoom workshops will be held in the convenience of your own sewing rooms. All you need is a laptop, iPad or other device with the Zoom app

loaded. Each person attending must pay to register, but you can get together with a friend, and attend the class together.

Class Fee: \$45 Members, \$55 Non-Members

Register Here: [Quilters Guild of East Texas - Free Styling and Spiraling - Mel Beach \(qgetx.org\)](http://qgetx.org)

After the guild meeting meeting in January, The Hive will present “A Hands on Zoom Tutorial” Bring your laptops or iPads and we will go through the steps to log into a Zoom meeting.



February Program – Sarah Ruiz – Rockets and Rotary Cutters – February 8, 2024

Sarah Ruiz is a quilter and aerospace engineer living in Houston, Texas.

Her creative and technical sides have always been intertwined, from drawing Disney characters and memorizing constellations as a kid to supporting the space station and dreaming up new quilts today.

Quilting perfectly combines her engineering and artistic mindsets, and she loves the puzzle-solving required to turn an idea into reality. Sarah designs

modern quilts that bring new twists to traditional patterns and feature bright colors, bold lines, and graphic shapes. Her designs are easy to make, but pack a visual punch.

Sarah is also an [engineer at NASA's Johnson Space Center](#), where she began as a college student in 1997. She's had several different jobs over the years and while they've all been fun, her most "glamorous" role was working as a flight controller for the space shuttle from 2005-2011. Sara has written a number of things about working in [Mission Control](#) and my specific roles there.

<https://saroy.net/>



Workshop – Happy Mail: Quilted Fabric Postcards – February 9, 2024 – ZOOM Workshop

Quilted fabric postcards are a fun and fantastic way to use scraps, try new techniques, experiment with color and thread...and bring smiles to family and friends around the globe. In this class, we will cover my process for making quilted fabric postcards and discuss different material options and finishing

techniques. I will also share tips and tricks I have learned while making over 200 postcards (so far). All students can expect to finish 1-2 postcards.

Class Fee: \$25 Members, \$30 Non-Members

Register here: [Quilters Guild of East Texas - HAPPY MAIL: Quilted Fabric Postcards - Sarah Ruiz \(qgetx.org\)](https://www.qgetx.org)



Highlights for 2024 Programs and Workshops.

March

Quilt Show

Bus Trip to Dallas Quilt Show in lieu of workshop

April Jackie Brown - Quilting on a Domestic Machine

September

Krista Moser

To sign up for class you may register online or call Rose Wilson 903-530-6947; for questions, call Mitzy Pearson 469-387-6931.

Please let me know if you have a specific speaker request. I will do my best to add them to our schedule.

Mitzy Pearson, 2nd Vice-President Programs

Quilt Show News

Hi everyone! I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. I can't believe that it is the end of the year! The Quilt Show is moving along. The raffle tickets have been dispersed to members, the postcards announcing the dates, times and location are here and have starting to be distributed to local quilt shops, and the ribbons are on order. Most of the chairman positions have been filled. A huge thank you to those members who are willing to do what needs to be done! We still need to fill a few key positions though. The open chairman positions are:

Community Service area – examples of Cuddle Quilts, QOV, etc.

Demos and Lectures

Publicity – signage and contacting the local news media

Quilt frame set up and take down

Pin Sales and New member info – this is a sitting job in the admissions area

There have also been a couple of questions regarding the Small Quilt Challenge that I would like to address. You can embellish your quilt as long as the embellishment reflects the theme of the quilt. You DON'T have to use

solids as long as the Batiks or printed design “reads” one of the colors on your paint chip. Clear as mud??

Sherry Gary
Quilt Show Chair

Raffle Proceeds to go to Local Charities

In November your Board of Directors voted to reinstate a previous guild practice to donate monies to local charities. Proceeds from the Quilt Raffle at the March 2024 Quilt Show will now be donated to local charitable organizations that will be nominated by our members. So we need YOU to think of worthwhile 501c3 charities in the Tyler area, preferably those who specialize in helping children and/or women in crisis and tell us about them.

We will be taking your nominations in December and January, and any QGET member can nominate a charity for our guild to donate to. We will most likely donate to two or three organizations, and your Board of Directors will vote to choose which ones based on your recommendations.

To nominate a charity for this program just click the link ([here](#)) to download the Nomination Form. Fill it out, along with any pertinent background information, and either hand it in at the December or January guild meeting or scan it and email it to [Lisa Martin](#) (<-email link) before January 30th. (A collection box for these forms will be at the Cuddle Quilt table at the guild meetings.)

