



## Quilting News - Quilts of Valor 400,000<sup>th</sup> Quilt of Valor awarded

Drew Bartkiewicz, a Gulf War Army Aviator, received the National 400,000<sup>th</sup> Quilt of Valor in Washington, Connecticut last month. He is a West Point graduate and served in the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division during the Gulf War from 1989 to 1992, earning a Bronze Star.



### Quilts of Valor - Under Our Wings®

The Denton Quilt Guild is honored to have two official QOV groups, and are launching a third, different sort of QOV group - aimed at developing the next generation of quilters through an Under Our Wings® program.

This exciting and important Quilts of Valor® Foundation (QOVF) initiative offers young people the opportunity to perform community service and introduces them to the art of quilting at the same time.

Guided by experienced mentors, beginning quilters learn to make their own Quilts of Valor for Service Members or Veterans in their community.

More info about the national program can be found here:  
<https://www.qovf.org/under-our-wings-program/>

More info about our guild's new program is in the May General Meeting minutes, later in the newsletter.

June 2025



### Program

Images in Cloth  
Tonya Littmann

Tuesday, June 17, 2025  
6:30 PM social time, 7 PM meeting  
Patterson-Appleton Arts Center

Facebook Group

[DentonQuiltGuild.org](https://DentonQuiltGuild.org)

### June Birthdays

2	Glenna H
6	Virginia G
6	Claudia K
11	Becky J
12	Fran D
13	Angelia C
13	Dianne McG
14	Marilyn McW
15	Beth B
16	Paula S
17	Becky M
18	Emanda J
21	Sheila L
22	Mary M
25	Kristin R
26	Sharon W
29	Debbie A
30	Patricia C
30	Winifred M

# June Guild Meeting—Program

Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 — 9 PM  
Programs, Kathleen Carmona

## Tonya Littmann "Images in Cloth"

Tonya Littmann has been a member of our Denton Quilt Guild since 1988 and on the board since 1996.

She is an artist and graphic designer living in Denton with her husband Jon and a lively Golden Retriever named Abby. Her art quilts reflect her love of design, fiber art, and sewing.

When she was a little girl, she loved to paint and make doll clothes and knew art would be her career. As an adult her art interests moved from ceramics and watercolor to creating with fabric. Tonya's award-winning art quilts represent her interest in experimenting with dye, ink, paint, and stitching on fabric.

Tonya will present a trunk show and slide show with examples of the methods she uses to create her stunning pictorial quilts.



### Bring to the Meeting

- Library books to return /exchange for new books
- Sweater or jacket (the air conditioning gets chilly!)
- Show & Tell items
- Completed outreach projects
- Checkbook or credit card for event registration
- Unwanted sewing-related items for the free table

# JUNE SNACK TABLE

Tina Hilton

Sotella S  
Tanya S  
Margi S  
Vicki S  
Sandy S  
Virginia S  
Belinda S  
Carla S  
Linda S  
Myra T  
Ellen T  
Juliet T  
Sheryl V

Terrie V  
Deborah V  
Terri V  
Wendy W  
Carla W  
Vickie W  
Nora W  
Kathy W  
Sharon W  
Laurie W  
Jane W  
Ann Y  
Rhonda Z

Debbie A  
Cheryl A  
Jacqueline A  
Barbara A  
Kim A  
Beth B  
Christine B  
Donna B  
Jeris B  
Vickie B  
Lynn B  
Johanna B  
Cynthia B



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

Fancy making a new dish? Guild members are great guinea pigs!

Just drop off your tasty little contribution at the snack table near the kitchen.

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!

## JUNE WORKSHOP

Wednesday June 18, 10-3, Box Car Quilts

Claudia Kopel, Sandra Sirignano

## Caricature Portrait Quilts Challenge Workshop - Encore



Challenge: Make a cartoon caricature portrait (of yourself or someone else if preferred) Examples were provided by our own Emanda Johnson, one of your workshop teachers!

Our 1st Challenge workshop was a huge success so we are doing it again!

Sher and Emanda have agreed to teach a second workshop on Wednesday, June 18. If you were on our waiting list you have first priority and are already signed up. (You may pay the \$5 fee at guild or the day of the workshop.) Contact Claudia Kopel or Sandra Sirignano by email: [DQGworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:DQGworkshops@gmail.com)

# 2025 Guild Initiative - Pop Stick Blocks

## Denton Quilt Guild - 2025 Guild Initiative - Pop Stick Blocks

This year we're making Pop-Stick blocks. Easy peasy black and white blocks with a pop of color. Plus you make two blocks at the same time! Make as many as you like, turn them in at any meeting or at Kid's Bee. A selection of B&W scraps is available at the Kids Kwilt table.

