



THE PATCH
DISPATCH

MAY 2024

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Sharon Kralj

May is a very busy month. It brings Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, graduations, plus planning vacations and reunions. Please enjoy, and embrace everyone near and dear to you, celebrate with them, and thank your mothers (and others just as important in your lives)! And, remember, it's still glorious Spring!

The program chairs, **Christy Andrews** and **Lorri Heffner**, have found some wonderful programs for us this year. Our own member, **Debi Mishael**, took us on her delightful journey of sewing and creating. A BIG thank you goes to Lorri for recruiting an emergency replacement for our Friday speaker with only two days' notice. Elizabeth (Liz) Granberg-Jerome was excellent and entertaining. How many of you are shopping for panels????

The workshop scheduled for January finally happened in April. Esterita Austin taught portraiture, emphasizing values and using one piece of ice-dyed fabric. It was a fun, but busy, two days of work. Watch for our faces during Show & Tells to come.

Our May speakers are Jane Sassaman, on Tuesday, and Terri Lucas, on Friday. Jane has been with us before and her work is fabulous, showcasing applique' on a much higher level. Terri has a trunk show and some free-motion quilting advice. Don't miss either! Jane Sassaman's workshop is titled "Wings and Wedges" and will be held at Trini Mendenhall on Wirt Road.

The board and committees have been busy. We enjoyed the New Member Tea with about 25 in attendance. It's so nice to visit with our newest members. Please help them feel at home when you are at a meeting or event. The quilt show organizers have more items checked off their lists. Retreats will be ready to register for the July retreat. We have Charity Quilt Day in July as well. Please contact **Mary Van Speybroeck** if you can be a guinea pig as we set up our new-to-us WildApricot platform.

Our Bylaws Committee has sent out their report with proposed revisions to all members via email. **Lois Cleveland**, chair, and members **Debi Mishael**, **Debbie Dansby**, and **Monica Warden** worked diligently. Thanks to them for keeping us on track. Each of you is asked to review. If you see something needing attention or have a question, please contact Lois.

Weren't the **shop hops** fun? Did you find a new store? (I did!) The shops all reported a large increase in shoppers. That's such good news...we want to help keep our quilt shops open! We had several **quilt shows** nearby, too. The shows had remarkable quilts in their exhibits. Another one is scheduled for the first weekend in May. The shows are so much fun to visit. I predict that ours will be remarkable, too!

Back to designing and sewing that "This Brings Me Joy" entry for the challenge at our show and an auction quilt. Have a great month!

Happy Spring,
Sharon Kralj

Notion of the Month – Health Alert

Instead of highlighting a favorite notion please take note of these health warning signs. Several members are dealing with "surprises" and want all of us to know what to do just in case....

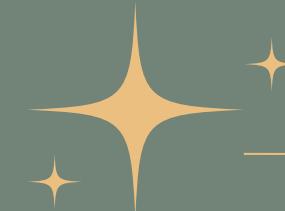
***If you see flashes, usually in just one eye, call your eye doctor immediately. This can be a problem with your retina, and you should not wait! Your vision is at risk.

***If you get an insect sting, make a paste of meat tenderizer and apply generously. It will neutralize the venom. If you don't have that, use baking soda in a paste. It will draw out the venom. If you develop difficulty breathing or swelling, contact your doctor immediately.

***Any unexplained bleeding or discharge should be reported to your doctor immediately.

We have a large membership and all three of these things have happened in just one week! Take care of yourself and your friends and family.

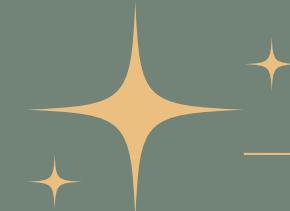




2024 CALENDAR

Christy Andrews
Diana Fredricks
Lorri Heffner

| | Tuesday Night Meetings 7:00 PM | Workshops | Friday Morning Meetings 10:00 AM | Special Events |
|-------------|--|--|---|---|
| May 2024 | May 21, 2024 Jane Sassaman "Jane's Textile Treasure Garden" IN-PERSON/ZOOM | May 22, 2024 Jane Sassaman "Wings and Wedges" Location - Trini | May 17, 2024 Terri Lucas "Trunk Show and Free Motion Quilting Advice" IN-PERSON/ZOOM | |
| June 2024 | June 18, 2024 Sujata Shah "The Root Connection" IN-PERSON/ZOOM | June 19, 2024 Sujata Shah "Peppermint Pinwheels" Location - CBS | June 21, 2024 Mary Van Speybroeck "Piecing Together Success: Using Wild Apricot to Enhance Quilt Guild Membership and Events" IN-PERSON/ZOOM | |
| July 2024 | July 16, Audrey Esarey "Finding My Voice in Modern Quilting" Speaker joins us in Zoom IN-PERSON/ZOOM | July 17, 2024 Audrey Esarey "Watercolor Quilt" ZOOM ONLY | July 19, 2024 Winnie Fleming Topic: Borders and stars IN-PERSON/ZOOM | July 27 9am to 2:30 pm Charity Quilt Day Trini Mendenhall Sosa Community Center at 1414 Wirt Road. |
| August 2024 | August 20, 2024 Jan Mathews "Color Theory" IN-PERSON/ZOOM | August 21, 2024 "Leaf" Location - Trini | August 16, 2024 TNina Clotfelter (pending) topic: Threads IN-PERSON/ZOOM | |



