CREATIVE QUILTERS GUILD OF ELLIS COUNTY

October 2026 Newsletter

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General Meetings held at the Waxahachie Bible Church
621 N Grand Ave, Waxahachie, TX 75165

Our General Meeting will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026**, from 6:30 to 8:45 pm
Sign in and social time is from 6:00 to 6:30pm
It will be in person at Waxahachie Bible Church.

Refreshments will be provided by those with Last Names starting with L, M and N!

October 2026 - Birthdays

Rebecca Williams	10/6	Marilyn Chandler	10/17
Cheryl Beesley	10/9	Janice Kendrick	10/19
Jeffree Itrich	10/11	Kelly Glankler	10/22
Sandy Ellis	11/12	Sue Maze	10/24
Suzie Timmerman	10/15	Liz Alexander	10/28
Diana Buckley	10/17	Joyce Fogarty	10/29

Programs
October 2026

Meeting Speaker – October 26: We have an exciting event coming our way this month!! At our October 26th meeting we will have Marilyn Kennedy presenting her Quilted Jewel Series by IrishChain.com. I've included a Bio of Marilyn below.

Workshop – Saturday October 31: Workshop also led by Marilyn. The workshop will be held at Bethel Community Church from 9:00-3:00 We still have room for more participants. You can sign up at the Guild meeting. The cost will be $25.00.

Christmas Party – November 30: For our November/December meeting we will have our Christmas Party in the Rotunda. It will be catered by Olive Garden and will include 3 kinds of soup, salad and breadsticks. We will also have dessert and drinks provided. **The cost will be $15.00 per person.** Sign-up sheets will be in the Welcome Room at the Guild Meeting.

See You Soon!

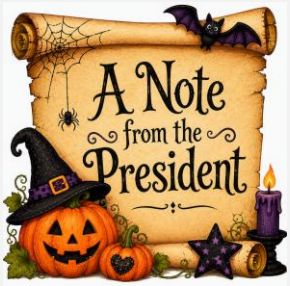
Judy Killough, Programs Chair
Programs@elliscountyquilters.com

Marilyn Kennedy Bio

I was born and raised in Coldwater, Ohio, and I am a long time sewist ("sew" and "artist"), and quilter with an excellent eye for color! My sewing journey began in junior high by creating clothing for myself and friends. The love and urge for creating things out of fabric continued through high school and college where I took weaving, paper and art classes. My background in interior design allowed me to continue working with fabrics, from pillow to drapery to upholstery fabrics. After living in Florida and New York, I returned to Coldwater in 1998. I have been married to my husband, Bill, for 34 years, and we have two children, Abigail and Adam.

I have been sewing since age 12 and my quilt making began about eighteen years ago. Here I learned traditional blocks and methods, and after making numerous bed quilts and blankets, my interest turned to art quilts. It's only been in recent years that I began creating them. My quilts are crafted using both traditional piecing and the technique of raw edge fused appliqué. Using nature as inspiration, I create my art quilts from many layers of cloth- painted, hand-dyed or purchased, cut into pieces and reassembled; combining threads and fabrics with many colors and patterns to form beautiful, cohesive images.

I have been sewing most of my life, and the passion for it never dies. I am constantly learning new techniques to advance my art quilts, and inspiration is always close at hand, whether in a book, nature, or my backyard garden!



A Note from the President,

It's Fall!!! It is finally Fall. All I want to do is clear out my dead summer growth in my yard and get the house ready for the holidays.

We will be able to celebrate the holidays with our Annual Christmas Party. It is gearing up to be a fun and relaxing time with all our friends. Judy is accepting reservations at this coming guild meeting. Be sure to get your reservation in.

I am going to be introducing our President's Challenge at our October meeting. You will have until April to complete your project. Be sure to come to the meeting and find out what is in store for you with this challenge.

Our Ways and Means committee is busy selecting the 2028 raffle quilt. It is going to be a fun traditional quilt that will be able to involve many of our guild members. It is going to be beautiful!! They also have several places to show our 2027 raffle quilt. They are very busy and I sure appreciate all they are doing.

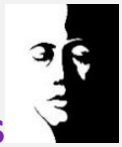
Did you get a call from our Membership committee? They are passing on a reminder to be sure to renew your membership before the end of October. At that time the link will be taken down from the Guild website.

