



# The Quilting Press

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## President's Message

### 2024! WOW! OH MY! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

I hope this year helps us all experience new things together. New things like..... making “bumble bee” items for the Quilt Show. If you are interested in joining the Booth committee and doing something NEW, please let me know. We will need lots of busy bees this year.

Start your quilts for the Quilt Show, (which by the way is the first weekend of August). Maybe you have never entered a quilt? Do it this year! We have a wealth of experience and knowledge in our Guild – ask someone if you have questions. We have about 7 months to wrap up our show quilts so start now not later.

As we work together this upcoming year, I am hoping for great times to visit, sew, and create NEW things. Join a small group that meets during the month, join a Block of the Month (at a quilt store like Quilter's Dream, or on-line) try a NEW pattern, make a Mini Quilt for the first time, use fabrics you have never used before and see what you can make. Angel Quilts, Love Thy Baby and Patriotic Quilts..... all types of things to do to use up your fabric stash and give you a sense of newness.

Thanks for your support and I look forward to serving as President for the IRVING Quilt GUILD for this next year.

One Stitch at a Time,

Shawn

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*Happy New Year!!!!*



**Martin Luther King Day** is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States



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.

# IRVING QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 14, 2023

**Guild's Christmas Celebration.** December's meeting was the Christmas party. Members who attended November's meeting selected one Christmas-themed paper puzzle piece that they had to match up with another member's puzzle piece. Both members with the matching pieces decided who would cook and what to cook—dessert, salad, or side dish—or what table decorations to bring and then signed up on the appropriate item's sheet. The person who didn't cook would make enough copies for all members of the recipe for the item that their partner cooked. The Guild provided ham. The result was a wide variety of salads, potato dishes, and desserts, and some beautiful table decorations which everyone enjoyed.

**Business Meeting:** President Alene Winn officially called a brief business meeting to order around 7:30 p.m. The following areas were covered.

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

**January General Meeting and Future 2024 Meetings:** Donna Reid is working with Holy Family Catholic's staff to secure the Gonzalez Room for 2024 Guild General Meeting and workshops. An email will be sent before the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**48-Hour Workshop:** Donna announced that the Workshop would meet in the Gonzalez Room. Attendees may want to bring extension cords. Ginny North reminded all participants that it will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. RSVPs are required because lunch will be provided. Beverly Ingram, the instructor for this class, showed a sample of the quilt that will be made. Jelly roll strips or 2.5" squares could be used.

**President's Quilt:** Ginny presented President Alene Winn with a member-made quilt to thank her for her service as the Guild's president. The quilt was made using a house block design in several shades of purple—both Alene's favorites. Alene was very touched and thanked everyone for their support—calls, cards, etc.—during her many surgeries and post recovery. Vice President, Susan Holt, who served as President for Alene during her surgeries and recovery, was given a gift certificate as a thank you.

**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 has started collecting money. February's General meeting is the last meeting that she will accept payments.

**Membership:** Suzanna Fox reminded members that they will have until January's General meeting—on January 18<sup>th</sup>—to renew their membership for 2024. Dues are \$30/year. Cash or check accepted. No new application is needed unless there are changes.

**I Found a Quilted Heart project:** Cynthia Gladden talked about the project that the Threadpickers Friendship group is participating in and the organization behind it. The I Found a Quilt Heart group, started in 2014, encourages people to make quilted hearts and leave them in public places, like local libraries and parks, without your name, for other people to find. The idea is to "spread a heart" to uplift a person's day. The group's website, <https://ifoundaquiltedheart.com>, has some uplifting stories and information on how to participate.

**2024 Quilt Show:** Shawn Carr asked everyone to be on the lookout for any ideas, patterns, etc. that have to do with the theme of bees, to be made into items for the Quilt Show Booth. Debra Kay asked everyone to consider entering a quilt in the Show. Applications will be available in paper format this year.

**Gift Exchange:** Those members who wanted to participate, brought gifts and were able to select another participant's gift, based upon their birthday month. Reverse birthday month order was used.

**Show and Tell and Door Prizes:** There was not any Show and Tell or Door Prize drawing. The game, Left-Right-Center, closed out the meeting. The winners selected their prize from the Door Prize table.