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| September 2024 | September 17, 2024 David Owen Hastings “Minimal Design Maximum Impact” Speaker joins us in Zoom IN-PERSON/ZOOM | September 18, 2024 9 am - 12 pm David Owen Hastings “Mini Mid-Mod Quilts” ZOOM ONLY | Sept. 20, 2024 Carole Lyles Shaw “The art of the quilt: my journey, my stories.” IN-PERSON/ZOOM | |
| October 2024 | October 15, 2024 Kumiko Frydl Micro Quilting and Trunk Show IN-PERSON/ZOOM | NO WORKSHOP | October 16, 2024 Kathy McNeil “Quilting, The Happiness Project—learn how creativity in your work, affects your joy in life” ZOOM ONLY | |
| November 2024 | November 19, 2024 Carol Anderson “Houston Doll Makers” IN-PERSON/ZOOM | November 20, 2024 Finish Holiday Projects Location - Trini | November 15, 2024 Diane Murtha will visit via ZOOM “Challenge Accepted” (The Making of challenge quilts) IN-PERSON/ZOOM | |
| December 2024 | | | | December 10, 2024 Holiday Party 6:30 pm IN-PERSON ONLY |

CALENDAR EVENTS

Christy Andrews
Diana Fredricks



Tuesday Meeting
May 21, 7 pm
In-person lecture
IN-PERSON/ZOOM

Jane Sassaman
Title: "Jane's Textile Treasure Garden"



This is a glimpse into Jane's inspirations and process of designing fabric. From dreaming to drawing, coloring, and cutting, it will be a colorful journey through Jane's creative process. She will also bring many quilts and accessories made with her FreeSpirit fabrics. Everyone will enjoy seeing how to use these contemporary prints to make dramatic quilts.



Tuesday Meeting
June 18, 7 pm

Sujata Shah
"The Root Connection"

IN-PERSON/ZOOM



While growing up in India, rich colors, hand-woven textiles, and handcrafts were part of Sujata's daily life. She learned to appreciate the irregularities and imperfections of handmade crafts. Her instinctive ability to work with colors and textures combined with her education in graphic design has helped her develop a unique style as a quilt designer.

Inspired by utilitarian quilts and handmade crafts from around the world, she developed an abstract form of traditional quilt blocks and subsequently published the book, *Cultural Fusion Quilts*.

The presentation includes a slide show of her travels in India as well as her journey as a quilter. Slide show is followed by the trunk show of original quilts.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Diana Fredricks
Christy Andrews

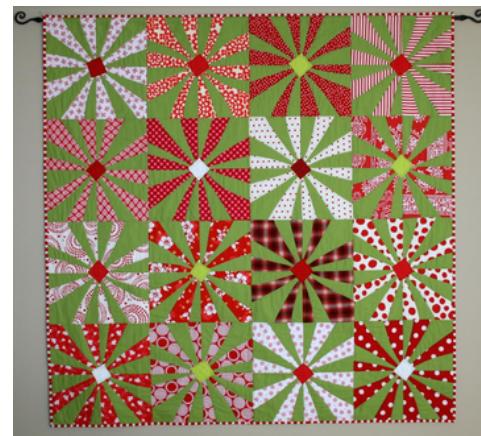
Workshop

June 19, 2024, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sujata Shah
“Peppermint Pinwheels”

Location: Congregation Brith Shalom,
4610 Bellaire Blvd.
Bellaire, TX 77401

Member \$50; Non-member \$60



Inspired by folk art applique flowers, Peppermint Pinwheels is a perfect spring or summer project. One might ask: is it possible to make a pieced block with curved flower petals without any patterns or templates? The answer is, yes! This design focuses on cutting multiple curves through layers of fabrics and sewing the pieces into free-form flower blocks. Participants will follow instructions from the book *Cultural Fusion Quilts* and construct blocks resembling large appliqued flowers with appliqued centers. The process is easy to learn and quick to reproduce. I will share many tips on making free-form blocks and offer many suggestions for color combinations and layouts during the class.

Workshop

Wednesday, July 17, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Audrey Esarey
“Watercolor Quilt”
ZOOM only

Member: \$50 Non-member: \$60



(Pattern for this workshop is available at cottonandbourbon.com.)

CALENDAR EVENTS

Janet Becker
Janice Schindeler

CHARITY QUILT DAY

WHEN: Saturday, July 27, 9 am – 2:30 pm. You can come for an hour or stay the entire time.

WHERE: Trini Mendenhall Sosa Community Center at 1414 Wirt Road.

WHAT TO BRING:

A plate or dish of food to share for potluck lunch (sandwiches, casserole, fruit, dessert, salad)

A spill-proof mug. Please bring your own beverage.

Basic sewing equipment, thread, pins, scissors, rotary cutter, cutting mat, ruler, and possibly a cushion for your chair.

Sewing machine, extension cord.

