



The Quilting Press

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President's Message

Another month has come and gone without our guild meeting. It seems like forever since we have had a meeting, not sure what will happen in July since the Corvid 19 numbers are rising instead of declining. To make you feel better, we are not the only guild unable to meet.

The one thing in this world that is not topsy turvy, to me anyway, is the piecing of a quilt. You pick your pattern, fabric, and you cut and piece. You do not have to think about anything but the fabric going thru the machine and maybe unsexing a bit but hey that is part of the piecing process. I just finished a simple quilt and now I have two granddaughters fighting over it. You should hear the deals they are trying to make to see who gets the quilt. I finally told them I will make another so they both will be happy. I also heard Donna in my heart saying, "No No give it for an Angel Quilt".

With the quilts not being a part of the show this year we all have free time to work on our many quilts we have started. The bright side is we have a whole year if we want to create another masterpiece for the show in 2021.

I hope everyone is having a great summer and getting lots of different projects finished during this time.

Happy quilting,

Linda Scott



July 4

Independence Day is annually celebrated on July 4 and is often known as "the Fourth of July". It is the anniversary of the publication of the declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776. Patriotic displays and family events are organized throughout the United States. Many people display the American flag on their homes. The celebrations have deep roots in the American tradition of political freedom.

Show update

This is the official letter from the Show Chairperson. It's pretty much what I told everyone yesterday, but this is "more official".

Please try to attend the Expo in August and support them any way you are comfortable. They will be trying virtual tours and maybe even classes so check that out also.

Again, thank you all for putting up with my monthly tirade about the show and participating in it. We will have to tighten our belts a little this next year due to no income but with

all the canceled meetings maybe it won't hit us as hard later on. You ladies are the BEST as I have said before and I miss seeing your faces, but I want you all to stay safe and well.

Until we meet again...happy sewing. Now get to work on the next show quilt!! ... And miniature quilt for the auction...lol

Guild Members,

After much thought, deliberation, and input from our members, the NTQF committee is sad to let you know that we are canceling our North Texas Quilt Festival judged show for 2020.

Many variables led to this reluctant decision. We realize the demographic of our membership falls into the "at risk" category for Covid-19 and recognize the specific safety issues this presents to our cherished members and their families. While NTQF would, to the best of our ability, have provided safety measures at the show, since understanding and predicting anything about this disease is next to impossible, we ultimately did not want to take the risk. Also, our survey results indicated that while about half of you would come to the show, a large majority were reluctant to volunteer. Volunteers are vital for a successful show.

While member safety and lack of volunteers were the main reasons for canceling the show, we also considered other factors. Not having in person guild meetings to sell tickets and generate more interest would lead to low revenue. We canceled the mini auction due to the handling involved which also impacts revenue. The quality of the show with such low (only 130) quilt entries would be compromised. Finally, the prospect of going to all the time and effort, only to have a government entity shut us down at the last minute was, well let's not even go there.

The competition is canceled, but there is still a chance to feed the quilting bug. For those of you who feel comfortable attending a show and/or volunteering for one, the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo is planning to go on as scheduled August 13-15 in Irving. They will be observing safety measures such as requesting attendees wear masks, hand sanitizing stations, bigger vendor booths for less crowding, wider aisles and extra student spacing in classrooms. They will also have many virtual offerings, such as online classes, virtual tours and more. We encourage you to support the OSQE, as they are our partners, and it is due to their financial and organizational help that we were able to produce the successful shows in past years. Go to their website: <https://sewingexpo.com/Events/Dallas,TX.aspx> to volunteer and for all the latest info.

Anticipating by 2021 the world will have a better handle on this Covid-19 menace, we are looking forward to an even bigger and better show. We will carry the rules and theme into the planning for next year. Given all the extra time you now have to work on those show entries, it should be the largest show yet!

