



# THE QUILTING TIMES



### March Newsletter

Hope everyone survived our Artic winter blast! Thank you all for those that came to the February meeting (I thought the turnout would be low because of the weather but you all are troopers!). It was fun to see the quilts Jill Isakson brought to share with us. Maybe she'll rejoin the Guild now that she's retired!

I'm sad I'm going to miss the March meeting and Patience Griffin as our speaker. I've enjoyed her Kits and Quilts series (another book coming in May) and her Sweet Home, Alaska series but I'll leave you all in Beth's good hands.

Enjoy the warmer weather and keep going through your stash for May! Notions and rulers and other tools can be saved for the Mini Madness sale in October.

Happy Quilting - Gisele

**Next Meeting  
March 18, 2025**

**Doors Open 12:00  
Meeting 1:00-3:00**

**First Christian Church  
1800 W. Hunt St.  
McKinney, Tx**

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## March 18 Program

### Trunk Show with Quilt Fiction Author Patience Griffin...sharing quilts in real life and in fiction.



Patience will be sharing quilts in real life and in fiction. The talk covers my journey with quilting and writing, the importance of community, and I will answer any questions your group would like to ask. I will have a giveaway. I'll also have quilting novels, patterns, and fabric from my own fabric lines for sale.

She is a local McKinney resident but grew up in a small close knit community along the Mississippi river. She has an Electrical Engineering degree and a masters in Nuclear Engineering.

She is a self proclaimed nerdy girl to the core, but loves to quilt and read books that make her laugh. "To Scotland with Love", her first book, and also the first in the " Kilts and Quilt" series, is published by Penguin Random House. That book was nominated for RITA , which is like being nominated for an Emmy. It won several Readers' Choice awards and received a Publishers Weekly starred review. Her latest fabric collection is with Riley Blake batiks and will be released in May 2025. [www.PatienceGriffin.com](http://www.PatienceGriffin.com)

Patience lives in McKinney, with her family and Bischon, spending her days writing about her fictional quilting communities and dreaming up the next quilt she wants to work on.

## MCKINNEY QUILTERS GUILD FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Prior to the meeting Jeannie Neckar demonstrated how to make a Four-Patch Stacked Posies quilt. Thank you, Jeannie, for teaching us a new skill.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Gisele Oakes. She welcomed all members and guests.

There were no changes or additions needed for the January minutes or Treasurer's report. They will be filed for audit.

**Roxy Gross** – Farmersville Quilt Guild shared their raffle quilt. Roxy welcomed and thanked them. We had 57 people in attendance – six were visitors and two joined the guild. California quilt updates – we received quilts and tops and have someone to quilt them. Plano gave 26 quilts. Roxy will drive them to California.

**Betsy Whiteman** – Sunshine and Shadows:

**Kathy Chambliss** has had back surgery (day surgery) and is home from the hospital. The doctor thought the surgery went extremely well.

**Suzan Crocker** fell off a step and broke bones in her neck (C1 and C2) on Saturday. She is in a neck brace, no surgery, (too dangerous) but they will be working on building her bones back up to stabilize her neck. She will be staying at her son's house to recuperate.

John Baltzer has passed away this week. Please include **Mary Ann Baltzer** and her family in your prayers. Funeral to be held March 2, Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm.

**Elaine Henry** – Project Linus – Next on agenda are blankets for Camp Dragonfly for children who have experienced loss. These blankets remind them that when you love someone, things you see will remind you of your loved one.

**Carolyn Kerr** – Ryan's Case for Smiles – 23 pillowcases turned in last month; Bonnie brought 60 today. A de-stasher in McKinney contributed fabrics – enough for 12 pillowcases.