Kits will be provided to piece a quilt top or you may do your own thing. If you don't want to sew, you can help others by cutting, ironing, and cheerleading. Kits are being made using precut layer cakes. The pattern requires 20 – 10" coordinating fabrics. I will be glad to take your donations of layer cakes or you can bring your own for your kit. This is not a member-only event. Bring a friend if you would like. Sign-up sheets will be at the Comforter table at the meetings starting in May. You may also email or text me that you would like to attend.

Janet Becker



Endowments

Janice Schindeler

Time to start thinking of how you could use some financial help to improve your quilting. QGGH awards \$500 twice a year to guild members who fill out the endowment/grant forms on our website. The funds are to be used to expand your knowledge of all things quilting.

Applications are now being accepted for the Fall distribution of the endowment money. Deadline for the Fall distribution is September 1st. As coordinator I will review the applications and present them to the guild board for the final decision. Applications and detailed information about the endowments are on our guild's website. Go to FORMS and scroll down.

Janice Schindeler
Grant/Endowment Committee Chair

LET'S JAM! JOIN OUR HOLIDAY PARTY BAND!

Calling all musicians, whether you're a seasoned pro or just love making music! Our holiday party is about to get a whole lot groovier, and we want you to be part of our "band."  Dust off those instruments, tune up those strings and let's create some magic together.

The Details:

- Date: December 10, 2024
- Rehearsal Time: TBA
- Location: Congregation Brith Shalom
- Repertoire: We'll keep it simple with 2 or 3 songs. No need for complex arrangements—just good vibes and creativity.

Why Join?

1. **Fun Factor:** Music brings joy, and playing together amplifies that joy. Let loose, laugh, and enjoy the camaraderie.
2. **Creativity Unleashed:** It's a different way to express yourself. Whether you're strumming a guitar, tapping on drums, or blowing a saxophone, your unique sound matters.
3. **No Judgment Zone:** Leave your worries at the door. We're all here to have a blast, so no critiques—just encouragement!

How to Get Involved:

1. **RSVP:** Let us know you're in and what instrument you play! Shoot us an email or give us a shout at the next guild meeting. QGGHInfoTech@gmail.com
2. **Instrumentation:** Whether it's a vintage accordion or a funky kazoo, we welcome it all.
3. **Open Ears:** Be ready to listen and collaborate. We'll find our groove together.

Remember, every note counts, and every musician adds to the harmony. Let's make this holiday party unforgettable!  

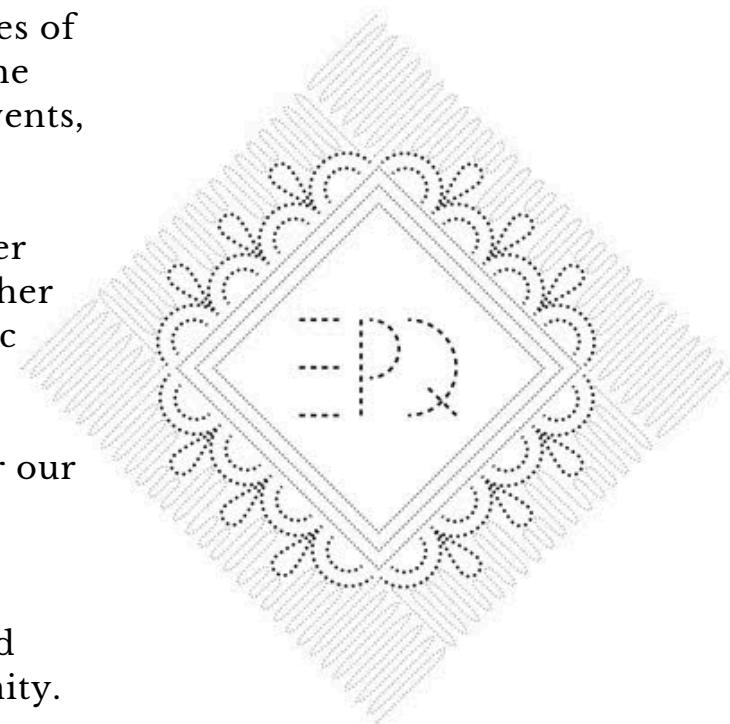
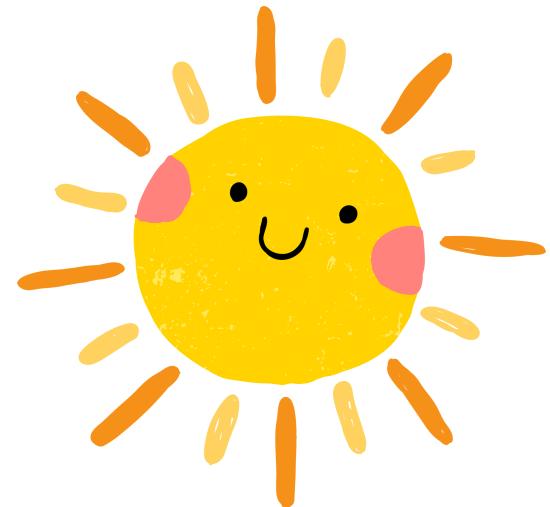
See you there!  

New Member Tea: A Warm Welcome to Our Talented Quilters!

