



ALLEN QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER

February 2019 Issue

2019 AQG OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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TAQG Representative: Shelly V. &
Alice G.

What to bring to the meeting:

- Membership form and \$25 dues
- \$5 for Block of the Month 2019
- Baby items for Community Service
- \$35 for the March 22nd Workshop with Judy Steward
- Raffle ticket stubs for tickets you have sold
- Deposit for the May Retreat
- Show and Tell
- A sense of fun and curiosity

Letter from the President

February makes me think of love. It's natural, after all. Valentine's Day falls in February.

Normally, when we think of love, we think of the people we love ... our significant other, our parents, our children, our friends ...

But, what do you love about quilting?

Do you love poring over patterns, trying to decide which quilt to make next?

Or do you love fabric? The colors ... the feel of the fabric as you run your fingers along the bolts?

Maybe you like the simplicity of sewing straight lines, piecing fabric together into something amazing?

Or maybe, you like the look on someone's face when they see what you painstakingly made for them out of your sweat, your tears, and yes, your love

This month, think about what you love about quilting ... and make it your goal to find a way to do more of it this year.....

Diane L.

Are you a member of our FACEBOOK group? It's a great tool to reach out to the community and other members. Feel free to send Pam H. pictures of any community service projects you are working on or information you want to share.

Help Wanted!

Volunteers Needed to Bring Snacks and Bottled Water to Guild Meetings

Did you know that the food and water offered at our Guild Meetings are provided by volunteers? Me neither.

We are asking for volunteers to sign up for 2019, preferably, two people per month. These volunteers would be responsible for bringing snacks and bottled water. The snacks should be very simple, like cookies, brownies, granola bars or small snack bags, like pretzels or crackers. The bottled water should be the short bottles. We usually have fewer than 25 people attend our meetings, so there's no need to bring a lot. Just a little nibble to share, really.

If you would like to help us out, there will be a sign-up sheet at the Membership Table at our next meeting.

Thank you for signing up!! Diane L.

FEBRUARY 21st MEETING

My Applique Dream

By

Lucille Lim



Lucille Lim is a teacher and award-winning quilter. Among her awards is the Judge's Choice at the 2018 Plano Quilt Show. She will share her journey and passion for appliqué and hand quilting along with a collection of her quilts in this first presentation of her work anywhere.

Allen Quilters' Guild General Meeting January 17, 2019

21 members attended 5 Guests

President Diane L. called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Maridale M. reminded us that most of the board are rookies so bear with them and let them know if you need something or something needs revised.

Programs-Brenda B. Our speaker is Deborah Brizendine who is presenting a program on "Paper Piecing and a Trunk Show of Judy Niemeyer and other quilts".

We will have a workshop on March 22 by Judy Steward on Machine quilting. It will include filler designs and ruler on a home machine. Cost is \$35 and will be 6 hours. Please contact Brenda B. or Maridale M. to sign up.

We will also have another workshop in August. Modern Vintage Quilting will be dyeing marbled fabrics. Cost is \$7 for 1 fat quarter, 3 for \$18. That will take place on Saturday, August 16th. Be sure to put it on your calendar.

Membership – Diana P. – We have 5 guests here tonight, Carol, Joellen, Sheri, Johanna, Lorna and Ernestine. We also had 2 new members join, Blanche and Janice! Welcome all!

Treasurer-Laurie T-Dallas Guild has offered to allow us to purchase reduced priced (early bird) tickets for the March Quilt Show. Shelly V. will be collecting money and bringing the tickets next meeting.

Allen Quilters' Guild Raffle tickets are ready with pictures of the quilt. Please pick up your packet from Laurie T.

Community Service- Betty M- This year the Guild has been very busy. We have made 32 bags for the Hope's Door Women's shelter and 43 quilts and 45 pillowcases to CASA.

Betty is working on a note book with patterns that we use for community service to make it easy for members to come get a pattern.

Food and other needed items are collected each month for various charities. Those items will be in the newsletter.

We had the Christmas Brunch at Betty's house. Thank you to her for hosting. We had a lot of fun!

