

Quilters' Guild of East Texas

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## NO MAY MEETING!

QGET MAY BOARD MEETING, GENERAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE CONTINUED NEED TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING FOR THE COVID-19 VIRUS. HOPE TO SEE YOU IN JUNE. FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE AS THE GOVERNOR REVEALS HIS PLANS FOR RE-OPENING SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope all of you are staying safe, enjoying family, and getting some sewing done. I had very good intentions to work on a number of UFOs but I have had to stop and make masks for my family members. It takes longer than you think to make one mask, pleat it, add nose piece and then make double fold binding for strings. Today I was finally going to work on some of my own projects when my husband reminded me that I had not made one for him!!

By now you all know that the May meeting has been cancelled. I am missing seeing all of my quilting friends. We are hoping that we may get to meet again in June, but at this time, we are still not sure when large gatherings will be allowed again. If we are allowed to meet, we will have a pot-luck luncheon as planned. The board and quilt show chairs have been working on some ideas to use things from the cancelled show to make it an entertaining luncheon. More about that later as we get further information on when meetings will be allowed.

A big thank you to 2020 quilt show chair Karen Walters and our treasurer Cecilia Brannon who have worked hard this last month notifying vendors and writing refund checks to close out our cancelled show. Then we had to deal with cancelling the bus to Dallas and getting everyone notified at the VERY last minute that we would not be going. Thanks to Mary Ann Douglas and Pat Graham for helping me with that.

Some of the expenses on the 2020 quilt show could not be recuperated. Those losses, along with the fact that we will have no income from the show means that we will not have the funding that we usually have for paying for speakers for guild meetings and workshops. We will have to get creative. Please brainstorm among your small groups and let Nancy Glass know if you have any ideas for some local speakers that you would like to hear speak on a topic and/or do a trunk show. Is there a new technique you would like to learn? Have you seen someone do something like a purse or tote or other project you would like to make? LET US KNOW!!

Please be sure to read your constant contact emails from the guild as they come through to you. It is the only way we have to let you know about plans as things change during these trying times.

Thank you so much to all of you who are making masks and getting them to Sharman's for distribution to local groups who need them. Please continue making them.

I still need 2-3 more people for the nominating committee for officers for next year. Please email me if you are willing to serve (merrills47@gmail.com).

*Susan Merrill, President*



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### Cuddle Quilt News

I spoke with Angie Self, and at this time the camp for foster kids is still taking place sometime this summer. If you have made quilts for Royal Family Kids Camp or if you have a top to turn in that needs quilting, it will not be ready in time to go to this group but will be completed to give to our next charitable organization.

**Since we will not be having the May Guild meeting**, below are the instructions on how to get your quilts to Angie:

Attach this note to the quilt: "Quilters Guild of East Texas – For Angie Self"

Take quilt to Sharman's on Broadway: If they have not reopened, knock on door. They will have a box to put the quilts in for Angie or me to pick up. Sharman's hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Please email me the hours it took to make the Quilt and I will get it recorded in our records. ([ks.walters@outlook.com](mailto:ks.walters@outlook.com))

*Karen Walters*

### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The workshop by Martha Lindberg has been cancelled for the June meeting.

FREE pattern link:

<https://www.designsbysarahj.com/heroic-hearts-tote-bag-project.htm>

A Year of Scrappy Triangles (paper pieced!)

<https://www.leilagardunia.com/blog/year-of-scrappy-triangles>

Free beginner quilt patterns:

<https://www.scatteredthoughtsofacraftymom.com/25-free-beginner-quilt-patterns/>

Pillows, totes, coasters, etc etc

<https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/free-sewing-patterns/>  
(LOTS!)

## FUN STUFF TO TRY!

BEST FACEBOOK GROUP for the QUARANTINE!!!

"VIEW from my WINDOW" : *exquisite* photos from all over the world, from people enduring the quarantine. The photos are really beautiful, and from locations that you would never see, if visiting!

GREAT Page of interesting museums, Disneyland, national parks, and more!

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/travel-tips/fun-things-to-do-at-home-during-coronavirus-quarantine>

JIGSAW PUZZLES:

<https://www.jigsawexplorer.com/> (There are a lot of free online puzzle sites!)

