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President's Message

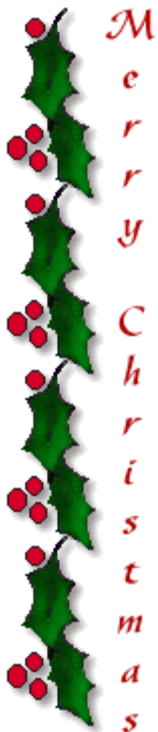
Christmas is coming! Let's all get ready for our annual Christmas meeting on December 14, 2023. We will enjoy a yummy meal, play a fun game of Left, Right, & Center. No fat quarters are needed! We also can bring a Christmas sack to exchange--just something fun like candy, cookies, candles, ornaments, ect. Limit it to \$10, place in a holiday sack or wrapped package.

The meal will be fun as well. If you missed the Nov. meeting call or email Gayle Henegar to get an assignment for dinner. The meat is provided. Come help us celebrate Christmas!

Our guild hrs. are final as of November. Those that qualified for the 48Hr. Class will be rewarded on January 20, 2024 at Holy Family 9:00-2:00. Beverly Ingram is our instructor. You can sign up at the December meeting & get your pattern & instructions. An R.S.V.P. will be required by Jan. 13 to order food.

Thanks for all the sewing & quilting that you have done in 2023!

Susan Holt



Blue Christmas 2023

I am stunned by your amazing support of the Irving Blue Christmas program. We collected so many wonderful gifts for kids, so much food, and so much money. I turned in \$994 to Kim Paris, the Director of Blue Christmas, including a \$100 check from IQG. Kim is so thankful that the Irving Quilt Guild continues to be so generous year after year.

I am so sorry the crew from Station 6 was unavailable. Frankly, I am a little surprised this has not happened more often over the years. We'll try again next year.

The last day to turn in gifts or monetary donations is Friday, December 8. You can take it to any Irving Fire Station (after Thanksgiving Day), or call me and I will pick it up. If you are interested in working to fill bags for individual kids, that will start on Tuesday, December 12. Kim Paris told me they are expecting to make deliveries to almost 500 families this year.

Thank you, thank you for your giving hearts. I am so proud to be a member of IQG.

Evelyn Banks 972-252-5290

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.

IRVING QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Acting President Susan Holt called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Date: November 16, 2023

December Christmas Celebration and Food & Recipe Partners: There was one activity before the meeting started. Gayle Henegar, Hospitality Chair, passed out a basket of Christmas-themed paper puzzle pieces. All members in attendance were asked to pick one puzzle piece and then find the matching piece from another member, at the meeting's Break. Both members with the matching pieces will decide who will cook and what to cook—dessert, salad, or side dish. Then they will sign the appropriate item's sign-in sheet. The "cook" will send the recipe to their partner and that person will print out the recipe to pair with the cooked item, enough copies for all members. There are 5 sets of puzzle pieces for which those partners will provide tablecloths and napkins. The Guild will provide the meat.

In connection with the December celebration, Donna Reid announced that the celebration will be held *December 14th*, not December 21st because it is too close to Christmas. It will be in the Church's Cafeteria. She asks that, when you arrive, please use the door that leads directly to the outside, not the hallway and go through the fence. Mass will be in progress with Adoration following it and complete quiet is needed.

Susan Holt also announced 2 other activities for the December celebration—a game, Left-Right-Center, but no fabric required; and a Christmas treat exchange for those who would like to bring something. The winner of the game will get to select one of the Door Prizes. The Christmas treat can include a sack of anything that you want—cookies, candy, candles, etc.--but something not costing more than \$10.

Then Acting President Susan Holt officially called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Blue Christmas: The main November meeting program was to hand over to the firemen the many unwrapped gifts and checks that members brought to this meeting for the Blue Christmas project. The Guild's Board also voted to donate \$100 to Blue Christmas. Benny Renaud from Station 6 was the representative for the Irving firemen because the Station 6 firemen were not able to attend because they got tied up with something else at the last minute. The firemen will not know until after the first week in December how many families they will be serving or the date yet for when the toys and other gifts will be sorted. Benny will let Evelyn Banks know.

