

# The Quilting Press

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## President's Message

# **Happy January!**

Our meeting was so much fun! If you did not get to come – we missed you! New things for the new year.....

- BINGO in February! (make your own card out of fabric).
   Donna will have instructions if you need them.
   Cash is the prize for the winners and all squares will be added together to make an Angel Quilt!!
- 2. Block of the Month OR Round Robin? We will decide which one to do. We might do both this year! You could have a quilt entry in June!
- 3. Miniature Quilt Workshops coming up..... these will be held on Saturdays so we can work on these for the Quilt Show! We make money off these (\$780 last year).

The 48 Hour Class looked like so much fun (I stopped by to say "hi"). We are going to have a great year – looking forward to having everyone involved and excited!

Stay warm and quilt while it is cold......

Stitching our lives together one stitch at a time,

Shawn



### **Retreat Reminder!**

The Spring Retreat registration and payments are due no later than the February General Meeting. Sunset Retreat Center is located in Sunset Texas. Dates are April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Rate is \$270.00 for 3 nights. Those who sign up will receive a follow up email with the Individual Registration Form to be completed and returned to me via email or at the February meeting. These will be included with the guild payment to the center.

### **Valentines Day**

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14. It is a festival of romantic love and many people give cards, letters, flowers or presents to their spouse or partner. They may also arrange a romantic meal in a restaurant or night in a hotel. Common symbols of Valentine's Day are hearts, red roses and Cupid.

### IRVING QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 18, 2024

**General Meeting Minutes**: President Shawn Carr opened the meeting at 6:55 p.m. with Ernestine Chipman asking for any corrections to the minutes for the November and December 2023 General Meetings, as published in the December 2023 and January 2024 newsletters, respectively. Both sets of minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Love Thy Baby: LaCora McSwain announced 2 new opportunities for members to help this charity. First one: She has 4 kits of cut squares to sew together into quilts, 6 across and 7 down. Second one: Love Thy Baby volunteers also make fabric scraps and batting into pillowcase-sized dog and cat beds which they donate to shelters in Coppell and Forney. They would furnish the scrap bags and our members would stuff and sew up the beds. Please contact LaCora if you are interested.

**2024 Quilt Show**: Susan Turk announced that she and Debra Kay will be meeting with Hoffman on Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, to talk about debugging entry forms. She will be part of a mock test of the company's form. She also made a plea for everyone to make quilts, whether full sized or mini. The quilt show is 5 ½ months from now—August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The show's organizers will probably start receiving entries in March/April.

Quilt Show Booth: Shawn Carr, Booth Chair, asked everyone again 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. LaCora has a pattern for a wrap that can be used on a cup or mug. Shawn showed everyone a beehive cushion for which she would like 10 made and pins with bee heads for which she needs 9. If interested, please bring a zip lock bag to the next meeting. She has a 10-lb bag of walnut shells for the pin cushions. Linda Cole will be making bee-themed zipper bags.

Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Wagner started off by asking everyone who has any news, sunshine or shadows, to call her. She doesn't have email. Sunshine: She had Gail Walsh share messages from one of the recipients of an Angel Quilt, Mason, and his mother who were so appreciative. Shadows: Elaine Doell has a bad sinus infection. Linda Scott is "under the weather" too. The saddest news was announced by Susan Holt about Maria Perez, who died on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Guild collected \$228 to give to Maria; her live-in friend, Ron; and her son, David. The house will be put in a trust for David, who has been placed in a special home for autistic people. Some of Maria's fabric will be coming back to the Guild. Her 2022 Best-of-Show quilt has been sold. Birthdays: There are 8 January birthdays to celebrate. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to: Evelyn Banks, Linda Cole, Maria Perez, Susie Barber, Mandy Carr, Anne Lawrence, Suzie Robbins, and Bonnie Sloan.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Museum Exhibit: Shawn asked everyone present to give Ernestine Chipman a round of applause for all her hard work on this exhibit. Ernestine thanked everyone who loaned items, those who attended the exhibit with friends or family, and those who participated in the Second Saturday activities. All loaned items have been returned to their owners.

