



Stay Curious!!

There's something wonderful about being a beginner.

You don't know all the rules yet. You haven't learned which things are supposed to be difficult, or which colors supposedly don't go together, or that there might be a "right" way to do what you're doing. *You just try something and see what happens.*

Our August speaker, Charles Cameron, calls himself a curious quilter, and we love that description. Charles says his first quilt was one he made "by accident," and that he learned from not knowing what he was doing. That curiosity eventually led him to explore color and value, improv, paper piecing, pixelation, and his own distinctive ways of constructing quilts.

You'll see that same spirit of curiosity all through this month's newsletter.

Cindy Bickhaus is encouraging us to ask questions — and, just as importantly, to share the things we've learned with one another. Our Community Outreach team is asking for Wonky Churn Dash blocks where there is deliberately no right way to make one. Our Alternative Gift Fair crew is busy making, experimenting and swapping ideas. And our wonderful Character Portrait quilts are hanging at the Greater Denton Arts Center, showing just how many different answers a group of quilters can come up with when given the same basic challenge.

Maybe that's one of the best things about belonging to a guild. No matter how long we've been quilting, there's always something we haven't tried. Someone knows a technique we don't. Someone else asks a question we'd never thought to ask. A workshop sends us in a new direction. A Show & Tell quilt makes us think, I wonder how she/he did that?

And sometimes the person who has been quilting for thirty years gets an idea from the person who started six months ago.

So this month, take a cue from Charles: **stay curious.**

Ask a question. Answer someone else's. Try the wonky block. Take a class. Make something fun for the Gift Fair. Look closely at another member's quilt and ask how they did it.

You just never know where one little "I wonder what would happen if..." might lead you...

Aug 2026 Program



Charles Cameron
A Curious Quilter's
Trunk Show

Tuesday, Aug 18, 2026
6:30 PM social time, 7 PM meeting
Patterson-Appleton Arts Center

Aug Birthdays

1	Margaret H
1	Donna J
2	Sandy B
2	Susan M
2	Kathy S
3	Kathi C
3	Phyllis McC
5	Denise J
5	Jacque P
5	Louellen S
6	Cynthia B
6	Linda C
7	Tiffany C
10	Tanya S
11	Shirley B
12	Cynthia H
13	Fran P
17	Katie K
19	Robin O
22	Judy F
24	Peggy L
25	Sandra G
26	Donna H
26	Darla M
30	Laurel C
31	Stephanie M
31	Susanne S
31	Carla W

August Guild Meeting - Charles Cameron

A Curious Quilter's Trunk Show

Meeting: Tuesday, August 18 6:30 — 9 PM
Programs, Kathleen Carmona

Charles Cameron is a North Carolina based engineer and award-winning modern quilter.

Inspired by his two young daughters, Charlotte and Alice, he combines precise piecing with improv trimming – the perfect union of science and art that make his quilts unique.

From Charles:

"I'm a curious modern quilter. In this trunk show I'll share with you some of my favorite quilts and the inspiration behind their design and construction. I'll tell you the story of my first quilt: one that I made by accident, and the lessons that I learned by not knowing what I was doing.

"We'll explore my love of cross blocks, constructed as a modified nine-patch, and the movement and sparkle that can be created by 'tilting' them, and playing with color and color value placement in their different positions.

"Finally, I share quilts inspired by a curiosity to explore other quilting techniques: improv, foundation paper piecing, and pixelation. I hope you'll be inspired to dive deep into a favorite quilt block of your own or try a new quilting technique that you have not yet explored."



August Workshop – Tilted Tiles – Charles Cameron

Workshops - Claudia Kopel, Sandra Sirignano

Box Car Quilts, Wed, August 19
10 AM — 3 PM

‘Semi-improv’ is a technique for those who want the look and feel of improv, but who aren’t quite ready to give up their rulers!

