

WELCOME NEW MEMBER, TO THE
QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON

We are so very happy that you have joined us. We want to get to know you and we want you to get to know us. That is the purpose of this packet. It will give you an overall picture of what we are about. We hope you will find encouragement in your art of quilting no matter what your skill level is. We want to learn from you and we want you to learn from us. We range from beginning quilters to those with many years experience. Thus, we have the unique opportunity to learn and advance more than we would on our own. We provide opportunities to learn from national and local experts, workshops, retreats, stitch groups and have community outreach projects where you can get involved.

So, again, WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Donation Quilt 2012

Donation Quilt 2013

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STITCH GROUPS

The Stitch Groups associated with Quilters' Guild of Arlington are an excellent way for new members to become acquainted with other quilters and find the support and aid they may be looking for in pursuing their own quilting.

Friendship Stitchers

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church in Arlington.
Contact: Helga Smith – 972-660-4417 – helgareid@sbcglobal.net

Etcetera Art Quilt Group

Meets @ Lone Star House of Quilts the 1st Thursday of each month from 7p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Contact: Denny Cornett – 817-299-0525 – denisec@mhmrtc.org

The Piecemakers – (full at this time)

Meets at Bob Duncan Community Center on the 2nd & 4th Thursday. 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.
Contact: Linda McPherson – 972-988-1390 – TIKAPEA@sbcglobal.net

Sew-N-Sews

Meets @ Quilt Among Friends on the 1st Monday of each month at 10:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Contact : Randa Dillon – 817-530-0514 - rldquilt@yahoo.com or
Carolyn Bowden – 817-860- 4424 – ckbowden@sbcglobal.net

Welcome to QGOA Programs & Workshops

The purpose of our guild is to preserve and encourage the art of quilting, provide instruction for our Guild members and education for the public, and to promote the interaction of people with this common interest.

Programs:

Programs are offered at every meeting so you can learn about new techniques, tools, or products. Nationally known, state and local speakers are scheduled during the year.

At every meeting we hold a “Show and Tell”. We encourage you to share your quilting experience and show the Guild your finished project, a quilt top, quilt craft item or a great quilt find.

Usually twice a year, June and December, we have a Potluck Dinner. Members are asked to bring food to share, the Board Members provide desserts.

Meeting Hospitality Hostesses are designated in the newsletter, if your last name starts with the letter listed in the Newsletter you are asked to please bring a dessert or something to share at that meeting.

Program Hostesses volunteer to assist the Vice President with our speakers. You might help with loading, setting up, helping during the lecture or workshop and packing up. Occasionally members volunteer to house a speaker for a night or two. If you are interested in either of those two opportunities please contact the Vice President. The guild has several other volunteer opportunities.

Workshops:

Scheduled Workshops for 2012 are:

· April 11 – Eileen Urbanek will teach Judy Niemeyer’s “Desert Sky”

<http://www.quiltworx.com/?cmd=teaching>

· September 12 – Laura Wasilowski presents “Tiny Homes”

<http://www.artfabrik.com/laurabio.html>

· November 14 – Jodi Barrows presents “Prairie Claw”

http://www.quiltersguildacadienne.com/Jodi_Barrows.pdf

Not only beginning but experienced quilters can benefit from taking one or all our workshops. Think of it as building your quilting knowledge, having fun while learning, and making new friends all while supporting our guilds purpose

Our workshops are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. usually on the Wednesday after our meeting. They are held in the Annex Building of the Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ in Arlington. Workshops are open to

Guild members for \$40 and Non-members \$45. This helps defray the cost of the room and speaker fees. All workshops are posted in the newsletter along with a supply list. Each person who attends a workshop is asked to fill out a registration form and pay for the class to ensure a space. You can sign-up at a meeting or mail your check to our PO Box; first you must notify the Vice President to check on availability.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Please use this form to register for all upcoming workshops. You may photo copy this form.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Workshop Desired: _____

You must notify or sign-up at the meetings with the Vice President.

Cost is \$40.00/members \$45/non-members - Form of Payment (circle one) Check or Cash

Payment must be received to hold your space in the workshop. Enrollment is on a first come first serve basis. Please send your registration form with full payment to: QGOA (Quilters' Guild of Arlington), P.O. Box 13232, Arlington, TX 76094-0232. **Please make all checks payable to QGOA.** Supply lists and workshops will be listed in the newsletter at the www.GQOA.org.

