



# LOOSE THREADS

Newsletter of the Quilter's Guild of Parker County

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## Dates to Remember

- April 18 -Guild Meeting—Comfort Quilt Sew-In
- May 16—Guild Meeting—Kim Oleson, “Modern Batiks of Java and Bali”
- May 17—Workshop “Raw-Edge Reverse Applique”
- June 20—Guild Meeting—Pat Speth (Zoom lecture) “Fabulous Nickle Border Ideas”
- June 21 Workshop—Lynn Main “Add to 6” quilt project—FREE!
- July 18—Cyndi McChesney—Panel Palooza
- August 15—Schoolhouse!
- September 20--21—  
QUILT SHOW!!!!
- October 17—Kelly Young “Make Your Scraps Work”

## *Lynn from Lynn*

Each year your QGPC board members create a budget for the year's activities. This year we have the quilt show along with our regularly scheduled programs and workshops. We give donations at Christmas time to organizations that support residents of Parker County. Some years we have invested in projection equipment. We pay dues to the Chamber of Commerce. Funds are used to support our websites, newsletters for those who do not receive them electronically, publicity flyers and rent to our meeting site.

Programs and workshops take the most funds. Dues from members will pay for programs but not for workshops. Our profits from the quilt show and the quilt auction pay for the rest. We haven't raised our dues in several years unlike other local guilds. We've been good stewards of your support.

But expenses continue to rise. We're scheduling more local speakers because they just cost less. Bringing in someone from out of town is expensive. There are travel costs, food and hotel accommodations. They often ship materials to us that we pay to ship back. I know many of you do not love Zoom, but it is a way to get a speaker from outside the area at a reasonable cost. Since many of these speakers have been Zooming for a while now, their quality of presentation has certainly improved. So we scheduled some of these this year. Just one way to keep expenses within budget.

But workshops are another problem. We scheduled 5 workshops this year with our in-house speakers. We need to close workshop registrations the month before the workshop. This allows us to cancel the workshop if there are not enough sign-ups. But we hope we don't have to do this. With almost 150 members, we hope our workshops offer something for everyone. So consider one of the workshops still on the calendar for this year. Reverse applique, scrappy improv quilting and using a walking foot. Offering workshops is one of the goals of this guild. We need your attendance to make it happen.

**Lynn Main**



## QGPC General Meeting

March 21, 2024

Past President Nancy Gengler called the meeting to order at 6:45PM.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's report and minutes were approved.

Upcoming dates –

Habitat for Humanity dedication – date is not determined but will be in April.

The Sew-in will be April 18th at Lakeshore Baptist Church. We begin at 3PM with a light dinner provided followed by a short business meeting at 6:45PM.

Free workshop on June 21 – “Can you add to six?” Lynn will offer this workshop.

Nancy read a thank you note from a citizen who received one of our comfort quilts. The recipient is legally blind but can see some bright colors and wrote her note using a magnifier. Thanks to Joann Russell for delivering comfort quilts.

Sunshine & Shadows: Sheryl Levy

Robin Bowling's husband passed away on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

Janet Hoefler, founding member, passed away on February 9th. She was 88.

Jerry Dale's granddaughter graduated from HS and got a full ride scholarship to college.

Dee Bradford: Nu-Bee news

Seven people met last month. There are a few more spots left for anyone interested. They meet again April 12<sup>th</sup> at Dee's home.

Anita: Retreat

October 24-27 at Rock House. The price is \$315.

Show & Tell: Judy McDonald stepped in for Joanne Goodman.

13 members shared quilts and other items for show and tell.

Membership: Kathleen Poznick

We have several new members. 36 members and 7 visitors were present

Door prize winners: Tricia Fowlkes – greeter, Jean Starkey, & Judy Klein

Programs: Sheryl Levy for Brenda

May program lecture on Batiks of Java & Bali – May 16 & 17.

May Workshop will be Raw edge reverse applique. Paint your own design and then stitch appliqué by hand. Kit required.

August Schoolhouse: email Brenda for ideas or if you can teach a technique.

Linda Neal update: Our January speaker was awarded several ribbons at the Dallas Quilt show for her appliqué quilt.

This evening's program is “What is a Modern Quilt? The Myths and the Magic” is presented by Carole Lyles Shaw of Sarasota, FL. She is a designer and publisher of modern quilt patterns.

Meeting was adjourned after the program.

Respectfully submitted for Karen Pickford,

Pam Luke

## Membership News—Kathleen Poznick

We have 126 members!

### April Birthdays

Peggy Bull—April 5

Sharon Handy—April 5

Yvonne Wolfsen—April 5

Bob Williams—April 11

Sherry Brummett April 12

Beth Collins—April 13

Karen Pickford—April 20

Caren Jennings—April 22

## Sunshine & Shadows



- Frances Randall's baby brother, Red Abell, passed away unexpectedly on March 21, 2024

- Becky Klein's mother, Sandy McKee (also a member), died Saturday, April 6, 2024. No arrangements have been made at the time of this newsletter.

