



# LOOSE THREADS

Newsletter of the Quilter's Guild of Parker County

Weatherford, Texas

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## Dates to Remember

- Feb 15—Guild Meeting—  
Ledine Watson—Trunk  
Show
- Feb 16 Workshop—  
Perfect Piecing
- March 21 —Guild Meeting  
— Carole Lyles Shaw  
(Zoom) - "What is a  
Modern Quilt? The  
Myths and the Magic!"
- March 21, 22, 23—Day  
Retreat
- 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 Ap-  
plique"
- June 20—Guild Meet-  
ing—Pat Speth (Zoom  
lecture) "Fabulous Nick-  
le Border Ideas"
- June 21 Workshop—  
Lynn Main "Add to 6"  
quilt project—FREE!

## *Lines from Lynn*

Why do you join a quilt guild? There are probably as many answers as there are members in a guild. Some join for the opportunity to make new friendships with people with similar interests. Some love the meetings where they get to see what other quilters are making during show and tell. Some love the give away table looking for new ideas with fabrics, magazines and notions to search through. And others find our speakers interesting and inspiring as they bring new ideas to our guild and display their work.

I think a big reason for me are the learning opportunities. I love going to a workshop even when I know the topic is something I don't really enjoy doing. I really don't like applique but last month's workshop let me look at some amazing work up close and gain a greater appreciation of what goes into making one of these masterpieces. This month's workshop is more my cup of tea focusing on piecing. Maybe not quite up to the level of perfection of some of our members, but I CAN sew pieces of fabric together. And then there is what a friend of mine calls the \$35 moment. That minute when the instructor shows something that makes the rest of the workshop worth the expense. Something as simple as a better way to hand sew, use a ruler, or cutting with accuracy. Something that you will take home with you and apply to your work. So this year consider taking a workshop either with us, on-line or any location of your choice. YouTube has lots of free ones. We have three more scheduled as well as the annual Schoolhouse meeting in August. We're planning on a free workshop event in June on making an improv quilt using simple math. I spent about 50 years of my life going in and out of school classrooms. Love to learn? You bet!

**Lynn Main**



## QGPC General Meeting

January 18, 2024

President Lynn Main called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Lynn introduced herself and the other officers and showed the agenda for the evening.

### Announcements:

- The board met and approved the minutes and treasurer's reports.
- Habitat for Humanity - need a tractor quilt by April for a little boy.
- The annual Sew In for Comfort Quilts is April 18th.
- The Quilt Show is scheduled for September 20-21. The theme will be "Don't Worry, Be Scrappy."

### Comfort Quilts:

Quilts were delivered to CASA, Grace House and Nursing Homes.

### Sunshine & Shadows:

- Congratulations to John and Nancy Gengler on a new great-grandbaby.
- Sheryl Levy's grandson got his robotics club to modify toys for handicapped children and was featured on a Dallas news channel.
- Eula Phillips (97) passed away in December.
- Mary Williams' mother passed away due to Covid recently.
- A special tribute was given for Eula. Three of her granddaughters are quilters and will be the recipients of her stash.

### Bees:

- Anita Ruthenberg announced that the Bluebonnet Bee meets at the Senior Center every Thursday morning at 10 am. She invited members to come join them and suggested handwork, as there is not much space for machines.
- Anita also mentioned that the Nu Bee was a Bee formerly run by Joyce Coney, but that she is no longer able to host it. It was already shut down due to Covid. It is intended to be a Bee for new members and/or new quilters.
- Dee Bradford announced that she would like to host the NuBee at her home in Annetta (Aledo). If interested, there is a sign up at the membership table.

### Retreat:

- Rock House has been reserved for October 24. The cost will be \$315.

### Show & Tell:

- There were a large number of projects, large and small, shared with the Guild.
- The Raffle Quilt was shown, completed, for the first time.
- Photos will be displayed on the Facebook Members Only Page.

### Membership:

- We need a new membership chair!
- The current membership count is 160, including 14 new tonight.
- Renewals are due by March 1st.
- Door prizes went to Dee Bradford (membership,) Becky Klein (nametag,) and Becky Olson (visitor)

### Programs 2024:

- For February, Ledine Watson will give a lecture and truck show. Her workshop is "Perfect Piecing."
- In March, Carole Lyles Shaw will speak via Zoom on "What is a Modern Quilt?" There is no workshop, but we are working on a possible sewing opportunity.
- Our April meeting is the annual Comfort Quilts Sew In.
- Brenda Landureth introduced Linda Neal, our speaker for January.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

## Membership News—

Kathleen Poznick

We have 155 members!

Membership Renewals

have begun! \$25 a year is a great deal for all wonderful programs and workshop we have!

Forms are available on our website or at the Membership desk. Even if you are exempt because of age, please fill out a new form so we can make sure our information is up-to-date.





**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**— **Feb 13, 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 starting back in March. Tentatively meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 119 Lakeshore Drive, Aledo beginning March 8th. The Bee focuses on new quilters and new members, but all are welcome. Meetings are from 10:am to 2:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch and something to work on. There will be a sign up sheet at the February meeting. For more information contact Dee Bradford at 817-919-5284

### FUN FACTS FOR QUILTERS

- “Quilt” is derived from the Latin word *culcita*, which means “stuffed sack.”
- The earliest depiction of quilting was discovered in [Egypt](#); it was an ivory figurine of a pharaoh wearing quilted clothing, ca. 3400 BC.
- Quilted clothing was popular in Europe, especially under chain-mail armor for soldiers. It kept the metal from rusting and kept the knights comfy under all their heavy gear.
- European settlers brought quilting to the Americas, and the earliest-known quilt made in America is from 1704.
- During the expansion into the Western United States, quilts were used as window coverings, doors, and walls for temporary housing as well as currency for pioneers.