A break followed during which members found their Food & Recipe partner and signed up for either dessert, salad, or side dish.

General Meeting Minutes: The Business side of the meeting started with Ernestine Chipman asking for any corrections to the minutes for the October General Meeting. Those minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote, as published in the November newsletter.

25th Anniversary Museum Exhibit: Ernestine then updated the membership on the Irving Archives & Museum exhibit (see article published further in this newsletter).

48-Hour Workshop: Ginny North announced that it will be held on January 20th. RSVPs will be required because lunch will be provided. Ginny showed the pattern for a lap size quilt which will be taught by Beverly Ingram. Beverly will be bringing a sample to the December meeting. Donna Reid and Ginny are working on the location.

Spring 2024 Retreat: Ginny reminded everyone that the Spring 2024 retreat will be held April 4-7, 2024, at Sunset. It is \$270 for the 3 nights. She will start collecting money at the December meeting. The last month that she can accept payment is February.

Membership: There were no new members or guests at the meeting. Suzanna is collecting 2024 dues in November and December--\$30/year. Cash or check accepted. No new application is needed unless there are changes.

Angel Quilts: Donna Reid thanked everyone who has made an angel quilt this year. The total number turned in so far is 222 quilts. Three hundred is the goal. Donna Reid awarded 4 points and some fabric to Susan Holt.

She also reported that the items in the blue bags that were donated to Blue Christmas are blankets that several Guild Friendship groups have worked on. She also has donated some to the Unshackled Soldiers charity, <https://uscministries.org/>.

IRVING QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Nominations Committee: Chairperson, Judy Poole, needs someone to be First VP, responsible for Programs and Workshops. Donna Reid was volunteered.

Patriotic Quilts: Carol Cook announced that she has 4 kits ready to be made for the veterans' picnic in May. She needs the quilts made, and turned in, by April.

Keeper Quilts: Pam Chenault, the new Committee chairperson, reminded everyone to think about making Keeper Quilts. The Guild has donated all of its stash. Carol Cook has offered to bring one to a meeting.

Show and Tell and Door prizes closed out the meeting.

The Acting President adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Merry Christmas

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.

****QUILT EXHIBIT AT THE IRVING ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM UPDATE ****

Recent Guild Activities: There were two activities which allowed more people to interact with Guild members and the Exhibit. On October 28th, the Museum held a fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. Susanna Fox and Ernestine Chipman were able to give some background on the Guild and tell some of the stories behind the creation of two of the quilts. Jerry Bowen generously donated a beautiful, purple-themed quilt for the fundraiser's raffle. Ernestine has asked the Museum staff for the winning bid on her quilt. The November 11th Guild activity, from 1-3 p.m. in the Spark Lab, was a success. The Cut-ups Friendship Group demonstrated how to start a quilt. There was a large group of ladies from Jerry Bowen's yoga class who enjoyed the activity. Ernestine received positive comments from several class members. There was also a 10-year-old in the Lab at the same time who came over and briefly watched Pansy Shehee sew on some borders. She told Pansy that she was interested in learning to quilt. .

Upcoming activities: The next Guild Exhibit activity will be on Saturday, December 9th, from 1-4 p.m. in the Museum's SparkLab. The Threadpickers Friendship Group will make quilted hearts to support the international campaign, "I Found A Quilted Heart". This is a FREE SATURDAY so please come and support this group.

