

The Quilting Press

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President's Message

Next month we will have our final meeting of 2017. The food and fellowship always make for a great meeting in December. So if you know of someone that was not at our November meeting please call them to remind them of the December meeting and that the guild will be providing the ham and beef.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to be your President for the last 2 years. I have enjoyed this time and have worked with a fantastic board both years. We could not have done our jobs without your help. I know you will be just as supportive of the new officers coming in next year.

Donna and Susan did a great job with the pattern for our 48 hours class. This will be a beautiful quilt. I can hardly wait for the class. Now to pick out those fabrics.....

My granddaughter Josie, has had a busy November, She passed her driving test, was inducted into the National Honor Society, and had her senior ring ceremony. My granddaughters are growing up way too fast for my liking.

Hopefully with some of the money from the show we will be able to increase our speaker budget so we can get some speakers that will help us with our quilting journey. If you have any suggestion for speakers and workshops please contact Julie Beck to give her your ideas.

I know we ask a lot of you concerning the show, but if the show is successful for us then we do not have to do a raffle quilt. I would rather make items for the store than sell those raffle tickets. After June, we are through with the show and can relax for a few months. Again, thank you for your support.

My sincere wish for everyone is to have a Merry Christmas and cherish the time with your family.

Have a great month quilting!

Happy Quilting!

Linda Scott



ChristmasDay

Many people in the United States celebrate Christmas Day on December 25. The day celebrates Jesus Christ's birth. It is often combined with customs from pre-Christian winter celebrations. Many people erect Christmas trees, decorate their homes, visit family or friends and exchange gifts.

IQG General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2017

Call to Order

Time: 7:00 PM

Minutes from October approved as read.

Sunshine and Shadows: Connie Angeles welcomed two visitors. She also announced that Darlene Farmer is out of the hospital; Beverly from Quilters Dream recently lost her mother; Wanda Dunn had cataract surgery; Judy Doggett's husband had surgery; Alene Winn is out of the hospital and recovering from gall bladder surgery.

Birthdays: November birthdays were recognized and gifted.

Members from the Irving Fire Department's Blue Christmas program picked up gifts generously donated by Irving Guild members. The program has grown from only 25 families to over 400 needy families this year. Thanks to the guild for their continued support of this worthy cause.

Nancy Norris will award perfect attendance next month. She read a preliminary list of names and asked if you think your name should be added to the list, please let her know.

Our speaker for tonight is Tina Hilton who will talk on Malaysian Batiks. These are hand crafted fabrics manufactured by families on small pieces of fabric (no larger than 4 meters).

Linda Scott announced the guild will provide the meat for December's Pot Luck dinner. She promises it will be tasty, such as ham, turkey or beef.

Carol Cook went over dates for the 2018 Expo. Please read her article later in this newsletter.

LaCorra McSwain thanked members for their work for Love Thy Baby. She showed an example of machine quilting that is fast and will get you a point.

Sue Gray said that next month we draw for the 2017 Raffle Quilt winner. Please bring in all your tickets that you have sold to be included in the drawing.

Susan Grewing attended Allison Bayer's workshop on using scraps a la Bonnie Hunter. She said the workshop was wonderful.

Donna Reid thanked everyone who made angel quilts this year. We will get close to our goal of 300 quilts. The 48 hour class will be held in January with Susan Turk teaching it. Lunch will be provided.

Suzanna Fox has been very involved with community outreach. She has been working with the Irving Arts Center who has two programs of interest. They would like Irving Quilt Guild to conduct a four-hour workshop open to about 200 families to do a make & take project. Suzanna is asking for suggestions on a Texas/Southwest themed project.

The Arts Center has also offered their Focus Gallery to hang about 20 quilts for display. The dates are June 16-July 8. They are also offering a covered table-top exhibit for displaying special quilts, such as Quilts of Valor, Angel Quilts. This dovetails nicely with the Expo which will be finished before this event takes place.

Door prizes were awarded. The winner of the Fat Quarter Lotto is Suzanna Fox. There will be no Fat Quarter Lotto in December.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 PM



Angel Quilts

Thank you, thank you, thank you 241 times thank you because that's how many Angel Quilts we donated to Scottish Rite hospital. They are always so happy to receive your gifts. The quilts are handed out to the different locations in the hospital. This insures every department gets a couple. Could Scottish Rite use more than the 241 beautiful Angel Quilts we handed in? Yes, they could. Many children pass thru the doors of Scottish Rite. There are many wonderful opportunities for us to touch someone's life and make them smile. If you have a chance to make one more Angel Quilt then let's do it.