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

# Winter

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CHRISTMAS  
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DECEMBER

# Happy New Year



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.

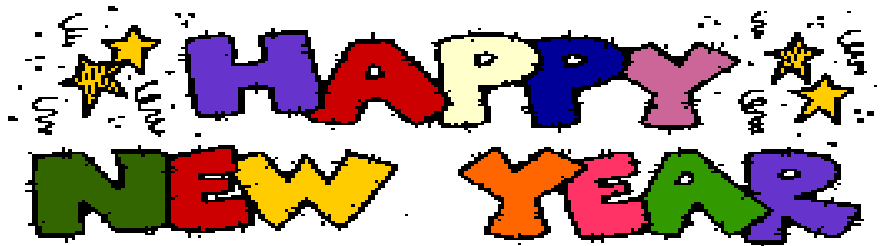
## **\*\*QUILT EXHIBIT AT THE IRVING ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM UPDATE \*\***

*!!!The Exhibit ends in 3.5 weeks (Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>)!!!* Please consider bringing your friends, family, or neighbors to visit the Exhibit during the holidays and also view the historical exhibit about the City of Irving (has a model flight simulator that anyone can fly). The Museum's admission is free on all Sundays in December, except December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> when they are closed for the holidays. Admission on Wednesday through Saturday: \$7 for adults; \$5 for children, ages 4-17; \$5 for Seniors (65+) and Military personnel; and Free for Children under 3 years. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

There are no more Guild activities planned for the Exhibit. Recent activities in December included the Threadpickers making quilted hearts in the Museum's SparkLab on December 9<sup>th</sup> to support the international campaign, "[I Found A Quilted Heart](#)," (see more information about this organization in the General Meeting Minutes page of this newsletter). Suzanna Fox and Ernestine Chipman made a brief presentation on the Guild and offered guidance on viewing the Exhibit, to 17 4<sup>th</sup> graders on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, Suzanna and Ernestine encouraged the students to take home some Family Funday placemats and puzzles which contained the Guild's business card which they did enthusiastically. One young boy was impressed by the age of Ginny North's grandmother's quilt (made in 1890's), another girl seemed very interested in entering a quilt in the Quilt Show. She is taking sewing classes and her mother quilts (Suzanna gave her a Guild business card).

Ernestine Chipman will be following up soon with a date when members can pick up the items that they lent to the Exhibit.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



## **48 Hour Workshop**

When: January 20<sup>th</sup> Set up can begin as soon as 8:30, Class begins at 9:00  
Where: Holy Family Library – Located across from the cafeteria.  
What: Star Silhouettes - taught by Beverly Ingram

Lunch to be provided. Be sure to RSVP for lunch to Susan Holt.

Patterns were distributed at the December Meeting. If you missed the meeting, but qualify for this event, I will have your pattern at class. If you want it sooner, give me a call at 817-797-8729.

Be sure to bring a Power Strip or long Extension cord. Ironing Stations will be provided.



## 2024 Retreats

RELAX and RETREAT

Mark your calendars! The Guild has two retreats planned for this year.

The Spring Retreat is at Sunset Retreat Center

In Sunset Texas from April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Rate is \$270.00 for 3 nights. Massages, Reflexology and Scissor Sharpening can be arranged if enough sign up for these services.

The Fall retreat will be at Red Boot again this year from October 10<sup>th</sup> – the 13th. The rate is \$305.00 for 3 nights. Massages can be arranged at this retreat should we have enough of us are signed up for it.



ESCAPE  
*To The Country*

## PECAN PIE BROWNIES!

### Ingredients:

1 box Brownie mix, must have instructions for making in 13x9 pan + ingredients listed on the package

### Pecan Pie Filling:

1 cup Sugar

1 1/2 cups Light Corn syrup

4 Eggs

1/4 cup unsalted butter

1 1/2 teaspoon Vanilla extract

2 cups Pecans, roughly chopped

### Instructions:

Preheat oven according to brownie package instructions.

Whisk together the sugar, corn syrup, eggs, butter, and vanilla in a small saucepan. Place on the stovetop over medium-high heat and begin to cook, stirring continuously.