CROSSWORD PUZZLES:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/crossword-puzzles/daily/>

FREE ONLINE ARCADE GAMES:

<https://www.crazygames.com/c/arcade>

FREE ONLINE COLORING GAMES:

<http://www.supercoloring.com/collections/coloring-pages-for-adults>

QUILT COLORING PAGES:

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/quilting-basics/free-quilting-coloring-books>

### RECIPES:

<https://www.texascooppower.com/food/recipes/zucchini-taco-boats-with-chicken> (Susan Kellam)

<https://www.texascooppower.com/food/tcp-kitchen/happy-hours-VIDALIA-ONION-DIP>

<https://www.food.com/recipe/no-bake-chocolate-oatmeal-cookies-23821> CHOCOLATE OATMEAL NO BAKE COOKIES

DISNEY DOLE WHIP:

**Ingredients**

- 1 cup ripe DOLE® pineapple, chopped and frozen
- 1 ripe DOLE® Banana, peeled and frozen
- 2-1/2 teaspoons powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened coconut milk
- 1 teaspoon lime juice

**Directions**

**Combine** all ingredients in a blender or food processor. Cover; blend until smooth, about 2-3 minutes. Garnish with fresh pineapple. Serve immediately.

~Quilters NOT on the Go~  
Quilt Shows, Exhibits, & Shop



Spring Exhibits at

**TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM CLOSED FOR NOW**

In the meantime, we invite you to take a "Virtual Tour" of the current exhibits, with photos and information on all the quilts from

**Texas Grandmasters: Timeless Quilts**

<http://texasquiltmuseum.org/virtual-gallery-texas-grand-masters.html>

and **Fun With Fractals and Other Mathematical Quilts**

<http://texasquiltmuseum.org/virtual-gallery-mathematical-quilts.html>



This month Shabby Fabrics published how to make these adorable "Pocket Prayer Quilts". Embedded inside each quilt is a small cross. Attached to each quilt is the following prayer:

This "Pocket Prayer Quilt" was made especially for you to slip in your pocket.

Throughout the day when your fingers touch the cross inside the quilt, be mindful of God's love and grace for you.

Keep it as a tangible symbol of God's peace.

This little quilt has a small cross embedded between the quilt layers. There is also a small gold safety pin that is used to hold the prayer card to the quilt. You can order these from Shabby Fabrics or in bulk from Amazon. I ordered mine from Amazon because Shabby Fabrics is currently out of these items. You can use scraps from your scrap stash or 5" squares to make the quilts.

You can watch the video of how to make them on You Tube at the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cwd2ONug-5E>. You are shown how to make the hour glass and the four patch out of 5" squares.

There is also a downloadable pdf file with instructions on the Shabby Fabrics website. [https://www.shabbyfabrics.com/Assets/Downloads/PocketPrayerQuilt\\_forDownload.pdf](https://www.shabbyfabrics.com/Assets/Downloads/PocketPrayerQuilt_forDownload.pdf)

## QGET PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

QGET is proud to be able to provide Tyler quilters with programs and workshops taught by many nationally renowned quilters. Our speakers are authors, quilt pattern designers, fabric dyers and nationally recognized instructors. Many have produced award winning quilts at some of the most prestigious quilt shows in the United States.

Programs are offered the second Thursday of each month following the QGET business meeting at First Christian Church, Tyler. There is no charge to attend a program. The business meeting begins at 10am and the Program generally starts around 11. Programs last 1-1.5 hours.

Workshops vary in length from 1/2 day to a full day. They are held on the second Friday of the month. Workshops are generally \$40 for members who sign up early and \$45 for members who sign up at the meeting the day before the workshop. Cost may vary with the length of the workshop. Workshops begin at 9am. Participants are encouraged to arrive by 8:30 to set up machines and supplies if necessary. Workshops are in the conference room at First Christian Church, Tyler. This room is located in the building behind the main sanctuary building. It is next to the scout room by the doors that lead out into the parking lot between the two buildings. Please note that these doors lock automatically and you may have to go around to the main entrance to this building to get in. When we have full day workshops, you are responsible for your lunch. You may bring a lunch or order from one of the restaurants close by.

Participate in our digital "Show and Tell." With all this free time, I'm sure everyone is finishing up those stored away projects and cleaning out your stash. Send me pictures of what you have been doing and we will post them on our website on the "Next Program" page. Make your .jpg file small and send to our Guild email address: [ggetxtyler@yahoo.com](mailto:ggetxtyler@yahoo.com). Let's do some bragging!

*Jackie Ruffing*

Social Media Chairman

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If you have a website you would like to share, let us know and we will add it to our Resource page.