Lastly, Programs have some awesome programs coming up, I am excited to learn so much of what they offer.

See you at our next guild meeting!

Karen Hudgin - CQGEC President

Sunshine and Shadows



- Victoria Spears and her husband were in a major accident. Victoria had a concussion (Victoria), is very sore and had trauma from the accident.
- Dale has a new external device that seems to interrupt the hand tremors with good results. However, she recently passed out due to low sodium.
- Connie's grandson is doing much better.
- Jeffree's husband, Earl, has been experiencing side effects from his treatment. She says he has good days and bad days.
- Janet Mezger's husband passed away August 27.
- Judy's brother, Roger Foster, requires chemotherapy for colon cancer that has spread, but is out of the hospital.
- Debbie had much needed back surgery on October 6th.
- Erin Hallbauer required hip surgery again, after a fall that affected the same hip. She is back in rehab.
- Maurine Martin's husband is still in rehab and unable to use his left leg. Looking for a new place as insurance has turned down 3 appeals. Maurine is staying the nights with him.

Refreshments

Thanks to all who brought snacks this last month. When thinking of what to bring when it's your turn, please remember that we like to have a mix of savory and sweet foods. We have some people that are coming straight from work.

Michele Terry & the kitchen crew.

Community Service

Hello everyone, be sure to stop by the community service table at the next guild meeting. We havekits for baby quilts, CPS bags and wheelchair caddies. We will also have pieces of batting to be used in these projects. Our baby quilts go to Firstlook Pregnancy Center and Hope clinic in Waxahachie.

Both organizations love receiving our baby quilts. We are also collecting quilts for "Sleep In Heavenly Peace".

We so appreciate all of you who take the time to make these items.

Kelly Glankler Chair & Charlotte Ricke Co-Chair

Ways and Means

We are currently gathering patterns to consider for the making of the 2028 quilt. More on that in weeks to come. During the holiday season we will visit West, TX for their **"Cocoa in the Comma"** holiday event and are anticipating participating in **"Jingle My Bells"** as well. In the coming weeks we are planning a photo shoot of the quilt to be used for advertising this year. Many of you have expressed an interest in helping show the quilt this year. As we continue filling the calendar we will be reaching out to you for your help. Thanks for your interest and support!

Victoria Spears, Jeffree Itrich, Monica Kostak

Quilt of Valor - Quilt of Valor Guidelines

We are so excited to see who is up for the challenge of making a Quilt of Valor this calendar year. For those who have never made one before, here's a helpful overview of what's needed:

Materials & Theme

- **100% cotton** fabrics
- **Any pattern** may be used, if it has a **patriotic theme**
- **Preferred colors:** Red, white, and blue — but feel free to add other colors if you'd like

Quilting

- **Machine or hand quilted**
- We are fortunate to have generous and talented **longarm quilters** who will quilt QOVs **at no cost**
- A list of volunteer long-armers is available — we appreciate them so much

Size Requirements

- **Preferred size:** 60" × 80"
- **Minimum:** 55" × 65"
- **Maximum:** 72" × 90"

Label

A label is sewn on the back after quilting. It should include:

- The **Quilt of Valor designation**
- The **Veteran's name**
- Information about the **maker** Labels can be requested from us.

Binding

- **Double-fold binding** is required

Sewing Together

Sewing with a friend is a wonderful way to stay inspired and finish your quilt — or invite a few friends over for a fun sew day.

❤️ Thank You for Honoring Our Veterans ❤️

We can't wait to see the beautiful Quilt of Valor you create. These quilts mean so much to the Veterans who receive them — they *love* them and deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness, time, and care that goes into each one.

If you'd like to attend an awarding ceremony, let us know. It's a truly special experience.

Mary Strauch and Patty Ozga

Mary Strauch: 214-952-9646 **Patty Ozga:** 972-979-8363

If you have questions or would like patriotic-themed fabric or a pattern, please reach out — we're happy to help.

Membership News for October 2026

If you haven't renewed your Membership for 2026-2027! Now is the time. We thank you. Without members we cannot do what we do...Quilt!

Currently there are 42 members still pending renewal. Cindy Garris and I were busy calling you all this morning. Please be gracious to give us a call back and renew your membership.

