

The Quilting Press

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President's Message

Hi Irving Quilt Guild:

Last Thursday was a blast! If you missed the meeting, that means we missed you as well! We played BINGO on fabric cards and won money (\$10 a game). The cards were gathered to make Angel Quilts and we introduced a 5-minute session ... *Learn About a Fellow Quilter*. We will do this at each meeting and add it to each newsletter.

We are approaching the end of February, and the North Texas Quilt Festival will be here before we know it. We need quilts made for the show – the registration for quilts has opened up so go to the website for the quilt show and sign up!

We also need miniature quilts made 6"x 6" to 24" X 24" in size. We make money from these for our yearly expenses like rent for our meetings and workshops, speakers and whatever we might need to share quilting with our community of Irving.

Donna shared paint chips with everyone so the miniature quilts need to be made and will be due in May. We will have a contest and if we can have the quilts you make, we will provide to the Quilt Show For Sale.

Lots going on – jump in and participate and everyone will have an awesome time! Bring a friend in March!

Stitching our Lives Together One Stitch at a Time,

Shawn 😊



SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY FUN DAY

Just a reminder that our 6th Annual 2nd Sunday Family Fun Day will be March 10th 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.

St Patty Day

St. Patrick's Day on March 17th 2024!!

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish and Irish at Heart in big cities and small towns alike with parades, "wearing of the green," music and songs, Irish food and drink, and activities for kids such as crafts, coloring and games. Its a time for fun. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green! See all the **Parades & Events** going on around the World to celebrate St Patrick's Day March 17th 2024

IRVING QUILT GUILD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: : February 16, 2024

Shawn Carr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for any visitors or new members. Suzanna Fox announced 2 new members—Pat Henry, also a member of the Quilters Guild of Dallas; and Stephanie Carmack, a former member from 2001-2006.

Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Wagner started off with 4 Shadows: Linda Cole had a very good friend pass away. Aileen Winn had to have heart surgery again on her leg. On February 12, Aileen's friend, Millard, was hospitalized in the Infectious Disease Unit. Thenia Haynes fell and broke her arm below the shoulder. Sunshine: Everyone sang "happy birthday" to 4 members with February birthdays. Debra Kay announced that she is engaged.

Family Funday: Suzanna announced that she has all the volunteers that she needs for this event, which is on March 10th, 2-4 p.m. at the Irving Arts Center.

Membership: Suzanna also announced that all the membership directories are on the back table. She will mail any that are not picked up at this meeting.

Spring 2024 Retreat: Ginny North reminded everyone that this meeting is the last night to pay for the Spring retreat to be held April 4-7, at Sunset. Total cost is \$270.

General Meeting Minutes: Ernestine Chipman asked for any corrections to the minutes for the January General Meeting, as published in the February 2024 newsletter. The Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

2024 Quilt Show: Debra Kay announced that Quilt Show entries open on February 17th. The entry process is much easier this year. Final deadline for entries is May 28th. She will have hard copies of the forms for minis, regulars, and juniors. Entries need to contain recognizable pictures of the quilts. Each guild is also loaning 2 quilts to the Show for last-minute gaps. Carol Cook announced that she needs Show minis which should be no smaller than 6 x 6 and no larger than 24 x 24.

Quilt Show Booth: Shawn Carr, Booth Chair, and Carol Cook showed some additional samples of bee-themed items for the Booth—a 6 x 6 trivet, potato bags, and 10 chickens with spools for feet. LaCora McSwain also made some beehive pincushions.

Mini Quilt Challenge: Donna Reid announced and explained a new challenge. She passed around a bag with paint chips for everyone present to pick a color without looking. Each person will make a mini quilt with that color in it and any other color they choose. Deadline is May meeting at which all the minis will be judged for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards.

Thank you and New Meeting Activity: Shawn read a thank you letter from the Irving Fire Department thanking the Guild for its Blue Christmas donations. She and Jackie Wagner then engaged in a new monthly meeting activity—"Meet Your Fellow Quilter"—a 5-minute interview with a different Guild member. Shawn was the first interviewee.

Love Thy Baby: LaCora thanked everyone for their Love Thy Baby assistance. She has expanded this activity to include Love Thy Pet beds to benefit the Irving Animal Shelter. She recommends using upholstery fabric. Any size is welcome. Beds are worth 2 volunteer points each.

March Program: Will be a presentation by Dorene Joyce. There will not be a workshop.

Show and Tell: Donna awarded 4 red points and some fabric to Linda Cole.

February Program: Guild members were treated to roses with chocolates, one for each person, as well as water, iced tea, and Coke. Then everyone had a great time playing Fabric Bingo. A member at each Bingo table will make an Angel quilt out of all their table's fabric cards.

Door Prizes ended the meeting. The President adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Caramel Crispix

Ingredients

2 small boxes of Crispix Cereal
2 cups of butter
2 cups of brown sugar
½ cup Light Karo syrup
½ tsp Vanilla
½ tsp Baking Soda

Instructions

Melt butter in a saucepan. Add brown sugar and bring to a boil. Add Karo syrup, vanilla and baking soda. Put the cereal in a large bowl then pour mixture over the cereal.

My favorite way to make Brussels sprouts...marinated overnight! In a gallon size zip bag combine juice of 1 lemon, 1 T olive oil, pepper, paprika and garlic salt. Add in Brussels (cut in half or quartered), seal bag and toss around until well coated. Refrigerate overnight. When ready to roast, preheat oven to 400, place Brussels on baking sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes. Feel free to eat the entire pan, they are that good!

