

# **The Quilting Press**

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# **President's Message**

We were so sorry we had to cancel the general meeting, but it is better to veer to the safe side. I am sure everyone understood. We should be able to meet in November.

We had a wonderful time at retreat, with lots of good food, and sewing with lots of fun thrown in. The quilt shop in Whitney is a very good shop with great prices on clearance fabrics.

We would like to have a fun meeting in December and one thought was to have a Christmas bag with some goodies inside (a homemade gift, candies, or sewing notions). We would need you to sign up so we would know how many would be participating. A number would be attached to the bag when you bring it in and then we would have participates draw numbers and you would get the bag with the corresponding number on the bag. I think this would be a lot of fun. I was going to tell you about it at the October meeting. I thought a heads up before the November meeting would be good. If you wanted to make something or start collecting the goodies for the bag. I hope everyone will participate.

November is the last meeting to turn in your Angel and Quilt of Valor quilts for 2021. Get those finished before that meeting. You want those pints for the 48 Hours class in January.

We should have a good 2022, Bonnie is already getting some programs and workshops together. We will have a new slate of officers with new ideas, so let's support them by attending meetings, workshops, and volunteering where we are needed.

We also will have our show next August, so get to work on those show quilts. Let's keep each other motivated so we will have some great entries for the show. I am ready to cut mine out and get to piecing.

Everyone have a great month of piecing and quilting.

Happy quilting,

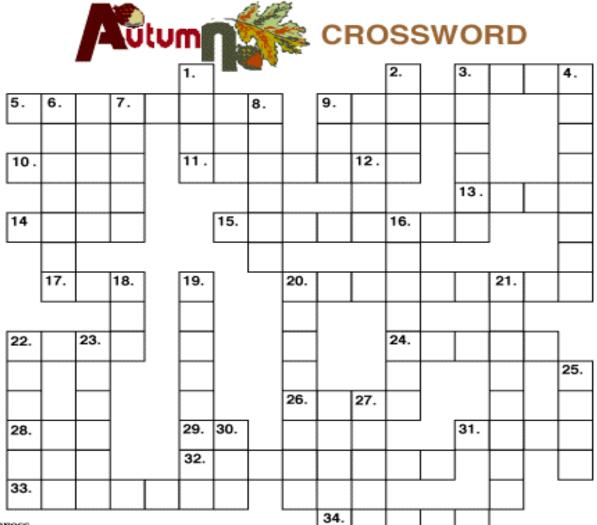
Linda Scott



### **Thanksgiving Day**

Thanksgiving Day in the United States started as a way of giving thanks to food collected from a good harvest or problems that were fixed. It originated in 1621 and was a religious festival, but is now largely secular. It is now a holiday on the fourth Thursday of November.





#### Across

- Cars travel on this
- Woollen garments
- 9. Plural of goose
- 10. An angel has this
- To make smooth

#### 13. Things aren't always as they

- 14. Who, what, where, -9
- 15. Vegetables with many eyes? 17. Maple leaves often turn this colour
- 20. The first month of Autumn
- Cautious
- A tree with white, papery bark
- 26. To raise children

- Angry
- 29. Opposite of out
- 31. Another name for Autumn
- 32. Autumn month
- Gather a crop
- 34. Ripe fruit or vegetables
- Down Grows on a tree
- 2. ager
- Playtime in school
- Last month of Autumn
- 6. Sunny, cold, rain, eg.
- 7.The nut from an Oak tree
- 8. Spring, summer, fall, winter eg.

- Fetch
- 12. " \_\_\_\_ your supper."
- 16. Autumn month
- Opposite of night
- 19. Large orange fruits which grow on a vine
- Nut hoarding animal
- 21. Used to carry school books
- What you get from a fireplace
- 23. One who reads
- 25. Opposite of hot
- 27. Brownish yellow colour
- 30. "He is \_\_\_\_ here right now."



