



January 2018 ISSUE

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FROM THE PREZ:

Welcome to the New Year 2018!

We had so much fun last year, we decided to do it again this year!

One of my resolutions is to ask myself every day "How can I have more fun?" Perhaps this is one I can make!

Your Board has been hard at work to make this year successful.

We will be meeting at our new location - Blue House Too at Watters Creek. We think this is a wonderful way to start the new year. I think you'll love the location - lots of parking and meeting area is lovely. We will start at 6:30 instead of 7:00.

Here's to a great start!

Looking forward to seeing you Thursday.

Maridale



NEW MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

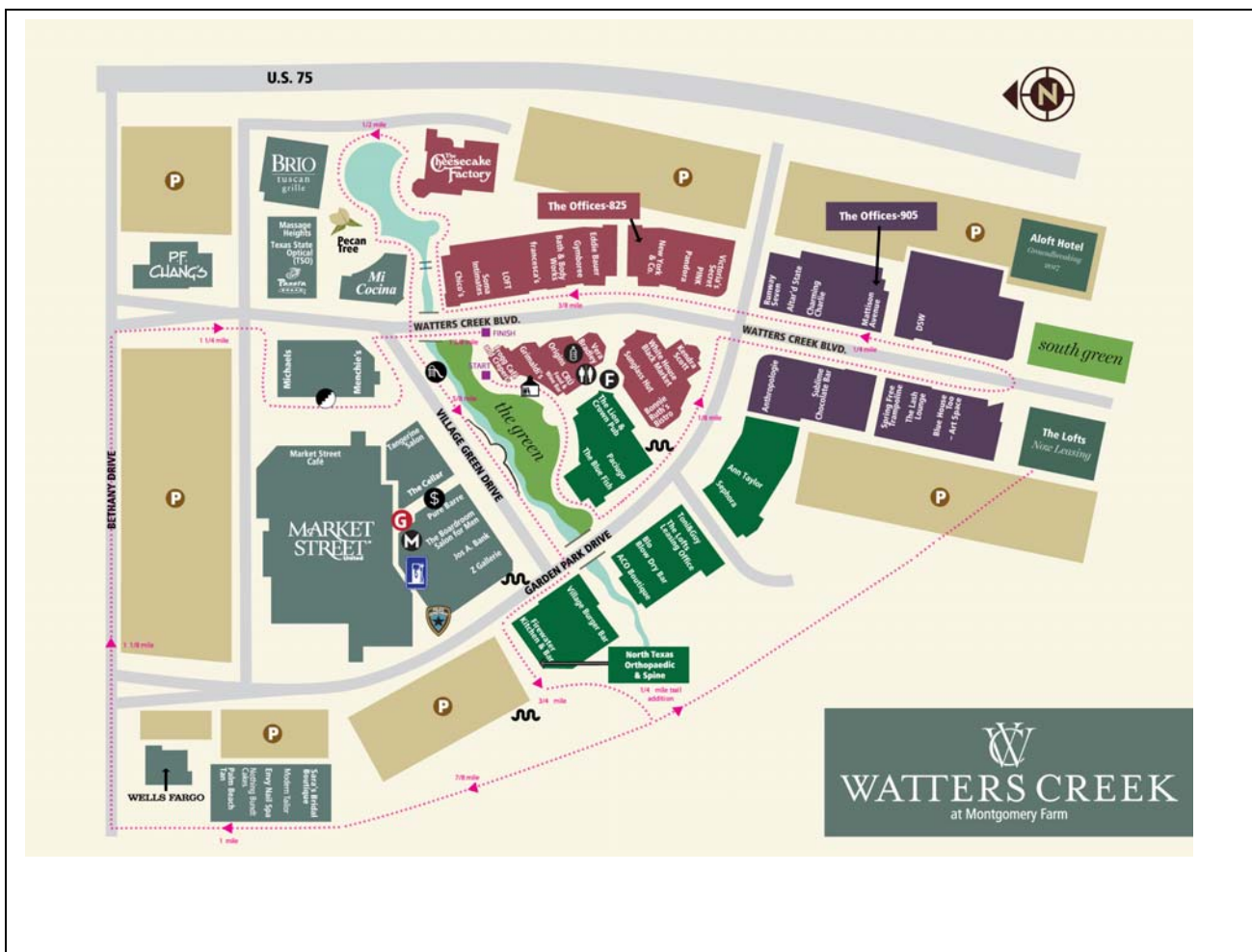
By now you should have received the news that we will be meeting in a new location starting with our January 18 meeting.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 26-28 – [Jefferson Quilt Show](#), *Quilts on the Bayou*, 120 E. Austin Street, Jefferson, TX

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.

JANUARY MEETING

Allison Bayer presents “Welcome to my Scrappy World”

Allison Bayer is a self described “stalker” of Bonnie K Hunter. She will present her Journey as a scrap quilter through her collection of 27 scrap quilts which she has completed in 7 years.

Allison began quilting in 1994. She has been a professional long arm quilter for 22 years and has quilted 3,351 quilts for herself and customers, many of which were ribbon winners. She has a collection of over 100 vintage sewing machines that she has repaired and restored. When she is not piecing scrappy quilts with the scraps she has made she is busy sorting her scraps into the “Scrap User’s System”.

