



July 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
- Show and Tell
- School supplies
- Potluck dish to share and 3 patriotic fat quarters
- A sense of fun and curiosity
- A friend who also knows the joy of quilting.

Letter from the President

Do you believe in UFOs?

C'mon, deep down, you know they exist, hidden out there....somewhere....

I'm not talking about little green men. I'm referring to UnFinished Objects.

Admit it. You have them. Everyone does. Tucked away in a drawer or closet. Maybe sealed away in a plastic bin never to be seen again.

I have them too. But I call my UFOs "PIGS" – Projects In Grocery Sacks. That's the term we used in Seattle at Quality Sewing and Vacuum's "Sew Fun" Nights.

And I have lots of PIGS....my craft room closet doubles as their 'PIG STY'.....Projects I fell out of love with. Projects whose instructions confused me and I didn't know how to move on. Projects I didn't feel I had the skill set to finish.

The Allen Quilters' Guild needs donations for their Silent Auction. Why not finish some of these projects and donate them? Or gift them to someone? Or fall in love with them all over again and keep them for yourself?

That's what I'm doing.....reworking my PIGS into something I love. I've turned two banners into Table Runners. A stack of 2 ½ inch squares meant for a table runner into a cute zip pouch. And that wall hanging with that one square that was sewn up side down has been corrected and finished.

Want to see them? I'm donating them to the Silent Auction and Fabric Sale we're having this September.

Maybe I'll use my new-found space for FIGS – Fabric In Grocery Sacks. Or better yet, maybe I'll donate that fabric to the Guild's Fabric Sale. Why keep fabric sitting unused in my closet when it can go to the Guild?

Regardless what you decide to do with your UFOs, your PIGS, or your FIGS, clearing them out gives you more space for other things, like fabric or books or ...new PIGS.

Diane L.



Wow, this year is already half over and I have so many quilts I want to make. I guess that you also have a lot to do.

Many thanks for your generosity this past month for Community Service. With the items brought and the money donated, I was able to take 41 different things to Allen Community Outreach for their pantry. They were so appreciative.

This month's donation is school supplies. The list includes pencils, notebook paper, crayons, Kleenex, dividers, pink erasers, washable markers, construction paper and glue.

New quilt kits, pillowcase kits and bag kits are being cut and will be available in August. Thanks so much for all you do for others. Keep sewing.

Thanks, Betty M- Community Service VP



July 2019 Program

Food, Games and Friends

We are having a potluck dinner at the AQG July meeting. Bring your favorite dish to share with others for a fun time. Please bring serving utensils.

We will also be playing Left, Right, Center that evening. Everyone who is interested in playing should bring three patriotic fat quarters.

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 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

June 20, 2019

Meeting Began: 6:37 pm

- **Denton Quilt Guild Presentation**

- Happy Days Pattern
- Background is low contrast
- Applique is all hand done
- Group quilting – 2nd Place at Dallas Show
- Quilting done with stretch technique

- **Retreats**

- Dates: 10/3,4,5 – Best Little Retreat Center - \$63.00 for all three days – no food
- Daytime Retreat – 9 am – 9 pm - \$60.00 – need 10-19 people – alternate dates available

- **Community Service – Presented by Betty M**

- Sign in with hours if you worked on any projects
- Need more pillowcases completed

- **Treasury – no changes**

- **TAQG – Presented by Laurie T**

- Tickets on sale for \$5 – LAST CALL
- Meeting date was the last time to order lunch
- Raffle tickets for sale
- Pam Holland is the speaker

- **September Program – Presented by Virginia B**

- Free advertising because we did 3 baskets for TAQG
- September 19th – SILENT AUCTION
- 1. Includes a fabric sale
- 2. We need items to sell!!
- 3. Nancy is the leader of the silent auction and fabric sale

Membership and Christmas Party – Presented by Elaine R

- 27 members attended this meeting/2 visitors
- 1 new member – **WELCOME Jackie P!!**
- Member ship directories are available
- Addendum to directories available with e-mail addresses

Christmas Party – Presented by Elaine R

- Saturday, December 14th
- Brunch/Lunch
- Need people to sign up to help
- Fabric sale money – some of the money will go towards the party

Next Month:

- Potluck and Game night

Adjourned

Submitted by Tana B (subbing for Shelly)

Tid Bits

School supplies and gadgets for dorm rooms will be on sale soon. There are many items you can utilize for quilting and your sewing room.

- ◆ glue sticks
- ◆ pencils
- ◆ binders
- ◆ pencil boxes (rotary cutters fit into these!)
- ◆ coated paper clips
- ◆ tapes – masking and scotch
- ◆ binder clips (great for holding that long piece of binding)
- ◆ binder pouches
- ◆ bulletin boards
- ◆ bed risers (use with a table when cutting –your back will be glad)
- ◆ over the door hooks to extend storage
- ◆ shoe or sweater holders for fabric etc.
- ◆ and more

Have fun shopping!
Lorraine



Membership

We had 27 members attend our June meeting, along with 2 guests and 1 new member, Jackie P. We would like to welcome her.

Ladies celebrating birthdays these month are:
Maridale M., Shivani V., Ellen R.

Diana and Elaine, Membership VPs

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. 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. 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

July 19-20 – Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County Quilt Show, Sokol Hall, Ennis, Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-4, admission \$8. www.elliscountyquilters.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

Sept 19 – AQG Mini Quilt and Fabric Auction

Sept 20-21 – Lone Star Heritage Quilt Show in Sulphur Springs. More information at <https://www.sulphurspringstxquilts.com/>

Oct 3-5 – Retreat at the Best Little Retreat Center in Texas. www.bestlittleretreatcenterintexas.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>

Dec 14 – AQG Christmas Party

It’s Board and Special Committee Nomination Time!

Hello Allen Quilters!

What is your favorite part of being a member of a quilter's guild? Is it the programs? Retreats? Workshops? Friendships? Small Groups?

I think Allen Quilters Guild is a fun place to be and offers a variety of activities. Thinking over the last year, I have learned so much and met so many friendly, fun, helpful people.

Even though it's only July, it's time to start thinking about next year's board. We have several positions that need to be filled.

Here are the **open board positions** along with a short description:

President - holds board meetings and presides over monthly guild meetings (Diane L. is current president)

1st VP Programs - plans programs - this can be a 2 person position so if you have a friend you work well with, perhaps you could do it together. 1st 3 months of 2020 are already done. (Brenda B. and Maridale M. currently are co-chairmen)

3rd VP Communications - sends out email blasts, oversees newsletter and Facebook posts (Pam H. currently holds this position)

5th VP Ways and Means - arranges for ways to raise funds (Kathy S. is current Ways and Means)

Treasurer - manages money and provides a treasurer report each month (Laurie T. is current treasurer)

Secretary - takes minutes at meetings and provides them to newsletter (Shelly V. is current secretary)

Standing Committees:

Newsletter

Door Prizes and Birthdays

Web site

Christmas Party Coordinator

Retreats

Mini Quilt Auction Coordinator

Workshops

Raffle Quilt Coordinator

Please thoughtfully consider where you might fit in. It doesn't matter if you've never done anything like this before - you have talents and personality that will contribute. There is always someone to help. If everyone contributes with a small role, we can continue the fun, learning and relationships.

If you see a position that you feel is a good fit for you, please email me (website@allenquilters.org) or Lorraine (newsletter@allenquilters.org). We will also pass around a sign-up sheet at the July 18 meeting

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)

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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