



January Newsletter

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Sometimes it just doesn't seem long enough!

Please be patient with me as I start this new position (if you aren't wearing a name badge, I will have a hard time remembering new name and faces). I am the world's worst at remembering names.

There are lots of fun programs and events planned for this year. There are so many opportunities to get involved with the Guild – either one-time commitments or recurring activities. Come prepared in January to find your place to volunteer and get involved.

In honor of our Patriotic shower, please think about wearing red, white or blue! See you on January 21, 2025! Gisele

January 21, 2025 Program Patriotic Shower for Operation Quilted Comfort

“Great things in the McKinney Quilters Guild are never done by one person.
They are done by a team of people.”

This is a shower to help get the New Year started to refurbish our patriotic, red, white, and blue fabrics and batting. Monetary gifts are welcome for Color Catchers and labels should you not have any fabric stash.

All are welcome to a Kit Cutting on Tuesday, January 28 at Sharon Wilhelm's house, 1809 Midcrest Dr, Plano Tx 75075 from 10:00am—2:00am. RSVP 972-743-3575. Bring a snack or lunch.

If you have any Patriotic Quilts, please bring them to the January meeting for Show and Tell.
Sharon Wilhelm and Malinda Krzyzanowski, Co-Chairpersons



2024 Quilts



2024 Pillowcases & Laundry Bags

**Next Meeting
January 21, 2025**

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

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

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MCKINNEY QUILTER'S GUILD MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2024

Suzan Crocker - Meeting called to order at 1:00, Welcome all members and any guests.

There were no changes or corrections needed for the November meeting minutes or the Treasurer's report, both will be filed for audit.

Roxy Gross – There are 52 members present (no noted visitors). As of the meeting this month, the Guild recorded 13948 Community Service hours. Please let Roxy know if you have any unrecorded hours to try to reach 15,000 hours!

Betsy Whiteman – Sunshine and Shadows: Kathy Chambliss is dealing with a fractured disc in her lower back and awaiting treatment plans.

Margaret Neyman will be having surgery on her one good eye, prayers for success.

Malinda K.'s husband Greg will be undergoing a heart procedure.

Sara Lindsay's husband is undergoing local chemo and PT for his arm.

Betsy Whiteman's grandson has graduated from UNT and has a job offer.

Candy Koharchik –UFO - Joann Sams was the final winner. Other participants were Gisele Oakes, Mary Marrone, Sandy Griego, Deb Merrill, and Donna Mikesch. Candy will not be chairing the UFO challenge next year if anyone else is interested in taking over.

Gisele Oakes – we raised almost \$1600 with the donated charity raffle quilt; another big thank you to Sandy Griego for the beautiful quilt. Janie Squire was the winner of the quilt. The money will be divided between the Community Garden Kitchen, Samaritan Inn and the North Texas Food Bank. There are no plans for a charity quilt for 2025 unless someone wants to step up to chair, plan and organize the process and be responsible for completion and tickets sales.

The 2025 Board Members were again introduced:

Gisele Oakes, President

Beth Smietana, VP Programs

Julie Cadenhead, Treasurer

Lorraine Brown, Secretary

Jeannie Neckar, Education

Roxy Gross, Membership

Sharon Wilhelm, Information officer

A big thank you to the Holiday Luncheon committee: Cynthia Kullberg, Mary Marrone and Diane Taylor for the beautiful organization and execution of all the plans for a delightful luncheon.

Show and Tell and Door Prizes

NEXT MEETING: PATRIOTIC SHOWER TO RE-
PLENISH VETERAN QUILT SUPPLIES January 21,
2025

Minutes submitted by Gisele Oakes

TREASURER'S REPORT December 2024

Beginning Balance	\$18,507.53
Deposits	\$ 131.00
Distributions	\$ - 850.00
Ending Balance	\$17,788.73

\$525.63 will be donated to each of the following charities:

Community Garden Kitchen

North Texas Food Bank

Samaritan Inn

This is the money collected from the sale of our 2024 Raffle Quilt.

Report submitted by Carol Surrells, Treasurer

Sunshine and Shadows
 Prayers needed. Sara L's husband needs prayers after sinus surgery. Candy K and husband both have Covid.



**February 18th Program
 Trunk Show— Jill Isakson**



Jill has been making quilts for 30+ years. She will be presenting a trunk show of her colorful pieced quilts and sharing her thoughts on color and design.



2024 was a banner year for Ryan's Casforsmiles! Total pillowcases turned in by McKinney Quilters were 559! This bypasses last year's 472 that were completed. This past year we found a summer camp for kids living with cancer and were able to donate 140 pillowcases. New outlets for pillowcases are being explored so let's keep up the good work!

