



GRANBURY QUILTERS' GUILD NEWS

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Tracy Rittenour

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Newsletter
Joy Kelly

Spring Retreat
Nancy Marstiller &
Clydene Cooper

Fall Retreat
Glenda Marsh &
Joy Kelly

Show n Tell
Linda Hyde

Sunshine & Shadow
Jamie Skelton

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Long armers that quilt our donation quilts:

Carolyn Sponsky
Donna Eyre
Darlena Burnett
Barbara Fowler
Jamie Skelton

President's Note . . .

Ladies

Planning is in full swing for the upcoming Quilt Show that we are holding this June 2nd and 3rd at Granbury Convention Center. Set up is June 1st.

Carolyn is requesting that your entry forms be all turned into her at our meeting this month so she can start planning the layout at the convention center. Two entries per person. If you will not be able to attend the meeting in April, please send your forms to Carolyn. Carolyn Sponsky, 1803 Laguna Court, Granbury, 76048 asap.

Please try to help when the ladies send the various work schedules around. We are also looking for help to sell ads to local business' for our program. The ads cost are for a Business card \$20, a 1/2 page \$40 and a Full page \$80. If you know of a local business that would like to help, please let Carolyn Sponsky and her committee know.

"It takes a village" is a very appropriate saying when trying to run a quilt show. We need everyone to help in any way they can.

I heard of a really cool project that is trying to organize nation wide. Maybe some of our ladies would like to participate. The project is called LOOSE ENDS. When a crafter dies mid-project, or is no longer able to finish due to disability or illness, they will likely have unfinished items for friends and family. These handmade expressions of love could get lost, donated or thrown out. They match unfinished projects to volunteer to complete and return the articles to their loved ones. Projects can be knit / crochet / sewing / quilting / tatting / rug making / embroidery / cross-stitch / needlepoint / felting / latch hook / etc. To find out more information—LOOSEENDSPROJECT.ORG.

Hope to see you all at our meeting April 17th.

Joy Kelly, President

Ever have a quilt block pattern that you loved but the size just doesn't fit, well worry no more! Donna Eyre will be doing a presentation on how to easily resize a quilt block pattern. Join us for the April 17th meeting!

Bonnie Rhoby, Vice President

Hi



What To Bring:

- ⇒ Name Tag
- ⇒ Show N Tell
- ⇒ \$\$\$ for Door Prize tickets
- ⇒ Block of the Month
- ⇒ Hobbs UPC labels

Go to Facebook, Granbury Quilt Guild. Our Logo is in the lefthand corner and the profile picture is our 2019 raffle quilt. If you are on Facebook, LIKE our page!



<https://www.facebook.com/granburyquiltguild/>

**Guild Meeting– Monday,
April 17th @ 6:00pm
@ United Co Op
320 Fall Creek Hwy
www.granburyquiltguild.com**

Minutes from the March 20 Meeting

Joy called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and visitors. Glenda Marsh did a fantastic job on the program about using your serger and embroidery machine! She also had a great display of items she has made on her embroidery machine, and she demonstrated some of the stitches she used on many of these items. Thank you Glenda for sharing your skills with us , and encouraging us to try some of these!

We proceeded with the meeting with Jamie Skelton reporting that there were 56 members and 5 guest present. Those numbers were really GREAT!! Joy announced we owe a great big thank you to Sharen and Jamie for getting the directories ready!

Karin and Tracy did the door prize drawings, and Jamie announced the winners for being present at the meeting. The minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report were approved. Joy announced a new Sewing Bee would start at Patti's on Wednesday mornings. A \$5 fee will be charged . Linda Keithley gave a UFO report.

Margaret Hartman, Linda Hyde, Glenda Marsh, and Cheryl Craig are the four members that will work on creating a scholarship from the guild . (they have not met yet)

Carolyn Sponsky announced the set up for the Quilt show on June 1, with the quilt show on June 2 and 3. Kathy Tingley did the drawing for the Block of the Month. Kay Huffman announced that 20 NIC UNIT quilts have been donated ! Kathy Cosand and Tracy Rittenour reminded everyone is welcomed to come on the 3rd Thursday of each month to the United Co-op to work on Quilts of Valor.

Nancy Marstiller and Clydene Cooper reported that EVERYONE had a great time at the Spring Retreat!

Joy and Glenda announced the Summer Retreat will be at Compass Center in Mt. Calm on August 10 - 13. Cost will be \$300.00. Linda Hyde conducted a great Show and Tell! It goes without saying that 'We have some Very Talented Ladies!!'

