



President's Piece

Debbie Nobles

The Stanford Medicine journal reports:

“Social connection is really important for healthy aging — for your brain and for your emotional health. Finding ways to stay engaged with others, whether through community groups, volunteer work or simply maintaining close friendships, is one of the most protective things you can do for your long-term health.”

Our current world does not do much to support forming these social bonds...we work from home, “go to” movies at home, shop from home, even doctor visits can be done at home. We can become very isolated very quickly. It is also becoming harder to find places where you are welcomed and needed and have a purpose. A place where you can just get away from the news, politics, work, family stressors and just participate in something you enjoy.

Our guild can be that place. If you have any connection at all to quilting, you are welcome. You can produce show quality quilts or, as one of our speakers said, you can be a “ curator” of your fabric collection. You are one of us.

We have so many community projects that you are welcome to join...just ask Sher and she will connect you to a group. We need people to help lead projects....we need people interested in running fundraising, we need someone to be the Sunshine and Shadow person, we will need all hands on deck for the big Surplus Sale next month. We have Continuing Ed classes and workshops that need you to share some of that talent we know you have. And we really need more bees!

So, thank you for making this a place where we all belong and are welcomed. A place “where everybody knows your name” (as long as you wear your name tag...memory is a challenge for some of us!)

Love you to pieces!
Debbie

Jan 2026



Program

Holiday Party

Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025
6:30 PM social time, 7 PM meeting
Patterson-Appleton Arts Center

[Facebook Group](#)

DentonQuiltGuild.org

Jan Birthdays

- 2 Gowa B
- 2 Deborah M
- 2 Kathy R
- 6 Sher H
- 6 Amy M
- 6 Sandra S
- 7 Brenda O
- 8 Carol M
- 10 Sharon B
- 10 Priscilla D
- 10 Deborah V
- 10 Ann Y
- 13 Jessalyn F
- 13 Julie P
- 15 Johanna B
- 19 Linda S
- 21 Rhonda Z
- 27 Jacqueline A
- 27 Donna B
- 28 Diana S
- 30 Annette J
- 31 Cindy S

January Guild Meeting - Corey Pearson

QISS - the NEW Quilt-As-You-Go method

Meeting: Tuesday, Jan 20, 6:30 — 9 PM
Programs, Kathleen Carmona

Join award-winning quilter/educator Corey Pearson and learn about the QISS (Quilting Is Sew Simple) System.

If you've ever wished for a roadmap to confident, beautiful quilting on a home sewing machine—this is it.



In this session, you'll not only learn the six essential QISS tools, but you'll also put them to work as you create your very own small Quilt-As-You-Go project—designed to build your skills with every stitch.

Whether you're a beginner or simply looking to take your quilting to the next level, this workshop is your stepping stone to success. You'll walk away with a finished piece, new skills, and a deep understanding of how the QISS System can transform your quilting journey.

January Workshop - Corey Pearson, QISS

Workshops - Claudia Kopel, Sandra Sirignano

Box Car Quilts, Wednesday, Jan 21, 10 AM — 3 PM \$50

Spend a wonderful day with Corey, learning hands-on how to put the QISS technique into action! Sign up by contacting Claudia, or at the meeting.

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.

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Outreach - Upcoming Events

Sher Harnish



Last Call 2026 Surplus Sale Donations: If you are culling your stash, downsizing or thinking of donating things to the surplus sale, please get your items to Sher Harnish, no later than this month's meeting. Call to arrange a time to drop things off at her house.

2026 Yarn Bombing: Yarn Bombing Project needs help. Sher is working with a local church and some UNT students to yarn bomb some trees in front of their building during May and June 2026.

Yarn bombing is a street art activity that's become popular internationally. If you google you'll find all kinds of examples - crochet and knit wraps for trees, lamp posts, bicycle racks, mail boxes, just about everything. No way can this small group make sufficient yardage needed to cover these big trees.

Sher is looking for old dollies, crocheted tablecloths, scrap yarn, unfinished knit or crocheted UFOs, etc that can be lashed together to make the sleeves for the trees. The dollies and tablecloths will be dyed to provide a suitable color palette. If you have items to donate, bring them to any DQG meeting or give Sher a call.

