



April 2019 Issue

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What to bring to the meeting:

- Hair products for local shelters
- Money for Block-of-the-Month and Mystery Quilt
- Batik fat quarters for the gift basket for TAQG Rally Day
- Money for TAQG Rally Day
- Finished Community Service items
- 30 strips for the strip swap
- Show and Tell
- A sense of fun and curiosity
- Your best smile – photos will be taken for the directory and smiles are contagious!

Letter from the President

Every year, when April Fools' Day rolls around, I worry if someone is going to pull a prank on me. I hate feeling foolish, but sometimes, you can't help it.

Maybe you stopped at McKinney's Third Monday Trade Days on the wrong weekend. Or maybe you double-booked your time, forgetting that Tuesday and April 9th were actually the same day.

Have you ever felt foolish with your quilting?

Maybe you thought combining certain fabrics or colors would look good and, after hours of sewing, they, well ... they just don't. Or one that I face from time to time with my fabric stash. To borrow one of my husband's favorite lines: "What would ever possess you to.... (in my case)...buy that fabric?" It might be pink and purple with kangaroos all over it. Or have jet skiing Santas. Maybe it's a beautiful piece of fabric, but you had no plan on what to do with it when you got it home.

Whatever the fabric choice was, you don't have to feel foolish for buying it any longer.

At the Allen Quilters' Guild, we are lucky enough to have an outlet for fabric we don't think we'll ever use. Our Charity Projects!

Sure, we can donate the fabric to the Guild, but why not go one step further? Why don't you create the fabric kits the Guild hands out for the pillow cases, placemats and quilts? Bag the complete kit in a zip top bag, write on the bag which kit it is (i.e. Pillow Case) and bring it to the Guild Meeting for people who want to pick up kits to sew. Not sure how? Check our website. Starting later this month, our website will include a list of the kits we need that you could build. Or you could go one step further and sew the item yourself then turn the completed item into the Guild.

By turning a 'mistake' into a good thing, you don't have to feel foolish any longer.

Diane L

SEWING SEWCIAL

Sewing Sewcial is a nation-wide shop hop created by a group of women who are shop owners. The purpose of the Sewing Sewcial is to provide a unique, fun sewing experience for quilters across the nation.

- Do I have to travel to every shop across the nation? No – this shop hop is entirely online.
- How do I get started? Visit <http://www.sewingsewcial.com/> to search shop's quilt block and finishing kits. Click on each shop to begin collecting your blocks. After collecting your blocks, visit the finishing kits page.
- Are the blocks precut? Yes. All blocks are precut by each shop using the 9" Qube
- Can I purchase this fabric from other shops? No. Custom fabric has been made specifically for this event. Once it's gone, it's gone, so you don't want to delay.

There are code words to be collected from each stop. You can enter to win a variety of prizes.

Have fun! Let us know if you try it.

Maridale, thank you for sharing this great idea.

Allen Quilters' Guild General Meeting March 21, 2019

31 members (2 new members) and 8 Guests attended.

President Diane L. called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Shout out to Mardy C. who won a Blue ribbon at the Dallas Quilt Show for her machine digitized quilt. It is stunning.

Membership – Diana P and Elaine R. – Be sure to pick up your membership cards.

Tonight we have 2 new members: Colleen C. and Lorna H.

We also have 8 guests: Ellen, Jean, Tammy, Anna, Delores, Kelly, Pauletta and Terri.

Treasurer-Laurie T-No changes since last newsletter.

Laurie reminded the Guild that Allen Quilters Guild Raffle tickets are for sale. Diane L encouraged the sales of the raffle tickets as they help in getting great programs for the guild.

Ways and Means – Kathy S – Kathy has 2 programs running this month: A BOM for \$5 in precut red and whites and a Mystery for \$3 with precut appliqués. If you get blocks done and bring in to show off you will be in a drawing for a door prize.

Diane L asked if there were any small groups which were accepting new members or if members were interested in joining a small group to let her know.

Small groups are a good way to get to know other members and also mentioned how her group (the Allen Strip Club) went to Betty M's house to help make kits for community service items.

Community Service- Betty M- Last month there was a flannel challenge to make quilts from scraps.

Janice S made a quilt featuring some cute dogs. We have a notebook with patterns that we use for community service items to make it easy for members to come get a pattern. And also forms to report community service times. If you'd like to do any of the projects for community service please contact Betty M.

