CREATIVE QUILTERS GUILD OF ELLIS COUNTY

September 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, September 28, 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 D, E, F, G and H!

Programs

September 2026

This month our speaker will be **Sandra Stephenson**, Janice Kendrick`s sister. Do you want to improve your focus, productivity and creativity as a quilter? Sandra will give you a plan for decluttering and organizing your sewing space so it will truly be your happy space. She has been a quilter for over 40 years. Be sure to be at our meeting to learn new ways to be organized and declutter. I know I could use some tips on this.

We will be having a Workshop on October 31 from 9-3. I know it's Halloween, but we should be done in plenty of time for you to get home and into your costume. Please save the date! Oh, the workshop will be presented by **Marily Kennedy** – Making Irish Chain Blocks.

See You Soon!

Judy Killough, Programs Chair and Shelly Shea, Programs Co-Chair
Programs@elliscountyquilters.com

A Note from the President,

I've been reading some of my prior letters. "Spring has sprung" or "I love the turning of the season to Fall". I don't know about you, but I am wondering if we will ever see a different season ever!!!!! Summer has always been my least favorite, but this is ridiculous!!!! I guess I need to quit complaining and know Fall will eventually arrive…just now my timing.

Our registration for membership is happening. I want to encourage all of you who haven't taken the time, to get your registration in…online or at the meeting. For all our new members, we would like to have a New Member Tea sometime in January or February. It is such a fun time and a great time to get to know old and new members alike. It's a time to find out all about the Guild and all the different moving parts that make it work. We would love to have you attend.

We have had our first Board meeting with all our new members. It's going to be a great year. A lot is planned. We have a workshop coming up at the end of October. They are always so much fun. We also have a great speaker coming to our September General meeting. Sandra Stephenson, who is Janice Kendrick's sister. She will be walking us through organizing our sewing room. Whether a large room or small, there will be tips for all.

So, with that, I will see you all at Guild.

Karen Hudgin - CQGEC President

Treasurer's Quarterly Report

Beginning Balance May 1, 2026	$26,277.90
Total deposits for the quarter	$14,846.36
Total withdrawals for the quarter	$ 20,483.98
Ending Balance July 31, 2026	$20,640.28
Certificate of Deposit	$ 5,311.51

September 2026 - Birthdays

Bettye Moore	9/5	Kathy Weise	9/20
Janell Humphries	9/7	Shelley Shea	9/23
Michele Terry	9/9	Sharla Cleaver	9/23
Ronda Van Dyke	9/16	Charlotte Cronkhite	9/29
Karen Hudgin	9/12	Cheryl Rothwell	9/30
Azalee Wainscott	9/19		

Sunshine and Shadows

- Dale has not found a new doctor yet and her hand tremors are getting worse. However, she is in good spirits and learning to live with what she can and can't do.
- Maggie Has had severe stomach issues and hopefully will not need surgery.
- Nice to have Erin Hallbauer back and is now acting Treasurer
- Janet Mezger's husband, Jim, passed away August 27, 20207.
- Connie's grandson is doing much better.
- Maurine Martin's husband, Charlie, is feeling better
- Jeffree's husband, Earl, is not doing well. He has been vomiting and having trouble eating after the procedure on his esophagus.

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.

Maurine Martin & 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 usedin 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

It has been an amazing month filled with fun, laughter and learning as we begin our Ways & Means Chair & co-chairs positions. Monica recently spent the weekend with Leslie Bauer at the Home & Garden Show selling Raffle Tickets highlighting our 2027 quilt **Heart of America**.

We are currently gathering patterns to consider for the making of the 2028 quilt. More on that in weeks to come. Next week the quilt travels to the Wildflower Quilt Guild in Temple, TX. 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 September 2026

Membership renewals are in full swing! Let's keep the momentum going and get those renewals submitted.

We currently have **45 renewals**, which means we're still less than halfway to last year's total.

2025-2026 year ended with **106 members**. Let's work together to surpass that number this year!

August 2026 Statistics

- Members: 44
- Visitors: 4
- Guild Hours: 279
- Community Service Hours: 334

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our club and community. Every renewal helps strengthen our organization and ensures another successful year ahead.

Membership Chair: Cheryl Beesley
Membership Co-Chair: Cindy Garris

Renew today and help us break last year's membership record!

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

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

The "What If?! Art Group " currently has four different art quilt challenges on display at The Hamilton on Garden Valley in Waxahachie.

The exhibit includes: "**Robots! Box Top Challenge. 250 USA Anniversary and Reinterpreted Art**".

These quilts will be displayed through September and the first week of October!
The residents always look forward to the art quilts decorating their hallway!
Good advertising for our guild!

Our group meets in January, March, May, August and October on the 2nd Thursday 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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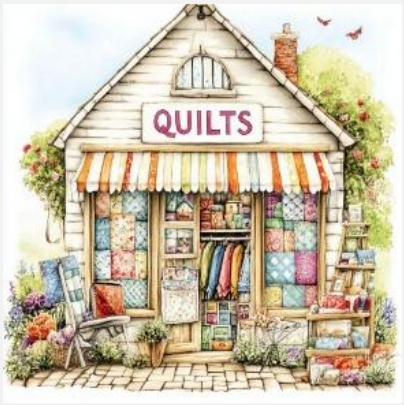

Quilt Show Listing

Guild	Confirmed	Show Name	Date	Location	Frequency
Quilters Guild of Parker County	Yes (unconfirmed)	Don't Worry Be Scrappy	Sep 2026	Weatherford, Texas	Biennial
Vereins Quilt Guild	Yes	Vereins Quilt Guild	Sep 4, 2026	Fredericksburg, Texas	Biennial
Town N Country Quilt Guild	Yes	Threads of Texas	Oct 2, 2026	Stephenville, Texas	Biennial
Buda Bee	Yes (unconfirmed)	Buda Bee	Nov 2026	Buda, Texas	Biennial
Circle of Love	Yes (unconfirmed)	Patchwork in the Pews	Nov 2026	Gladewater, Texas	Biennial
Creative Christians	Yes (unconfirmed)	Patchwork in the Pews	Nov 2026	Gladewater, Texas	Biennial
Gusher Gals	Yes (unconfirmed)	Patchwork in the Pews	Nov 2026	Gladewater, Texas	Biennial
Quilt Guild of Greater Houston	Yes (unconfirmed)	Joy of Quilts	Jan 2027	Stafford, Texas	Biennial
West Houston Quilter's Guild	Yes (unconfirmed)	Springtime in Texas	Feb 2027	Cypress, Texas	Biennial
Calhoun County Quilt Guild	Yes (unconfirmed)	Calhoun County Quilt Guild	Feb 2027	Port Lavaca, Texas	Biennial
Coastal Bend Quilt and Needlework Guild	Yes	Let the Good Times Roll	Feb 5, 2027	Robstown, Texas	Biennial
Heirloom Stitchers Guild of Cuero	Yes (unconfirmed)	Heirloom Stitchers Guild of Cuero	Mar 2027	Cuero, Texas	Biennial
Highland Lakes Quilt Guild	Yes (unconfirmed)	Silver Anniversary Celebration	Apr 2027	Burnet, Texas	Biennial
Livingston Piecemakers Quilt Guild	Yes	Quilts for All Seasons	Apr 9, 2027	Livingston, Texas	Biennial
Hill Country Quilt Guild	Yes (unconfirmed)	Stars are the Journey	May 2027	Kerrville, Texas	Biennial

***NOTE**: I will try to place more information here in future – there just wasn't time to review them all and add links this month*

Retreat News:

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

Board Members for August 2026 to July 2027

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