



Loose Threads



President's Piece April 2024

...“Spring has sprung, the flowers have ris”,
...I wonder where the birdies is?

“This is an old childhood rhyme leftover from my childhood. (Just a few years ago.)

Spring in Texas is filled with unpredictable weather, emerging flowers, butterflies, thunderstorms, windy days, greening grass and of course, bluebonnets. And this year even a full eclipse. So many images to inspire us to create new quilts.

I have gathered a few photos together to help you choose a new spring quilting project. I hope one of them will give you a new idea and send you off to your stash or on a Shop Hop to find the perfect fabrics to make it happen.



Dancing Umbrellas



Raindrops Quilt



Spring Sprouts



Tulips Quilt



Kites Quilt



Eclipse Quilt

April, 2024



Program

Diane Murtha, “Challenges”

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:30 PM social hour, 7 PM meeting

Patterson-Appleton Arts Center

Renew your membership

The April meeting is the deadline to be included in the 23-25 directory. Stop by the membership table to renew in time.

Facebook Group

DentonQuiltGuild.org

April Birthdays

Gayle B	4/3
Maxine M	4/6
Debbie N	4/14
Cathie S	4/14
Michele H	4/14
Eileen S	4/19
Leann L	4/23
Debbe B	4/26
Judy R	4/27
Karin D	4/28
Vickie E	4/28
Linda H	4/29
Nancy E	4/30

At a Glance

April Program

Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 — 9 PM

Programs, Nonie Phillips, Kim Anger

Diane Murtha, “Challenges”

Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize

An informative and humorous perspective on my quilt challenge experiences, including a trunk and slide show. I'll discuss what I've learned from the various challenges, other ways to challenge yourself and sources of inspiration. And most importantly how challenges can expand your quilting skills and inspire all your quilting!



Bring to the Meeting:

- * Library books to return and exchange for new books
- * Sweater or jacket because the temperature gets chilly
- * Completed Kid Kwilts or other outreach projects
- * Your unwanted sewing-related items for the free table
- * Snacks if you are on the snack list
- * Show & Tell items
- * Checkbook or credit card to sign up for future events
- * Raffle tickets to turn in

April Workshop News Donna Gregory

Modified Quilt as you Go with Diane Murtha

April 17, 2024 — [Seats Still Available!](#)

Sign up with Donna Gregory at the Guild meeting Tuesday!

There are a few spots left for our Modified Quilt as you Go workshop with Diane Murtha.

Think of this technique as two-step quilting. This class yields 25 perfect 4 ½" quilted blocks embellished with a variety of applique options, then assembled. Quilting thru each block and batting individually makes quilting easy for both new and experienced quilters alike – no bulk or awkward struggling with a large sandwiched quilt.

A great project for increasing accuracy, as well as small space quilting, like retreats, or for me, my RV! Add backing fabric and the second step quilting and you are done. This technique can be used to create any size canvas that can be appliqued in endless options. So much fun!

Modified Quilt as you Go Workshop:

When: Wednesday, April 17, 10 AM – 3 PM Bring your own lunch and drink.

Where: Box Car Quilt Shop, Aubrey

Cost: \$42.50 total workshop fee (37.50 guild and \$5 Box Car)

Supply list will be sent out as fees are received. Contact Donna Gregory at DQGWorkshops@gmail.com, or sign up at the April meeting.



Sunshine and Shadows—Dorothy Mathes

Kathy Goldmann has moved to Austin and is missing her Denton friends. She would love to talk to you.

Call her at (940) 206-0480 or write
Kathy Goldmann,
4310 Bees Cave Rd,
Westlake Hills TX 78746

WORKSHOPS COMING SOON:

May: **Tammy Silvers**—Faux Curved Piecing:
(Cost: \$47 + \$12 Pattern) *May Workshop location:
Denton Administrative Courthouse (Room 2020).

June: **Dorene Joyce**—Undersea Creatures Collage : Cost; \$50

October: **Michele Markey**—Fabric Painting 101 / 102:
Cost; \$50 for each class (101 & 102)

2024 Retreats—Registration Process



2024 Day Retreat—Box Car Quilts

Please download the [2024 Retreats Registration Form](#) for additional information and registration instructions for the guild's 3 remaining retreats for 2024. Sign up at the guild meeting, or mail in your registration. Additional information about the retreats may also be available by contacting DQGRetreats@gmail.com.

