



July 2017 ISSUE

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FROM THE PREZ:

Hello, Quilters!

And Happy Summer! I can't believe this year is almost halfway done. I also can't believe my goals for finishing my UFOs this year is not going to be met - well, maybe I am not so surprised.

Remember our annual PotLuck is this meeting! This is always so much fun - we get to visit, play and know another better.

We have a couple of retreats on the calendar - and they are local day retreats. This means you get to play all day and go home at night and sleep in your own bed! We will talk more about this Thursday - the first is scheduled for August 4-6

Also, let's see if we can get some small groups going. If interested, let's talk about it Thursday. I would love to join one, but it would have to be in the evening or on the weekend.

TAQG Rally was a blast! It was my first time to go and I can't wait til next year.

See you Thursday!

Maridale

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 20 – General Meeting, Potluck and Games night

July 21 – 3rd Friday – “Friday Fanatics” at Fabric Fanatics, \$10, 6 pm to midnight (624 Haggard St., Plano)

July 27-29 - [Wildflower Quilt Guild](#), Temple Texas – *Silver Threads: Celebrating 25 years of Quilting*. First Un. Meth. Church Family Life and Worship Center, 201 N. 2nd St, Temple.

August 4-6 – Daytreat at Parker and Alma with Plano Quilt Guild

August 11-12 - [Plano Quilt Show](#) – Friday and Saturday, , 9am-5pm. Plano Event Center (formerly Plano Centre).

August 17 – General Meeting, *Care and Sharpening of Scissors* (Hayward Erwin)

August 18 - 3rd Friday – “Friday Fanatics” at Fabric Fanatics, \$10, 6 pm to midnight (624 Haggard St., Plano)

August 24th-26th - [North Texas Quilt Festival](#) - Trinity Valley Quilt Guild and five other Guilds will be participating in conjunction with the Original Sewing and Quilting Expo to bring North Texas one of its largest quilt shows. In fact, the equivalent of six quilt shows in one! There will be 300-400 quilts on display, classes, demos, speakers and rows of vendors.

September 15 - 3rd Friday – “Friday Fanatics” at Fabric Fanatics, \$10, 6 pm to midnight (624 Haggard St., Plano)

September 16 - Plano Guild Workshop - Wonky Dresden Neighborhood. (Martha Lindberg) Cost \$35

September 21 - Mini Quilt Auction/Allen Quilt Guild Birthday Party

September 23, 24,25 – Daytreat (see details under “Retreats” elsewhere in this newsletter)

October 13 - Plano Guild Workshop - Captivating Composition. (Deborah Boschert) Cost \$35

October 14 - Plano Guild Workshop - Techniques with Paint and Ink. (Deborah Boschert) Cost \$35

October 19 – General Meeting, Community Service

October 20 - 3rd Friday – “Friday Fanatics” at Fabric Fanatics, \$10, 6 pm to midnight (624 Haggard St., Plano)

November 11 - Plano Guild Workshop - Scrap User's System. (Allison Bayer) Cost \$35

November 16 - Christmas Ornament Making Night

November 17 - 3rd Friday – “Friday Fanatics” at Fabric Fanatics, \$10, 6 pm to midnight (624 Haggard St., Plano)

December 2 - Christmas Brunch

December 15 - 3rd Friday – “Friday Fanatics” at Fabric Fanatics, \$10, 6 pm to midnight (624 Haggard St., Plano)

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

MINI QUILT AUCTION

This year our Mini Quilt Auction is in September to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Allen Quilt Guild. We are collecting mini quilts for the auction now thru the September meeting. Nancy Worst will be collecting your contributions at each meeting. Our annual mini quilt auction is a major source of revenue that allows us to have the wonderful speakers and programs we enjoy throughout the year. Please think about making something, or many minis for the auction.



TAKE TO JULY 20 MEETING!

Your dish for potluck

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Red Dress Block

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Show & Tell

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Donations for Community Service

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\$5 for this month's continuing block of the month pattern (from Kathy Scott)

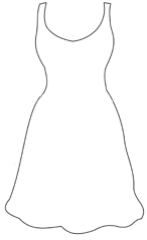
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Mini Quilt auction items

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Smiles

RED DRESS PROJECT



We are challenging our members to make a red dress block in honor of Women's Heart Health month. The pattern can be found at www.fatcatpatterns.com. The finished block should be a red dress in an approximately 8 x 12 inch block.

Embellishments are encouraged. Please turn your completed block into Kathy Scott no later than the July meeting. The collected blocks will be made into a quilt by the January 2018 Women's Heart Health month.

PROGRAMS

July's meeting is Potluck and Games Night - Bring a salad or your favorite dish. We will play Quilt Bingo and other games.

Remember to bring your Red Dress blocks and your mini quilts for our 30th Anniversary and Mini Quilt Auction in September. We have already gotten a few mini quilts but we need more. The Mini Quilt Auction is an essential part of our annual fundraising to cover our costs for meeting space and speakers. We need your participation.



RETREATS

This Fall, September 23, 24,25, we are going to The Best Little Retreat Center in Texas down in Richardson/Dallas border. Come for one, two, or all three days. It is going to be about \$15 per day, from 9am to 9pm (yes you get to sleep in your own bed) depending on how many days you sign up for. If you sign up, and something happens to where you cannot come, you can redeem your time later (Our guild just won't be there then...) Meals are on our own, but there are many restaurants around or you can bring your own. You leave all your sewing stuff, and it is locked up overnight - safe and secure. Sign up will be online at www.BestLittleRetreatCenterInTexas.com.