On April 14, 2024, our guild hosted a delightful New Member Tea, and it was a resounding success! Here's a recap of the highlights:

- 1. Attendance:** We were thrilled to have 25 new members join us. Each one brings unique skills, creativity, and passion for quilting.
- 2. Show and Tell:** Our new members had the chance to showcase their work during the show and tell session. From intricate patterns to vibrant colors, the room buzzed with inspiration.
- 3. Guild Features:** We discussed various features of our guild, ensuring that everyone is aware of the resources available. Whether it's workshops, events, or community projects, there's something for everyone.
- 4. Studio Tour:** Debi graciously led a tour of her studio. It's always fascinating to peek into another quilter's creative space and see where the magic happens.
- 5. Scrumptious Treats:** The food was a hit! We indulged in delicious treats while bonding over our shared love for quilting.
- 6. Spot the Yellow Badge:** If you spot someone wearing a YELLOW badge, don't hesitate to introduce yourself. Let's foster connections and make new friends within our talented community.
- 7. Warm Welcome:** To our new members, welcome! We're thrilled to have you as part of our organization. Your passion and creativity will enrich our guild.

Remember, every stitch counts, and every quilter contributes to the vibrant tapestry of our community. Let's continue to support and inspire one another. 



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Thank you for making the New Member Tea a memorable event! 

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Ellie McMaster



QGGH QUILT SHOW JOY OF QUILTS

Janice Schindeler



Joy of Quilts Show 2025

For the month of May, the Joy of Quilt show online auction chair, Mary Van Speybroeck, writes all about our online auction quilts. You'll want to save this article for future reference!!

Following her article are some progression pics illustrating Mary's request for photos of quilts under construction. No need to be fancy just take pictures of the various steps necessary to create a wondrous auction quilt.

Send your pics to Mary!! We can use your pics to promote the auction and our show!

Mary Van Speybroeck

JOY OF QUILTS ONLINE AUCTION

Join Our Online Auction: A Celebration of Craftsmanship and Creativity!

Are you passionate about quilting? Do you have a beautiful quilt that you'd like to share with fellow enthusiasts? Look no further! The Quilt Guild of Greater Houston (QGGH) is thrilled to announce our upcoming online auction, where you can showcase your craftsmanship and creativity. Here are the details:

- **Date:** January 15 – 21, 2025
- **Entry Deadline:** November 30, 2024 (paperwork and photos are due)
- **Turn In Date:** December 10 at the Holiday Party

How to Participate

We've chosen **CharityAuctionsToday.com** as our auction platform. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just starting, this is your chance to shine. Here's what you need to know:

1. Cost to Enter:

- If you want your quilt to be judged, follow the rules on the Joy of Quilts Website and pay the entry fee.
- If you prefer not to have your quilt judged, there's no charge. However, please complete the entry form. We'll use this information for online registration and to decide where to display your quilt.

2. Quilt Sizes:

- All sizes are welcome! In our humble opinion (INMHO), smaller quilts might attract more bidding activity. So, whether it's a cozy lap quilt or an impressive king-size masterpiece, we want to see it!

3. Share Your Story:

- Quilts have a special place in our hearts. Tell us about your quilt's journey. Is there a unique fabric you used? What's the story behind it? Are you collaborating with others in your group? Every quilt has a tale, and we're eager to hear yours!
- Send your stories and progress photos of your auction quilts to qgghinfotech@gmail.com. Yes, that's our new email address!

Get Ready to Bid!

Mark your calendars for this exciting event. Whether you're a bidder or a creator, our online auction promises to be a celebration of artistry, community, and the love of quilting. Join us in making this event a success! 🎨🌟