Stay safe and healthy,

NTQF

Carol Cook



2020 Fall Retreat

Our next retreat is Oct 22-25 at Red Boot Retreat in Hillsboro, Texas. I called the owner to understand all the rules before booking and unfortunately at this time, we will not get the number of openings we usually have attending. The rules may change before our date but for now, they are only allowing 16 attendees at this time. The workroom will be set up with social distancing of every other station. People traveling together or members of a family unit may sit together but others are asked to social distance. Eating areas will provide guidance for social distancing and there will be extra tables in the work area where you will be able to eat and remain distanced. You will have your own bedroom or share a larger bedroom with one other person and we will assign bathrooms. Please use your assigned bathroom exclusively. This will limit your exposure to germs and is important for our social distancing guidelines.

You will need to wear a mask when you initially arrive. Arrival time will be scheduled and staggered. You will also be required to sign a liability waiver and have temperature checked at the door. If you answer yes to any of the COVID questions or have a temperature above 100.4 degrees, you will not be able to attend the retreat.

The total amount is \$270 Thursday thru Sunday and is totally refundable if you are sick. I just ask that you notify me as soon as possible so that I can notify the next person on the waiting list. If you are sick, please stay at home!

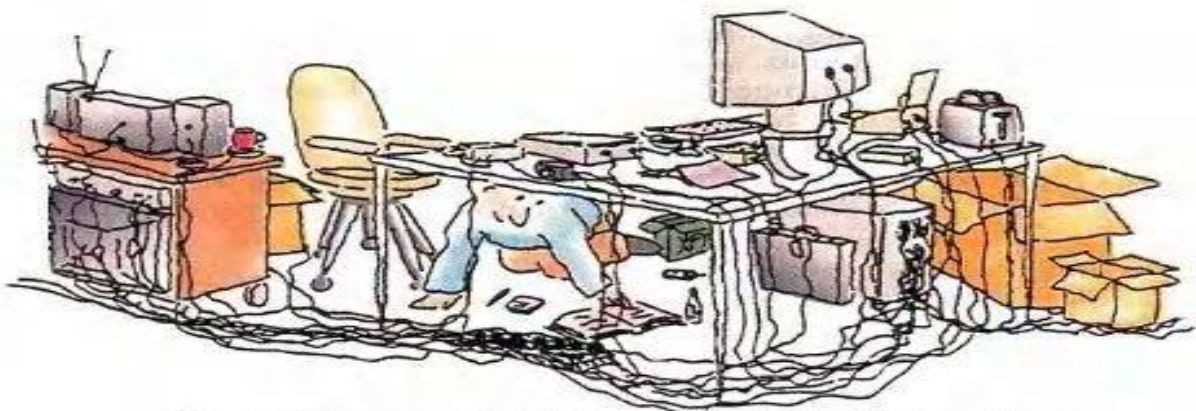
Since we are not having an IQG meeting soon, and I need to figure out who gets in, I am requesting a \$20 deposits (checks, cash, cashier's check to IQG) to reserve your spot AND mailed to me through the postal mail (snail mail). If you drop it off at my house, I will add two days to your entry date, no exception. I have to try and make this fair for all. Once the first 16 retreaters are identified, then I will be asking full payment in the next couple of months (credit, cash, check, cashier's check). All others will be on a waiting list in case someone is sick OR they open it up to more retreaters.

In general, if you have underlying conditions, fragile, or prone to sickness, you probably don't need to attend.

Please mail your deposit (made to IQG) to:

Susan Turk
912 Fairway Ranch Pkwy
Roanoke, TX 76262

Happy Quilting!
Susan Turk



"Now, if you can find the power switch, flip it on."

I received the following message on the Irving Quilt Guild Facebook page and will try and capture what John Meehan said. Some of the words were misspelled and will try my best to interpret it. I did wish him well and Thanked him for his service. Please forgive the short sentences, but with texting, that's about all you get. Do we know Evenly R back in 2013-2014? I was able to pull up Evelyn Banks, Moore and Wray. I don't know an Evenly R.

From John Meehan

Thank you for your quilt.

I am a retired ARMY CAPTAIN.

I read the quilt in 2014 in rehab

I did tours in Iraq and Afghanistan battlefield commander.

After I came home, I was in Ft Hood TX.

I got locked up for drinking heavy. Pills PTSD.

After completing rehab, the Army Hospital gave me your quilt.

