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Happy New Year

President's Message

What a wonderful Christmas party we had, thanks to Shawn and all her helpers. The gift to each member was a very nice surprise. I think we finished up a fantastic year with the party.

I always get excited about a road trip; it is like a new adventure for me, even if I have traveled that road many times. I cannot explain it, I just get excited. I feel that way about the coming year, doesn't 2020 have a nice ring to it. We should have a great year; you have a board that will be working very hard for you, the quilt show, and another mystery quilt. What more could you ask for.

Hopefully everyone has decided on their pattern for the quilt show. I will start mine in January so it will be finished well ahead of schedule. I would like to encourage everyone to make a quilt for the show. The pattern can be simple or very detailed; it is up to you, just entered one to support our guild.

I am looking forward to serving as your President in 2020; I have some big shoes to fill. I anticipate the year to be one of growth for the year with lots of fun and completed quilts along the way. So please join me on the journey for next year, participate in the mystery, have an entry for the show, and take a workshop or two.

We should have a great meal in January with all those hot dishes, so members at the end of the alphabet, plan those dishes. I am sure they will all be delicious.

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas with family and friends and have a wonderful new year.

Happy Quilting,

Linda Scott



New Year's

New Year's Day falls on January 1 and marks the start of a new year according to the Gregorian calendar. It marks the end of New Year's Eve celebrations in the United States and gives many Americans a chance to remember the previous year.

IQG General Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2019

Shawn Carr called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Shawn Carr presented Sunshine and shadows.

Food for this month was catered for the Christmas Party. Our Christmas party was a Texas Christmas.



Susan Turk was taking money for the March retreat, \$295 for 3 nights.

Susan took Donna's place and talked about the 48 hr class, giving out instructions. It will be taught by Nancy from Quilters Dream.

Susan is planning another mystery quilt for 2020. She also talked about getting your show quilts ready because registration will be opening in February or March and you will need a picture of your quilt when you enter.

Shawn mentioned one of the programs next year will be Diana Rose, a blind quilter, in September.

2020 Officers were presented:

- Linda Scott President
- Shawn Carr 1st Vice President
- Cynthia Gladden Secretary
- Susan Turk 2nd Vice President
- Linda Cole Treasure

Susan presented Shawn with a quilt from the Guild- Pink Hearts with white and turquoise.

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

Irving Quilt Guild Cups were presented to all members present.

Shawn thanked everyone who helped make the evening possible.

Meeting adjourned.

Sue Gray
Secretary



Angel Quilts

Thank you, Thank you and Thank you. I know your quilts are loved by the children. It's what we can do to bring joy to their lives and the lives of their families.

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.

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



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



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 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



Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt! I know I will think of each of you when I wrap up and use this quilt.

Each member is so special to the IQG. Many thanks for those that stepped up and out of their boxes to help with events, be quilt show volunteers, and encourage new members. We had so many fun things the last two years such as the 20th Anniversary Party, Mystery Quilt by Susan Turk, The Elizabeth Hartman Quilt which was really a challenge, the Quilt Show and so much more! I enjoyed everything we did!

I also had a crazy three past years personally with losing my job of 10 years in 2016, my mother-in-law's house burning down and being re-built by the end of 2018. She and my 2 brother -in-laws moved into our home for that year. My mom had a [vascular](#) stroke the beginning of this year which has resulted in 7 visits to the hospital or the Skilled Nursing Homes. My mother-in-law passed away after living on this earth for 91 years on the Monday before Thanksgiving. And I had my first grandbaby born in June!

Life is weird but the good things always seem to outweigh the bad things. With God's help and being connected to each of you through the Irving Quilt Guild, it has been okay. Again, I appreciate you working on this quilt and making such a lovely contribution.

I am wondering, could I enter the heart quilt in the Quilt Show in the summer of 2020?

Stitching Our Lives Together with your help,

Shawn

A Christmas Gathering

(Book 17 in the Christmas series)

A novel by Anne Perry

A festive house party takes a sinister turn...

Victor Narraway and his wife, Lady Vespasia, are invited to spend Christmas at Cavendish Hall with a gathering of old acquaintances, but it is not the quiet, rather stiff house party they had expected. While there, Victor must undertake his final mission for Special Branch, reminiscent of another one in the past, at which he had tragically failed.

When disaster strikes and one of the guests is left for dead, Victor fears that history is repeating itself. But which of them is intent on murder? And can Victor accept that he is not to blame...?

A Christmas Gathering is the gripping new festive mystery from the pen of Anne Perry, the master of Victorian crime.

