

The Power of Quilts

During Black History Month, we remember that quilting holds deep significance in U.S. Black history. Enslaved women often stitched from scraps of worn clothing, turning necessity into beauty and warmth. Coded quilt patterns hung on fences communicated secret, life-saving information for people escaping slavery via the Underground Railroad. After emancipation, these traditions continued, blending cultural heritage and personal storytelling, creating fabric records of resilience, memory, and hope.

Harriet Powers, an African American quiltmaker born into slavery in Georgia in 1837 is honored this month on a set of USPS postage stamps. Though only two of her quilts survive today, they are considered among the most important works of American textile art. Her celebrated Bible Quilt is preserved at the Smithsonian Institution.

A postage stamp is a small thing that travels far—much like a quilt block that carries a story beyond its maker. For us as quilters, Harriet Powers' life is a reminder that our craft can be both functional and expressive, both personal and historical. Every quilt has the potential to hold a story, and every stitch can be an act of remembrance and care.

As we celebrate Black History Month, we see quilting not only as an art form, but also as a language—one that speaks of endurance, creativity, and the human desire to leave something meaningful behind.



Feb 2026

Program



Deborah Boschert

Tuesday, Feb 17, 2026
6:30 PM social time, 7 PM meeting
Patterson-Appleton Arts Center

[Facebook Group](#)
DentonQuiltGuild.org

Feb Birthdays

- 1 Diana S
- 1 Jane W
- 3 Lesli T
- 5 Nancy K
- 5 Charlotte R
- 6 Cindy B
- 7 Laurie W
- 8 Naomi A
- 15 Karen A
- 15 Maryellen M
- 16 Nancy G
- 16 Dorothy H
- 17 Judy R
- 18 Deb S
- 19 Brandy M
- 21 Lydia L
- 22 Charlene M
- 22 Michele R
- 25 Carol F
- 26 Peggy O
- 26 Carla S
- 28 Elizabeth S

February Guild Meeting - Deborah Boschert

Exploring Art Quilt Collage

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

Deborah shares her most recent art quilts and talks about developing her own personal style. She'll come bringing tons of examples of her most favorite techniques, materials and themes.

Deborah will tell us stories about exciting collaborations, her surprising discoveries and how she has found inspiration in some unexpected places.



Deborah's art quilt collages often include personal symbols like ladders, chairs and bowls. The shapes, compositions, lines and textures in her work serve as metaphors for ideas and themes including growth, transition, rest and curiosity.

Deborah is the author of *Art Quilt Collage: A Creative Journey in Fabric, Paint and Stitch*. She has appeared on *Quilting Arts TV* and *The Quilt Show* and is published in several books and magazines. Her work has been included in *Art Quilt Elements*, *Quilts=Art=Quilts*, several *Studio Art Quilt Associates* global exhibitions, and many other juried exhibitions. Deborah's quilts can be found in the collection of the *International Quilt Museum*, the *Frank Klein Quilt Collection* and as a mural in the *Dallas Arts District*. She is a past president of *Studio Art Quilt Associates* and a dedicated supporter of art quilts, art quilters and the importance of fiber and textiles in the world of fine art.

February Workshop - Deborah Boschert - Personal Symbols: Art Quilt Collage

Workshops - Claudia Kopel, Sandra Sirignano

Box Car Quilts, Wednesday, Feb 18, 10 AM — 3 PM \$50

What symbols and personal themes will you incorporate into your small art quilt collages? Houses, leaves, bowls, ladders?

Deborah will guide you through exploring and creating shapes and symbols that have personal meaning.

Create 5x7" fabric collages highlighting personal symbols using composition templates and inspiring fabrics. Embellish with machine and hand stitching. Learn simple finishing techniques and mount your art quilt collage on mats ready for framing.



Contact Claudia Kopel -
at the meeting on Tues
(or before) to sign up!

DENTON QUILT GUILD

Surplus Sale

Friday, Feb 27, 2026 - 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. Best Selection!

Saturday, Feb 28, 2026 - 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. Best Prices!

