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President's Message

Dear Members,

Well, I got thru my first meeting as your President and I found that I am going to survive after all.

What a great way to start the meeting with our VERY SPECIAL guest, Scott Davis, who presented Carol Cook with 6 pillow cases he had made himself, guided by his grandmother Judy Doggett, for the Quilt of Valor Program. He was so excited about presenting them and, just a wee bit nervous. Thank you, Scott!

My, oh my, what a FULL meeting it was! Our speaker entertained us with helpful instructions on what judges would be looking for in our quilts. Now I know just where I'll put those "little" errors that do come up when I am piecing. At the top of course! You could tell that she enjoys quilting and also judging and takes her job very seriously when judging quilts. I know that I enjoyed her very much and stored away her instructions for when I am finishing up my show quilt. One important thing she mentioned was "it is NOT personal" when she judges. So remember this and please help us by submitting an entry. If you have never entered a quilt before, TRY IT YOU WILL LIKE IT!

Congratulations to those who had perfect attendance last year. That is something to be proud of. Also, congratulations to those who made the 24 hour awards, and there was a bunch of them and also the 48 hour class which was held on Saturday. I was unable to attend because I was at the Dallas Retreat but I heard that one of the participants finished one top and started on another. Looking forward to viewing these quilts in a couple of months. It will be interesting to see the many different color ways that will be used from just one pattern. Although there were not many Angel quilts turned in this month. Am looking forward to seeing a lot more next month. With the holidays over with we will have more time to spend on them. It would be nice to increase our number of Angel quilts this year. I will try and do my share.

We are sorry to hear that that Jeanette Verheist will not be able to fulfill the duty of Secretary. Linda Scott accepted the nomination and was voted in by the membership. Congratulations Linda for accepting this job. And get well soon Jeanette.

Take care and see you at the next meeting.

Barbara Martin

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Minutes from the January Meeting

President Barbara Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Scott David, Judy Doggett's grandson, presented 6 pillow cases for Quilts of Valor to Carol Cook.

There were no corrections or additions to the December 2013 meeting minutes.

Sunshine and Shadows - Cynthia Gladden –

There were 3 guests tonight. Member Nita Williamson has been in treatment for Breast Cancer but is on the mend. She plans to attend the upcoming retreat!

Gail Walsh advised the members that the 2014 Raffle Tickets will be distributed to each member with their 2014 Directory and membership card. The tickets are priced at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. After your first batch is sold, you may turn the stubs and money back in for more at any time!

The 48 Hour Quilt Workshop is this coming Saturday January the 18th from 9:00 am to 3:00pm at the Garden Arts Building. Be sure to refer to the cutting instructions which are on the website and last month's newsletter.

Compass Centre Retreat begins March 13th – Sue Gray is now accepting the money and reservations with down payments.

The Scholarship Committee chair Virginia Bobbitt updated the membership about a change in members for 2014. There was a member opening which has been filled.

Linda Scott presented a UFO Challenge. Anyone interested should return their entry forms at the February meeting.

The Treasurer Sonya Bilbrey gave a brief overview of the financials.

2014 Membership and Directory - If anyone is interested in placing an ad in the Membership Book, contact Susan Turk for size and amount. This will help defray cost of the Membership Book. Reminder -- dues must be paid this month in order for you to be included in the 2014 Membership Directory.

Programs - The March program will be an Angel Quilt workshop. Tonight's speaker - Brenda Jeschke on Judging Criteria. She shared hints, tips, and her Quilt Show Judge's critique form.

Nominating Committee chair, Cynthia Gladden advised that the Secretary position for 2014 is vacant. Linda Scott was elected by a majority vote.

Barbara Martin was presented with the official gavel as President this year.

Awards for Volunteer Points Achievements and Perfect Attendance were presented.

Show and Tell, Door prizes, Angel Quilt Points Drawing, and the Fat Quarter lotto were also held.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm

2014 Quilt Show Miniature Quilt Auction

It was a wonderful surprise when I received two Miniature Quilts at our January Guild Meeting. So exciting! Now it feels like we are working on a quilt Show. Y'all are the best ever and talented too!

Want to thank everyone for helping us with this project to help raise money for our Guild. I am really starting to enjoy working on miniatures. Hope you are too!

I will be working on them at Compass Centre Retreat in March. If you going and need a pattern or any help just ask!

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 a 2 inch sleeve on the back for hanging.



2014 Membership Drive

We started our Membership Drive for 2014 last November. If you have not yet done so, please remember to print a membership form off the IQG web site <http://www.irvingquiltguild.com> and submit it with your payment for 2014 membership.

The 2014 Membership Cards will be given out with the New Membership Books early in 2014. Happy Quilting!

Nancy Norris, Membership Committee Chairman

THANK YOU to the Quilt Country in Lewisville for the generous donation to our Guild's Door Prize program!

2014 Quilt Show STARS OVER TEXAS

22 weeks to go until the Quilt Show which leaves you plenty of time to finish those quilts.

