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President's Message

Another good meeting enjoyed the speaker, the fellowship with the members, and just a fun night. Hopefully our membership will continue to grow.

Great angel and Quilts of Valor quilts turned in. Great job ladies! The Family Fun Day is sure to be a success with the activities plan. What a great way to get the guild's name out in our community.

The speaker mentioned volunteering for your guild, what a great way to be involved in your guild. We need someone to be in charge of the mini quilts and tickets sell. Please think about volunteering, the experience working with all the different guilds, meeting the members of different guilds is really rewarding. Please think about volunteering.

Work on those show quilts, we want our guild to have a good showing of our talented ladies. The quilt can be as simple or as difficult as you choose, remember it is your creation for everyone to enjoy at the show.

Here is lesson #2 on quilting; I know excitement runs high for the history of quilting.

Lesson #2 on quilting:

Europeans brought quilting to the Americas, and the earliest-known quilt made in America was 1704. During the expansion into the Western United States, quilts were used as window coverings, doors, and walls for temporary housing as well as currency for pioneers. "Quilting bees" originated in the Midwest United States during 1800's, where a lack of neighbors and a need for socializing drew women together to finish quilts and make new friends.

Have a great month of quilting and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me.

Happy Quilting,
Linda Scott



St. Patrick's 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. Its a time for fun. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green!

IQG General Meeting Minutes



February 20, 2020 Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes from January meeting as published in the newsletter has a mistake. Please note the quilt show is in August (not June). The remaining minutes are approved.

Connie Angeles introduced three guests.

Shawn Carr talked about the March program and workshop on Barn Quilts. The workshop costs \$25 which must be paid at least a week in advance. Shawn introduced tonight's speaker, Jolynn O'Neil. Jolynn talked about quilt tips, do's and don'ts. She presented a trunk show of scrappy quilts and superb appliqué.

Suzanna Fox detailed the workshop for Family Fun Day and Angel Quilts. Members will be assembling puzzles and bookmarks for FFD. Working on Angel Quilts is also encouraged. The workshop will be Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9am to 3pm at JC Small.

Donna Reid showed a sailboat pattern which can be used for Angel Quilts. The pattern was sent to guild members by e-mail. Donna encouraged all to submit their quilt at the April meeting for a drawing for a special prize.

LaCora McSwain talked about Love Thy Baby. She showed several items which our members can make or complete. Flannel receiving blankets are pre-cut and just need edging finished. Quilts which are already sandwiched and edged simply need to be machine quilted. LaCora has developed an incentive program. The first winner of an extra two points is Susan Doe.

Cynthia Gladden gave information about the 2020 TAQG Rally which will be held on July 11. The speaker is Marti Michell. Workshops may fill quickly so applications need to be in ASAP.

Carol Cook outlined information on the 2020 Quilt Show. Please read her article in this newsletter.

Susan Holt said that in honor of the beginning of Spring, the March meeting's food should follow the theme of "Spring Salads". Members with last names E through N are asked to bring the food.

Susan Hyde asked for door prize suggestions

The light red challenge winners are Jean Sullivan and Sarah Schacht.

Angel Quilts, Quilts of Valor and Personal Quilts were presented. They were all beautiful.

After the presentation of door prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Hooray!

A warm welcome to our newest member Ami Eglintine, who joins us from Bedford. So happy to have you join our organization.

Guild Members – keep extending the hand of friendship and passing on your love of quilting. Thank you for your efforts. Suzanna Fox

Angel Quilts

We took 33 quilts to Scottish Rite this month. Our total for this year is 55. You ladies are great. Keep it up and we'll reach our goal of 300. Well my goal. But I can't reach it without you.

The sizes of the Angel Quilts are Length plus Width must be at least 90" for a small worth 4 points. Length plus Width of 120" or more is a large quilt worth 8 points. Please measure your top before you quilt it. Don't forget the label.