APRIL SNACK TABLE

Tina Hilton and Mary Ellen Mitchell

Leann Lindemann	Stephanie Martin	Maryellen Mitchell
Tonya Littmann	Karen Mason	Marian Monnig
Penny Lombardi	Dorothy Mathes	Mary Moore
Ruth Loyd	Becky Mattingly	Maxine Moore
Patti Mahaffey	Phyllis McCormick	Chris Morel
Winifred Mallam	Barbara McCraw	Mandy Morris
Katherine Malmberg	Dianne McGee	Charlene Morrison
Debra Mangold	Freda McGreevey	Carol Morrissey
Susan Mankus	Marilyn McWilliams	Sheryl Moss
Kathy Marrou	Darla Meli	Jan Myre
Janice Martin	Sharyn Miller	
Mary T. Martin	Phyllis Minton	



If your name is on the snack list, grab something yummy to bring and share!

Treats don't have to be sweet! People really enjoy savory snacks, too!

Drop off your contribution at the snack table near the kitchen, and don't forget to sign the snack contributor list on the table for a chance to win the snack table door prize—just for those who bring goodies!

Calling all Quilt Angels!!



THANK YOU to everyone for helping to hold quilts for our speakers! Kim and I are physically unable to continue to do some of the heavy folding and lifting, so we are asking for help. If you can volunteer to help on a continuing basis to hold, fold, and assist the speaker with packing up please let me know. Sometimes there are a lot of quilts to handle, during the last meeting there were 30. Many hands make light work, so if you can be an Angel, it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

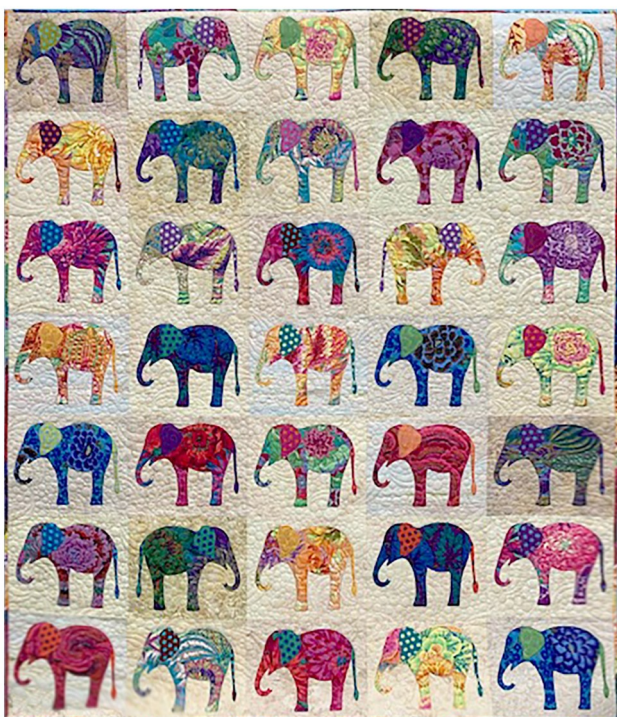
Nonie Phillips, Programs Chair



TWITCH BROADCAST

If you can't make a guild meeting, now we are sending out a professionally produced live video stream for you to watch online. Much easier than Zoom, this is available on a simple website. You can access it from any browser (even on your phone or tablet). Our professional video streaming producer is the awesome Kyle Denton, and the internet service is called "Twitch." It's very similar to a live YouTube.

Just go to: twitch.tv/dentonquiltguild. Keep in mind that the Twitch stream is meant for our guild members only — please don't post the link in a public forum.



Raffle Quilt

Raffle tickets are still available, 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on **May 21, 2024**, at the Denton Quilt Guild monthly meeting. Contact the Raffle Quilt Committee at DQGRaffleQuilt@gmail.com, or any guild member if you'd like to purchase tickets.

