

ALLEN QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PREZ:

Mini Quilts * Mini Quilts * Mini Quilts

Now that I have your attention 😊!

Our mini quilt auction will be held during the September meeting. Please bring your mini quilts as soon as you can so we can get an idea of what treasures we will have for the auction.

If your contribution is not yet ready, please let me know so I can calm down. I mean, so that we can plan accordingly.

I am inspired every year by the beauties you donate.

I tried out my new Featherweight at our spring retreat. It's so heavy, not sure why it's called a featherweight. I love the sound of it - reminds me of my grandmothers sewing for me on their treadle machines. These memories are part of the reason I love quilting.

See you Thursday!

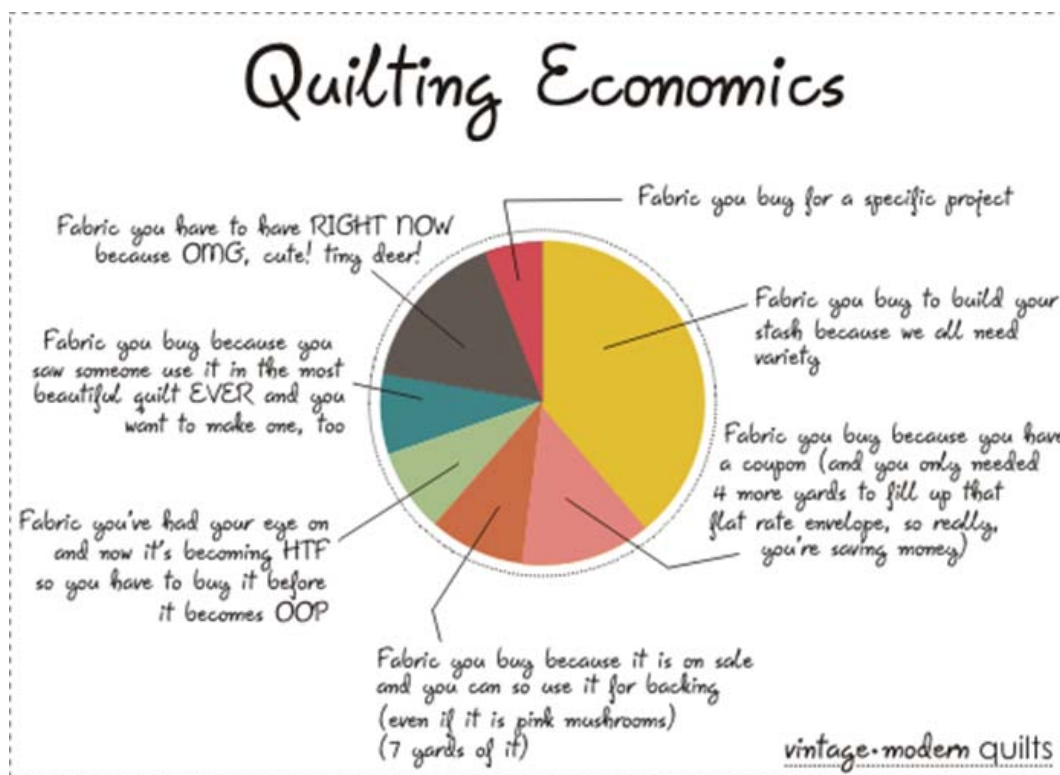
-Maridale



JUNE MEETING

First and Last Quilts

We often have speakers who share their quilt journeys. At this meeting our members will present their own quilt journeys by bringing their first and most recent quilts they have made and sharing them with the group. We encourage everyone to participate.





TAQG NEWS

TAQG (Texas Association of Quilt Guilds) is presenting Rally Day on July 14, 2018. Cost is \$5 per guild member, non members are \$10. The speaker will be Deb Tucker and she will give 2 lectures as well as display many quilts.

Things to know:

- There are 4 workshops in July. \$79 for guild members and \$100 for non members.
- Shelly V. and Maridale M. signed up for the Hot Flash Workshop in case you want to join them.
- Box Lunches are available for \$10
- There will be a pre Rally Day Raffle as well as one the day of the Rally.
- Free Goodie bag for the first 500 attendees and lots of door prizes!
- Have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for other guilds' quilts.
- Silent Auction with mini quilts as well as other handmade products.
- It's a chance to meet other quilters in Texas as well as spend the day with your quilting friends.

We are collecting solid fabrics for a door prize from the guild. Please bring a fat quarter or something fun to donate.

Shelly will have packets of Rally Day Ticket Fun for Sale for \$25 each. They include an admission ticket, lunch ticket, 6 pre-rally day raffle tickets and an exclusive collectable Rally Day Pin. Get them while they last!

For more information, come to the guild meeting or contact Guild Representative, Shelly Vatteroni.

-Shelly V., TAQG Representative

AQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – May 17, 2018

President Maridale M. called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

The **mini quilt auction** will be in September. Think about making something. We will need to start collecting in June. Must be in by August to be in the Library display.

TAQG- Shelly V. - The TAQG Rally is July 14, 2018. This year it will cost \$5 for guild members and \$10 for non-members. The speaker is Deb Tucker. She will have 4 workshops which are all still going open to registration. Shelly has tickets, lunch order forms and info on all things TAQG Rally Day. There is a special \$25 Rally Day Packet that includes an entry ticket, 6 raffle tickets, lunch, and a collectible Rally Day Pin. It is important to get your tickets before the Rally as there may not be any tickets left.

