



THE PATCH  
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APRIL 2024

President's Pen  
April 2024

**Spring!** It's here! Spring, and the month of April, always make me feel happier and light-hearted. All of those glorious flowers, especially the Texas wildflowers, and the fresh, new growth on everything probably help! So, smile everybody! It's Spring!

With Spring comes the **New Member Tea**. If you are new to the guild, you should receive an emailed invitation. Please come and get to know us. We will gather at **Debi Mishael's** home on Sunday, April 14, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. You'll leave with lots of information, a few goodies, and maybe a new quilt buddy.

The speakers in **March** were great. I enjoyed the approach to organizing as explained to us by Sam Hunter. Then hearing from Iowa-based Mike Ellingsen and seeing his beautiful work, gave us all another way to approach our quilting. The workshop with Ann Moore and ruler/free-motion quilting was great fun.

**April speakers** are Christen Phillips, "Modern Quilting lecture and Time Management Tips" and our own **Debi Mishael**, *Things I've Learned in 50 Years of Quilting*. Both topics sound so interesting and address two perspectives of our quilt making, along with some practical tips. The **workshop** in April is presented by Esterita Austin, rescheduled from January. Watch for our fabric portraits after this class!

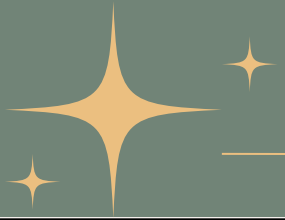
How many of you have been to a quilt show this spring? Or have participated in a Shop Hop? It seems **shows and shop hops** are scheduled almost every weekend, with 3 Shop Hops running simultaneously – that's a LOT of HOPPING! Grab a few friends and take a drive. Have some fun and support our quilt shops.

Speaking of **quilt shows**, I hope your quilts for entry in ours are underway. Have you designed your challenge quilt yet? *This Brings Me Joy!* is such a great starting point! On another topic, if you have young people in your life and they would want to enter something, please encourage them. Let's have a large Youth category this year.

**Guild Business:** The guild is a busy place behind the scenes. We have approved the purchase of a new computer website platform named WildApricot. Watch for updates about this. It should make data management, shopping, communicating, and bookkeeping smoother and easier.

**Happy Spring!** Go sew! Go shop and hop! Go see those gorgeous quilt shows our sister guilds are presenting!

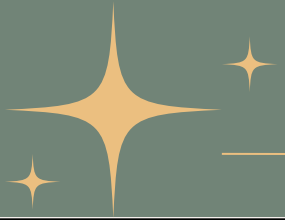
Keep smiling,  
*Sharon Kralj*



# 2024 CALENDAR

Christy Andrews  
Diana Fredricks  
Lorri Heffner

	<b>Tuesday Night Meetings 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Workshops</b>	<b>Friday Morning Meetings 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Special Events</b>
<b>April 2024</b>	<p>April 16, 2024 Debi Mishael "Things I've Learned in 50 Years of Quilting"</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	<p>April 17th - 18th, 2024 *2 Day Workshop* Esterita Austin "Fabulous Fabric Art Portraits " Episcopal Church 2525 Seagler Rd., Houston, TX 77042</p>	<p>April 19, 2024 Christen Phillips "Modern Quilting Lecture and Time Management Tips"</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	<p>April 13 and 14, 2024 Global Quilt Connection SAMPLER PLATTER</p>
<b>May 2024</b>	<p>May 21, 2024 Jane Sassaman "Jane's Textile Treasure Garden"</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	<p>May 22, 2024 Jane Sassaman "Wings and Wedges"</p> <p>Location - Trini</p>	<p>May 17, 2024 Terri Lucas "Trunk Show and Free Motion Quilting Advice"</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	
<b>June 2024</b>	<p>June 18, 2024 Sujata Shah "The Root Connection"</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	<p>June 19, 2024 Sujata Shah "Peppermint Pinwheels"</p> <p>Location - CBS</p>	<p>June 21, 2024 TBD</p>	
<b>July 2024</b>	<p>July 16, <u>Audrey Esarey</u> "Finding My Voice in Modern Quilting" Speaker joins us in Zoom</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	<p>July 17, 2024 "Exploring Curves"</p> <p>ZOOM ONLY</p>	<p>July 19, 2024 TBD</p>	<p>July 27 9am to 2:30 pm Charity Quilt Day Trini Mendenhall Sosa Community Center at 1414 Wirt Road.</p>