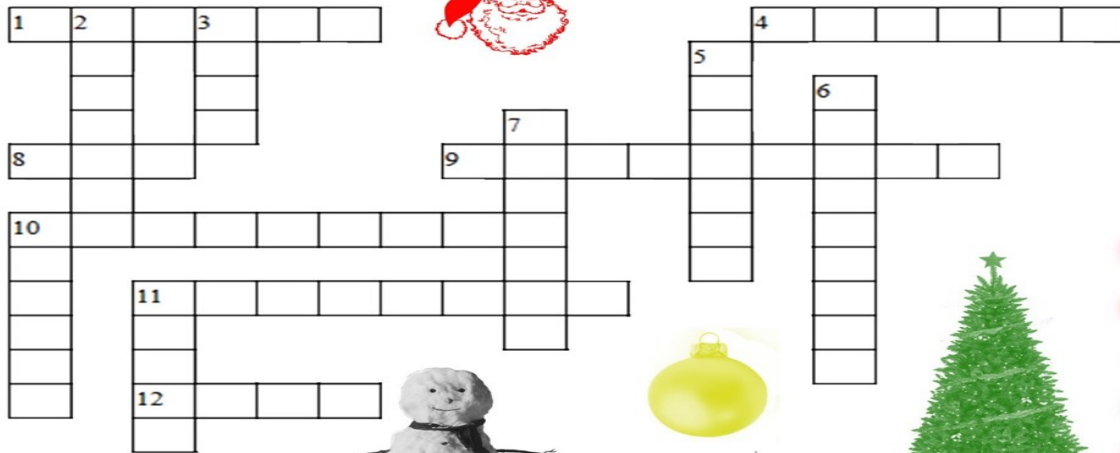
Other activities: *Sunday, November 26th, 12-4 p.m.*, Come-n-Go event for Bowie Middle School: This is a FREE EVENT to which the Guild is invited. Suzanna and Ernestine plan to attend and possibly hand out Family Funday placemats and puzzles which will contain the Guild's business card. *Thursday, December 7th Middle School Tour* (Time TBD) by 17 fourth graders.

*Please let Ernestine Chipman or Susan Holt know if you would like to participate in any of these activities or if you have ideas for any other activities. Please visit! Remember that Second Saturdays and all Sundays until the end of 2023 are FREE admission!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa's Crossword



ACROSS

1. Famous snowman
4. What Santa travels in
8. Makes toys for Santa
9. Used to decorate a Christmas tree
10. December 25
11. Hung by the chimney with care
12. What presents are left under

DOWN

2. Reindeer with a shiny red nose
3. Covers the ground on a white Christmas
5. Santa comes down this
6. Red and White hooked shaped candy
7. Left under the tree Christmas morning
10. Left out for Santa
11. Jolly toy maker

Smoke Sausage And Cheesy Potato Casserole

- 1 package shredded hash browns 26 ounce bag
- 1 cup sour cream
- 10.5 ounce cream of mushroom soup
- 3 cups shredded cheddar cheese divided
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt optional
- 1 pound smoked sausage sliced

Pour hashbrowns into a large mixing bowl.

