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President's Message

Dear Members,

Merry Christmas to everyone and a Blessed New Year! Be sure and set your scales back 10 pounds before the New Year! :)

The year is quickly coming to an end. Where has the time gone? I can't believe how fast this year has gone and how much I have finished from my UFOs.

We must take time now to reflect on the past year, the great things we have all done, all those donation quilts we have made and all those people we have helped. We must also remember those members in our Guild who have battled with surgeries, had family serve our country in faraway locations, increased our families with marriages and babies and above all those who have lost loved ones. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your joys and sorrows.

The November Guild meeting was a huge "Blue Christmas" success. WOW! What a great amount of goodies were provided by a great bunch of Santa's Elves. Kudos to all of you!

This is my last month as your President and I want you to know what a pleasure it was to serve as your President. All the congratulations go to the outstanding Board that supported me. Julie Beck, Tonya Terry, Sonya Bilbrey, and Virginia Bobbitt made the year a success. The Committee Chairpersons are the behind the scenes heroes that carry a lot of the weight-- Angel Quilts, New Born in Need, Quilts of Valor, Door Prizes and Raffle Quilt just to name a few. It goes without saying that we are a great Guild because of the wonderful ladies and men who volunteer. I am in awe of how hard they all work.

The Programs, speakers, and classes we had also contributed to a full year of expanding our knowledge as a Guild. I certainly challenged myself with several classes. A special thanks to those guild members who taught us classes, showed us their awesome quilts and in general shared their knowledge, time and talent. Bless you all.

As Barbara Martin, the next President, takes on her role I am confident that each of you will wish her well and let her know that you will support and assist her throughout the year. Remembering that we are all volunteers, we all support each other. I thank all of the Guild members who gave me advice, complained to me about issues, made great suggestions to make the Guild better, and supported me in general.

Thank you all again, this was a memorable and learning year for me. I have truly been blessed.

Kathleen Poole
President





Minutes from the November Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Kathy Poole led the membership in singing Happy Birthday to Evelyn Wray.

Evelyn Banks introduced members of the Irving Fire Dept. that were present to pick up the guild member's gift donations and contributions for the 2013 annual Blue Christmas event they host. All tables up front were covered with gifts! Great job ladies! These items will go a long way in making some families in Irving Christmas 'Merry and Bright'.

Julie Beck announced that she is working on the speaker programs for 2014 and 2015. In August 2014 we will have a speaker to tell us about working with a crayon color technique. They will send a sample piece ahead of time for their discussion and program. Also, they will make kits and have samples available.

Sonya Bilbrey presented the Treasurer's report. We have a balanced Budget for 2014, however our rent has been increased for our meetings effective January 2014. Also, there will be an increase in member's dues for 2015.

Sunshine and Shadow – there were 2 visitors at tonight's meeting. Sue Gray underwent surgery on her thyroid recently. Susan Turk's son is getting married next month and congratulations to Sonya Bilbrey on becoming a Great Grandmother.

Carol Cook spoke regarding the Frayed Knots. Next year they are working on three separate projects. A Christmas throw, a larger quilt with Birdhouses, and or a quilt with Angels in each block. This one can be appliqued, embroidered, your choice. Each member can decide on their own project and patterns. Carol invited guild members to join the group or just come and join in the fun.

Janie Merritt – Quilt Show- The committee has added more categories for the quilt show which will allow for more opportunities for your entry. One of these new categories is for quilts which were completed in Block of the Month programs. More information will follow.

Gail Walsh and a few volunteers will be manning the booth at the NCH Craft Fair tomorrow. Thanks to all who made items for this Guild fundraiser. Also, another table will be set up there to sell Raffle tickets. Next month is the Raffle ticket drawing- be sure to bring your Raffle tickets and money to turn in. Last chance to enter the drawing!!

Donna Reid is making plans for the 48 hour quilt workshop and it will be announced at the December meeting.

Show and Tell
Angel Quilts
Quilt of Valor
Door prizes

Meeting adjourned.



