



TEXAS TEA STITCHERS

March 2025 Guild Happenings

MARCH PROGRAM



Show N Tell your favorite Charity Projects!

SHOW US YOUR FAVORITE CHARITIES YOU LIKE TO SEW FOR!

BRING YOUR INFORMATION TO SHARE AND SAMPLES IF YOU HAVE ANY!



✧ PRESIDENT'S CORNER - WHITNEY BISCHOFF ✧

In our third month of the year, our weather has ranged from sunny and warm to blustery to a dusting of snow and drizzling rain or thunderstorms.

Do your stitching projects change as well? Do you have a variety of techniques you use when stitching? Do you have times when you focus on embroidery and times when you embark on an ambitious multi-phase project?

One quilting friend noted she liked to have a "palate cleanser" project after completing a particularly long and involved quilt. I thought this was a great idea to transition from an intense and time-consuming project to something easy and straight forward, to keep your interest and flex different "creative muscles". How do you push through your creative doldrums?

What other creative activities do you enjoy?

The beautiful spring weather we are having now is perfect shop hopping weather! The All-Texas Shop Hop is underway in March and April and the Bluebonnet Shop Hop runs from March 19-March 29, 2025. The wildflower batiks and the bluebonnet Shop Hop Exclusive fabric will be announced March 19! This is a great time to hit the road to see the wildflowers blooming and get inspired by projects and displays at the various shops! Can we ever have enough fabric? No, of course not!

Our 2027 fundraiser quilt is in progress with a design created by this year's Quilt Design team and now comes the fun of selecting fabrics for the various

parts of the quilt. Opportunities are coming to work on the construction of our 2027 Fundraiser Quilt. There is something for everyone so be watching for opportunities to be a part of the fun!

Submission of our Guild's quilts to the annual Go Texan Quilt show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo brings scholarship dollars to Caldwell County for our High School students to continue their education.

How will you be a part of this wonderful service to our community?

Opportunities are available now to buy and sell tickets to the 2025 quilt Peaceful Barn—a Blue Ribbon winner at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo! It also traveled to the Texas Quilt Museum and the International Quilt Show in Houston for display so others can be inspired!

Also, be watching for “sew days” to work on our Blue and Brown Santa gift bags and workshops and retreats to expand our stitching repertoire and build community!

If you missed our “recovering a folding chair workshop” pictures of our finished chairs are available on our Facebook page.

As always, it is such a pleasure to get together with all of you to talk all things stitching!



Treasurer Report – Sue Carter

Update to follow at March meeting



Membership Report –Vangie Garcia

As of February, the Guild currently has 43 members who have paid dues. We had 1 visitor with 34 attending the February guild meeting. 180.5 community hours have been reported.

New Directories will be available for download on our Facebook page in March.



Community Service Project – AJ Bennett

Sunday, March 2nd brought a delightful honor for the Guild as we were recognized as one of the major contributors to The Oil City Blue Santa Program during a dinner at the Luling Southside Clubhouse. Come by the board table at our March meeting where our Certificate of Appreciation will be displayed. A big thank you to all who helped us throughout the year to achieve this recognition!

Due to the weather, our first workday of the year was canceled. Our next day will be Friday, April 25th at the Silver Center in Seguin. I'm also looking forward to booking 2 more workdays later in the year.





Programs Report – Cindy Hair

- **March** – Kelly Herms -What Charity projects are near and dear to you?
- **April** – Nancy Nusbaum - Different ways to make Flying Geese
- **May** – Create a Jacket from a sweatshirt with Bonnie Fowler
- **June** – Kathy Vaughn presents -Everything Embroidery
- **July** – Guild Birthday Party
- **August** – Gel Batik's with Donna Maske
- **September** – Quilt as you go Placemat with Sue Carter
- **October** – TBD
- **November** – TBD
- **December** – Guild Christmas Party

***If you have any questions or ideas to share regarding Programs you would like to see, or ideas about future Programs please contact Cindy Hair. ***



HOSPITALITY

Hospitality-

Our March birthday members will be providing refreshments for our meeting.