The workshop will kick off with a detailed overview of the pattern to orient the participants. Hands-on instruction will be provided for each step of the Tilted Tiles quilt pattern and classroom time will be allowed for participants to progress toward making a 36” x 36” wall hanging or 18” x 72” table runner.



The pattern uses efficient, traditional piecing techniques, and multiple block sizes, each with their own choose-your-own-adventure-style instructions for the creation of a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

Blocks are made from modular subunits which are mixed-and-matched in interesting color and value combinations to create visual interest and flow. The subunits can be assembled in various orientations and sewn together in numerous configurations. The blocks are constructed larger than required using traditional piecing techniques, then trimmed with a ruler, improv-style to give each block a ‘tilted’ or ‘wonky’ look which adds variety and movement to the assembled quilt top.

To schedule the workshop contact
Claudia Kopel 940-435-9669 - DQGWorkshops@gmail.com
Sandra Sirignano 817-821-2107 - DQGWorkshops@gmail.com

AUGUST SNACK TABLE

Tina Hilton, MaryEllen Mitchell



Valerie S
Virginia S
Belinda S
Carla S
Linda S
Myra T
Ellen T
Juliet T
Judy T
Lesli T
Jana T
Sheryl V
Terrie V
Deborah V
Terri V

Wendy W
Carol W
Carla W
Vickie W
Nora W
Susie W
Julia W
Kathy W
Sharon W
Laurie W
Jane W
Jane W
Donna W
Ann Y
Rhonda Z

Debbie A
Cheryl A
Jacqueline A
Barbara A
Barbara A
Kimberly A
Kim A
Naomi A
Karen A
Beth B
Christine B
Donna B
Bonnie B
Jeris B
Vickie B

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

Fancy trying 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!

FINDING THE GUILD ONLINE

With more than 200 members and activities happening year-round, there's always something exciting going on in our guild.

Stay informed, share in the fun, and connect with fellow members through our main online gathering places.

And if you can't make it to the meeting in person, hop onto our Twitch stream and watch it live (when the wifi at the center allows!)



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Community Outreach

Sher Harnish



Boot Scootin' Guild Challenge:

To honor the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, 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.

Challenge instructions can be found on the [website](#).

Quilters Needed -

We have tops - contact Sher if you can help!

Guild Initiative:

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.



Character Portrait Show (photos)

Sher Harnish, Emanda Johnson

The Greater Denton Arts Council is currently displaying our members' Whimsical Portraits at the Greater Denton Arts Center (our regular meeting location) from **July 11 through September 5, 2026.**



Character Portrait Show (photos continued)

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Alternative Gift Fair

Dawn Scheffer, Nonie Phillips



The Alternative Gift Fair is one of our most important annual fundraisers. Throughout the year, guild members create a variety of fun and popular handmade items that will be sold at our booth during this fall's event.

We have monthly sew days at the Green Valley School, on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month from 10-3. Please bring \$5 to donate to the Green Valley School in appreciation for allowing us to use the facility.

This month, at the August sew day, our AGF team sorted and priced the items already finished - here's Dawn with four large boxes of items ready to go!



Join us on Sept 1 for the next AGF Sew Day! For more information, contact Dawn or Nonie!

On the [website](#), on our Facebook page and in the newsletter, we are sharing links to videos and websites where you can find ideas for items to make. You can also check our guild library for inspiration! Drop off these items throughout the year at each Guild meeting. Drop your items off at a guild meeting, or contact Dawn or Nonie.

Dawn has created a great **online sign-up form** for booth volunteers at the fair, and that form is now live. There are slots available on all three days - Friday, Saturday and Sunday Nov. 6-8: set-up, tear-down and manning the booth.

Volunteer slots are typically 2 hours long - you're welcome to sign up for more than one! It's fun, and you'll also have plenty of time to shop around the other wonderful booths before or after your shift.

