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President's Message

Open House is going to be so much fun, hope everyone is planning to be there & bringing LOTS of quilts to display. We have a great guild, so let's all get together to show our skills & let people know what we are all about!!!!!

Suzie Jones

Reminders:

- Sign up with Yvonne to help out at September's Open House.
- Sell more Opportunity Quilt tickets! Get tickets from Donna.
- Make items for the Sampler Store! Price them and deliver them to Donna.
- Contact Yvonne if you'd like to teach a craft at our October meeting.
- Foundation Paper Piecing blocks are due at our October 22nd meeting.
- Inform Kay about what size Nutcracker Ornaments you will be making. They are due at our November guild meeting on November 19th (because the fourth Thursday falls on Thanksgiving Day).
- Contact Yvonne for details about this year's Christmas Party at Sky Restaurant on December 3rd.

September Birthdays

03 - Becky Green
08 - Joanna Davis
08 - Beth Staggs
11 - Wally Casteneda
11 - Donna Zbranek
15 - Sandra May
15 - Ann Sikes
20 - Lynn Miori
21 - Laura Killebrew
22 - Marisol Johnson
29 - Sherry Schutz

October Birthdays

05 - Brenda Atwell
06 - Dorris Raska
07 - Joyce Brown
08 - Yvonne Garrett
12 - Annie Havel
12 - Nancy Penry
14 - Nancy Kopecky
15 - Sally DeMent
23 - Blanche De Leon
26 - Betty Edwards

Programs

September: Open House

Thursday, September 24
- 9 am - 2 pm: Set up
- 2 pm - 7 pm: Open House

Friday, September 25
- 11 am - 2 pm: Open House
- 1 pm: Challenge Quilt voting ends; Opportunity Quilt raffle
- 1:30 pm: Challenge Quilt winner announced
- 2 pm: Cleanup

Quilts will be displayed over the pews in the church sanctuary. Challenge quilts and community service projects will also be on display.

Members may sign up to work as a greeter in the Sanctuary or booth, including the Sampler Store or Community Service.

October: Learn A New Craft

Is there a new craft that you are interested in learning? With all the wonderful talent of our guild members, this workshop is designed to learn a new craft from a fellow guild member.

Contact Yvonne if you would like to teach a craft, such as hand embroidery, crochet, knitting, hand applique, etc.

November: Upcycling

After the regular meeting on November 19th, Yvonne will show several of her upcycling projects and give a brief demonstration to illustrate the many possibilities.

December: Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party is at the Sky Restaurant on December 3rd at 11:00 am.

Cost per member is $25 for the choice of one of four entrees. Guild members may contact Yvonne for menu options and to pre-pay for your meal.

Member's Challenge

If you have not already turned in your Challenge, please bring it the day of the set up September 24th by 10 am.

Please put identification on the back, but no identifying info on the front. Please turn in to Pat Johnson or Kathy Sheeran. Thank you!

Current Bank Exhibit

Walk in the Woods.
Made & quilted by Suzie Jones

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser Quilt

Thank you to Suzie Jones for donating a quilt to Meals on Wheels South Texas for their Mahjong-themed fundraiser to help local seniors stay nourished, connected, and independent.

MEALS on WHEELS SOUTH TEXAS
MAHJONG for Meals
Presented by: H-E-B HelpingHere

The fundraiser takes place on Saturday, October 17th. For more information, visit: **bit.ly/2026mowstxfundraiser**

Upcoming Quilt Shows in Texas

Oct 2 - 3: Threads of Texas (Stephenville, TX)
Oct 5 - 29: Piecemakers' Annual Quilt Show (Coriscana, TX)
Oct 16 - 17: Kerens Cotton Harvest Festival Quilt Show (Kerens, TX)
Nov 6 - 7: Texas Star Quilters (Canton, TX)

Sampler Store and John Wesley Craft Fair

Thank you to all who have made items for the sampler store. Kathy, Pat J, Gay, Carolyn and I priced everything that was turned in at the last meeting. If you have items that you need to hand in, please price them. We will be setting up for our Open House on September 24th from 9 am to about 12 pm. I'm looking forward to a successful Open House. So everybody's help is needed and appreciated!

After the Open House, we will be participating in the Craft Fair at John Wesley Lutheran Church on November 14th. Whatever we have left from our Open House and anything that is turned in to me before the Craft Fair will be sold also. Members are encouraged to participate in making items to be sold. All proceeds from both the Sampler Store and the Craft Fair go toward our general fund.

Thank you for all that you've done to make our Sampler Store and Craft Fair a success! I appreciate all of you.

Donna Zbranek

Suggested Items for Sampler Store

Sewing:

- Needle flower
- Cord wrap
- Pin cushions
- Sewing Tool pouch
- Thread catcher
- Design boards
- Sm ironing boards
- Project bags
- Pocket basket
- Iron caddy

Kitchen:

- Apron
- Tea towels
- Bowl covers
- Bowl cozies
- 8.5" folded no binding potholder
- Lunch bags
- Hot pads
- Potholder holders
- Hot pads

Decorations:

- Tree ornaments
- Thanksgiving decorations
- Easter decorations

Baby thru 10 yr olds:

- Sensory baby block
- Bibs, binky clips, burp rags
- Diaper bag
- Sleeping mat
- Changing mat
- Nursing cover

Miscellaneous:

- Bible/journal totes w/pencil bag
- Itty bitty boxy bags w/wristlet
- Pencil keepers (elastic)
- Mug pen holders
- Vinyl makeup bags
- Placemat purses
- Tissue box cover
- Draw string bags
- Shopping bags
- Cross body purses
- Easy wallet
- Pillow case sets
- Mini trash can for car
- Shoe bag

Nutcracker Ornaments

For the first time in more than forty years, Victoria Ballet Theatre will unveil a completely reimagined production of its beloved holiday classic, *The Nutcracker*. Our guild will be helping make ornaments on the tree that will be a big flat round on the stage and grow from the center up. Ornaments will be due to Kay at our Nov 19th guild meeting.

