

# ALLEN QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER

August 2019 Issue

## 2019 AQG OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Diane L.  
1st VP Programs: Brenda B. & Maridale M.  
2nd VP Membership: Diana P. & Elaine R.  
3rd VP Communications: Pam H.  
4th VP Community Service: Betty M.  
5th VP Ways & Means: Kathy S.  
Secretary: Shelly V.  
Treasurer: Laurie T.  
Newsletter: Lorraine M.  
Website: Pam H.  
Retreats: Ellen R.  
Email Coordinator: Lorraine M.  
TAQG Representative: Shelly V. & Alice G.

## What to bring to the meeting:

- \$5 for Block of the Month 2019. \$3 for the Mystery Quilt
- Completed community service items
- Raffle ticket stubs and money for tickets you have sold
- Completed items for September's auction
- Show and Tell
- School supplies
- A sense of fun and curiosity
- A friend who also knows the joy of quilting.

## Letter from the President

Most people talk about Christmas in July. Stores have 'Christmas in July' sales. The Hallmark Channel airs many of their popular Christmas movies. But for me, Christmas is in August. At least, it has been since I moved to Texas less than three years ago.

Why?

Living in Texas, August is really too hot to do much of anything outside, so I find August is a great month to stay inside and sew. And that's when I work on my 'Christmas' projects.

I use this time to work on Allen Quilters' Guild projects: placemats for Meals on Wheels and items for our Silent Auction in September. I also work on a stash of hostess gifts so I'll have something ready for the upcoming holiday season. And yes, I also sew Christmas gifts for friends and family.

There's nothing better than making something for someone else. To see the excitement in their eyes when they see what you made for them. Even if I don't get to see the final recipients, like with our Meals on Wheels placemats, I can imagine how they must feel getting a carefully crafted placement created from beautiful fabrics. I remember how my mom felt when I gave her something handmade. Or how my dad felt when his Meals on Wheels gave him something as simple as a birthday card.

That brings a warmth to my heart that rivals the heat of the outside temps.....

How do you spend your August?

Diane L.

## July 2019 Allen Quilters' Guild Treasurer's Report

We will review the July 2019 Treasurer's Report in August.



With all this hot weather, I hope you are finding time to get some sewing done. Remember that I have quilt kits, place mats, kits, pillowcase, and small bag kits. Please make sure to check out some at our meeting. There are so many needy children out in our world.

This month for our community service, we will be collecting school supplies.

Thanks for all you do for others. It is much appreciated.

Thanks, Betty M- Community Service VP



## August 2019 Program

[Sew Dallas](#) is presenting a program on Scan 'n Cut. There will be a small hands-on project for each person present.

Come join the fun!

Brenda B. and Maridale M. Program VPs

## Fall Retreat

The Best Little Retreat Center in Texas  
Coit and Beltline Road in Dallas

October 3 – October 5, 2019  
\$63 for all three days



We can sew all day from 9am-9pm then go home to our own beds. There are many eating places nearby or you can bring your own food. I will bring menus and we can order together if we want and I can go pick up the orders.

To sign up, we each have to get on the website [www.bestlittleretreatcenterintexas.com](http://www.bestlittleretreatcenterintexas.com) and enter those dates and a code (I will send it to you when they get back to me) so they know that it's for Allen Quilters' Guild group rate. You will make your payment directly to them.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Happy Quilting,  
Ellen



## Christmas Party December 14, 2019

We have our Christmas Party Planning Committee. Woohoo! They include Tana, Shivani, Lorraine, Virginia, Ellen, & Shelly. Our first meeting will be at 5:15 before our August Guild meeting at Blue House, too. We will talk about decorations, favors, food and door prizes. Call me if you have any questions.

Elaine R. - Chairman

# Allen Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes

## July 18, 2019

There are 26 members and 0 guests attending.

President Diane L. called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

President: Diane L. – This is the annual potluck meeting. Welcome everyone.

Silent Auction and Fabric Sale- Nancy W. - Silent Auction will happen during our September meeting. This is a very important activity for the Guild. It pays for the space, incidentals and charity works like the people we sponsor at Christmas. Nancy displayed what we had already received to put in auction and asked for more donations of handmade and saleable goods.

Nancy W also exhibited a small placard that she developed to advertise the sale and asked members to take some to put them out in places people might see them.

While the auction and sale are going on there will be 3 Demos going on by Kathy S, Virginia B and Lynda L.