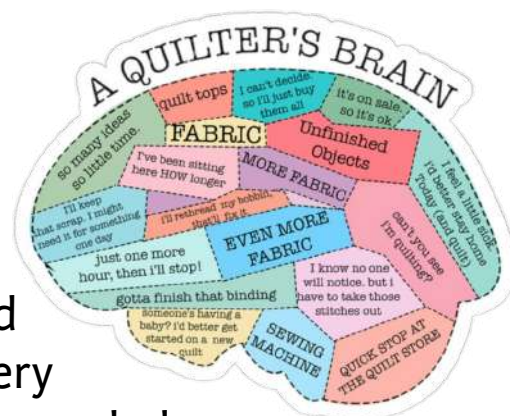
Find the link here: [SIGN-UP FORM](#)

Karen Crozier

Continuing Ed is taking a short break, but will be back soon, with great classes like Cindy B's Christmas Crazy Block in September and Sher's Curved Piecing class in October. If you have something you'd like to teach - contact Karen Crozier!

Inquiring Minds Want to Know!!

Cynthia Bickhaus



One of the best things about belonging to a guild is the opportunity to learn from one another. Every quilter has tips, techniques, and experiences that can help someone else along their quilting journey.

Some newer quilters, or those trying a new technique, have hesitancy to ask. Perhaps they do not know who to ask, feel intimidated, or cannot even think of how to ask the question. With new topics to explore each month, we'll invite our members to share their own experience and advice!

Last month, Cindy started a question box for quilters of all levels. At the meeting, she'll have extra forms along with a collection box for your responses. Cindy will compile the results and share them on the guild website, and at our next guild meeting.

This month, the topic is QUILTING!
Download the form: [CLICK HERE](#)

General Meeting Minutes - July 2026 Meeting

Prissy Roberson

Denton Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Debbie Nobles

Debbie Nobles asked for members to approve the Meeting minutes from June.

Asked for a motion. Susan Mankus made the motion, Diana Schenberger seconded. No nays. Motion passed.

Debbie welcomed everyone. She called for the committee reports.

- Junior QOV and Sewing Workshop – Prissy Roberson gave a report of the Kids Sewing Workshop, June 29, 30 and July 1st at the Green Valley School. She showed the finished quilt and thanked all the teachers. She also reported the Green Valley School has been booked for June 28-30 2027.
- Workshops – Claudia Kopel reported the workshop for July 22, with MJ Kinman-Improv Gems, had seats available. In August there will be a workshop by Charles Cameron-Tilted Tiles. August 19, 2026. September 16, is Quilting Vintage Linens with Rhonda Dort.
- Inquiring Minds – Cindy Bickhaus reminded to fill out the forms as a tool to pass on our Quilting and Sewing knowledge. Statements and answers will be listed in the newsletter each month.
- Community Outreach – Sher pointed out all the Portrait Quilts are now on display at Art Center. Reminder Boot Scootin' quilts deadline has been moved to November. These Quilts will be displayed at the Christmas Party.
- Fund Raising- Alternative Gift Fair Sew Day – Dawn Scheffer showed gifts turned in and reminded the next sew day is August 4 from 10 to 3. The focus will be Christmas gifts and pricing. Look for links in the newsletter to learn how to sign up to work the Fair, November 6, 7, 8.