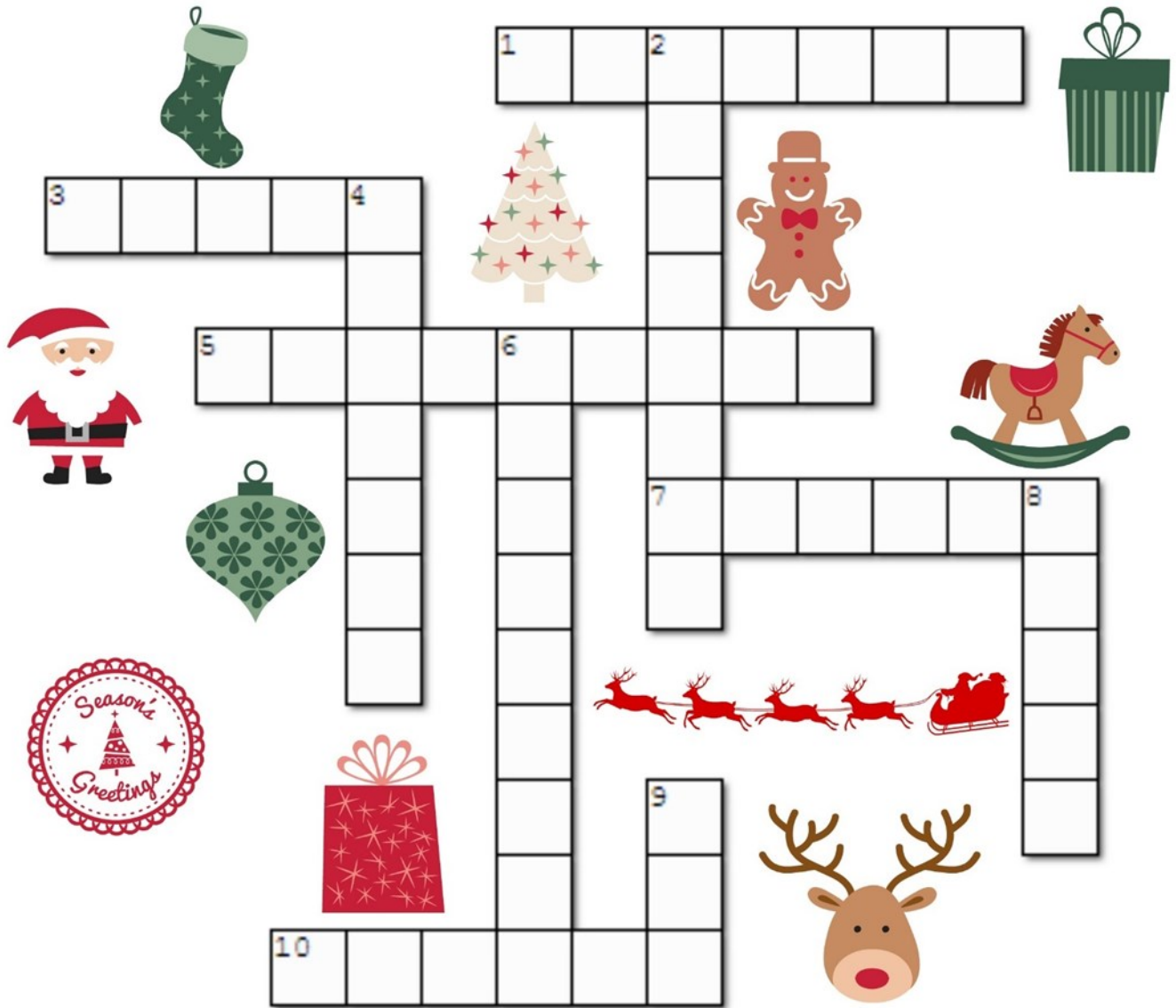
Spread sour cream and cream of mushroom soup over hashbrowns. Season with salt and pepper by sprinkling over the top. Stir well.

Add 2 cups of cheddar cheese and stir well.

Spread in the bottom of greased 9 x 13 baking pan. Bake for 35 minutes at 350°F

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is _____.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

Down

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____.
9. ___ to the world!





Angel Quilt Info

At the November meeting you turned in 19 Angel Quilts. The total number of quilts you give to Scottish Rite for 2023 is 241.

The Lite Red raffle points were won by Nancy Norris. She also won a box of Crayola color fat quarters to get her on her way to another quilt.

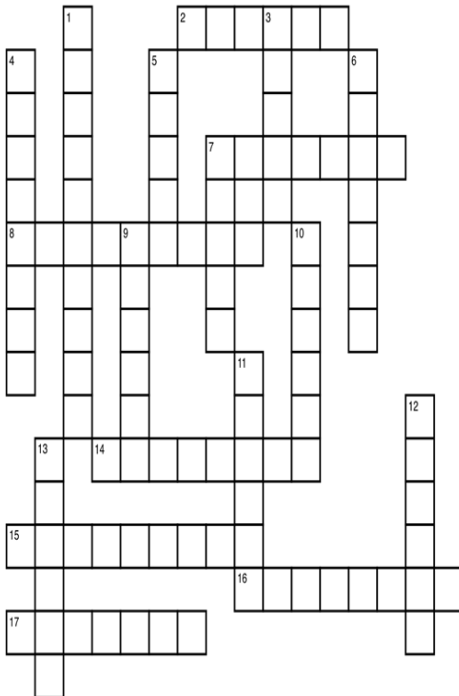
Some of you helped tie fleece blankets. Gail Walsh and Susan Grewing surged many blankets. Two large bags were given to Blue Christmas for the kids, and one bag will be given to people living on the street by Unshackled Soldiers. What can I say but THANK YOU you're the best!