This year's raffle quilt is entitled Elephant Walk, measures 57" x 65", and is a whimsical beauty in luxurious Kaffe Fassett fabrics. This lovely quilt was made, pieced, and bound by guild members, including Annette Johnson, Sandy Kristoferson, Marilyn McWilliams, Charlotte Rutland, Carla Hamm, Sarah Schermerhorn, and Terri Vogds, and beautifully quilted by Fran Dornan of **Fran's Gotcha Covered Quilting**.

Community Outreach 2024 — Sher Harnish

Graduating Senior Quilts: As a Guild, we make and donate quilts for senior high school students in foster care who are graduating in May.

Guild members and others have been very generous - we more than doubled our planned contribution this year. We strive to make these quilts gender neutral so that they can be used with any graduating senior.

Kim Martin, the Region 3 Coordinator for the Graduating Seniors Project, was at our March meeting where the quilts were on display.



Kid Kwilts

Dinosaur quilts were the focus of Kids Bee on April First. We cut out a dozen kits, made several tops and took more away as “homework”. Anna made two tops from our Slab Block initiative.



Surplus Sale Scheduled: Our hugely popular Surplus Sale is back for 2024. The Surplus Sale will be our November Program, continuing through the next day at the Patterson Appleton Arts Center. More details to come, but if you’re looking at destashing, downsizing or just clearing out a few things that just seem to be taking up space, let Sher know. The Surplus Sale is a great way to support the guild, whether you’re donating, purchasing or working the sale. It’s also a fantastic opportunity to get some wonderful quilt and sewing related bargains! Stay tuned for more info, coming soon.

Whether it’s a particular quilting bee, a guild initiative or any one of the other activities, you can take part in just one or in all of the many Outreach opportunities offered by the guild. Details and applicable instructions are available online at the [DQG website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Updated Community Outreach Finished Quilt Size Chart

Community Outreach	Agencies	Recipients	Approx. Sizes	Recipients/other notes
Kids' Bee (Kid Kwilts) KK also organizes the Annual KK Challenge & our yearly Guild Initiative.	Woman to Woman Pregnancy Resource Center	New-borns	36x44" min up to 40x50"	Mothers completing health, childbirth, and parenting classes are given a layette set which includes one of our quilts.
	Community Partners of Denton County (CPS Rainbow Rooms in Denton, Lewisville and Carrollton)	1-12 yo	40x50" min up to 55x60"	Comfort quilts for those children first going into foster care.
	Cumberland Presbyterian Children and Youth Services	12-18 years Teens	Min. 50x70", up to 60x72". Twin size if possible, can be up to 70x90"	Longer term residential programs for older children, sometimes with families and single parents.
	National Adoption Day Nationwide, annual event in November.	1-18 yo	All sizes needed. We set aside 35-40.	Most adoptees are 2-10 years old, with a few tweens and teens. Equal distribution of boys and girls.
	Nursing homes & hospice agencies Hearts for Homes	Elders	40-45" square Lap quilts mostly Larger twins go to H4H.	Any larger get caught in wheel-chairs. H4H supports low income, struggling elderly.
	Graduating Seniors in CPS Due in late March each year.	Late teens	Min. 50x70" Max. 65x80" ish	Teens in foster care who are graduating high school. Gender neutral colors and fabrics a must.
CASA Bee	Court Appointed Special Advocate caseworkers	1-18 yo, mostly 6-12 yo	All sizes, see above	For other adoptions occurring throughout the year.
Quilts of Valor Bees	Red-White-Blue Bee (also Vet Court) Lone Star Broads Bee (Our two Bees are recognized as official QOV providers by the national QOV Foundation.)	Military Veterans, all branches	Recommend size 60x80" * (*Min. 55x 65" Max. 72 x 90"*)	*The QOV Foundation has specific guidelines and sizes. Please go to their website for more details. https://www.qovf.org Do not have to be red-white-blue, though many vets delight in this.
Sizes are approximate, except for QOV. Community Outreach will gladly accept and distribute any quilts you have to donate.				

Save the Date — Day Retreat Fund Raiser — June 6, 7 & 8, 2024

Fund raising day retreat for the Green Valley Historical Society, and their restored school-house that allows volunteers to work on Quilts of Valor. For more information contact: Cathy Poethke: 214-763-9514 or Shareen Howard: 940-902-4789

Video about the Green Valley Historical Society and the restoration of the original school-house: [Green Valley School Restoration \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



Time for a quick little Road Trip?