I've slept with it 6 years now.

It's a work of art. I cherish it.

I took many rockets and mortars – helicopter fire sideways. Our job. Kill. Kill terrorists.

Some of us drink too much or drugs after many trips into wars. When we step off the plane, its guns up kill at will. Its over. I am retired. But I have the guild quilt. Red white blue. Thank You. I love it.

Evelyn did mine in 2013. The hospital, my surgeon- brain surgeon and psychiatrists from Harvard gave it to me.

He said no one gets one unless you did combat tours and complete our program. My life's been shattered by wars. Thank GOD IM ALIVE. Please share this with the GUILD. I lived in Texas for years, Ft Hood, Houston, and San Antonio. I thank you. Your HARD WORK.

It brings me to tears. You have no idea. The premium quilts end up in broken Soldiers beds to sleep with. It is priceless.

I thought I should reach out to the Guild to tell you the impact. Do you know Evelyn and who made it? If so, thank her and tell her. It belongs to me now. Forever. Thank You.

If you cannot find her, share my story and gratefulness the quilt has been my snuggle bunny thru years of nightmares and great peace and great sleep. Your guild should bet a noble prize for Peace.

I am now crying and hope this all moves us. With the world full of negativity, I hope this helps us all to understand there are people who need us and are suffering.

God Bless our Members and Service Personnel!

Susan Turk



Angel Quilts

I'm keeping in touch with Stephanie Brigger at Scottish Rite Hospital. They have been closed. Open for emergency and essential visits only. If you have a child that needs Scottish Rite everything is essential. Anyone able to is working from home. The popcorn stand is closed. I'm sad. A couple of IQG ladies have given me their completed Angel Quilts. With mine I have 23 waiting to bring comfort to a child. Thank you, ladies. Stephanie knows that when they open, we'll take the quilts to them. No one knows when that will be.

Now is a great time to use up some of your stash so you can buy more. Children never complain the red should be a different value. Oh, there are too many novelty squares in this quilt. Just because we haven't been able to have meetings doesn't mean we can't reach the 300-quilt goal. Not counting the wonderful pile, I have here 55 quilts have been turned to Scottish Rite. The fabric shops are getting closer to allowing groups in. We all want to socialize but we need to be safe. Wear your face mask and wash your hands. Clean hands are good for our fabric as well.

Thank you. Donna 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 Mystery Quilt Challenge – Unit 4

Susan Turk
(label unit)



Summary:

Make 18 Checker Blocks

Tip:

When sewing Strip Sets, alter the sewing direction so that the strip set doesn't bow.

Detail Instructions

Cutting Instructions:

- Fabric 1:

Cut 3 - 4 ½" X WOF

Cut 3 – 2 ½" X WOF" (cut 1 strip in half)

- Fabric 5:

Cut 5 – 2 ½" X WOF (cut 1 strip in half, only 1 is use

Assemble:

Row 1 & 3:

- Sew 3 strip sets together on full WOF long side and press

Fabric 5 – 2 ½" X WOF

Fabric 1 – 4 ½" X WOF

- Subcut the above 3 sets by 2 ½" for a quantity of 36.

Row 2:

- Sew 1 strip set together on long side and press

Fabric 1 – 2 ½" X WOF

Fabric 5 – 2 ½" X WOF

Fabric 1 – 2 ½" X WOF

- Sew 1 strip set together on ½ WOF side and press

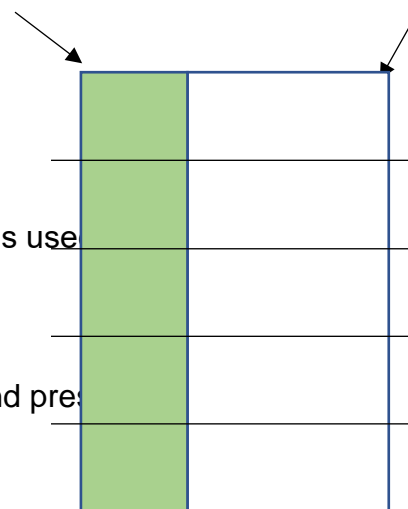
Fabric 1 – 2 ½" X ½ WOF

Fabric 5 – 2 ½" X ½ WOF

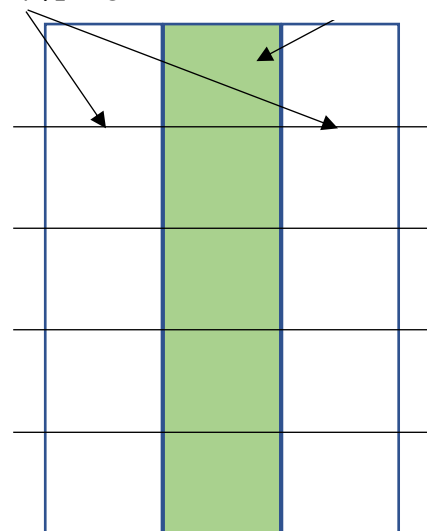
Fabric 1 – 2 ½" X ½ WOF

- Subcut the above 2 sets by 2 ½" for a quantity of 18.

Row 1 & 3
Fabric 5 – 2 ½" X WOF/ ½ WOF Fabric 1 – 4 ½" X WOF/ ½

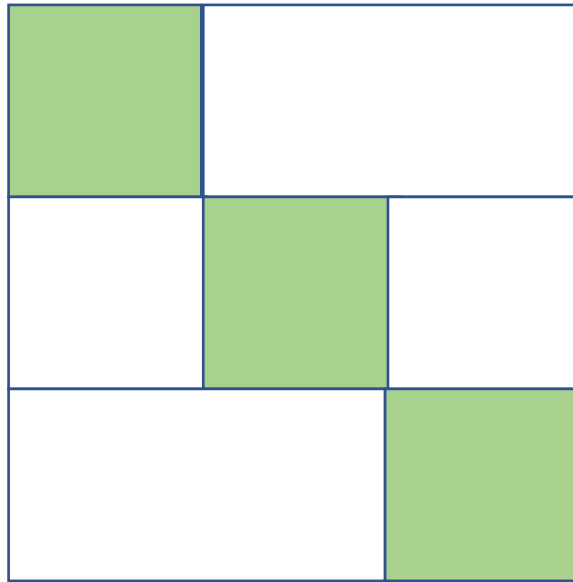


Row 2
Fabric 1 – 2 ½" X WOF/ ½ WOF Fabric 5 – 2 ½" X WOF/ ½



Block

- Sew Rows 1 thru 3 together to make 18 blocks (See Below). It should measure 6 ½" X 6 ½".



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

These tips will help you improve your needle- turn appliqué experience and results.

1. If you are new to appliqué, look for designs that are bold or larger in scale. Turning the seam allowances to the back becomes a challenge when the pieces are tiny. Remember, you can modify any pattern to fit your skills. For example, if turning sharp points on leaves is too challenging, simply round the ends.
2. It is easiest to work hand appliqué when using appliqués of finely woven cotton. After much practice, experiment with loosely woven home - spuns and specialty fabrics.
3. Use a straw or milliners needle for best results. The extra length of these needles aids in tucking fabric under before taking stitches.
4. Work with thread no longer than 18" and in a color that matches the appliqué piece. Use fine cotton sewing thread for appliquéing.
5. A dry iron on a cotton setting normally is used to adhere Freezer paper to appliqué fabrics. But be sure to test this process on a scrap first.
6. Hand - basting shapes to the foundation can save time. If pieces are pinned in place, you can lose time untangling threads caught on the pins. And glue makes it difficult to reposition pieces if things shift a bit.
7. Work in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction, whichever is more comfortable for you. With the point of your needle, sweep the seam allowance under about 1" ahead of your stitching, and secure the fabric with your thumb. Use the drawn line as your guide for how much fabric to turn under.
8. Curved edges turn out far smoother if the shapes are cut on the bias grain. For instance, cut leaves with the leaf center placed on the bias.
10. At inside points, make your stitches closer together to prevent fabric from raveling where you have clipped into the seam allowance. Secure a deep inside point with a single stitch.

