



October 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
- Show and Tell
- Personal hygiene items: soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene items etc.
- \$15 for the Christmas Party
- A sense of fun and curiosity
- A friend who also knows the joy of quilting.

Letter from the President

Happy Halloween!



Are you ready? Me, neither! There's candy to buy, decorations to put out and a costume to make.

Yes, I'm one of "those" who makes her Halloween costume for our neighbor's Halloween Party every year. But, "make" doesn't always mean 'sew from scratch'. Sometimes it means putting together the right pieces to create a look.

Sure, last year, I made my husband's and my costumes from scratch, but those were simple costumes – a couple of tunics and a cape, so I could be an archer and my husband, a king. But the year before that, we were lumberjacks – wearing checked flannel shirts, jeans, boots and a knit stocking cap. We even carried plastic axes to complete the look.

Quilting is a lot like that.

For one of my quilts, I individually cut out over 500 3 1/2" squares from 100 different fabrics to get the scrappy look I wanted. For another quilt, I bought a package of 10-inch squares and simply sewed them together.

Both quilts finished out beautifully. And when people admire them, they don't know how long it took me to make them and I don't volunteer that information.

It doesn't matter.

It doesn't matter how you get to the finish line as long as you get there ...and that you enjoy the journey.



Diane L.

October 2019 Program – October 17th, 6:30pm



Halloween is Scary but the Westalee Ruler Quilting is Not

Theresa Detrie from Not Your Mama's Quilt Store will take the mystery out of using the Westalee Rulers for machine quilting. She will share her experiences as she displays a variety of quilts. There will be a "pop up" shop from Not Your Mama's Quilt Store to entice us as well.



*Thank you to everyone who helped make our
Silent Auction so successful!
It was fun and profitable!*

I will take the placemats to Meals on Wheels just before Thanksgiving.

A few kits will be available at the October meeting.

The November AQQ meeting will be the deadline for turning in the placemats so I can get them all together. Contact me if you have questions.

The placemats that have been turned in are fabulous. Thank you!

Lorraine M.



AQG Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 14th 11:00am - 2:00pm
Rudy's BBQ in Allen \$15 per person

Come enjoy a fun time...gift exchange, door prizes, and drawing of our Raffle Quilt winner. More details to follow.

Sign up at October Guild Meeting. You can pay your money at the membership table. Deadline is November Guild Meeting. Contact Elaine R. if you have any questions.

Elaine R. Chairman

Remember those sacks of 2 ½" strips we swapped in March?
We would love to see what you have done with yours. I know Liz B. has created a beautiful quilt and I'm sure others have created wonderful things, big or small, as well.
Please bring your project to show and tell by the end of the year.

Allen Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes September 19, 2019

Diane L. called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

President, Diane L. announced the Board election during next month's meeting. She brought up Pam H. to introduce the nominees for the 2020 Board:

President - Elaine R. (with backup by Maridale M if needed)

1st VP Programs -Kathy S (need a cohort)

2nd VP Membership - Diana P and Barbara L.

3rd VP Communications and Website -Shivani V

4th VP Community Service - Dot F

5th VP Ways & Means - Laurie T

Secretary - Tana B

Treasurer- Alice G.

Janice S volunteered to help with programs next year.

Next month, Theresa with Not Your Mama's Quilt Shop will demonstrate quilting with rulers.

This month is the fabric sale and silent auction. Our program will consist of demonstrations by three of our members: Virginia B, Kathy S, and Lynda L.

Diane L then explained how the silent auction will work. She also pointed out the Scan & Cut donated by Sew Dallas. It retails for \$899.

Diane also took a moment to Thank Nancy W for organizing and being in charge of the fabric sale and silent auction and all those members who helped her.

Diane ended the meeting and the Silent Auction was opened at 6:41 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Shelly Vatteroni

Have you ever wondered about...

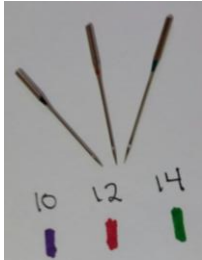
The term quilt comes from the Latin *culcita* meaning a stuffed sack. Visit this site for more information.
<https://www.quilting-in-america.com/>

There is the question – with a variety of answers - about where quilting originated. What we typically think of quilting was probably brought to America by European immigrants. As the population spread, various ethnic groups they encountered put their own spin on the craft. Have you heard of the Hmong flower cloth or story cloth? Find out more about the spread of quilting, myths and pattern designs and their history. Visit <http://www.womenfolk.com/> and be prepared to spend some fascinating time.

Tid Bits

#1 Which end is the top? Which direction do you need to press a row? Where is that “oops” that you need to fix later? Mark it!

Double tie a piece of ribbon onto a medium-sized safety pin. It is inexpensive, not bulky, you can choose your favorite color and make as many as you need.



#2 Make a cheat sheet for your needles. Whether you are taking one out of your machine or have one stuck in a pin cushion, you can quickly determine the size without having to find a container of similar needles by comparing the color marking on the needle and your handy dandy needle cheat sheet that simply shows the # and the color (dig out those sharpies or crayons).

Lorraine M.



Membership

Wishing these ladies a Happy Birthday:

Patsy T. Sandra C. Betty M. Ellen W. and Carol C.

Hope you have a great birthday month!

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



Greetings fellow quilters!

The time to turn in our kid's quilts to CASA is only 6 weeks away and we only have 34 quilts and 45+ pillowcases. Please consider sewing a kid's quilt this month and next.

Remember that we will be sewing blocks for a Quilt of Valor quilt for a veteran in November at our meeting.

At our October meeting, we will be collecting personal hygiene items: soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, washcloths, etc. There will be a container for cash donations as well.

Thanks for all you do for others!

Betty M- Community Service VP



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Oct 17 – Allen Quilters’ Guild Meeting - Theresa Detrie from Not Your Mama’s Quilt Store will present “Halloween is Scary but the Westalee Ruler Quilting is Not”. Trunk show included.

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

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>

It’s Board Election Time!

According to AQG bylaws, the Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of officers to the AQG members at the September meeting, at which time the additional officer nomination of Janice S. (who volunteered) was made from the floor. The vote will be taken at the October 17th meeting.

The Board officers nominated for 2020 are:

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VP Programs - Kathy S. and Janice S.

VP Membership - Diana P. and Barbara L.

VP Communication - Shivani V.

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Additional Chairs for non-elected Standing Committees include:

Newsletter & Email Coordinator – Lorraine M.

Web site – Shivani V.

Retreats – Maridale M.

Raffle Quilt – Brenda B.

Mini Quilt Auction – Janice S.

Christmas Party – Sheri B. and Ellen W.

Sunshine and Shadows – Brenda Brown

TAQG Rep – Shelly V.

Positions still available: Block of the Month, Workshops, Hospitality, PR, Door Prizes & Birthdays

**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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