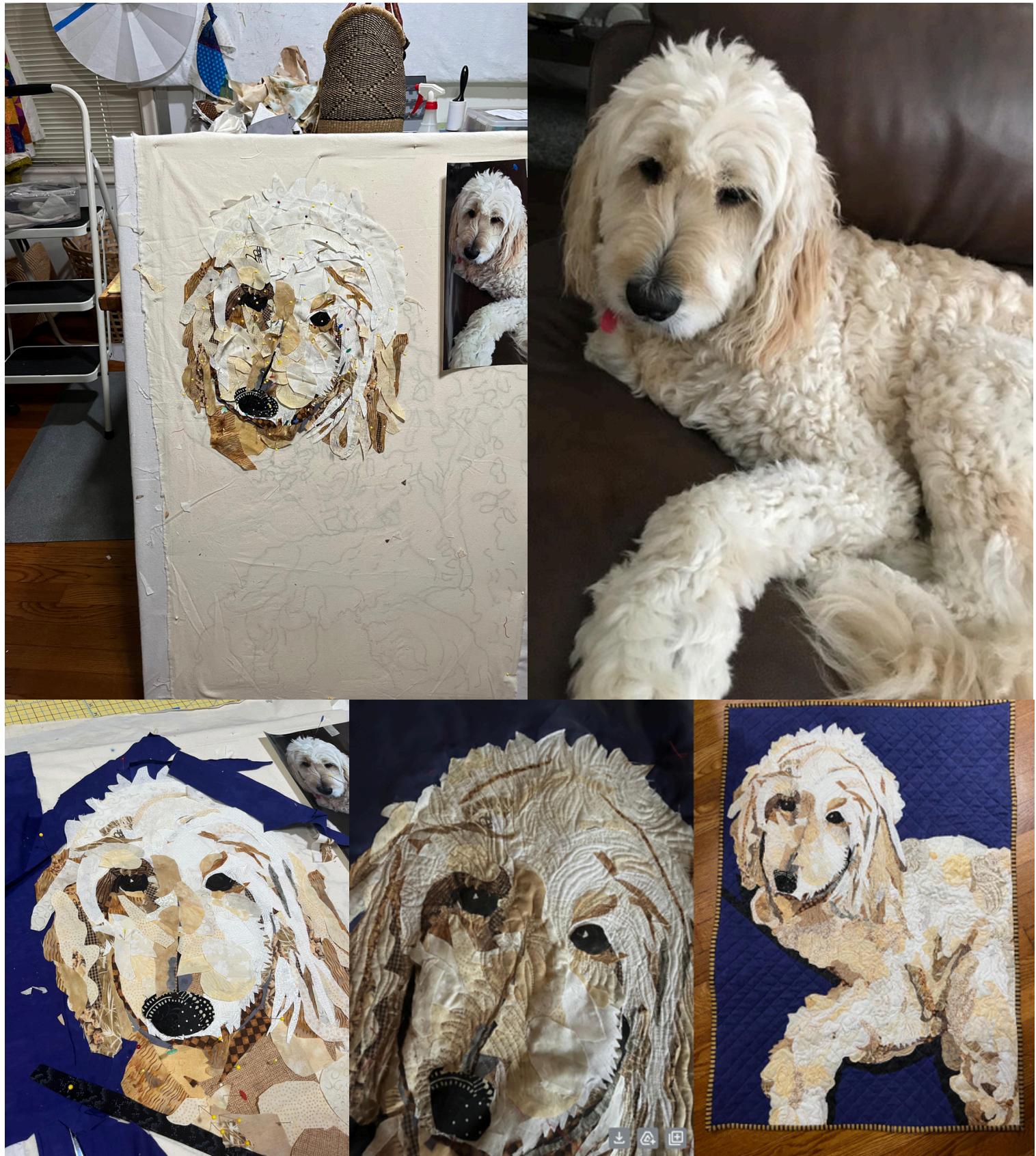
Note: QGGH members, please spread the word and encourage fellow quilters to participate! Let's make this auction unforgettable. 😊

Remember, every stitch tells a story, and we can't wait to share them all! 🎨🌟



JOY OF QUILTS ONLINE AUCTION

Mary Van Speybroeck



JOY OF QUILTS SPECIAL EXHIBITS

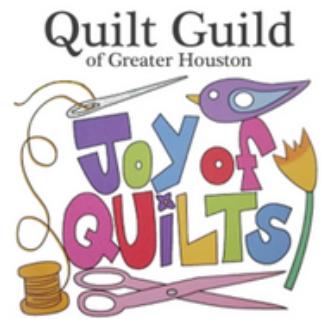
Deborah Guttilla

Presidents' quilts are the featured theme for the 2025 show. All past presidents are invited to enter their quilts for display. On the entry form, indicate it is for the special exhibit. No charge, unless you are entering it to be judged. It can still be hung in the special exhibit area.

I would greatly appreciate help in contacting past presidents who are no longer active in the guild.

Contact me at dguttilla@aol.com with questions

Joy of Quilts Special Exhibit
Deborah Guttilla, chair



Carol H. Garcia

QGGH Basket Raffle

By now everyone should be getting excited about the Joy of Quilts show coming up in January of 2025! The planning has begun early, and part of the planning includes a Basket Raffle for the show. As you go through your sewing room and find extra fabric or notions that could be used in a basket, please notify me or just bring them to a meeting. These can be put into a beautiful Raffle Basket along with other donated items.

The QGGH has plenty of baskets, ribbons, and wrapping for the baskets. The donations can be decorated into a basket for you. Begin thinking about the show and how all of us together can make it a great success!!

Happy Quilting,
Carol H Garcia

RETREATS

CHARLOTTE BETTS

CAMP LONE STAR, LA GRANGE, TX

Summer Retreat Friday- Monday,
July 12-15, 2024

Members: \$240 for 3 nights
\$215 for 2 nights

Non-members: \$275 for 3 nights
\$250 for 2 nights

2024 Retreats

SUMMER RETREAT
JULY 12-15, 2024

FALL RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2024

WINTER RETREAT
TBD

It is time to sign up for our Summer Retreat at Camp Lone Star! Registration will begin on May 1, 2024. I will be at both of our May meetings to receive your registration, or you may mail your form and check to my home address. Do not mail it to the guild's post office box. Our retreat will begin on Friday evening since the kids' camp is going on. The retreat will end on Monday afternoon.

We will offer two classes this summer during our retreat. **Barbara Farris** will teach "Attic Window With A Panel," and **Emerald Romo** will teach "Painting a Barn Quilt." Once you sign up for the class, I will send you the class instructions. The Attic Window class will take place on Saturday, and the Barn Quilt will be on Sunday. We should have access to the swimming pool on Saturday. Please indicate on the form if you plan to swim. The cost of the retreat includes brunch and dinner beginning on Saturday. Your linens and towels are also provided by the camp.

