



# The Quilting Press

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## President's Message

Happy February!

Our meeting this month was so much fun!

I thought the Quilt of Valor Quilts shown were gorgeous and Scottish Rite Hospital's guests were so nice to hear. These volunteer opportunities are well worth our time and donations. Showing Angel Quilts while our guests were there is also something that was exciting! I was watching their faces and they were so grateful for our quilts. You could see their appreciation in their smiles.

No meeting in March – please mark your calendars. If you cannot go on the Compass Centre retreat..... call a friend and retreat with them on Saturday at your house. It is always fun to sew with a friend even if you do not go anywhere. Facetime me and we will all wave at you to share the retreat day!

Please work on quilts for the Sew and Expo Show - sign up soon for entrance into the quilt show. Like Carol said, you can enter a quilt that is 5 years old as long as it has not been entered in this show before. Mini quilts are needed – see Sue Gray. Now of course, if you find something that might be easy to make and can be sold in our General Store -see if you can make 20 of that item and let me know what it is.

Thanks for participating in everything we have going on.....

Stitching Our Lives Together with your help,

Shawn  
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## St Patty day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish and Irish at Heart in big cities and small towns alike with parades, "wearing of the green," music and songs, Irish food and drink, and activities for kids such as crafts, coloring and games. It's a time for fun. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green! See all the **Parades & Events** going on around the World to celebrate St Patrick's Day March 17th, 2018

# IQG General Meeting Minutes



Date: February 15, 2018

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 pm

The minutes from January were approved as read.

Sunshine and Shadows: All Sunshine this month. Members shared good news of health and brand new grand babies. We welcomed one new member tonight.

Retreat: Susan Holt recapped the of the upcoming Compass Centre Retreat March 15-18. Arrival time is 12:30. For a little fun this trip those attending are asked to bring five or six squares measuring 6 inches in Green or Teal to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. Remember - as the retreat falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month it conflicts with the General Meeting date. Therefore, we will NOT have the General Meeting in March. This will not affect anyone's attendance record for 2018.

Programs: There is an Angel Quilt workshop this Saturday at the Irving Arts Center from 9am – 1pm.

Speakers tonight were Mike Stimpson and Desmond Blair from Scottish Rite. They shared news from the hospital as well as a heartfelt thank you to members for their continued support. Both stated that while the Medical staff treats the medical issues of the child, their volunteers treat the child's spirit.

Suzanna Fox and Susan Turk updated us on the Make and Take projects planned for the Texas Folk Art and Craft Family Fun Day event on March 11<sup>th</sup>. It is from 1-4 PM at the Irving Arts Center and will be for children aged 2 to 12 years old. Susan has prepared quilted blanks for kids to color on. Suggestions were made regarding the process. Other activities will include Hearts to sew together, and Bags to make. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Susanna. Another opportunity we may have this summer is to teach sewing classes.

Cynthia Gladden reminded members of the TAQG rally July 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Mimosa Baptist Church in Mesquite. The speaker this year will be Deb Tucker. There will be a pre- event raffle and many prizes given out at the workshops. Raffle tickets will be available at the April Meeting. More details to follow!

Carol Cook updated the membership on the Quilt show in June. Marianne Fons will be a speaker at the Festival Night which is the Friday night during show weekend. Linda sold tickets and took orders for Tee shirts. The Volunteer sign up is online and the deadline is rapidly approaching for quilt entries. The Guild will have the Country Store again this year as well as raffle quilts. Donations are being accepted to stock the store. The Mini quilt auction will also be held as it was last year.

Show & Tell for Angel Quilts, Quilts of Valor and other projects was held.

The Fat Quarter drawing and Door Prizes were awarded, as well as the "Light Red" slip for Angel Quilt points.

Prizes for the Valentine themed covered dish contest were awarded. 1<sup>st</sup> prize to a heart shaped meatloaf! 2<sup>nd</sup> went to the baker of a 2-ingredient cake and 3<sup>rd</sup> for a huge box of candy. A good time was had by all.

