



Loose Threads

President's Piece May 2024



When I had only been a quilter for a couple of years and a good friend of mine had just discovered quilting, we decided that a good way to build our stash would be to go on a "Shop Hop". We only hopped to about 5-6 shops and had acquired much more than we had expected so decided to call it quits. Pre-COVID I also participated in two Quilt Shop Hop Bus Tours again exceeding my budget but having a wonderful time. Since then I resisted temptation until this January at a retreat with the same friend involved in my first hop. We decided to prepay for the All Texas Shop Hop Directory and Passport.

Shop Stamps on my passport.



This was to be a two-month event including 105 shops throughout Texas. Needless to say our plan was not to visit all 105 shops.

Things were very busy for both of us in March and we forgot all about shop hopping. But as April began the hopping idea took hold. My friend hopped first with a couple of her other friends. Then we set out together and visited five shops in a day covering quite a few miles. This was the beginning of "shop hop fever".

I formed a plan to draw an arbitrary circle, with Denton at the center, to encompass all participating quilt shops within a one and a half hour drive from Denton in any direction. For two weeks I planned my daily trips, once with another friend and the rest of them on my own. It was a real adventure and I met so many nice shop owners and fellow quilters along the way. Each shop has its own flavor and fabric collections vary greatly. I found some new tools, new patterns and of course new fabrics. Everywhere I went we talked about quilt techniques, colors, designs and shared photos and stories of quilting adventures.



Souvenir tee which seemed necessary after hopping

As expected, I exceeded my budget and the amount of time I had planned to devote to this new hopping adventure, but I wouldn't have missed it for the world. Next spring I plan to prepare for this hop and heaven only knows how many miles will be involved. This year I finished my circle and visited 32 shops. Now I have 10 months to work on all the new projects I created for myself before the next hop is scheduled. With each project will be the memory of the shops and people I met along the way. If you have never tried shop hopping keep it in mind. You can always start small and work your way up! to the All Texas Shop Hop adventure.



May, 2024



Program

Tammy Silvers

"Interrogating Your Quilt"

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

6:30 PM social hour, 7 PM meeting
Patterson-Appleton Arts Center

Raffle Quilt Drawing

This is the month—the raffle quilt drawing will take place at the May meeting—bring all your lucky charms!

[Facebook Group](#)

DentonQuiltGuild.org

May Birthdays

Nonie P	5-May
Jeanne F	8-May
Carol K	9-May
Kathleen C	10-May
Mana S	12-May
Kathy W	22-May
Joronda C	23-May
Debi D	23-May
Vickie W	28-May
Sheri K	29-May



At a Glance

May Program

Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 — 9 PM

Programs, Nonie Phillips

Tammy Silvers

Interrogating your Quilt

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 air conditioning 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

Garden Stroll with Faux Curved piecing with Tammy Silvers

May 22, 2024 — **Seats Still Available!**

Sign up at the guild meeting, or use the QR code to register!



“Inspired by the traditional Pumpkin Seed block, Garden Stroll is a quick little table runner with absolutely NO curved piecing. Use my fun faux curved piecing technique to get the look of curved piecing without any of the stress!

In class we will create the blocks and piece the simple table runner. You'll be amazed at how quickly this comes together.”

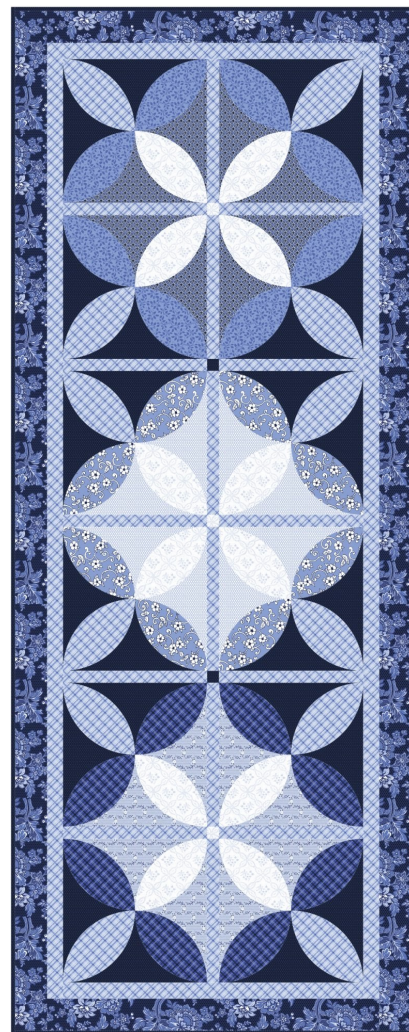
Garden Stroll with Faux Curved piecing:

When: Wednesday, May 22, 10 AM – 3 PM Bring your own lunch and drink. Supply list will be sent out as fees are received.