The guild asks that if you are paying online that you pay with Zelle as the guild is not charged a fee. You may pay by check in full or pay a deposit of \$45. I will not deposit the check until 2 weeks before the retreat. You must be paid in full by June 21st. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. The retreat is a great way to meet our members and form new friendships. We always have a wonderful time. I hope that you will join us for a relaxing and fun weekend.

Charlotte Betts
Retreat Chair
retreats@qggh.org





Summer Retreat

QUILT GUILD OF GREATER HOUSTON

July 12-15, 2024 • Camp Lone Star – La Grange, Texas



REGISTRATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Roommate Request _____

Room # Preference _____ Interested in swimming _____

Special dietary needs or requests _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone: (cell-home-work) _____ Alternate phone: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

COST: Members \$215 (2 nights) \$240 (3 nights)

Non-Members: \$250 (2 nights) \$275 (3 nights)

Deposit: \$45.00 is due at registration (full payment is welcome). Checks will be deposited three weeks prior to retreat. Camp Lone Star requires a deposit two weeks prior to retreat. You may also pay online through Zelle, via the QGGH website.

Balance: Due June 21st.

Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and registration begins on May 1st for the Summer Retreat.

Classes: Attic Window Quilt with Panel, Barbara Farris
 Painted Barn Quilt, Emerald Romo
 Do Your Own Thing

Do Not Mail Before May 1st if registering by mail.

Mail completed form with your deposit or full payment (made payable to QGGH) to:

Charlotte Betts, 1675 Leesway Road, Richmond, Texas 77406

[email : charlottebetts@yahoo.com](mailto:charlottebetts@yahoo.com) Cell phone: 713-408-6076

FOR QGGH USE ONLY: Cash Check # _____ Amt _____ Date Rec'd _____
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COMFORTERS' CORNER

Janet Becker

Comforters recently donated quilts to Nora's Home. We received the following thank you note:

"Thank you for supporting Nora's Home with your beautiful quilts. Our guests absolutely love them. We are so appreciative of your gifts. - Peggy Schiller on behalf of Nora's Home."

"Nora's Home is a nonprofit organization that offers solid organ transplant patients and their families an affordable place to stay in the Texas Medical Center. Patients suffering from end-stage organ disease and facing the need for life-saving transplant surgery both find support and share experiences with others in the comfort of a home-like environment."

This nonprofit organization was suggested as a place to receive our Comforter quilts by **Laura Swinney**. If you know of a nonprofit organization that would be a good beneficiary of our quilts, please let me know. I rely on membership suggestions for the distribution of Comforter quilts.

This month, two members celebrated their birthdays with Comforters by making and donating completed quilts to Comforters. Thank you and Happy Birthday to **Kathy Fey** and **Peggy Palzkill**. Peggy, we don't care how belated your birthday is, we still want to celebrate with you!! The quilts are beautiful!

2024 Comforter Totals

Quilts completed: 175

Pillowcases: 26

Volunteer hours: 2990

April Volunteers

Lorri Heffner
Marsha Hennigan
Marsha Franty
Kathy Boerger
Sheila Glover
Pat Kohoutek
Sarah Wolfe
Barbara Schwind
Deborah Guttilla
Susan Penny
Allison Taghavi
Ann Schaefer
Peggy Palzkill
Kathy Fey
Jill Boston
Sandra Hennig
Eunice Leervig
Latricia Giroir
Kathy Dennis
Sue Jean White
Mary Wells
Marie Stien
Effie Stevens
Peggy Pyle
Judy Eager
Linda Weaver
Marcia Marty
Margaret Lincoln
Carol Maiorana



Library

Meg Guldner

Library traffic has been brisk! In April, we returned to the storage locker between meetings to restock the travel bin. We also had 2 “hold” requests for books on the shelves in storage that we could deliver to happy members.

Our website list is being utilized! The library book list is once again updated and back to an Excel file that you may download and sort however you like. We also have a printed list available at meetings to look at. Speak with or Email the librarians and we can try to get your requests for the next month's meeting.

We accept book donations at any time. If it's a duplicate, we will offer it at the Treasure Table. Thanks for contributing to the guild!

May Birthdays!

Julie Blanchard
Jill Boston
Anita Byars
Laurel Cull
Sophia Duncan
Barbara Farris
Linda Hopwood
Lois Kindley
Audrey Lynn
Ruth Manny
Martha Matiuk

Mary Picchi
Linda Pratt
Susanne Purvis
Gina Stemmer
Marie Stien
Linda Stokes
Stephanie Strickland
Cynthia (Cindy) Wagner
Sue Jean White
Jette Willams

Membership

Laura Casmore

2024 Membership

Members: 209
Lifetime: 10
New Members: 30



Treasurer's Report

Diane Ragan

Changes of note for 2024. The membership platform has changed from Access database to a fully supported platform called Wild Apricot. WA is an annual subscription due each March. As part of the migration, we will be using a new credit card processing firm, which should be seamless to you. As your treasurer, I would like to remind you that I am zealous about Zelle. Zelle should be available in your banking app on your mobile device. We are Quilt Guild of Greater Houston. Fee free, direct.