**Membership:** Guests: Maria Ortega joined the meeting for the first time. Dues: Suzanna Fox reported that she still has some members who have not renewed yet. Dues are \$30/year. Cash or check accepted. No new application is needed unless there are changes. She hopes to have the new directories available at the February meeting. Family Funday: Is March 10<sup>th</sup>, the second Sunday in March, at the Irving Arts Center, from 1-4 p.m. Suzana has 7 packages of kits with 14 different patterns for which she needs help making the puzzles. She also needs volunteers to assist the day of the Funday. Email Suzanna if interested. Open Studio Lab: Is a program for teens, held at the Center. Sara Schacht has agreed to hold a fabric collage program for the Lab. The Guild will provide the fabric, the Center, the boards for the collage and other supplies.

**48-Hour Workshop**: Ginny North announced that the Workshop would be held in the Church's Library, starting at 9 a.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-five have confirmed attendance. Lunch will be Chick-Fil-A.

**Spring 2024 Retreat**: Ginny reminded everyone again that the Spring 2024 retreat will be held April 4-7, at Sunset. Check-in will be on the 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. February's General meeting is the last meeting that she will accept payments.

**2024 "New" Activities:** Shawn challenged everyone to do something new in 2024 that has a purposeful end. Her proposed ideas: 1) Get-together on several Saturdays to make mini quilts; 2) Block-of-the-Month; 3) Round Robin; and 4) Secret Santa/Sister: Have a drawing; gather items for 3-4 meetings and then reveal at December meeting.

**February Program:** New Vice President, Donna Reid, explained the activity—Fabric Bingo—that will be February's General Meeting program. She passed around a list of 30 fabric categories from which members should select 25 and cut 25 21/2 squares to be sewn together into a fabric bingo card. She recommended a 1/8" stitch around the edge to secure all the squares. Buttons will be used as tokens. Prizes will be awarded. The meeting and program will be held in the Gonzalez Room.

**January Program**: After a break, Suzanna handed out pins for perfect attendance and 48+ hours of volunteer activities in 2023.

**Show and Tell:** Carol Cook announced during Show and Tell that she needs quilts for the Defenders of Freedom picnic, which is being held on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Donna Reid, who will continue to lead the Angel Quilt Committee, awarded 4 pink points and some fabric to Sara Schacht. Jackie Wagner suggested that anyone making an Angel Quilt include a cat on it to honor Maria Perez.

**Door Prizes** ended the meeting.

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

# THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE QUILT EXHIBIT AT THE IRVING ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM!!!

I want to thank everyone for their support whether you loaned items for this exhibit, participated in the Spark Lab and other activities, attended the exhibit with family and friends, or all of the above. I especially want to thank my committee members--Alene Winn, Sue Gray, and Susan Holt--and Suzanna Fox for their encouragement, ideas and support in planning and assisting with this exhibit's activities and processes. Everyone of you made this exhibit a success. I could not have done it without you. —

**Ernestine Chipman** 



The festival season varies from city to city, as some traditions, such as the one in New Orleans, Louisiana, consider Mardi Gras to stretch the entire period from Twelfth Night (the last night of Christmas which begins Epiphany) to Ash Wednesday. Others treat the final three-day period before Ash Wednesday as the Mardi Gras.

In Mobile, Alabama, Mardi Gras-associated social events begin in November, followed by mystic society balls New Year's Eve, followed by parades and balls in January and February, celebrating up to midnight before Ash Wednesday. In earlier times, parades were held on New Year's Day. Carnival is an important celebration in Anglican and Catholic European nations.

# 48 Hour Workshop

The 48-hour workshop was great fun! Thanks to Donna, Susan and LaCora for the assist in making this event enjoyable and as well as LaCora with additional long cords for power. For fun, the question was raised as to when these should be ready for Show and Tell. If you all didn't hear, Gail stated DECEMBER! Okay – it was more of a demand, but let's roll with it and honor Mrs. Walsh's wishes with our glorious quilts at the December meeting this year!