- Jeremy Main had eye surgery April 4th.





**Bluebonnet Bee**—Blue Bonnet Bee meets **every Thursday** at **10:00 AM** at the Weatherford Senior Center, 1225 Holland

Lake Drive, Weatherford. Open to all members and non-members. Come bring a handwork project and have a friendly chat!

**Needlework Bee**— **April 9, 1-3 pm**  
Weatherford Public Library. Open to the public, with no dues. Any handwork can be done! For more information contact Pam Luke @ pgluke@gmail.com



The **Nu Bee** is started back in March. It meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 119 Lakeshore Drive, Aledo . The Bee focuses on new quilters and new members, but all are welcome. Meetings are from 10:am to 2:00 pm. Brink a sack lunch and something to work on. For more information contact Dee Bradford at 817-919-5284



## President's challenge

Every year, the president of our quilter's guild comes up with an idea for an all guild challenge. Recently we have had a color challenge, steampunk challenge and a heart challenge. So now it's up to me to come up with this year's challenge. Over two-thirds of my life has been spent in some kind of educational setting. From East Prairie Elementary, Shepard Junior High and Deerfield High school, through snow, sleet and rain, it was off to school each morning. (And I never had a snow day.) Then college, graduate school, teaching in classrooms, central office supervisor and ending up as a principal. Many of you have had similar experiences. So for my challenge I have chosen school colors. Pick a school. It can be one you attended, your children or grandchildren attend or just one you particularly like. Most schools choose two colors, but you can add white and black to the mix if you want. Your choice of design does not have to include the name of your school, just the colors. Many of these quilts have ended up in our silent auction at the quilt show, so a red and white Valentine's Day wall quilt could represent the University of Oklahoma. Weatherford High School colors are blue and white. Pick your favorites and make something



# COMING ATTRACTIONS!

**April 18 Comfort Quilt Sew-In. 3-8 pm** In April, we traditionally hold a comfort quilt sew-in instead of a regular meeting with a speaker. Arriving at around three o'clock at our regular meeting site, we unpack our machines, plug them in and start sewing. And boy do we sew. Around 6 we start packing up, have a light sandwich dinner and end the day with a short business meeting. Then head home to where you will sleep like a baby.



What do you need to do to get ready? Bring a machine with a neutral color thread. Don't forget the foot pedal or the power cord. An extension cord is nice too. Regular sewing stuff, scissors, seam ripper. We will have both cutting and ironing stations set up. There will be some very easy sewing kits available but feel free to bring one with you if you've already put one together. Don't feel you have to finish a top in one afternoon. You are perfectly welcome to take the top home with you and return it later in the year. There will also be a good size roll of polyester batting to take a chunk of if you can do your own machine quilting.

Don't want to sew? Come anyway. We can always use pressers and trimmers. We can use sideline cheerleaders. You can help in the kitchen. Just come for the company, an opportunity to meet new members or a chance to have conversations with other quilters. It'll be fun. See you there.



**May 16—Modern Batiks of Java & Bali—Kim Oleson** Kim learned the art of traditional Hawaiian appliqué from masters in Hawaii. She developed reverse appliqué techniques over years of experimentation. The lecture and trunk show features batik-making process in Java.

**May 17 -The workshop “Raw Edge Reverse Appliqué “** requires the purchase of a kit for \$30 (in addition to the workshop fee of \$30) that will include supplies, equipment, pattern and materials to make a 2.5 in square block that can be used in a quilt, bag or other project. The kit fee is payable to Kim on the day of the workshop by cash or credit card. Please bring a paint shirt or apron and your favorite thimble. Students will work with fabric paints, air brushing, and hand stitching to add unique elements and interest to your block. **Please sign up by April 14** by contacting Brenda Landureth 940-329-3845 (text or call)

**June 20—Pat Speth (ZOOM lecture) Easy-to-piece Nickel Borders.**

She will focus on borders that are made from 5 in squares. She will show many quilts that have pieced borders and share her method of "auditioning" borders for a quilt.



**July 18—Cyndi McChesney—“Panel Palooza”**

In this informative and entertaining trunk show I'll show you how to take that panel you fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. You'll experience my good, bad and AH HA moments as I learned how to work with the different styles of panels and how adding interesting block treatments and borders and filling those pesky open spaces with patchwork or appliqué results in a truly special quilt.



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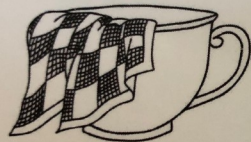
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April 18, 2024

Sew-in 3-8; Business meeting 6::45pm

Lakeshore Baptist Church

200 S. Lakeshore Dr.

Hudson Oaks, TX 76087

The Quilters Guild of Parker County is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 6:45 PM at the Lakeshore Baptist Church, 200 S. Lakeshore Drive in Hudson Oaks, TX.

The public is invited to attend two meetings gratis prior to being asked to join. Membership is open to anyone interested in quilts or quilting. The Executive Board meeting is the first Thursday of the month at 6PM. Members are welcome to attend via Zoom.

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