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<b>August 2024</b>	<p>August 20, 2024 Jan Mathews "Color Theory"</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	<p>August 21, 2024 "Leaf" Location - Trini</p>	<p>August 16, 2024 TBD</p>	
<b>September 2024</b>	<p>September 17, 2024 David Owen Hastings "Minimal Design Maximum Impact" Speaker joins us in Zoom</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	<p>September 18, 2024 9 am - 12 pm "Mini Mid Mod Quilts "</p> <p>ZOOM ONLY</p>	<p>Sept. 20,2024 Carole Lyles Shaw "The art of the quilt: my journey, my stories."</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	
<b>October 2024</b>	<p>October 15, 2024 Kumiko Frydl Micro Quilting and Trunk Show</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	<p>NO WORKSHOP</p>	<p>October 16, 2024 Kathy McNeil "Quilting, The Happiness Project– learn how creativity in your work, affects your joy in life"</p> <p>ZOOM ONLY</p>	
<b>November 2024</b>	<p>November 19, 2024 Carol Anderson "Houston Doll Makers"</p> <p>IN-PERSON/ZOOM</p>	<p>November 20, 2024 Finish Holiday Projects</p> <p>Location - Trini</p>	<p>November 15, 2024 TBD</p>	

## New Member Tea: A Warm Welcome to Our Guild!

 Date: April 14, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

 Location: Debi Mishael's house

Are you a new member of our guild? We're thrilled to have you join us! The New Member Tea is a delightful event where you'll get to meet fellow guild members, share your creative projects, and enjoy a fun afternoon.

### What to Expect:

1. **Invitations Sent:** If you're a new member, invitations have already been sent to your email address. Please check your inbox. In case you don't find it there, take a peek in your spam folder. If it's still missing, reach out to Mary Van Speybroeck for assistance.
2. **Show and Tell:** Bring along something special to share with the group! Whether it's a quilt, unfinished top or a piece of artwork, we'd love to see what you've been working on.
3. **Potluck:** Our board and committee chairs will provide a delightful potluck spread. Let's enjoy delicious treats together!
4. **Learn About Our Guild:** This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our guild's history, activities, and the wonderful community we've built.

Join us for a warm and welcoming afternoon. We can't wait to get to know you better! ✨

Note: For any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Mary Van Speybroeck. 😊



# CALENDAR EVENTS

Christy Andrews  
Lorri Heffner



**Tuesday Meeting**  
April 16, 7 p.m.  
In-person lecture  
IN-PERSON/ZOOM

QGGH member:  
**Debi Mishael**

Title: Things I've Learned in 50  
Years of Quilting  
(which makes me think Debi must have  
quilted her own baby quilt!)



"Ecclesiastes" was displayed at  
the IQF in the Texas Award  
Winning Quilts Exhibit.

Debi's lecture will be part trunk show, part studio tour, and part pearls of quilting wisdom. She will share stories and some of her amazing quilts with us. Debi retired from a 40-year career as an educator and now spends her time "trading her artistic talents for community tzedakah (charity) needs" through her company All Yadayim. Debi donates 100% of the proceeds of the sale of her creations to non-profit causes. [www.Etsy.com/shop/AllYadayim](http://www.Etsy.com/shop/AllYadayim)

**Friday Meeting**  
April 19, 10 a.m.  
IN-PERSON/ZOOM

**Christen Philips of I See Stars Quilting**  
"Modern Quilting Lecture and Time Management Tips"



Christen and her family live locally where she also creates for YouTube, has a blog, runs retreats at Stitchin' Heaven, and is set to host a new quilt along. (link below) To learn more about Christen, visit her page here: [Modern Quilting: Tips, Tricks & Tutorials](http://ModernQuilting:Tips,Tricks&Tutorials) ([iseestarsquilting.com](http://iseestarsquilting.com))

With her sparkling personality and her Modern Quilting mojo, she will give us a look behind the scenes and guide us through creative processes, time management tips, and into the real-world vibe of her creativity and in Modern Quilting.

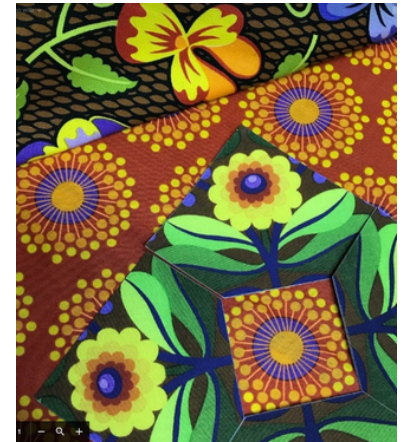
Christen has a new quilt along starting April 1st, called Poetry Patchwork, where sewists will make quilts inspired by Taylor Swift songs.