Show and tell

Attendance: Members: 113, Guests: 2

Twitch was available

Debbie adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm

Minutes submitted by Prissy Roberson

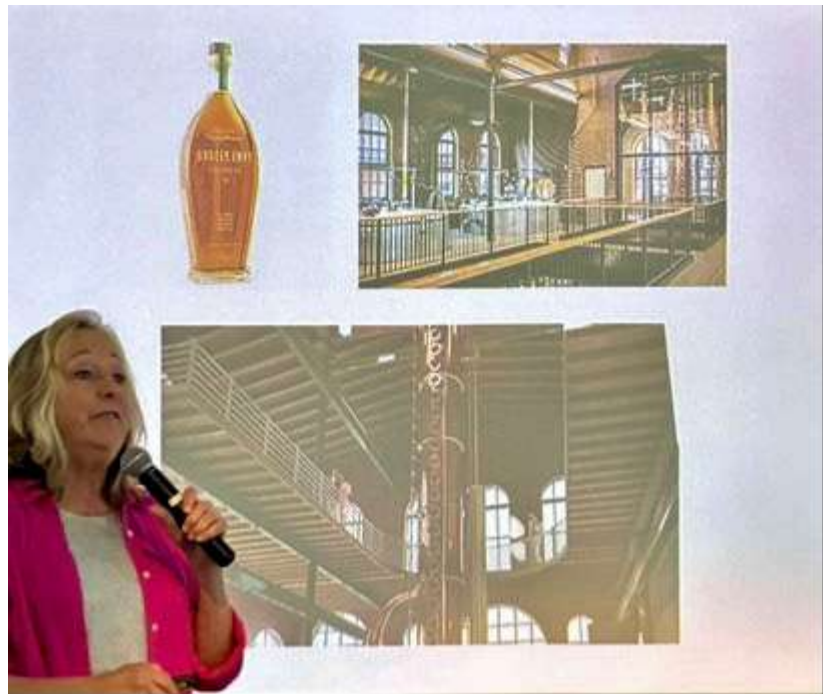
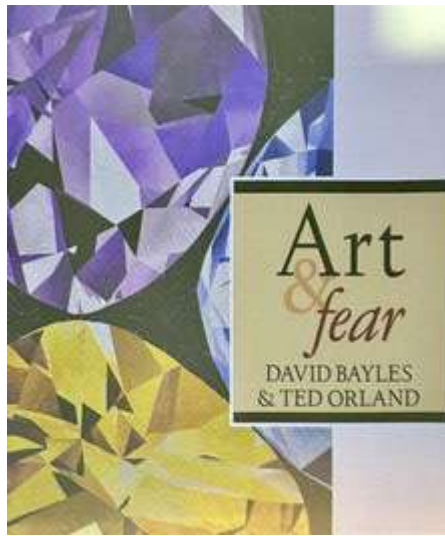
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Emanda Johnson

