



Kingwood Area Quilt Guild

The Stitchin' Star

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April

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KAQG Welcomes

Rhonda McKee & Whitney Harris



On April 3, 2025, we will have guest speakers from B•Sew Inn. Rhonda McKee, Manager, and Whitney Harris, Educator, who will address their current services & classes. Additionally they will discuss pertinent issues for sewists & quilters regarding which thread weight to use for different sewing needs, which interfacing are needed for which needs, and various needles. We will conduct a question & answer session as well.

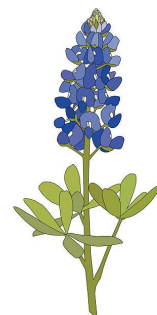
Be sure to bring your projects and any questions you have on finishing them and the products necessary. I have invited them to bring a pop-up shop with them.

B•Sew Inn has reformatted their offerings to our community and modified their store to better fit our needs. Let's give them a big KAQG welcome and support them as one of the only surviving quilt shops in our area.

Elma Lynn

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

A Word from the President . . .



April showers bring May flowers, and I am ready!

First, I want to thank all of those who have stepped up and taken our donation quilt to other guilds. If we all take it to one guild the calendar will fill up fast. This is one of our two fundraisers we do each year. With the money we raise we are able to do scholarships for high school graduates and get more speakers to come and share their knowledge with us.

Now that Spring is upon us it is time to be thinking about Market Place, our 2nd fundraiser. We need all sizes of quilts kids, adults, wheelchair. Table runners, microwave bowl and ice cream cozies, coasters, mug rugs, handy husbands and anything else you can think of. If you need ideas or want to check if what you have will work, please contact me or someone on the committee.

Keep up the great work you are doing for charity quilts! Remember as a guild member we are required to do two quilts a year. Need help or ideas — Leigh has some fabulous quilt kits for you to pick up at each meeting.

Quilts are a work of heart.

Lori

Important Reminders:

Free Table!

Yes, we will have a Free Table at the April meeting.

Don't forget to take any of your items that don't find a new home.

The egg-ceptional, egg-citing,
Egg Quilt Charity Challenge entries
are due at the April meeting.

Turn in your quilt! Vote for your favorite!

I Spy Challenge

Leigh is collecting squares for the next challenge.

She needs **pairs of fabric** cut in to **5-1/2" squares**. You can turn in more than one set of any fabric.

Put your squares in a baggie with your name and number of pairs.

Turn these in at the April or May meetings.

Important Reminders:

April Birthdays



April 3 Emily Friend
April 24 Ruth Burnett
April 26 Linda Kydd

If your birthday is in April, please bring a snack to share.

Nocturne Challenge Fabric is still available!

The Challenge: Buy a half yard cut for \$5, use it in an item to donate to the Market Place Fundraiser, then you will get your \$5 back.

If you want to buy a yard for \$10, and you make a quilt, or use at least 75% of the fabric in a project for the Market

Place, we will give the \$10 back!

See Theresa to purchase your Challenge fabric.



Let's get those purple vibes going!!!

Membership

I am pleased to announce that the KAQG is growing – the membership now stands at 52!



Did you know that new members who join the guild in March or later are only charged half the membership fee - \$15.00. We have great speakers and classes coming up making this a wonderful time to invite your friends and/or neighbors to join us and see everything the Guild has to offer.

Did you know that the KAQG has active Facebook and Instagram pages? Ellen does postings several times a month. By liking, commenting, and sharing these posts, it will increase the page visibility on Facebook and Instagram. This may help us entice local quilters to come and check out our meeting and join the guild.

Do not forget to share information about the KAQG on your personal social media and “village” pages. If everyone did this, think of how many new members we may attract. If you would like to share information on the Kingwood Area Quilt Guild, please use the wording below.