[Best Little Retreat Center in Texas | Come when you can ...](http://www.BestLittleRetreatCenterInTexas.com)

www.bestlittleretreatcenterintexas.com

Come When You Can, Leave When You Must. Conveniently located on the Northwest side of Coit and Beltline, we wanted to create a one of a kind retreat getaway for all ...

Next Spring, April 26-29, 2018, Thurs thru Sunday, We will be back at Sunset near Decatur. It is the last weekend in April. I will start taking deposit for this one in August.

Mark your calendars and start saving your pennies! Questions/Comments, contact Johanna

Placemat Ideas

Do you have some 5" squares hanging around? A few strips of fabric that aren't for a special project? Consider whipping up a few placemats for our Meals on Wheels Project.

Start with a piece of batting approximately 15"x19" (I like Natural Wonder for stability)

Attach strips of fabric horizontally, vertically or cattywumpass. Utilize the stitch and flip method in which you are sewing through the top fabrics and batting and flipping piece by piece. Doing 2 or more placemats at a time saves time because you can continuous sew. Square up.

Those 5" squares? Layout 3 x3 (9 squares). Sew rows of 3 squares together without going through the batting. Then sew the three strips of (3) 5" squares each down through the batting. Add 2 ½ to 3" strips to each side sewing through batting. Square up.

In both cases, sew the top right side down to the backing, leaving a small area to turn the package. Turn to right sides. Stitch the opening closed. Top stitch to secure.

If you have any questions, contact Lorraine. Thank you for participating!!



AQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 6/15/17

Called to order at 6:59 pm by Maridale Morgan

Members present 16 Visitors 2

Programs: MJ Fielek from the McKinney Guild: My Quilt Journey: Progression in My Quilt Journey.

President Announcements (Maridale Morgan)

Summer events - TAQG Rally Day – July 8th - Plano Quilt Show – August 11-12 Christmas Brunch – December 2, 2017 – Put the dates in your calendar – details to come.

Ways and Means: (Nancy Worst for Kathy Scott) There were examples of blocks for the Red Dress Project. Don't forget to bring your creations in over the next two months. We'd like to make a quilt from the blocks we collect.

Please keep Kathy in your prayers as her mother has had a stroke and Kathy is taking care of her in her home.

Also, there was Nancy had more Block of the Month packets.

Programs (Nancy Worst) Next month we will have our Annual Potluck and Games for July. We will play Bingo and there will be prizes. Also, this year is the 30th anniversary of the Allen Quilter's Guild. We are still working out where it will be held.

TAQG – (Virginia Braley) Rally Day is July 8, 2017. Guild members are free (Take your name tag). Friends may attend for \$5. The speaker is Cynthia Regone. Pre rally day raffle tickets will be on sale for 6 for \$5. Door prizes include a machine. There will be the opportunity to order one of 4 different box lunches from McAlister's for \$10. Lunch order needed to be made by the June meeting. Make sure you bring \$1 dollar bills with address labels to buy raffle tickets to support other guilds quilts.

Raffle Quilt (Virginia Braley) Raffle Quilt is completed and Jill Stoele made the label for us.

Virginia will be mailing out tickets to us. She asks that we sell a lot of tickets for this beautiful quilt. She is taking the quilt to Rally Day. We hope to get a lot of interest in it.

Librarian Barbara Lee has agreed to be our new Librarian. Thank you!

Treasurer (Liz Bushong) We have money! Liz's term as Treasurer is finishing up and she needs someone to volunteer to take over so she can start training. It's not a hard job but it is very important for the guild. If you are interested please contact her or Maridale.

Newsletter (Pam Hiam) If you know any events coming up please let Pam know.

Community Service Betty Matthews was not at the meeting but is making kits for pillowcases etc. for our community service meeting in October. Also, she has fabric for kid's quilts so if you need some feel free to see Betty.

Lorraine Mattis asks people to continue working on placemats for Meals on Wheels. She donated some fabric and says simple designs can be found in many places. Even using an orphan block is a good idea.

Show & Tell- Liz Bushong – charm patch small quilt with half square triangles
Charlene Chronister – Curved Log cabin made with lots of scraps
Barbara Lee – Ducky quilt and Crazy quilt block from Civil War era
Maridale Morgan – Crazy quilt blocks
Diana Pixley – Quilt for kids.

Business meeting ended at 7:21 pm.

Submitted by Shelly Vatteroni, Secretary



Greetings all you happy quilters! I hope this wonderful weather is helping you to work on kid's quilts. Several kits are out and more will be available at the July meeting. If you have one out and need batting, please let me know so I can cut you a piece. I would like to have all our outstanding kits finished by our October meeting. Our community service donation items this month and next is school supplies. If you forget, you can always donate loose change or bills. Thanks for all you do for others.

Betty Matthews, Community Service Chair.

**Allen Quilters' Guild
2017 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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- B) Via e-mail
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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 Karen Townsend

**Questions? Please contact Karen Townsend, e-mail: kat0420@hotmail.com or call 972-741-2291
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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