Shelly V- TAQG – Rally Day is July 13, 2019 in Mesquite. Pam Holland is the presenter. Cost is \$5 for Guild Members (must present Membership Card., \$20 for Non Guild Members). Lunch boxes are available for \$10. Next month, I will be selling tickets for this event.

Also, there will be 3 workshops :

July 11, The Woman \$79 – Mesquite

July 12, Whimsy of Wondering \$79-Mesquite

July 15 & 16, Geraldine the Giraffe \$158 Best little retreat center in TX

TAQG has asked guilds to participate by collecting for goodie bags, donating a fiber item for the silent auction and making a door prize basket (we will be collecting batiks).

We will be showing our Raffle Quilts and selling raffle tickets.

Programs – Brenda B – Our speaker tonight is Judy Steward on Machine Quilting. Workshops- The guild held one on machine quilting with Judy Steward on Friday after the guild meeting. There were still openings if members wanted to join in.

April's speakers will be Lloyd and Sharon Wilhelm from Quilt Ideas. It will be on sashing ideas. If you are interest in having a workshop with Sharon, let Brenda know.

We are looking for a Workshop Chair. If you are interested in helping let Brenda B. or Maridale M. know. They will help you get started.

Retreat – Ellen R. - MAY 16TH TO MAY 19TH at Sunset Retreat Center. Let Ellen know your preference for which nights you want to stay. Since we have a meeting on Thursday, we need to decide our preference. The cost is \$87.50 per night with a 2-night minimum. Money needs to be in by April 16th. Call Ellen with any questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM

Submitted by Secretary Shelly V.

TAQG Rally Day – July 13, 2019 with Pam Holland

Mark your Calendars! Rally Day featuring Pam Holland is July 13, 2019 in Mesquite.

Pam Holland will also be holding 3 workshops:

July 11, The Woman \$79 – Mesquite

July 12, Whimsy of Wondering \$79-Mesquite

July 15 & 16, Geraldine the Giraffe \$158 Best Little Retreat Center in TX.

If you want more info, you can contact Shelly V. or check it out on the TAQG website:

<http://taqg.org/rally-day-workshops-2019/>

Tickets for Rally Day are \$5 for Guild Members. \$20 for non members. Tickets will be on sale starting at the April meeting. Also for sale are PreRally Day Raffle Tickets (\$1 or 6 for \$5), Lunch tickets (\$10), and beautiful Rally Day Pins (\$5) Buy a special Rally Day bundle that includes a ticket, Lunch ticket, 6 Pre Rally Day Raffle Tickets and a Pin for \$25 and get a special surprise.

See Shelly at the TAQG table for more info or the purchase any of the above items.



Thanks to all who turned in quilts, bags or placemats in March.

These are ongoing projects, so feel free to check out a kit and sew. If you would like to create kits for the Guild, please pick a date to come by my house and pick up Guild fabric. People have helped diminish the bins of fabric, but there is still more!

Be sure to remember that this month we will be collecting personal care items for shelters such as hair care products, shampoo, conditioner, combs and brushes.

Thanks for all you do for others! Betty M. - Community Service VP

Membership



MEMBERS: 42 VISITORS: 8

NEW MEMBERS Our March meeting brought us 2 new members... Colleen C. and Lorna H. Please look for them and make them feel welcome!

DIRECTORY - our Guild Directory will include photos this year. This is a great way to get faces and names put together. Final pics will be taken at our April meeting. If you can't be there, please email us a headshot of yourself to bebrice54@gmail.com. Remember, this will only be seen by our guild members. It will not be accessible on the internet so your privacy is protected.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY to these ladies:
Daisy S. Janice S. Karen T.

Membership Chairs,

Diana P. and Elaine R.

Retreat Spring 2019 and Fall Possibilities



The AQG Spring Retreat is all set for May 16th through the 20th at Sunset Retreat Center, 410 Echo Road, Sunset, Texas 76270. I will email info, map and generic packing list to all who have signed up a couple of weeks before we go. Remember there will be a quilter's garage sale too so you may want to do your Lurkem Spring Cleaning and bring your extra stuff to sell that weekend. I have much to go! I'll try and save you some room. Let me know if you have roommate requests or have any dietary restrictions or handicap needs. Our Massage Therapist, Persephanie Freeman, is all ready to come, though I've asked her not to come until Friday.

We have 18 people signed up and all paid, and there's room for more. We can sign people up right up to the day before and payments can be made directly to Sunset. If you find yourself free for that weekend we hope you will join us!