Wish List:

- Flowers: 24 total; 6 each of 6", 9", 12", and 18" (dimensions are diagonal from top to bottom)

- Candy Canes: 24 total; 6 each of 6", 9", 12", and 18"

Guidance:

- **Fabric:** Use your own stash of scraps. Jewel tones and Christmas patterns would be perfect. Felt also works well. Please avoid green fabric.
- **Bling:** Bling is good, but no glitter that could shed. Metallic fabric is fine. Rhinestones and beads are fine as long as they are secured on the ornament.
- **Shape:** Ornaments need to be fairly flat. Some batting or slight dimension with interfacing to help hold their shape is great.
- **Hanging Loop:** Top of ornaments should have a hanging loop of 1" in visible length (so 2" strip plus seam allowance).

Volunteers:

- Please commit to 1 flower and 1 candy cane of the same size, more if you are willing. Please let Kay know what size you will be making.
- Extra ornaments can be used in the lobby. They can be whatever you want, but please no glitter that sheds.
- Participants will be entered in a drawing for a set of two tickets to *The Nutcracker*, which will premiere December 5 & 6 at the Victoria Fine Arts Center.
- Our guild will be acknowledged in the program.

Member Spotlight: Becky Green

Becky Green has been a Quilt Guild Member since October 2025. She recently volunteered to serve as 1st Vice President, scheduling programs and speakers for next year.

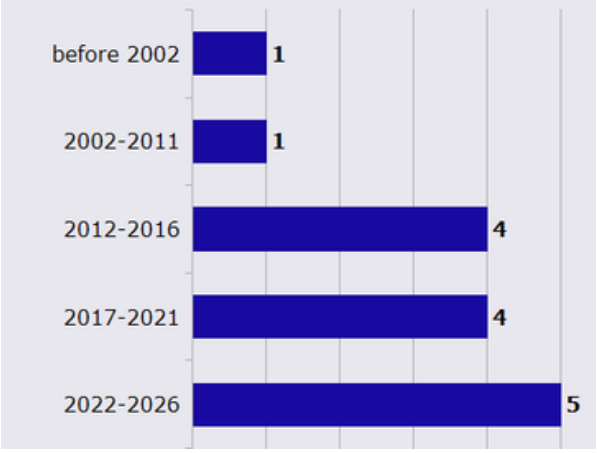
As a child, Becky loved playing and sewing on her grandmother's treadle sewing machine. In 2013 after she retired, she took a quilting class at Quilter's Patch and got hooked. She learned free-motion quilting by watching Angela Walters' videos on YouTube. She loves to make strip blocks and quilts from fabric scraps, and she also enjoys making tote bags, pot holders, and easy zipper bags. Becky also likes to upcycle men's shirts into women's tops.

Becky was born and raised in Victoria. She graduated from college in Thibodaux, Louisiana with a degree in Food and Nutrition, and worked as a registered dietitian for 26 years. Becky currently lives on a ranch in Mission Valley and raises goats and cows. She has been a widow for ten years, and she has one daughter and two grandchildren. In addition to the Quilt Guild, Becky is active in various women's groups, serves on her church council, and is president of the Victoria Symphony League.

Membership Fun Facts

Thank you to the 16 members who responded to the survey about **Membership Fun Facts**. Here are some results so far.

What year did you join this quilt guild?



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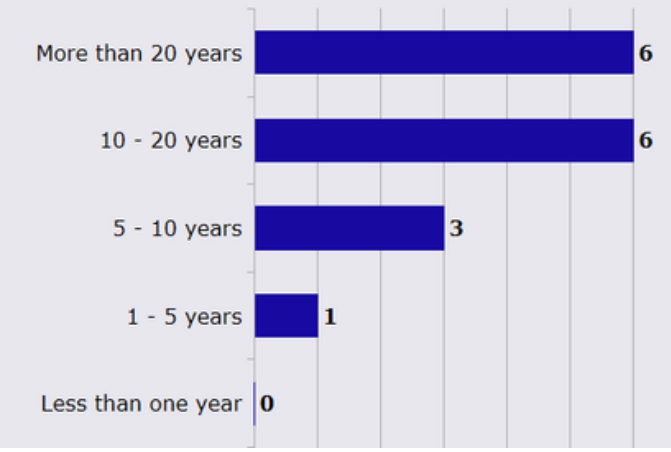
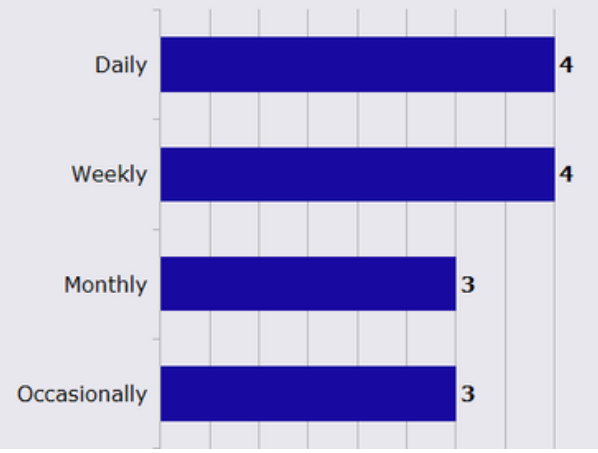


How often do you work on quilts?



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