



February 2018 Issue

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FROM THE PREZ:

Hello, Valentines!

I loved our new venue, and from what I heard you did too! I also have heard that we need to see if we can add more light. And maybe use the microphone.

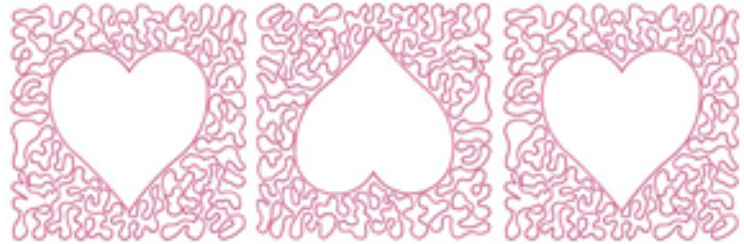
We had 5 new members and several visitors. That's a terrific start.

We do have a quandry with our library. Our bookcase is too big for the current location. We will talk about this at the meeting.

Wear red for Thursday's meeting - we have a surprise for you and we will need pictures.

Remember we start at 6:30. If you can help set up, we could use your help earlier.

-Maridale M.



NEW MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Don't forget that we will be meeting in our new location.

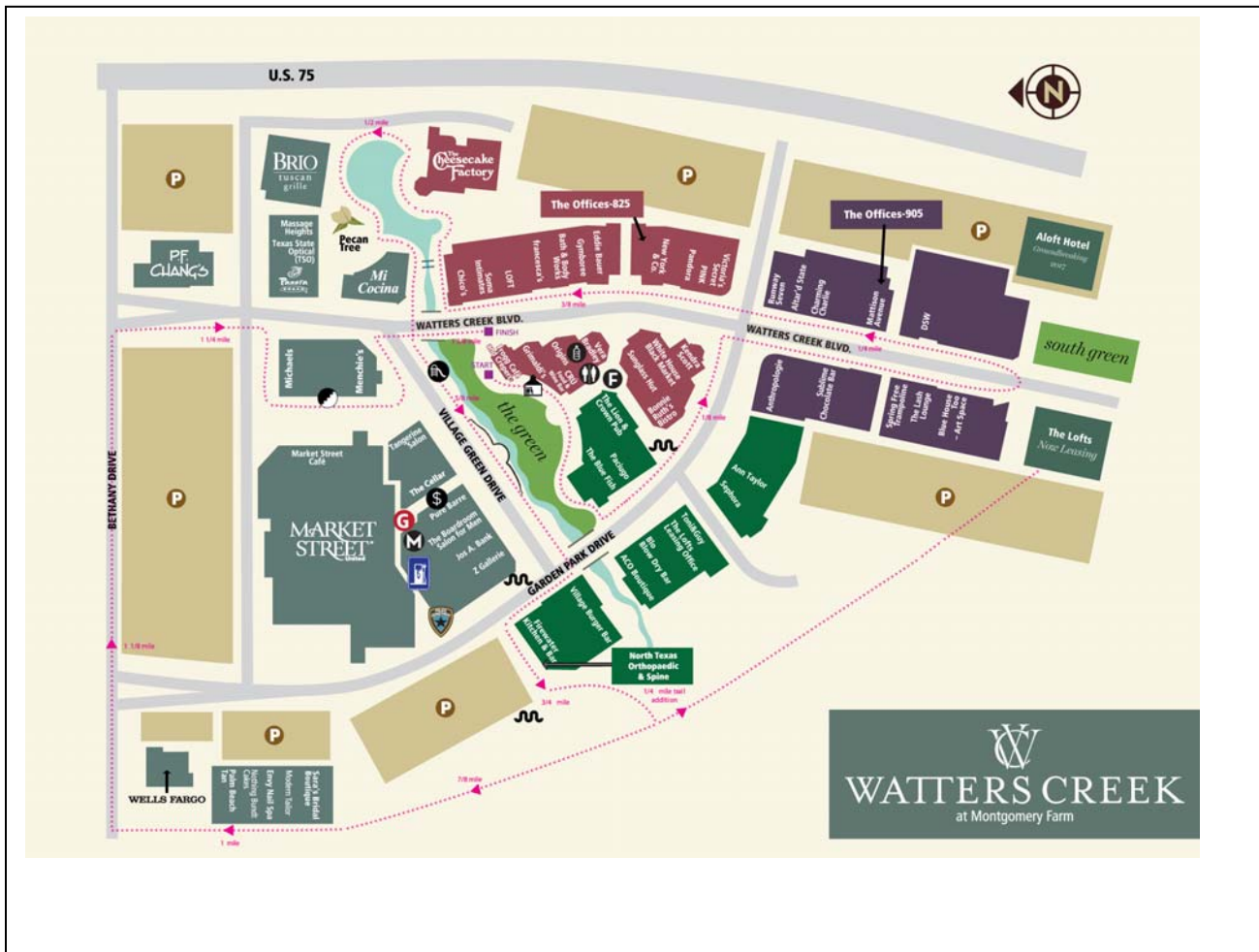
In an agreement with the Allen Arts Alliance, we will be at their Art gallery space in [Watters Creek Mall](#), known as [Blue House Too](#). The new space is light, airy and beautiful with lots of electrical plugs and reliable heating and a/c.

