

Kaufman Quilt Guild



President's Letter

What a busy month! Kathy Dunigan had her annual Appliqué Academy in Rockwall which many of our members attended. I took a class on the first day in which I never picked up a needle. I learned to paint with thread on the machine! There is always a variety of techniques offered as classes. I urge you all to look into Academy next year to see if anything sparks your interest.

On Tuesday our guest speaker had emergency surgery, and Mary Jo sent out an email to members to bring their first or favorite quilt for a trunk show. What a success this was! It was fun and entertaining to see the quilts and hear the stories behind these creations. In addition, we had UFOs flying all over the place.

February is a month of love, and my heart was filled with joy when I saw members supporting each other's endeavors and coming to the rescue when the call goes out. Our guild is a group of beautiful ladies who share not only a love of quilting, but a love for each other and the world around us. Several kids' quilts were turned in, and then Joan Wainscott reminded us to think beyond our community to begin to make pillowcase dresses for the girls of Africa. Keep the love coming and know how special you are to me and to the guild at large.

Love and stitches,
Laura

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Calendar of Events



March 10-12	Dallas Quilt Show
April 8	HIQ Alley Sale
April 22-23	Kaufman Quilt Show

Visit our website at:

<http://www.kaufmanquiltguild.org>

Board Members and Committee Chairs

Board Members

President.....	Laura Murrey
First VP(Membership).....	Cindy Tramel
Second VP(Programs).....	Mary Jo Smith
Secretary.....	Tonya Ratcliff
Treasurer.....	Jane Newberry

Committee Chairs

Block Challenge.....	Jill Wade & Dixie Carrell
Charity Quilts.....	Billie Mohr & Karen Marotta
Community Service.....	Joan Wainscott & Rhonda Richards
Daytime Friendship Group.....	Carol Altom
Door Prizes.....	Debra Wood
Historian.....	Barbara Booth
Newsletter.....	Jane Newberry
Project Linus.....	Cindy Tramel
Quilts for ALS.....	Sue Whisennand
Quilts for Kids.....	Laura Petrash & Carol Stephenson
Quilts of Valor.....	Sue Bohmer & Jody Deller
Quilt Show.....	Laura Murrey
Raffle Quilt.....	Toni Nelson, Laura Murrey & Jane Newberry
Retreats.....	Jill Wade
Sunshine.....	Wilma Lynn
TAQG.....	Tonya Ratcliff
UFO Club.....	Susan Hardi & Billie Mohr
Vintage Farm Girls Club.....	Jill Wade & Marta Thomson
Webmaster/Facebook.....	Cindy Tramel
Welcome.....	Peggy Terrill, Sharon Jones & Carla Little
Workshops.....	Gwynda Brantley, Rea Stock & Mary Jo Smith

Committee Chair Reports

Raffle Quilt— We got a first glimpse of our beautiful new raffle quilt "Classic Nutcracker" at the January meeting. **Mary Jo** will be quilting it, and we hope to have the big reveal at the April guild meeting. The quilt will be displayed at our annual quilt show in Terrell. We will begin passing out raffle tickets to members. This is our major fund raiser, and each member is required to sell or buy at least 30 tickets -- Toni, Laura and Jane

Retreats—We are still accepting deposits for our Greenbriar retreat in Eustace!! The dates are March 9-12, Thursday-Sunday!! Eighteen are signed up, and there is space for 24. If you would like to attend this retreat, please bring your \$100 deposit check made out to Kaufman Quilt Guild to the February meeting or mail it to Jill Wade!

Friendship Group—The Daytime Friendship Group meets at the Methodist church in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday from 10-2. Contact **Carol Altom** if you have questions about the daytime group. Members work on their own projects and bring their own lunch or snacks. We'd love to have you join us!!

Quilt Show—Calling all quilts! The quilt show will be here before we know it. Many of the Show Committee members are already busy working on making your show another success. So many of you have signed up to bring food for the Hospitality Room, and there are only a few openings for volunteers to work the show. If you were not able to sign up yet, please know that we will fit you in! Quilt entry forms can be found on line at kaufmanquiltguild.org, so finish those bindings and put a label on your beautiful entry. Our goal is 100 entries this year, and it would be so nice to have at least half of those entries come from guild members. Please remember to turn in your small quilts or other items for the auction. The Auction Committee would like to have these items by March.

UFO Club— Yay! It seems like everyone is working hard to get those UFOs completed! We had eleven finished projects at the last meeting. It was great to see all of the completed quilts! Bring any finished UFOs to the March meeting to show what you have accomplished. Remember to mark them off your UFO list and fill out a Ticket of Completion to put in the drawing.—Billie and Susan

Webmaster/Facebook— Please check the website at: www.kaufmanquiltguild.org and "Like" us on Facebook. Contact **Cindy Tramel** about either.

Membership/Volunteer Hours Program—We had 452.25 Volunteer Hours worked by 17 members in January. Be sure to record your volunteer hours each meeting or email Cindy **before** the meeting.