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

Thank you,

Donna Reid 214 435-4148

WINTER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 2) Frozen spike
- 7) Winter sculpture
- 8) Present day?
- 14) Winter coasting
- 15) Hearth
- 16) Rudolph and teammates
- 17) Winter ___ Games

DOWN

- 1) White Rabbit's milieu
- 3) Hot chocolate
- 4) Winter outerwear
- 5) Icy coating
- 6) Rink dancing
- 7) Neck wrap
- 9) Snow remover
- 10) Aspen activity
- 11) Small shake
- 12) Stanley Cup sport
- 13) Uncomfortably cool



LOVE THY BABY...

need volunteer points?

Would you consider doing some small quilts and or Receiving blanks for us? Love Thy Baby provides all the flannel to sew if your stash is short and you want volunteer hours, please consider doing small quilts or receiving blankets for us. *We provide all the flannel you need; all you have to do is surge or do 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, meandering or x's.

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.

Flannel Receiving Blankets—50per bag 10 points.

Small Quilts—2 points per quilt

LaCorra McSwain 972-255 6233 or

l.mcswain4@verizon.net

Mexican Restaurant Cheese Dip

1 pound white, deli-sliced American cheese

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup of milk or half-and-half

3-4 tablespoons of canned, chopped green chiles or jalapenos.

1 teaspoon cumin

1 teaspoon chipotle powder (optional)

How to make it :

If using a slow cooker, turn on to the lowest setting. Dump everything in, heat and stir until thickened.

If using a double boiler, heat the milk, chopped chiles and spices, then gradually add in the American cheese, 1-2 slices at a time, stirring until fully melted and incorporated together

Misty's Book Nook



Title: Legacy (2021)

Author: Nora Roberts

Genre: Romantic suspense/thriller

Adrian Rizzo was seven when she met her father for the first time. That was the day he nearly killed her—before her mother, Lina, stepped in.

Soon after, Adrian was dropped off at her grandparents' house in Maryland, where she spent a long summer drinking lemonade, playing with dogs, making a new best friend—and developing the stirrings of a crush on her friend's ten-year-old brother. Lina, meanwhile, traveled the country promoting her fitness brand and turning it into a billion-dollar business. There was no point in dwelling on the past.

A decade later, Adrian has created her own line of yoga and workout videos, following in Lina's footsteps but intent on maintaining creative control. And she's just as cool-headed and ambitious as her mother. They aren't close, but they're cordial—as long as neither crosses the other.

But while Lina dismisses the death threats that Adrian starts getting as a routine part of her daughter's growing celebrity, Adrian can't help but find the vicious rhymes unsettling. Year after year, they keep arriving—the postmarks changing, but the menacing tone the same. They continue after she returns to Maryland and becomes reacquainted with Raylan, her childhood crush, all grown up and as gorgeously green-eyed as ever. Sometimes it even seems like the terrifying messages are indeed routine, like nothing will come of them. Until the murders start, and the escalation begins...