Joy adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Kizer, Secretary



"Women of the late 18th century, "the colonial era," shared the work of quilting out of necessity and pleasure. Research in women's diaries and household inventories has shown that women shared textile work. Work parties of the period included barn raisings, harvestings, and huskings in addition to quilt parties."

If you quilt or sew, then you have probably heard or read the term, "quilting bee." But *what is a quilting bee?* A quilting bee is a get-together for people who sew and quilt to work on their individual or group projects with like-minded individuals.

Quilting bees are great social events for learning new skills and techniques, discussing related events, and chatting with peers about anything. It's a relaxing and fun environment for crafters.

Quilting bees originated during the nineteenth century and gained much popularity during that time and continued in popularity long after.

A "bee" is another word for a party or social function and in this case, it's a quilting party, thus it was named "quilting bee." But it's much more than just a party.

Granbury Quilt Guild is trying to get a "Bee" together for all our members. Wednesday's from 9am til 3pm at Patti's Last Resort classroom (6495 Smoky Hill Ct) and the cost is \$5. Bring your own projects and your lunch.



Treasurer's Report *March 2023*



Beginning Balance		
Operating Account	16,067.18	
Savings Account	5,035.28	
Total Checking/Savings		\$ 21,102.46
Revenues:		
T-Shirts	40.00	
Membership Dues	955.00	
Fall Retreat	898.00	
UFO	10.00	
Total Revenues		\$ 1,903.00
Expenditures:		
Retreat-Down Payment	7,320.00	
Guild Directory	283.00	
Guild Meeting Info Cards	31.70	
Total Expenditures		\$ 7,634.70
Ending Balance		
Operating Account	10,335.48	
Savings Account	5,035.28	
Total Checking/Savings		\$ 15,370.76

Sunshine and Shadow

If you know of a guild member who is ill and needs a little cheering up, please contact Jamie Skelton and let her know.

Cards sent last month to the following members: **Connie Scott, Kay Huffman, and Debbie Daugherty**

Jamie Skelton, Sunshine and Shadow Chair



Granbury Quilters' Guild meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the United Co-Op, 320 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury. Membership is open to anyone interested in quilts and quilting. Annual Dues are \$25 per calendar year (+ \$5 if newsletter can't be electronically sent monthly). Guests may attend two meetings before joining.

Newsletter Ad rates: Business card: \$5; 1/4 page: \$10; 1/2 page: \$20; Full page: \$30

Deadline is the 5th of every month.

Contact: Joy Kelly at joygaylekelly@gmail.com or call 817-919-0467.

APRIL BLOCK OF THE MONTH

April BOM – Bunny Backside Block – Due by start of meeting 4/17/23

See 7 photos attached Finished block approx 12" X 15 1/2" (raw 12 1/2 by 16)
Large block – all rectangles and squares with snow balled corners.

You will need 4 fabrics. Background light tan or beige or cream solid or print, print for bunny body and 2 coordinates for ribbon/collar and cotton tail.

Photo #1 Cutting bunny body print. Cut 2 rectangles 4 7/8" by 1 3/4" for ears.
Cut 1 rectangle 4 7/8" wide by 4 1/2" tall for head. Cut one rectangle 6 3/4" wide by 3 5/8" inch tall for shoulders/upper body. Cut 2 rectangles 3 1/8" wide by 2 7/8" tall for left and right bunny butt. Cut 6 each 1" squares to snowball tail (4) and hip (2).

Photo #2 Bunny collar/ribbon. Cut one 3/4" wide by 6 3/4" long.

Bunny tail cut one square 2 7/8"

Lots of small squares from background fabric. All will be used for snowballing corners so draw one diagonal line on the back of each.

Six 1" squares(neck, bottom of ear & butt), Four 1 1/2" squares (tops of ears), Two 1 3/4" squares(template of head), Two 2" squares (shoulders).

Large background pieces. 2 rectangles 9" tall by 4 1/2" wide (background at head and shoulders)

2 rectangles 3" wide by 2 7/8" tall (bunny butt background)

2 rectangles 3 7/8" tall by 3 1/4" wide (bunny hip background)

1 rectangle 7/8" by 4 7/8" (between ears)

2 rectangles 1 1/4" by 4 7/8" (both sides of ears)

Sew the ribbon to top of shoulders/body and press. Sew one 1 1/2" background square to the top of each ear, cut off excess triangle and press.