Quilts of Valor- This month we had five Quilts of Valor turned in. Thanks to those of you who gave your time to honor our veterans in such a beautiful way. Let's keep it up. Why not start one soon?—Sue and Jody

Farm Girls Report— The next two blocks that are due by the March guild meeting in order to qualify for the prize drawing are Scrappy Strawberry and Simple Star!! Congratulations to **Mary Hale** for winning February's prize!! Keep up the good work!!

Charity Quilts—We did not have any new volunteers sign up to make blocks for our Charity quilts. At this time, we have had 23 (Scrappy) and 21 (Patriotic) signed up to do blocks. We need 25 to complete each quilt. This is a voluntary project, but remember you do count your hours and you will receive a ticket upon completion to go into the drawing for a free retreat. All blocks are due by the April meeting. If you would like the pattern before the next meeting, contact Karen. Thanks to all who have already completed their blocks! —Karen and Billie

Community Service— Our March focus is with "Still Water" Ministries in Kaufman. Our efforts will be to help with supplying Baby wipes, diapers, and #1 Baby Foods. This organization offers a lot of services for young women and young men in our community. **Cindy Tramel** sent out the pattern for the little dresses for African girls. Let's all make a minimum of 3 dresses and reach our goal of 200 dresses. The dresses are due in May, so we will have three months to complete this project!

Project Linus— We had three Project Linus quilts turned in this month. The quilts that we make will be given to children at hospitals, homeless shelters and to children of fallen soldiers in Rockwall, Dallas, Denton, Collin and Grayson Counties. You don't have to do more than make the quilt top if that is all you want to do however all the materials are included in the quilt kits for you to complete if you wish. There is no deadline to turn these in. If you would like to receive a kit, email **Cindy Tramel** before the meeting time each month and she will bring you however many kits you need. Please return the completed quilt to Cindy when finished.

Bag Ladies— **Billie Mohr** and **Jane Newberry** are collecting all your fabric scraps and will donate them to the Genesis Center and Terrell State Hospital. Both organizations sell them by the pound as rags. We will collect them at each meeting and deliver them, so instead of adding your snippets to the landfill put a bag near your sewing machine, bring them to Guild meetings and help out these two worthy organizations! Please place them in the back of the sanctuary as you walk in.

Kids Quilts—Thanks for all the quilts we received in February. They are beautiful. We now have 26 quilts on hand and will distribute them. Whatever comes in between now and August will be distributed at that time. Keep them coming. Lots of kids enjoy and need them!—Carol Stephenson and Laura Petrash

Annual Block Challenge— This year's theme is "Life's A Beach"!! If you want to be eligible to win all of the blocks when we draw in August, please have a 9 1/2" block of your choice with a beach theme.

Hopes and Dreams Challenge—

To raise awareness of ALS-Lou Gehrig's Disease.

To provide quilts & bring recognition, hope, and warmth to the lives of ALS patients.

To raise funds for research for treatment and a cure.

Please give the gift of a quilt to warm the life, the heart and the lap of an ALS patient, and help raise awareness and research money for ALS-Lou Gehrig's disease. Your donated quilts will be given to ALS patients or used to raise awareness and research money for ALS by being photographed, displayed, auctioned, or raffled. In addition to contributing your quilt to a wonderful cause—all donated quilts are eligible to win exciting and wonderful prizes through Quilters Dream Batting Company. Hopes & Dreams is a non-juried quilt challenge. All donated quilts will be entered into general prize drawings, plus there are incredible prizes recognizing the most generous quilter, quilt shop, professional quilter and guild. Special prize categories for theme quilts and 'most popular' quilt. For the comfort of the patient, we request that quilted or tied quilts be a minimum of 35" x 44" - Lap and Bed size quilts of all sizes are welcomed. We look forward to your joining us in this unique quilting event - the Hopes & Dreams Quilt Challenge for ALS! The deadline for turning in quilts to be shipped is the July Kaufman Quilt Guild Meeting. All the donated quilts will be boxed and shipped from the Kaufman Quilt Guild.—Sue Whisennand

Retreats for 2016-2017

Greenbriar	March 9-12, 2017
Mt. Calm	June 1-4, 2017
Sunset	September 14-17, 2017
Mt. Calm	January 7-11, 2018

March Hostesses Judy Shulter, Coordinator

Gwynda Brantley
 Joy Parker
 Peggy Hobbs
 Rea Stock
 Sandy Presley

Things to Remember:

1. Our next Guild Meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, at Landmark Church of Christ.
2. Wear your badge.
3. Record your Community Service Hours.
4. Community Service: Baby wipes, diapers and #1 baby food for Still Water Ministries.
5. Show and Tell.
6. Please turn your cell phone to "Silent" during our meeting.
7. Check the Swap Table for free goodies!

Come mingle at Meet & Greet at 6:00. The Snack supper will begin at 6:30. The March program will be Ease of Wool Appliqué by Pam Wingate.