Mini Quilt Challenge

I hope picking a paint chip to get your color has started giving you ideas for your mini quilt. It's due at the May meeting.

You must have your color as the main color in your quilt, any shade.

The quilts will be voted on by IQG. First prize is \$100, second \$75, third is \$50. The prize money was donated.

I would like your quilt to be turned in for the show auction but you can keep it.

Size requirements are no side smaller than 6" and no larger than 24". Please attach a 2" wide sleeve on the back and a label with Irving Quilt Guild on it. We'll enter it in the auction.

Any questions ask.

Donna Reid donna@acdenterprises.com



Always use a seam allowance of at least ¼".

The standard when quilting is to use a ¼" seam allowance on all your pieced blocks. If you are a beginner, it may be helpful to use a larger seam allowance such as ½".

A seam that's less than ¼" can be problematic because any tension put on that seam could cause the fabric to fray and the seams to come undone.



The seam ripper: friend or foe?

It may seem like the seam ripper isn't a tool you'd want to use, but a seam ripper will soon become one of your favorite tools. When you are drawing a picture, sometimes you need to use an eraser, right?

Think of the seam ripper as the quilter's eraser. It is much easier to remove unwanted stitches with a seam ripper than trying to do it with a pair of scissors or by hand.



Angel Quilt Info

You turned in 29 quilts. We are off to a strong start with a total of 51 Angel Quilts. Wonderful!

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

I hope win or lose everyone enjoyed Bingo. Our winners were Jackie Wagner, Cynthia Gladden, Linda Cole, Alison Dale and LaCora McSwain. It was a fight to the finish but Jill Hudgens won the neck massager.

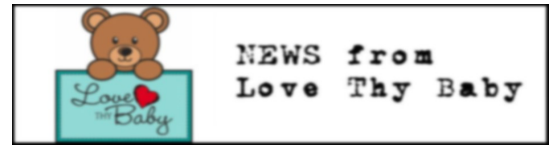
Linda Cole won the Lite Red Raffle. She gets 4 points and a small bundle of fabric including cats. Thank you everyone.

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

Thank you,

Donna Reid 214 435-4148

donna@acdenterprises.com



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—50 per bag 10 points.

Small Quilts—2 points per quilt

LaCora McSwain 972-255 6233 or

l.mcswain4@verizon.net



Misty's Book Nook



A perfect Marriage (2020)

Jeneva Rose

Psychological Thriller

Sarah Morgan is a successful and powerful defense attorney in Washington D.C. As a named partner at her firm, life is going exactly how she planned. The same cannot be said for her husband, Adam. He's a struggling writer who has had little success in his career and he tires of his and Sarah's relationship as she is constantly working.

Out in the secluded woods, at the couple's lake house, Adam engages in a passionate affair with Kelly Summers. But one morning everything changes. Kelly is found brutally stabbed to death and now, Sarah must take on her hardest case yet, defending her own husband, a man accused of murdering his mistress.

Southern Candied Sweet Potatoes

2 cups white sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 pinch salt
1/2 cup butter
6 sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

In a small bowl, mix the sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt together.
Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat; add sweet potatoes, and stir to coat. Sprinkle sugar mixture over the sweet potatoes, and stir.
Cover skillet, and reduce heat to low.
Cook, stirring occasionally, for 1 hour, or until the sauce is dark and the potatoes are candied.
They should be tender, but a little hard around the edges.
Stir in vanilla, and serve.



Name: _____ Date: _____

MARCH

WORD SCRAMBLE
DIRECTIONS:
Unscramble each set of letters to discover a vocabulary word relating to the fun-filled month of March.

CNSTIE	_____	OLERYC	_____
TEYBUFLRT	_____	LOOMB	_____
TPCAIRK	_____	KULC	_____
REENG	_____	SRTAEE	_____
RDGENA	_____	ROWNABI	_____
REWOFL	_____	CICPNI	_____
IKET	_____	MHCROSKA	_____
RAMHC	_____	ESSOAN	_____
IGNSPR	_____	FDOFDIAL	_____
PAARDE	_____	QXUNOEI	_____
YDNWI	_____	SBAAKETBLL	_____
PCHRAUNELE	_____	ODROTOS	_____

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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.

Donna Reid 214 435-4148 donna@acdenterprises.com

Frayed Knots

(Second: Monday 1:00PM – 6PM)

Barn Star Quilt continues! Bring your Block 3 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 1st, 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

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Shawn Carr
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Jerry Bowen
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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

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 March meeting will be held in the library. Our speaker will be Dorene Joyce.

Donna Reid 214 435-4148

March Birthdays

5 Nancy Norris
31 Judy Poole



Membership

Current Members	60
New Members	0
Meeting Attendance	34
Guests	0
Total attending	34

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



Welcome to our newest members!

A Big Warm Welcome to our newest members Stephanie Carmack and Pat Henry. Stephanie, a resident of Forney, is Barbara Martins grand-daughter and rejoining the Guild after a long absence. Pat lives in Irving and has a background in hotel catering and large event planning. So happy to have you join us.

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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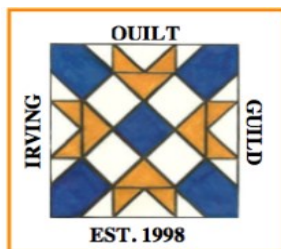
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March 21 Meeting Reminders:

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

February 2024			
2/14/24	Officers Meeting	2:00 pm	Holy Family Church
2/21/24	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**

**HAPPY
ST PATRICKS
DAY**