Kingwood Area Quilt Guild meets at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church on the first Thursday of each month. The Guild Quilt Guild is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving the rich heritage and the art of quilting. KAQG strives to provide educational programs in the local communities through schools and groups; thus encouraging, sustaining, and promoting quilting. KAQG provides quilts to local charities for children, veterans, and families. Come join us - - the more the merrier!

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
2929 Woodland Hills Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339

6:30pm - Social Time – visit, meet and catch up with quilting friends.

7:00pm - Meeting time - meetings last approximately two hours

Workshops - some speakers may offer a workshop on Friday following the Guild meeting

Website - www.kingwoodareaquiltguild.com

Membership Forms can be found at:

<http://www.kingwoodareaquiltguild.com/KAQGPUBLIC/MembershipForm.pdf>

Debbi

Sunshine & Shadows



We had 28 quilters in attendance at the March meeting, 26 members, 1 new member, and Debbie Birdwell from the Tall Pines Guild. Thank you all for attending!

Sunshine:

- Mitzi Hendrix's husband had a pacemaker implanted, and is doing well.
- Sally Albertson had a pacemaker implanted, and is doing great! She's also getting a new puppy.
- Jerri Dudley is getting a new puppy.

Shadows:

- Janetta Rodriquez, a long time member of the guild, passed away on March 15th.

Elma Lynn Young took home the **Scrap Jar** in February, and will bring her creation in April.

If you have any new announcements, ideas or suggestions for our guild, please run it by me. The Board welcomes any and all ideas, but reserves the right to discuss the ideas before they're implemented.

Leila Hays

Communications



All Texas Shop Hop started March 1st, and continues through Wednesday, April 30th. There is a line of exclusive fabrics created just for this event, and you can purchase the fabrics at participating stores. Two of the local participating stores that also support our guild, are Cupcake Quilts in Spring and Quilters Quarters in Conroe.

There are many Quilt Shows throughout April. Please check our guild calendar on our website under Member Information.

As always, please like our Facebook and Instagram posts, to create more traffic there. If Facebook and Instagram are not your thing, please pass out our cards to anyone interested. Please reach out to me if you need any. Hopefully that will help us recruit new members.

Ellen Liliedahl

Facebook: Kingwood Area Quilt

Instagram: kingwood_area_quilt_guild



March 1—April 30, 2025

<https://alltexasshophop.com>

Education and Community Service

Welcome spring! Spring is a wonderful time of year to bring out all those lovely pastel color fabrics and make some beautiful things for your home or for those you love.

Thank you for all of the charity quilts that have been made so far this year. The Project Linus organization is very thankful for all the baby quilts we have sent to them. Participating in our challenge quilts helps us to make many that are children themed and loved by parents and children alike. We recently received an email from one



mother that shared her appreciation for the quilt that her child received. Here is a photo of the sweet child that received the quilt. I will read her email at the April meeting.

Just a reminder that we have an egg quilt challenge that is due at the April meeting. Then, there is going to be a challenge for a type of I Spy quilt that Leigh is needing squares of fabric cut into pairs of 5 ½" X 5 ½" matching fabric. When you turn them in put them in a Ziplock baggie with your name and the number of pairs you are turning in.

We also have an educational opportunity for Saturday, April 5 at the Kingwood Library. We are having an informational meeting with a question-and-answer session afterwards. I will be showing a variety of quilts so those in attendance can see that quilts can be all different sizes, shapes and used for a variety of reasons. If you would like to join me, just let me know at 936-521-5421. I have the room reserved for 1-5, but the actual program won't begin until 2.

Thank you again for all your help with our charity quilts and for supporting the education of others about the art and craft of quilting.

Carolyn

March Meeting Highlights



Stephanie Tarver shared her journey of making her “Dragon Star” quilt, entering it in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Quilt Contest...and winning a blue ribbon.



The Tall Pines Quilt Guild in Huntsville brought their beautiful raffle quilt, “Love is in the Air.”

