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President's Message

Hi IQG ladies:

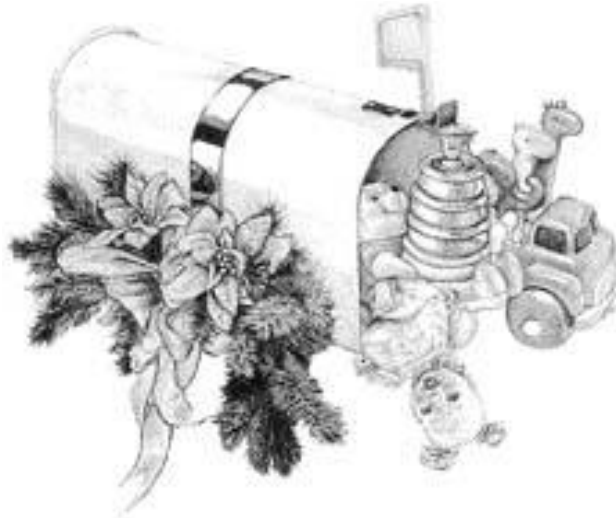
Our meeting was so much fun and full of great information, a funny speaker and gifts and gifts galore for those firemen! The Rambler photographer was there taking pictures and he was talking with Benny about helping take photos for a calendar!! The calendar would be sold as a fundraiser for Blue Christmas... so maybe? There will be a Firemen calendar next year!!!

Mark your calendars as Dec 12th for our Christmas Party. It is going to be a Texas Christmas... brisket, hot rolls, potato salad, beans, mac and cheese and banana pudding for dessert. Wear your country cowgirl clothes, boots, jeans, hats.... Or just put a bandana around your neck. It will be a quite evening with lots of food – oh by the way, you just bring yourself. We will have time to visit, show our Mystery Quilts to everyone and install the new officers for 2020.

Looking forward to a great evening! Have a very happy holiday season and we will see you on the 12th!

Stitching our Lives Together,

Shawn



Christmas Day

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



November 21, 2019

Shawn Carr called the meeting to order at 7PM

Connie Angeles presented Sunshine and shadows: we had several visitors.

Food for next month will be catered for the Christmas Party. Our Christmas party will be a Texas Christmas theme so everyone wear your hats, jeans and boots.

Evelyn Banks introduced all of the firemen and helped them pack up all of the items donated. The Firemen announced their Chili Cook-Off December 7 at Heritage Park and the Pancake Breakfast on December 14th at Plymouth Park Baptist Church. They will be soring toys from December 16 -24 at the IPA Bldg. They will be helping around 1100 kids this year.

Susan also brought to the attention of the guild that she will begin taking money for the March retreat at the December meeting. Susan had a Mystery Quilt workshop on Saturday the 23rd to help everyone finish their Mystery Quilts.

Suzanna Fox mentioned several opportunities for the Guild to participate in Irving Events and will bring more information as she gets it.

Our speaker Mary Callaway and her husband Mike brought an interesting program about Cooky, Quirky Quilts, and showed many unusual quilts.

The Beginners quilting class talked about some of their experiences and thanked Cynthia Gladden for helping them all.

At the Board Meeting is was voted and passed to donate \$500 to Love Thy Baby, Angel Quilts and Quilts of Valor to help buy supplies and quilting for the charities.

The changes to the By-Laws were read by Shawn and a motion to accept them was made by Susan Turk and seconded by Susan Doe, All members voted to accept the changes.

Angel quilts and regular quilts and quilts of valor were shown.

Door prizes were given away.

Meeting adjourned.

Sue Gray

Secretary



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.

Angel Quilts

We took your 35 Angel Quilts to Scottish Rite Hospital Friday. This makes a total of 261 quilts. Two hundred sixty one hugs. Thank you.

We have about 30 ladies who earned the Appreciation class. This class is earned with points collected from all of the charity projects we have.

If you've never made an Angel Quilt think about it. If you have made one how about making another!

The sizes of the Angel Quilts are Length plus Width must be at least 90" for a small quilt worth 4 points. Length plus Width of 120 or more is a large quilt worth 8 points. Please remember to measure your top before you quilt it.

Nancy Norris won the Lite Red raffle for 4 points. 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



BLUE CHRISTMAS 2019

Thank you so much for the wonderful thoughtful gifts you donated for Blue Christmas. You took me up on the challenge to donate feminine hygiene products, and there were many small bags to carry these products in also. I saw some beautiful comb and brush sets, make-up and lotions and other toiletries, quilts, puzzles, wonderful art kits as well as packages with coloring books, colored pencils and SOCKS. There were bicycle helmets and a really neat baseball set with a small bat, baseball glove and ball. I can see some little boy playing baseball Christmas morning. There were some pretty boxes with pretty jewelry inside them. We had food donations and your generosity extended to \$\$\$\$. I counted over \$500 in cash and checks. Thank you so much. What generous souls you ladies are! We had a fun time with Captain Bill Johnston and the firefighters from Station 2, C Shift, as well as Firefighter Bennie Renaud, who is on the Blue Christmas Board.

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

Evelyn Banks 972-252-5290

Spring Retreat at Compass Centre

Spring Retreat will be March 5-8 at Compass Centre. I will be collecting deposits of \$20 to reserve your seat in December and will open it to Bear Creek in January to make our minimum requirement. It will cost \$295 for 3 nights and \$197 for 2 nights. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Happy Sewing!