Where: Denton Administrative Courthouse (Room 2020)

Cost: \$44 total workshop fee + \$12 Pattern

Sign up at the May meeting, or use the QR code to the right to sign up online. (Just aim your cell phone camera at the QR code, as if you were going to take a photo. Your phone should display a URL that will take you to the registration page. It looks like a button that says “square.link”)



Sunshine and Shadows—Dorothy Mathes

Shadows:

Carla H.’s father passed away; Theresa S’s younger brother passed, and Sheri N. lost her mother. Shirley Caywer passed away on April 26. Her service was held on Monday, May 13 at the First Methodist Church of Gainesville.



Sunshine:

Denton Quilt Guild member, Kathi Casey, had this quilt “Seaside Sunset” make the semifinals in the 2024 Paducah Show!

Though we miss all those beautiful daffodils and tulips, the irises and honeysuckle are in full bloom!

WORKSHOPS COMING SOON:

- June: **Dorene Joyce**—Undersea Creatures Collage
Cost; \$50, including pattern
- July: **Sher Harnish**—Stepping Stones Dementia Support Group Trunk Show Methods
- August: **AGF**—Alternative Gift Fair Work/Play Day
- October: **Michele Markey**—Fabric Painting 101 / 102
Cost: \$50 for 101 & \$65 for 102

2024 Retreats



2024 Day Retreat—Box Car Quilts

Please download the [2024 Retreats Registration Form](#) for additional information and registration instructions for the guild's two fall retreats in 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.

MAY SNACK TABLE

Tina Hilton and Mary Ellen Mitchell

Lynn Nash	Nonie Phillips	Brenda Rowell
Lisa Neidinger	Cathy Poethke	Judy Royal
Sherry Boyd Neu	Sandi Price	Mary Runyon
Sue Newhouse	Judy Reel	Charlotte Rutland
Debbie Nobles	Lucy Rees	Yvette Santy
Anna Owens	Debra Repp	Carolyn Sapiens
Dawn Paradise	Kristin Reynolds	Paula Saunders
Mimi Patrick	Elsie Ridgley	Dawn Scheffer
Ann M Patterson	Prissy Roberson	Eileen Scheffler
Terry Peacock	Michele Roetner	Sarah Schermerhorn
Ellen Perry	Jean Ellen Rogers	Linda Schimmel
Naomi Perry	Marguerite Rose	Doris Schneider