- Why did the sewing machine go to therapy? It had too many tension issues!
- How do you organize a sewing party? You thread the needle and invite all the fabric friends!
- Why did the sewing needle break up with the safety pin? It thought the pin was too sharp for its liking!
- What did the fabric say to the sewing machine needle? "You've got me in stitches!"
- Why did the sewing pattern go to school? It wanted to be a well-thread individual!
- What do you call a sewing machine that sings? A seren-stitcher!
- Why did the sewing scissors get an award? They always make the cut!
- What's a seamstress's favorite type of exercise? *Cross-stitch fit!*

### Sewing

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TRACING WHEEL
ZIPPER



### SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAY

Just a reminder that our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Family Fun Day will be March 10<sup>th</sup> 1-4 PM at the Irving Arts Center. Our Guild host this fun event "Playing with Patterns for local families. If you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours, please call Suzanna Fox 805-391-0704. Thank you.

# **Presidents Day**

Washington's Birthday is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of February. It originally honored the life and work of George Washington, the first president of the United States. Now, other presidents are also honored on this day, which is why it is often known as Presidents' Day.



## **Defenders of Freedom Annual Picnic 2024**

As most of us know, the Guild used to be a member of the Quilts of Valor program, but we decided a few years ago to just concentrate our efforts supporting the Defenders of Freedom Foundation. One reason being we already were sending most of our quilts to the picnic since it was a local endeavor. The other reason was because the costs of being a member of QOV was going up every year and we as a group were not benefiting at all from it. So we withdrew our membership.

Defenders of Freedom helps our wounded service members find treatment or help groups for any lingering problems from brain injury, depression, PTSD and loss of mobility. They have chapters in several major cities now and they strive to connect the veterans with other veterans so they can help each other also. We serve the Dallas area. Donna Cranston teamed over 10 years ago with local residents Joe and Teresa LaSole in Irving to provide the people attending this weeklong event a chance to get together away from press and sponsors to just relax, eat Joe's BBQ, listen to music and play in Joe's "Man Cave" party barn. Joe provides everything and the work is done by his friends who volunteer their labor. Our Guild has been providing a quilt to each participant who has never received a quilt before for their service. We do ask them this questions again the day of the picnic. These men and women are so surprised and honored to get one. They carry them on to the bus when they leave and use them as soon as they get home. I have heard from some that when they are having an episode they will curl up with their quilt and try to get through whatever is going on.

This year the picnic is on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. Last year we handed out 22 quilts. We could need up to 29 or 30 depending on how many make the trip. I encourage all of you to like Defenders of Freedom on Facebook to see treatment updates and on the week of the picnic they will be posting all the events the participants are involved in with pictures and stories. There will be pictures of the picnic and golf tournament and treatment evaluations.

They are a great group of people who have sacrificed a lot for this country, and they live with the scars daily.

Thanks for all you do.

Carol Cook



# **Angel Quilt Info**

We're starting a new year and a new count for Angel Quilts. You turned in 22 quilts. Nice strong number. I stocked up on popcorn when I took them to Scottish Rite. Two boxes go directly to Jerry Tollett.

Don't forget to bring your BINGO card to the February meeting. You can only use one to play. I'm making extras because they'll be used to make an Angel Quilt or two.

Try to include cat fabric in at least one Angel Quilt as a tribute and remembrance of Maria Perez.

Sarah Schacht won the first Lite Red Raffle of 2024. She gets 4 points and a small bundle of fabric including cats. Thank You everyone.

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

Thank you,

Donna Reid 214 435-4148

donna@acdenterprises.com

### One Pot Mexican Rice Casserole

1 Pound Ground Beef 1 Small Onion salt to taste black pepper to taste 2 tbsp Taco Seasoning 1 tsp Garlic Powder 1 Cup Long Grain White Rice 1 1/2 Cups Beef Broth

1 15 Ounce Can Corn

8 Ounces Tomato Sauce

1/2 Cup Salsa

1 Cup Shredded Cheese

Cook the ground beef and onion together with salt and pepper to taste in a large skillet over medium high heat until beef is no longer pink. Drain grease if necessary. Return the pan to the stove and sprinkle the beef with the garlic powder and taco seasoning.

Stir in the rice, broth, corn, tomato sauce, and salsa. Bring mixture to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 18-20 minutes until rice is tender. Top with cheese and return the lid to the pan for 2-3 minutes until cheese is melted.

Serve and Enjoy!!





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.