Jean Sullivan won the lite red raffle and took the 4 points. Sarah Schacht won batting. Thanks to all for your 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



2020 Membership Directory

Please check that your name, address, phone and email are correct.

Thank you. Suzanna Fox

Show Meeting- February 8, 2020

On-Line entries should be open by March 20, 2020. The deadline for entries will be May 15, 2020. Rules and categories will be posted on the NTQF website, but we will try and get them on our Guild website also. They are pretty much staying the same as last year, but we had to add a clause about what moves a ribbon winner up to the Master Division.

Miniature auction: this is a silent auction this year. This is a big fundraiser for all the guilds so you want the best work you can put out there. A quilt that will make someone want to buy it NOW and not take a chance of losing it in an auction. They are leaning towards having each day's quilts close out on a daily basis and the next day's allotment be hung for the next day. Mainly because of the space constraints. The amount of entries we can have will be decided on the membership formula system and we will be letting you know what those numbers are soon. Meanwhile, look for a small pattern and start early so we have it ready. Also, you MUST have a hanging sleeve on your quilt. I don't think that was a problem from our guild, but they were pinning sleeves on some last year and they said they will not do that this year.

T-Shirts: We will have a new shirt this year. Samples are coming. They will be Music Theme related to go with the show and the shirts will be v- neck in purple or teal. They will be for sale at the guild for 20.00 each. If you plan on working the whole show you may want to buy at least 2 so you aren't doing laundry each night. We will be taking orders and we must have the money when we take the order. The guild will get a small profit from each shirt sold so maybe your family would like one also. They are hoping to sell some at the show, but I am not sure if the price will be the same.

We need 2 people to step up and be the liaison for Ticket sales for our guild and Miniature auction representative. All the mini quilt rep will do is take in the quilts, make sure they are the correct size and have a label and sleeve and that any paperwork is there. You will be the person that the Mini quilt Committee person will contact for any news or instructions for the delivery of the quilts. The Ticket rep will keep up with the ticket distribution and sales within the guild and be the liaison with that committee person from the show. These are pretty much positions that are strictly within the guild.

As I have begged before each month...I am still pleading with the membership...our guild needs to supply 2 representatives to the show committee each year. We need a person in training for this. It is really not hard to do but I personally have been doing it for 5 years. Even though I love it I should not be the only person who knows how the show runs and who all the ladies are from the other guilds. The same with Susan Holt. Ladies this is how we make money to fund all the things we do at the Guild. You can't expect us to do this indefinitely and you not know how to do it also. It's not a monarchy !! lol

Now get those quilts done and entered before May 15th. I know you can produce some beautiful work.