In the next couple of weeks, the website will be updated about the Quilt Show and Entry forms. We will be opening it up to non-members and would like a big turnout of all types of the quilts and miscellaneous.

Our January speaker gave us some helpful quilt hints for the show, such as thread color, remove pet hair and put the mistakes at the top of the quilt. We have a unique guild with various talents and have been reflected in our "Show and Tell" and past Quilt Shows. I am grateful to be a member of this organization and proud to represent this year's Show as chair.

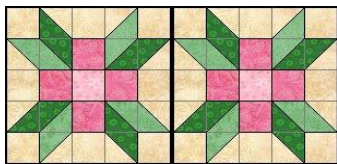
I challenge each IQG member to put in at least 2 quilts and am looking forward to June 13-14.

Keep Sewing!

Susan Turk 817-251-5868

Janie Merritt 469-644-2867

Show Chairpersons



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newsletter online, visit the IQG
website at**

www.IrvingQuiltGuild.com

Programs & Workshops

Our January speaker, Brenda Jeschke, certainly gave us lots of good information on how judges look at quilts.

I believe this was a lesson in humility for me. I thought my work was pretty good but now know I have a long way to go to be a real contender in a quilt show. But I do take a major lesson that Brenda gave us very seriously - if I don't really like the pattern of the quilt I'm intending to make I rarely end up finishing it. If you are going to take precious days from your life to make a quilt it should be one you really want to make, and love, and be happy with for years to come.

Many of the ladies at the meeting Thursday thought Brenda was an excellent teacher. She does teach a few other classes. She also told me that she never brings any of the same quilts to any of her other lectures, so there will be much more of her excellent work to see. Did you have a chance to see her tiny, beautiful quilting stitches? This lady is amazing! I believe we should have her make a return appearance next year.

Our workshop this month was the 48 hour Appreciation Class. Many thanks to our teachers, Gail and Janie. They were great in showing how it is done, giving advice and helping to tear out boo boos. It never ceases to amaze me the wonderful fabric combinations we come up with. They were all great. And, of course, there was the friendship among all of the attendees. I think we are a great bunch of crazy quilting ladies!

Julie Beck
Program Chair

Compass Centre Retreat

The Retreat is just around the corner! March 13th to 16th

I spoke to Melissa at Compass Center today and the cost is \$81.75 per night. \$5 dollars more per night.

So if you are staying: 1 Night - \$81.75

2 Nights - \$163.50

3 Nights \$245.25

I hope everyone is saving your pennies and dollars to bring to me at the February Meeting which is the last meeting before we go to retreat. As always check in time is 12 Noon on Thursday and check out time is 2PM on Sunday afternoon.

I was asked if we wanted to do some sort of secret pal or brown bag drawing for retreat and I think the brown bag would be kind of fun. Bring a brown bag- taped closed – with some sewing items enclosed. We will draw numbers for those that want to participate and on Sunday Morning draw our bags. You will not be buying for a specific person but will be giving something anyone can use. We will discuss this more at the February Meeting to get all of the rules ironed out so it will be fair for everyone.

I have 31 people signed up at this time. Some have not yet paid and may change their mind so if you think you might want to go, let me know and get on the waiting list. We can only take 35 people.

See you at the February meeting.

Sue Gray

Help Wanted!

I received an email request for some quilting expertise and assistance. The requestor lives in Irving and is looking for someone to make a quilt.

Their mother passed two years ago and it was suggested to them that they make a quilt out of some of her clothes. If you are interested in assisting this person with this project, please contact me for more information.

Barbara Martin
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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 January was 516 Receiving Blankets, 80 hats and 10 Quilts. Thanks so much to Sandy Beissel, Delores Crook, Judy Doggett, Yolanda Garcia, Virginia Glasgow, Susan Holt, LaCora McSwain and Gail Walsh for all your hard work.

*Small quilts are 2 for 1 hour

*Surging or rolled hem on the receiving blankets are 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

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972-255-6233



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 Quilt

We will be sitting with the Raffle Quilt at Quilters Dream on Friday February 28th and Saturday March 1st. I need volunteers to sit with it on each of these days to sell tickets. The time slots needed are from 9:00 am until Noon, and from Noon until 2:00 pm each day. (Two in the morning and two in the afternoon).

Please call me at 972-259-3949 or e-mail me at gwalsh36@hotmail.com.

Thanks!

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 February 10th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Jaycee Park.

We have started our 2014 blocks of the month since several are working on more than one block a month. The blocks that were shown in January were very beautiful and each was so different even though the same pattern was used.

We will be showing our 2013 quilts in February since we didn't show them in January, so everyone get those tops finished.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Happy Quilting,

Linda Scott
972-986-7890

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY

Material Women

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

In the sweat shop I run we learn and work together on simple patterns. This labor of love gives us one or more Angel Quilts and a new pattern. You can work on your own project or the shared project. All are welcome.

