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President's Message

Hi IQG members:

The December Board meeting will be held on Monday, Dec 3rd at Springcreek BarBQue at 6:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend and hear what is being talked about for the upcoming months.

The December meeting is being held on Thursday, Dec 13th at Oakview Baptist Church – usual time. This is our Christmas Party and the Guild will be providing the turkey and meat for the dinner. Everyone else please bring pot luck! Bring your best holiday dish for everyone to try! During our party we will be voting for the best Ugly Fabric Challenge (1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded)! Think about donating these for the Quilt Show Mini Quilt Challenge in August if the measurements fit the criteria for the show.

I will be ordering the North Star book (Block of the Month that Julie Beck Seward is doing) for all that get back to me by Dec 1st. Please email or text me if you want one. The cost is \$20 per book. Please bring money to the December meeting so we can pay for them.

January we will be handing out Perfect Attendance, 24 hours/48-hour pins. The fabric list and supply list for the 48 Hour Class will be handed out so you can have everything cut for the class.

We have been working hard to get programs and speakers for this upcoming year! If you want to learn or hear something, please let Linda Scott know and she will have a direction to work towards. Thanks for all you do to help make the Guild a great place to be!

Stitching our Lives Together with your help,

Shawn Carr



Christmas Day

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.

IQG General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Connie Angeles informed the members that Kristi Wilson's daughter passed away and her son-in-law suffered a heart attack and is in the hospital. Nancy Norris related that Darlene Farmer says hello to everybody. Connie welcomed three visitors to the meeting.



Shawn Carr let all know that Julie Beck was married last weekend. Her married name is Seward.

Jerry Bowen accepted a Keeper Quilt for the Salvation Army. They will auction the quilt as a fund raiser. Money raised will stay in the City of Irving.

The Irving Fire Department came for the kickoff for this year's Blue Christmas. Started in 1979, Blue Christmas this year is helping over 1300 children have a happy holiday.

Voting took place for 2019 officers. Elected were: Shawn Carr, President; Linda Scott, 1st Vice President; Susan Turk, 2nd Vice President; Ginny North, Secretary; Cynthia Gladden, Treasurer.

Shawn encouraged members to get involved with committees. Susan Holt volunteered to do Hospitality.

Julie Beck introduced a Block of the Month project for next year. The project needs a book to complete, which costs around \$20. Julie said she will have the first month's block done to present at the January meeting.

Members were reminded that the Ugly Fabric Challenge must be quilted and bound and be presented at the December meeting. Fabulous prizes are promised for the winning projects.

The December meeting will be held a week early due to the holidays. Our next meeting is December 13. Mark it on your calendars!

Linda Scott proposed a two-fabric bargello project and elicited interest. There was a good show of hands.

Carol Cook will teach the 48-hour class and presented the pattern and information. The class will be held Saturday, January 19. Location will probably be at Oakview Church.

Donna Reid was amazed at the number of Angel Quilts turned in and said we will come very close to giving 300 quilts this year. The winner of the light red challenge is Pam Chenault.

We ended the meeting with a garage sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm



Mystery Quilt

We will start 2019 with a bang putting together a Mystery Quilt. I will be giving out instructions starting in January along with the color values and yardage. This quilt will not be complicated and will apply for all Quilt Skill Levels. I'm looking forward to how it's going to turn out with the various colors!

Stay Tuned!
Susan Turk

Quilting Trivia

According to dictionary.com the word “quilt” dates back to around 1250. The term in Middle English was “quilte”, based on old French word cuilte derived from the Latin word “culcita” for mattress.

Quilting can date back to 3400 BC. The oldest quilt still around today is “The Tristan Quilt” dated around 1360 -1400.

World’s largest quilt is the Aids Memorial quilt and weighs approximately 54 tons.

The first rotary cutter was invented in 1979 by Olfa for garment making, but soon quilters realized the wonderful advantages to it.

A 2014 study showed that quilting in the United States is a \$3.7 billion industry.

In Canada there is one national quilt organization that was founded in 1981. The Canadian Quilters’ Association has 20,000 members and holds an annual conference each year that includes their National Juried Show.

The Dresden Plate quilt block was the most popular block in the 1920s and 1930s. Although when first published in the early 20s, it had different names like Grandmother’s Sunburst, Dahlia and Sunflower.

The first spools for thread were invented in the 1820s and used birch wood.



Ugly Fabric Quilt Challenge

I hope everyone had fun playing the Ugly Fabric Quilt game and making the quilt for the challenge. We will be displaying these quilts at the December Guild Meeting and members will be voting on their favorite quilt.