Just a quick reminder on size. The length and width on a small Angel Quilt equals 90" or better. A large is 120". Small is 4 points and large is 8. If you're close but not quite there add a border.

Nancy Norris won the Light Red raffle. Thank you to everyone!

Donna Reid donna@acdenterprises.com

*Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas*



LOVE THY BABY... need to get your Volunteer hours done?
Love thy Baby Points have increased.

Would you consider doing some small Quilts, Receiving Blankets, Hats, Booties or Diaper Shirts for us?

Love Thy Baby provides all the fabric so if your stash is short and you want volunteer hours please consider helping 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 1 for 1 Point

*Surging or rolled hem on the receiving blankets 10 for 2 Points

*Hats, Diaper Shirts and Booties are 10 for 2 Points.

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 and fill out the return slip.

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



BLUE CHRISTMAS 2017

Quilters,

We had a smaller crowd at Quilt Guild but still managed to have a nice assortment of gifts and especially monetary donations for the kids of Irving. Thank you so much for the wonderful thoughtful gifts you donated. I saw so many pretty things for teenaged girls and lots of art and coloring types of gifts. There were also plenty of sports related gifts, bicycle helmets and a special thank you to the person who brought in about a dozen hair dryers! What great ideas you ladies have! We had a fun time with Captain Bill Johnston and the firefighters from Station 2, C Shift. Thank you for your generosity.

If you still have something to donate, you can take it to any fire station after Thanksgiving Day, or call me and I will pick it up.

Evelyn Banks 972-252-5290



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Family Funday at the Irving Arts Center

Sunday March 11, 2018 1 to 4 PM

A free guided craft program that's entertaining for the whole family. The attendees will be celebrating Texas Themed Folk Art and Crafts. Our Guild will be doing several make and take projects with the children. Check your stash for any cowboy or Texas themed fabric.



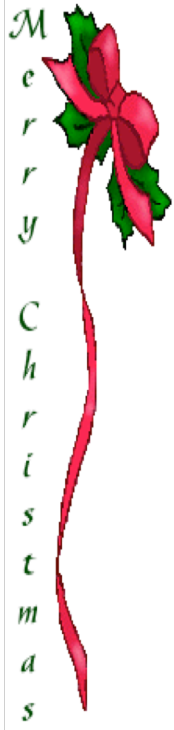
QUILT SHOW IN THE FOCUS GALLERY AT THE IRVING ARTS CENTER

June 16th through July 8th 2018

A great opportunity to show off our Quilts and Guild to the City of Irving. This will take place after the Sewing and Quilt Expo. We will need approximately 20 Quilts for this exhibit. The hope is that some of the Quilts exhibited at the Expo will travel on to the Irving Arts Center.

Thank you – Suzanna Fox





Book Club Selection

Sweet Tea Revenge (2013)

(Book 14 in the Tea Shop Mysteries series)

A novel by Laura Childs

In the latest novel from the New York Times bestselling author of The Agony of the Leaves, Indigo Tea Shop owner Theodosia Browning may always be a bridesmaid, never a bride, but this groom is never going to make it to the altar...

Theodosia Browning's dear friend, Delaine Dish, has asked her to be a bridesmaid for her wedding. But when the big day arrives, everything seems to be going wrong. First, a massive storm is brewing over Charleston. A bad omen? Second, Delaine's maid of honor is late for the ceremony. And finally, the groom not only has cold feet - his whole body is cold. A murderer has crashed the wedding.

As Theodosia comforts a devastated Delaine, she needs to sort out the suspects on the groom's side from the suspects on the bride's side. One thing soon becomes apparent - revenge won't be the only dish served cold at this wedding. And if Theodosia doesn't watch her step, a cold-blooded killer may have a rude reception in store for her...

INCLUDES DELICIOUS RECIPES AND TEA TIME TIPS!

Aunt Wimp's Fruitcake

- 6 eggs (seperated)
- 1 lb Butter
- 2 cups Sugar
- 4 cups Flour
- 1 lb Dates (chopped)
- 1 lb Candied Cherries (chopped)
- 1 lb Candied Pineapple (chopped)
- 1 lb Walnuts (chopped)
- 1 lb Pecans (chopped)
- 1 1/2 oz Lemon Flavoring



In large bowl mix dates, walnuts, pecans, cherries & pineapple. Toss in 1 cup flour.