2014 Membership Drive

We started our Membership Drive for 2014 in November. Please remember to print your form off the IQG web site and bring your completed form with payment to the December meeting. The 2014 Member Cards will be given out with the New Membership Books early in 2014. Happy Quilting!

Nancy Norris, Membership Committee Chairman

2014 Quilt Show Miniature Quilt Auction

I want to THANK everyone for helping me with this project to help raise money for our Guild.

I am really starting to enjoy working on miniatures. Hope you are too!

If you have any questions or need ideas please contact me, Kristi Wilson 972-554-0962 or Kristi@lot40.com , and or Evelyn Banks 972-254-5290 or 424-896wgb@verizon.net

MINIATURE QUILTS

SIZE: Between 6 inches and 24 inches.

DUE DATE: April 30, 2014

TECHNIQUE: Any quilting technique and miniature pattern.

Must have label (IQG, Maker, Quilter and Date) and 2 inch sleeve on the back for hanging.

Blue Christmas

Thank you all for your generous contributions to the Blue Christmas program again this year! These items will go a long way to make someone's Holiday's special!

-REMINDER-

**Fat Quarter Lotto
will resume in January**

**Organize your stash and make room!!!
You may win!**



2014 Quilt Show STARS OVER TEXAS

Have you started making your beautiful quilts?

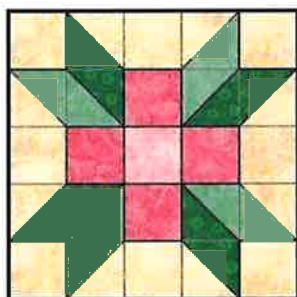
We need 100 quilts to have a show. We have such a talented group of quilters and I know you will come through again this year.

The committee is currently working on the vendor forms and sponsorship levels. If you know of any companies interested in sponsoring our Show, please have them contact Janie Merritt.

We are also proud to announce that LaCora McSwain has graciously accepted the position for Quilt Entries. She will need your support and help to setup and display quilts.

Thanks so much and Happy Quilting!

Susan Turk
Janie Merritt



REMINDER ---- UPCOMING RETREAT

Mark your calendars, and get your vacation or time off requests in! The next retreat scheduled is at the Compass Center March 13th – 16th. More details to come as we get closer to the date!

2014 Officers

President	Barbara Martin
Vice President	Julie Beck
Second Vice President	Sue Gray
Treasurer	Sonya Bilbrey
Secretary	Jeanette Verheist

The new officers shall be installed at the December meeting and assume their duties at the January meeting.

Fifty Dollar Program

Thank you everyone for making it possible for us to bring comfort to so many.

You do this by using your time and talents to make quilts and receiving blankets. All the points are being tallied.

At the December meeting I will hand out slips of orange paper for you to write your name on. These are chances to win \$50. You will receive one chance for every 8 points earned for quilt making above the 48. Good luck to all.

Donna Reid 972 986-2161

donna@acdenterprises.com

Newborns in Need



Newborns in Need provides all the fabric so if your stash is short and you want volunteer hours see me. If you would like any special amount of receiving blankets or small quilts please email me or call and I will bring them to next meeting.

The count of items donated in November was 230 Receiving Blankets, 20 hats and 8 Quilts. Thanks so much to Sandy Beissel, Nan Coleman, Virginia Glasgow, Darlene Farmer, Susan Holt, LaCora McSwain, and Tonya Terry for all your hard work.

Please if you have Receiving blankets that have been out for several months PLEASE, get those back to me as soon as possible. New Born's is in need of everything they send out back on a monthly basis so they can full fill the needs they have.

*Small quilts are 2 for 1 hour

*Surging or rolled hem on the receiving blankets 10 for 1 hour

*Hats, diaper shirts and booties are 10 for 1 hour

If you have any questions, please contact me. I thank you – and the Newborns in Need thank you.

LaCora McSwain lmcswain@mcsfiresecurity.com
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Enjoy quilting with your friends at Linda's Retreat. Located on 33 acres in Sadler, Texas, we are set up to accommodate 12 people. For complete information go to www.createatlindasretreat.com or contact Linda Gray at 817-456-4090.