Thank you,

Carol Cook and Susan Holt

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

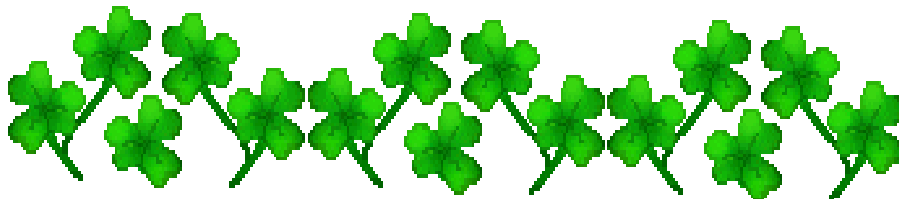
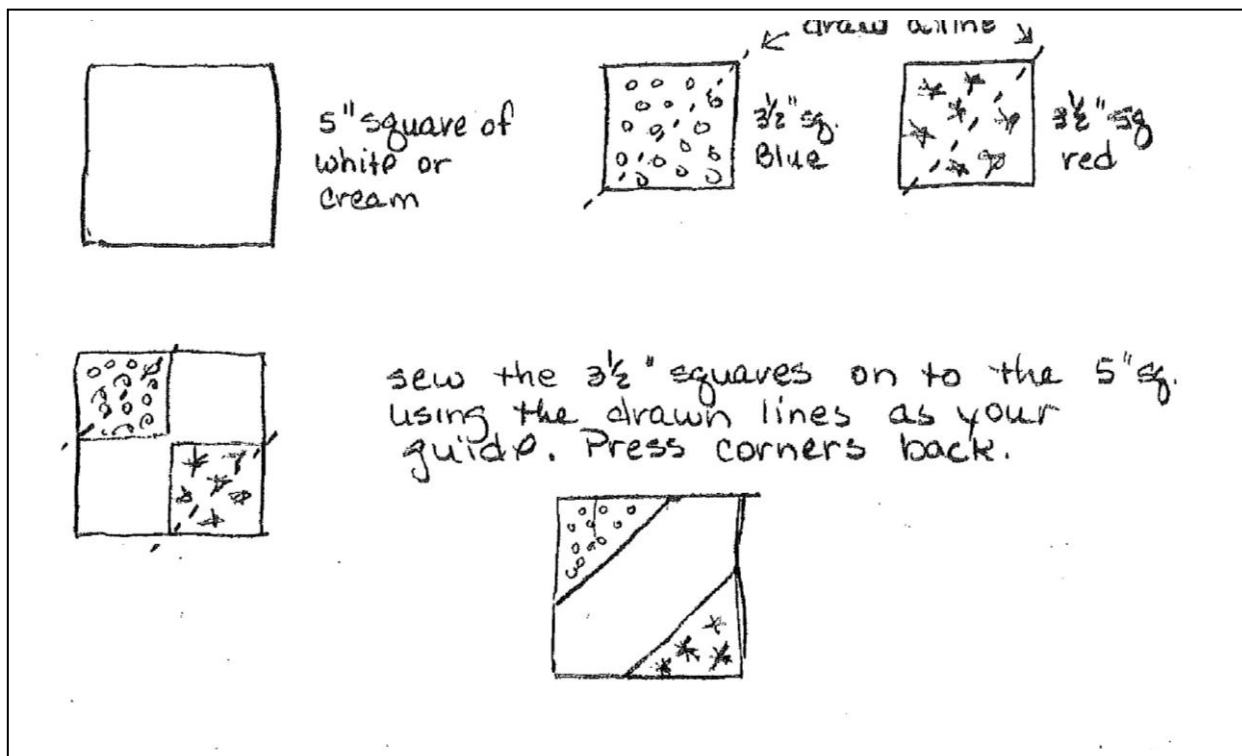
QOV Reminder!

If you took a QOV kit that I offered last year, I hope you have been working on them and are getting them ready for the April Deadline for turn in. It would be great if once again we have enough quilts to give each of the veterans a quilt at the picnic again this year. That was so amazing to see each person load back on the bus with that quilt under their arm and know that they planned on using them and were surprised and grateful for the gift. So don't forget and lose them in your sewing room. If circumstances have changed and it doesn't look like you can finish it then please get it back to me so I can get it finished by someone else.

Thanks for all you do!!

Carol

P.S. We will be needing more signature blocks for the show also. Last year Judy and I had to go home and sew 100 more each night to make sure we didn't run out. So if you have some spare time and fabric please run a few for me.



To Scotland With Love

(2014)

(The first book in the Kilts and Quilts series)

A novel by Patience Griffin

Welcome to the charming Scottish seaside town of Gandiegow - where two people have returned home for different reasons, but to find the same thing....

Caitriona Macleod gave up her career as an investigative reporter for the role of perfect wife. But after her husband is found dead in his mistress's bed, a devastated Cait leaves Chicago for the birthplace she hasn't seen since she was a child. She's hoping to heal and to reconnect with her gran. The last thing she expects to find in Gandiegow is the Sexiest Man Alive! She just may have stumbled on the ticket to reigniting her career - if her heart doesn't get in the way.

Graham Buchanan is a movie star with many secrets. A Gandiegow native, he frequently hides out in his hometown between films. He also has a son he'll do anything to protect. But Cait Macleod is too damn appealing - even if she is a journalist.