# **Angel Quilt Info**

I was given three Angel Quilts before the meeting. Since we didn't have the meeting, I wasn't going to Scottish Rite Hospital. Plus, I was at the retreat where someone discovered Covid and even thought I tested Negative I didn't want to take a chance infecting anyone. Wouldn't you know Nancy called because she has three quilts and one is an Eye Spy with Halloween design. Nancy and I talked and decided she could take her Angel Quilts to Scottish Rite. Our donation number is now 224.

When you have completed Angel Quilts, turn them in to me anytime.

I haven't picked a Lite Red raffle name for the points and \$20 quilting certificate for October. In November I'll pick twice and include everyone. Please remember all projects must be turned in by November for the points to be included in 2021 count.

Thank you so much for all of the beautiful Angel Quilts turned in. They add sunshine to the lives of the children who receive them and their families.

Wash your hands. Clean hands are good for our fabric as well.

Thank you.



Donna Reid 214 435-4148





# 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 I.mcswain4@verizon.net



# Misty's Book Nook

### Angry Housewives eating bonbons

by Lorna Ludvik. (2004)

Women's Fiction



Approximately 450pgs:

The women of Freesia Court are convinced that there is nothing good coffee, delicious desserts, and a strong shoulder can't fix. Laughter is the glue that holds them together-the foundation of a book group they call AHEB (Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons), an unofficial "club" that becomes much more. It becomes a lifeline. Holding on through forty eventful years, there's Faith, a lonely mother of twins who harbors a terrible secret that has condemned her to living a lie; big, beautiful Audrey, the resident sex queen who knows that with good posture and an attitude you can get away with anything; Merit, the doctor's shy wife with the face of an angel and the private hell of an abusive husband; Kari, a wise woman with a wonderful laugh who knows that the greatest gifts appear after life's fiercest storms; and finally, Slip, a tiny spitfire of a woman who isn't afraid to look trouble straight in the eye.

This stalwart group of friends depicts a special slice of American life, of stay-at-home days and new careers, of children and grandchildren, of bold beginnings and second chances, in which the power of forgiveness, understanding, and the perfectly timed giggle fit is the CPR that mends broken hearts and shattered dreams

Ps: they say don't judge a book by its cover. In this case don't judge by the title. It's a roller coaster of every emotion possible with more depth than you think. Almost 10 years after reading it I still think about it and want a sequel

# Blue Christmas at the November Meeting

The crew from Irving Fire Department's Station 2 will be on hand at our November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to accept your gifts for Blue Christmas. I have recently communicated with the Director of Blue Christmas and have some more suggestions for gift ideas. All gifts you give must be NEW, and UNWRAPPED.

They do now accept stuffed toys.

They are not giving bicycles anymore, so no bicycle helmets are needed.

The older kids are still the hardest to prepare for, so thank goodness for you ladies who do such a good job filling this need. The director also suggested:

- Board games, skate boards, scooters.
- Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, volley balls.
- Nail kits, blow dryers, curling irons, hair straightens.
- Shaving kits, wallets, cologne, perfume.
- Scarves, knit caps, art-making kits.

Cash and checks (made out to Blue Christmas) as well as non-perishable food are still needed. Blue Christmas buys chickens (and more toys if needed) with the money they receive. Food for a Christmas meal is given to each family.

Thank you for all you do to make this a happy Christmas for 400 Irving families.

Evelyn Banks 972-252-5290



# **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 – 3-6 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 had our meeting at the Senter East facility on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 1:00pm to sew until around 4:30 when we have a meeting, and we usually leave by 6 unless someone wants to continue sewing until 11PM. The address is 206 Chamberlain St, it is the old Senior Center and will have plenty of room to bring your machine to sew. Be sure to bring an extension cord or power strip to plug in.

There were 4 who came to visit and sew for the afternoon. We discussed our project, and showed off our blocks for September, a Block of the Month called Cream & Sugar. I sent out the blocks for October before retreat. It is interesting seeing the blocks in all the different colors that we decide to use. There will be some nice quilts out of this project.