Now is the time to bring out your star quilts, Star Wars, starry nights, and lone stars, and get them ready for Show and Tell.



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

**Jane Sassaman**  
Title: “Jane’s Textile  
Treasure Garden”



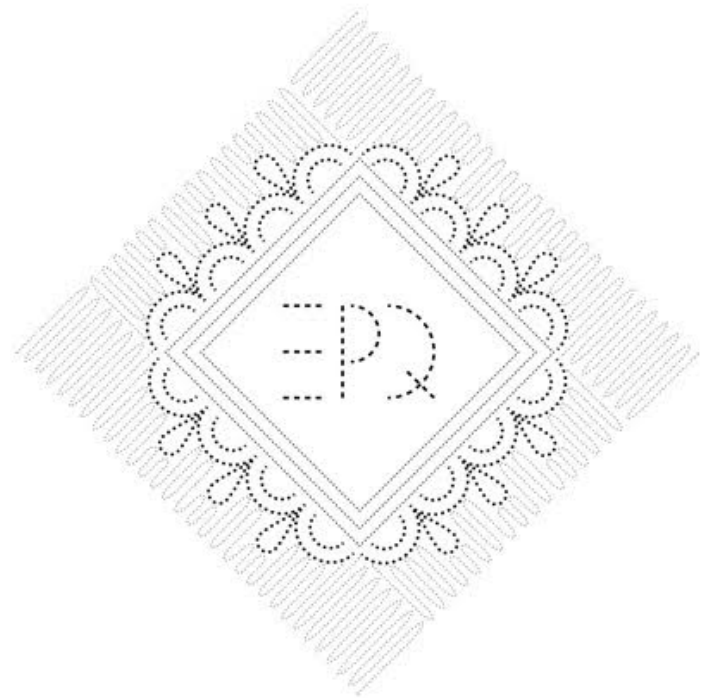
This is a glimpse into Janes’s inspirations and process of designing fabric. From dreaming to drawing, coloring, and cutting, it will be a colorful journey through Jane’s creative process. She will also bring many quilts and accessories made with her FreeSpirit fabrics. Everyone will enjoy seeing how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

## Workshop

Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Jane Sassaman**  
“Wings and Wedges”  
Location: Trini Mendenhall  
Member: \$45 Non-member: \$55

Try some “improv appliqué” by cutting simple freeform shapes into stabilized and folded fabrics. These unique shapes will evolve into several small fabric collages. You will also learn Jane’s accessible machine appliqué techniques, while sharpening your design and machine embroidery skills. Appliqué can be MODERN!



Ellen Phillips Quilting

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Diana Fredricks

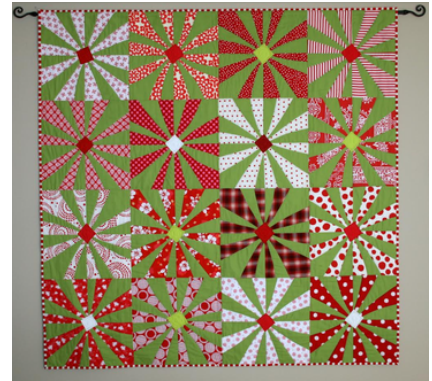
## Workshop

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

## Sujata Shah

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

Member \$50; Non-member \$60



Folk art applique flowers inspired Peppermint Pinwheel quilt is perfect for a spring or summer project. The question one might ask is, is it possible to make a pieced block with curved flower petals without any patterns or templates. The answer is, yes!

This class is designed to focus on cutting multiple curves through layers of fabrics and sew the pieces into Free Form flower blocks. It is easy and fast. Participants will follow instructions from the book, *Cultural Fusion Quilts*, and construct blocks resembling large appliqued flowers with appliqued centers.

Sujata will share many tips on making free-form blocks and offer many suggestions for color combinations and layouts during the class. You may not stop just at just one.

## CHARITY QUILT DAY

SAVE THE DATE!

Due to scheduling conflicts, the guild will only have one Charity Quilt Day this year. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 27 from 9 am to 2:30 pm at Trini Mendenhall Sosa Community Center at 1414 Wirt Road.