In another bowl cream butter & sugar. Add well beaten egg yolks and lemon extract.

Add this to the fruit & nut mixture. Mix well. Add the remaining 3 cups flour. Mix well.

Beat the egg whites until they form peaks. Fold into mixture. Line bottom of tube pan with several layers of wax paper. Grease cake pan. Divide mixture between two pans.

Bake for 1 hour at 300

Let cool before removing from pan.

Thanks Janie Merritt



Quilt of Valor Quilts Needed

We are again participating in the Defenders of Freedom Bar-B-Que in the spring. If you want to give a quilt for this purpose I will need it by the April meeting. We had 18 quilts last year and I would love to top that this year. I have finished 6 so far and hope to get a few more done. Gail and I had a great time talking with these service men and women from all the wars and conflicts. They were able to enjoy live music and have great food in a relaxing atmosphere. You could visibly watch them unwind and talk with other people in the same situation as them. And when Gail and I started handing out those quilts and they saw what they were getting, it was heartwarming how they appreciated what the Irving Guild was doing for them. I always tried to tell them a little bit about the maker so they would have a more personal idea of who would do this for them. And they were grateful for the award. We got lots of hugs and thanks from the men and their wives.

I posted pictures from last year's event on our website. I hope you go there and you can see the picture of who was awarded the quilt you made. And we will be doing that again so think about getting your hours in with a QOV and thanking these brave people who sacrificed so much all of us.

Thank you all for all your help.

Carol



The winning bid on our Quilt for the Irving Schools Foundation Gala was \$500.00 and it was purchased by Patti Necessary of Irving.



Merry Christmas

People celebrate Christmas Day in many ways. In the days or even weeks before Christmas Day, many people decorate their homes and gardens with lights, Christmas trees and much more. It is common to organize a special meal, often consisting of turkey and a lot of other festive foods, for family or friends and exchange gifts with them. Children, in particular, often receive a lot of gifts from their parents and other relatives and the mythical figure Santa Claus. This has led to Christmas Day becoming an increasingly commercialized holiday, with a lot of families spending a large part of their income on gifts and food.

Many Sunday schools, churches and communities organize special events. These can include decorating the neighborhood or a shopping mall, putting up a Christmas tree and planning a Nativity display, concert or performance. A lot of plays and songs have a aspect of Christmas as a theme. Some groups arrange meals, shelter or charitable projects for people without a home or with very little money.

Quilt Show dates- June 7,8,9, 2018

Registration opens on- line on January 8th and closes March 5th.

Quilt check in is Monday June 4 from 12-4. Please note this is during the day instead of evening hours. If you work but have a quilt to turn in- we will help you or you can get someone to drop it off for you.

Pick up is Saturday June 9- 5:45 to 7 pm after the show.

Basic rules are pretty much the same with just a few changes in the category descriptions or divisions.

Important things to remember:

We are accepting quilts made in the last 5 years...could have been in another show just not last year's show. That should help everyone enter a quilt.

Nothing larger than 96 wide. Very important because they will not fit on the poles we have.

Hanging sleeve of minimum 4 inches wide FINISHED. If you have a quilt longer than 90 inches you need to put the sleeve there or add a second sleeve at 90 inches to keep your quilt off the floor.

Mini quilts will be handled differently because of the overabundance. Each guild will have a set number they can enter and the guilds will set the "Buy it Now" price. As soon as we hear the final numbers we will let you know. But go ahead and make a mini now and have it done.

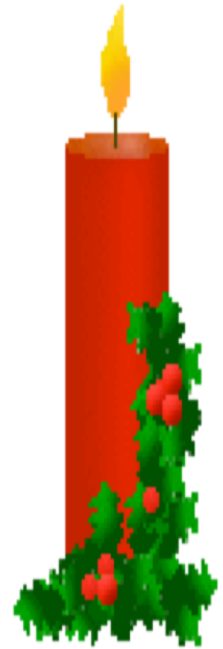
All of this info is on the guild website for you to print off and reference later if needed. If for some reason you can't figure something out, let us know so we can discuss it early enough to help you. We are here to help you any way we can.

This was a great money maker last year. Ladies if we keep trying we can duplicate the results this year. We need you to enter your quilts (ours are prettier) and sell tickets and make a few minis for the auction. We will of course also have the Guild Booth as a money maker so think of items we can sell. Any quilts for sell will be done in the booths only. Start early and don't get caught up in a last-minute rush.