Raffle Quilts & Craft Sale Update

I want to thank Donna, Sarah, Sonya, Lorie, Linda and whoever else helped with the craft fair. I'm sure I forgot someone, so put it on old age memory problems!! We had a miserable looking day outside, but inside we did a brisk business every so often, and ended up selling \$351.00 dollars' worth of goods.

Everyone who made items for the sale, I thank you. We didn't sell out, so probably at the December meeting we will display what is left and try to sell it all. We also had a good day with the raffle quilt as we took in \$133.00 in ticket sales. So all in all we had a very good day.

Don't forget you must turn in your tickets and money in December before we draw for the quilt!!
Gail Walsh

Friendship Groups

Guild members are cordially invited to join a sewing group for fellowship, growth and stitching.
Most groups have room for new members.

Frayed Knots

(Second Monday – 6 - 9 pm - Jaycee Park, 2018 Puritan)

The Frayed Knots will meet Monday December 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Jaycee Park. We will be having our Christmas Party. We will have potluck dinner and have our Chinese Christmas.

The limit for the gift is \$20.00 (related to sewing, quilting or Christmas). After we have our dinner we will have a highly entertaining Chinese Christmas gift exchange. So I hope everyone comes hungry and is prepared to have fun.

We will be doing our block of the month a little different next year. The group will be working on the quilt of their choice:

1. Pieced bird house quilt
2. Appliqué angel quilt. The angel quilt can be appliqué, embroidery, or any technique you want to use with or without embellishments. The angel quilt is a way to make each block unique to your quilt.
3. Christmas appliqué quilt. This is a cute Christmas quilt which includes a Santa, a present and other cute Christmas appliqué for you to do.

Each month a completed block must be brought to the Frayed Knots meeting of the quilt you are working on. We have a few brave souls who are going to do two different quilts.

As always we are open for anyone to join us in the block of the month. If you are interested please come to the December meeting as we will be giving out instructions for the block due in January.

Everyone have a blessed Christmas, treasure the time spent with family and friends. Take time for yourself and quilting.

Happy Quilting!
Linda Scott
972-986-7890

Material Women

(Third Monday - 6-9 pm - Holy Family Church)

Our show quilt is moving right along. With so many machines it's very important to use your ¼" foot. December is our Christmas party!

Donna Reid 972-986-2161
donna@acdenterprises.com

The Fancy Stitchers

[machine embroidery]

(Last Tuesday – 6 pm - St Mary's Anglican Church, 635 North Story Road)

We have a show and tell; discuss techniques, projects, and a long-term project for those interested in taking part. We have a "Challenge Project" using the same embroidery design. This should test our imagination. New members are always welcome.

Sandra Barton
972-871-1125

Threadpickers

(Second Thursday - 10am – 2 pm - Angels and Moore)

Threadpickers has a new home. We have been invited to meet at Angels and Moore in downtown Irving. Our meeting days and times remain the same. If you are looking for a friendly daytime group, please meet with us at Angels and Moore, second Thursday of each month, from 10 am to 2 pm. Brown bag your lunch and a drink or choose one of the restaurants in downtown Irving. Bring a project to work on and be ready for a couple of hours of friendship and good conversation.

For more information, contact me!

Cynthia Gladden
972-790-9024

Programs & Workshops

IQG Members-

Since we are getting to the end of this year I thought I would tell you about the paid programs and workshops scheduled for next year.

January speaker - Brenda Jeschke will be speaking about 'Judging Criteria' for quilts

January Workshop - 48 hour appreciation class

April speaker - Patty Pickle will be speaking about a technique for 'Interfacing Turned Invisible for Machine Applique'. She will be also doing a demonstration and providing handouts at this lecture.

July speaker - Mary Massey will speak on 'Not Your Gramma's Log Cabin'

July Workshop - Not Your Gramma's Log Cabin Quilt, 5 hour class

August speaker - Tana Mueller with the program 'Let's Color!'. She will bring designs and materials to purchase for this technique to the guild program meeting.

