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President's Message

Hi everyone:

We had a great meeting last week! Enjoyed the food, company and speaker.... Blocks of the Month from the Elizabeth Hartman book and the Mystery Quilt by Susan Turk are so much fun! Keep working on them.

Lots of exciting things this year are planned. Workshops like the one this last Saturday on "how to quilt on your home machine" by Beverly at Quilter's Dreams OR "borders and panels" by Donna Reid. Hope everyone got to participate in one or the other - I missed them both - sorry I was at a retreat and had an opportunity to make receiving blankets for my granddaughter that is due in June.



August will be here before you know it so get those quilts made for the show! Remember to complete your Quilts of Valor that Carol gave you for the March meeting. She needs them to present at the Veteran's picnic this Spring. Remember to make a pillow case and an embroidered label for the back. Call Judy Poole or Sue Gray and they might be willing to make you an embroidered label for a small fee.

If you are A-E (last names), please plan on Greens and Spuds for March. Susan Holt says that is anything Green and/or anything that is a potato (baked, mashed, smashed, double baked, fried, made in a salad or with meat) You get the picture.

If you are going to Compass Centre for Retreat, get packed and be ready for a fun, relaxing 4 days!

See everyone at the March meeting – maybe with some completed projects as well.

Stitching Our Lives Together with your help,

Shawn



St Patty Day

St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, 2019!!

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. Its 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, 2019

IQG General Meeting Minutes

Date: February Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Connie Angeles welcomed several visitors to the meeting. Nancy Norris told us that Darlene Farmer would welcome visitors.

We all sang Happy Birthday to Ethel Rains for her 98th who is enjoying and going strong for many more.

Susan Turk took money for the retreat in March and talked about the mystery quilt began in January. We all are on our second step now.

Susan Holt took charge of the refreshments and is going to try to bring some excitement to the Quilt with a theme each month. February will be potatoes and veggies and will try to send out a reminder before the next meeting. Susan also discussed the Quilt show in June and reminded us that we must register our quilts by March 22. There will not be a festival night this year, but they are pushing the Jr Age Bracket trying to get more young people interested in our craft. Some ideas were mentioned for our booth, with more to follow.

Beverly Ingram was the speaker for February and showed quilting on the domestic machine at her store, then in March and April she will be doing the Irish Weave, at Jaycee Park.

Donna Reid helped us all with borders for panels at Jaycee Park on Saturday.

Suzanna asked for help with the blocks to be colored for Family Fun Day, March 10th.

God Bless Us Everyone and See you at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Sue Gray

Filling in for the Secretary



Mystery Quilt

If you missed last month's meeting, the Mystery Quilt will be in the Newsletter and on the website. I usually put the new Month's instructions on the website the day before the meeting, so if you want to be ahead of the game, you can. If you are behind, don't worry, it's easy to catch up.

Life's a Mystery,

Susan Turk

Volunteer Hours

Your volunteer hours are now posted on the website and are pretty much up to date. If you have any questions about your hours, please let the committee person know about your concern and if they can't resolve it, please contact me. I will try and put the volunteer hours in the June, October and November Newsletter.

Let's Help out our Community together,

Susan Turk

Compass Centre Retreat

Less than a month away! Are we excited?

March 14-17 is just around the corner and looking forward being around friends. I will let Melissa know about our food allergies and the "no Meat" Fridays during Lent. There was also a request for Meat Loaf Sandwiches. If you have any other requests, please let me know.

Door prizes, routine stretches, and demos are planned. Deborah Kay will demo small strip piecing, Jerry Nallon will demo "How to make holders for clips" and I will demo "Making Star Ornaments". Donna Reid will be collecting money for the Tip, so please bring some cash.

BYOB is always welcome.

Sew Close to Retreat!

Susan Turk

Presidents Block

If you missed last month's meeting, please contact me so I can send you the President's Block. It is a scrappy block with various values. No more details can be provided in the Newsletter since the President reads the articles.

Please keep it a secret,

Susan Turk

Family Fun Day at the Irving Arts Center

Sunday March 10th 1-4 PM

March is National Quilting Month. Parents and children will experience quilt inspired art-making activities led by members of the Irving Quilt Guild. These hands-on art days give parents and children projects they can co-create far from daily distractions.

Great Job Ladies!!

We had five guests at our meeting last week. Four of those ladies were invited by a guild member. Keep extending the hand of friendship and passing on your love of quilting. Thank you for your effort.

Suzanna Fox

Simply Delicious Strawberry Cake

Ingredients

- 1 (18.25 oz) box white cake mix
- 1 (3 oz) box strawberry-flavored instant gelatin
- 1 (15 oz) package thawed and pureed, plus 1/4 cup puree for frosting frozen strawberries in syrup
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup softened butter
- 1 (8 oz) package softened cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon strawberry extract
- 3 to 3 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar
- freshly sliced for garnish, optional strawberries

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 °F. Lightly grease 2 (9-inch) round cake pans. Bake about 22 mins.