Susan Turk



Speakers & Workshops for 2019

19-Dec	Program	Christmas Party
	Workshop	No Workshop

Membership Renewal Reminder

We began our 2020 membership renewal at the November meeting and 43 renewals were processed. Dues are \$30.00 and payable by check, cash or credit card. There will be a table setup at our December meeting for this purpose. You will be asked to review your application from last year for any changes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you are unable to come to our December meeting and wish to renew, please mail a check to IQG – PO Box 154291– Irving, Tx. 75015-4291 and let me know if any of your information has changed. Any questions, please feel free to call me at 805-391-0704.

Suzanna Fox

2020 Retreat

We will have two Guild retreats for 2020, the Spring at Compass Centre March 5-8 and the Fall at a new location called Red Boot Retreat October 22-25. I will start collecting money for the Spring Retreat in December. If there are any food allergies, please let me know.

The fall retreat will be at a new location called Red Boot Retreat. It is located North/West of Hillsboro. There is a max of 32 and minimum of 24 required. The bedrooms range from 2, 3 or 4 beds and there are 6 full baths and 2 half bathrooms. There will be a massage therapist if you want one. The workstation has 2 tables with adjustable legs and are the hard tops (not plastic) where your machine will not bounce when you sew. Your station also includes a cutting mat and a high-powered lamp with a dimmer. Centralized iron stations will be available. The eating area is next to the sewing area where Tea and Coffee are available. The local quilt shops are located in Whitney. This venue requires a deposit and money ahead of time, so payment must be made to the guild or you will not be able to attend, no exceptions.

More Retreats!

Susan Turk



Christmas Traditions

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.

Lavender Blue Murder

(Book 21 in the Tea Shop Mysteries series)

A novel by Laura Childs

Tea maven Theodosia Browning and her tea sommelier Drayton Conneley are guests at a bird hunt styled in the precise manner of an English shooting party. Which means elevenses (sloe gin fizzes), gun loaders, the drawing of pegs, fine looking bird dogs, and shooting costumes of tweed, herringbone, and suede.

But as gunshots explode like a riff of Black Cat firecrackers, another shot sounds too close for comfort to Theodosia and Drayton. Intrigued but worried, Theodosia wanders into the neighbor's lavender field where she discovers their host, Reginald Doyle, bleeding to death.

His wife, Meredith, is beside herself with grief and begs Theodosia and Drayton to stay the night. But Theodosia awakens at 2:00A.M. to find smoke in her room and the house on fire. As the fire department screams in and the investigating sheriff returns, Meredith again pleads with Theodosia for help

As Theodosia investigates, fingers are pointed, secrets are uncovered, Reginald's daughter-in-law goes missing presumed drowned, and Meredith is determined to find answers via a seance. All the while Theodosia worries if she's made a mistake in inviting a prime suspect to her upscale Lavender Lady Tea.

Cherry Jubilee

Crust:

1 1/2 cup Flour

1 1/2 stick of margarine + 2 tbsps.

2 tbsps. sugar

3/4 cup chopped pecans

Cut flour & margarine- add sugar and pecans.

Press into bottom of oblong pan & bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Let cool.

Filling:

At low speed of mixer mix:

8 oz of cream cheese (room temp)

1 Lg. Cool Whip (warm)

2 cups confectioners sugar

Pour over cooled crust. Top with Cherry Pie filling and chill for 3 - 4 hours.

Thank You Carol Cook

Mystery Quilt Workshop

We had a great time at the workshop at Jaycee Park in Irving. I believe most everyone finished their quilt tops and some were very creative in putting the blocks together. They all turned out beautiful!

Fun, food and fellowship was enjoyed by all!



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 meet at Holy Family Church. Each meeting we have a pattern to learn and work on together. You're always welcome to bring your own project to work on. All are welcome.

Donna Reid 214 435-4148
donna@acdenterprises.com

Frayed Knots

(Second: Monday 4:30PM – 6PM)

We meet at Jaycee Park Large Room on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00pm to sew and around 4:30 we have a meeting, and we usually leave by 6 unless someone wants to continue sewing until 11PM. The next meeting will be November 11.

We have fun sewing and talking with each other. If you are having problems, there are always several people around to help. If you want to use the time to cut out patterns or batting, there are lots of tables to put together to have a good space for that. And you can just do hand sewing if you don't want to haul your machine out for the afternoon.

We discussed our Christmas party to be held December 9th where we will exchange the Falling Star Blocks for those that are participation.

We have decided to go out to eat so I am contacting places for us to go and will send an email letting everyone know where to go.

We had a good turnout for the Frayed Knots Group this month, hope to see more of you next month.

Feel free to join us if you can.

Sue Gray

Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas

Officers

President:

Shawn Carr

1st Vice President:

Linda Scott

2nd Vice-President:

Susan Turk

Treasurer:

Cynthia Gladden

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GINNY NORTH

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Donna Reid

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LaCora McSwain

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Suzanna Fox

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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	80
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	53
Guests	1
Total attending	54

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
Deborah Kay	817-881-0069

December Birthdays

3	Janie Merritt
6	Jerry Bowen
15	Debbie Jones
18	Suzanna Fox
28	Mary Sue Smith



Merry Christmas



Irving Quilt Guild

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Please submit all newsletter contributions, letters, reports, black & white photos, prepaid advertisements, etc. to the editor at 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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\$107/6 mo; \$210/yr.

November 2019			
12/12/19	Officers Meeting	6:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
12/12/19	Guild Meeting	6:30 – 9:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
2nd Monday	Frayed Knots	4:30 - 6:00 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



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December Meeting Reminders:

- **Items for Show and Tell**
 - ❖ Angel Quilts
 - ❖ Quilt of Valor
 - ❖ Love Thy Baby Items
- **Food & Drink – Guild will furnish the food**