Fat Quarter Lotto colors for April are pastels.

Members with last names from O to Z are scheduled to bring food for April. But anyone can join in!

Meeting Adjourned Time: 8:45 pm

# Angel Quilts

Sorry I wasn't at the February meeting to hear the Scottish Rite program. My husband and I went to Portland, OR to babysit our two grandchildren. It's a tough job but someone had to do it. I took some fabric to work on, yes, Angel Quilts. Many thanks to Sarah and my other friends for collecting the Angel Quilts.

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

Thanks to all for your continued support.

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



### Retreat

I need to remind the ladies that they need to bring 5/6 6in. squares to retreat that are GREEN or Teal.

Please don't get there until 12:30 on Thurs. 3/15/2018.



## Book Club Selection

### ***Fall from Grace***

A novel by Danielle Steel

***You find strength when you're at your weakest . . .***

When Sydney's husband dies, she is dealt a devastating blow. He never wrote her into his will, so she is forced to leave the beautiful home they shared and is left with nothing. On a flight from Paris to New York, an emergency landing forces her into the arms of Paul Zeller. The pair bond over a shared love of fashion, and before long he offers Sydney a chance to return to the industry she loves. But her daughters are less than impressed by their mother's mysterious new acquaintance.

Offered a job at Paul's high-street clothing chain, Sydney thinks her luck has turned. But when a scandal hits the company, it's Sydney who is in the firing line.

Humiliated, publicly shamed and destitute, she hits rock bottom. There are two choices: give up or start over. With the unwavering support of her daughters and the assistance of an unlikely business partner, Sydney discovers that her greatest adventure might still be to come.

*Fall From Grace* is an inspirational Mother's Day story about relying on the support of family in times of trouble, by the world's favorite storyteller, Danielle Steel.

### Classes at the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo and North Texas Quilt Festival

Do you enjoy learning more about the craft of sewing and quilting? Want to know more about the sewing machine you love? Thinking of getting a new sewing machine and want to learn the options?

There are classes that will teach you and help answer many of those questions at the Expo this June!

The North Texas Quilt Festival is June 7 through June 9, but before that beautiful show opens there are garment instruction classes available starting Monday, June 4th!

Classes are available during the Expo starting Thursday, June 7 on a variety of sewing machines, long arm machines and sergers! Check the class schedule for the Bernina Studio, Handi Quilter Longarm Studio, Juki Serger Studio, Husqvarna Viking Studio, Brother Studio, Janome Studio, and Pfaff Studio!

Many classes available for garment instruction, fabric dyeing techniques, hand embroidery and beading embellishment, notions, threads, and battings, make and take bags, cases, pouches, and totes. Some half day classes and many one-hour lectures!

Quilting classes available for improving your binding techniques, use of UFO's, learn about making table runners, wallhangings, small quilts and minis, use of templates for quilting designs, free motion quilting fillers, and even a block party exchange!

For more information for the online listings:

<http://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Arlington,TX/ClassDescriptions.aspx>

## February Program Information

We had a fun, but small, workshop for angel quilts Saturday. The morning started out rainy and cold, so I'm not surprised at the small turnout. The five of us attended had a fun time while we got to know each other better. A great way to earn extra hours!

Please don't forget that we won't be meeting in March because so many of our group will be going to the retreat. We will just have to save up extra news and info until the April meeting. At the April meeting our speaker will be Allison Bayer who will be speaking on "Creative Backings and Magic Binding". Allison visited with our group last year and was very well received. She's returning to finish up her stories and give insight on how to creatively use orphan blocks, left over units, and developing a theme for the quilt back. As a finale she will tell us how to do a technique called 'Susie's Magic Binding'. With the Quilt Show coming up I think all will appreciate more information on the binding which finishes quilts.

The February Lecture by employees of Scottish Rite Children's Hospital was enlightening and inspiring. I am proud that this is one of our charities and the knowledge that each quilt we produce makes a real difference to a sick child. How nice that we can be a blessing in someone else's life.