Proceeds from Fabric sale will go to Christmas Brunch.

Nominating Committee- Diana P. – People are needed to be on the Board for next year. Please consider volunteering for a job to help the guild. You can even volunteer in teams for a job if you don't want to do it alone.

A drawing was held for a place at the fall retreat- Sandra C. won. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM

Submitted by Secretary Shelly V.

## Did You Know?

There are over 100 titles of books about quilts at the Allen Library...300 at the Plano Library...300 at the McKinney Library...and 250 at Garland! Some of these are fiction and some are craft books.

Check out a few!

Also, there is a [National Quilting Day](#) – designated as the third Saturday in March. You can see all the “officially” designated days at <https://nationaldaycalendar.com>. (Our meeting on August 15 is “National Lemon Meringue Pie Day!”)



## Tid Bits



The common pincushion can be an organizational tool.

Use a Sharpie pen to mark the sections according to your needs. You notice “EZ” listed on mine indicating easy-thread needles live in that section. Consider marking sections for machine needle sizes etc. In some cases, you don’t need to mark the section, but simply separate various pins (hat pins?) or needles (tapestry?) by sight.



## Membership

We had 24 members join us for our delicious potluck dinner, and a new game, which was enjoyed by all.

Ladies enjoying birthdays this month are:

Lynda L., Patty C., Shelly V., Joellen B.

Diana & Elaine

## AQG Yahoo Group

If you are a member of AQG’s Yahoo Group, you can send a message to the membership by sending it to [AQGMembers@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AQGMembers@yahoogroups.com). Capitals seem to be important. It will be received by the AQG monitors for processing.

If you are not a member, email [aqgmembers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:aqgmembers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). The AQG monitors will be contacted for approval. This seems to be the easiest way.

Lorraine M.

## Tickets are ready and our raffle quilt, Mosaic, is ready to travel!

Packets of tickets are ready for pick-up at our meeting. Additional tickets are available from Laurie T. if you need more tickets to sell.

See Maridale M. or Diane L. to sign-up to visit other quilt guilds with our raffle quilt. It is a fun way to meet other guilds, hear their programs, and, of course, sell more tickets!

Please help AQG find other venues for showing the quilt and selling tickets.



2019

**Aug 16-17** – [West Texas Tumbleweed Quilt Show](#), San Angelo, TX  
**Aug 22-24** – [North Texas Quilt Festival](#), Arlington Convention Center  
**Sept 6-7** - Brazos Bluebonnet Quilt Guild, “[Garden Party](#),” The Brazos Center, Bryan, TX  
**Sept 20-21** – Lone Star Heritage Quilt Show in Sulphur Springs. More information at <https://www.sulphurspringstxquilts.com/>  
**Sept 20-21** – [Greater San Antonio Guild Quilt Show](#), San Antonio, TX  
**Sept 27-28** – [Red River Quilters Quilt Show](#), Shreveport, Louisiana  
**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 18-19** – [Texas Star Quilters Guild Quilt Show](#), Canton Civic Center  
**Oct 31-Nov 3** – Houston International Quilt Festival, <http://quilts.com/quilt-festival-houston.html>  
**Oct 3 – Oct 5** – AQG retreat at The Best Little Retreat Center in Texas (Coit and Beltline Road in Dallas)  
**Oct 7- Nov 1** – Piecemakers 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show, Corsicana, TX – a month long judged quilt show, <http://www.corsicanaquiltguild.com>  
**Dec 14** – AQG Christmas Party  
**Jan 24-25** – Jefferson Quilt Show, “[Quilts on the Bayou](#)”



### **It's Board and Special Committee Nomination Time!**

Hello Allen Quilters!

We have made good progress on nominations for next year. It is a most excellent group!

We will pass the sign-up sheet again at the August meeting and hope to complete our roster so that we can submit the nominations at the September meeting, to be voted on in October.

We need 3 more people – a co-chairman for membership, a co-chairman for programs, and a VP of Communications.

If you feel one of these is a good fit for you, please email me ([phiam@aol.com](mailto:phiam@aol.com)), Lorraine ([lmattis@starplus.com](mailto:lmattis@starplus.com)) or Brenda ([gbrown8472@gmail.com](mailto:gbrown8472@gmail.com))

Thanks!  
Pam

**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](http://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.**

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Yahoo Group \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Bylaws \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

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