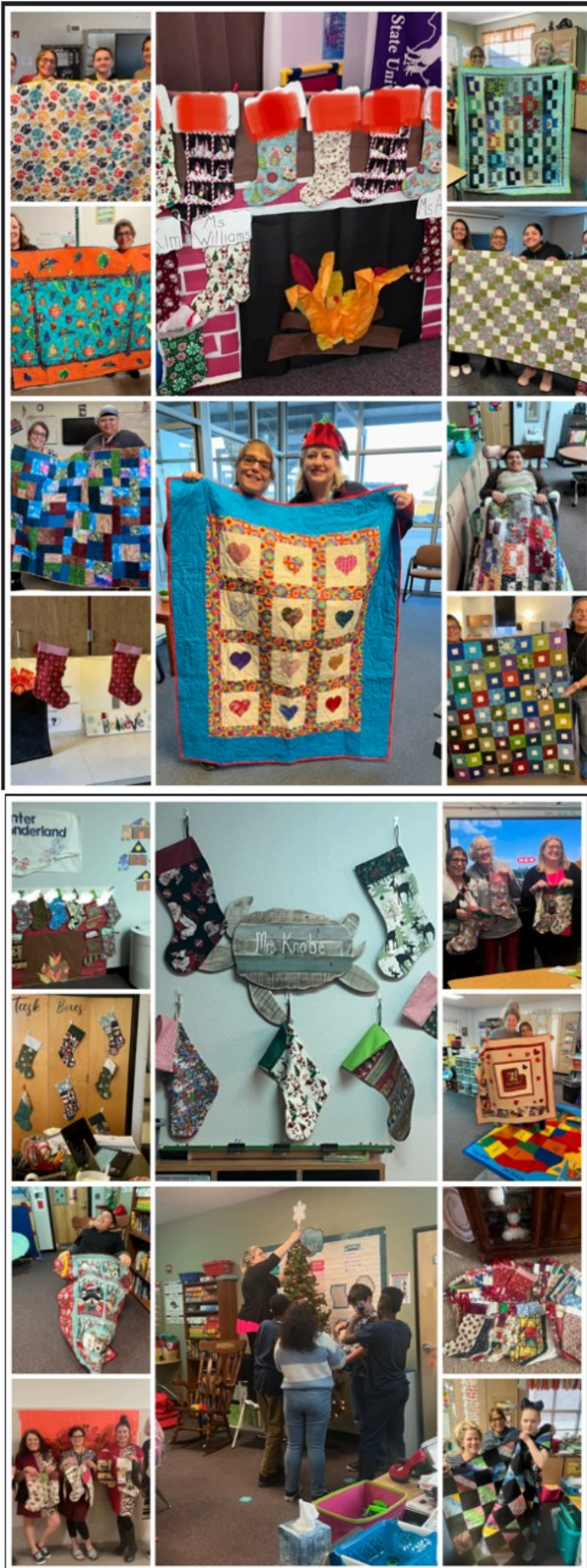
If your name is on the snack list, grab something yummy to bring and share!

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!

Christmas Stockings and Quilt Initiative

Last year, guildmember Maryellen M made 120 of our Christmas stockings. This month she shares the joy she and other guild members brought to Aubrey ISD's special ed program - one of the many local groups that benefits from our quilts and stockings programs.



I can't thank the guild enough for helping me give our awesome quilts to teachers in the Special Ed Programs at Braswell High School, Aubrey High School, and Aubrey Middle Schools.

I help make the quilts as well as the Christmas stockings that the teachers love and fill at Christmas 🥰

The staff at all the schools are awesome and the kids are so very special. So fun to be with all the staff and kiddos!

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.

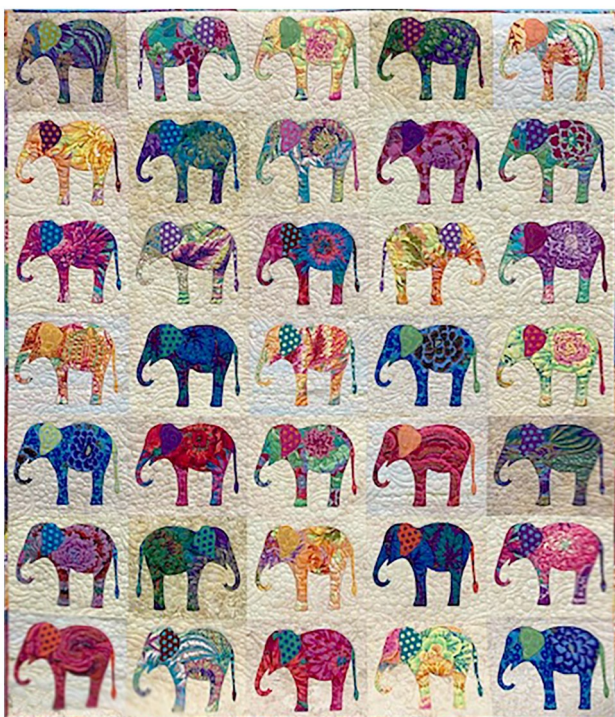
Nonie Phillips, Programs Chair



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

Last Chance! Raffle tickets are still available *before* the meeting, 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held **this month, May 21, 2024**, at the Denton Quilt Guild monthly meeting.

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**.

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=...)

Looking Ahead—Jazz Fest 2024—October 4,5,6

We will have our display inside the civic center, sharing space with the DISD art students. We will highlight several of our outreach programs, and we'll display the BUTTERFLY challenge that Sher has presented to the guild (details about the design, rules, pattern, etc. can be found in an earlier newsletter.