On a personal note – someone asked me for a copy of the Dachshund pattern used for my Quilt entry this year. I have the pattern if you will see me at the next meeting. Someone else asked me for another of the nail files I gave out a few years ago. I didn't think I had any more but did find some so please ask me again!

Have a productive month of quilting!

Julie Beck  
VP in charge of programs



## Sunset CANCELED!

Due to the small number of people who have committed to going to Sunset Retreat this year, I am afraid we will have to Cancel the retreat entirely. We can't take a chance that all the spaces will be filled by opening the retreat up, so I have decided to cancel it entirely. This gives everyone a chance to switch gears and sign up for Compass in March if they want to.

I am truly sorry if this messes up any plans for folks, but it couldn't be helped.

Carol Cook

## Quilt Show Update

We had a meeting on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>. That's when it dawned on everyone that the quilt entry deadline is right on top of us !! March 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day for quilt entries for the show. And at last count there had been only 10 people enter so far within all the guilds. We discussed the fact that in a lot of cases the picture is the hold up. So they said you can enter your quilt now as long as you send the picture to Jenn Haxton by March 17<sup>th</sup> it will be okay. Her e- mail is [jshaxton@gmail.com](mailto:jshaxton@gmail.com) This can be a picture of blocks on the floor and as long as someone can figure out the pattern and the colors it will be accepted.

Another deadline is May 18<sup>th</sup> for Mini quilts for the auction. This is potentially a big way to make money for the guild so we need your entries. These can be embroidery blocks with sashing around them or a pieced mini quilt as long as it's not larger then 24 inches on any side. Sue Gray has agreed to be the guild point of contact for organizing the mini quilts for the show and getting them to the show for display. Please get with her to turn in your minis.

Festival Nite is Friday during the show. The guest speaker is Marianne Fons from Fons and Porter Magazine and tv quilt show. She will speak and have a show and tell. We only have 22 tickets to sell for us to get the money but if we do run out before you get yours, you can buy one on line at the website. Seating is very limited so buy yours early. There are door prizes galore and we heard something about "refreshments" being available for purchase. They said they want to allow more time for folks to get those and they are working on opening the doors an hour before show time to mix and mingle. The guild will make \$550.00 on these ticket sales.

Show tickets: We have 60 comp tickets where we get all the proceeds from their sale. That gives us \$600.00 profit. After those sell we can make \$5.00 per ticket for everything over the first 60. We need you to get those families to buy tickets to come see your show. Take them to work and sell them to the husbands for their wives or mothers. Take them to church or church groups and offer them there. Retirement homes that offer their tenants a bus trip excursion might be a great day trip for those ladies.

If you want to sign up for a class do it NOW in order to get what you want.

If you want to volunteer do it NOW in order to get that sit down job or the position you really want to work at.

Also, Linda and I need to find some people to start mentoring for taking over on the show committee. Every committee needs fresh blood and fresh ideas to make sure you are doing things the right way. We have been working hard to get each position figured out and running easily but fresh eyes are always welcome. Most of the ladies on the board have done this for 2 years and are ready to take a backseat role. Once you get familiar with the board, you can always volunteer for a different job for the show. Nothing says that IQG has to keep Volunteers or Take in/ Check out forever. Susan Holt has said she would like to start shadowing us with this show. I would love to see another lady step up and get involved. It's not as hard as you think and sharing the load with other guilds is much easier then doing it all yourself.

We need your 100% support for the show in order to make this a big money maker. If we don't do well we will have to go back to making Raffle Quilts to pay for our needs.

**SPRING** 

# 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 12 at  
6:00 Jaycee Park.

We do not have a specific project that we  
are working on but I am sure that we will  
come up with something. If you are having  
a problem with a project, please come and  
we will see if we can help or answer your  
questions.