*Remember if you can't serve as a hostess for your assigned month, please check with another guild member to switch months. All hostesses for the year are listed in the yearbook.**

February Birthdays

3 Stacy Jarrett
 5 Betty Haynes
 13 Katie Phillips
 15 Kathy Dunigan
 20 Sue Bohmer

March Birthdays

8 Jody Deller
 23 Amy Hurst



**Quilt Shop Talk
by The Quilted Bee (AKA Joy Parker)**

Hi Quilting Darlings! I feel the call of the road, or am I calling out to the road? Either way it is time for travel. Yes my dears, I am going to spend this summer doing some major traveling. Oh the places I'll go! Places to see and lots of shops to enjoy. This will be my farewell Quilted Bee to you, Kaufman Quilt Guild. Yes, it's time to move on. I have really enjoyed bringing you, my readers, the scoop on the great shops in our Lone Star State. I love Texas! What fun it was to go north, south, east, and west. Thanks for all your kind words and your cards and letters of support. It showed me your love, friendship, and how much you really enjoyed what I brought to the Guild: Information, facts, laughs, and tales of Fabric--Lots O' fabric! Thank you my readers, we had fun together. Sew, let me send you off to a great buzzing website you may enjoy: www.quiltershomemag.com. This site has a link to the top fifty quilt websites. Wow, fifty, what a site, sew much to see just for you, Quilter Babe! Sew, I'd like to thank Jane Newberry for allowing me to feel the wind, enjoy the flowers and fabric, and write this column for you. My time with you has been honeycomb sweet! Lots O' Love to you Kaufman Quilt Guild. Now Go Quilt something!! I will see you all at next month's meeting. Sincerely ...your traveling Quilted Bee



March Program

Ease of Wool Appliqué by Elizabeth Arellano

Elizabeth will present a trunk show of wool projects and how-to tips which include care and use of wool.

Elizabeth started sewing at the age of five, learning various forms of creative stitching throughout the years.

She retired from corporate America with a desire to share her love of wool appliqué with the local quilting community in Savoy, Texas. In 2013, she opened Savvy Quilters to promote the art of quilting and other fabric handcrafts.



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"SAVE THE DATES FOR WORKSHOPS"

- May 20 Barn Quilts
- June 10 Kathy Dunigan Appliqué
- November 11 Brazilian Embroidery

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How to Prepare Your Quilt for a Show

1. Read the show rules and requirements carefully.
2. Double check the deadline date and note if there is going to be a limited number of entries. Be sure to sign the entry form if required after filling it out. If a picture is required be sure to provide one. You can print it on regular paper from your own printer.
3. Make sure you put your quilt in the right category. Putting your quilt in the wrong category could cost you a ribbon.
4. Make sure your label has the information that the particular show is asking for. I always make sure my label is large enough for additional information that a particular show may ask for. For my own information I note the size of the quilt so I don't have to measure repeatedly for each time I enter it. Never use safety pins to pin it on...big NO NO. For the KQG show please cover your label with a piece of muslin. You may safety pin the cover over the label.
5. Make a sleeve that gives plenty of room for your quilt to hang properly. A quilt that is fairly large hangs better if the sleeve is in two parts. This allows for smoother hanging in the middle. If your quilt is extra- long, usually 90 inches, you will have to put a second sleeve on several inches down from the top of your quilt so that the quilt won't drag on the floor and get soiled. Read your show instructions carefully for sleeve instructions. When you're attaching your sleeve make sure your stitches don't show on the front of your quilt. Don't just use safety pins on the sleeve either...another big NO NO.
6. Check your borders to make sure they aren't wavy. In the construction you should have cut and sewn your borders evenly and squared them. If they have gotten a little pulled out of alignment during the quilting process, block them. Lay your quilt on a flat surface and spritz with water...pat the border back into place...make sure it's square...and let it dry completely. The way your quilt hangs is one of the first things at which a judge looks.
7. If your quilt is dirty, wash it very carefully with a quilt-soap and dry it. Either naturally dry it or Air Dry it in your dryer. However, it's not necessary to wash a quilt before a show if it isn't dirty. But, if you have markings, pencil or otherwise...make sure all markings are gone.
8. Go over your quilt with a "fine tooth comb", front and back. Remove all loose threads, pet hair, etc. Use a lint roller or masking tape and go over every inch of the quilt. If you used a paper guide for quilting, make sure the tiny bits of paper are all removed. You can use masking tape or duct tape to get out the last little bits.
9. Look at the delivery information for the quilt show. Most require a quilt to be delivered in a pillowcase or cloth bag of some type. Fold your quilt carefully before turning it in...it may lay folded for several hours with other quilts stacked on it before it's hung and you want to avoid as many wrinkles as possible. Folding in thirds or on the diagonal are good ways to fold.

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Tax Free Day

Attention! April 23 will be a tax-free day for Kaufman Quilt Guild. Our silent auction will be conducted that day at our Quilt Show in Terrell.