

# The Quilting Press

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## President's Message

We accomplished so much at the January meeting and had such a great time as well! Thanks everyone for attending and participating!

I would like to see some new ideas for our booth at the upcoming Sew Expo and Quilt Show in June. The small owl and chicken pin cushions should be great sellers! Thank you Charlene for volunteering to make these.

In addition to the 3 small string quilts we will sell tickets to each day.... we have enough strips and squares to make approximately 10 quilts to sell - maybe more!. I will work on setting up a Saturday workshop sometime soon to sew squares together and Susan Turk has offered to help quilt. Any batting donations will be appreciated.

Remember to contact Susan Holt about the retreat in March. We have a good number going but there is still some room! Sign up - let's have fun!

For February - if you are on the list to bring food - bring something red, pink or white or shaped like a heart (such as red jello salad, heart shaped sandwiches or a strawberry cake). We will vote on those items and give a prize to the winner! Also, I would like to challenge each member to bring a friend. What a great way to help a friend to learn how to quilt and get involved and have a fun evening! Maybe someone from your church or a neighbor? It will be so nice to share our group with them.

So for now, think about making a quilt for the show, or making a mini quilt or some hot pads! Thank you and we will meet in February.

Stitching Our Lives Together,

Shawn



## Valentine's day

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14. It is a festival of romantic love and many people give cards, letters, flowers or presents to their spouse or partner. They may also arrange a romantic meal in a restaurant or night in a hotel. Common symbols of Valentine's Day are hearts, red roses and Cupid.

# IQG General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 18, 2018

Call to Order                      Time: 7:00 pm

Minutes from December approved as read.

Sunshine and Shadows: Connie Angeles reported that Darlene was doing much better. Elaine has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep both ladies in your prayers. We welcomed one guest this month.

Julie Beck asked for members to volunteer to lecture or teach a workshop this year. Please watch the newsletter for upcoming programs during the year.

Suzanna Fox reported that the guild is involved in the Texas Folk Art and Craft Family Fun Day event on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM at the Irving Arts Center. The Guild will be represented and assist kids with "Take and Make" projects. She is asking for volunteers and ideas for quick projects for kids from 2 to 12. Many good suggestions were made. She needs about 4 volunteers to help with this event.

48-Point class: Donna Reid reminded attendees that the class is this Saturday at the Senter East Building at 228 Chamberlain. Lunch will be provided. Bring basic sewing supplies. Please do not bring an iron. Susan Turk to teach.

Angel Quilts: Donna reports that there were 241 Angel Quilts donated to Scottish Rite in 2017. She would like to see us reach 300 in 2018. The winner of the light red challenge is Jerry Tollett.

Achievements for Volunteer Points and Perfect Attendance were recognized and awarded.

Retreat: Susan Holt spoke regarding the Spring Compass Centre retreat. The dates are March 15-18. She has about 20 signed up. If you are interested, please contact her. As the retreat falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month it conflicts with the General Meeting date. Shawn polled the membership and a vote was taken to cancel the March General Meeting. This will not affect anyone's attendance record for 2018.

Programs: Julie spoke to the membership about the pitfalls of buying and/or selling a home.

Cynthia Gladden reminded members of the TAQG rally July 14<sup>th</sup>. It is held at the Mimosa Baptist Church in Mesquite. The speaker this year will be Deb Tucker. More details will follow!

Carol Cook reported on the Quilt show in June. Marianne Fons will be a speaker at the Festival Night which is the Friday night during show weekend. Volunteer sign up is online. The Guild will have the Country Store again this year as well as raffle quilts. The Mini quilt auction will also be held as it was last year.

Carol has arranged a retreat at Sunset again this year. It is April 12-15. If anyone is interested, she is taking names and payment now. Contact Carol if you have any questions.

Show & Tell, Quilts of Valor, Door Prizes were awarded.

Fat Quarter Lotto colors for February to be Red, Pink or Valentine themed fabrics.

Food for February will be letters G through N.

Meeting Adjourned Time: 8:40 pm



# Angel Quilts

We started the new year strong by taking 20 Angel Quilts to Scottish Rite. I would like to continue with the goal of 300 quilts. My personal plan is to dig into the box of unfinished quilts that I know I won't complete and see which ones are large enough to be an Angel Quilt. It always feels great to finish a project.

Just a reminder the small Angel Quilts one length and one width equals 90" for 4 points. A large Angel Quilt is one length and width equals 120" for 8 points.