The quilt pattern I plan to use for the day requires a complete Layer Cake or 20 – 10” squares of coordinating fabric. If you have Layer cake precuts that you would like to donate for this project, I would very much appreciate receiving it. If you plan to attend and have a Layer Cake you would like to use for the day’s project, that works, too. Please let me know if you want to use your own layer cake.

I will have sign up sheets at morning and evening meetings starting in April or you can email me that you are planning to attend.

Looking forward to a fun filled day with you making more donation quilts,  
Janet Becker



## Global Quilt Connection SAMPLER PLATTER

QGGH has once again purchased the link for all of our members to participate in this popular online event. A series of teachers will give 15-minute presentations about their technique or style of quilting. You may view it live or you have 72 hours after the live event to watch. QGGH will send members the link the day before the event. There is also a link to a packet of handouts each presenter provides a one page handout for you to download.



**April 13, 2024**

**Saturday 2:00 - 5:00 pm central**

Karen Bolan - How to Cut Curves with a Straight Ruler  
Ana Buzzalino - Sheer Elegance: Text on Translucent Fabrics  
Tina Craig - Tina's Wonder Window for Fussy Cutting Any Shape  
for English Paper Piecing  
Cathy Perlmutter - Turned Edge Piecing for Cityscape Quilts  
Gunnel Hag - Create Your Own Fabric - Easy Stencils  
Andi Stanfield - Stretch Those Blocks with HRTs  
Rachel Derstine - Keep It Simple, but Pack a Punch  
Diane Harris - Build a Scrap Quilt: Brick by Brick  
Kestrel Michaud - Kestrel's Total Fray Elimination Technique

**April 14, 2024**

**Sunday 2:00 - 5:30 pm central**

Carol Wilholt - Lessons from a Potholder  
Lisa Thorpe - Printing Palozza: A Sampler of Fabric Printing Techniques  
Pattie Klimek - How to Debone a Shirt in 5 minutes  
Jenny Kae Parks - Create Classics Using Your Scraps  
Scarlett Rose - Bias and Beyond: Classic to Modern  
Laureen Smith - Elevate Your Fusible Applique!  
Claudia Squio - Make Fabric Boxes Without Sewing  
Using Cartonnage Technique  
Margaret Willingham - Create & Make Mini Medallion  
Cindy Grisdela - Fearless Improv Curves

Written by Eunice Leervig

In 1989 my daughter was a member of the Spring Branch I.S.D. Future Farmers of America. I became the Booster Club President and found that the FFA group was minimally supported by the parents. I wanted to do something to increase interest in the Booster Club (now called the more elite name of the Alumni Association).

## THE QUILTING IDEA IS BORN

The idea of making a quilt as a group, sitting around a quilting frame and stitching and talking and becoming friends — that appealed to me. So I measured my bed and figured how many blocks were needed to fill the space. Then I cut the blocks of muslin and marked the top. At the next meeting, I slapped that graph paper plan up on the wall and announced “WE’RE GONNA MAKE A QUILT!!”

Actually, I had never made a quilt! But how hard could that be? Now after 33 years, I know how hard that can be!

We got started. Everyone could design their block with a farm theme. The blocks began coming back to me and we were already becoming friends. We learned that the strips of fabric between the blocks are called sashing. We assembled all the blocks and sashing and added batting and backing and right before our eyes, there was our first quilt from The Quilting Idea.

In the absence of a quilting frame, we made one. Two wooden horses and two 2x4s. Each 2x4 was bolted to the horse. As we stitched and rolled the quilt forward, the bolt didn’t always fit the hole. No problem for us - we just drilled another hole. Our handy drill was right there. We stitched and laughed so much and told the most outlandish stories you could ever imagine. There were wood shavings on the floor and quilters came all hours of the day and night.

At the 1989 FFA Auction, The Quilting Idea earned \$4,200 as it was purchased by the CEO of Tenneco Corp. A quilt has been made and auctioned every year since.

We started The Quilting Idea Scholarship with our earnings from our first quilt - \$4200.00

This year on February 10, 2024 the Quilt was called A Texas Broken Star and my nervous system was nearly broken by the time I got it finished. It auctioned at the Spring Branch ISD Future Farmers of America Sale for an astonishing \$10,000.00.

The picture is of my daughter and me at the Sale.



# QGGH QUILT SHOW JOY OF QUILTS

Janice Schindeler

## Joy of Quilts Show 2025

With GREAT joy, I can now announce that we have secured the Westbury United Methodist Church as the location of the show quilt intake and judging. This is the location we have used for the past shows, so many of us are familiar with the space. I, myself, am freaking overjoyed. And have endless gratitude to **Cindy Dewstow** who stepped up AND waved a magic wand to make this happen.