Carolyn Kerr

**December Door Prizes
 We Appreciate Your
 Generosity!**



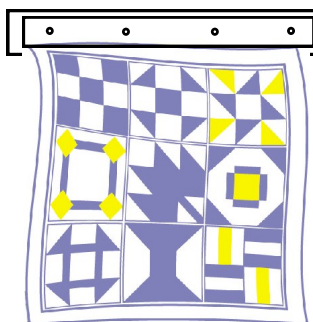
Thanks to the Quilt Shops for their generous gifts to our guild. Thank you Missouri Star and our Guild Members for their donations! And especially to Deb and Malinda for the gathering!

- Box Car Quilts—Aubrey, Tx
- Downtown Dry Goods—McKinney, Tx
- Fabric Fanatics—Plano, Tx
- Linda's Electric Quilters—McKinney
- Prairie Quilt, Hennessey, Ok
- Quilt Country—Lewisville, Tx
- Quilt Mercantile—Celeste, Tx
- Missouri Star—Hamilton, Mo
- Urban Spools—Dallas, Tx

Deb Merrill & Malinda Krzyzanowski

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

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By Quilt Ideas

Loren & Sharon Wilhelm

**McKinney Quilters Guild Mini Quilt Auction
 And Other Items For Sale Tuesday, May 20th 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.

Chairperson Needed for this committee. Contact Julie Cadenhead 214-641-7613 to volunteer.

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



Remember to renew your membership!



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Gisele Oakes

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Cadenhead

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Lorraine
Brown



Membership
Roxy Gross

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Sharon
Wilhelm

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Jeannie Neckar

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- **Open**

Door Prizes-Deb Merrill

Education -Jeannie Neckar

Facilities -Guild Members

Friendship Blocks - Mary Ann Baltzer

Meals on Wheels -**Open**

Thanksgiving Boxes-

Santa Bags -

Membership -Roxy Gross

Name Tags -Roxy Gross

Newsletter, Publicity -Sharon Wilhelm

Operation Quilted Comfort/Veterans-
Sharon Wilhelm & Malinda K

Photographer -Donna Mikesch & Betsy Whiteman

Programs, & Facilities Beth Smietana -
Chairperson - **Workshops**- MJ Fielek

Project Linus -Elaine Henry

Retreat/Spring -Red Boot Retreat- Hillsboro, Tx Carol Surrells & Lisa Terry

Retreat/Fall -Stitchin' Heaven, Quitman, Tx
-Cynthia Weisz -Chairperson -Paula Washler

Retreat/ Day -**Open**

Ryan's CaseforSmiles -Carolyn Kerr,
Chairperson

Sunshine and Shadows -Betsy Whiteman

Ways and Means -Officers

May Mini Madness Auction- **Open**

May Mini Special Quilt-**Open**

Scrap Sale-Jean Ann Clarke, Chair
Deb Merrill, Melissa Hoffman and Jeannie Neckar

Website-Bonnie Landon

Yearbooks/Directory -Sharon Wilhelm

For Sale
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Project ♥ Linus

Happy New Year Quilters!

Project Linus, Collin, Cooke, Grayson & Rockwall Counties, Texas blanket delivery total since 2004 is 108,580. We delivered 8,019 blankets in 2024; 1,284 of those in the month of December.

We meet every Wednesday from 9:00-2:00 to make blankets. All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. Bring your lunch. In addition, Project Linus meets every 3rd Saturday from 9:00-2:00 at 1985 FM-1138, Royse City while the West McKinney Project Linus group meets every 2nd Tuesday (January 14 & February 11) at 1:00pm in the Heard-Craig Carriage House, 205 W Hunt St, McKinney.

Donations are welcome, financial, fleece, yarn, fabric, batting, 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

Join or Renew Your Membership

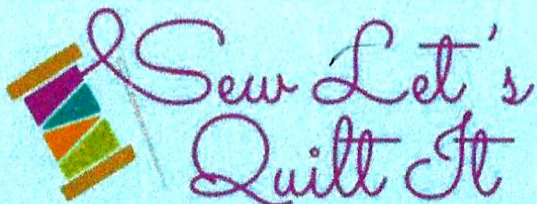


It's time to renew your McKinney Quilters Guild Membership! Bring it to the January meeting!

Scrap Fabric Sale October 2025

Thinking of cleaning out your sewing room? Doing a little organizing and realizing that you need to get rid of some of your fabric? Set your calendars for October 15th! We will have our annual scrap fabric sale at our regular meeting. Your donated fabric can be sold to be one of our money makers for the guild that helps to pay for the speakers. (And you and your quilting friends can buy material at a dollar a yard.) What you need to get rid of could be just what someone else needs. More information is to come in the February newsletter!