- 1) Make two 13" scrappy blocks, using small to medium scraps of several different fabrics. Two blocks should be
  - One black with white patterns
  - One white with black patterns
- 2) Stack your blocks on top of each other, right sides up
- 3) Using your rotary cutter, make a diagonal slice through Both blocks, but **not on the true diagonal**, make your cut off center between any two opposing or adjacent sides. It can be a long or short slice. Stay 1" from the corners.
- 4) Cut 2 1 1/2" solid colored strips 3" longer than your slice. These strips should be WOF, not on the bias. Use flat solid or tone on tone fabrics that read as solid.
- 5) Unstack your slices and rearrange so that each block now has a dark side and a light side.
- 6) Align & sew the colored strips between the two opposing sides. Pin to keep the bias edges of the black and white triangles from stretching.
- 7) Press seams to one side. Trim to 12 1/2" blocks. Turn in at the Kid's Kwilt table at any meeting.

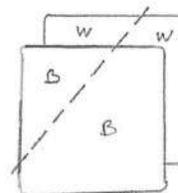
1) White with Black



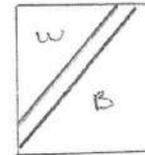
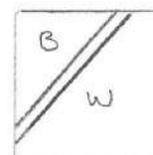
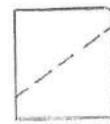
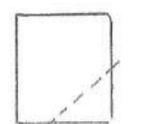
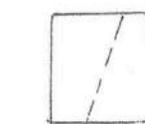
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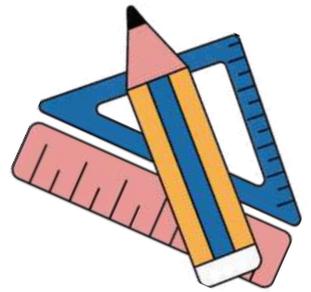


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# CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

Karen Crozier



Our first Continuing Education class of the guild year - Karen Crozier's Faux Flange Binding - was a hit!

August 16th, Sandy Calhoun Brawner will be teaching us to create Fancy Beaded Name Tags. Create a unique name tag with a little fabric, a touch of embroidery and bright and beautiful beaded fringe.

These events are a great way to learn something new in a fun, relaxed setting—and they're just \$5 each! Sign-up at the general meeting, or contact our Continuing Education Coordinator, Karen Crozier.

We're also looking for guild members who'd like to volunteer to teach a class and share a favorite skill or technique with the group. Upcoming dates available are September 6th. Got an idea? We'd love to hear from you!

WE WANT  
**YOUR**  
FEEDBACK

## TWITCH BROADCAST

If you can't make it to a meeting, we now send out a live video stream (professionally produced) to watch online.

Much easier than Zoom, this is available on a simple website you can access 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 video.

Just go to: [twitch.tv/dentonquiltguild](https://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.

## TELL US!

As promised, we've created a survey to find out what our members love (and don't love) about the guild! If you haven't added your viewpoint, please take a few moments to let us know what you think!

### [Take the Survey - Click Here](#)

What do **you** love about the guild? What could be better? What are we missing? What would make your experience even more fun and rewarding?

Help us shape future programs, events, and activities—so we can make the guild the best it can be for you.

Thanks in advance for sharing your ideas!

## Denton Quilt Guild – Community Outreach Overview/Quilt Size Chart – Sept 2024

Outreach Bees	Agencies	Recipients	Approx Sizes	Recipients; Other notes
Kid Kwilts Bee  KK also organizes the Annual KK Challenge & yearly Guild Initiative.	Woman to Woman Pregnancy Resource Center	Newborns	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 (CPDC maintains 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 yo 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 Nation-wide, annual event in Nov.	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.
	Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Denton Chapter (this is a nation-wide organ.)	3-17	Min 50x70 up to 60x72	SHP makes twin beds for needy youth without their own bed
CASA Bee	Court Appointed Special Advocate caseworkers	1-18 yo, mostly 6-12yo	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 55x65 Max 72x90*)	*The QOV Foundation has specific guidelines and sizes. Please go to their website for more details. <a href="https://www.govf.org">https://www.govf.org</a> Quilts do not have to be red-white-blue, though many vets delight in this.
Sizes are approx, except for QOV. Community Outreach will gladly accept and distribute any quilts you have to donate.				