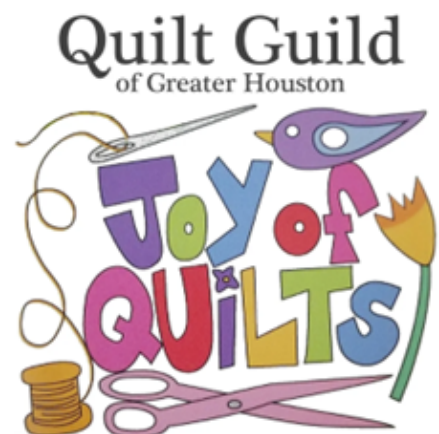
The show is still months away but everything is beginning to fall into place. As I am writing this article I am also waiting for a call back from a quilt appraiser. **Lisa Mastriano**, the show curator, is on the verge of initiating the [artcall.org](https://artcall.org) app so our entry applications can be completely online. But don't worry, if you are a Nervous Nellie about computers we will help you – but more about that in the early fall.

What you can do NOW for the show is take progress pictures of your potential show quilts. We want lots of quilty pics – even just pics of your fabric, your messy design table, or wall. We hope that we have lots of pics to post online when we start our PR push, also scheduled for autumn. Send your pics to me ([jaschindeler@gmail.com](mailto:jaschindeler@gmail.com)). Two other show-related items you can do NOW to ensure our show is a huge success:

1. When you shop at local quilt stores mention you are a member of QGGH. If the shops hear how many of us patronize their businesses, my hopes are that they will become sponsors of our show and buy a vendor booth or two.
2. Send me the name of any local neighborhood paper you read. I am compiling a list so we can send them show info in November.

And talk to **Linda Stokes** – she and the Cotton Pickin' Bee are running the Guild Boutique booth. Wanna make something for the booth – run it by Linda first. And check the following picture out, Linda can even GIVE you some fabulous fabric!

Janice Schindeler  
Show Chair



# JOY OF QUILTS ONLINE AUCTION

Mary Van Speybroek

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

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Online Quilt Auction, where creativity, craftsmanship, and community meet!

- Date: January, 15 – 21, 2025
- Entry Deadline: November 30, 2024
- Turn In Date: December 10 at the Holiday Party



### Why should you enter an auction quilt?

1. **Showcase Your Talent:** This is your chance to showcase your quilts or your Bee's quilts. Whether you specialize in traditional patterns, modern designs, or experimental techniques, we welcome all styles and sizes.

2. **Support a Worthy Cause:** Proceeds from this auction will benefit QGGH and all that we do!

If you have any questions, please send an email to [itadmin@qgghouston.org](mailto:itadmin@qgghouston.org). Stay tuned for more details.

Happy Quilting!

Mary Van Speybroeck  
Joy of Quilts  
Online Auction Chair

## 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

# JOY OF QUILTS SPECIAL EXHIBITS

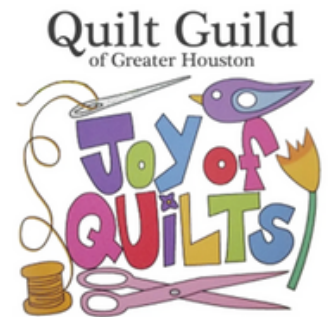
Deborah Guttilla

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](mailto:dguttilla@aol.com) with questions

Joy of Quilts Special Exhibit  
Deborah Guttilla, chair

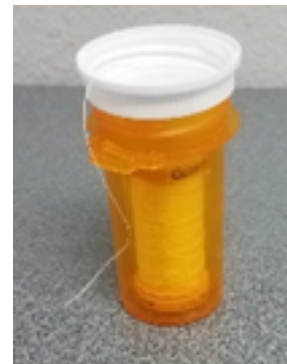


## Notion of the Month

Carolyn Hurst found a clever way to avoid tangles and keep track of that spool of thread at the same time.

Use an empty prescription bottle, create a small hole in the lid, and guide the thread through that hole.

Now you can find that bottle (usually orange) and pull out more thread easily to continue sewing!