Gun Barrell Quilter's Guild Quilt Show

April 26th & 27th at the CR Legacy Center, 2205 W. Main Street (Hwy. 334) in Gun Barrel City, Texas

www.gunbarrelquiltersguild.org/

IT'S APRIL—TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Renew by the April meeting to be included in the 2024-25 directory.

The membership renewal form is on the home page of our website on the left under *Join the Guild*. <https://dentonquiltguild.org/> Send your photo for the directory to DQGDirectory@gmail.com or text to 940-453-3905.

Thank you to those who have renewed and sent in a directory photo!

Loose Threads is the newsletter of the Denton Quilt Guild. We welcome contributions of short articles, helpful hints, news about our members, or anything of general interest to our membership.

Contact us at newsletter@dentonquiltguild.org.

Upcoming Workshops—New Registration Method

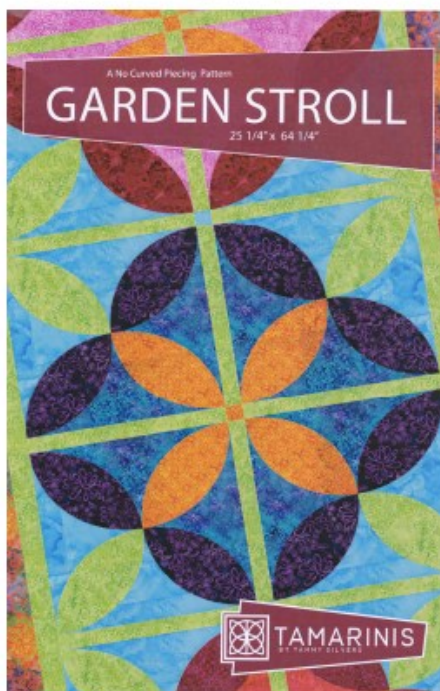
At the April meeting, as the first step in a complete refresh of all of our guild communications, we will be debuting a new way to register for upcoming workshops (and soon, other events.)

We'll be giving you a QR code (that little block that looks a bit like a square bar code.)

Scan it with your phone (just open your phone camera as if you were going to take a photo, and aim it at the QR code) you'll have a direct link to register and pay online.

Stay tuned for lots more updates in the coming months—we think you're going to like them!

May Workshop Tammy Silvers Teacher and Pattern/Fabric Designer



Workshop

Price: \$42

Pattern

Price: \$12



**When: Wednesday, May 22nd
10 AM - 2:30 PM (brief lunch break)**

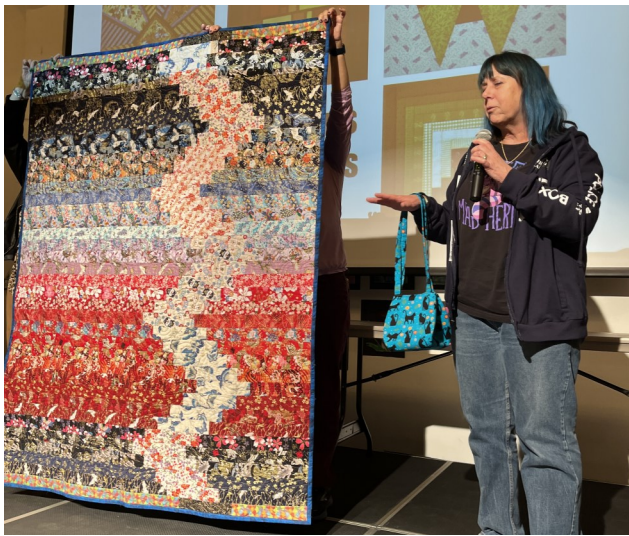
**Where: Administrative Courthouse
1 Courthouse Drive, Rm 2020
Denton, TX 76208**

Bring: Lunch/snack/drink

Modified Orange Peel Table Runner

The traditional orange peel gets a modern update with this easy table runner, with NO curved piecing. Get an elegant look with crisp blue and white fabrics to decorate your table. Pictured quilt is made with fabrics from Tammy's Kismet line for Island Batik.

March Show and Tell—1



March Show and Tell—2