March Meeting Highlights — Photo Booth



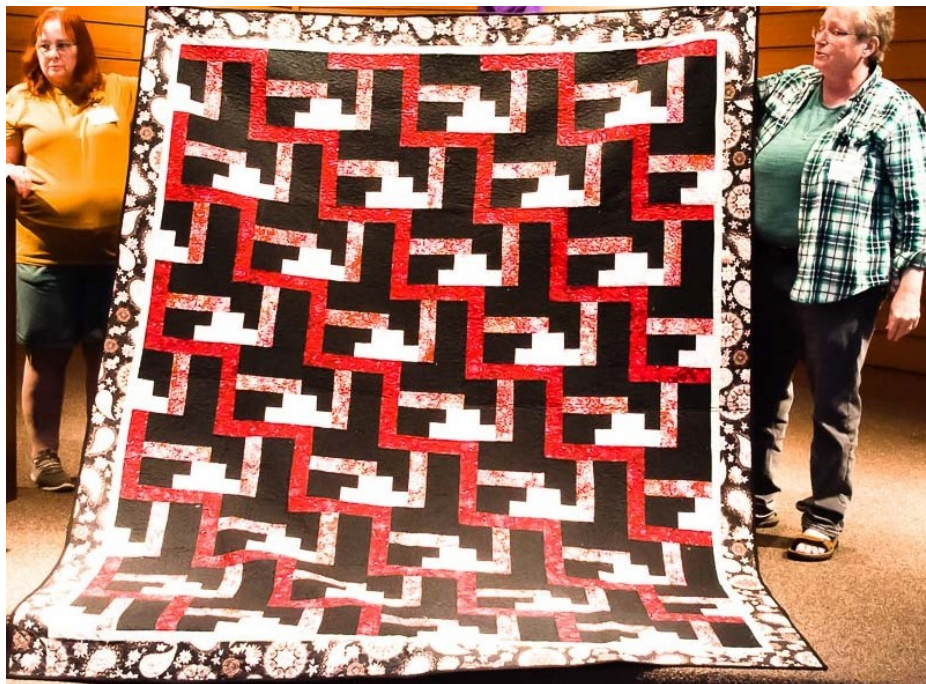
March - Rodeo Roping



March Show and Tell



March Show and Tell



Upcoming Programs / Workshops

May 1st

Jan McFarland will provide a lecture and trunk show on “The Back of Your Quilt and the Story it Tells.” This has been her specialty for many years. Jan is a former KAQG President and had a lot of experience with quilt finishes and professional completions. She currently lives in Arkansas in her retirement, yet often visits family in Kingwood.

June 5th

Kathy Tucker — Lecture and Trunk Show

June 6th

Workshop — Kathryn Tucker is a Certified Instructor on Laura Heine patterns. There are several patterns you can select from so that Kathy can get them ordered in advance. You will use fabrics from your stash.

Sweatshirt Jacket Workshop

(date to be determined)

Stephanie Tarver will teach a class in making a casual jacket from a sweatshirt. You will need to purchase your sweatshirt two sizes too large to allow for shrinkage during construction and laundry.



2025 Donation Quilt



Texas Heart Quilt

With only 4 months to go before the drawing for our Texas Heart Quilt, it would be great to have someone step up to oversee the travels of the quilt. Stephanie has done a great job of booking the quilt to other guilds. The date for the drawing is August 7th (the August guild meeting) to coincide with the end of the KAQG fiscal year. With the shortened timeframe, we cannot miss taking the quilt to the guilds which have been booked. There are morning and evening meetings open. Please check the website for additional ones that you might like to attend.