August Workshop - Crayon Color Class with pattern 'Native Texan Star'

The above are the paid events we currently have scheduled. If any of the guild members have any other suggestions they are welcome. There is another lady who would like to teach a workshop on making fabric coiled baskets. Her fee is \$30 per person with a 5 person minimum to hold the class. If members are interested in this class, please get in touch with me and we will schedule the class.

There are plenty of times still available if we want another class or speaker. Angel workshops can be scheduled, too, just let me know!

Looking forward to a great 2014,

Julie Beck

Program Chair



Angel Quilts

We have 29 Angel Quilts turned in for November. It was wonderful to see so many. This gives us a total of 231 Angel Quilts given to Scottish Rite Hospital for 2013. Yes, I love Angel Quilts. I have a couple of star tops ready to quilt for next year. To me, each quilt is a hug for a sick child. The 4 points from the light red raffle goes to Darlene Farmer. This gets her started for next year because Darlene already has her 48 points for this year thanks in part to Santa. Do you believe in Santa? I know I do!

Thank you!

Donna Reid donna@acdenterprises.com

Angel Quilt Measurements / Points Earned

Small Quilt = 4 Points -any quilt with a total measurement of 90" up to 119". **Large Quilt = 8 Points** – any quilt with a total measurement of 120" or more. Please refer to the IQG 2013 Membership book for additional information.



Volunteer Points (through November)

Ann Witherspoon	106	Kathy Poole	52
Barbara Barry	49	Kristi Wilson	11
Barbara Coughlin	61	LaCora McSwain	56
Barbara Martin	58	Lassie Smith	51
Bonnie Sloan	98	Linda Scott	70
Carol Cook	62	Lori Vauble	115
Carolyn Evans	60	Mae Harless	28
Connie Angeles	51	Mickie Ray	52
Cynthia Amador	13.5	Nan Coleman	67
Darlene Farmer	52	Nancy Norris	40
Dolores Crook	23	Nettie Campbell	32
Donna Reid	143	Pam Chenault	23
Donna Young	54	Pam Hendrick	52
Ethel Raines	24	Pansy Shehee	14
Evelyn Banks	20	Sandy Beissel	61
Evelyn Moore	34	Sarah Schacht	68
Evelyn Wray	30	Shawn Carr	48
Gail Walsh	169	Sonya Bilbrey	20
Janie Merritt	58	Sue Gray	25
Jeanette Verheist	18	Susan Holt	49
Jerry Bowen	48	Susan Turk	53
Jerry Tollett	67	Suzann Rogers	24
Jody Rhea	5	Tonya Terry	49
Joni Clary	4	Virginia Bobbitt	16
Josie Holland	45	Virginia Glasgow	43
Joyce Dugosh	50	Yolanda Garcia	60
Judy Doggett	151		
Judy Poole	30		
Julie Beck	51		
June Page	5		
		Total Hours Earned to date –	2815.5

Volunteer Programs

IQG sponsored events and programs count toward volunteer points. These programs include but are not limited to:

- Angel Quilt Project
- Keeper Quilt Project
- Newborn in Need
- Quilts of Valor
- Raffle Quilt Program

All members are given equal opportunities to participate in all events and programs.

Should you have a suggestion for additional volunteer point opportunities, please submit your idea in writing to the 2nd Vice President.

For additional information regarding Volunteer Programs, please refer to the IQG 2013 Membership Book.

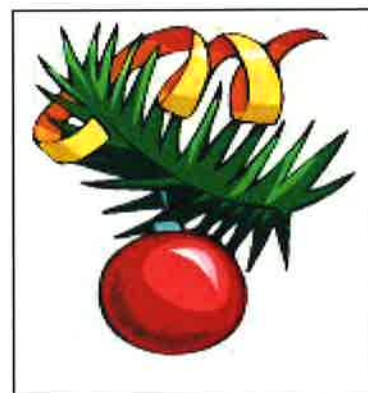
48 Point Appreciation Class

All the points are being collected and tallied. A fun class is being planned for January. At the December meeting you will get to see the quilt we'll make and receive the info on how much fabric is required.

Thank you so very much for giving of yourself as you earned your points. You matter very much.