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

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

48 Point Appreciation Class

We had a great time at the 48 point Appreciation class. Janie Merritt and Gail Walsh were our teachers and did a wonderful job. The pattern was simple but you needed to pay attention. Glad I didn't use directional material for my first one. Most everyone completed the top. Just feels so good to finish. It was suggested I add a border and you know they're right. Make a good quilt better. Now my finished top is a UFO. I'm proud of each of the 34 ladies who earned this class. If you had 48 points but couldn't make the class I have a pattern for you. Thank you!

Donna Reid

donna@acdenterprises.com

Angel Quilts

The New Year has started and I just delivered 10 Angel Quilts to Scottish Rite Hospital. They were waiting with smiles to see what we had for them this month. Cynthia Amador won the 4 points from the light red raffle. A couple of friends have offered to make or quilt some raffle quilts so we'll give away more points this year. If you already make Angel Quilts, I thank you so much. We all have other charitable deeds we do but please think about adding one more. Just make one Angel Quilt or QOV or New Born in Need item. You don't have to commit to reach 48 point unless you want to. It's fun!

Thank you.

Donna Reid donna@accenterprises.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.



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ALL STEEL 12 FOOT POWDER COATED TABLE

I will also include all Pantograph Patterns, thread, books, oil, needles, tools and bobbins.

I am asking \$4,000.00 to \$4,500.00

I can be reached at 972-790-5088. If I am out, please leave a message.

Shirley Davison

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 2014 Membership Book.

Officers

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Barbara Martin

Vice President:

Julie Beck

2nd Vice-President:

Sue Gray

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Sonya Bilbrey

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Donna Reid

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Sue Gray

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Shawn Carr

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OPEN

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Nancy Norris

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Evelyn Wray

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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 for each year become 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	84
New Members for 2014	1
Meeting Attendance	65
Guests	3
Total attending	68

Scholarships:

Virginia Bobbitt
Evelyn Wray
Mary Ann Slimp

Sunshine & Shadow/ Welcoming:

Cynthia Gladden

TAQG:

Janie Merritt

Webmaster:

Susan Turk

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.

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



February Birthdays

1	Jerry Tollett
2	Mary Ellen O'Gorman
2	Jody Smith
7	Virginia Bobbitt
9	Martha Seeber
12	Charlotte Armstrong
13	Pansy Shehee

February Fat Quarter Lotto

Pink & Red



Irving Quilt Guild

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Newsletter Deadlines

Please submit all newsletter contributions, letters, reports, black & white photos, prepaid advertisements, etc. to the editor at mandgnorth@sbcglobal.net. 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.

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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.

February 2014			
2/13/14	Officers Meeting	6:00 PM	Oakview Baptist Church
2/20/14	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

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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February Meeting

Reminders:

- Show and Tell
- Fat Quarter for Lotto
- Angel Quilts
- Newborns in Need Items
- Workshop Show and Tell
- Quilts of Valor
- Food And Drinks – H-R

IRVING QUILT GUILD

UFO CHALLENGE

2014

Are you UFO challenged?

Are you ready to complete 6 of your unfinished projects this year?

Are you willing to put up \$5.00 for these 6 projects as a promise to complete?

Name: _____ Date: _____

To participate list below the 6 unfinished projects that you would most like to complete for this challenge. We will have this schedule for showing the completed project.

March---- show project #1 (roll dice for # of next project)

June ----- show project (number chosen by rolling dice)

September---show project (number chosen by rolling dice)

December--- show project (number chosen by rolling dice)

The first project will be of your choice to complete and show in March.

In March we will roll dice and the number that comes up will be your next project to finish. Then in June and September we will roll the dice for the number of the next project to

complete. Each time you bring your finished project in and show it, your name will go in for the drawing in December for the grand prize which will be the money everyone paid to enter the challenge.

So the more projects finished, the more times you have a chance to win and be crowned THE QUEEN OF THE UFO'S, yes we will crown the winner QUEEN. Now what other challenge can you enter for 5.00, get UFO's finished and have a change to be crowned queen. The previous winners will be her court.

The rules are simple: A UFO is any piece of fabric, cut into for the purpose of making a quilt, wall hanging or other object of art that is made of fabric totally or partially.

Examples: block put together for a quilt top, a completed block, finishing a quilt (quilted & bound), etc.

The goal is to finish the six UFO's but if you have a project that you haven't finished, set your goal to finish the blocks, border, etc so you are that much closer to finishing that UFO.

For this challenge ONE BINDING will be allowed as one of your UFO's.

- Make a COPY of the form to keep for your records.
- Turn in a copy of UFO form and \$5.00 to the guild meeting in February (money is for the UFO Queen and her Court).
- I will have a drawing each month that we show a completed UFO and that person's name will be in the drawing for the Queen's Court.
- At the December meeting will have our usual drawing for the Queen's Court. Then, we will have a special drawing for the Queen from all of the previous winners and crown the UFO Queen!!

This will be a great way to have some fun and get our UFO's done!!

Linda Scott lindascott49@yahoo.com 972-986-7890