The new time for our meetings is 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This is necessary to accommodate the Blue House Too staff.

Watters Creek Mall is at the southwest corner of the intersection of US75 and Bethany Drive.

Blue House Too is located at the southern end of Watters Creek Mall across the street from DSW Shoes. To get there, coming from US75, turn left off of Bethany between PF Changs and Michaels. Follow that street to Blue House Too on the right side.

Parking is available along the street. Covered parking is available behind both Blue House Too and DSW Shoes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9-11 – [Dallas Quilt Show](#), *The Tree of Life*

April 26-29, 2018, AQG Retreat - Thurs thru Sunday, We will be back at Sunset near Decatur

June 7, 8, 9, [North Texas Quilt Festival](#), Arlington Convention Center

July 14 – [TAQG Rally Day](#)

August 10-11 – [Plano Quilt Show](#), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Plano Event Center, 2200 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Janet Plotkin (Fabric Fanatics) presents “History & Manufacture of Batiks through Time”

We all use batiks at one time or another. There is no wrong side to a batik and the dying process results in surface patterns that can be both subtle and dramatic. They give our quilts depth and variety whether we are piecing or doing applique. Janet will discuss the history of this world heritage fabric and present a trunk show of quilts made with batiks. She will also bring items for sale from [Fabric Fanatics](#).

Janet has been making quilts since 1970. She is currently vice president of guild activities for the Quilt Guild of Plano and a member of Art Quilters of Plano.

-Nancy W.

TAKE TO FEBRUARY 15 MEETING!

Wear **RED** * Finished 2018 BOM and Mystery blocks * Show & Tell

Donations for Community Service (baby things like diapers, wipes, onesies, bibs, or socks)

\$25 Membership dues and form * Smiles * Retreat Registration (if you're going)

AQG SPRING RETREAT NEWS - FUN WILL BE HAD!!



We thank Mr. Ammons for holding our retreat at the originally agreed upon price, and so we will still have our retreat April 26th to the 29th, 2018 at Sunset Retreat and Quilt Shop. The cost is \$225 for Thursday 10 am through Sunday brunch, \$175.00 for Friday through Sunday and \$87.50 for Saturday and Sunday. If you come Thursday, the doors will open at 10 am, but you must bring your own lunch. Dinner will be served by Sunset Retreat House. Sunday will be brunch only, and we must be out by 2 pm. We have 20 people signed up, and four more who are checking their schedules. I have room for 30, so get your checks to Ellen Rock by March 15th to reserve your spot!

Persephanie Freeman will be our masseuse for Friday and Saturday if you wish to sign up.

There will be games after supper on Friday and Saturday. I am hoping to have a rummage sale if you are all agreeable. I have two optional "make-and-take projects" and there will be fabrics and batting to make pillowcases or place mats if you wish to do so. There will be a list of things to bring at the next meeting, and I will send emails out to the attendees to let everyone know what's up.