# RETREATS

CHARLOTTE BETTS

QGGH WINTER RETREAT  
February 8-11, 2024

CAMP LONE STAR, LA GRANGE, TX

## 2024 Retreats

✦ SUMMER RETREAT  
JULY 12-15, 2024

✦ FALL RETREAT  
SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2024

✦ WINTER RETREAT  
TBD



Our next retreat will be July 12-15, 2024. Registration will begin May 1st. A contract has been signed for our Fall Retreat. The dates are September 12-15, 2024. More information will be coming in the future. We would love to have you sign up. Our retreats are relaxing and laid back.

Charlotte Betts  
Retreat Chair  
[retreats@qggh.org](mailto:retreats@qggh.org)

Thank you to those of you who continue to contribute to Comforters by piecing tops, quilting, binding, and donating supplies. I have no thank you letters to share this month but be assured that our quilts are greatly appreciated, sometimes in ways that we will never know.

One of the places to whom I donate quilts is CCSC (Christian Community Service Center). I recently received a 2023 Impact Report from them. I would like to share some of their info. "CCSC is a community-based nonprofit organization serving central and southwest Houston. The coalition of 39 churches, volunteers, and donors unite in the mission to serve the poor, hungry, disabled, and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic, or cultural differences. CCSC was created out of faith and founded in the belief that we are called to help all God's children heart to heart and hand in hand." The services provided by CCSC include helping with Basic Needs, Workforce Development, and Youth Services. The Youth Services supports the needs of vulnerable children and their families and includes "Back to School" promoting academic readiness and "Jingle Bell Express" addressing play, literacy, and hunger.

Some of our quilts have found their way into "Back To School" backpacks and under the tree at Jingle Bell Express.

CCSC is always very appreciative of our quilts when I stop by the office to drop them off.

Again, thank you all for your contributions to Comforters. We do impact our community!

## March Volunteers

Stephanie Strickland  
Kathy Boerger  
Laura Swinney  
Audrey Lynn  
Marsha Hennigan  
Carol Maiorana  
Sheila Glover  
Ann Shaefer  
Kathy Fey  
Marcia Marty  
Marsha Franty  
Angela Serody  
Sandra Hennig  
Susan Boyd  
Suzie Foote  
Marie Stien  
Carol Garcia  
Debbie Yarbrough  
Susan Penny  
Susan Mellott  
Liz Cockerill  
Susan Frisbee-Hume  
Barbara Cline  
Ellie McMaster  
Barbara Schwind  
Diane Ragan  
Susan Pilney  
Nancy Abrams  
Mary Wells  
Liz Broussard  
Margaret Shelton  
Margaret Lincoln  
Sharon Kralj  
Jan Strickler  
Debra Dansby  
Jazz Paz  
Cindy Dewstow

## 2024 Comforter Totals

Pillowcases: 9  
Quilts completed: 145  
Volunteer Hours: 2,414





# Treasurer's Report

Diane Ragan

## Balances as of March 21, 2024:

Checking Balance \$22,215.45

Money Market \$54,954.14



## IT News March 2024

## From the IT Desk

Mary Van Speybroeck

Let me introduce you to Wild Apricot. It is a cloud-based software that will enable us to automate many membership tasks. We will no longer need the unsupported Access software we have been using.

We will no longer need to password-protect our files **because with Wild Apricot we get a member-only section on our website!** Each member will have a unique password and if you forget it, click on “forgot password” and you will be emailed a link to create a new password.

Wild Apricot will **automatically send reminders** about meetings, workshops, and other events. You will be able to opt out of these emails if so desired.

The member directory is online, on a protected website page. It is searchable. Meaning if you know who you are looking for, you may enter the name in the search box and go right there. **Each member has the ability to control their own privacy level.** You may choose what information others may see in the directory.

To reach this point, there will be a lot of work going on. Switching the website from GoDaddy to Wild Apricot will take a little bit of work. Getting our info off the GoDaddy website will take time.

We want to make sure we have everything we need on Wild Apricot before leaving GoDaddy and GroupWorks. The transition should be seamless for members, but we may be running both systems, till we are sure everything is in place.

**Password has changed.** Files with the new password are on the website. The password was sent with the notification of this newsletter.

Thanks for your patience and positive outlook!

Mary Van Speybroeck  
QGGH IT Admin  
itadmin@qgghouston.org

Library traffic has been brisk! In March, 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.