In a large bowl, combine cake mix and gelatin. Add pureed (15 oz) strawberries, eggs, oil, and water; beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Pour into prepared pans, and bake for 20 minutes, or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Let cool in pans for 10 minutes. Remove from pans, and cool completely on wire racks.

For the frosting: In a large bowl, beat butter and cream cheese at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Beat in 1/4 cup of strawberry puree and the strawberry extract. (The rest of the puree is leftover but can be used in smoothies or on ice cream for a delicious treat.) Gradually add confectioner's sugar, beating until smooth.

Spread frosting in between layers and on top and sides of cake. Garnish with sliced fresh strawberries, if desired.

*They now come in 15 oz. strawberries /sugar in a round container.

I'm A Wee Bit Irish!

Tips from a Longarm Quilter:

- To prevent seams from coming apart on a pieced outer border, Stay Stitch (1/8" to 1/4") around the outside of your quilt.
- Sometimes, you "Can't Quilt it Out" and sometimes you can. Generally, if it doesn't lay flat on the floor, it's not going to lay flat on the longarm frame.

Angel Quilts

We took 17 Angel Quilts to Scottish Rite. It's always so nice to be greeted at the door with smiles and interest with what we brought. I look forward to the many designs and colors you come up with. It was nice to see your creativity in using scraps. Puts a dent in the pile of small pieces we all have, at least try. It's not always easy. Thank you everyone.
Charlene won 4 points in the lite red raffle.

Big thanks to you.

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



Speakers & Workshops for 2019

21-Mar	Program	Irish Weave Beverly Ingram
23-Mar	Workshop	Irish Weave Beverly Ingram (Jaycee Small)
18-Apr	Program	Linda Neal -- How to create an Award-Winning Quilt
20-Apr	Workshop	Irish Weave Beverly Ingram (Jaycee Small)
16-May	Program	Sharon Wilhelm -- Slashings Bold and Dangerous
18-May	Workshop	Angel Quilts & Love Thy Baby (Jaycee Small)
20-Jun	Program	No Speaker June Pot Luck
22-Jun	Workshop	2 Fabric Borgello Amy (Jaycee Large)
18-Jul	Program	Must Love Fabric lecture and merchandise from shop
20-Jul	Workshop	No Workshop (Jaycee Small)
15-Aug	Program	FAT QUARTER SHUFFLE (GUILD ACTIVITY)
17-Aug	Workshop	No Workshop (Jaycee Small)
19-Sep	Program	Terry Mosher -- History of Male Quilters Since the 16th Century
	Workshop	Distinctive Dresden English Paper Piecing Terry Mosher (JC Small)
17-Oct	Program	Michelle Dorsey -- Trunk show on her Bags
19-Oct	Workshop	My Retreat Bag (Jaycee Small)
21-Nov	Program	Mary Calloway - Kooky, Quirky, Crazy, Quilts plus Unusual Collectibles
23-Nov	Workshop	Guild Mystery Quilt - Susan Turk (Jaycee Large)
19-Dec	Program	Christmas Party
	Workshop	No Workshop

REMINDER !!!!

QOV Panel Challenge quilts are Due at the MARCH Meeting!!!

I have ribbons for the top 4 and there will be a non- partisan person to pick their favorite ones. You will not be judged on points or straight seams or any show criteria. It will be strictly on which quilts the judge thinks is his or her favorite. So, bring your quilt a little early so I can get them displayed before the meeting. If you are not quite done, then we have until May 19th before they get handed out at the Defenders of Freedom Picnic. I can accept them any time before then for this year's handout.

As always...you ladies are the best at supporting all of the Guild's causes. You do beautiful work and are the most giving of any people I have known. It is very appreciated.

Thanks for all you do,

Carol



2019 Mystery Quilt Challenge – February

Irving Quilt Guild by Susan Turk

Unit 3 (label and put in ziplock bag)

Instructions given for Lap Size. **Twin Size will be in parenthesis.**

Summary:

Make 24 (48) number of 4 patches using fabric 4 & 5 unfinished size should be 4 ½" X 4 ½"

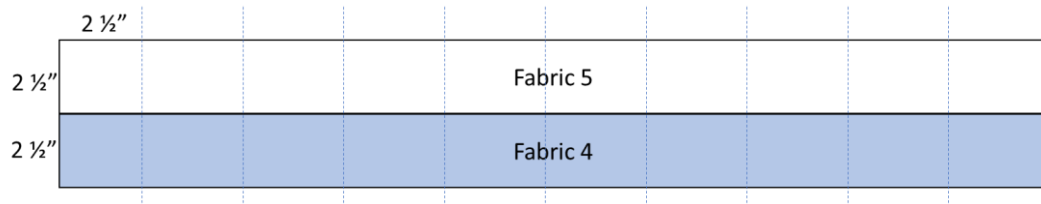
Detail Instructions:

Select the size of your quilt and if you are using Fat Qtrs (FQ) or Yardage (do not do both FQ and Yardage)

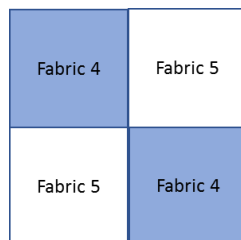
Cutting Instructions:

Fabric	Lap Size		Twin Size	
	Fat Qtrs (22")	Yardage (42")	Fat Qtrs (22")	Yardage (42")
Fabric 5	Cut 6 - 2 ½" Width of FQ	Cut 3 - 2 ½" WOF	Cut 12 - 2 ½" Width of FQ	Cut 6 - 2 ½" WOF
Fabric 4	Cut 6 - 2 ½" Width of FQ	Cut 3 - 2 ½" WOF	Cut 12 - 2 ½" Width of FQ	Cut 6 - 2 ½" WOF

- Sew each strip of Fabric 5 with each strip of Fabric 4 strip lengthwise for all strip sets.
- Press seam allowance towards Fabric 4 (away from light fabric).



- Sub cut these strip sets in 2 ½" segments. Each segment should measure 2 ½" X 4 ½".
- Arrange two segments, one flipped around so that like colors are diagonal from each other. Sew together, butting seams for a perfect match.



- Press seam allowance either way. The resulting four patch unit should measure 4 ½" x 4 ½". You can reduce bulk by fanning out seam allowance when you press four patches.

Tip: After sewing all the Fabric 5s with Fabric 4s on the long edge and pressing, you can put two long units right sides together where Fabric 5 faces Fabric 4 and then sub cut the 2 units together. The pair pieces will be ready to sew to make 4 patches

*** If you have any questions, please email Susan Turk (susanturk182@hotmail.com)

Friendship Groups

Guild members are cordially invited to join a sewing group for fellowship, growth and stitching.
Most groups have room for new members.

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)

We would like to invite you to join us at our meetings. There'll be a group project you can learn the pattern and work with us. Everyone is invited to bring their own project. I'll have the border samples from the workshop. See you there.

Donna Reid

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Frayed Knots

(Second: Monday 4:30PM – 6PM)

Hello Fellow Frayed Knots:

This month at Frayed Knots we were missing 3 people but had 2 returning members so we had 8 people attending. We brought our projects to show, our Medallion quilts and talked about the Guild Mystery quilt and a few of us showed material we are planning to use. Should have some eye-catching quilts this fall. Several of us are going to the Guild retreat so we will probably work on them there.

Next month we are meeting at Jaycee Park in the large room. We have the room from 1PM until 11PM, so a few of us are planning to bring our sewing machines and sew!!!! Shocker!!!! So, mark your calendars for March 11th and join us. We will probably sew until about 6 then have our meeting and decide from there what we will do for the rest of the evening.

Start thinking about our next group project and gather up your ideas so we will be ready about May to decide what we will be doing next.

If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call otherwise, see you next month and keep sewing.

Sue Gray 214-850-9517

Food for the first half of 2019:

March:	last names from A-D
April:	last names from E-P
May:	last names from Q-Z
June:	Potluck Dinner

Officers

President:

Shawn Carr

1st Vice President:

Linda Scott

2nd Vice-President:

Susan Turk

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Cynthia Gladden

Secretary:

GINNY NORTH

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Angel Quilts:

Donna Reid

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Deborah Kay

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Janie Merritt

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LaCora McSwain

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Suzanna Fox

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Judy Poole

Nomination:

Parliamentarian:

Quilt Show:

Carol Cook

Quilts of Valor:

Carol Cook

Raffle Quilt:

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	76
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	50
Guests	5
Total attending	55

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

March Birthdays

2	Ethel Rains
5	Nancy Norris
22	Jerry Nallon
31	Judy Poole



Each month at Irving Quilt Guild there will be a theme regarding the food. It is a general theme usually, but for a little fun! We had Soups on for January & American for February. For March we are having Greens & Spuds. It sounds hard, but any type of green salad, vegetable, or dessert. Spuds are potatoes that could be in any form: baked, salad, creamed, or in a dish with meat. Be creative! Have fun! The group bringing this month-A-E.

Thanks, Susan Holt

Border Workshop

You should have been there. The ladies and I had fun discussing and sharing the many borders you can use. Our quilts are beautiful but sometimes a little creativity in borders can take them to the next level. I'll have the border samples this month at the Material Women meeting. Come join us.

Donna Reid
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March 2019			
3/14/19	Officers Meeting	6:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
3/21/19	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

**HAPPY
ST PATRICKS DAY**

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March Meeting Reminders:

- Items for Show and Tell
 - ❖ Angel Quilts
 - ❖ Quilt of Valor
 - ❖ Love Thy Baby Items
- Food & Drink – A -F