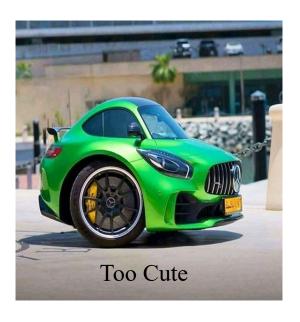
\*Small quilts 36 x 36 are completely put together all you have to do is do the quilting on top in the ditch, meandering or x's. Please remember to bring all your Receiving Blankets, small quilts and hats back to our next meeting. Please make sure you return them in the white bag that you took them in 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

I.mcswain4@verizon.net



# Misty's Book Nook

Handle with care by Jody Picoult (2009)

Contemporary fiction/Legal drama



Every expectant parent insists the same thing: they simply want a healthy baby. Charlotte and Sean O'Keefe wanted the same but instead, their lives are made up of sleepless nights, mounting bills, pity from other parents, and haunting what-ifs.

Yet, in other ways, their daughter Willow is a perfect child. Smart as a whip, beautiful, brave, and kind, Willow is Willow, in sickness and in health.

Everything changes, though, after a series of events forces Charlotte and Sean to confront the most serious what-ifs of all. What if Charlotte had known earlier of Willow's illness? What if things could have been different? What if their beloved Willow had never been born? To do Willow justice, Charlotte must ask herself these questions and one more: what constitutes a valuable life?

"Well-written and conscientiously researched" (*The Washington Post*), *Handle with Care* is an unforgettable and emotionally riveting novel that explores the fragility of life and the lengths we go to protect it.

Disclaimer: contains controversial social issues but very worthy of reading

# Christmas Apricot and Walnut Fruitcake

1 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature

1 cup granulated sugar

2 large eggs, at room temperature

1/2 cup milk

2 cups chopped dried apricots

2 cups chopped walnuts

1 cup candied cherries, halved

1/2 cup brandy

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### **Instructions:**

Preheat the oven to 300°F (150°C). Grease a 9-inch loaf pan and line it with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt.

In a large mixing bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition.

Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture in three parts, alternating with the milk and mixing well after each addition.

Fold in the chopped apricots, walnuts, and candied cherries.

Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan and smooth out the top.

Bake for 2 hours, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean.

While the cake is baking, prepare the brandy syrup. In a small saucepan, heat the brandy and vanilla extract over medium heat until the mixture begins to simmer. Remove from heat.

When the cake is done, remove it from the oven and let it cool in the pan for 10 minutes. Then, use a tooth-pick or skewer to poke holes all over the top of the cake.

Pour the warm brandy syrup over the cake, letting it soak in.

Let the cake cool completely in the pan before removing it and slicing.

This Christmas Apricot and Walnut Fruitcake is perfect for the holiday season, with its delicious blend of apricots, walnuts, and cherries. 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**

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)



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

# **Frayed Knots**

(Second: Monday 1:00PM – 6PM)

Barn Star Quilt continues! Bring your Block 2 so we can oooh and ahhh over them! Carol will discuss the new block 3. Bring something to work on!

## Mae Harless 214-683-4920

# The Cut-Ups

The Cut-Ups will meet on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6 P.M. in the gym building of Plymouth Park Baptist Church. We are anxious to see what our members have been working on since we last met in December.

Evelyn Banks 972-252-5290

### 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:

LaCora McSwain

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Suzanna Fox

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Quilt Show:

Deborah Kay

Patrotic Quilts:

Carol Cook

Sunshine & Shadow/

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**

	omme & america
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 Guild Meeting or Mail to IQG PO Box 154291 – Irving, TX 75015-4291. Thank you.

Suzanna Fox

### **Meeting Location**

The February meeting will be held in the Gonzales Room in the gym building.

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# February Birthdays

- 1 Jerry Tollett
- 2 Thenia Haynie
- 13 Pansy Shehee
- 21 Michelle Maurice



### Membership

Current Members	60
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	31
Guests	1
Total attending	32

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



The Texas State Capitol building is the largest state capitol in the nation.

In terms of gross square footage, the <u>Texas Capitol</u> is only smaller in size to the U.S. Capitol building. Additionally, the <u>Texas Capitol dome</u> actually sits 7 feet (2.13 meters) higher than the U.S. Capitol's.

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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/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.

February 2024								
2/8/24	Officers Meeting	2:00 pm		Holy Family Church				
2/15/24	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	į	: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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### February 15 Meeting Reminders:

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