🐼 Please remember to bring your own drinks! 🐼

SWAPS & CHALLENGES - We will be getting our 6th block in our Progressive Quilt BOM Series from Sue Carter. Can't wait to see everyone's progress! We are looking to add some additional fun with another optional swap/challenge this year...so stay tuned for more information!





RETREATS & WORKSHOPS

Don't forget!

- Quick Curve Ruler workshop - March 22nd-23rd - San Marcos Library- Saturday hours are 9AM-5PM and Sunday hours 1-5 PM. You can bring your own lunch or order from Jason's Deli for a cost of approx. \$15.
- Queens Rustic Retreat – July 14th -16th. Total cost is \$120 with lunch included.

We continue to look for other venues to host our activities. If you know of any possible locations, please let Kathy or Marilyn know!



Get Er' Done! – Kathy Vaughn

Don't forget to turn your list in with your money for your 2025 Get Er' Done challenge at February's meeting! You can always amend your list at our July meeting!

- \$10 =10 projects for a chance to win \$50 prize
- \$1 per project (up to 10) for \$25 prize



2026 Fundraiser Quilt-Sue Carter

The competition was fierce this year! While we didn't win a blue ribbon this year, TTSG placed as a green ribbon winner. Awesome job by all involved!

The below link will take you to the results for this year's winners.

<https://www.rodeohouston.com/rodeo-2025-quilt-contest-winners-announced/>



2025 Fundraiser Quilt-

Ready...Set...Go! Let's sell some tickets for our beautiful "Peacefull Barn"!



💖 Upcoming opportunities to help sell tickets and have some **FUN!!** 💖

- Ragun' Cajun Throwdown in Luling – March 8th
- All Texas Shop Hop at HDQ - March 19th – 29th
- Roughneck Chilli Cook Off in Luling – April 5th
- "Market at the Farm" in Luling (need hand quilters for demonstration of hand quilting so they will waive \$100 fee) May 16th – 17th



2027 Fundraiser Quilt – Kelly Herms

Come be a part of participating in the creation of another award-winning masterpiece!

This year's theme is "Home on the Range"

Call out for guild members to donate any "landscaping" fabric 10 inches or larger at our March meeting. This includes anything like water, grass, sky, pebbles, woodgrains...etc. and to include fabric colors like creams, off whites, brick reds, browns, slate blues, paisleys, bandana, etc.

Committee to meet at Pinwheel on April 11th after Guild meeting, 1 PM -? Grab some lunch and come be part of the creative process!



Happy Birthday to our March members!

Judy Gentry – 14th

Anna Felt – 17th

Pat Reichel – 17th

Gail Oliver – 20th



ANNOUNCEMENT!!

SSSSShhhhhhhh! It's a surprise!

Sewing Shower for Vanese Blackmar.

Sunday, March 30th at 2:00 pm at the Church of the Annunciation in
Luling located at 301 S. Walnut Street.

Many of you are aware Vanese lost her entire sewing room due to
a fire. Vanese is a certified Martha Pullen instructor.

She has made beautiful wedding dresses and amazing christening gowns.

She didn't just lose tools and machines; she lost vintage patterns,
antique lace, fabric, notions. She also lost the things that remind us of why we
sew; knick-knacks, photos and trinkets.

When you look around your sewing space, what are your favorite
tools? What items make you smile? Maybe it's a favorite snack!
Let's make Vanese smile and know that she is loved.

💖💖 Hosted by Lindsey Wallace and Denise Green 💖💖



February Show & Tell





















List your items or services for sale here!

Please email KellyHerms@gmail.com

D&E Sewing Machine Service and Repair now taking sewing machines for 79-point full service and repair of sewing machines here in Luling and surrounding areas.

Vangie Garcia - 210-410-6098



See You Next Month!