Jerry Tollett won the lite red raffle. Thanks to all for your continued support.

Donna Reid 214 435-4148 [donna@acdenterprises.com](mailto:donna@acdenterprises.com)



**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](mailto:l.mcswain4@verizon.net)

## **“TEXAS THEMED FOLK ART AND CRAFTS”**

**SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018 - 1 TO 4 PM**

Your Help and Expertise is Needed! – If you are interested in participating, please contact Suzanna Fox at 805-391-0704 or [smf62014@hotmail.com](mailto:smf62014@hotmail.com). We need ideas for several make and take projects to do with the families, help cutting out and putting together kits, at least four sewers and someone to demonstrate a quilting project. Once we have a team in place, we'll pick a date and time to get together and formulate a plan. THANK YOU!!!

### **QUILT SHOW IN THE FOCUS GALLERY AT THE IRVING ARTS CENTER**

June 16<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup> 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

### **48 point Appreciation class.**

The 48 point appreciation class was so much fun. Susan Turk taught the Braided Star class. The pattern looks much more difficult than is. I'm working on a small quilt that will be an Angel Quilt but I see myself making this again. How can you go wrong? Each block is 16" and the blocks make a star. Besides learning how to put the block together I learned that the background could be white but looks great in other colors. And the corner stones can be something other than the background fabric. We had pulled pork and barbequed beef sausage with the fixings provided by the guild. Don't forget something with chocolate for dessert.

I would like to invite everyone to earn 48 points for next year. You can make Angel Quilts but also QOV and Love Thy Baby. Please look in the handbook or ask someone about the other ways to earn points. We want you there.

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# Book Club Selection

## Glazed Murder

(2010)

(The first book in the **Donut Shop Mystery** series)

A novel by Jessica Beck

Meet Suzanne Hart, owner and operator of Donut Hearts coffee shop in April Springs, North Carolina. After her divorce from Max, an out-of-work actor she's dubbed 'The Great Impersonator,' Suzanne decided to pursue her one true passion in life: donuts. So she cashed in her settlement and opened up shop in the heart of her beloved hometown.

But when a dead body is dumped on her doorstep like a sack of flour, Suzanne's cozy little shop becomes an all-out crime scene. Now, everyone in town is dropping by for glazed donuts and gruesome details. The retired sheriff warns her to be careful - and they're all suspects. Soon Suzanne - who finds snooping as irresistible as donuts - is poking holes in everyone's alibis.

## February 2018 Lecture and workshop

Stephanie from Texas Scottish Rite Children's Hospital has agreed to come speak to us about the work that they do and the children they help. The angel quilts that we make honestly provide sunshine to the children who receive them at a time when their lives are pretty bleak. Hopefully Stephanie will be able to share with us how angel quilts are dispersed and tell us something of the kids who receive them.



Since all of us will be so inspired when the program is over I thought an Angel Quilt workshop would be very appropriate for the Saturday workshop on Saturday February 17 at the Jaycee Park small room. If everyone who comes will bring a dish for lunch we will have pot luck. Starting time will be 9 am and go until about 2 pm. Please call me with any questions.

Remember that in March there will be no Thursday night meeting or Saturday workshop since so many of our members will be on a weekend retreat. I hope they all bring back many beautiful finished projects to show off to the rest of us.

Julie Beck  
VP in charge of programs

## 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

## North Texas Quilt Festival Traveling Show Quilts

Part of the entry system when you enter a quilt in the show states that your quilt may be selected to be included in the Festival's Traveling Show. This means if you allow it, the Festival will take your quilt on tour to all their Festival sites from March through November where it will be viewed and enjoyed by people all over the United States. They will return your quilt after the last show. What an honor this is!! And the quilts they are picking are not necessarily ribbon winners but quilts that the Festival folks liked personally. I have always repeatedly said that our Guild ladies make some of the best quilts around and this is proof once again that you do. From the quilts picked from all 6 Guilds, Irving Guild had 6 quilts picked for this traveling show.

Carol Cook- Compass Centre Challenge

Janie Merritt- New York Beauty

Judy Poole- Just Blue & Yellow

Ken Moore- Blocks & Stars

Lori Vauble- French Country

Susan Turk- Midnight Stars

Congratulations to all these ladies and their quilts. I am so happy and proud for all of you. I certainly hope you choose to send your quilts on this tour to showcase your talents.