I look forward to hearing about all the amazing charities that you guild members nominate. At the February guild meeting I plan to announce the recipients that have been chosen.

Lisa Martin
President

Country Store: Jamie Bratcher is collecting items for the Country Store.

Silent Auction:

QGET Quilt Show 2024

SILENT AUCTION



DON'T FORGET TO BEGIN MAKING YOUR 2024 SILENT AUCTION!

Pat Graham, Rhonda Reuter and Lanie Schrink are chairing the 2024 Silent Auction.

We are ready to accept your items.

We are suggesting projects with a Fair Market Value of no less than \$40.00.

Surprise us with your creativity. Baskets full of goodies, and bags/totes are always a hot item as well as seasonal items. Think of something you would like and that will be a perfect donation.

You may bring your items to the Guild meetings and give to Pat Graham or Lanie Schrink, or drop them off with Rhonda at Crafts and Quilting.

Hive Update

The Hive is a group that meets 30 minutes after our regular Thursday meeting. The goal of the Hive is to teach a short demo and to help our newest members become acquainted with each other and to become a part of the guild. New members are the main goal of the Hive but any member that is interested in the demo topic is welcome to attend and meet new members. Meeting is usually in the same room as our regular monthly meeting.

December – No Hive / Christmas party

January - Bring your laptop or tablet and learn how to Zoom for the Workshop.

Cindy Newland
1st Vice President

Community Projects Update

Here's a recap of our generous members' work for the last year:

Cuddle Quilts - 131 quilts donated, 540 volunteer hours

Pillowcases - 103 donated

Dog Beds - 38 donated

Quilts of Valor - 78 quilts awarded for the year - Sept. 2022 - Oct 2023; 9 were awarded November 10th & 7 more will be given on Dec. 16th, which is a grand total of 100 QOV since the program began.

Thank you to everyone who helped make all this possible. Keep it up and don't forget to log your hours.

Our next Community Service Sew Day will be December 19th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at First Baptist Church on Ferguson. Hope to see you there!

Hobbs Batting labels - please save the UPC labels from your Hobbs batting. We can get a discount on big rolls of batting for our QOV and Cuddle quilts projects

T-shirts - We are taking orders! We need a total of 120 shirts to place the big order.

Thank you!

Cyndi McNeill
Community Projects

Quilts of Valor



Quilts of Valor

Nov. 3, 2023 QOV & QGET received an award for our work with the veterans. It was presented at the Empowerment Banquet and was an American flag that flew over our Capital along with a certificate.



On Dec. 16th QGET Quilts for Valor will award 11 quilts which will make 104 we have awarded since Sept. 2022 in 26 ceremonies.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED FABRIC, MADE TOPS, WHOLE QUILTS, LONGARMED AND BOUND. AND TO OUR GUILD WHO HAS BOUGHT US BACKING AND BATTING. ALSO OUR QOV GROUP WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED/AWARDED IN MANY EVENTS THIS PAST YEAR.

Nov. 10, 2023 – Parade at Watkins-Logan Veterans Home. Rob & Lanie Schrink put together a trailer/float for us to participate in their parade. We displayed the 7quilts we awarded that day including to Clifford our 99 yr. old WWII Veteran.



Had a Great Sew Day November 13th.

We took a break and watched a video about QOV in the early days.



We are going to meet every other month beginning in February. Next Sew Day February 12, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. at Graham's.

Event Update

White Elephant Sale - Jan 11, 2024

We will have our White Elephant Sale before and after our January 11th Guild meeting. It will start at 8:30 am till the Guild meeting and continue after the Guild meeting till 1 pm. This is a perfect time to clean out your sewing room.

If you are interested, please contact Jo Nortier to request a table at nortierjosefina@gmail.com

DALLAS QUILT SHOW

March 15, 2024

We are going to the Dallas Quilt Show. A 48-passenger bus has been scheduled and we will need at least 40 people to pay for the bus.

Cost is \$60 per member, which includes your ticket to the show.

Reservations will begin at the December 14th Guild meeting or Online ([Here](#)).

We will have a waiting list for any friends who are not Guild members. If the bus is not full by the February 8th Guild meeting, we will be contacting people on the Waiting List. Their cost will be \$65.

Bee Update

You can see all our Open Bees ([here](#)) on the website.

Hi, I'm Ellen Baranowski, I am the new Bee Keeper. There seems to be a need for some new Bee's.

I will be starting a Sashiko Bee that will meet the 4th Wednesday of every month at Crafts and Quilting from 10-1:30 inside the shop. It will start in January of 2024.