I have been looking at a **daytime AQG Fall Retreat at The Best Little Retreat Center In Texas** on the northwest corner of Coit and Belt Line in Dallas... a few steps away from Sew Lets Quilt It quilt shop. (They are both in the plaza at 7089 Belt Line Road). They have openings for Wednesdays thru Saturdays in September, October and November. For groups of 5 to 9 people the retreat cost per person for three (12 hour) days is \$63. The cost goes down after that the more people we sign up. I think the max capacity is 42. Food is not included but there are many places to eat nearby, we could order lunch in, or you could bring your own. They secure the facility at night so you can safely leave your stuff overnight and go home and sleep in your own bed. Current available dates are:

Sept. 4 thru 7, 18 thru 21, and 25th thru 28th.

Oct. 2 thru 5, 9 thru 12, & 16 thru 19 (and 2-day retreats on 24th & 25th, and 30th & 31st)

Nov. 13 thru 16, 27 thru 30 (and 2 days 1st & 2nd)

Dec. 4 thru 7, 11 thru 14, & 18 thru 21

There is going to be a quiz on this at our April meeting so please ponder which dates you think are good and let me know so I can book them before somebody else does.

Hugs and Happy Quilting, Ellen R.

Start Stripping!

With Ellen's permission, we will be doing a Strip Swap at the retreat. But, it is not only for those attending the retreat. All AQG members can participate. The more the merrier and the better array of strips! **You give 30 strips and you get 30 strips!!**

- Cut 30 strips 2 ½" by WOF of Fall themed/toned fabric. It does not have to be the same fabric. Variety is even better. You may want to buy more fabric to complete your own quilt.
- Place your strips in a paper lunch bag with your name on it. I will bring some in April and May.
- Bring the bag to the April or May AQG meeting or to retreat. The swap will be actually done at the retreat and the resulting bags from non-attendees will be returned by the June meeting – probably before.

There are a variety of patterns available to utilize your new batch of Fall strips. I can't wait to see what you create. I hope you all join us in this fun activity!

Lorraine M.

April 18, 2019 Program

"SASHING BOLD AND DANGEROUS"

How they can make or break your design.

Sometimes we get the blocks finished and we are at a stopping point trying to decide what sashing or setting to put with those blocks. Some blocks are so old we have to be very creative to blend the old with the new. Sharon and Loren will give you some examples of things that just happened and some that were planned with a display of quilts.

Loren will also have some of his wooden creations available.

Sharon is an entrepreneur of several previous companies: Country Collectibles, Sharon's Quilt Depot and most recently co-owner in Quilt Ideas pattern division. She designs blocks of the month, single patterns, punch needle, embroidery patterns and more quilting designs for Loren to make out of wood. She loves to teach anything pertaining to quilting, help quilters put together colors for new quilts and make quilts to give away. Our newest adventure is to give guild programs and workshops using a vast collection of quilts.

Loren and Sharon have been giving programs and workshops for guilds in Texas and Oklahoma. As owners of Quilt Ideas and a great pairing of talents of speaking, teaching, designing quilts and manufacturing of over 180+ wooden products for quilters.



Loren and Sharon Wilhelm

Tid Bits

There are great tips in so many places for us quilters. AllPeopleQuilt.com's newsletter is one of my favorites. <http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/> It is free and offers a variety of patterns and how-to's. You all have your favorite websites, blogs, Facebook etc. that you turn to. Let's make a list! Please send me the information on your favorites!

Meanwhile, if you purge your magazines and tear out patterns, hints, etc. consider starting a few binders with clear plastic sheet sleeves to keep them in. You can get as organized as you wish with index separators etc. --- for some of us of a certain age, remember our high school binders!

Let me know your favorite sources and I will create a list to share!

Lorraine M.

Mini Auction September 19th

It's not too soon to think about the Mini Auction. Fall seems a long way off but it will be here before you know it.

Okay, what do we need for Mini Auction? Here are some ideas:

Mini-quilts are great! We are not going to be nit-picky about the measurements. If you make it and donate it. We will love it! Mini-quilts can be traditional, modern, artsy, novelty, holiday themed, etc.

We will accept non-mini quilts: Table runners, placemats, mug rugs, pillows, quilted IPAD covers, quilted book covers. Wouldn't it be magnificent to have a Jellyroll rug! I would save my money in anticipation of that one!

Let's see....Bags, Wallets, pouches. (Remember, last year Virginia made eight of those cute little zippered bags. That was a hit!!!!).

I've seen pretty neat quilting essentials stands. I have also seen some pretty neat iron cases made by quilters. Wooden-rack to keep quilting rulers in, etc.