Again...CONGRATULATIONS to all.... And let's do it again this year in June. I hope you are all working on your quilts. The entry site is open January 8<sup>th</sup> until March only to enter your quilts. Make sure you have a picture ready when you go on line to enter.

Carol Cook

# NOTICE: BIG CHANGE IN PRICING!!!

## The Retreat at Sunset

I contacted Penny at Sunset Retreat to get the lowdown on any changes since she took over the management there in June. After the meeting on Thursday, I received an e-mail from the owner stating that after April 1<sup>st</sup> they will no longer offer the special rate of \$225.00 but it will go to the straight fee of 87.50 per day. I am disappointed, especially after I announced the other price to everyone.

Our dates for the retreat are April 12 -15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday to Sunday. Because there is a group leaving on Thursday morning, we can't check in until noon on Thursday. I need a minimum of 20 retreaters and they are asking we assign 3 to a room. Not sure that will happen, but it depends on how many sign up.

I think the one change that will be a bother is they want the money paid 30 days in advance. So, I will need to mail the checks and the signed release forms by February meeting since we don't have a March meeting now. No more paying when you get there unless you sign up as a late comer. But if I don't hit my minimum they will either open the closed retreat up to others or make us cancel.

We always have a great time so if you haven't been you might want to join us. This is not the Guild sponsored retreat, it's just one I offer up because I like going to Sunset to sew with friends.

The prices are:

Thursday- Sunday: \$262.50-(Dinner on Thurs., Lunch and Dinner on Fri & Sat, Brunch on Sunday.)

Friday to Sunday: \$175.00

Saturday to Sunday: \$87.50

I will have a sign-up sheet available along with the release forms. If you have any food allergies or need anything special in the food department, put it on the form. Don't tell them after you get there and they have already bought all the food for us.

Hope you come play with us!!

Carol Cook



## President's Day

Washington's Birthday is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of February. It originally honored the life and work of George Washington, the first president of the United States. Now, other presidents are also honored on this day, which is why it is often known as Presidents' Day.



# 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 12 at 6:00 Jaycee Park.

Some of the Frayed Knots have completed  
the Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilt, others  
have a lot of blocks made.

Hopefully at this meeting we will discuss  
our next project. So be thinking of  
something you would like to do. Bring those  
ideas to the meeting so we can discuss  
them.

Have a great month of piecing!

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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)

In January we worked on quilts using different  
seasons. The next meeting is Monday February  
12<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

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Quilt Show Entry Site is up and  
running. Get your entry in as soon  
as you can get a good picture. Any  
quilt made in the last 5 years can be  
entered as long as it wasn't in the  
2017 show.

Mini- Quilts needed!! Eye catching  
embroidery made into a small quilt  
will work also. Let's make something  
beautiful to pull in a great price.

Guild Booth items to sell are also  
needed. Think about things that  
aren't real expensive but look  
enticing to buyers.



## Officers

**President:**

Shawn Carr

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

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Susan Holt

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## Chairpersons

**Angel Quilts:**

Donna Reid

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**Nomination:**

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**Quilt Show:**

Carol Cook

Janie Merritt

**Quilts of Valor:**

Carol Cook

**Raffle Quilt:**

Linda Scott

**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

Current Members	79
New Members	1
Meeting Attendance	52
Guests	03
Total attending	55

## 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 Red, Pink or Valentine themed fabrics color Fat Quarters for the February Lotto!

## February Birthdays

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1 | Jerry Tollett |
| 2 | Thenia Haynie |

# HELP!

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

2002

2003

2004

Thank You!

Judy Poole



## Happy Birthday!

## 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 at [judy343@tx.rr.com](mailto:judy343@tx.rr.com)

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.

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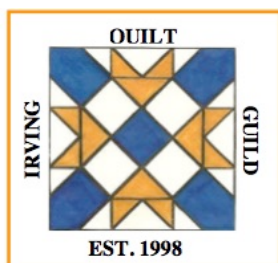
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### February Meeting Reminders:

- Items for Show and Tell
- Angel Quilts & Love Thy Baby Items
- Food & Drink – G-N
- Fat Quarter for February – Red, Pink or Valentine themed fabrics

| October 2017 |                  |                 |                        |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 2/08/18      | Officers Meeting | 6:00 pm         | Oakview Baptist Church |
| 2/15/18      | 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!**

**[www.IrvingQuiltGuild.com](http://www.IrvingQuiltGuild.com)**

