



The Quilting Press

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President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting and the speaker in July. I received a packet from the speaker and it had a lot of good information.

Well, the trip was a success, the family is still speaking to one another, and the grandchildren were on their best behavior. Jordan's boyfriend Ben took the family pictures and they turned out great. I visited a very nice quilt shop in Pensacola Florida. It had more fabric than quilt country with good prices.

Only about a month until the big quilt show, and we need more volunteers from the Irving Guild. We need 25 from the guild and as of now we are short that number. I will be calling some to see if we can get you in a volunteer spot. Call me or Susan Holt if you want to volunteer.

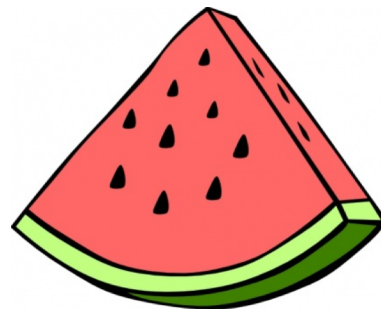
We need to sell our tickets to the show as that is our main way to make money for the guild. Also, the tickets for Thursday night's speaker, everyone that has heard her says she is a good speaker.

Even though our guild is one of the smaller guilds putting on this show, let's show them our pride in our guild with fulfilling our volunteer numbers and selling our show tickets and speaker tickets.

Have a great month quilting!

Happy Quilting!

Linda Scott



National Watermelon Day

When: Always on August 3rd

This big fruit deserves its own big day. And, so we give pause to celebrate watermelons on National Watermelon Day. Sweet and tasty, watermelons are one of summer's favorite fruit. It's standard fare at picnics. While watermelon is over 90% water, it sure tastes good. And, what picnic would be complete without a seed spitting contest?

Our research was unable to establish this day as a true national day (which requires an act of congress). We also have not uncovered the origin of this day. We suspect it originated by an agricultural organization, or perhaps a wild and crazy watermelon fan.

Please don't limit your consumption of watermelon to just this month. Stores carry watermelon twelve months of the year.

IQG General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20, 2017

Call to Order: Linda Scott was absent. In her absence, Shawn Carr conducted the meeting.

Time: 7:00 PM

Minutes from June approved as read.

Sunshine and Shadows: Connie Angeles welcomed one visitor. Connie also reported that Suzanna Fox recently lost her mother. Jerry Tollett is suffering from back pains. Susan Hyde has lung issues affecting her health. Carol Cook's mother passed away Friday.

Shawn Carr welcomed our program speaker tonight. Debbie Cunningham will discuss wills and estate planning. Topics include wills, trusts, powers of attorney. She handed out a folder covering the above subjects and more.

LaCora McSwain presented information about the Love Thy Baby program. She displayed many of the items which can be made for Parkland newborns and infants. LaCora and the Board have increased the volunteer points for Love Thy Baby. Please consider giving your time and expertise to benefit these needy babies. Talk with LaCora about specific items and volunteer points.

Susan Grewing discussed an outreach opportunity. A local daycare would like the guild to present a program to children 6 to 12 years old. The program can be like a trunk show of quilts and an overview of the history of quilting. If you are interested, please contact Susan.

It is time to form a nominating committee to select nominees for empty positions on the board. Suzanna Fox is chair, but in her absence, Susan Holt asked for two more people to be on the committee. Suzanna will be back in town shortly. Please contact Suzanna if you are interested.

Susan Holt announced the fall Compass Center retreat is September 28-October 1. She will be taking reservations and payments at the August meeting.

Susan said that only 11 people have signed up on-line to volunteer at the Expo. If you volunteer on-line for 4 or more hours, you get into the Expo free. There are numerous positions open, some sit-down, some more active. The need for volunteers is acute. Please go on-line and sign up for the Expo. If you volunteer to work at the guild General Store or other guild venues, your hours do not qualify for free entry. The hours do count for the guild however. Susan said that volunteer hours will be reported in the newsletter and will be as accurate as reported to her.

Donna Reid brought lots of fabric pieces and scraps to make angel quilts. There were two winners of the light red challenge: Sarah Schacht and Evelyn Banks.

Shawn Carr thanked members involved in making items for the guild store at Expo. She is still looking for buttons and notions. If you have any to donate, please contact Shawn.

Connie Angeles awarded door prizes. Fat Quarter Lotto winner is Susan Grewing. The Fat Quarter Lotto for next month acknowledges the dog days of summer. August is dog-themed.