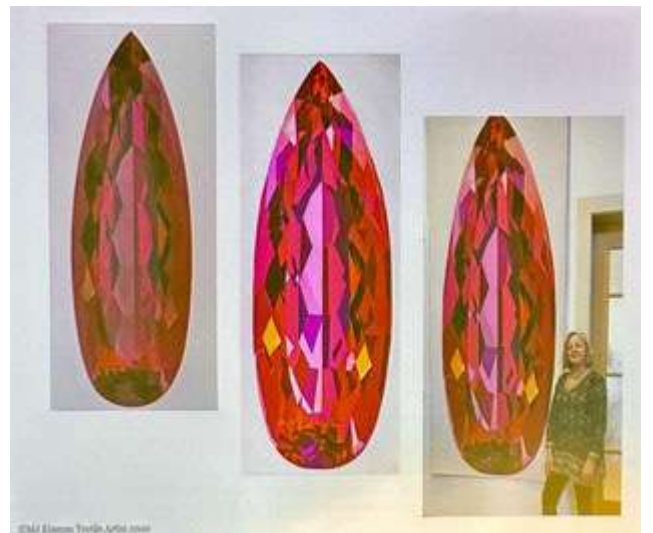
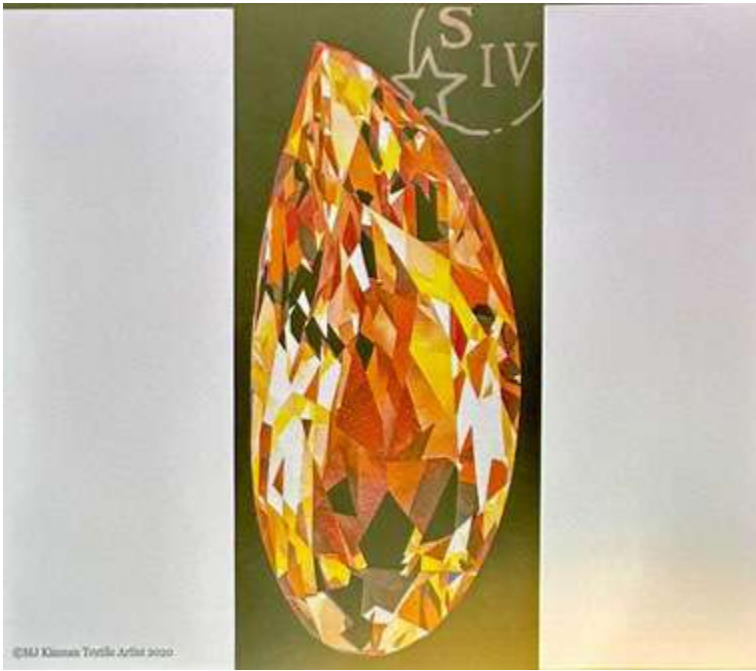
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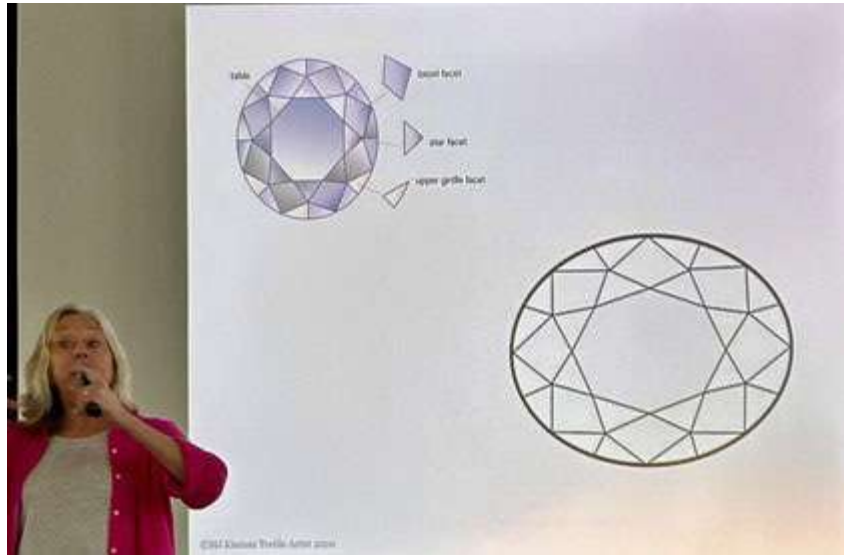
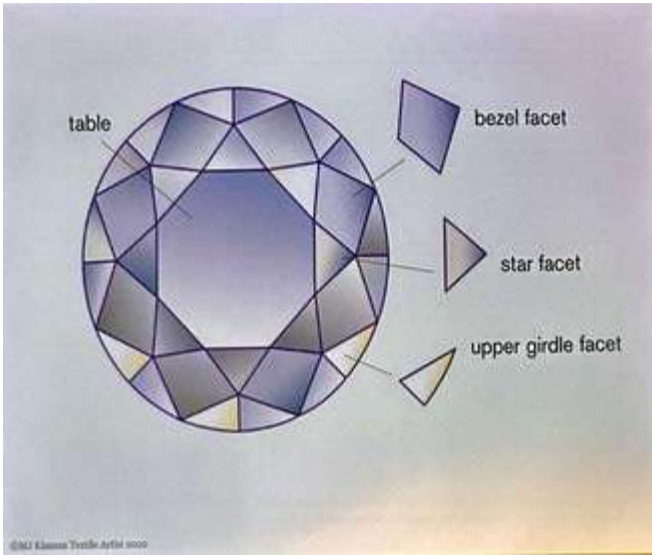








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