**Current Balance as of
April 22, 2024**

Checking \$18,100.29

Savings \$55,306.80



I would like to share this story with you. Saturday morning I took all the deposits to Frost in Stafford. Frost allows me to separate the deposits into small amounts so the tracking in Quickbooks is simple. While the teller was processing the deposits, a father and his kindergarten-aged daughter arrived with a gallon zip-lock bag full of change and bills. She was making her first deposit into a new account. It was wonderful to be a witness to a youth opening her first bank account with 5 years of piggy bank savings. I was just tickled to ask the Frost tellers for an official bank bag for more security on her next trip. The delightful girl was gifted a Frost bank zipper bag, and to her delight, she chose the camouflage version.

Lorri Heffner

Daytime Program

This month we will host Quilter Terri Lucas. She will bring a trunk show to share with us. Terri's topic will focus on free-motion quilting as a base subject. Terri has many years of experience to share with us and comes highly recommended by one of our own members. I hope you will be able to make it as we get to see some of her fine examples of quilting.

Sincerely,

Lorri Heffner
Daytime Program Chairperson

Representative at Large

Cindy Dewstow

Our April evening speaker was our very own Debi Mishael, who presented an amazing trunk show of her many beautiful creations. There were 55 members attending in person, plus 25 viewers online.

Our morning speaker via Zoom was Elizabeth Granberg of Gypsy Dreamer Quilts. She showed us how to use multiple matching panels to form impressive kaleidoscope quilts. There were 53 members at the meeting, and 29 more online.

We had a bumper crop of 501 Community Service hours turned in. The contributing ladies are:

Mary Van Speybroeck

Charlotte Betts

Janet Becker

Sharon Kralj

Susan Penny

Lois Kindley

Marsha Franty

Suzie Foote

Cindy Dewstow

Audrey Lynn

Debi Mishael

Meg Guldner

Rhonda Onwere

Elizabeth Fisher

Helen Nilsen

Gina Stemmer

Carol M Johnson

Anna Gay

Diana Fredricks

Janice Schindeler

Diane Ragan

Lois Cleveland

Debbie Dansby

Debi Mishael

Monica Warden



Thank you to all of our hard-working members!

Mary Van Speybroeck

Updates and Exciting Developments

As we continue to enhance our online presence, I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates with you. Here's what's been happening:

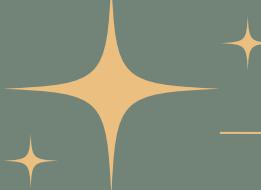
1. **Website Updates:** Both of our websites are now up to date! 🎉 We've been working hard to ensure that all information is accurate and relevant. But that's not all—we're taking things a step further.
2. **New Features Coming Soon:**
 - **Store and Workshops:** We're in the process of adding our store and workshops to the new website. **Diane Ragan**, our Treasurer, is working on setting up the online payments. Soon, you'll be able to explore our offerings and sign up for workshops easier than what we currently have.
 - **Database Maintenance:** **Laura Casmore**, our Membership Chair, is diligently keeping our membership database current. Having accurate records is essential for effective communication and organization.
3. **Website Testing:** We've assembled a team to test out the new website. If you'd like a sneak peek and be part of this exciting phase, simply send an email to qgghinfotech@gmail.com. Your feedback will be invaluable as we fine-tune the platform.
4. **Upcoming Presentation:** In June, I'll be giving a presentation about our new platform. I believe this transition will be smooth, but rest assured that if any hiccups occur, we'll work through them together. Our goal is to create a user-friendly space that fosters growth and keeps us connected.

Stay tuned for more updates and thank you for being part of our vibrant quilting community! 🧶🌟

Mary Van Speybroeck
QGGH IT Admin

ESTERITA AUSTIN'S “POWERFUL PORTRAITS” WORKSHOP APRIL 17, 18 2024





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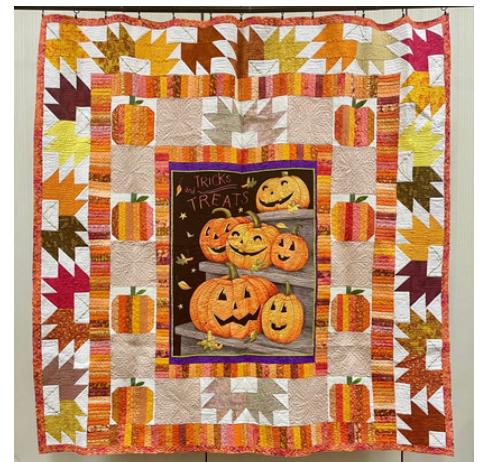
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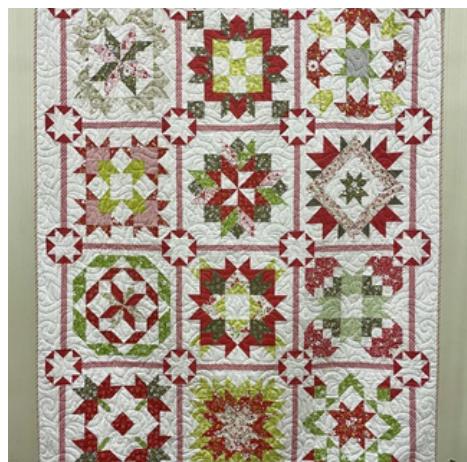
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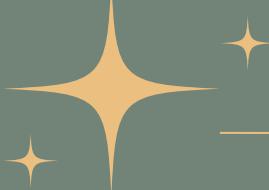
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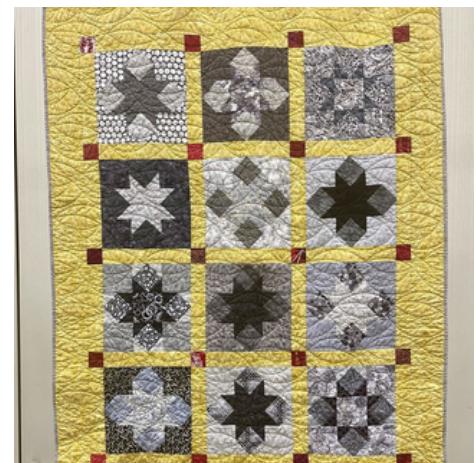
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Editor's Pick