Quilting with her gran and the other women of the village brings Cait a peace she hasn't known in years. But if she turns in the story about Graham, Gandiegow will never forgive her for betraying one of its own. Should she suffer the consequences to resurrect her career? Or listen to her battered and bruised heart and give love another chance?

Cleaning the Sole Plate:

If you iron a lot of synthetic fabrics and you're finding buildup on the sole plate, you've got your culprit! Here's a few different, easy, hacks that will get your iron back to new in no time.

Lemon: If the sole plate is rusty, cut a lemon in half and rub it on the rusty spots. If there is rust inside the holes, refer to the steps on how to clean the reservoir.

Dryer Sheets: Pre-heat your iron to the lowest setting (no steam) Take the dryer sheet, wad it up and rub over the sole plate. You should see the buildup start to wipe away immediately! Wipe down the iron with a cotton rag afterwards before using on clothing again.

Vinegar-Soaked Towel: Soak a cotton towel in white vinegar. Heat your iron and make sure the steam is turned on. Rub the iron back and forth over the vinegar-soaked towel and you should see the residue begin to turn loose. Wipe the iron down with a dry, cotton rag before ironing clothing.

Cleaning the Reservoir:

For day-to-day maintenance, fill the reservoir with 50% water and 50% white vinegar.

For a deep clean if the buildup is severe, fill the reservoir with the 50/50 solution and let it sit for 24 hours. The next day, get a thick, white, cotton cleaning rag and a kitchen cooling rack. Put the rag under your cooling rack and set the iron on top of the cooling rack. Now set your steam setting to maximum output and let the entire reservoir steam out the vinegar/water solution. This should unclog any blockage that has built up in the iron.

Finally, re-fill the chamber again but this time just fill it with distilled water. and set your iron directly on the rag. If nothing gunky comes out, your iron is once again safe to use on clothing!

Family FunDay at the Irving Arts Center

“Playing with Patterns” - Sunday March 8th 1-4 PM

March is National Quilting Month. Irving parents and children will experience quilt inspired art activities led by members of the Irving Quilt Guild. This will be our third-year hosting Family Fun day.

Angel Quilt Program

I hope you like the sailboat pattern. My goal was to find the easiest pattern to make an Angel Quilt. This is the first of three in the program. You're welcome to get creative with the colors. Remember these quilts are for children. Sky and water are blue. Please make sure L x W=90" or more.

You will receive the hours for these quilts.

You will be in the Lite Red raffle.

At the April meeting turn in as many completed sailboat quilt as you would like. Each quilt will put you in the blue raffle. Winner gets a choice of batting or \$20 certificate for Angel Quilt quilting.

Thank you.

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March Program

Suzi Parron – Barn Quilts Across America

March Workshop

Suzi Parron – Barn Quilt Squares

\$25 per person (pay in Feb)

See Supply List in Newsletter

Gardens Art Center 9:00 am – 4:00 pm



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
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Material Woman

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

Our meetings are at Holy Family in the Gym building. At the next meeting we'll work on the 2nd Angel Quilt in the program, the checkered board. You are always welcome to bring your own project to work on. All are welcome.

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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 March 9.

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, Bonnie and I took advantage of the day to sew. When everyone joined us about 4:30 we had a short meeting. We discussed some community projects that we could do as a group. One idea is to do pillowcases for Blue Christmas, or to adopt a nursing home and do stockings and gifts for them. We will be discussing this more

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



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Susan Turk

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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	73
New Members	2
Meeting Attendance	50
Guests	2
Total attending	52

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

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.

March Birthdays

5	Nancy Norris
22	Jerry Nallon
31	Judy Poole



RELAX and RETREAT

Irving Quilt Guild

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March Meeting Reminders:

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

March 2020			
3/12/20	Officers Meeting	6:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
3/19/20	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

I'm A Wee Bit Irish!