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've changed the time of Material Women. Our meetings are at Holy Family in the Gym building now from 3-6 or when we get tired of socializing. We work on new patterns usually making an Angel Quilt but not a requirement. You can bring something you are already planning to do. Holy Family campus is closed. When they open, we're ready to sew. 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 in July, co-vid virus permitting, and Irving City opens the building for use. I will send out an email when we are able to meet.

I hope everyone is being more productive than I have these last few weeks. I am so looking forward to eating out. Hopefully we will have lots of angel quilts and Quilts of Valor to turn in when we finally get together.

Feel free to join us if you can. If you have any questions about Frayed Knots, please feel free to call me.

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Sue Gray



Bees

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The words may be hidden in any direction.

K	L	H	T	S	E	N	C	M	Z	Z	U	B
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BEESWAX
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FEMALES
FLOWERS
FLYING

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HONEY
INSECT
MALES
NECTAR
NEST

POLLEN
QUEEN
STING
SWARM
WINGS
WORKERS

Quilting Tip of the Day: To make your borders fit without rippling, lay your quilt top out flat (on a ping pong table or on the floor). Cut two border strips to width and longer than the quilt top. Then lay the borders across the center of the top, making sure one end is flush with the edge. Cut the other end off even with the opposite edge. Pin and sew the borders to the sides of the top, easing where necessary so it fits perfectly. Repeat with the top and bottom borders. This is faster and more accurate than measuring and cutting the borders separately

Smothered Pork Chops with Broccoli and Mushrooms

This low-carb dish delivers a truly mouthwatering dinner.

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. cremini mushrooms, halved or quartered if large
3 tbsp olive oil, divided
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 large head broccoli, cut into florets
4 small bone-in pork chops (about 2 pounds total)
2 large shallots, finely chopped
1 tbsp. all-purpose flour
3/4 c. dry white wine
1/2 c. chicken stock
2 tbsp
crème fraiche or sour cream
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves



DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425°F. Toss together mushrooms and 1 tablespoon oil on a large rimmed baking sheet. Season with salt and pepper. Bake for 10 minutes. Push mushrooms to one side and add broccoli to pan. Toss with 1 tablespoon oil. Season with salt and pepper. Roast until vegetables are golden brown and tender, 12 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat remaining tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Season pork with salt and pepper. Cook until internal temperature on an instant-read thermometer reads 140°F, 4 to 5 minutes per side. Transfer to a platter and tent with foil; reserve skillet.

Add shallots to skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Add flour and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add wine and simmer until thickened, 2 to 4 minutes. Add stock and simmer until thickened and reduced to about 1/2 cup, 2 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in crème fraiche, Dijon, and thyme. Season with salt and pepper. Serve pork topped with pan sauce and roasted vegetables alongside.

The Ultimatum

(2017) (The first book in the Guardian series)

A novel by Karen Robards

A femme fatale Robin Hood running a multinational firm with her father, she makes a living swindling con men out of money they stole and giving it back to those who should rightfully have it, keeping a little for herself of course. Her father has prepared her well to carry on the family business, and now the prodigy has surpassed the master.

Their latest mission didn't go to plan - millions of dollars and top secret government documents went missing, and her father was supposedly killed. But not everyone believes in his death, including the US government. They'll stop at nothing to capture Richard St. Ives - a high-value target who has been on most-wanted lists all over the world - even if it means using Bianca as bait.

With only a fellow criminal for backup and her life on the line, it's up to Bianca to uncover the terrifying truth behind what really happened . . . and set it right, before it's too late.

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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	73
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	0
Guests	0
Total attending	0

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

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July

Birthdays

3	Susan Holt
7	Sue Gray
15	Cynthia Amador
18	Nan Coleman
27	Elaine Doell
31	Leigh Schoen



SUMMER

Irving Quilt Guild

The Quilting Press newsletter is published monthly for the Irving Quilt Guild, a not-for-profit 501(c)3, volunteer organization founded in 1998.

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.

July 2020			
7/9/20	Officers Meeting	6:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
7/16/20	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!**

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July 16 Meeting Reminders:

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