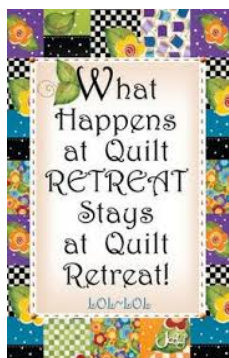
Prepare to be inspired by all the scrappy wonderfulness as she shares how she became a better piecer making all these scrap quilts.

Nancy Worst

TAKE TO JANUARY 19 MEETING!

Show & Tell * Donations for Community Service (food items-no green beans!)
\$25 Membership dues and form * Smiles * Retreat Registration (if you’re going)

APRIL RETREAT



Remember the dates for the Annual AQG Retreat: Thursday, April 26th, 2018, through Sunday, April 29th, 2018. It will be held at the Sunset House Retreat Center, 410 Echo Road, Sunset, TX 76270. We have 13 people signed up who have paid all or part of their fee so far. The cost is \$225 for Thursday through Sunday, \$165 for Friday through Sunday or \$87.50 per night. Sunset House requires payment in full one month before the actual retreat so Ellen will have the check sent to arrive there by March 26, 2018, Ellen will need all retreaters’ payments in full by the March 15th meeting! See the registration form required by Sunset House later in this newsletter.

MINI QUILT AUCTION

It’s not too early to think about what you’d like to contribute to the mini quilt auction this fall!



AQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 12/17/17 Brunch Began at 11:05

Members were not counted. This meeting was our annual Brunch with a very short meeting before.

President - Maridale Morgan - Our raffle quilt this year was won by Johanna Britton.

Programs -Nancy Worst - We are in the process of moving our meetings to the Allen Arts Alliance Blue House Too in Watter's Creek. It is down the way from Sublime Chocolate and across from DSW shoes. Because of the time constraints (due to staffing at the space) we will have to change the times of our meeting to 6:30-8:30pm (we must be out by 8:30) It will be ok to move the library to the venue. The cost will be \$50 a month. We will need volunteers to help putting out and picking up chairs.

There was a discussion about notifying the Guild members as well as letting former members who might want to return know about the change. Email will be used as well as calling in case the email is missed.

Our first speaker of 2018 will be Allison Bayer "Welcome to my Scrappy World" She is a "stalker" of Bonnie Hunter and will share her love of scrappy quilts with us.

Retreat- Ellen Rock- If you are interested in attending the retreat in April 26-29 at the Sunset Retreat Center. Please contact Ellen to fill out a form. Forms will be available at the January meeting.

Community Service- Betty Matthews announced that in 2017 our guild donated 15 quilts and pillowcases to My Friend's house, 35 quilts and pillowcases to CASA, 95 placemats to meals on wheels, and provided Christmas presents for 2 senior citizens. All these items were well received by all.

Raffle Quilt - The raffle quilt is currently being worked on. Be on a look out for requests for help as we start the new year.

The Brunch was finished around 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Shelly Vatteroni



From Lorraine: A huge thank you to all of the placemat makers! You set another record with 95 placemats for Meals on Wheels for 2017. P.S. Ellen is right, I will have fabric for placemats at the retreat!

From Betty: Congratulations for a job well done for this past year. So many of you helped sew for others that we were able to take 15 quilts and pillow cases to My Friend's Place, 35 kids' quilts with pillowcases to CASA plus 95 placemats to Meals on Wheels in Collin County. Pat yourselves on the back.

I already have several quilts and placemats to begin the count for 2018. What can you do? Do you need a kit or fabric? The guild has both, so just give me a call, anytime.

We also plan to make some lap quilts for the veteran's home in Bonham. Thank you for all you do for others.

MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget that annual membership dues should be paid during the months of January or February. 2018 membership cards will be available at the March guild meeting. For your convenience, the membership form is included in this newsletter and on the web site. All members must fill out the membership form. Forms will be available at meetings if you need to pick up a hard copy.

Now, get ready to have fun with your sister quilters! We have an exciting year planned with much to do, much to learn and a lot of fun!

**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 Lindstrom

**Questions? Please contact Lynda Lindstrom, e-mail: fredlinda@att.net or call 972-727-5183.
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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Yahoo Group _____ New _____ Name Tag _____ Bylaws _____

Birthday _____ Small Group _____ Newsletter _____ Check# _____

SUNSET RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

(print and complete this form to register)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

We would like to keep in touch with you by email as it helps us cut down on mailing expenses. Is email a good way to contact you? Y / N

Emergency contacts
name _____

Phone number/s () _____

Dietary restrictions/special
needs _____

Do you require handicap access bathroom: Y / N

Are you attending with a group? Y / N

If so please indicate name of

Group: _____

We take your safety and the security of your equipment very seriously, but we will not be liable for any personal injury, loss/theft or damage anytime during the retreat. Your attendance constitutes your agreement to indemnify and hold harmless Sunset Retreat from any damage for injury, loss, or damage for any reason.

I agree to the policies outlined above:

_____ Date _____

Please mail completed form to:

Ellen Rock,
701 Victorian Drive
Allen, TX 75002

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