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)

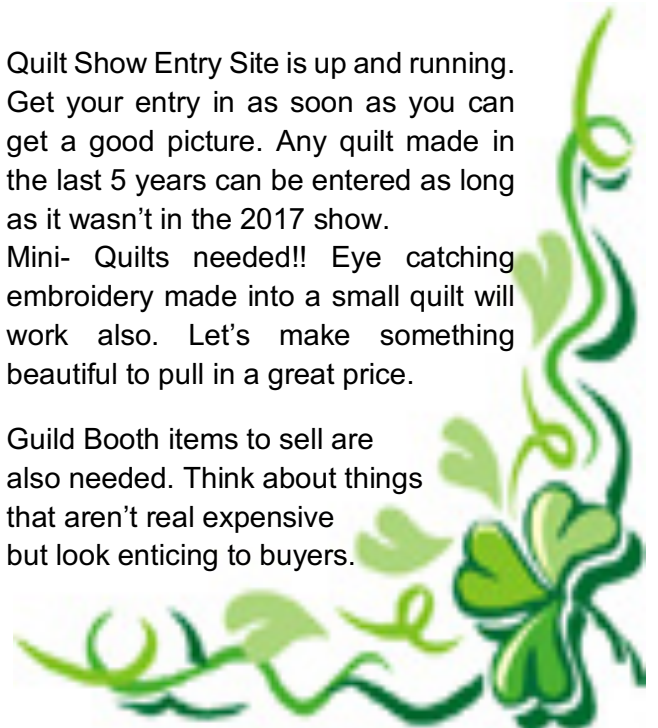
We are making 16 twin size quilts for the  
Family Promise program that Holy Family  
Church is part of. The people in Family  
Promise are homeless. Holy Family is one of  
many churches in this program. During the  
day the adults take classes to learn life skills.  
The children are transported to the school  
where they are enrolled. In the evenings the  
families stay on the host church property. Our  
quilts will stay with Holy Family. Our hopes  
are to make life a little brighter. All are  
welcome.

Donna Reid 214-435-4148  
donna@acdenterprises.com

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:**

Julie Beck

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:**

Susan Holt

**Treasurer:**

Cynthia Gladden

**Secretary:**

Ginny North

## Chairpersons

**Angel Quilts:**

Donna Reid

**Audit:**

Wanda Dunn

**Door Prizes/Fabric Lotto:**

Connie Angeles

**Historian:**

Nancy Norris

**Hospitality:**

Sandy Beissel

**Keeper Quilts:**

Janie Merritt

**Love Thy Baby:**

LaCora McSwain

**Membership:**

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**Newsletter Editor:**

Judy Poole

**Nomination:**

**Parliamentarian:**

**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	73
New Members	1
Meeting Attendance	48
Guests	0
Total attending	48

## 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 **pastels** themed fabrics color Fat Quarters for the April Lotto!

## March Birthdays

|    |                |
|----|----------------|
| 5  | Nancy Norris   |
| 9  | Lisa Neidinger |
| 15 | Ken Moore      |
| 22 | Jerry Nallon   |
| 31 | Judy Poole     |

# 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.

### Advertising Rates:

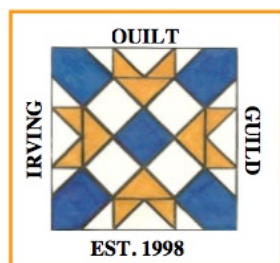
**1/8 pg (3.5X2)** \$3/mo; \$8/3 mo;  
\$15.25/6 mo; \$30/yr.

**1/4 pg (3.5X4.5)** \$5.75/mo;  
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**/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.

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### April Meeting Reminders:

- Items for Show and Tell
- Angel Quilts, Quilt of Valor & Love Thy Baby Items
- Food & Drink – O-Z
- Fat Quarter for April –  
[pastels](#) themed fabrics

| April 2018   |                  |                 |                        |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 4/12/18      | Officers Meeting | 6:00 pm         | Oakview Baptist Church |
| 4/19/18      | 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)**

*I'm A Wee Bit Irish!*