“Quilting bees” originated in the midwest United States during the 1800s, where a lack of neighbors and a need for socializing drew [women](#) together to finish quilts and make new friends.

- Even though the sewing machine was invented in 1790, hand-quilting was still more popular for the next 100 years.
- Quilting became popular again in the 1960s, when the counterculture movement encouraged people to get back to their early, industrial roots.
- The average quilter is 63 years old.
- Beginner quilters spend an average of 6.9 hours a week on their craft. Advanced quilters spend around 17.6 hours.

# Looking Forward!

## FEBRUARY: Ledine Watson–In-Person Program & Workshop

**February 15th Program:** “Lecture and Trunk Show by Ledine Watson”

**February 16th Workshop:** “Perfect Piecing”

Time: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Location: Lakeshore Baptist Church, 200 S. Lakeshore Dr., Hudson Oaks

Learn how to precision-piece. In February an email will be sent regarding preparations for the workshop. Attendees will need to prepare and cut fabric prior to the workshop. **Heads up!!** Workshop attendees will need to grab 1 ¼ yard for a modern two-tone 48” X 48” throw **or** 11 fat quarters for a scrappy fat quarter version. For the background fabric you will need 1 3/8 yards and another half yard for binding.



## MARCH: Carole Lyles Shaw–Zoom Program No Workshop

**March 21st Program:** “What Is a Modern Quilt? The Myths and The Magic!”

This lecture and trunk show introduces quilters of all backgrounds to the modern quilt movement. Intimidated by modern quilts or just confused or curious about this emerging trend in quilting? Carole dispels some of the myths and misunderstandings so you can understand and appreciate this new style of creative quilt expression! There will be lots of time for questions and answers.

**March 21, 22, 23:** NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SOCIALIZE AND SEW/QUILT OR DO HANDWORK TOGETHER! In place of a workshop for March, the guild will be offering a new opportunity to retreat for a day or two. March 21, 22 or 23, at the Cactus Rose Hideaway in Morgan Mill, Texas. Fun food will be provided each day. Support this new activity, and if it is successful we may offer this twice a year. So, invite your “quilty” friends and enjoy a retreating together in March! Call Brenda at (940-329-3845 for more information or sign-up at the February meeting. There is a daily fee of \$50 to cover the cost of the place and food. An overnight stay would be available for an additional feed. There are 6 slots available each day. For more information or to sign up, contact Brenda Landureth at 940-329-3845



**April 18 Comfort Quilt Sew-In.3-8 pm** This is a day marked for giving back. For new members, once a year we get together and sew on comfort quilts. Lynn will provide kits with material and pattern or bring your own. Simple designs and big blocks are the easiest. Bring a sewing machine and necessary supplies. If you prefer, there is always a need for people to press (Irons and boards provided, people to sit and sew on bindings, or just generally be a gofer. If you can only come for a couple of hours, that is fine, don't feel like you have to stay the whole time. Sandwiches will be provided for supper. Please try and come. There is a great energy with so many sewing to bless others!

# Comfort Quilts—February

By Lynn Main

It was a quiet month for Comfort Quilts. Lots of deliveries had been made in December. It was so darn cold who wanted to go anywhere. And some January cleaning and reorganizing needed to be done. But at the January meeting I was asked if I have a favorite quilt pattern. What a coincidence. I had just finished two different ones. One in pastels, one in brights. Both toddler size. Both pineapple quilts.

Before moving here I attended a workshop at a local quilt shop done by a local quilter, Gyleen Fitzgerald, who was demonstrating her new ruler for making pineapple quilts. She was finishing up a book and I guess we were a group of willing workers for her to practice teaching the technique. Everything about making quilts this way I loved. I have probably made over 20 by now. It starts off with a 2-1/2 square and then lots of 1-1/2 inch strips. You trim each round as you go. I don't really care if everything lines up perfectly since mine are always so scrappy, who would even know.

I've made modifications to the block. I've used bigger centers, gone out to 12 inches, stayed a little more controlled with color choices. But my favorite is still just filling a bag with strips and just pulling out the next one and sewing it on. Twenty blocks gives me a good size toddler quilt.

There are lots of other ideas for quilts like this on the internet. Crumb quilts, log cabins, improvisational piecing. Our October workshop is on scrappy piecing. All of this I like. But if you had to pin me down and make me pick only one quilt to make forever, give me my ruler and a bag of strips. Pineapples it is for me.



# Quilter's Guild of Parker County 2024 Membership Form

## MY INFORMATION

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If you do not have an email address or cannot get to the website, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_.

### Committee Participation:

I would like to help on a committee: \_\_\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_\_\_no

Our email is [ggpc2000@gmail.com](mailto:ggpc2000@gmail.com) if you would like to send us an email with your interests.

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Bring check to the Guild meeting or mail to:

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P. O. Box 2022  
Weatherford, Texas 76086

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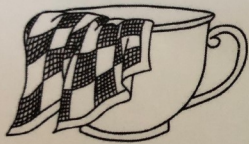
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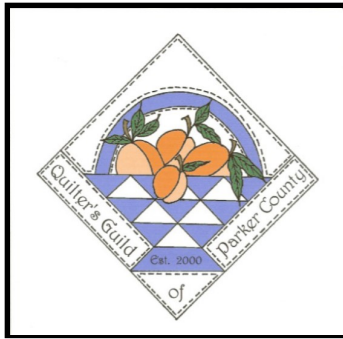


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Feb 15, 2024

Begins at 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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