## Hive News-April



Hopefully, the Hive will meet in May, barring medical interventions. We will try again to start the Shooting Star Table Runner. We will be talking about fabric selection, amounts, and options; layout; and cutting. During Hive time, I will give you a cutting layout and demonstrate critical aspects of cutting. The fabric amounts you will need are: fabric #1 – 1 ¼ yards for 40 blocks, 26 star centers, 4 star points, 12 edge triangles, backing, and straight grain binding; fabric #2 – 3" X 3"; fabrics #3 and #4 – 5" X 5" each; fabrics #5, #6, and #7 – 2" X 24" each; and batting – 34" X 17". The skills needed for the Table Runner are piecing, foundation paper piecing, assembly, quilting--walking foot and free motion, trimming, binding, sleeve, and label.

The Hive is open to any member. New members are especially encouraged to join in the training and fellowship. We meet about 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Guild meeting. Go to the second building to room #5. Bring a lunch or grab a quick bite. Since I am having people withdrawal, I hope to see you soon.

Susan Webber  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Hive



**Coming soon!!**



"Trying new recipes..... still trying to get rid of burnt blueberry bagel smoke!"

## Newsletter Information

Deadline for **JUNE** Newsletter:

**MAY 20, 2020**

### Ad Rates

1/8 page	\$5 per month (Guild Member)
	\$10 per month (non-Guild Member)
1/4 page	\$25 per month
1/2 page	\$50 per month

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Submit information for the website to:

Jackie Ruffing

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What's your favorite site related to quilting that you would like to share with us? We'll post it on our website. We make frequent updates to our website and Facebook page. Check us out and share!



Jackie Ruffing  
Chairman

## Quilts from Tobacco Flannels: Smokin'!

Quilters have long been known as “repurposers” due to their far-famed talent for taking whatever material happens to be at hand and converting it for use in a quilt. A prime example of this penchant is their availing themselves of textile inserts and premiums distributed with tobacco products as a marketing strategy by cigarette and tobacco companies in the early 1900s.

At that time, at least in much of North America, it was not considered “proper” for a woman to smoke. That didn't stop the tobacco companies from using fabric premiums as a way to endear the sale of their products to women, either as means of approving the purchase by their menfolk or enticing women to smoke themselves.



Private Frank LeRoy Bishop, an infantryman with the U.S. Army in 1913, bought this tobacco flannel quilt when he was stationed at Texas City, Texas. Photo courtesy of Lisa Erlandson.

The American Tobacco Company was one of the original 12 members of the Dow Jones Stock Index. Within two decades of its founding by James Buchanan Duke (ironically, the major benefactor of Duke University, noted for its medical school), it had absorbed some 250 smaller companies and produced 80% of the cigarettes, plug tobacco, smoking tobacco, and snuff produced in the United States.

Although the products were frequently marketed under the name of the original smaller company, in truth it was the giant American Tobacco Company that owned the business. It so thoroughly dominated the industry that in 1908 the U.S. government brought anti-trust action against it to break up its monopoly and split it into several companies to encourage competition.



Perhaps in an attempt to interest women in smoking, Zira Cigarettes distributed a series of premiums depicting the Zira Girls, with messages that are out of step with today's perspectives. From the collection of Dr. Maggie McGuire and used with permission.

Competition, whether real or a façade, is said to have been one of the drivers of the production of novelties or premiums designed to boost sales. Cigars were marketed to a more moneyed clientele, and silk cigar ribbons were popular for inclusion in the Crazy Quilt fad of the day.

Cigarettes were less costly to produce and were considered somewhat lower class; as such they were aimed at buyers with less means and were promoted with a small piece of cheaply-stamped flannel wrapped around ten cigarettes that sold for a nickel, according to [Dr. Maggie McGuire](#), who is writing a book on these tobacco flannels or “felts” as they are sometimes called.

Quilters, doing what quilters always do, saw this “free” fabric as something they could use, and in fact the tobacco companies encouraged the creation of domestic items, including quilts, from the flannels, despite their being notoriously flimsy with totally unstable dyes.

Despite being made of notoriously flimsy fabric stamped with totally unstable dyes, tobacco flannels were collected by quilters, who used them to make decorative pieces. From the collection of Dr. Maggie McGuire and used with permission.

Dr. McGuire says that between 1904 and 1911, thousands of these flannels were produced in a dizzying array of subjects (with no attempt at accuracy) that included flags of the world, military soldiers, Native American blankets, Oriental rugs, butterflies, animal skins, flowers, baseball players, Rosie O'Neill Kewpie dolls, nursery rhymes, college and university flags and seals, athletes, famous people, and so on.