Jean Ann Clarke - Chairperson



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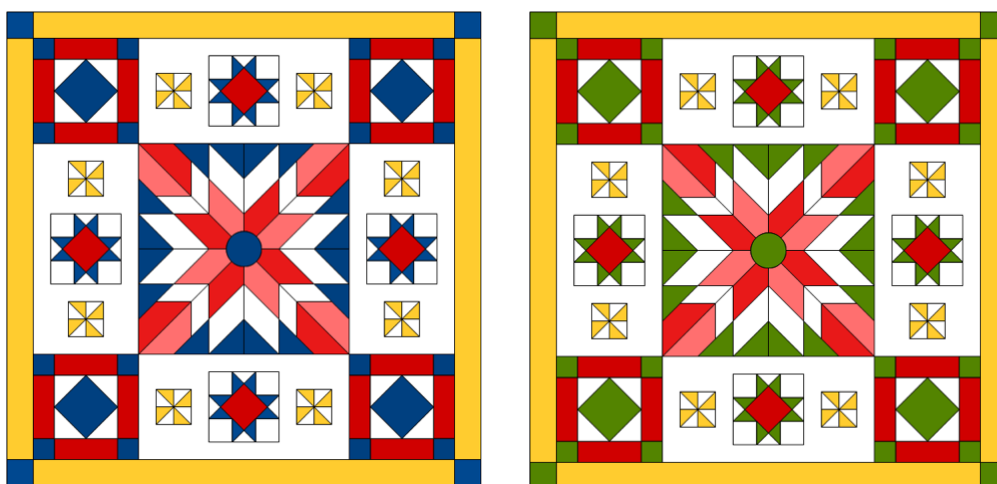
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McKinney Quilters Guild 2025 Block-of-the-Month

Happy New Year! The Block of the Month for 2025 has been designed in two color ways— a patriotic red, white and blue palette and a Christmas palette. You are free to choose your own color palette if you prefer. A coloring page will be posted on our website at <https://www.mckinneyquiltersguild.net> under the Block of the Month tab under “Guild Activities.”



As we've done in years past, you can make a quilt top in the patriotic color way to donate to Operation Quilted Comfort, and make another in the Christmas color way to keep for yourself or give to someone as a Christmas gift.

The finished quilt will measure 54" x 54". The total fabric needed is listed below. **In February we will release the instructions for the first block. Details to follow . . .**

Fabric Requirements:

Background 1-3/8 yards
 Blue (or green) 5/8 yard
 Yellow 7/8 yard
 Dark Red 5/8 yard
 Light red 1/4 yard
 Backing 3 yards
 Binding 1/2 yard

Happy Quilting!
 Bonnie



*McKinney Quilters Guild 2024 Raffle Quilt
 "The Queen & Her Court II"
 By Wing and a Prayer design 96" x 108"*

*The sales of the tickets and
 this money will be distributed to 3
 community service organizations in
 McKinney:
 Community Garden Kitchen
 North Texas Food Bank
 Samaritan Inn.*



Winner Janie Squier.



Spring Retreat Information
 Red Boot, April 30 – May 4, 2025
 19 HCR 1309, Hillsboro, TX 76645



Join us for 4 nights at the Red Boot retreat in Hillsboro!
 We've made arrangements for 26 of our members to have a wonderful and fun getaway.

The retreat will begin at 11:00pm on Wednesday, April 30th, and will end on Sunday, May 4th at 12:00pm. The cost of \$405 per person includes the 4 nights stay and 11 meals beginning with dinner on Wednesday. There is a continental breakfast each morning as well as lunch and dinner served on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Brunch at 9am on Sunday.

Registration forms will be available at the January 21st meeting. A \$50 deposit will hold your place, and the remaining amount is due by March 15th. Please complete the registration form and mail with your deposit (checks made payable to McKinney Quilters Guild) to the attention of Carol Surrells. Mailing address is on the registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Terry at 469-733-6394

or Carol Surrells at 214-697-5318.

What To Bring

- Join or renew your membership.
- Remember to bring back the quilts you took to finish for the Veterans, Project Linus Quilts and Ryan'sCaseforSmiles 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 14,705 hours. You can count any volunteer hours you do for other organizations also.
- Greeter: Jeannie Neckar, Cindy Quinn

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January Birthdays

1 Paula Rzomp
 6 Sharla Brockway
 17 Linda Samsury
 22 Kathy Bradbury
 22 Paula Smith
 29 Roxanne Garrett

Please bring a snack.



February Birthdays

2 Judy Losey
 9 Nadine Darby
 10 Ronnie Stone
 12 Roz Constant
 17 Kathy Chambliss
 18 Carol Anne Johnson
 21 Robin Fisk
 22 Candy Koharchik
 25 Cynthia Weisz
 26 Bertie Ferrell
 26 Mary Ann Baltzer
 27 Lillian Hughes

Please Bring a snack.

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