Workshops are held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ Family Pavilion in Arlington, located at I20 & Little Road NW of the Southwest Plaza Shopping Center off Church Street. You can sign-up for the workshops at the Program side of the sign-in table.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our guild has several opportunities where our members can give back to our community.

Volunteer Hours

According to the Standing Rules of QGOA, Volunteer Hours coordinator shall collect and record volunteer hours from members at monthly Guild meetings, conduct a drawing and present a prize to the winner.

Tracking of volunteer hours is a means to tally hours spent in community service by our members and to celebrate a job well done. It is used to apply for grants and to help justify our IRS status.

Anything that promotes quilting counts. The guild is involved in making: Wounded Warrior quilts, Project Linus quilts for children at risk, Ronald McDonald quilts, and miniature quilts for the Susan G. Komen auction. Members who teach friends and neighbors to quilt without monetary compensation count those hours, as well as time spent making a quilt that is donated to a charity for its' raffle.

Take a moment at the sign-in table each meeting to write down your volunteer hours on the special sheet provided. A name will be drawn at random from the list to receive a small gift of appreciation. If you forget one month, just sign in the next and add the hours. Remember, every hour counts!

Judy Liston, Volunteer Hours

Project Linus <http://www.projectlinus.org/>

Project Linus is a National Organization that provides blankets of comfort, security or warmth to seriously ill, traumatized or other children in need from infancy to 18 years. Our local chapter, by year end, will deliver 30,000 blankets, and nationally Project Linus has delivered over 3 million. **If you have quilts, fabric, batting or any quilt making supplies please bring them to our guild meeting for donation and I will collect them.** The preferred size for finished quilts is 40"X44". Quilts may be quilted or tie-tacked, every four inches with cotton crochet thread.

Locally we make "blanket" deliveries to Cook Children's, John Peter Smith, Harris Hospital, CASA (children advocacy), Catholic charities, the Warm Place, Children's Haven (battered shelter), Snowball Express(children of wounded soldiers), children of deceased firemen, police, EMT's, and military. We also deliver if we receive a call from disaster areas or other unfortunate situations.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at South Cliff Baptist Church 4100 W. Loop 820 Ft. Worth, TX, from 9 to 3ish. We piece, assemble, quilt, knit and crochet on these days. Please join us any time you are available or drop by to deliver blankets, fabric, batting, etc or just to see what we are all about. We do our best to make good use of all donations. So bring your machine, needle, and a sack lunch and join us for a day of work and laughter.

You may check us out at www.tarrantparkercountyprojectlinus.com/ for local information or nationally <http://www.projectlinus.org/help.html> or by email at plinusftw@sbcglobal.net.

Wounded Warrior Quilts

Since 2003 our guild has been making quilts for our service men and women who have been wounded while serving our country during war time. We currently are sending the quilts to Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio. We normally take the quilts to Brooke 3-4 times per year. The dates we take the quilts can vary so watch the newsletter for notices of upcoming dates and listen for announcements at the guild meeting

There are many ways to help with this project. Many of our members make a quilt start to finish. Or, you can make blocks, or pick up already made blocks from the Block Party table and put them together into a quilt. Our preference is for the finished quilts to measure about 50" X 50", but any size will be accepted. Knowing that many of the wounded soldiers are in wheel chairs we try to make our quilts a size that won't drag on the ground if spread across a lap. If you feel that you can only do one part of the process, such as quilting/tying or binding, see Jolene Mershon and she will make sure a quilt that needs those loving touches are sent your way.

Safe Haven

The mission of Safe Haven is to reduce domestic violence through services that support victims and their families and prevent abuse through intervention and education. Safe Haven gives Emergency Shelter, Transitional Living, Counseling, Legal Services, Batterers' Intervention and Prevention Programs, Victim Assistance, Bilingual Services, Education Services, and Shelter Support.

The Quilt Guild of Arlington, helps Safe Haven by making various monthly donations.

These include:

January	Diapers/Baby wipes	July	Feminine hygiene products
February	Children's socks	August	School supplies
March	Children's underwear	September	Soap and towels
April	Shampoo, brush, comb, etc.	October	Prepackaged snacks
May	Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss	November	Children's toys
June	Women's underwear	December	Mittens, scarves, or hats

We also have a money jar, in which donations are appreciated.

The Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative (AAQI) Raising Awareness & Funding Research Through Art

Make finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease a priority. QGOA would like to challenge you to create a mini art quilt in any theme with a maximum size of just 9" X 12" (so that it fits a USPS Priority Mailer without folding.)

This project was founded by Ami Simms, a nationally known quilter and quilt teacher from Flint, Michigan. She is the founder and executive director of the AAQI, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit operated entirely by volunteers. She was a speaker at our guild in 2010 and talked to us about this initiative she started after her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Over \$500,000 has been raised for this cause by Ami and her volunteers.

There are an estimated 5.3 million Americans with Alzheimer's disease. We believe we can help Ami and AAQI make a difference, one quilt at a time. For more information visit www.AlzQuilts.org website or contact Susan FitzGeraldTXSUZEO@sbcglobal.net.

Donation Quilt

Each year our guild produces a quilt that we use as a fund raiser. Each member is asked to sell tickets for a drawing that we have in December. There are also opportunities to sit with the quilt at various locations where there is deemed a good opportunity to sell several tickets. Contact the current Donation Quilt Coordinator for opportunities. Half of the money that is raised during the year goes to a community charity or cause that the members select. The other half of the money goes into the guild treasury to help pay for our expenses.

Yearly Quilt Show

Our guild has a quilt show each year. This is an avenue for our members to show their beautiful work and it is one of the primary ways that our guild raises money for expenses such as national speakers. The show is usually on the Friday and Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. There are many opportunities to volunteer with this event, either as part of the quilt show committee or helping with the show itself, such as set-up or selling admission tickets.

Watch the newsletter and listen at meetings for these opportunities. If you're interested in volunteering for the 2012 show, contact Judy O'Polka, show committee chairperson, 972-723-1664, judy.opolka@aircanopy.net or Jennifer Rike, volunteers, 817-473-3231, jenniferrike@misdmail.org. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

A very special part of our quilt show each year is the Susan G. Komen silent auction. Many of our members make miniature quilts for this auction. It is part of our quilt show and entry forms for this are with the quilt show packet. Two categories help with this effort:

Miniature Quilt - To be donated for the Susan G. Komen silent auction. No block may be larger than 4" square, either machine or hand quilted. Must have at least 9 blocks, unless it is a whole cloth or medallion style quilt. Quilt not to exceed 24" on any one side.

Nancy's Pink Challenge Miniature Quilt - To be donated for the Susan G. Komen silent auction. Quilt not to exceed 24" on any one side. 75% of the quilt must be PINK. No block may be larger than 3" square. Must have at least 9 blocks, either machine or hand quilted.

Another special category that supports our community is the:

Ronald McDonald House Quilt - To be donated to the Ronald McDonald House; not to exceed twin size, must be washable and have no buttons or similar items. More information about these volunteer categories can be found in the annual quilt show packet.

Other Guild Activities

Monthly Block Party

This is a monthly challenge and there is a new block pattern each month, which is printed in the newsletter and the website as well as available at the meeting. Members may make as many blocks as they choose. We would like for each member attending the meeting to turn in at least one block. These blocks are collected at the meeting, look for the “**Block Party**” table at the back of the room. Members get one ticket for each block turned in. The tickets are placed in a box for a drawing. The member whose name is drawn gets all the Block Party blocks turned in at that meeting. If there are 24 blocks turned in, 2 names will be drawn. This is a fun way to get a chance on winning all the blocks for a quilt.

Retreats

Our guild normally has a day retreat twice a year and also an overnight retreat. These are great fun and a good chance to meet other members and share quilting expertise and ideas. The dates are announced at our meetings and also a notice will be in the newsletter.

STAYING CONNECTED AT QUILTERS' GUILD OF ARLINGTON www.QGOA.ORG

The Quilters' Guild of Arlington has several ways to communicate and stay informed about events. The guild website provides information, as well as links to join the guild's social media sites.

The QGOA website www.qgoa.org provides information regarding upcoming meetings, current newsletters, monthly block party patterns, the quilt show, retreats, and other items of interest to guild members. Our website is updated frequently, so always check there first for information. Valuable sections on the website include:

Membership – contains information regarding dues and membership privileges, as well as a printable membership form which may be filled out and mailed to QGOA.

Calendar – dates and times for future meetings, events, and stitch group meetings

Newsletter – the current newsletters are posted in their entirety so you can see news from the last meeting, future programs, retreats, area quilt shows, and more.