For it to be a contest, of course we will have rules everyone will need to follow:

- When you arrive at the meeting, please provide it to me so that I can register the quilt. I will assign a number to your quilt and members will vote using that number.
- Your quilt has to be quilted and bound.
- If you have a label on the quilt, please cover it up since the members will be voting on their favorite. If it’s not covered, I will put tape on it.
- Swatches of the ugly fabric needs to be displayed on paper/card stock or printed picture of the ugly fabric.
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place.

Good luck and have fun making it!

Susan Turk

Angel Quilts

This month you turned in 32 Angel Quilts. Wow what a wonderful amount of hugs. This brings our total of quilts given to Scottish Rite to 286. Let me say it again WOW!

At the November meeting Shawn was talking about getting helpers for the Committee Chairs. I'm the Angel Quilt Chair and boy do I have people. I would like to thank the ladies at the table where I sit who hand out papers and collect quilts when I'm off doing other things. Thank you to the ladies who help me take the quilts to Scottish Rite. Three bags full this month. I would like to thank all of you who make Angel Quilts whether it's one or many. Thank you to the long arm quilters for quilting for points and for the very discounted price. None of you have to do any of these things but I'm so grateful and blessed that you do. Thank you.

Pam Chenault won the 4 points from the Lite Red raffle.

Thanks to all for your continued support.

Donna Reid 214 435-4148 donna@acdenterprises.com



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

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 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 Point

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



CROCK POT TACO SOUP

RECIPE FROM FOOD.COM BY LUBIE INGREDIENTS SERVINGS 8 – 10

- 1(16 ounce) can pinto beans
- 1(16 ounce) can white beans or 1 (16 ounce) can kidney beans
- 1(11 ounce) canniblet corn
- 1(11 ounce) can Rotel tomatoes & chilies
- 1(28 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1(4 ounce) can diced green chilies
- 1(1 1/4 ounce) envelope taco seasoning mix
- 1(1 ounce) envelope Hidden Valley® Original Ranch® Dressing and Seasoning Mix
- 1lb shredded chicken, ground beef or 1 lb. any meat

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cook meat and drain.
2. Shred if needed.
3. Add all ingredients to crock pot.
4. DO NOT DRAIN CANS.
5. Stir.
6. Cook on high for 2 hours or low for 4 hours.
7. Keep on low until serving to keep hot.
8. Garnish with sour cream, shredded cheese, chopped green onions, or tortilla chips.



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.

Compass Centre Retreat

It's time to start signing up for the Spring Retreat at Compass Centre. This year it will be March 14-17 and the price has increased to \$98.10 per day for a minimum of 2 nights. If you stay all 3 nights, the total cost is \$294.30. I will start receiving signups in December Guild Meeting with a minimum \$20 deposit to hold your spot. I will be opening up this retreat to the Bear Creek Guild in February if Irving does not fill up at least 25 spots.

The Fall Retreat dates for Compass Centre are October 3-6, so start putting it on your calendar so you can start planning.

Happy Sewing,
Susan Turk

Merry Christmas!



Every Breath

A novel by Nicholas Sparks

Hope Anderson is at a crossroads. At thirty-six, she's been dating her boyfriend, an orthopedic surgeon, for six years. With no wedding plans in sight, and her father recently diagnosed with ALS, she decides to use a week at her family's cottage in Sunset Beach, North Carolina, to ready the house for sale and mull over some difficult decisions about her future.

Tru Walls has never visited North Carolina but is summoned to Sunset Beach by a letter from a man claiming to be his father. A safari guide, born and raised in Zimbabwe, Tru hopes to unravel some of the mysteries surrounding his mother's early life and recapture memories lost with her death. When the two strangers' cross paths, their connection is as electric as it is unfathomable . . . but in the immersive days that follow, their feelings for each other will give way to choices that pit family duty against personal happiness in devastating ways.

Illuminating life's heartbreaking regrets and enduring hope, EVERY BREATH explores the many facets of love that lay claim to our deepest loyalties--while asking the question, *How long can a dream survive?*



EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR CUTTING MAT

Cutting mats are a quilter's best friend. When you start your journey of quilting, your life will be made much easier by purchasing a self - healing mat to cut your fabrics on. These mats close up any incisions from rotary cutters leaving no visible slices on the mat. Self - healing mats have a certain limit to the amount of slicing they can take so if you start seeing cuts remain or need more pressure when using a rotary cutter, this may indicate your mat needs replacing. Cutting mats can last a long time and to ensure your mat serves you well, take care of it. You can extend the life of your cutting mat by following a few tips:

- Avoid harsh chemicals when cleaning your mat. Clean stains and dust by using a gentle soap and water combination and a lint - free cloth.
- If you cut a fuzzy or linty fabric, such as minky fabric or loosely woven canvas, the extra fluff can sometimes get stuck in the cuts. In order for your mat to heal, the fuzz needs to be removed.