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United States flags were among the most popular subjects for the tobacco flannels. It was possible to accumulate several smaller flannels and exchange them for a larger flag premium. The quilter who made this medallion probably did just that. From the collection of Dr. Maggie McGuire and used with permission.

United States flags were among the most popular subjects, and it was possible to accumulate several smaller flannels and exchange them for a larger flag premium. The tobacco flannels were collected and traded and despite their instability, quilters did use them to make "quilts" that were clearly intended for decoration rather than regular use.

World War I ended the large scale production of tobacco flannels because cotton was needed for the war effort. For a brief period, however, these cheaply-made, brightly-colored novelty items made their own contribution to the remarkable richness of quilts.

*(A column written by Suzanne Labry of Quilt.com. She attended my keynote concerning my research into Tobacco Flannels presented at the Texas Quilt Study Group meeting in Austin. Dr. McGuire is a member of our own East Texas Quilters Guild and gave permission to include*

*this in our newsletter this month.*

## THINGS I SHOULD BE TAKING CARE OF, BUT I'M PUTTING OFF .....

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## May 2020 - QGETX Guild Library - Library Corner

===== YOUR QUILT GUILD LIBRARY =====

I can't pass up an opportunity to talk about our Quilt Guild Library – even though we can't get to it. There may be people who are reading this Newsletter THOROUGHLY for the first time in a while since they now have the TIME. For those and all *new members*, I am including this previously published article. While you do have time, please read on and pay particular attention to the last two items – Donate a book and Suggest a book.

**WHERE** is the Guild Library: It is located in the Christian Life Center (behind the First Christian Church building) in Room 4 and is open from 9:00 to 9:30 am on Guild meeting days.

**WHAT** is in the library: There are approximately 700 books dealing with quilt-related topics that are available for members to check out (one or more). You may return them when you are finished using them – no fines are assessed (if someone wants one you have, you will be asked if you still need it).

**FIND** a book you want: Lists of all the books in the Library are on the Quilt Guild's Website, [qgetx.org](http://qgetx.org). To locate the lists, select the tab RESOURCES (between Programs and Quilt Show on the homepage heading) and then select LIBRARY. Complete instructions for finding the lists and a book are shown on that page as well as the names of the lists. One list is the *Complete Inventory of Books* and the others are the inventory separated by category: *Applique & Embroidery*, *Art & Inspiration*, *Guides & Techniques*, *History of Quilting*, *Patchwork & Piecing*, *Seasonal Quilts*, and *Small Quilts*.

**HOLD** a book you want: If you see a book(s) on the website you would like to check out or would like to see books on a certain subject, simply email the librarian (at the bottom of this article or from the Library page on the website). The books will be held for you or located as soon as possible, if already checked out.

**BROWSE** a selection of books: Each month before the meeting from 9:30 to 10:00, a small group of books will be displayed on a round Library Table in the church foyer. If you see a book you want, simply write your name on the card in the book's envelope and put it in the file box, if a volunteer is not there. The Library Table will have a box in which to return books, as well.

**DONATE** a book: When you are next cleaning your sewing area and you find a book you are no longer using, we will gladly accept it so that other members can enjoy it.

**SUGGEST** a book: We are always happy to get a suggestion of a book someone is interested in so that we can try to locate it for the Library.

===== ENJOY =====

**Library Location:** Christian Life Center (east of main First Christian Church building) Room 4 **Open:** Before Guild Meetings from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Library Table In the Foyer:** Before Guild Meetings from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Lynne Trigleth [ltrigleth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ltrigleth@sbcglobal.net)

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## SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Elaine Callaway passed away. She was a very active member in both our guild and Longview's Country Patches Quilt Guild for many years and also worked in the Longview Sharman's. She was in her early 90's.

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### Notes from the Stash

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### Location for Quilters' Guild of East Texas

1st Christian Church of Tyler  
 Corner of South Broadway and Loop 323 for  
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 First Christian Church  
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 Tyler, Texas

### Refreshments, Show & Tell

#### Program Quilt Holders & Folders, Door Greeters

January	H, I, K
February	O, P, Q, R
March	N, T, U, V
April	C
May	Please VOLUNTEER!!
June	S
July	B
August	A, D, J
September	E, F, G
October	ML, W, X, Y, Z
November	L, W, X, Y, Z
December	Luncheon

