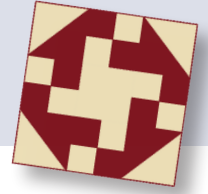


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QUILTERS GUILD OF GRAND PRAIRIE

**NEXT MEETING
MAY 6, 2024**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A lot of quilters are avid readers, with some even listening to audiobooks as they sew. If you read a lot, you're always looking for that next book. I've come up with a foolproof book-matching system, based on our love of quilting:

Your favorite quilt block determines what you read next. Pick your block, and choose your book!

- Bear paw: *The Revenant: A Novel of Revenge*, by Michael Punke
- Delectable mountains: *Dead Mountain*, by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
- Disappearing 4 patch: *Hidden Pictures*, by Jason Rekulak
- Disappearing 9 patch: *Nine Perfect Strangers*, by Liane Moriarty
- Friendship star: *First Ladies*, by Marie Benedict
- Grandmother's flower garden: *Garden Spells*, by Sarah Addison Allen

FOUNDED JULY 5, 1993

Our Guild has been formed to preserve the heritage of quilting, to be a source of information and inspiration, to perpetuate high quality of excellence in quilting and to be a gathering place for people with a common interest.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE MEETING

- NAME TAG
- SHOW-AND-TELL
- MAY 2024 SEW ALONG BLOCKS



- Kansas troubles: *All the Blood We Share: a Novel of the Bloody Benders*, by Camilla Bruce
- Kentucky star: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, by Kim Richardson
- Log cabin: *Caroline: Little House Revisited*, Sarah Elizabeth Miller
- Lone Star: *Chasing the Sun*, Tracie Peterson
- Ocean waves: *Drowning: The Rescue of Flight 1421*, by T.J. Newman
- Ohio star: *Fast Women*, by Jennifer Crusie
- Sawtooth star: *Western Star*, by Craig Johnson
- Shoo fly: *A Good Day to Pie*, by Misha Popp

ELISABETH MCMAHON

JOIN US

Regular monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Prairie, 310 S. W. 3rd St., Grand Prairie, Texas.

All visitors are welcome (ages 10 and up).

BIRTHDAYS

SUE HEARD
MAY 16

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MINUTES

- Meeting called to order by Elisabeth at 7:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024.
- Minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Treasurer’s report — Balance \$898.18 - was filed for audit.
- Remembrances: Janice has been moved to memory care.
- Birthdays: Elisabeth on 4/17
- Membership: 9 members in attendance.
- Stitch Group — Next meeting

will be Thursday, April 25th. There were 10 in attendance at the March meeting.

- Sew Along 2024 — Michelle brought the block for May and 4 people showed their April blocks. The pattern will be sent after the meeting.
- Workshops: Sue discussed that she had received 57 pillowcases so far and that she expected more to be turned in for Isaiah 117 House after our first workshop of the year. The 2nd workshop of the

year will be a mystery 3 yard quilt on Saturday, June 15th. Sign-ups will be at the May meeting with cutting instructions available at the June meeting..

- Show and Tell — Shirley and Holli.
- Tonight's program was a member quilt show. Elisabeth, Holli, Debi, Cathy, Michelle, Shirley and Virginia participated.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ

REMINDERS

- ■ Be sure to wear a name tag at our meetings. If you don't wear a name tag, you will be charged 50 cents each time.
- ■ Articles for the newsletter are due by the 10th of the month. Any articles not received by the 10th of the month may or may not get published in that month's newsletter.
- ■ The newsletter is published monthly usually within 10 days of the meeting date (first Monday of each month). You will receive an e-mail with a link to the website (qgogp.wordpress.com).
- All previous newsletters are archived on our website. You may also go

to our Facebook page. Our newsletter link is posted there monthly. If, at any time, you cannot find your newsletter or have deleted the e-mail with the link, you could do an internet search for "quilters guild of grand prairie" to find our website.

■ If you have a question about a program, a workshop, or the block of the month, be sure to contact the person(s) in charge of whatever you have a question about. The names, phone numbers and e-mails are all listed in the newsletter.

■ Please silence your cell phone during our meetings.

CALENDAR

2024 "IN THE ZEN GARDEN" QUILT SHOW

July 19 - 20, 2024
 Sokol Hall
 2622 Texas Highway 34 East
 Ennis, Texas 75119
elliscountyquilters.com

ORIGINAL SEWING & QUILT EXPO

August 1, 2 and 3, 2024
 Irving Convention Center
 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd.,
 Irving, TX 75039
sewingexpo.com

QUILT PLANO 2024

2024 Plano Quilt Show
 August 9-10, 2024
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Plano Event Center
 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway
 Plano, TX 75074
qgplano.org

QUILT FESTIVAL HOUSTON

Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2024
 George R. Brown Convention Center
 1001 Avenida de las Americas
 Houston, Texas 77010
quilts.com

WORKSHOPS

Our February workshop was a great success with lots of pillowcases going home with me. Since then, I have had several more turned in and will be taking 100 cases to Isaiah 117 House the middle of April. If you have cases made or cut out, do not despair. I will continue to collect the cases throughout the year and will take them whenever I have at least 25. You may bring them to Stitch-a-Bit or to the Guild meetings.

Our next workshop will be on June 15 and will be a 3-yard mystery quilt. For



those not familiar with these quilts, the quilt top, including any borders, are made from 3 1-yard pieces of fabric. Some patterns include a 1 1/4 inch binding in the fabric measurement, but some do not. If you

plan to bind in one of your chosen fabrics, I suggest you buy an extra 1/2 yard of that fabric. You will need a focus fabric and two co-ordinating fabrics. Most of these patterns are simple squares and rectangles, but a few do have 1/2-square triangles. I will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting and cutting instructions at the June meeting. If you have your fabric cut when you get to the workshop, you should be able to complete your top before you go home.

Be thinking about your fabrics, and I hope to see you at the May meeting.

SUE HEARD

MAY PROGRAM

Our program for May will be another form of appliqué unique to the Kuna women of Panama. I have several examples of this type of appliqué to show you. Also, the June program will be Phyllis from Must Love Fabric in Colleyville. We always look forward to what she will share with us. Then July is our birthday so you know what that will bring....auction time. Proceeds go to the GP Food Co-op and is always a fun time - so be cleaning out those cubby holes and closets for this fun event.

DEBORAH CYPERT

2024 SEW ALONG

Our 2024 Sew Along started in January and will consist of 11 blocks and finishing instructions. All the blocks are some type of star block. The size of the finished quilt top is approximately 72" x 84". For reference, our 2023 sew-along quilt was approximately 70" x 70". Fabric requirements are generous, but are a little tricky since each month's block(s) has the fabric requirements. An example would be: 1/4 yard of background fabric plus 3 other fabrics - 2 fat quarters and 1 fat eighth. Total background fabric requirement for the entire quilt is approximately 5 yards - if using the same background fabric throughout the quilt. Because the finishing instructions include background fabric, the pattern

designer suggests using the same background for the entire project. For the remainder of the quilt, I think approximately 20 -25 fat quarters will give you a nice variety. If you prefer to use yardage, I would recommend a total of 5 - 7 yards of fabric with at least 3 - 5 different fabrics. Some blocks have 4 or 5 fabrics, but if you are using only 3 or 4 fabrics plus the background, you could have your center be the same as another fabric in your block. This quilt could be made using your stash as well.

Instructions were e-mailed after the Guild meeting. If you are participating, bring the next blocks to the May meeting.

MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance	898.18
Ending balance	898.18

GRACE NORRIS

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