Location: Patterson Appleton Arts Center
400 E Hickory, Denton, Texas 76201

Pricing: All fabrics (yardage, panels and FQs), thread and notions, embellishments and trims are \$6/pound. (Approx. 4 yards fabric or 20 FQs per pound)

Books: hardback \$1; soft bound \$.50; magazines 5/\$1

Some items may be individually priced: whole BOM kits, storage furniture, lights, used sewing machines, etc.

Bring your own totes to carry stuff away.

Cash, check or charge accepted.

DentonQuiltGuild.org



FEBRUARY SNACK TABLE

Tina Hilton, MaryEllen Mitchell

Debbie A	Bonnie B	Cindy B
Cheryl A	Jeris B	Gowa B
Barbara A	Vickie B	Debbe B
Jacqueline A	Lynn B	Shirley B
Barbara A	Johanna B	Sandy B
Kim A	Johnny B	Sharon B
Naomi A	Trena B	Bonnie B
Karen A	Cynthia B	Laura B
Beth B	Leslie B	Bette B
Christine B	Fran B	Lee B
Donna B	Barbara 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!

Membership Renewal Time

Deb Viso, Cindy Bickhaus

Our membership year runs from April 1 through Mar 31 - stop at the membership desk at the meeting, and renew your membership! Forms are available on the website, as well:



<https://dentonquiltguild.org/become-a-member>

Twitch Broadcast

If you can't make it to a meeting, we send out a professionally produced live video stream 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. Remember that the Twitch stream is meant for our guild members only — please don't post the link in a public forum.



Community Outreach - Upcoming Events

Sher Harnish

Outreach is coordinating **Quilts for Graduating Seniors in Foster Care**. Any DQG member who is working on a twin sized quilt for one of these older teens, needs to **turn their finished quilt in by March 17**, at the regular guild meeting. This allows time for us to put a DQG label on the back. You are welcome to add your own label, with or without your name and an encouraging congratulatory message. Please, no bible quotes. We have no control over who gets our quilts and we serve a wide variety of faiths. Our Region 3 Coordinators will be picking up the quilts from Minding My Ps & Qs at the end of the month. Those who signed up individually on the Day 1 website to provide a quilt can drop their quilt off at MPQs no later than Mar 27. To our quilters - if you have a graduating senior quilt, please get it back soon so we can bind it in time to meet the deadline.



Guild Initiative: This year we're making **Wonky Churn Dash blocks**. Instructions are on the website and Facebook. These are purposefully Wonky and irregular, there is no 'right' way to make a block. Turn in your blocks at the Kids Kwilt Table at any DQG meeting. Blocks will be assembled into donation quilts by the Kid's Bee.

Boot Scootin' Guild Challenge: In July 2026 the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This is the Semiquincentennial. To honor this occasion, we're making an iconic Texas symbol, the cowboy boot. Cowboy boots symbolize the independence and spirit of the American West, representing a legacy of hard work, self-reliance and freedom. Intricate stitching and unique designs represent craftsmanship and individuality. Cowboy boots are a globally recognized symbol of American heritage, as well as a versatile fashion statement. Challenge instructions can be found on the website or on FaceBook. We will be displaying our boots at the October Arts and Jazz Fest for the community to enjoy.



Storybooks and Quilts to Go

Sarah Schermerhorn



February's celebration of Black History Month featured several of our stories related to this event.



The Denton North Branch Library is displaying "Stitch by Stitch" and "Stitchin' and Pullin'".