Mix brownies according to package instructions. Pour brownie batter into a greased 13x9 inch pan and place in the oven to bake for 20 minutes. \* see note about cooking time below.

As the brownies bake the filling in the saucepan should have thickened enough to coat your spoon (about 15 minutes). Stir the pecans into the mixture and continue to cook for 2-3 minutes until the mixture reaches the consistency of runny oatmeal. You want it to be loose enough to pour over the brownies but not liquid.

When the brownies have finished pre-baking remove them from the oven and pour the pecan pie filling over them spreading it out to cover the brownies completely.



Swing Into  
**A NEW YEAR!**



## Angel Quilt Info

You made 241 Angel Quilt for the children at Scottish Rite for 2023. I like to think you're planning for next year already. I am. Thank you so much.

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

Thank you,

Donna Reid 214 435-4148

## Desserts Word Search

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CHEESECAKE	FUDGE	SMORES
CHOCOLATE	ICE CREAM	SORBET
COBBLER	MILKSHAKE	SUNDAE
COOKIE	MOUSSE	TART
CUPCAKE	PARFAIT	TRIFLE
DOUGHNUT	PASTY	TRUFFLE



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NEWS from  
Love Thy Baby

### 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

LaCora McSwain 972-255 6233 or

[l.mcswain4@verizon.net](mailto:l.mcswain4@verizon.net)

## Sesame Cookies

2 cup soft butter

1 ½ cup sugar

3 cups flour

1 cup toasted sesame seeds

2 cups shredded coconut

½ cup finely chopped almonds

1 tsp vanilla

Combine ingredients

Roll into 2 logs and chill

Slice and bake 300 for 25-30 minutes

## Misty's Book Nook



The Twelve dogs of Christmas (2023)  
Susan Wiggs

Brenda Malloy wants nothing to do with Christmas ever again. Last year, Brenda and her husband rushed their beloved dog Tim to the emergency vet on Christmas eve. The good news: Tim survived after the vet cleared the obstruction--a pair of women's lace undies. The bad news: the undies were not Brenda's.

A year after the breakup, Brenda has put her life back together. She's trained for a marathon, is writing a children's novel, and she's found purpose and healing as a volunteer with a dog rescue organization in Houston, Texas. The rescue partners with a program in Avalon, New York--a small, snowy town deep in the Catskills. Now Brenda is arranging the transport of rescued dogs from Houston to Avalon—just in time for a merry Christmas with their forever families. Brenda's friends worry about her driving a van two thousand miles with twelve dogs in crates, but she shrugs off their concern. How hard can it be? She knows the way, and she's just looking to escape the Christmas overload for a while.

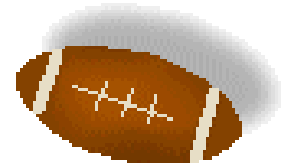
But a blinding snowstorm, an escaped mutt, and a life-saving encounter with Adam Bellamy—a single dad and paramedic—means Brenda has to stay in Avalon longer than she planned. As she drops off each precious pup at their new homes, some of the comfort and joy of the season begins to creep up on Brenda despite her determination to avoid the holidays. Perhaps you can bring Christmas into your heart after all...if you have the right furry friends to guide the way.



### Chinese Pepper Steak with Onion!!

Ingredients :

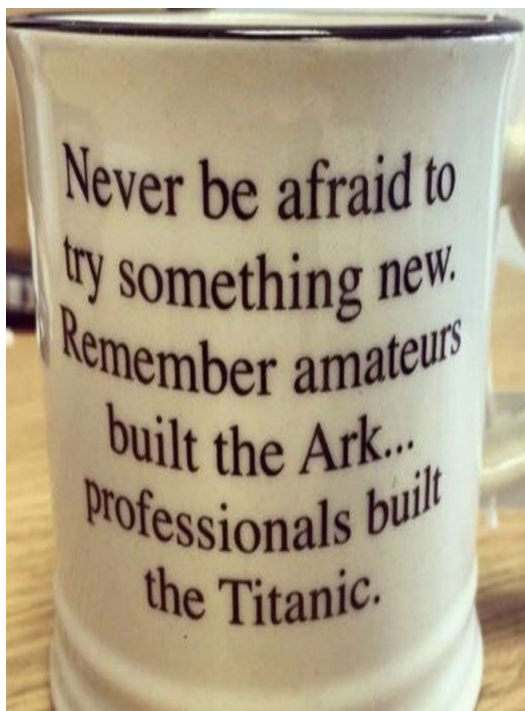
- 1. five lb beef strips
- 1 bell pepper, reduce into thick slices
- 1 purple bell pepper, reduce into thick slices
- half of thick minced onion
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- half of cups beef broth
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- three tablespoons of soy sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch



**Super Bowl  
Sunday**

\*Methods :

- Place the red meat, peppers and onions in an electric powered stress cooker.
- Addition of season, brown sugar & soy sauce on red meat/peppers.
- Pour red meat broth into Instant Pot.
- Stir to combine.
- Add the lid and ensure it's far tightly closed. Set stress to excessive for 15 min.
- When you are carried out for a fast release (or in case you need the steak to crumble, do a herbal release)
- Remove the duvet and press the Cancel button. Then transfer the stress cooker to sauté mode.
- In a separate small bowl, blend 1/4 cup cold water with a table-spoon of cornstarch together. Then stir the pepper steak mixture into the Instant Pot.
- Bring to a boil for three to five mins till the sauce starts to thicken.
- Enjoy !



## 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

A blue banner with the text "Happy New Year" in a yellow, stylized font.

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)

A graphic with the text "Hats Off to a Great Year" in a stylized, bold font. A small party hat is positioned above the word "Off".

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Donna Reid 214 435-4148 [donna@acdenterprises.com](mailto:donna@acdenterprises.com)

### Frayed Knots

(Second: Monday 1:00PM – 6PM)

New year, new challenge! We start a new block of the month challenge this month. Carol will discuss the block and give us a few suggestions to make the blocks each month. Join us!

Mae Harless 214-683-4920



### The Cut-Ups

The Cut-Ups will NOT meet in January. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 1. After your holiday winds down, and you get busy quilting again, make something beautiful to show us at this meeting. Merry Christmas, quilters.

Evelyn Banks 972-252-5290

A graphic with the text "NEW YEAR'S" in a stylized, bold font with a pink and purple gradient.



## Officers 2024

President:  
Shawn Carr  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:  
Donna Reid  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:  
Ginny North  
Treasurer:  
Jerry Bowen  
Secretary:  
Ernestine Chipman  
**Chairpersons**  
Angel Quilts:  
Donna Reid  
Audit:  
Deborah Kay  
Door Prizes:  
Pansy Shehee  
Historian:  
Nancy Norris  
Hospitality:  
Gayle Henegar  
Keeper Quilts:  
Pam Chenault  
Love Thy Baby:  
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Membership:  
Suzanna Fox  
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Alene Winn  
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Quilt Show:  
Deborah Kay  
Patrotic Quilts:  
Carol Cook  
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Welcoming:  
Jackie Wagner  
Webmaster:  
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.



There is a new lady at the church office scheduling rooms. I have to get with Kim and work out our locations. There will always be conflicts but Kim will always find us a room. Plan to go to the Cafeteria. It works well that the chairs are already set up.

## January Birthdays

2	Evelyn Banks
9	Linda Cole
10	Maria Perez
10	Susie Barber
14	Mandy Carr
20	Anne Lawrence
27	Suzie Robbins
27	Bonnie Sloan



## Membership

Current Members	64
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	34
Guests	2
Total attending	36

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

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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### Newsletter Deadlines

Please submit all newsletter contributions, letters, reports, black & white photos, prepaid advertisements, etc. to the editor at [judy343@tx.rr.com](mailto: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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1/8 pg (3.5X2) \$3/mo; \$8/3 mo; \$15.25/6 mo; \$30/yr.

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1/2 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.

January 2024			
1/1/24	Officers Meeting	2:00 pm	Holy Family Church
1/18/24	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](http://www.IrvingQuiltGuild.com)**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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### January 18 Meeting Reminders:

- *Items for Show and Tell*
- \* *Angel Quilts*
- \* *Patriotic Quilts*
- \* *Love Thy Baby Items*
- *Food & Drink – ---water*