



May 2019 Issue

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What to bring to the meeting:

- \$5 for Block of the Month 2019. \$3 for the Mystery Quilt
- Raffle ticket stubs and money for tickets you have sold
- Strips for the Strip Swap
- Show and Tell
- Snack food such as juice boxes, gold fish crackers, raisins etc. for children
- Money for Rally Day tickets – entry and raffle
- Batiks for TAQG
- A sense of fun and curiosity

Letter from the President

When I think of May, my mind automatically thinks of Mother's Day. Mother's Day isn't the same as it used to be. This month will be my third Mother's Day without my mom.

Which makes me sad.

But it also makes me think about her and the things she loved that we used to do together.

One of them was my mom's love of puzzles.

Whether it was a jigsaw puzzle, a word search puzzle or the Daily Jumble, we would work on them together, laughing, helping each other out, and basically enjoying ourselves.

For me, quilting is a lot like working on a jigsaw puzzle. You have all of your squares in front of you. Do they fit together? Do these pieces really match? Is there a square with a bit of blue in the corner that would fit perfectly in this spot?

And when I used to work on jigsaw puzzles with my mom, we wouldn't look at the picture while we were building it, so we could be surprised as it all came together in the end.

That's how it feels to me when I'm quilting. I don't really know how it's going to look until I get to the very end.

And for me, that's fun.....

What about quilting is fun for you?

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.



Thanks to all who sewed bags for Hopes' Door. We delivered another 16 bags to a group that will fill them with much needed toiletries. I will have several quilt kits-the tops, backs and batting- ready for someone to quilt them. I also will have more bags and pillowcases ready to sew. Please remember to finish and bring back what you checked out last month. Thanks for all you do for others. Betty M.

For this month we will be collecting snack foods. Please bring Goldfish, raisins, granola bars, juice boxes, fruit rollups, and other snack foods. Thanks.



May 16th Program Every Quilt Has a Story By Sally Ashbacher

Sally Ashbacher is a life-long quilter and teacher. She has been in the Dallas area since 1982 and was often found teaching at the Blue Ribbon Quilt Shoppe in Wylie. Her 35+ years of quilting experiences includes surviving the Rowlett tornado and rescuing her sewing machine, rulers and stash from the aftermath of the storm.

Sally will be sharing quilts she has made from 1982 to the present. It will be fun, light-hearted program you will undoubtedly enjoy.

Retreat News

"The AQG SPRING RETREAT at Sunset will be held Friday, May 17th through Sunday, May 19th, 2019. (Note the dates. The originally-scheduled Thursday and Sunday nights have been canceled.) There is still room if you find yourself free to attend. We'd love to have you. Just contact me, Ellen Rock@att.net, or call/text me at 214-356-5819, and I will add you to the list. The cost is \$87.50 per night and you can pay when you get there."

Tid Bits

There are more than pretty pictures.....

I'm sure each of us has at least one quilting book or magazine that we bought because of a pictured quilt that was a "oh, I have to do this!" There is often so much more in the book that we may overlook or simply skim through.

Charts: Fabric requirements per size, number and shape of block pieces, quilt dimensions by block size and selected rows, number of sashes you can cut from various yardages, mattress sizes and corresponding quilt sizes and more....

Cutting techniques: Short-cut methods for rotary cutting making the most of your time and fabric while considering straight of grain.

Ruler usage: Utilization of special rulers for triangles, trapezoids, diamond and even triangle tips that make cutting faster and piecing easier. We all have them, but do we remember when and how to use them?

Piecing techniques: There are techniques explained in other places besides by a specific pattern.

History, stories and other fun ideas: Some even have recipes!

Additional resources: Don't forget a major resource available to you – the incredibly knowledgeable AQG members!

Allen Quilters' Guild General Meeting April 18, 2019

Diane L called meeting to order at 6:36

28 Members (2 new members) 7 Guests attended

Frisco Quilt Guild had their raffle quilt here for us to see and buy tickets.

Membership (Diana P and Elaine R) We have 2 new members - Patty C, Patsy T. We have 7 Guests - Sherry W, John W, Alice P, Sharon W, Loren W.

Ways and Means (Kathy S.) Kathy displayed the newest BOM and announced there was a door prize for who had completed their BOM from the previous month.

Retreat (Ellen R) All set for the retreat for May 16th - 20th. 20 people signed up but there is still room if you want to come. \$175 - 2 nights, 262.50 - 3 nights and 350 for 4 nights. You can pay there if you decide to go.

There will be a "garage sale" - if anything is not sold you must take it home.

We will also have community service items to make.

Lorraine M. has a special project for the retreat but members not attending may participate well. There will be a 2 ½" strip exchange. The theme is Fall Fabric. Cut 30 wof 2 ½" wide strips (please watch your measurements). If not attending send in a lunch sack with your name on it. Lorraine will separate the strips at the retreat. If not attending, you will receive yours at the next meeting.

Ellen is working on a Fall Retreat at the Best Little Retreat Center. Stay tuned for dates and prices.

Community Service (Betty M) Betty complemented our guild on the number of projects being completed. Diane L suggested members could help Betty by helping to make kits and sorting fabric at her house.

Raffle Quilt (Laurie T) Has raffle tickets for the Raffle Quilt. Don't forget to turn in the raffle tickets you have. We also need people to sign up to how quilts at area guilds.

Silent Auction (Diane L) any item will be accepted. Please think about "whipping" up something for the auction.

Diane L. asked the guild to approve the design for next years' Raffle Quilt which will be completed by her small group Allen Strip Club. It was approved.

Programs (Brenda B) Our speaker tonight is Sharon and Loren Wilhelm. They will be giving a talk on Sashes: Bold and Dangerous. Next Month (May) our speaker is Sally Ashbacher and the title of her talk is Every Quilt Has a Story.

Meeting ended at 6:59 PM.

Submitted by Shelly Vatteroni

Strip Swap

All AQG members and our friends attending the retreat are invited to participate in our 2019 Strip Swap. Prepare 30 strips 2 ½" by WOF (42-44") of fall fabric. It can be one fabric or multiple designs. Place them in a large brown paper lunch bag with your name on it. I will have bags at the May meeting if you need one. I will distribute the strips during retreat May 17th. You will get 30 strips back. I look forward to seeing what you make at Show and Tell.

Lorraine M.

TAQG Rally Day – July 13, 2019 with Pam Holland

Guild Members:

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/>

Our Guild will be donating a door prize basket of batik fat quarters. Consider donating a batik fat quarter for our basket at the next couple of Guild meetings.



Membership

28 members joined us at our April meeting, along with 2 new members: Patty C. and Patsy T. When you see them, introduce yourself and welcome them to the group. We had 7 guests join us for the program.

Our May Birthday Ladies are:

Yvonne B.
Blanche W.

Ginger M.
Nancy W.

Laurie T.

Diana and Elaine
Membership co-chairs

There's an App for That!

I ran across an app that looks interesting. Here's a link to the Web site:

<https://www.quiltful.com/>

I'm pretty sure it's free. It allows you to list projects you are working on and keep track of supplies you need to complete it. Like how much fabric you'd need for binding, or if you bought the correct ruler, etc.

Pam H.



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.

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



2019

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>

Dec 14 – AQG Christmas Party



Quilting

Keeps my hands busy

My mind calm

My heart happy and

My family warm

Facebook Connection for AQG

<https://www.facebook.com/Allen-Quilters-Guild-117833631627588/>

**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

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- 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 _____

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