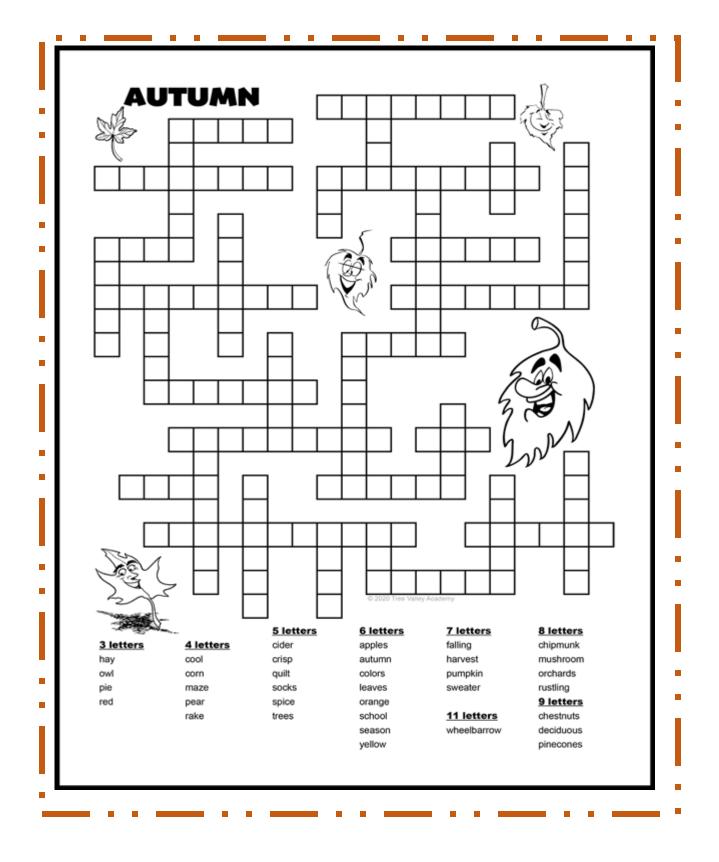
If you would like to join us in this project let me know and we will include you in our fun project, it is never to late to start another project.

Our next meeting will be on November 8th at the Senter East Facility

If you have any questions about Frayed Knots, please feel free to call me.

Sue Gray

214-850-9517







#### Good Thread

Another key element in piecing is using good quality, thin thread. The thread takes up space in the seam and can break or jam up the machine. I am a huge fan of Aurifil 50 weight thread as I've found in using many different brands that I can count on this thread to be high strength, smaller in size and low lint. It comes in totally yummy colors to match any fabric and is readily available from many quilt shops or online. There are many other brands available, so I encourage you to use the highest quality, small thickness thread that you can to increase accuracy and reduce frustration. The weight of the thread is what I found really makes a difference. Many multipurpose threads are 35 or 40 weight thread which is thicker and takes up more space. The higher the number, the thinner the thread.

In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked for their services to the United States on Veterans Day.

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### EASY CHICKEN SALAD

#### Ingredients

4 cups chicken, cooked and diced

1 cup seedless red grapes, cut in half or quartered

1 cup red apple, diced, optional

2 celery ribs (1 cup), chopped

1 cup pecans, walnuts or almonds, chopped or sliced

1 cup mayonnaise

Juice of 1 lemon (about 2 tablespoons)

1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

1 teaspoon kosher salt

Freshly ground pepper to taste

#### Instructions:

Cut chicken and add to large bowl

Cut grapes, apple, celery, and pecans, add to bowl

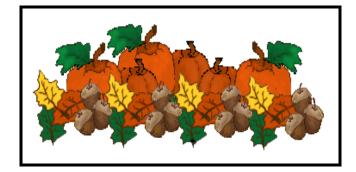
Add mayonnaise, lemon juice, parsley, salt and pepper

Stir together until well combined

Cover and refrigerate at least one hour before serving

Serve on bread or croissants with lettuce, or whatever you prefer

Store leftovers in airtight container in refrigerator



#### Fall Retreat 2021 Review

We had a great time at the Red Boot Retreat in October. It was enjoyable listening to great stories and when the Guild first attending retreats. It all made us laugh so hard, we cried.