Two volunteers are needed for each of these events:

**April 18, Friday
9:30am**

**Quilt Guild of Greater Houston
Bellaire, TX**

**June 3, Tuesday
6:00 pm**

**Bay Area QG
Houston, TX**

**July 15, Tuesday
6:30pm**

**Quilt Guild of Greater Houston
Bellaire, TX**

**July 22, Tuesday
9:30am**

**Colorado Valley Quilt Guild
LaGrange, TX**

You can view the "sign-up genius" on our website at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FA9AA2BA7FE3-raffle#/>

**Each guild member is required to purchase/sell \$20
donation quilt tickets.
Tickets are available at Guild Meetings.**

Bee News



UFO Central Bee:

The UFO Central Bee meets at Diane Floyd's home on the first, third and fifth Monday's of the month to sew on their own projects.

2026 Round Spring Drive, in South Woodland Hills, Kingwood. 10am—2pm

Everyone is welcome! Bring your machine, sewing supplies, and lunch.



The Kingwood Area Quilt Guild has two additional open Quilting Bees. They are each being held at the

R.B. Tullis Library,

21569 US Highway 69/59, New Caney, TX 77357

Library Phone: 936-522-2892

Both Bees are open to all Guild Members.

Directions from Kingwood:

Take highway I-69 (Hwy 59) North to exit 157A – merge onto the feeder road. Get in the right lane. Go through the two lights and just after the second set of lights the Tullis Library is on the right. Turn right into the first driveway. Go through the front door into the vestibule and the meeting room is on the right before you enter the main library.

Tavola Quilting Bee – KAQG

The group meets twice monthly

April 1, 2025 from 9:30am to 3pm - Tuesday

The Bee will not meet in May and will meet again in June - dates to be announced.

The group will meet in the large room on the first floor.

Contact: Debbi Cagney - 832-492-2205

KAQG - Be Friends Bee

The group meets twice monthly

April 10, 2025 from 10am - 2pm - Thursday

April 24, 2025 from 10am - 2pm - Thursday

May 13, 2025 from 10am - 2pm - Tuesday

May 28, 2025 from 1pm - 5pm - Wednesday

No meetings in June and July

The group will meet in the large room on the first floor.

Contact: Melissa Kristoff - 832-525-6944

Block of the Month — April



Time does fly and here is the second block for your patriotic quilt! April's block of the month is an easy one. The "Two Patch Quilt" pattern is found on page 54 at <http://quilterscache.com>. If you are using the patriotic color theme, color 1 is blue and color 2 is white. If you want a more coordinated quilt, use the same blue on the star points that you used in the March Block. Using different blues will give your quilt a "scrappy look."

<https://www.quilterscache.com/T/TwoPatchQuiltBlock.html>

If you didn't get your March block completed, here is the link:

<https://www.quilterscache.com/E/EightPointedStar4Block.html>

Color 1 is red, color 2 is medium blue, color 3 is a darker blue (several shades darker than color 2), and color 4 is white.

Please contact Janet Turini if you need help or have questions..



Stephanie Tarver delivered 55 quilts to Marc Layton at Project Linus in March.

Are you ready for Retreat?

KAQG Spring Retreat

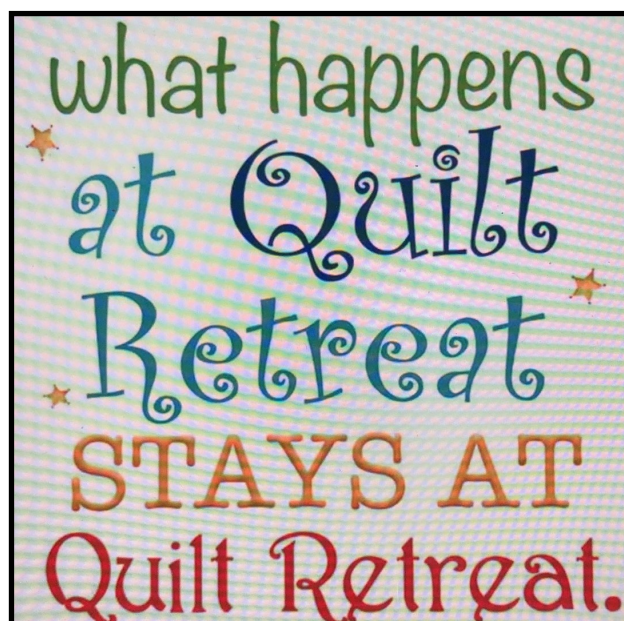
April 4-8, 2025

The Nest in Willis, TX

Pack your bags ● Grab your project

● And some snacks!