DEAR QUILTERS,

This month's Editor's Pick is an entry by Kathy Fey. When I saw this quilt in person I smiled from ear to ear. I've made scrappy backings before, but I've never made them with slanted strips. What a fun way to use fabric we already have in our stash. And how awesome to get a fun look by simply rotating strips in different directions. I'm going to try this!



With gratitude,
Emerald

Kathy Fey

Bylaws

Article V – Board

Section 1. Board of Directors and Officers:

f. Unbudgeted expenditures over \$150 must be approved by the Board of Directors.

~~g. Unbudgeted expenditures over \$100 must be approved by the Board of Directors.~~

Items f and g are identical and conflicting in amount. The old one was removed and lettering updated as per previous approved Bylaw change.

Section 2. Duties of Officers

a. The First Vice President-Evening Programs:

v. Coordinates the end-of-term gift for the retiring President to be presented at the December meeting with a gift by the membership (cost not to exceed \$150) in recognition of service to the guild.

~~vi. Coordinates the end-of-term gift for the retiring President to be presented at the December meeting with a gift by the membership (cost not to exceed \$100) in recognition of service to the guild.~~

v and vi are identical and conflicting with amounts. Higher amount is correct. Corrected numbering. Prior Bylaws Revisions.

Article VII Committees

Section 2. The Standing Committees positions are Bee Coordinator; ~~Church Facilities~~ Liaison; Comforters Coordinator; Community Service Coordinator; Door Prizes; ~~Endowment Grants~~; Historian, Show and Tell, Learn-to-Quilt Booth; Librarian; Opportunity Quilt Chair; Parliamentarian; Publicity Coordinator; Retreat Chair; IT Coordinator, Charity Quilt Day Coordinator, Membership Activity Coordinator. The Board may add, suspend, or remove positions as needed.

d. ~~Endowment Grants~~ Chair - Solicits applicants for ~~endowment grant~~ funds a minimum of twice a year for evaluation and committee approval.

Update positions and terms to coincide with past approved Bylaws changes.

STANDING RULES

~~Endowment Grants:~~

a. ~~\$600 is available annually \$500 is available twice annually~~ to QGGH members who wish to apply for any project deemed to enhance, encourage, or advance the art of quilting. Applications are due at the first March and first September regular night business meetings for evaluation and approval by the board. Disbursements are to be made in May and November respectively.

Updated to coincide with past approved Bylaws changes.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Coastal Prairie Quilt Guild of Texas 2024 Quilt Showcase

Friday,
May 3rd,
2024
10 am - 4 pm

Saturday,
May 4th,
2024
10 am - 3 pm

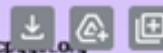
Admission
\$12
Good both days



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Tomball Museum Quilt and Craft Festival

Saturday, June 8, 2024
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Tomball, TX 77375

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TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM

History in the Making

Giddy up and go!

**Spring/Summer Exhibits at the Museum Celebrate
Rodeo Winners and Fiber Excellence!**

La Grange, Texas—April 30, 2024—Just like the upcoming Texas weather, things are heating up at the Texas Quilt Museum with the installation of two new exhibits. ***The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Prizewinners*** and ***Fiber Art Now: Excellence in Fibers III*** will be on display from May 2-August 31, 2024.



Welcome to the Farm (62" x 62") by Katie Awe

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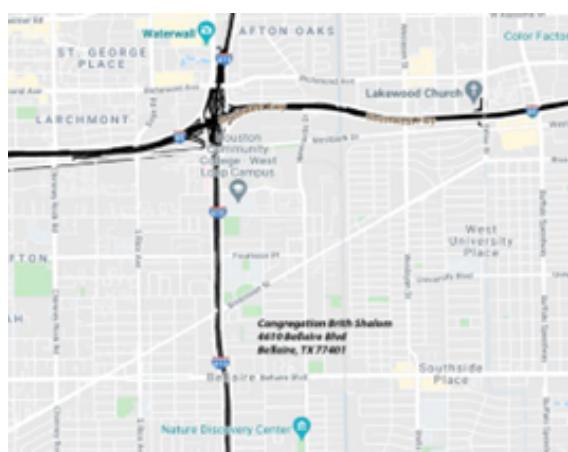
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