**Sharon Wilhelm** – Operation Quilted Comfort – got in two quilts today. Sharon calculated that at the January shower, 300 yards of fabric were contributed. Now she has plenty of quilt kits to be made to go to Bonham. Last year we made 101 quilts, more than ever before. Thanks for all the gifts. When asked what size quilts they would like, Sharon told us that wheelchair size quilts and quilts around 45" by 60" were needed (they take 60" by 60" or all sizes but twin size quilts are too large). Directory – Each committee must have co-chair; they need to be determined before next meeting for yearbook.

**Jeannie Neckar** - Education- Next month Bonnie is going to demonstrate paper piecing before the meeting; Roxy will show us how to make rope rugs later on.

**Jean Ann Clarke** - May De-Stash Sale – scraps fit in a baggie. Before May, the De-Stash workers will bag up them up for you; after that, you're on your own.

**Cynde Quinn** – Mini Quilt Auction to be held in October in time for Christmas shopping. It's never too early to start making your mini quilts and other home-made items for the sale table.

**Beth Smietana** – Introduced Jill Isakson, February's Program. Jill was a member of the night-time McKinney Quilters Guild. Then she went back to work but has now retired and will be returning to our Guild. Jill got started quilting after falling in love with antique quilts and began to make quilts using older fabrics and reproduction fabrics and mostly designs them herself. Generally, she doesn't use a pattern.

### Show and Tell

**Door Prizes**- please write thank you notes.

**Roxy** – needs greeters.

Next Meeting: March 18th – speaker Patience Griffin

Lorraine Brown, Secretary

Treasurer Report will be handed out at the meeting.

Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer.

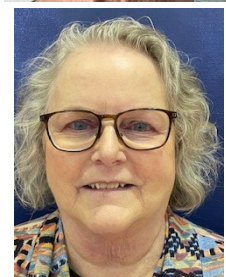
**April 15th Program—Bed Turnings**  
**Jeannie Necker, Margaret Neyman & Bonnie Landon**

The April 15th meeting will be one of the McKinney Quilt Guild's most popular meeting subjects. It is called Bed Turning and members will be bringing their quilts for us to ogle and ah at during their 15 to 20 minute presentations. We will divide up into groups and let the quilters show us their quilts and explain a little bit about each one. After time is called we will go to another area and see the quilts of another quilter. Presenters will be ...



**Jeannie Necker**

I started my quilting journey in 1991 after having back surgery. My first quilt was hand quilted. Over the years I've taken a long quilting journey. I love hand applique and flowers. Do not like reproduction fabrics... too dull. Making new friends is my favorite part of quilting



**Margaret Neyman** I took my very first quilting class in Lubbock Texas in 1978. My husband and I moved to Dallas in 1979. I became member number 34 of the newly formed Dallas Quilt Guild. I held several offices including President and was on the committee for the first Dallas Quilt Show. I was divorced in 1986 and disappeared from the quilting world for many years. I got back into quilting after my children were grown and I was remarried. Since 2008, I've been enjoying making wonderful quilting friends and lots of quilts.



**Bonnie Landon** will be rounding out our 3 presenters. Bonnie is also a Collin County Master Gardener. She will have mini's to show and a lot are nature oriented. A few of her quilts were presented at the Monarch Quilt juried show in the gardens of the Heard-Craig House in downtown McKinney during the 2021 "Arts in Bloom" which featured Monarch's in Flight.

Vice President, Beth Smietana

**Sunshine and Shadows**

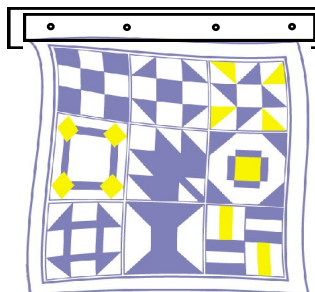
Our hearts go out to Mary Ann Baltzer at the passing of her husband, John. Let's keep her in our prayers as she adjusts to life on her own.

Keep Suzan Crocker in your prayers as she continues to heal after breaking her neck.