Let's Go!



March Door Prizes



Ima Quilter—Did You Know?

Spring is here!



Did You Know – that when you are putting together the back for a quilt that will be going to a longarmer to place your seam horizontally to the quilt top. This will keep the back more even during quilting and not distort the backing fabric with waves. This makes for a much nicer finished look for your quilt.

Did You Know – that needle on your sewing machine is probably ready to retire. It is a good idea to replace your needle every 6-8 hours of sewing.

Choose the right needle for your fabric type: universal needles for general sewing, stretch needles for stretchy fabrics, Microtex needles for delicate fabrics, and jeans needles for tough denims.

Regularly changing your sewing machine needle can prevent thread breaking or knotting, reduce skipped stitches, and improve fabric handling, ultimately extending the life of your sewing machine.

Be attentive to signs of needle wear such as irregular stitching, bent or rusty needles, and ensure needles are lubricated and stored safely when not in use.

May we all be as sharp as our needles.

Ima Quilter

Quilt Shows and Events Across Texas

Texas Quilt Museum - LaGrange Texas

Open every Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

10:00 am-4:00 pm

Exhibits January 9, 2025 through April 26, 2025

<http://texasquiltmuseum.org/exhibits-at-txqm.html>

- Red, White and Blue Quilts from International Quilt Festival's 50th Anniversary
- International Quilt Festival 2024 Judged Show Prizewinners
- Libby Lehman: The Art of Quilting.

NOTE: Tina Pratt's "Patriotic Alaska" is included in the Red, White and Blue Exhibit

Livingston Piecemakers Quilt Guild will present their Quilt Show called Quilting Among Friends **Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th** from 10am to 4pm. They will display more than 100 quilts and raffle off a Baby Lock Jazz 2 sewing machine.

Piney Woods Quilt Festival takes place in Carthage, TX, **Friday, April 11** from 9am to 4pm, and **Saturday, April 12** from 9am to 4pm. It's north of Nacogdoches and is about a three-hour drive.

The last weekend of April, (**April 25-26**) there are three Quilt Shows in Texas. The closest one to us is the one in Gun Barrel City, TX, an annual quilt show hosted by the **Gun Barrel Quilters Guild**. Their theme this year is Cotton Candy, and it will be a judged show with more than 100 quilts, as well as vendors and a Country Store. Three and a half hour drive.

The second closest one is the **Highland Lakes Quilt Guild**. That guild will hold a Festival & 25th Silver Anniversary Celebration at the Burnet Community Center in Burnet, TX, northwest of Austin. Just under four hours from Kingwood.

The one furthest away is in Brownwood, TX, about a five-hour drive. The **Brownwood Quilt Show** highlights antique quilts, miniature quilts and bed turning as well as special exhibits and vendors.



KAQG Rewards Programs



If you are a Kroger shopper, you can register KAQG as your charity of choice and contribute to the **Kroger Rewards Program.**

Simply go online to

www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com to link your Kroger Plus Card with KAQG. Once you are on the site, log in and follow the instructions. Enter the KAQG code number **IA188.**

Did you know that KAQG members earned over \$500 for the guild last year by participating in this program? And all you have to do is link your card and shop at Kroger!

Randall's Rewards Program.

Although Randalls no longer has stores in the Kingwood/Humble area, KAQG remains on this list of charity organizations supported by the program. If you occasionally shop at Randalls or have a friend who does, it's easy to link your card to KAQG. Visit their website or drop by an in-store Courtesy Booth Our organization number is 3410.



2025 Charity Quilt Specifications

The KAQG Membership has selected **Fisher House** and **Project Linus** as our official charities for the year.