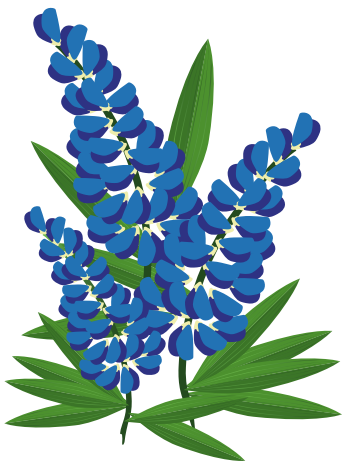
Our website list is being utilized! The library book list is once again updated and back to an Excel file that you may download and sort however you like. We also have a printed list available at meetings to look at. Speak with or Email the librarians and we can try to get your requests for the next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

We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations of books to the library: **Marsha Franty, Lynne Gevirtz, Linda Hopwood, Peg Ingebretson, Sharon Kralj, and Sara Norris.** These materials help our library grow.

## April Birthdays!

## Membership

Laura Casmore



Betsy Willard  
Susan Cornell  
Jacque Groce  
Olivia Mireles  
Debbie Dansby  
Laura Penner  
Barbara Lewis  
Rookaya Goolam  
Susan Pain  
Susan Frisbee-Hume  
Karla Gjertsen  
Margaret Scheers  
Kathy Fey  
Louise Bateman  
Carmen Zuniga

### 2024 Membership

**Members: 203**

**Lifetime: 10**

**New Members: 27**

# Representative at Large

Cindy Dewstow

Our morning speaker, Sam Hunter, used Lego® figures to give us organizational hints for neurodiverse “Brains.” 72 members were attending in person and 25 online. Our evening speaker, Mike Ellingsen, showed us Quilts from the Driftless. There were 42 members in person and 47 online.

Many thanks to all who reported their 576 hours of Community Service, including those working on our Auction quilt for our show. The members are:

Liz Cockerill  
Susan Mellott  
Ellie McMaster  
Meg Guldner  
Elizabeth Fisher  
Bobbie Tompkins  
Laura Casmore  
Lynn Frostman  
Debbie Dansby  
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## Community Service: Volunteers are the Heart of Our Organization

Did you know that volunteers are the backbone of our community? At QGGH, we pride ourselves on being an all-volunteer organization. Each month, our dedicated members contribute hundreds of hours to spread the love of quilting. Volunteering not only connects us with others but also strengthens our quilting community. Even the smallest tasks can make a significant difference. By dedicating your time as a volunteer, you not only enrich the lives of others but also reap personal benefits such as making new friends, expanding your network, and enhancing your social skills. Participating in our community service and outreach events not only helps us grow our membership but also ensures the preservation of the art of quilting.

Our next confirmed upcoming service volunteer event is George Ranch Frontier Days, scheduled for November 15th and 16th. We'll be there from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Friday and from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday. We will need 10 volunteers. Mark your calendars and you can sign up now – email me at [communityservice@qggh.org](mailto:communityservice@qggh.org).

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Janice Schindler, Rookaya Goolam, Emerald Romo, and Ann Schaefer** for representing us at the Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts on March 2nd. Their efforts showcased the talent and diversity within our guild to an audience of 500 attendees. Ann demonstrated various quilting techniques, including machine appliqué, hand quilting, paper piecing, and traditional patterns. Janice shared her expertise in wool quilts and social justice quilts while engaging visitors with her hand quilting demonstration. Rookaya presented a stunning piece of quilted and hand-embroidered cotton, captivating the audience with her artistry.



The event generated significant interest in our guild and quilting as a whole, including inquiries about quilt restoration. We took this opportunity to promote our upcoming quilt show - Joy of Quilts - scheduled for January 17th-18th, 2025. Don't forget to sign up to volunteer for the quilt show! If you haven't already done so, please contact **Maryellen Robinson**.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your dedication and commitment to our quilting community. Together, we make a difference!



# SHOW AND TELL



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# Editor's Pick

DEAR QUILTERS,

This month's Editor's Pick is an entry by Susan Mellot. The applique' brings these traditional blocks to life with their royal reds and perky poses. This quilt has a unique flavor as it brings the best of medallion quilts and sampler quilts home. The quilting along the lighter center moves the eye around and around in combination with the subtle tones of the cornerstones and sashing to emphasize each block. Beautiful work!

With gratitude,  
*Emerald*



Susan Mellot

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## **Kaffe Fassett: 85 & Fabulous—Sponsored by FreeSpirit Fabrics**

Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM Sat, Apr 27, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Kaffe Fassett is one of the world's most celebrated and influential artists and designers of all time. He's put his unique touch and style on a bevy of decorative arts from quilting and patchwork to needlepoint, painting, and even ceramics.