So think about making something that a quilter would like to get. Whip up something during the retreat! We know Texas has hot days in the summer. Escape to your air-conditioned sewing room and make something.

Our guild uses funds we raise in the following ways:

1. Program expenses. This includes speakers & speaker mileage
2. Room rental for our AQG meeting on the 3rd Thursday at Blue House
3. Community Service: Batting for the quilts, placemats, twill for the bags we make for Hope's Door (this is just a sample of community service expenses)
4. Meals on Wheels (Collin County) holiday adoption of two people

Please consider donating to this event!! Thank you!

Ready for a Road Trip?

We have a wonderful resource not that far away- the Texas Quilt Museum in La Grange.

The museum has a variety of exhibits for you to enjoy as well special presentations by the quilters. Danny Amazonas will be speaking on his "Walk on the Wild Side" April 20th. The exhibit goes from April 18- June 9. There are other exhibits to see and more are coming!

Visit <http://texasquiltmuseum.org/> for more information





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April 26-27 - Bay Area Quilt Guild in the Houston area. Our guild is hosting a quilt show, titled Nature's Bounty, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Visit <https://bayareaquiltguild.org/> for more information.

May 10-11 – Paris, Texas Quilt Show, Love Civic Center, 2025 S Collegiate Dr, Paris TX.
<https://parisquiltshow.com/>

May 16-19 – AQG Spring Retreat at Sunset

May 24-26 – Hill Country Quilt guild “Quilting IS Art” Quilt Show, Kerrville, TX,
<https://hillcountryquiltguild.com/>

July 13 – TAQG Rally Day with Pam Holland. Workshops July 11 12, 15 and 16. See information above. **July 26-27** – 2019 Common Threads Quilt Guild “Stuck on Quilts” Temple Baptist Church, 1811 E. California St, Gainesville <https://www.facebook.com/Common-Threads-Quilt-Guild-352395764947377/>

Aug 9-10 – Plano Quilt Show, Plano Event Center <https://www.qgplano.org/>

Aug 22-24 – North Texas Quilt Festival, Arlington Convention Center, <https://www.sewingexpo.com/>

Oct 11-12 – Waco Homespun Quilt Guild Show, Waco Convention Center,
<https://wacoheartoftexas.com/event/2019-waco-homespun-quilt-guilds-quilt-show/2019-10-11/>

Oct 31-Nov 3 – Houston International Quilt Festival, <http://quilts.com/quilt-festival-houston.html>

Oct 7- Nov 1 – Piecemakers 38th Annual Quilt Show, Corsicana, TX – a month long judged quilt show,
<http://www.corsicanaquiltguild.com/2019-quilt-show.html>

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Shops on the move

Fabric Fanatics is moving the end of April and will have the Grand Opening in May at the new location – 910 West Parker Road, Suite 325, Plano
<http://www.fabricfanatics.com/>

Sew Dallas and Best of Bernina have combined. The new huge store is at 605 18th Street in Plano.
https://www.facebook.com/SewDallasTX/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARC37_NPcX07x8EmPti_TDI856p5Zouh2nBgi9O9j_pnRzCeBugVhWQpQEJCWI-CxIxp5JVjTeP1c6M

The Quilt Asylum is now in Van Alstyne at 166 E. Jefferson Street. They are continuing to add fabric space.
<https://www.thequiltasylum.com/>



“You can always tell a quilter from the threads she wears”

**Allen Quilters' Guild
Membership Application**

Name: _____

Spouse's First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Are you a NEW member? _____ **If not, what year did you join AQG?** _____

If you are a returning member, would you like a new name badge? _____

Would you like a copy of the AQG Bylaws? _____

Birthday (month and day only): _____

Small group you belong to: _____ **Meeting time:** _____

If you do not presently belong to a small group, are you interested in joining a daytime small group? Y N or a nighttime small group? Y N

Please circle your preferred method for receiving the Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter:

- A) Printed copy mailed via the U. S. Postal Service
- B) Via e-mail
- C) You download directly from our website (www.allenquilters.org)

When complete, please mail this form with a check made out to AQG to:

**Allen Quilters' Guild
P. O. Box 526
Allen, TX 75013-0010**

OR You may give your form and payment directly to Diana P.

Membership dues are \$25.00 for adults and \$15 for juniors (children 10 to 17 accompanied by an adult member) and paid annually in January.

Yahoo Group _____ New _____ Name Tag _____ Bylaws _____

Birthday _____ Small Group _____ Newsletter _____ Check# _____

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