Sandy Beissel said that food for next month is letters A-F.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM.



Southern Pecan Praline Cake Recipe

Southern Pecan Praline Cake is about as southern as you can get and if you like pecans and pralines you will love this easy to make, decadent and delicious cake.

Cake Ingredients:

- 1 15.25oz box butter pecan cake mix
- 1 15oz tub coconut pecan frosting
- 4 large eggs
- 3/4cup vegetable or coconut oil
- 1cup water
- 1/2cup roasted* pecans chopped

Cake Topping Ingredients:

- 1 14oz can sweetened condensed milk
- 2Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/2cup roasted* pecans chopped

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. and spray a 9×13 baking dish with non-stick baking spray.
2. Place the cake mix, coconut frosting, eggs, oil and water in a large mixing bowl. Use a hand held or your stand mixer and mix well to combine everything. Add the pecans and mix again.
3. Pour the batter into the prepared baking pan.
4. Bake for 40 minutes or until the top is golden brown and the cake pulls away from the sides. Set aside to cool on a wire cooling rack.
5. To make the praline topping, combine the butter and sweetened condensed milk in a small saucepan and stir until the butter is melted. Add the pecans and mix well. Pour over the cooled cake and serve.

Recipe Notes

Southern Pecan Praline Cake keeps well covered in the fridge for approximately one week, or you can wrap it well in foil and store in a large ziplock bag in your freezer for up to two months.

I forgot to put pecans in the cake but I did add a teaspoon of vanilla bean paste. I also added an extra half a can of sweetened condensed milk, twice the pecans, and then a big scoop of sour cream to the icing. I had to add the extra sweetened condensed milk because I let the first bunch get too thick by letting it kind of caramelize a little to remove the canned flavor. I added the icing on top of the hot cake. The first time I made this I cut the hump off the cake then poured the icing onto the leveled cake so the icing wouldn't all run off to the sides.

Hope you enjoy it.

Patricia Vrla



Ask not what your fabric can do for you, but what you can do for your fabric.



LOVE THY BABY... need to get your Volunteer hours done?

Get a FREE Volunteer hour!

Turn in your bag of 50 Receiving blankets or 8 Small Quilts and get for an extra hour. Lassie does so many she would like to give anyone that turns in Receiving Blankets or Small Quilts a free hour.

Would you consider doing some small quilts and or Receiving blanks for us?

Love Thy Baby provides all the fabric so if your stash is short and you want volunteer hours please consider doing blankets for us.

We provide all the fabric needed all you have to do is surge or a rolled hem on the 36 x 36 flannel. Small quilts 36 x 36 are completely put together all you have to do is do the quilting on top in the ditch or meandering.

*Small quilts are 2 for 1 hour

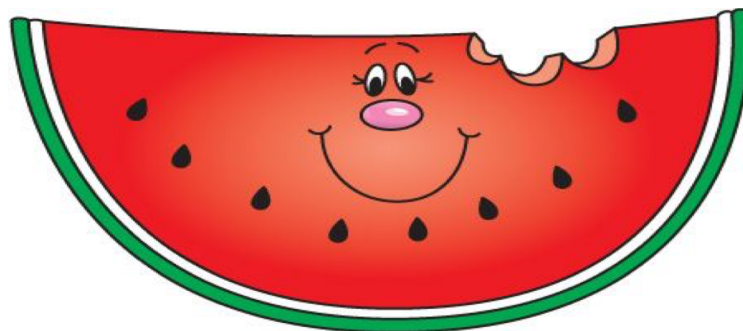
*Surging or rolled hem on the receiving blankets 10 for 1 hour

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

Please remember to bring all your Receiving Blankets, small quilts and hats back to our next meeting. Please make sure you return them in the white bag that you took them in along with the tag on the bag

If you have any questions, please contact me. I thank you – and Love Thy Baby thanks you.

LaCora McSwain 972-255-6233 or l.mcswain4@verizon.net



Friends are like fabric... You can never have enough!

Middle Child's Day

When: Always August 12th

Middle Child's Day gives a little well deserved recognition to the wonderful and special middle child in the family.

For parents of three children, you likely know the "Middle Child Syndrome" all too well. If you grew up the middle child with both older and younger siblings, you know the feeling from a very personal perspective.