Member Recipes - Cindy Bickhaus



Chuck's Favorite - HOT FUDGE PUDDING CAKE

1 c. flour	2 Tbs cooking oil
¼ c. sugar	1 tsp vanilla
3 Tbs baking cocoa	¼ c. baking cocoa
2 tsp. baking powder	1 c. light brown sugar, packed
½ tsp salt	½ c. chopped walnuts (or pecans)
½ c. milk	1 ¾ c. hot water

Sift together flour, sugar, 3 Tbs. cocoa, baking powder and salt into mixing bowl. Add milk, oil and vanilla; blend 1 minute using electric mixer at medium speed. Pour mixture into greased 9" square baking pan.

Combine ¼ c. cocoa and brown sugar. Sprinkle over batter. Then sprinkle with nuts. Pour hot water over all.

Bake in 350 degree oven 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in cake part comes out clean. Serve warm. Makes 9 servings.

Poem 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!

Some of this year's stockings went to Southmont Christian Academics & Children's Day Out.

They expressed their gratitude with this original poem:



2026 Guild Retreats - Now Scheduling

Sherry Denton

DENTON QUILT GUILD RETREAT SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION FOR 2026

Happy New Year! The guild's 2026 retreats are scheduled and here is what you need to know. (Please read everything.) Your contact information and any food allergies/special needs are very important so be sure to include this information. Don't forget to include anyone that you wish to sit by or room with; we try to accommodate all requests. Once you've decided which retreat/retreats you want to attend fill out the form and mail it with a check (a cashiers check is ok if you don't use checks or you may pay by credit card at a guild meeting) made out to **Denton Quilt Guild** and mail to:

Sherry Denton, PO Box 171, Bridgeport, TX 76426

ALL RETREATS:

-Only one form is needed per year, if you decide to add another retreat just send in payment and a note with the retreat you wish, it will be added to your form.

-If you pay by credit card at a guild meeting please let Sherry know.

-A deposit of at least \$50 is required for each retreat, to hold your spot.

-The total amount is due 30 days before the event, to secure your seat.

-Registration will close 10 days before the event.

-Payment is your responsibility and your seat is not secure until fully paid.

-After paid in full dates the fees are non refundable. If your plans change you may sell your spot to another quilter (if so please let Sherry know who so they can register) or contact Sherry to see if there is a waiting list or other solution.

DAY RETREATS: Spring and Summer

Held at Box Car's Event Center. It is a large room, but seating is limited so be sure to register early. Our day will start at 9:00 am and end at 7:00 pm. Lunch and dinner will be served, plus games and prizes every day. An email will be sent out before the retreat with the seating chart and and last minute information.

March 26-28 - The fee for all 3 days is \$140; for 2 days \$105; for 1 day \$55.
To be paid in full by February 24.

August 13-15 - The fee for all 3 days is \$140; for 2 days \$105; for 1 day \$55.
To be paid in full by July 14.

OVERNIGHT RETREAT: Fall

Held at Box Car's Maxine's Manor. There are only 24 beds available so sign up early. Check in is noon Thursday and check out is noon Sunday. Meals are provided and games and prizes are always on the schedule. An email sent out before the retreat will include the seating chart, room chart and any last minute information. We may have cancellations so we will keep a waiting list after it's full.

November 12-15 - The fee for the entire retreat is \$320 (less days are not available).
To be paid in full by October 13.

Any questions? Contact Sherry at: sadenton143@gmail.com

Location of the retreats: Box Car's Quilts, 3598 Warschun Rd, Aubrey, TX 76227

2026 Guild Retreats - Registration Form

(also available on the website - click [HERE](#))

DENTON QUILT GUILD RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2026

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Food Allergies & Special Needs _____

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2 days \$105 _____ which days? Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___

1 day \$55 _____ which day? Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___

I would like to sit by _____

Paid in full date: February 24

Amount \$ _____

August 13-15: 3 days \$140 _____

2 days \$105 _____ which days? Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___

1 day \$55 _____ which day? Thursday ___ Friday ___ Saturday ___

I would like to sit by _____

Paid in full date: July 14

Amount \$ _____

OVERNIGHT RETREAT: Fall

November 12-15: \$320 _____

I would like to sit by/room with _____

Paid in full date: October 13

Amount \$ _____

Total for the year \$ _____

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December Party Photos

Emanda Johnson

Photos can be found here: [December 2025 Photos](#)