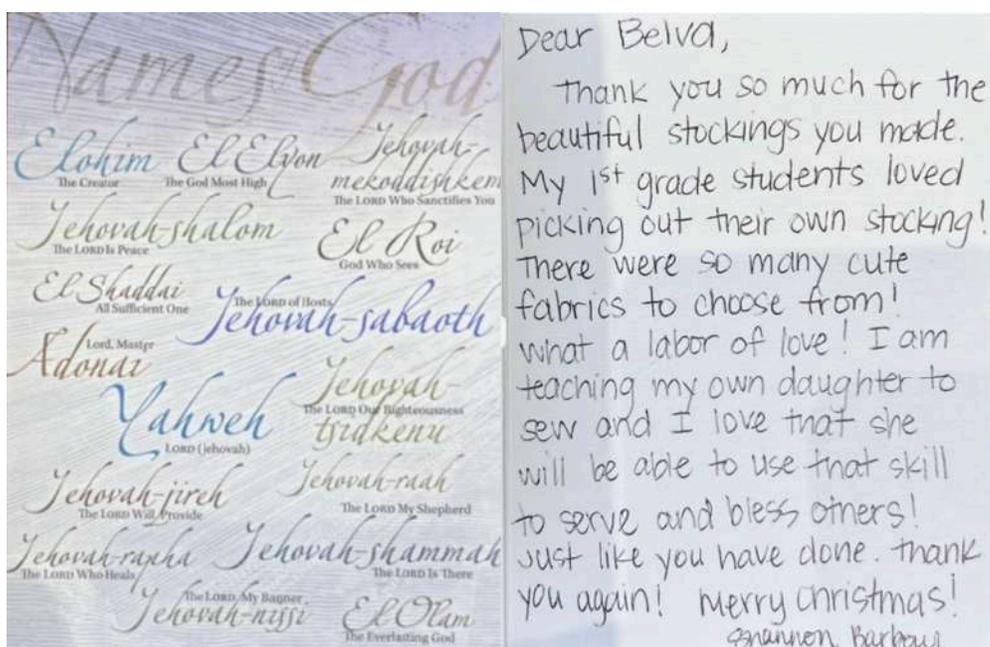
Saturday, February 14th, Sarah read "Freedom Quilt" at Barnes and Noble.

More Cards of Appreciation

Christmas Stockings Project - Belva Gibson

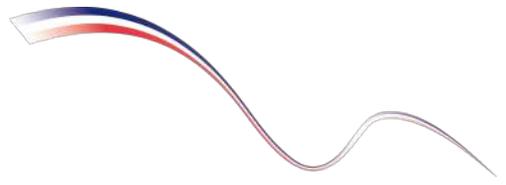
Every year, the guild sponsors a project to sew Christmas Stockings for many of our outreach partners. They then fill the stockings with gifts for the communities they serve - from preschoolers to seniors in care.

Belva Gibson, coordinator of the project is so grateful to everyone who contributed to the effort - this Christmas, we donated 1,445 stockings to 10 different partner organizations! Below are some of the grateful thanks sent to Belva this year.



Quilts of Valor

Lone Star Broads Quilts of Valor



January 2026

The Lone Star Broads Quilts of Valor group presented five quilts to veteran members of the Knights of Columbus - Debbie Coates



Alternative Gift Fair

Dawn Schafer, Nonie Phillips



The Alternative Gift Fair is one of our major fundraisers each year. Throughout the year, guild members create all kinds of fun, popular gift items to be sold in the guild's booth at the AGF in the fall.

It's also a really fun opportunity to try making those fun items you see on social media, or a pattern you've seen in a magazine. There are so many wonderful project ideas out there, and we all see things that we don't really need to *have*, but we just fancy *making*. The AGF is your PERFECT excuse to give those a try!

This year, on the website, our facebook page and in the newsletter, we will be sharing links to videos and websites where you can find ideas for items to make. We will be collecting these items throughout the year at each Guild meeting.

AND, beginning March 3rd, we'll be doing monthly sew days at the Green Valley School, on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month from 9-3. Lunch is either on your own or we can decide as a collective. Beverages available for \$1 and coffee and tea is free of charge. Join Us!!

Here's some videos with fun ideas to get you thinking!

- Fleece Quillow
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bA95BEJHMwU>
- Cotton Fabric Quillow:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvTsKaLO2aE>
- Cute Pot Holder - No Binding!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCpKbThiOFI>
- Lots of cute ideas:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6OnRXF7c5uA>
- Plate Cozy
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXJxnHAm6Gs>



The more the merrier! We'd love to see as many as possible on March 3rd for our first AGF Sew Day.

January Meeting Photos

Emanda Johnson

Photos can be found here: [January 2026 Photos](#)