The first child is the first child. Beyond a doubt, the first born is a very special occasion. And he, or she, has all of mom and dad for a while before the second child comes along. The final child is and always will be the baby of the family.

This author knows what its like to be a middle child. We won't go into a dissertation about what Middle Child Syndrome is. Rather, we will focus upon one aspect. Older and younger children tend to be more outgoing, or extroverted. The middle Child tends to be more introverted, quieter, perhaps a bit of a loner.

It is very fair and fitting that we celebrate, and place into the limelight, the middle child today. Go out and enjoy this day to the fullest. Tell the world about it. Be a little outspoken, and let the world know how great it is to be the middle child. You truly are a wonderful, talented, and special person!

Happy *Middle Child's Day* to all of my fellow middle children!

Book Club Selection

The Quilter's Apprentice

(The first book in the Elm Creek Quilts series)

A novel by [Jennifer Chiaverini](#)

After moving with her husband, Matt, to the small college town of Waterford, Pennsylvania, Sarah McClure struggles to find a fulfilling job. In the meantime, she agrees to help seventy-five-year-old Sylvia Compson prepare her family estate, Elm Creek Manor, for sale. As part of her compensation, Sarah is taught how to quilt by this cantankerous elderly woman, who is a master of the craft.

During their lessons, Mrs. Compson reveals how her family was torn apart by tragedy, jealousy, and betrayal, and her stories force Sarah to face uncomfortable truths about her own alienation from her widowed mother. As their friendship deepens, Mrs. Compson confides in Sarah the truth about why she wants to sell Elm Creek Manor. In turn, Sarah seeks a way to bring life and joy back to the estate so Mrs. Compson can keep her home-and Sarah can keep her cherished friend. *The Quilter's Apprentice* teaches deep lessons about family, friendship, and sisterhood, and about creating a life as you would a quilt: with time, love, and patience, piecing the miscellaneous and mismatched scraps into a beautiful whole.

A graphic of the word "AUGUST" in a stylized, blocky font. Each letter is a different color: A is red, U is blue, G is yellow, U is green, S is purple, and T is light blue. The letters have a thick black outline and are set against a white background.

Quilt Show Tickets

Several more ladies purchased discounted tickets for the quilt show in August. There are tickets available when you are ready to purchase your advance tickets for the North Texas Quilt Festival. The price of admission at the door is \$15. Advance ticket price is \$10. You know you're going to the show so why pay the higher price?

I have tickets to the quilt show Festival Night featuring guest speaker Meg Cox. These tickets are \$15. There are 200 tickets and that's it. This program is Thursday, August 25th from 7pm -9pm. There will be door prizes, including a new sewing machine, awards ceremony, quilt show private viewing and more. If you can sell tickets for the show or Festival Night to your friends or maybe you're going on a retreat let me know and I can give you tickets. You'll be responsible for these tickets but you can pay for them after they're sold. The Irving Quilt Guild makes money from the sale of these admission tickets. Thank you to the ladies who've already bought or picked up tickets.

At the August meeting everyone who signed out show tickets will need to bring payment for the tickets or the tickets.

Thank you!

Donna Reid donna@acdenterprises.com



Angel Quilts

You turned in 29 quilts for Scottish Rite. This brings our total delivered to 151. Yeah!! Half the way there. Thank you all.

I have always said Angel quilts are where you practice a new quilting skills. Machine sewn binding and mitered binding corners included. If you use your talents quilts made of random squares look like you planned it. This uses up some of the small scraps we all have. We had a couple turned in.

Thank you for taking the free fabric. My husband thanks you too. It takes planning but this fabric can be added to what you already have to make really nice Angel Quilts. I'm excited to see what you create.

Sarah Schacht won the Light Red the first raffle. Evelyn Banks the second drawing. Congratulations to both ladies!

Thank you to everyone!