Betsy Whiteman



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*Loren & Sharon Wilhelm*

## Quilting Demonstration

Join us at our March 18th meeting, 12:30pm, where Bonnie Landon will demo how to use paper piecing for complete accuracy.

We have so many talented members in our guild. Please consider sharing a skill in future months, volunteers are still needed.

Jeannie Neckar, Education Officer

### February Door Prizes We Appreciate Your Generosity!



Thanks to the Quilt Shops for their generous gifts to our guild. Thank you Missouri Star and our Guild Members for their donations!

Best Little Retreat Center in TX - Dallas, Tx  
Box Car Quilts - Aubrey, Tx  
Downtown Dry Goods - McKinney, Tx  
Linda's Electric Quilters - McKinney, Tx  
Pinkey's Too - Farmersville, Tx  
Quilt Country - Lewisville, Tx  
Quilt Mercantile - Celeste, Tx  
The Old Craft Store - Carrollton, Tx  
Urban Spools Sewing Lounge - Dallas, Tx

Deb Merrill

Please remember to send a Thank You to our donors. If you do not have any thank notes, please see me. We have some!



February was a great month for Ryan's Pillowcases! We had 73 completed pillowcases turned in!

Just received a request for 150 to be delivered for ages 1-7. These are for an anesthesiology unit and the Coordinator expressed how excited the children are to pick out 'their' pillowcases!! Thank you McKinney Quilters Guild for your ongoing support!

Carolyn Kerr, Chair, Mary Shannon, Co Chair

## McKinney Quilters Guild Mini Quilt Auction

*And Other Items For Sale Tuesday, October 21 (note date change) 1:00 - 3:00*

It's not too early to start making a mini or two for the Mini Quilt Auction. If each one of us made just one, we would have 120 to hand in to our new Chairperson. AND if you made more than one we could SHOCK her. Here are the instructions...

1. Do your best quality of work as this auction is a fund raiser for the operation of the guild, pays for speakers and programs for the year.
2. Quilted by hand or machine –not tied
3. Best selling themes are holidays; ie. Christmas & Halloween. OR scrappy, seasonal, vintage etc.
4. Size for mini 24" per side. Anything larger should be a buy now price.
5. Invite your friends and family. A hand out invitation will be provided at the sign in table.

Cynde Quinn—Chairperson

**Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 1st Thursday. Please submit or contact your newsletter editor.**

On behalf of **Family Promise of Collin County**, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your generous donation in memory of **John Baltzer**. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean so much, and your gift will directly support families in our community as they work toward stability and independence. Honoring John's memory in this way is a beautiful tribute, and we are deeply grateful for your support in helping us provide hope and assistance to those in need. Thank you again for your generosity and compassion. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how your gift is making a difference, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm Regards, LaVeeta C. Hamilton, Executive Directory  
Family Promise of Collin County  
Cell: 972-776-4260 Office: 972-442-6966



Thanks to Bonnie Longacre and Gisele Oakes for the dragonfly quilts donated at the February meeting.

We meet every Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 to make quilts, fleece blankets, knitted and crocheted blankets for children newborn to age 17. You are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. Bring your lunch.

In addition, Project Linus meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00-2:00 at 1985 S. FM-1138, Royse City while the West McKinney Project Linus group meets every 2nd Tuesday (March 11 & April 8) at 1:00 – 3:00pm in the Heard-Craig Carriage House, 205 W Hunt St, McKinney.

Donations are welcome, financial, fleece, acrylic yarn, cotton quilting fabric, batting, completed quilts or tops, your valuable time and expertise. Talk to Elaine Henry for more information or contact Regina Forthman, via our Facebook page, Project Linus Collin Cooke Grayson Rockwall Counties Texas.

Elaine Henry and Mary Marrone

### Membership Report

Despite bad weather, we had a good turnout for February meeting. We had 57 people in attendance – six were visitors and two joined the guild. Current membership: 95

Members who need to renew: 38 The two new members are:

Debra Malone-Reeve (who is also President of the Allen Guild) and Marsha Minchew.