Library – a complete list of the books available for check out at the meetings in the guild library.

Forms – forms can be printed, filled out and mailed for future workshops, retreats, and quilt show entries, etc.

Archives – photos of past Show and Tell quilts from the meetings for inspiration.

There are many other useful sections on the website for seasoned and new members, so check them out.

The QGOA website also enables you to join the QGOA Yahoo Group and QGOA Facebook.

To join QGOA Yahoo Group. (1) enter your email address in the box next to the “Yahoo Groups” logo on the QGOA website. If you have a compatible email address, such as yahoo.com or att, or several others, after clicking the “join now” box, yahoo will email you to certify that you own your email address and there will be a space in the email to “join the group”. (2) There will be a comment space in the next step where you need to type that you are a member of the guild and a wacky group of letters to type at the bottom. This protects the group from spammers. There is also a Message Delivery preference box. We recommend leaving “Individual Email” check marked. This will ensure that you receive any postings of events and schedule changes, etc, immediately into your inbox. There are not that many emails generated by the group so it shouldn’t “fill your mailbox” or anything. After submitting your request, you will be advised that you must wait to be approved by the moderator. (3) The QGOA moderator for the group will approve you and send you an email that you are accepted.

If you do not have a yahoo or other compatible email address with yahoo groups, it will prompt you to open a yahoo account. As you go through this process, look the questions over carefully and uncheck boxes allowing advertising. Be sure to “opt out” of all marketing options. After you have created a yahoo account, you will see a box in your approval email to “join the group” or enter your new yahoo email on the www.qgoa.org website to join the yahoo group. Follow steps 1, 2 and 3 above to become a member of the QGOA yahoo group.

You will begin to receive emails from qgoa@yahoogroups.com. If you don’t receive any after a week or so, check your spam folder to see if you need to make them “not spam” in your email program. After receiving an email from the group, you can go to the QGOA yahoo group’s website to look at pictures, etc, by scrolling down to the bottom of the email and click on “visit your group”. You may have to “sign in” to yahoo at the top of the page with your yahoo user and password.

To join the QGOA Facebook group. (1) click on the Facebook logo on the QGOA website. If you have a Facebook account, Facebook will open to the QGOA Facebook page where (2) you can join the group by clicking “join this group” on the upper right corner of the page. This sends a request to the moderator requesting your approval. She/he will approve you if you are a member of the guild. It is a private, closely monitored Facebook page so you are safe and private when you post there after your membership is approved.

Helpful quilting websites

Below are a few quilting websites that some of our members have recommended. You might check them out as you have time. **Just as in any internet activity, it always pays to be careful about the sites you visit.** There are hundreds, if not thousands of quilting websites. Some are commercial sites but many of them are free sites with advice on everything from batting to needles.

www.quiltstudy.org – website of the International Quilt Study Center & Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Over 2000 quilts in their database. The database can be searched by date, pattern, quiltmaker, or many other criteria.

www.americanquiltstudygroup.org – website of the American Quilt Study Group-information about quilt history.

www.quiltville.com – Bonnie Hunter’s website which is a great source of information on taming your scraps.

www.quilterscache.com - Marcia Hahn's site, hundreds of free patterns: patchwork, appliqué and paper-pieced. Indexed by pattern name and block size.

<http://quilting.about.com/> -an index with links to all kinds of quilting sites. (there's an app for that :->)

<http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/hugs-n-kisses/id471813377?mt=8> -includes stitch videos and Aussie fun. Great for in the car or entertaining the little ones. It is currently free.

www.freequiltpatterns.info -many free patterns

www.fatcatpatterns.com -Sindy Rodenmeyer's site- great free appliqué patterns and BOM's.

<http://blockcentral.com/index.shtml> -more blocks:

<http://www.quiltbus.com/Free-Quilt-Blocks.htm> - free patterns, tips, and mystery quilts

<http://www.patchpieces.com/sharingpatch.html> -Great You Tube tutorials about use of rulers, making blocks, & quilts

<http://www.missingfabrics.com> -If you're looking for discontinued fabric that you just must have to finish a quilt, this is a website where you can place an ad.to see if you can find it.

www.pinterest.com. -It is not a quilting website. It is bulletin boards where you can pin pictures you have seen on the web; and you can look at other people's boards. It is a great resource to use to pin quilts that you want to make, color ideas.

.Most of the national quilting teachers have their own websites and offer free tutorials and/or free patterns.