48 Hour Class – January 18, 2020, location to be determined.

The class will be instructed by Nancy Bowen from Quilter's Dream and food will be provided. Doors will be open at 8:00am and class will start at 9:00am. Location to be determined. The name of the quilt is "Falling Stars" and the book is called "Scrap-Basket Bounty" by Kim Brackett and costs \$25.99 plus tax. If you order the book through the Guild, the Guild will pay \$10 towards the book. According to the instructor, not everyone needs a book and can be shared for each group of tables. Contact Donna Reid or Susan Turk (ASAP) if you want to order a book and you were not at the meeting or failed to request a book from Susan.

Cutting Instructions from Nancy

Fabric – The pattern in the book is for a quilt 48 ½" X 64 ½". I added another column of stars to make it 64 ½" X 64 ½" – for this size, the fabric requirements are listed below. Kim Brackett has you cut the squares for the half-sq triangles 1/8" bigger than you need and then trims down the half-sq triangles after they're sewn. Requirements for the smaller size quilt are in parenthesis.

For the larger size –

- 4 yards total of assorted lights (3 yds)
- 2 2/3 yds total of assorted darks (2 yds)

From the assorted lights, cut a total of:

- 64 Squares, 4 ½" X 4 ½" (48)
- 265 squares, 3" X 3" (192)
- 128 squares 2 ½" X 2 ½" (96)

From the assorted darks, cut a total of:

- 256 squares, 3" X 3" (192)
- 128 squares, 2 ½" X 2 ½" (96)

For the larger size, we will be making a total of 64 (48) blocks.



For the larger size, we will be making 512 (384) half-sq triangles using the 3" light and dark sq.

We'll be making 128 (96) of one unit for the block, and 64 (48) of a different unit.

What to bring!

Bring your sewing machine, scissors, mat, rotary cutter, ruler, pins, etc. If you have precut your fabric, there is very little cutting to do – just separating and trimming the half-sq triangles

Tips For Needle - turn Applique

Clip inside curves and points to within a thread of the marked lines, making clips closer together in tightly curved areas. Small, sharp embroidery scissors are great for clipping inner curves. Don't clip curves until you have stitched to within about 1" of the area. Try to make your clips on the bias grain of the seam allowance, which means your clips often will be on the diagonal rather than perpendicular to the marked lines. Directional clipping prevents fabric from raveling while you're working with the edges.

Mystery Quilt - Show and Tell

I want to send out a big Thank You to all the ladies who participated in the 2019 Mystery Quilt. I know that Shawn says, "She thought it up", but the truth is, I saw pictures and figured it out. The 2020 Mystery Quilt will come out around February and will probably only last 6 months. Here are some pictures from the Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Susan Turk



Membership Renewal Reminder

We began our 2020 membership renewal at the November meeting and through December 57 renewals were processed. Dues are \$30.00. If you were 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. Deadline is the January Guild Meeting. Thank you

Suzanna Fox

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

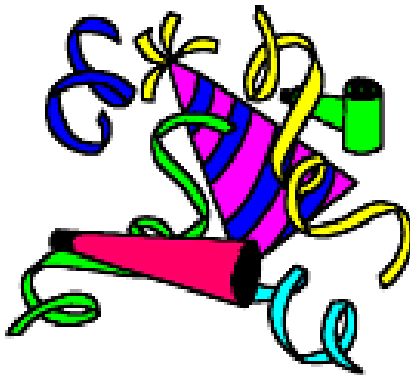
Threadpickers meets at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church which is at the corner of 6th St. and O'Connor on the second Thursday of each month, from 10 am to 2 pm.

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 January 13.

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.

Mae, Judy and I took advantage of the Jaycee Park Room and were cutting out another quilt to be done this next year.

We had our Christmas party at Angelo's where we exchanged the Falling Star Blocks.

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

Feel free to join us if you can.

Sue Gray



Officers

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Linda Scott

1st Vice President:

Shawn Carr

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Susan Turk

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Carol Cook

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Quilts of Valor:

Carol Cook

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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	48
Guests	0
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
Deborah Kay	817-881-0069

January Birthdays

2	Evelyn Banks
9	Linda Cole
10	Maria Perez
13	Patricia Vrla
16	Terry Childress
20	Anne Lawrence
27	Suzie Robbins
27	Bonnie Sloan



Irving Quilt Guild

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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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January Meeting Reminders:

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

November 2019			
1/9/20	Officers Meeting	6:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
1/16/20	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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