This will be my last retreat I coordinate as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and you all made my job so easy. A special Thanks to Donna Reid for doing the unglamourous job of collecting tip money and Deborah Kay for collecting and passing out door prizes.

We did have a COVID exposure scare and hope the lady that had COVID has fully recovered. As far as I know, no one at the retreat contracted the virus. YEAH!



Keep on Sewing!

Susan Turk

#### President's Quilt for Linda Scott

Thanks to all who participated in making a President's Block for Linda Scott. I have enough blocks to make a nice size quilt. A special Thanks to Donna Reid and Deborah Kay for helping me plan, cuss, discuss getting this blocks the same size. I think we have a plan and will act on the plan in two weeks.

Thanks Again for all your help!

Susan Turk

#### Do you backstitch?

Backstitching at the beginning and ending of each seam? Generally, not required. The patchwork process secures the seams in the next patch, block or seam so it isn't necessary to backstitch. On a few occasions, I have found the seams to come apart on the ends by a stitch or two but it hasn't been an issue for me. One tip is to use more stitches per inch which makes for a tighter hold but also is harder to rip out if that is needed.



#### Officers

President: Linda Scott 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Shawn Carr 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Susan Turk Treasurer: Linda Cole Secretary: Cynthia Gladden

#### Chairpersons

Angel Quilts: Donna Reid Audit: Deborah Kav **Door Prizes/Fabric** Lotto: IOG Team Historian: Nancy Norris **Hospitality:** Susan Holt Keeper Quilts: Janie Merritt Love Thy Baby: LaCora McSwain Membership: Suzanna Fox **Newsletter Editor:** Judy Poole Nomination:

#### Parliamentarian:

Quilt Show: Carol Cook Susan Holt Quilts of Valor: Carol Cook

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.

#### 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

# Happy Thanksgiving

### November Birthdays

- 2 Barbara Barry
- 3 Joni Clary
- 4 Nancy Watts
- 8 Mickie Ray
- 8 Yolanda Garcia
- 9 Kristi Wilson
- 1 Susan Doe
- 19 Pam Chenault
- 19 Dena Bartlett
- 26 Merilyn Ackerman
- 28 Jackie Wagner

#### Membership

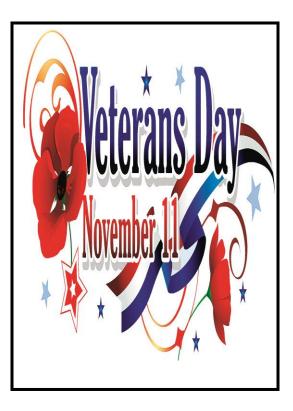
Current Members	74
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	0
Guests	0
Total attending	0

#### **Dues Information**

It's almost time to renew your Guild Membership for 2022

The 2022 IQG Membership Application will be sent to everyone next month. Some changes have been made, so PLEASE take a few minutes to complete and bring to the November or December meeting. If you are unable to attend, please mail to Irving Quilt Guild – PO Box 154291 – Irving, Texas 75015-4291.

Thank you, Suzanna Fox.



#### **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 <u>judyp343@tx.rr.com</u>

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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**/2 pg (7X4.5)** \$11/mo; \$29/3 mo; \$56/6 mo; \$110/yr.

Full pg (7X9.5) \$21/mo; \$56.50/3 mo; \$107/6 mo; \$210/yr.

November 2021			
11/11/21	Officers Meeting	6:00 pm	Oakview Baptist Church
11/18//21	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 quiltrelated 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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**November 18 Meeting Reminders:** 

- Items for Show and Tell
- Angel Quilts
- Quilt of Valor
- Love Thy Baby Items
- Food & Drink cookies & drinks