Tips and Tricks

To remove sizing from quilt backing, put fabric in the dryer with 3 fabric softener sheets for 60 minutes.

To prevent your folded quilt from wrinkling, fold with bubble wrap.

Always washes her finished quilts with "Resolve". Soak quilt in Resolve overnight then wash. Do not hang to dry. Partially dry, remove from dryer and let cool for at least 30 minutes before returning to the dryer. This prevents the batting from "clumping".

Batting has a "right & wrong" side (who knew????!!!). "Grit to the ground, cotton to the clouds".

It's time to renew your Guild Membership.

The 2019 IQG Membership application was emailed to everyone on November 12th. Many of you renewed at the November meeting and I thank you for that. The December Meeting is our deadline for getting your membership renewal processed. If you are unable to attend, please mail your application and check in the amount of \$30 to:

IQG – PO Box 15429 – Irving, Texas 75015-4291

Thank you.

Suzanna Fox

Upcoming Events:

- December** Christmas Party
Ugly Fabric Challenge 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Awards (we will vote)
- January** Presentation of Perfect Attendance, 24 Hour and 48 Hour Awards
Saturday 48 Hour Workshop – details to follow
- February** Saturday Workshop at Quilter's Dream Quilt Shop
"Learn to Quilt on your Home Machine" \$25 per person details to follow
- March/April** 2 Sat Workshops at Quilter's Dream Quilt Shop – details to follow
"Irish Melody" Workshop \$30 per person Pattern is additional

Speakers still being booked for Feb, March and April
- August** Sew Expo and Quilt Show - get those quilts and miniature quilts ready!
(August 22, 23 & 24, 2019)



Homemade Salsa

- 6 Roma tomatoes
- 1 small red onion
- 1 green pepper
- 1 red pepper
- 1 fresh jalapeno chopped
- juice of 1 lime
- 2 cloves of minced garlic
- cilantro to taste
- salt and pepper
- 1 tsp garlic salt

Dice all of the above into small bits, season and taste. Serve with your favorite chips.

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 10 at a restaurant to be determined.

We will be having our Christmas party, so we will be going out to eat and Pam will be letting us know the restaurant.

We will be exchanging our red, white and blue blocks. Bring a bag to put yours in.

In January we will decide on our next project.

Happy Quilting!
Linda Scott
972-986-7890



Material Woman

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

Throughout the year we work on new blocks and quilt patterns. We turn these into Angel Quilts and use them in our own projects. Everyone is welcome to bring their own projects to work on. All are welcome.

Donna Reid 214-435-4148
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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

December Birthdays

3	Janie Merritt
6	Jerry Bowen
15	Debbie Jones
18	Suzanna Fox
20	Gayle Russman
22	Lynn Poole

Happy Birthday!

Officers

President:

Shawn Carr

1st Vice President:

Julie Beck

2nd 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:

Suzanna Fox

Newsletter Editor:

Judy Poole

Nomination:

Sue Gray

Parliamentarian:

Quilt Show:

Carol Cook

Quilts of Valor:

Carol Cook

Raffle Quilt:

Linda Scott

Raffle Quilt:

Linda Scott

Scholarships:

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.

Membership

Current Members	77
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	45
Guests	3
Total attending	48

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.

Long Arm Machine Quilters

Linda Cole	214-727-4397
Janie Merritt	469-644-2867
Linda Scott	972-986-7890
Bonnie Sloan	972-252-8067
Susan Turk	214-236-7975

Quote of the Month

"When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain point on the floor.

It's to enjoy each step along the way."



JOIN TODAY!

Food for the first half of 2019:

December- Potluck Dinner (Guild will supply meat)

January: last names from E- P

February: last names from Q-Z

March: last names from A-D

April: last names from E-P

May: last names from Q-Z

June: Potluck Dinner

Irving Quilt Guild

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December Meeting Reminders:

- Items for Show and Tell
 - ❖ Angel Quilts
 - ❖ Quilt of Valor
 - ❖ Love Thy Baby Items
- Food & Drink – Pot Luck Dinner

December 2018			
12/13/18	Officers Meeting	6:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
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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