## **Houston International Quilt Festival Prizewinners 2023—Sponsored by the Lucille Gaebler Klein Fund**

Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM Sat, Apr 27, 2024 at 4:00 PM

A total of 18 winners from last year's event will be on display in the exhibit Houston International Quilt Festival Prizewinners 2023. The quilts are all outstanding and will have Museumgoers studying each for their beauty, ingenuity, and techniques.



## **Prism Play: A Full Spectrum of Art Quilts—Partially sponsored by Reynolds & Associate, PLLC**

Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM Sat, Apr 27, 2024 at 4:00 PM

This unique and optically bold exhibit allows gallery visitors to view a vibrant spectrum of color almost as though they were standing inside a prism. The exhibition includes 62 art quilts representing the work of 46 SAQA Northern California/Northern Nevada chapter artists.



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KERRVILLE – The Kerr Arts and Cultural Center (KACC) announces their March exhibit, *Kaleidoscopes and Quilts: State of the Art* which runs March 6 – April 8, 2024. It features a variety of contemporary kaleidoscopes and kaleidoscope-inspired quilts created by artists from across the globe. Renowned contemporary quilt artist Paula Nadelstern will showcase ten of her widely-known quilts alongside kaleidoscopes from the International Brewster Society.

In addition to the exhibit, there will be a quilt lecture with Nadelstern, adult and youth kaleidoscope-making workshops, and an opening reception with an artist meet and greet. Attendance is limited so please sign up for the lecture and workshops at [www.kackerrville.com](http://www.kackerrville.com). For additional questions about the exhibit and opening reception call 830-895-2911 or email [kerrartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:kerrartscenter@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

## 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

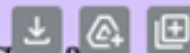
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# COMMUNITY EVENTS



February 19, 2024

Dear Fellow Quilters,

Lakeview Quilters Guild is holding its Quilt Show in April this year. Lakeview Quilters Guild will present its 2024 Quilt Show on Friday, April 12 from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday, April 13 from 9 AM to 4 PM. The show is being held at Victory Camp, Living Stones Church, located at 1407 Victory Lane in Alvin, TX. Along with many beautiful quilts on display, there will be vendor booths, a Little Quilt sale, and a boutique with handcrafted items for sale. We are also raffling off a beautiful quilt at the end of the show on Saturday. Admission is only \$10.00 per person, and cash is appreciated. For more information about our guild and our quilt show – please go to our website: [www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org](http://www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org) Thank you for the assistance.

Sincerely,

Jane Sweeney Publicity Chairperson

**STARK MUSEUM OF ART**

# BLACK Pioneers:

LEGACY IN THE AMERICAN WEST

Organized by The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art with gratitude to guest curator Carolyn Mazloomi, PhD.

**Join Us**

**BLACK PIONEERS: LEGACY IN THE AMERICAN WEST**  
EXHIBITION: March 2 - August 3, 2024

Stitching Stories: Artist Talk  
March 9, 2024 @ Lutchter Theater from 2-3 p.m.  
Featuring Texas artists Carolyn Crump, Barbara McCraw and Georgia Williams

Exhibition Reception  
March 9, 2024 @ Stark Museum of Art from 3-5 p.m.  
Artist Meet & Greet, live music, mini tours with teaching artists,  
Free State Cellars beverages & appetizers, various activities throughout the exhibition.

10th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition  
March 27 - May 15, 2024  
Piece by Piece, in conjunction with the Black Pioneers Exhibition

*"Why quilts? Quilts and quilt making are important to America and Black culture in particular, because the art form was historically one of the few mediums accessible to marginalized groups to tell their own story, to provide warmth for their families, and to empower them with a voice through cloth."  
---Carolyn Mazloomi, Guest Curator*

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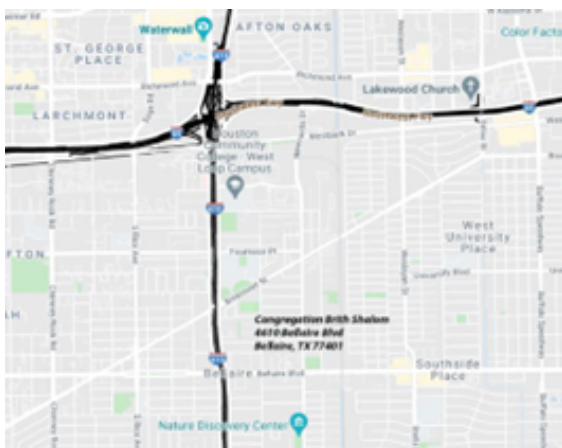
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