Donna Reid

donna@acdenterrprises.com



Officers 2013

President:

Kathy Poole

Vice President:

Julie Beck

2nd Vice-President:

Tonya Terry

Treasurer:

Sonya Bilbrey

Secretary:

Virginia Bobbitt

Scholarships:

Virginia Bobbitt

Evelyn Wray

Jeanette Verheist

Sunshine & Shadow/ Welcoming:

Cynthia Gladden

TAQG:

Janie Merritt

Webmaster:

Susan Turk

Officer's Meetings

The Officers and Committee Members meet the second Thursday of each month at Oakview Baptist Church (north entrance) at 1004 South Story Road, Irving. We meet at 6:00 and everyone is welcome.

Chairpersons 2013

Angel Quilts:

Donna Reid

Audit:

Sue Gray

Door Prizes/Fabric Lotto:

Shawn Carr

Festival Events:

OPEN

Historian:

Nancy Norris

Hospitality:

Evelyn Wray

Keeper Quilts:

Janie Merritt

Membership:

Nancy Norris

Newborns in Need:

LaCora McSwain

Newsletter:

Ginny North

Nomination:

Cynthia Gladden

Parliamentarian:

Kristi Wilson

Quilt Show:

Susan Turk

Janie Merritt

Quilts of Valor:

Carol Cook

Raffle Quilt:

Gail Walsh

Membership Information

The Guild's annual dues are due at the November meeting. All members are required to wear their current membership card as their name badge. A 50¢ fine is charged if not worn at the meeting.

Active Members:

Under 65	\$25
65 or Older	\$20

Charter Members:

Under 65	\$20
65 or Older	\$15

Junior Members (10-17): \$20

Membership

Current Members	96
New Members for 2014	4
Meeting Attendance	60
Guests	5
Total attending	65

Long Arm Machine Quilters

Judy Doggett	972-445-1110
Liza Faust	972-785-2442
Pamela McWilliams	972-912-9805
Janie Merritt	972-790-3134
Linda Scott	972-986-7890
Bonnie Sloan	972-252-8067



December Birthdays

3	Janie Merritt
6	Virginia Bobbitt
27	Pam Hendrick
28	Ellen Sellers

**-REMINDER-
Fat Quarter Lotto
will resume in
January**



Irving Quilt Guild

The Quilting Press newsletter is published monthly for the Irving Quilt Guild, a not-for-profit 501(c)3, volunteer organization founded in 1998.

Newsletter Deadlines

Please submit all newsletter contributions, letters, reports, black & white photos, prepaid advertisements, etc. to the editor. All ads must be prepaid, camera ready, and fit the size requirement. Ads received after the deadline will be included in the next month's publication. Deadline for publication is the third Thursday of each month for the following month's issue.

Advertising Rates:

1/8 pg (3.5X2) \$3/mo; \$8/3 mo; \$15.25/6 mo; \$30/yr.

1/4 pg (3.5X4.5) \$5.75/mo; \$15/3 mo; \$29/6 mo; \$57/yr.

1/2 pg (7X4.5) \$11/mo; \$29/3 mo; \$56/6 mo; \$110/yr.

Full pg (7X9.5) \$21/mo; \$56.50/3 mo; \$107/6 mo; \$210/yr.

December 2013			
12/12/13	Officers Meeting	6:00 PM	Oakview Baptist Church
12/19/13	Guild Meeting	6:30 – 9:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
2nd Monday	Frayed Knots	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Jaycee Park
2nd Thursday	Threadpickers	10:00 am – 2 pm	Angels & Moore
3 rd Monday	Material Women	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Holy Family Church
Last Tuesday	Fancy Stitchers	6:00 – 9:00 pm	St. Mary's Angelica Church

IRVING QUILT GUILD MISSION STATEMENT

Promote fellowship among persons interested in all aspects of quilt making. Preserve our quilt-making heritage and traditions. Participate in quilt-related projects that are of service to our community.

www.IrvingQuiltGuild.com



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December Meeting

Reminders:

- Show and Tell
- Block for LRC Game
- Angel Quilts
- Newborns in Need
- Workshop Show and Tell
- Quilts of Valor
- Raffle Tickets & Money
- Food And Drinks – All