Mail your checks and forms to Ellen Rock, 701 Victorian Dr., Allen, TX 75002, or bring them to the February or March guild meeting.

Happy Quilting!!!

-Ellen R.

AQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 1/18/18 Meeting Began at 6:30 pm

Minutes from December's meeting were approved by Ellen R. and 2nd by Betty M.

President Maridale M. welcomed everyone to our new meeting space at the Blue House Too. She thanked everyone responsible for helping out with the move.

There is a new quilt shop opening in Crossroads, TX. It's just off of 380 on the way to Denton. Box Car Quilts will have a Grand Opening on Feb 3rd.

Membership Linda L.- Membership dues are due for 2018. We had 17 previous members rejoin and 2 new members join (Diane L and Elaine R.) We had 4 guests : Kaye, Sue, Sue and Lisa.

Programs Nancy W. - The schedule for 2018 is out with lots of speakers This month we have Allison Bayer (Welcome to my Scrappy World) and next month, we will have Janet Plotkin with her History of Batik program, Check the website for future programs and plans. It's going to be a good year.

Communication Pam H. - Please let us know if you hear of any interesting upcoming events so we can put it in the newsletter.

Community Service Betty M. - Last year, we donated 95 placemats to Meals on Wheels, 15 quilts and pillowcases to City House and 25 quilt and pillowcases to CASA. We received thank you notes from CASA, City House and the Allen Library.

Retreats Ellen R.- received an email from Sunset Retreats that they are no longer honoring specials Our retreat is scheduled from April 26-29. Ellen is currently looking into how much things will be changing. Lorraine commented on rumors about how the retreat center is being run. Ellen and Johanna are going on a retreat there next week and will report on how it went.

Ways and Means Kathy S. - Block of the month from 2017 - Kathy still has blocks from last year in case you are missing a block. She asked if the guild would like to have fabric cut or use our own. There will be door prizes for 2018 Block of the Month - if you bring back your square you have the chance to win a prize.

Kathy visited the idea of making nametags.

Nancy W and Virginia B. displayed the Red Dress Quilt created from squares made by guild members. They are hoping to let it be auctioned for the American Heart Association. Allison Bayer volunteered to quilt it.

TAQG Shelly V. -On Saturday January 27 TAQG is having a meeting in Mineola for presidents, treasurers and secretaries to meet with other guilds and compare notes. If you are interested in going let Shelly know.

Show and Tell:

Johanna B. 2 Pink & white Baby Quilts and 1 pink & white pillow, 2017 Batik Guild Block of the Month

Kathy S. - 3 works in progress - Batik Star Wallhanging, 3 women, Bright applique on white background

Lorraine M. - little hats for babies, 7 pillowcases

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM

Submitted by *Shelly V.*



Hello fellow quilters. I hope you are enjoying this wonderful sewing weather. I would like to challenge each of our members to make at least one kid's quilt during this year. I will have several kits of quilts, pillowcases and catheter bags for you to make. If you need fabric, please come see what all the guild has for free!

Our community service project this month is baby things. That can be diapers, wipes, onesies, bibs, or socks. I will also have a jar for monetary donations. Thank you for all you do for others.

Betty M., Community Service Chair.

MEMBERSHIP

Our January meeting was a huge success! The NEW year, the NEW venue, and the wonderful program attracted many guests and visitors and resulted in four NEW members!!

Please look for them and make them feel welcome!

Elaine R.
Allison B.
Lisa C.
Stacey J.

For future meetings, please stop at the membership table when you first arrive, sign in, and get your door prize ticket. The table will be closed when the meeting actually begins so the workers can participate in the events of the evening. It will be open during the break and briefly after the meeting. If you have not paid your dues for 2018, please do so at the February meeting or mail the membership form and dues to the guild P.O. Box 526, Allen, 75013. If you did not fully fill out the membership form, please do so. The information will be used to compile our 2018 membership directory.

Barbara L. and Lynda L.
Membership Co-Chairs

**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 Lynda L.

**Questions? Please contact Lynda L.,
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.**

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