Disclaimer: adult content and situations

Best Homemade Potato Soup

- 6 medium Russet potatoes, cut into bite size pieces
- 1 onion diced
- 3 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 6 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 8 cups of vegetable broth or chicken broth
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup heavy cream
- 1 tsp minced parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 tbsp flour (corn starch can be substituted)
- 1 cup finely grated cheese of your choice



How To Make Best Homemade Potato Soup

Add the bacon to a soup pot and cook until the fat is crispy. Remove from the pan and set aside. Pour off most of the bacon fat, but do not clean the pan. Return the pan to medium heat and add in the onion, celery and carrot

Stir and cook for two minutes, then add in the diced potatoes, salt, pepper and any other seasonings you like

Pour in the broth and bring to a low boil Cook for 10 minutes or until the potatoes start to soften. Whisk the flour and the milk, add to the pot and stir continuously. Cook for another 5 minutes

Carefully scoop out ¼ to ½ of the soup and process it in a blender or food processor until it is smooth Add this back into the pot slowly and carefully so it does not splash back on you and burn

Stir in the crumbled bacon, leaving some for a garnish

Serve in bowls with parsley, bacon and a little cheese for a garnish

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 – 3-6 pm – Holy Family Church)



Material Women's meetings are at Holy Family in the Gym building now from 3-6 or when we get tired of socializing. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month. What will we work on? We'll meet at Holy Family and work on a pattern we haven't decided on yet. You can always bring your own project. All are welcome. The December meeting will be held at Olive Garden.

Donna Reid 214 435-4148 donna@acdenterprises.com

Frayed Knots

(Second: Monday 1:00PM – 6PM)

On December 11th we will meet at Jerry Bowen's

house for our Christmas party. Plan to gather between 4 and 5 p.m., we will eat at 5 p.m. Please bring \$15 for the catered food. Jerry will have tea, water, coffee-if you want something else, please bring it with you.

For our gift exchange, please bring a sewing related wrapped or bagged gift.

Please bring your Pizza Box! It's the final exchange! We would like to show off our tops at the April Guild meeting, so there's a little challenge!

Mae Harless 214-683-4920

Merry Christmas!



The Cut-Ups

The Cut-Ups will meet on Thursday, December 7, at 6 PM in the gym building at Plymouth Park Baptist Church. We spent some time last month going through tubs of fabric to find some special treasures. Maybe the perfect piece of fabric is just waiting for you to find it.



Officers

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Susan Turk

Officer's Meetings

The Officers and Committee Members meet the second Thursday of each month at Holy Family Church Campus 2323 Cheyenne, Irving We meet at 2:00 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

TIME TO RENEW YOUR GUILD MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$30.00. You can renew at the December Guild Meeting or Mail to IQG PO Box 154291 – Irving, TX 75015-4291. You will not be asked to complete another application – Please let me know if you have an address change, new email address or phone number.

Thank you.

Suzanna Fox



December Birthdays

3 Janie Merritt
6 Jerry Bowen
18 Suzanna Fox
26 Donna Herrmann



Membership

Current Members	64
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	32
Guests	0
Total attending	32

OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION IS HOLY FAMILY CHURCH – 2323 CHEYENNE ST. IRVING 75060

December Meeting Location

The December meeting is on December 14th and will be in the cafeteria. Please enter thru the gate and walk straight back to the cafeteria door. This door will have a sign that you can see from the gate.

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Ladies – Please take a minute each month, before our general meeting, to check your email in the event there is information you need to know.

Thank you.

Irving Quilt Guild

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December 2023			
12/8/23	Officers Meeting	2:00 pm	Holy Family Church
12/15/23	Guild Meeting	6:30 – 9:00 pm	Holy Family Church
2nd Monday	Frayed Knots	1:00 - 6:00 pm	Grace Pointe Church Annex
2nd Thursday	Threadpickers	10:00 am – 2 pm	Saint Mark's
2nd Monday	Material Women	3:00 – 6:00 pm	Holy Family Church
1st Thursday	Cut-Ups	5:00 – 7:30 pm	Plymouth Park Baptist 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 15 Meeting Reminders:

- *Items for Show and Tell*
- * *Angel Quilts*
- * *Patriotic Quilts*
- * *Love Thy Baby Items*