Photo #3 See all the "snowball" squares are in place. 3 total on each ear, at the top of head temple 1 3/4", at neck 1" and at shoulders 2", 4 1" on tail, 2 1" at outside bunny butt, 2 1" bunny print on background at hips.

Photo #4 All snowballs pinned in place.

Photo #5 All snowballs sewn, trimmed and pressed.

Sew the narrow piece between ears and the two 1 1/4" pieces to each outside of ears.

Photo #6 Sew head to ears, sew rows and then together.

Photo #7 Finished block

Some of the background may be oversized. Square up block. It should measure 12 1/2" wide by 16" tall or close. In case of directional prints width & heighth stated.

Kathy Tingley 03/20/23



APRIL BLOCK OF THE MONTH

BUNNY BACKSIDE

Membership Report



What an exciting time to be a part of The Granbury Quilt Guild
At the January meeting we had 8 visitors & 3 joined!!! At our February meeting we did even better. We had 9 visitors & 6 joined!!

We have such a wealth of knowledge as well as love of quilting in our membership for 2023. With our Granbury Guild Quilt Show in June...it's going to take each of us to make it a GREAT show. I'm so excited that we are growing our membership & looking forward to getting to know each of our new members throughout 2023.

Find a place to serve your Guild & build your quilting skills & your friendships too.

NEW MEMBERS

Sandi Ricketson
7609 Ravenswood Road
Granbury, Tx 76049

Cheryl Wilcox
2203 Long Creek Ct
Granbury, Tx 76049

Linda Wilkins
1005 Anna Circle
Granbury, Tx 76048

Sharen Gilleland Membership Chairperson

SAVE THE DATE— Quilt Guild
Summer Retreat at Compass Centre
is scheduled for August 10-13, 2023



The Compass Centre Shoppe

To make things easier for some, we have decided to set it up so if you want to attend, paying a little each month might be easier for your budget. Joy and/or Glenda will be available at each monthly meeting to take your money (checks made out to Granbury Quilt Guild). The cost is \$309 for three nights and four days with three dinners, two lunches, and Sunday brunch. Continental breakfasts are available each day. We hope that many more will join us. *Joy Kelly and Glenda Marsh*

QUILTS OF VALOR

We have secured the United Coop Meeting room for the Quilts of Valor Committee the third Thursday of every month. 9:00 am til 3:00pm. We will meet April 20th this month.

Thank you to all the members that have put squares together and help us get this group going!



*Kathy Cosand and
Tracy Rittenour*

Quilt of Valor Recipient
Ceremony March 29th



Community Service Committee (CSC)

At our March meeting there were 3 Harris NICU quilts and one undesignated quilt donated. Year-to-date donations are 25 Harris NICU, two dog beds and 2 Undesignated quilts. That is a great start to the year. Even better news is most have been delivered and hopefully put to use.

If you want to designate your quilt, below is information on some categories.

Harris Texas Health Resources Neonatal Units:

(Any and all sizes are greatly appreciated). Preemie quilts (can be pastel or bright colors) 18" square to 36" square. Soft cotton or flannel on top and backing. No batting is needed for quilts using flannel. No tied quilts for these tiny ones. No fleece is allowed in the hospital as fleece can harbor germs even after washing. Isolette covers 36"x46" made with batting. We have been told the quiet darker environment of a covered isolette helps the babies sleep and grow better.

Quilts of Valor:

Contact Kathy Cosand and Tracy Rittenour for details.

Nursing Home Throws and Wheelchair Quilts: Suggested sizes for wheelchair 38"-40" wide by 40"-46" long and for lap 50"-55" wide by 60"-70" long.

If you donate an undesignated quilt, we will find homes for any size you make. Twin and larger size quilts can be used for various charities we support as well as disaster relief.

It is important that we keep track of donation quilts. To help facilitate the process, we ask that all members submit their completed quilts along with the donation slip(s) at the monthly meetings. Donation slips should be located near the membership table. The CSC will be responsible for the delivery of such quilts. Please be sure to designate on the donation slip if you wish to designate your quilt to a particular charity.

Please remember to save your HOBBS BATTING UPC labels from your batting packages. Our guild can order batting for charity projects at a discounted price through their facility in Waco.

Thank you for your continuing support of our community.

Kaye Huffman, 817-908-6490, khuffman54@att.net



COMMUNITY SERVICE SLIP

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Item: _____
(i.e. quilt, quilt top, blanket, dog bed, etc.)

Date item donated: _____

Donated to: _____
(name of organization or individual)