I have heard that there is interest in a Hand Quilting Bee so let me know and I will set up a group when we have 3 members interested.

E-mail me at Ellen.baranowski@gmail.com with your ideas and needs. Joining a Bee it's the way to meet new friends and learn new techniques.

Ellen Baranowski
Bee Keeper



Retreats

Greenbriar Retreat - Jan 21-25, 2024

[Sign up for the January retreat!](#) The cost is \$318 with a \$50 deposit due at December guild meeting. Contact Rose Wilson to be put on the list.

You can register with Rose Wilson and see more information [here](#).

Rose can be contacted by Email hrwil4950@gmail.com or phone 903-530-6947 for information.

BOM (Block of the Month) Quilt Block Drawing

Each month we will offer a 12 ½" block pattern to our members, and you can download the patterns from our website. The block will be due at the next month's guild meeting, and you will turn them in to Connie Miller at the BOM table. For each block that you turn in you will get one chance to win the drawing. Typically one or two participants will win ALL the blocks each month.

Just click the link ([here](#)) to learn more about this fun activity and to download the patterns. Please contact Connie Miller with any questions.

The blocks due at the December guild meeting is pictured here:



The block due at the January guild meeting is pictured here:



Connie Miller
Block of the Month

Mystery Quilt to begin January 1st!!!

We hope you will all choose to participate in our newest activity, A Mystery Quilt! You will not know in advance what the finished quilt will look like, but you will be given guidance on fabric choices and yardage. At the beginning of each month new "Clue" will be posted on our website, with instructions for that month. Won't it be fun to find out from the very last clue how your creation is actually going to go together?

Our Mystery Quilt will start January 1st, 2024 and run through July, 2024, and there is no need to sign up! The clues will be posted on our website, with links to them in our newsletter each month. Since your last clue will come in July, we plan to have a big reveal of everyone's finished quilt tops at the September guild meeting. We hope many of you won't be able to resist this mysterious quilting experience! [Betty Lynch](#) (<-email link) will be in charge of this great new activity, so please direct any questions to her.

QGET HONORS THEIR MEMBERS WHO ARE VETERANS!

Thank you Vaternas!

The QGET honored member veterans last month. Those honored were Penny Hannan, Sharon Reiland, Yvonne McCauley, Yvonne Munn and Janet Hancock. They each received a special wooden pin box except Janet Hancock received a special quilt made by our dear deceased sister Karen Davault and Susan Kellam. Janet served 27 years in the Army. Missing Guild veterans were Kathy Vintges, who had cataract surgery that morning, and Robin Kinley.





QGET honors Yvonne & George Munn

For their generosity!

Yvonne & George Munn are some of the most generous people around.

They donated the two banners hanging on the stage and the patriotic tent the QOV group used in September at the Bullard military event. They also spent their time putting up the tent and banners and helping all day. Yvonne is also our Guild photographer.

The Guild presented Yvonne with a spray of roses and Lisa Martin made her a special military embroidered wall hanging.

Thank You Yvonne & George Munn – We Love you!



Lisa Martin also honored Lucinda Cox for her tireless work on our newsletter and website. She was presented with a special trophy.

THANK YOU LUCINDA – WE ALL APPRECIATE AND LOVE YOU!



December Birthdays

1 - Billie Kay Miller, Sharon Moses

20 - Deborah Monroe

6 - Mary Ann Learned

26 - Kathy Burns

10 - Robyn Capps, Susan Kerr

29 - Charlotte Ward, Linda Mabry,
Penny Hannan, Rhonda Reuter

14 - Brenda Jeschke

30 - Marsha Moler

16 - Joyce Herrington

?? - Lanie Schrink

17 - Andrea Cooper, Lisa Martin

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Note: You need to be logged in to see this page.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Dallas Quilt Show

March 15-17

Dallas Market Hall

2200 N Stemmons Hwy

Dallas, TX

10-5 Friday - Sat; 11-4 Sunday

Tickets \$15.00

Gun Barrel Quilt Show

April 26-27

Dallas Market Hall

2205 West Main

Gun Barrel City, TX

9-5 Friday and 9-4- Saturday

Tickets TBD

**Refreshments, Show & Tell
Program Quilt Holders & Folders, Door Greeters**

January	H, I, K
February	O, P, Q, R
March	N, T, U, V
April	C
May	L, G
June	S
July	B
August	A, D, J
September	E, F
October	W, X, Y, Z
November	M
December	Luncheon

Location for Quilters' Guild of East Texas
1st Christian Church of Tyler
Corner of South Broadway and Loop 323 for
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