# May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Debbie.  
A quorum was present with 97 members and 6 guests.

Debbie welcomed everyone to the May General Meeting.

## New Business:

- Approval of the April General Meeting Minutes – Debbie. A motion was made and seconded. Members voted to accept the motion and second. Motion carried.
- Approval of the DQG 2025-26 Annual Budget - Kim. The proposed 2025-26 annual budget was provided to the entire membership via the newsletter. An audit committee has been appointed by the board and will provide the findings at the next Membership Meeting. A motion was made and seconded. Members voted to accept the motion and second. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

- Debbie – we now have 200 members and would like to get more people involved in Bees.
- Nonie came up and explained that the Sunday after the General Membership meetings from 2:00-4:00pm at her home there will be a new Bee meeting. Nonie's information is in the membership directory.
- Yvette Santy, a Corinth resident, contacted Debbie wanting to set up a new Bee with 9 people that would like to start a new Bee. Social meeting will be at her house on May 31st at 11:00 to discuss some details of when we want to meet, the name of our Bee, etc. Stay tuned to hear more about our New Bee.
- Sherry – Retreats – Next Retreat 9am-7pm lunch and dinner served with lots of games and prizes. August 14-16th at Box Car. 1 day \$55. 2 days \$105. All 3 days \$140.
- Emanda – Challenge Quilt Class Self Portrait, the next one is June 18th at Box Car.
- Claudia – June workshop changed to June 18th 10am-3pm at Box Car \$5. Character Portrait. No sewing machine is needed.
- July Workshop the Wednesday after our meeting with Sandy Brawner the “Bullseye Block” \$5. Contact Claudia to sign up her information is in the member directory.
- Please do not come up to sign up for anything during the meeting please. But if you want to sign up for June or July you can e-mail me, text me, my information is in the directory.
- There is a new release on Netflix “The Quilters” it's a documentary set inside the Missouri maximum security prison. Follows a group of men incarcerated men who find healing and purpose through quilting for foster children in the community. More information is in our newsletter.

## Debbie – Announcements

- Tina Horton is presenting at the Dallas Quilt Guild; we have all kinds of famous people here tonight. So, thank you all for being here.
- Quickly, we realized at the Executive Board Meeting that if we had an out-of-town Speaker we would charge \$5.00 for a guest to attend. But we are not doing that anymore, we decided that it would be nicer and friendly and more in line with our mission statement.

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# May General Meeting Minutes (continued)

- We have a new project starting up, working with kids and the younger generation learning sewing skills. We are talking about 12 and up, I work with 4-H and Girl Scouts. And some of y'all have helped out in some of these classes out at MMPQs. The kids made fidget quilts one time and the just had to and then they just had a basic quilting class another time. The kids just love having you there to help them. And we usually do one adult and one or two kids. So, there is a new program tied to QOV program called "Under our Wings" it started out under the 4-H program, and it is open to any youth in the community.

So, I would like to offer under the Guild, bringing in younger members. I think we are going to say you must be at least Ten. And then each know how to use a sewing machine. One thing this Guild has done is donate many sewing machines to kids, and then Barbara Angel has taken them on to the Denton Sewing Center to have them repaired so that the kids have a working sewing machine.

So, the purpose of this is that the kids will create a Quilt of Valor to donate in the community and in the process learn some basic sewing skills. I think that we are going to use a panel and then blocks around it. So, if you have this passion to light up the next generation you know their moms don't sew, it skipped a generation. We have an interest for it as soon as I started talking about it we started getting people that are interested. At this point, we are looking at the middle of July if we can get the 2020 room at the Court House, which has great lighting. Sign up next month. Just look for more information online or look it up, its "Under Our Wings" in the Quilt of Valor area. Thank goodness we have people in the two Quilt of Valor groups that will help.

So, if you have a passion to sew and you want to help a kid sew then we have a job for you.

- Kathleen Carmona – Programs – I'm going to let you know what the next two months programs are. So next month we have our own Tonya Littmann on June 17th presentation, and it's called "Images in Cloth" and then July 15th Sandy Brawner and its "Quilting through the Decades", she was just up here showing you the Bullseye Block that she's going to teach following our program on July 16th.

