



November 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:

- Your sewing machine and supplies
- \$5 for Block of the Month 2019. \$3 for the Mystery Quilt
- Completed community service items. Placemats!
- Raffle ticket stubs and money
- Show and Tell
- Food items for ACO. No green beans
- \$10 for the Christmas Party
- A sense of fun and curiosity
- A friend who also knows the joy of quilting.

Letter from the President

Winter is upon us. Even though the calendar still shows it's Autumn, the cold breeze and frigid temps tell me Winter is here. Early.

On a cold winter's day, there's nothing better than being curled up under a warm quilt, drinking hot chocolate and reading a book or maybe watching a favorite Hallmark Christmas movie.

My favorite quilt to curl up under isn't one I made. Actually, I have no idea who made it. I had seen it in a catalog and my husband bought it for me for Christmas. That quilt's ragged now. The appliqued leaves are starting to fray. Some of the seams are splitting. And one leaf applique has a definite hole in it. It also has that lumpy look of a quilt that's been washed a few too many times. I still love that quilt, though. I don't have to know who made it in order for me to treasure it.

And that's what I love most about the Quilters' Guild. We get to make things to give to people we haven't met. People who appreciate these gifts. They may not know who in the guild made it for them. Or even that it came from our guild, but that doesn't matter. What matters is that we've touched someone's life doing something we love.

Life doesn't get much better than that.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!!!



Diane L.

I'M Glad You Asked

At the October guild meeting I was asked about a line item in the Treasurer report that mentioned the Allen Public Library.

Allen Quilters' Guild is a 501 (c) non-profit organization.

Here is a brief review of some of the things your guild does for the community!

1. We purchase a *yearly subscription* to American Patchwork magazine that is delivered to Allen Public Library.
2. Collin County has an outstanding Meals on Wheels program that delivers to thousands of residents. At Christmas each client receives a present. Allen Quilt Guild *sponsors two participants for the Secret Santa*. We allot \$50 for each one=\$100 for the two. Lorraine has volunteered to purchase the items.

I'M Glad You Asked (continued)

(I have a weekly Meals on Wheels route. If you want more information, talk to me. I love this organization. By the way, drivers are needed for the Allen routes. Our routes take less than 1 hour! You pick up the meal bags at the Allen Senior Center. You can sign up to be a sub driver, or take a one day a week, or a twice a month route. It is rewarding!)

3. *Batting* (a lot of our fabric is donated but we do not get batting donated) to use for our charity quilts & placemats.

Our annual charity sew day is next month. I believe the kits are made and we just need to show up with our sewing machine threaded and ready to go.

Dot will be the 2020 Community Service rep and can write about sewing projects available. I am only writing about a few things our guild does for the community that you might notice in the monthly Treasurer report.

I'll see you November 21 at Fabric Fanatics behind my sewing machine!

Laurie T.

Allen Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes October 17, 2019

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

Diane L. made the following announcements:

Our November meeting is dedicated to community service. We'll be meeting a Fabric Fanatics located at 910 W Parker Road, Suite 325, Plano TX. This location provides better set-up for sewing machines and related equipment.

Diane introduced Pam H. and thanked her for her work on securing Board nominees for 2020. Diane moved that we accept the nominations by acclamation. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of the nominees, no opposition.

Laurie T. provided the treasury report. Proceeds from September's mini quilt auction and fabric sale yielded about \$1900. Further details are available in the newsletter.

Laurie added that Raffle tickets are still available. Drawing for the raffle quilt will be December 14th at our Christmas party.

Laurie T. then presented gifts to Shivani for providing the highest priced auction item and to Pam H. for the most donated items. Laurie also presented Nancy W. with a gift for her outstanding leadership of the mini quilt auction.

Lorraine M. won the quilt kit drawing.

Elaine R. updated the guild with the Christmas Party details. Party will be held December 14th at Rudy's Barbecue from 11:00 – 2:00. Cost is \$10 per person. There will be a gift exchange and door prizes.

Elaine R. and Diana P. provided the membership report. The Guild currently has 46 members, 26 attending 10/17.

Small gifts were provided the October birthdays and followed by a drawing for door prizes. Some of the door prizes were provided by Kathy S for October Breast Cancer Awareness.

Diane L. announced that there would be a 10 minutes break before the program.

Quilt

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

Minutes submitted by Maridale M.



Placemats are due Nov. 21st at our meeting.
Thank you for all of your hard work!

Tid Bits

The holidays become such a busy time. Deadlines are creeping up for all those quilts and other items you plan to make for friends and family. But don't forget a very special person – yourself! Take some time to do something you want to do - whatever it is. Enjoy! You deserve it!
Happy Holidays, Lorraine M.



Membership

Wishing these ladies a Happy Birthday:

Virginia B, Brenda B, Tana B, Liz B, Kelle G, Jenny S,

Hope you have a great birthday month!

Diana P. and Elaine R., Membership Co-VPs



Dear Fellow Quilters:

November is our Community Service Month. We will hold our meeting at Fabric Fanatics. Blocks are cut out and all you need to do is bring a machine and be ready to sew. Please come anytime between 3 and 8 PM and help make Quilts of Valor blocks.

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for ACO. No green beans please.

Thanks for helping support Allen Quilters' Guild and our many projects through the years that I have been Community Service VP. Hundreds of kid's quilts, placemats, bags and pillowcases have been made through your efforts. Please continue your support as Dot and her team take over this position.

Thanks for all you do for others!

Betty M- Community Service VP



AQG Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14th

11:00 a.m.

Rudy's Country Store

Allen, Texas

\$10.00 per person

Come enjoy a BBQ meal with all the fixins' along with your fabulous quilting buddies. There will be lots of door prizes as well as a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange. Limit is \$10.

Make payments at the membership table.

Deadline is November Guild meeting. If you can't make it to Guild, please call Elaine to sign up and pay.

Call Elaine at 936-465-8229 for more information



Christmas Party Door Prizes

If you would like to donate a door prize to be given away at our Christmas Party, please bring it to our November Guild Meeting. It can be anything. It doesn't have to be Christmassy or pertain to sewing or quilting. Just something nice that you would like to win. Any questions, call Elaine Rice at 935-465-8229.



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Dec 14 – AQG Christmas Party

Jan 24-25 – Jefferson Regional Quilt Alliance “Quilts on the Bayou”, <http://jeffersonquiltshow.com/>

March 13-15 – Dallas Quilt Show, <http://quiltersguildofdallas.org/quilters-guild-of-dallas-show>

March 27-28 – Quilters Guild of East Texas Quilt Show, Dancing Stars, <http://www.qgetx.org/quilt-show.html>

**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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