Next year I will also be running a booth for Quilts of Valor. I will need volunteers to sit in that booth throughout the show and answer questions and get blocks signed. Which is another thing ...we will need more blocks for signing as this show has lots of visitors.

If you have any questions please ask us. Thanks

Linda and Carol



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 December 11 at 6:00 at Tia Carlos at O'Connor and Rochelle. This will be for our Christmas Party. We will be exchanging our nine patches. Each person (that participated) needs to bring a sack to put the nine patches in. I am sure this dinner will be a lot of fun and fellowship.

Most of the Frayed Knots will be working on the Bonnie Hunter mystery quilt starting Black Friday so we won't start a new project until the mystery quilt is finished.

Everyone have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Please call if you have any questions.

Happy Quilting!

Linda Scott
972-986-7890

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

Material Woman

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

Each lady worked on their own lamb quilt. Everyone will add their own twist. Maybe it's in the color or shades. That's what quilters do.

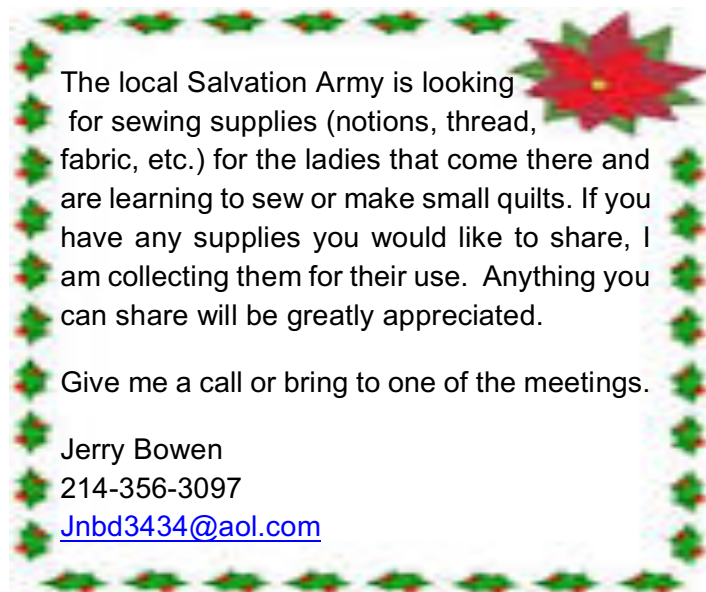
Donna Reid 214-435-4148
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48-point Appreciation class

This class will be held on January 20th. If you have earned 48 points or more you should have received the fabric requirement sheet. I have them if you need one.

Thank you to all for all you do.

Donna Reid donna@acdenterprises.com



Officers

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Linda Scott

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Suzanna Fox

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Ginny North

Quilt Show:

Carol Cook

Janie Merritt

Quilts of Valor:

Carol Cook

Raffle Quilt:

Sue Gray

Scholarships:

Suzanna Fox

Sunshine & Shadow/

Welcoming:

Connie Angeles

TAQG:

Cynthia Gladden

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.

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

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|--------------------|----|
| Current Members | 77 |
| New Members | 1 |
| Meeting Attendance | 40 |
| Guests | 01 |
| Total attending | 41 |

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 NO COLOR FAT  
QUARTERS FOR THE  
DECEMBER 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

## December Birthdays

|    |               |
|----|---------------|
| 3  | Janie Merritt |
| 6  | Jerry Bowen   |
| 15 | Debbie Jones  |
| 18 | Suzanna Fox   |
| 22 | Lynn Poole    |
| 27 | Pam Hendrick  |



## Happy Birthday!

## Irving Quilt Guild

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### Newsletter Deadlines

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

| October 2017 |                  |                 |                        |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 12/14/17     | Officers Meeting | 6:00 pm         | Oakview Baptist Church |
| 12/21/17     | 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

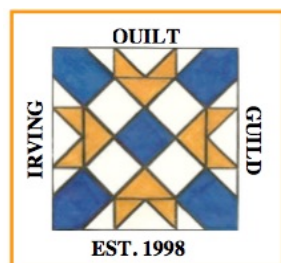
Promote fellowship among persons interested in all aspects of quilt making. Preserve our quilt-making heritage and traditions. Participate in quilt-related projects that are of service to our community.

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

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### December Meeting Reminders:

- Items for Show and Tell
- Angel Quilts & Love Thy Baby Items
- Food & Drink – everybody – pot luck
- Fat Quarter for December – none - skipping this month