-Tonight's guest speaker is Cynthia England, she's an international known fiber artist, pattern designer, speaker, teacher, author all those things she's received numerous awards including 3,000 shows, awards at the International Quilt Festival, her quilt "Piece and Quiet" is recognized as one of the 100 Best Quilts of the 20th century. She has developed a technique called picture piecing which she will share with us tonight. Let's welcome her Cynthia England.

The program begins as she talks about family, life's surprises and how she came to create this new technique. She shows photos and describes how she creates each one and the ups and downs of issues that she turns into triumphant accomplishments throughout the process of each one. An entertaining presentation including how to enlarge the designs, tracing on freezer paper, fabric selection, and organizational methods.

- Members shared beautiful quilts during Show and Tell.

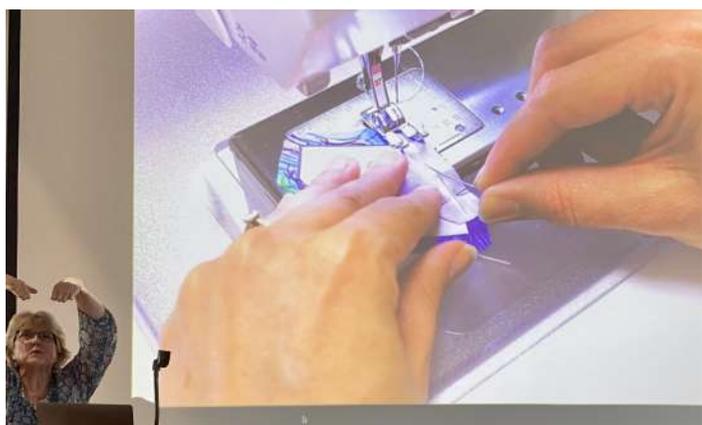
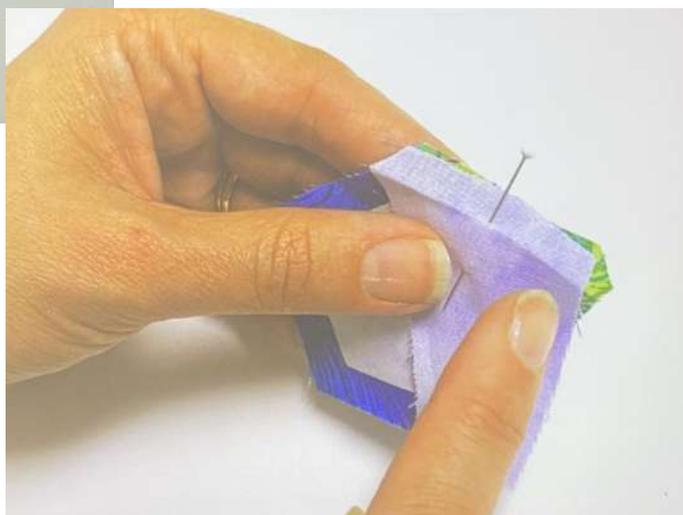
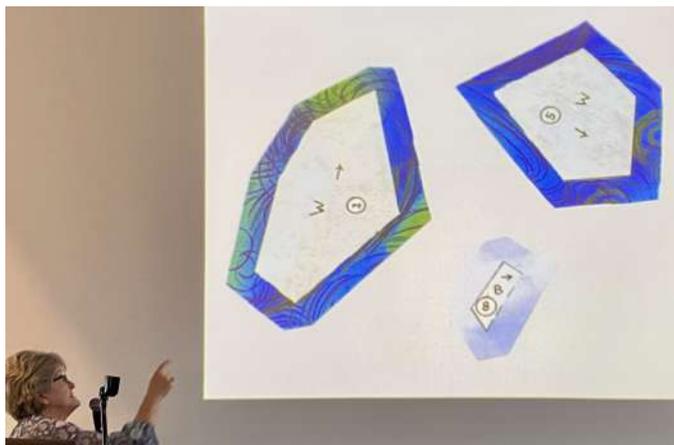
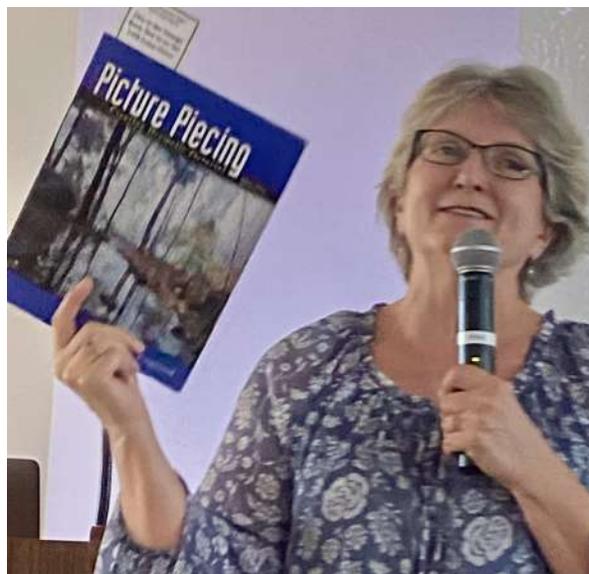
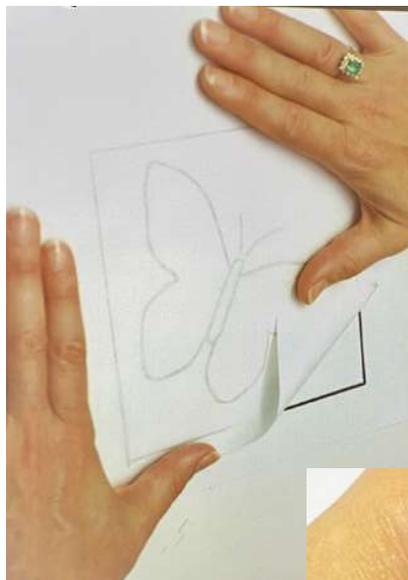
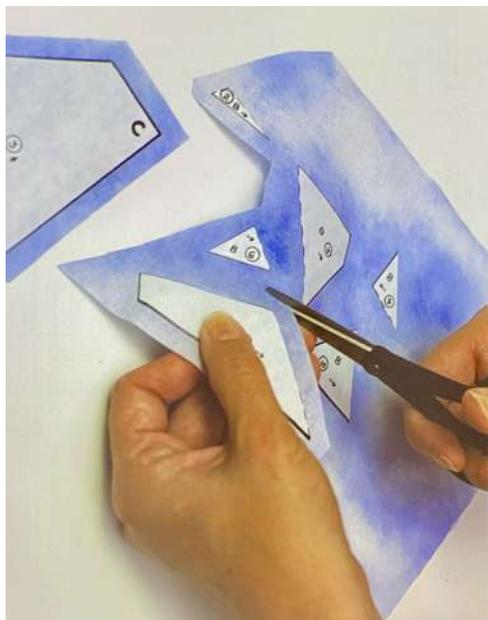
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- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