Donna Reid donna@acdenterprises.com

Volunteered Hrs.
as of July 20, 2017

Adair, C.	5	Harless, M.	2.5
Angeles, C.	21	Lawrence, A.	14.5
Banks, E.	24	McSwain, L.	22
Barry, B.	48	Merritt, J.	36
Beck, J.	117	Norris, N.	3
Beissel, S.	42	Poole, J.	34.5
Bowen, J.	24.5	Ray, M.	19
Campbell, N	24	Reid, D.	70.5
Carr, S.	3	Rolf, W.	8
Chenault, P.	8.5	Schacht, S.	12
Cole, L.	60	Scott, L.	9
Cook, C.	57	Sloan, B.	82
Coughlin, B.	40	Smith, C.	45
Dean, B.	4	Terry, T.	28
Doggett, J.	88.5	Tollett, J.	60
Dugosh, J.	16	Turk, S.	132
Fox, S.	62	Vauble, L.	62
Garcia, Y.	6	Walsh, G.	58
Glasgow, V.	12	Waggoner, J.	2
Gray, S.	39	Winn, A.	5
Gladden, C.	2.5		
Grewing, S.	32		
Haynie, T.	42		
Hendrick, P.	12		
Henry, A.	3		
Holt, S.	85.5		



HELP

Irving Guild, please help us with volunteering for the North Texas Quilt Expo in Arlington, TX. If there are problems with standing too long, getting there, or just feeling unqualified, please let me know! I am feeling the same, however, I know that this is for my quilt guild. You can volunteer on-line or by calling me.

Susan Holt 972/255/9283 Leave a message & I will return your call.

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

The Frayed Knots will meet Monday August 14 at 6:00 at Jaycee Park.

The Frayed Knots that were at the meeting tonight are going to do a 9 Patch Swap. We discussed having the constant fabric be a cream no darker than a brown paper sack. The other 5 squares will be multi-colored of your choice. The squares will be 2 1/2-inch square so you can use strip packages. You will really need an accurate 1/4-inch seam so everyone will be happy with consistent seams. We will do the exchange at our Christmas party. According to how many participants, will determine how many blocks we will need to make but plan on at least 10 blocks per person to trade.

Have a great month of piecing!

Please call if you have any questions.

Happy Quilting!

Linda Scott
972-986-7890

Material Woman

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

In Aug bring your block #6. We'll have a project to work on or bring any project you're already working on. We meet at Holy Family in the gym building at 6:00. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Donna Reid 975-986-2161
donna@acdenterprises.com

**Asking a quilter to mend, is
like asking Picasso to paint
your garage!**

Threadpickers

Threadpickers meets at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church which is at the corner of 6th St. and O'Connor on the second Thursday of each month, from 10 am to 2 pm.

If you are looking for a friendly daytime group, please meet with us at St Mark's! You can "Brown Bag" your lunch and bring your 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



Quilters come with strings attached.

Officers

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Sue Gray

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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.

Dues Information

The Guild's annual dues are due at the November meeting for the following year. 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.

Dues are \$30.00 per year.

Membership

Current Members	77
New Members	1
Meeting Attendance	42
Guests	01
Total attending	43

Fat Quarter Lotto

**BRING A FAT QUARTER AND
ENTER IT IN THE LOTTO. YOU
MAY WIN IT BACK ALONG
WITH ALL OF THE OTHERS
ENTERED!**

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**BRING DOG-THEMED FAT  
QUARTER FOR THE AUGUST  
LOTTO!**

# HELP!

I am looking for Raffle quilt pictures. I need the following pictures of past raffle quilts.

2002

2003

2004

Thank You!

Judy Poole

## August Birthdays

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 7  | Connie Angeles   |
| 10 | Carol Cook       |
| 16 | Wanda Rolf       |
| 20 | Wanda Dunn       |
| 25 | Tonya Terry      |
| 27 | Sarah Schacht    |
| 29 | Virginia Glasgow |
| 29 | Chris Kauffman   |



## Irving Quilt Guild

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| May 2017     |                  |                 |                        |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 8/10/17      | Officers Meeting | 6:00 pm         | Oakview Baptist Church |
| 8/17/17      | 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 | Saint Mark's           |
| 2nd Monday   | Material Women   | 6:00 – 9:00 pm  | Holy Family Church     |

### IRVING QUILT GUILD MISSION STATEMENT

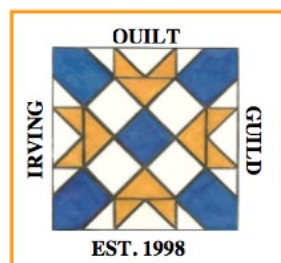
Promote fellowship among persons interested in all aspects of quilt making. Preserve our quilt-making heritage and traditions. Participate in quilt-related projects that are a service to our community.

**Please visit our website  
to learn more about the IQG!**

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### July Meeting Reminders:

- Items for Show and Tell
- Angel Quilts & Love Thy Baby Items
- Food & Drink – A -F
- Fat Quarter for Lotto dog-themed