TAQG- Shelly V- The TAQG meeting in January will be on the Saturday the 26th. It will be in Mineola. There will be a round table meeting for Guild Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries. There will also be training for TAQG reps. Shelly also collected money for tickets for the Dallas Quilt Show.

Communication – Pam H. – Contact Pam if you have anything you want to add to the newsletter or send out to 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 appliques. If you get blocks done and bring in to show off you will be in a drawing for a door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM

Submitted by Secretary Shelly Vatteroni

MARCH 22ND WORKSHOP WITH JUDY STEWARD

We will be passing around the sign-up sheet at the February meeting, for the March 22nd workshop,

Free-Motion Machine Quilting, by Judy Steward.

We will also need to collect the \$35.00 workshop fee at the February or March meeting for each person attending. Please make your check payable to Allen Quilters' Guild and give it to Brenda B.



Dear Fellow Quilters:

I have a challenge for you. As always, I will have kits for pillowcases, bibs and tops. BUT, I will also have packets of flannel scraps. From these you can make a kid's quilt top in any form, shape and size you want. The fabrics are divided by themes such as dogs, cats, dinosaurs, or turtles. Be adventurous and think outside the box! Try one just for fun. I have coordinating fabric for the backs that I can piece.

This Month's Community service donation is baby items such as diapers, wipes, onesies or you can just donate \$.

Thanks for all you do for others. It helps make our world better.
Betty M-

RETREAT – MAY 16TH TO MAY 19TH

Greetings Quilters!



The AQG Spring Retreat is going to be at Sunset Retreat Center, 410 Echo Rd., Sunset, TX 76270. The dates are Noon Thursday, May 16, 2019 through 1 pm Sunday, May 19th, 2019. They will serve meals from Thursday evening supper through Sunday morning brunch. The cost is \$87.50 per night with a 2-night minimum. Persephanie Freeman will be our masseuse. We need a 20-person minimum to "make" the retreat. Sewing, eating, walking, gabbing, relaxing... I'm so in!... as is Shelly V., Barb Abel, and Deborah Rhodes. If you'd care to join us there will be sign-up sheets at the February, March and April meetings. We can take a deposit of \$50 to hold your spot but have to have the complete payment to send to arrive at Sunset by April 16th, 2019. Make your checks out to AQG. Call or text me with any questions: Ellen R.

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. 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!

This is our major fundraiser and we need your help. You could be the winner!



2019

March 8-10 – Dallas Quilt Show, <http://quiltersguildofdallas.org/quilters-guild-of-dallas-show>

March 15-16 – Quilt Guild of Pineywoods Quilt Show “Silver Needles in the Pines” 10-5 \$5 at Lufkin High

March 22-23 – 38th Annual Guild Quilt Show, Quilters’ Guild of East Texas. *Delectable Dresdens: Traditional to Modern*. 10am-4:30pm, Tyler, Texas. www.qgetx.org

May 10-11 – Paris, Texas Quilt Show, Love Civic Center, 2025 S Collegiate Dr, Paris TX

May 16-19 – AQG Spring Retreat at Sunset

May 24-26 – Hill Country Quilt guild “Quilting IS Art” Quilt Show, Kerrville, TX, www.hillcountryquiltguild.com

July 26-27 – 2019 Common Threads Quilt Guild “Stuck on Quilts” Temple Baptist Church, 1811 E. California St, Gainesville, TX www.facebook.com/groups/1541487532797041/

Aug 9-10 – Plano Quilt Show, Plano Event Center, www.qgplano.org

Aug 22-24 – North Texas Quilt Festival, Arlington Convention Center, 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>



Membership

January was a busy meeting, membership renewal was booming. We would like to welcome two new members to the guild, Blanche W. and Janice S. We also had 5 guests join us to listen to our speaker. The year is off to a good start.

Reminder: we will start taking pictures for our directory at our February meeting.

Elaine and Diana

Tid Bits

Have you found a pattern in a catalog you just have to have? Clip out the picture that grabbed your attention when you order it. The pattern you receive may have a totally different color way, changing the resulting look of the quilt and may be not as inspiring. Attach the clipped picture to the pattern when you receive it. Lorraine

**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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