The membership store has the following items to sell:
3 of the latest guild T-shirts xl **$20/each**
Guild Canvas bags would make great Christmas gifts for **$15/each.**
See us at check-in at the next general meeting.

September 2026 Meeting Statistics

- Members: 40
- Visitors: 4
- Guild Hours: 156
- Community Service Hours: 107

Happy Quilting!
Membership Chair: Cheryl Beesley
Membership Co-Chair: Cindy Garris

Quilt Show 2027

Put it on your calendar for 2027:

- July 14 - set-up and quilt turn in
- July 15 - vendor set up & quilt judging
- July 16 - Show hours 9-4
- July 17 - Show hours 9-3
- July 17 - Show teardown starting at 3:05
- July 17 - Quilt pick up will begin at 4:30

** Here is a look at our 2027 raffle quilt! ----------→

Connie Breen, Quilt Show Chair

SMALL GROUPS WITHIN THE GUILD

SEWING SISTERS OF WBC

The Sewing Sisters of WBC meet on Tuesdays from 9am to noon at the Waxahachie Bible Church.

Work on Community Service projects or your own project.
Great fellowship and always someone to help with sewing.

WHAT IF? ART GROUP

Our group will meet again on January 14, 2027, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We meet at different quilt shops and members' houses.

Please join us! We are very informal! We bring projects we are working on,
talk about what new tools, techniques, and quilts we want to try, and just have fun.
Email us and we will tell you more!

Cindy Garris at cgarris54@gmail.com or **Janice Kendrick** at jsimp92892@att.net

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Swan Haven Fabrics & Plants
Charlotte Cronkhite
Products & Services:
The month of November we will have all our Christmas yardage on sale for $5.00 per yard. One yard minimum. Lots of new fabrics are coming in, so stop by and see what's new!
*We still have a great selection of Tildas Something Blue line. Come get some before they are gone.

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QUILT SHOW LISTING

Guild	Show Name	Dates	Location
Town N Country Quilt Guild	Threads of Texas	Oct 2-3, 2026	Valley Grove Baptist Church 1731 S. 281 Stephenville, Texas
Piecemakers'	Piecemakers Annual Quilt Show	Oct. 5-29, 2026	Warehouse Living Arts Center 119 West 6th Avenue Corsicana, TX 75110
RBC Maypearl Threads of Friendship	Threads of Friendship & Sew 'N Sews Quilt Show	Oct. 16-17, 2026	FBC 5744 FM 66 Maypearl, TX
Texas Star Quilters Guild Quilt Show	Jungle Magnolia	Nov. 6-7, 2026	St. Therese Catholic Church Large Pavillion 885 First Monday Ln, Canton, TX 75103
International Quilt Festival	International Quilt Festival	Nov. 12-15, 2026	George R Brown Convention Center Houston, TX
Quilt Guild of Greater Houston	Joy of Quilts	Jan. 29 – 30, 2027	Stafford Center 10505 Cash Road Stafford, TX 77477
Coastal Bend Quilt and Needlework Guild	Let the Good Times Roll	Feb. 5-8, 2027	Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall A 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd Robstown, TX 78380
Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild	Rhythm in Blues – A Sapphire Celebration	Feb. 13-14, 2027	South Padre Island Convention Center 7355 Padre Blvd South Padre Island, TX
West Houston Quilters' Guild	Scrap Therapy Quilt Show	Feb. 26-28, 2027	Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center 8877 Barker Cypress Rd. Cypress, TX 77433
Blue Triangle Quilt Guild	25th Quiltaversary Show	Feb. 27, 2027	Wendell Neal Memorial Family Life Center Lilly grove Baptist Church 7034 Tierwester Houston, TX 77021

Retreat News:

NOTE: For those that missed the announcement, Maggie continues to work on the issues below:

I am sure that everyone is aware about what is going on with Sunset Retreat, but if you didn't know – they are closed. The estate is in probate, and the business is being sold as a part of this action.

What does this mean for us?
As soon as they can, our deposit for 2027 will be refunded, and I am currently actively reviewing other locations for us to book instead. As soon as I have more news, I will be sure to share it with everyone. Until then, please be patient and know that our 2027 retreat will be fun as ever!!

Maggie Cooper – Retreat Coordinator

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