They each have preferred sizes for the quilts we donate.
Please follow these requests.

Fisher House: 50" X 60" or 60" X 70"

Project Linus: Baby: 36" X 36" or Toddler: 36" x 48"
(They have requested the quilts to be cotton or flannel, not fleece.)

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We're on  **LIVE** every
Tuesday @ 2PM
Thursday @ 3PM

Remember to show your Guild Membership Card for a discount
when shopping at Cupcake Quilts.





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LEILA HAYS

- Refreshments—Carrie Keith
- Hospitality—OPEN
- Sunshine & Shadows—Leila Hays



Did you know —
the KAQG Calendar
is on the web.
Check for guild activities and
quilting events this month.

About the KAQG Newsletter

The ***Stitchin' Star*** is published monthly by the Kingwood Area Quilt Guild and is available on the KAQG website. The deadline for articles is the 15th of each month for publication in the following month's newsletter.

News items and suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged. Send information or requests to **Joyce Finch** at joyce.finch90@outlook.com

Kingwood Area Quilt Guild Annual Advertising Rates (2024-25)

Ad Size	KAQG: Non-Members	Non- members Pro-rated	KAQG: Members	Members – Pro-rated
Business Card 3.5" by 2"	\$35.00	\$9.00/quarter	\$25.00	\$6.50/quarter
Quarter Page 3.5" by 4.5"	\$70.00	\$20.00/quarter	\$60.00	\$15.00/quarter
Half Page 7.5" by 4.5"	\$110.00	\$30.00/quarter	\$100.00	\$25.00/quarter
Full Page 7.5" by 9"	\$200.00	\$50.00/quarter	\$180.00	\$45.00/quarter

Advertising rates are researched by the Newsletter Chairman and any proposed rate changes will be submitted to the KAQG Board by the July Board meeting. Once approved by the Board, the Newsletter Chairman will use the approved rates when sending letters to potential advertisers for the upcoming fiscal year. (Example Sept. 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025). Rates are pro-rated for a minimum of a quarter year.

Occasionally, members want to sell sewing items such as a sewing machine. The cost to advertise a sewing item in the newsletter is \$5.00 per month. If a non-member requests to advertise a sewing item, it is \$10.00 per month. The request must be in writing to the Communication Director and President. The request must be approved by the President, copying the Communications Director, Newsletter Editor and Treasurer.

This document is maintained by the Newsletter Chairman and a copy is provided to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will inform the Newsletter Chairman when checks are received from advertisers and ensures the paid amount matches the rates/advert size requested by the advertiser.



April

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Kingwood, TX 77325-5592

We're on the web:

www.kingwoodareaquiltguild.com

Guild Activities

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| Monday, March 30 | Executive Board Meeting
6:30 pm Theresa Duerringer's home |
| Tuesday, April 1 | Tavola Bee 9:30am-3pm
Tullis Library, 21569 US Hwy 59 |
| Thursday, April 3 | Guild Meeting — 6:30pm
Rhonda McKee & Whitney Harris
from B-Sew-Inn
Social Time, Show and Tell, Door Prizes
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church,
2929 Woodland Hills Dr, Kingwood. |
| Friday, April 4-8 | KAQG Spring Retreat
The Nest, Willis, TX |
| Saturday, April 5 | Introduction to Quilting — 1:00-5:00pm
Kingwood library |
| Monday, April 7 | The UFO Central Bee
10:00 to 2:00 at Diane Floyd's home.
2026 Round Spring, Kingwood |
| Tuesday, April 10 | Be Friends Bee 10am-2pm
Tullis Library, 21569 US Hwy 59 |
| Monday, April 21 | The UFO Central Bee
10:00 to 2:00 at Diane Floyd's home.
2026 Round Spring, Kingwood |
| Tuesday, April 24 | Be Friends Bee 10am-2pm
Tullis Library, 21569 US Hwy 59 |