**Come join us! Learn new techniques! Make new friends!**



### Spring Retreat Information

**Red Boot, April 30 – May 4, 2025**  
**19 HCR 1309, Hillsboro, TX 76645**

28 members have signed up for the retreat, which at this time is sold out. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list in case someone has to drop out, please contact Lisa Terry at 469-733-6394 or Carol Surrells at 214-697-5318.

For the members signed up for the retreat, payment in full is due by March 15.

**Quilt Donations for California  
Wildfire Victims**

Thank you, thank you! I am overwhelmed and so appreciative for the quilt donations received to donate to the Southern California Quilt Association for their work in providing quilts for the verified victims of the wildfires. The need is great and continues to increase. Quilts are still needed for November's Mountain Fire victims and many more due to 6,011 homes lost in the Eaton fire. I have received 59 quilts from members of the McKinney, Plano & Allen guilds, with another 34 on their way to me. I will continue collecting quilts until the beginning of May to then drive them to CA for distribution.

My heartfelt thank you for all the support.  
Roxy Gross

**2025 Officers**

Committee Chairperson will be published after each officer gets her committees filled.

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**2025 Committees and Chairpersons**

- Block of the Month**-Bonnie Landon
- Christmas Luncheon**- Cynthia Kullberg-Chair,
- Education** -Jeannie Neckar
- Facilities** -Guild Members
- Friendship Blocks** - Mary Ann Baltzer
- Kitchen Clean-up**- Shirley Lane/Margaret Neyman
- Meals on Wheels -Thanksgiving Boxes & Santa Bags** -Pauline Garrett-Chair
- Membership** -Roxy Gross, Chair -Co Chairs are rotating.
- Name Tags** -Roxy Gross, Chair
- Newsletter, Publicity** -Sharon Wilhelm, Chair, Bonnie Landon—Co Chair
- Operation Quilted Comfort/Veterans**- Sharon Wilhelm, Chair, Malinda K, Co Chair
- Photographer** -Donna Mikesch & Betsy Whiteman
- Programs, & Facilities** Beth Smietana - Chairperson - **Workshops**-
- Project Linus** -Elaine Henry-Chair, Mary Marrone- Co-Chair
- Retreat/Spring** -Red Boot Retreat- Hillsboro, Tx Carol Surrells & Lisa Terry
- Retreat/Fall** -Stitchin' Heaven, Quitman, Tx -Cynthia Weisz -Chairperson -Paula Washler -Co-Chair.
- Retreat/ Day** -Pauline Garrett
- Ryan's CaseforSmiles** -Carolyn Kerr, Chair and Mary Shannon-Co Chair
- Sunshine and Shadows** -Betsy Whiteman
- Ways and Means** -Officers
- Oct-Mini Quilt Auction**- Cynde Quinn
- Mini Special Quilt-Open**
- De-Stash Sale**—Jean Ann Clarke, Chair  
Melissa Hoffman-Co-Chair, Deb Merrill, Mary Marrone and Jeannie Neckar.

## De-Stash Your Stash Sale -May 20 Meeting

Roll larger pieces and tie with curling ribbon. Smaller pieces in Ziploc bags.  
Use name tag stickers or paper attached to cloth to identify - price color sticker in dollar increments, yardage, or inches. (Please make sure your donation is usable-large enough to add to a quilt- many fat quarters or larger etc.)

Color code can be by sticker or crayon/marker on paper attached to fabric. If using tape, please do not use one that will leave a sticky residue such as packing tape.



Green \$1.00 Blue \$2.00 Yellow \$3.00 Pink \$4.00 Red \$5.00 White for more than \$5.00  
write in your price.