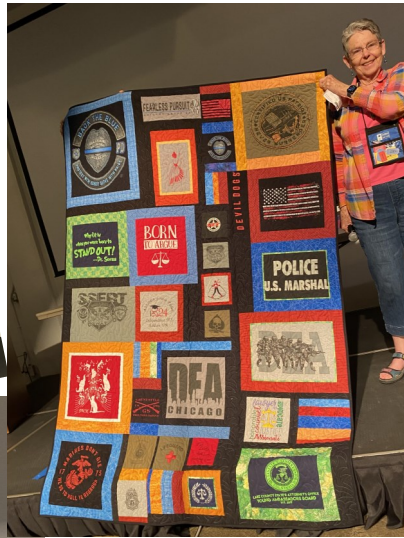
“Take the challenge”— like Diane Murtha encouraged us to do at our April meeting —try something new! Find your muse.



April Meeting Photos—Meeting



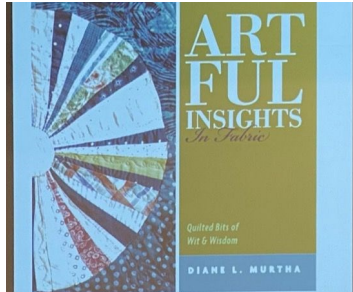
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April Meeting Photos—Show and Tell (2)



April Meeting Photos—Program, Diane Murtha

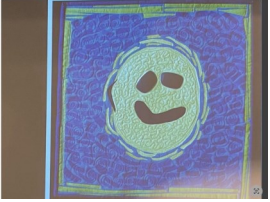
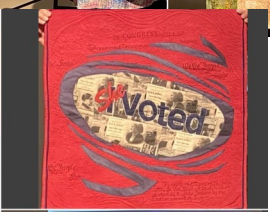
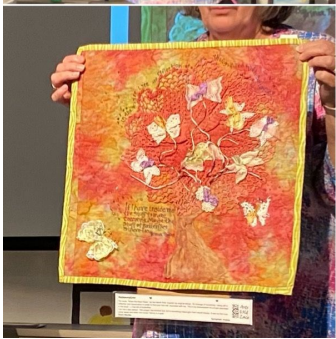
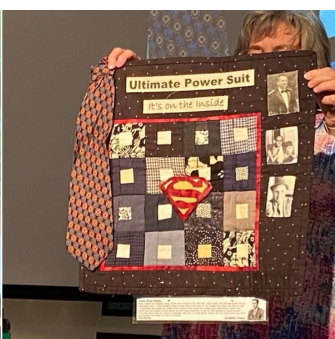
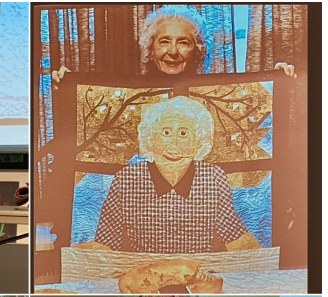


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Updated Community Outreach Finished Quilt Size Chart

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 wheelchairs. 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.

Denton Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes, April 2024

Tuesday April 16, 2024-7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Claudia Kopel at 7:08 pm.

Ninety-nine members and five guests were present.

Board member positions were announced:

- Juliet Thomas will assume the new communications position in charge of newsletter and webmaster duties.
- Emanda Johnson assumes photographer position.
- Tammy Epler assumes the librarian position.
- Membership voted to accept Kim Anger as treasurer for 2024-2026.

Committee Updates:

Membership: Reminder to renew and submit a photo.

Retreats: The May retreat is open to non-members. Contact Deb Repp.

Newsletter: Juliet requested suggestions for both newsletter and website to be sent to her. Please update Bee information. Send guild related photos to her by email, please.

Community Outreach: Examples of the initiative block and the Kids Kwilt Challenge were shown. The Goose project needs to have at least 6 flying geese included in the design.

Raffle Quilt: The drawing will be held at the May meeting. The Frisco Quilt Guild brought their raffle quilt to show and sell tickets.

Alternative Gift Fair: Prissy shared some of the items donated so far and reminded members to be working on items for the sale.

Workshops: Upcoming workshops were reviewed. Members were reminded of the expense involved in getting speakers and workshops.

Claudia announced that the 2024-2025 budget was approved by the board and will be available for review on the website. She thanked Juliet and Kim for their work on it.

Nonie introduced Diane Martha, program speaker.

Show and Tell and door prize drawings were done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.