# May Meeting Photos

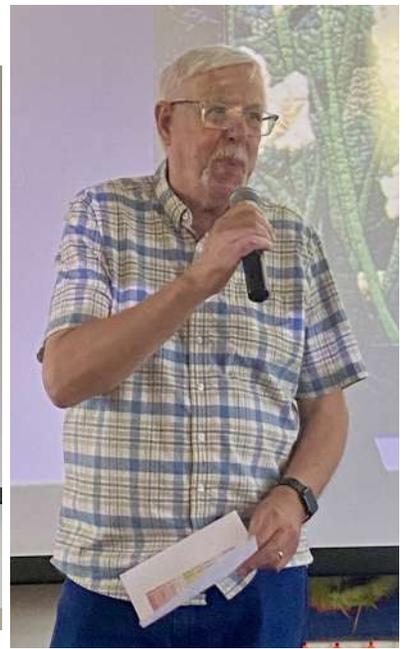
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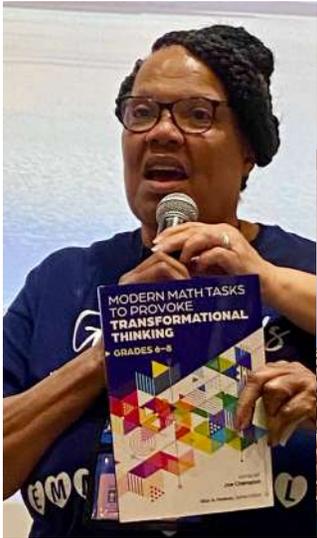


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