**Pick up your items if they do not sell and you want to keep them.** If left, they will be donated to charities.

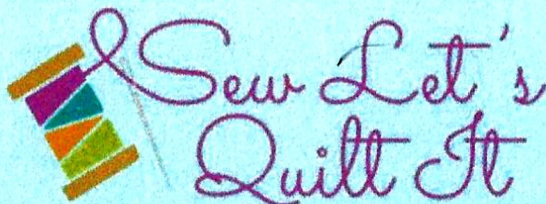
No magazines but books ok. Patterns for quilts ok but **not** for clothes.

You can sell buttons, seam binding, thread, rickrack etc. Put in a baggie and mark as above.

**You may bring your stash to the meetings in February, March, and April or you can bring to Jean Ann's house 402 High Meadow in McKinney just give me a call at 214-718-0320 or Deb Merrill 2809 Elizabeth Ct, Lucas Tx 75002 call 214-226-3440 before May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

The proceeds from the sale will go directly to the guild-not individuals.

**Declutter your Quilt Closets!!! Jean Ann Clarke, Chairperson Melissa Hoffman Co Chair**



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## McKinney Quilters Guild 2025 BOM

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#### Month 2 – New Album

#### Fabric Needed:

Blue (A): cut sixteen 2-7/8" x 2-7/8" squares

Blue (D): cut four 5-5/8" x 5-5/8" squares

Red (B): cut sixteen 2-7/8" x 7-3/4" rectangles

Background (C): cut eight 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" squares

Draw a diagonal line on the back of each background square. Cut in half on the line. You should have sixteen triangles.

Using your favorite method, make the center "square-in-square" of the block using four background triangles and one blue 5-5/8" x 5-5/8" square. Trim to 7-3/4" square.

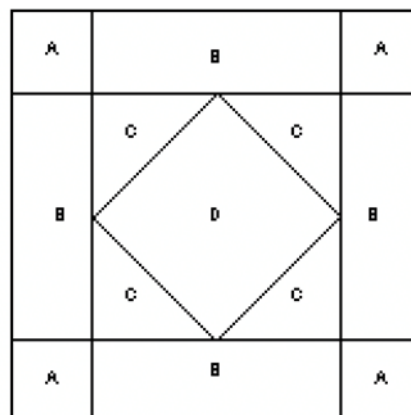
Attach a red rectangle to each side of the square-in-square block.

Attach a blue square to the 2-7/8" side of a red rectangle. Add another blue square to the opposite side. Repeat, making two strips. Attach these strips to the top and bottom of the square-in-square block.

Repeat and make 3 more for a total of four blocks.

Blocks should measure  
12-1/2" x 12-1/2".

McKinney Quilters Guild  
2025 BOM





## What To Bring

3rd Tuesday, March 18 12:00-3:00

- Remember to bring back the quilts you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts and Ryan's CaseforSmiles Pillowcases.
- Wear your nametags so we can get a name and face together especially all our new members. (New Members get your picture made.)
- Don't forget when you sign in with Roxy to post your volunteer hours each month. As a 501(c)3 organization, our goal this year is 14,750 hours. You can count any volunteer hours you do for other organizations also.
- Greeter: Suzanne Powell

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 Tuesday 10am - 5pm  
 Thursday 10am - 5pm  
 Friday 10am - 5pm  
 Saturday 10am - 2pm  
 Wednesday & Sunday Closed

## March Birthdays

3 Evelyn Peacock  
 6 Martha Jones  
 6 Sherry Moyer  
 7 Joyce Wilson  
 11 Susan Marshall  
 15 Pat Miller  
 19 Pam Walsh  
 23 Stella Turner  
 31 Gwen Alford  
 31 Barbara Darrigan

Please Bring a Snack.

## April Birthdays

2 Barbara Carothers  
 8 Sara Lindsay  
 10 Julie Cadzhead  
 21 Barb Washler  
 28 Elaine Henry

Please Bring a Snack.  
 Anyone can help.

*Thank you Thank you Thank you*

*Shirley Lane & Margaret Neyman-Snack Helpers  
 Cynthia Fisher—Door Monitor*

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