Community Service – Betty M. - We have lots of pillowcases but not a lot of quilts to go with them. Betty is breaking up kits of quilts so you can do the part of quilting that you like-piecing, quilting, binding. We also have some kits for cheater quilts, pillowcase kits and bibs for adults.

Ways and Means - Kathy S.- has a BOM and is going to start going on the honor system so in case she doesn't get to come to guild they will be here. Please sign in when you pick up a block. Kathy displayed blocks with color ways – red, black and white. She has extras from last year's Blocks of the Month.

We are also downsizing our library due to space. For the next several meetings, books will be on sale – hard backs for \$2.00, Soft covers for \$1.00 for the next two months and then we may take the leftovers to Half-Priced Books. There are some different books added this month.

Membership- Lynda L. - Directories and membership cards are in. Contact Lynda if you haven't gotten one or if there is a mistake. Updates will begin next month in the form as extra pages to add to the directory. Since January we have had 7 new members with a total of 39 members.

Newsletter and Communications- Pam H. –Please let Pam know if you hear of any upcoming events so she can put them in the newsletter or send out an email blast to members.

Programs- Virginia B. - This month, Mendie Cannon presents a program on Brazilian embroidery. Next month, we will invite all the members of the guild to bring their first and latest quilts to show their quilt journey.

Raffle Quilt - Lorraine M- Please bring fat quarter or quarter yard to donate toward making a raffle quilt for next year. Please bring by June or July.

Retreat- Ellen R. She is working on a Fall retreat.

Show and Tell –

Liz B. showed a couple of bright lap quilts and a found antique quilt.
Shelly V displayed a Christmas Tree shirt finished during the retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

-Submitted by Secretary Shelly V.



Wow, is the only word I have to use after the response to my last column. I said I would put together quilt top kits and then ask you to take one home and bring it back the next month. Well, I got 5 tops turned in plus bits and pieces for other tops and backs. In all, I have put together 12 kids' quilt kits with tops, backing and batting. Please take a kit home, quilt it however you want, and bring it back in JULY! Thank you so much.

Community Service this month is food items for the summer kids feeding program. This includes cereals, tuna fish pouches, individual mac and cheese, and peanut butter and jelly.

Thank you for all you do for others.
Betty M- Community Service Chair

TAKE TO JUNE 21 MEETING!

- First and last quilts
- Show & Tell
- Donations for Community Service (soup, cereals, tuna fish, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter)
- Money for mystery quilt and block of the month if you're participating
- Magazines for TAQG Rally
- A solid fat quarter for the TAQG meeting in July
- A batik fat quarter for next year's raffle quilt. The batik should have some contrast in colors.
- Your mini quilt!

TIPS AND TRICKS

-from Laurie Tanas

I have a quilting recommendation! Go to your computer, or laptop, etc and type in <http://www.thestitchtvshow.com/>. The hosts are Pam and Lynn. They are friends but are so opposite in many ways. One is a perfectionist and the other isn't. One has a long arm the other a domestic sewing machine. They sit down and talk about all sorts of things going on in the quiltworld. Each show has a couple of topics that will be covered. Quite frequently they will get off subject and it's a hoot when that happens. They have two new shows a month. It's easy to watch the old episodes. I just love them. Best of all, It's free!

-from Pam Hiam

Have you ever discovered a loose sewing machine needle and wondered what type/size it is? Here is a link to a chart on the Schmetz Web site to explain what the bands of color mean:

<https://www.schmetzneedles.com/schmetz-color-code-chart/>

Also, do you know which thread spool pin to use with different spools of thread? Check it out here:

<https://weallsew.com/thread-spool-tip/>

**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 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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Yahoo Group _____ New _____ Name Tag _____ Bylaws _____

Birthday _____ Small Group _____ Newsletter _____ Check# _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 22nd & 23rd - Woodland Quilt Guild 2018 Quilt Show, [Bloomin' Crazy For Quilts](#), Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX 77303

July 13 & 14 - [East Texas Thimble Trail 2018](#), Shop Hop All Under One Roof, Walker County Fair Association Fairgrounds, 3925 State Hwy 30W, Huntsville, Texas 77340

July 14 – [TAQG Rally Day](#)

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

July 20-21 – Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County presents 2018 Quilt Show, [Garden Party](#)

July 27-29 – [New Braunfels Quiltfest 2018](#), New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center

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

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

Sept 14 & 15 - [Lonestar Heritage Quilt Show 2018](#), Celebrating the 20th Anniversary, 115 Putnam St., Sulphur Springs, TX

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

Oct 19 - 3rd Friday – “Friday Fanatics” at Fabric Fanatics, \$10, 6 pm to midnight (624 Haggard St., Plano)

Nov 7-11 – [Houston Quilt Festival 2018](#), George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX

Nov 16 - 3rd Friday – “Friday Fanatics” at Fabric Fanatics, \$10, 6 pm to midnight (624 Haggard St., Plano)

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

FALL RETREAT

I booked a retreat for October 25th through October 28th, 2018, at Creative Cottage in McKinney. It's out north of 380 at 3847 FM 1461 (Lake Forest Drive), McKinney, TX 75071.

The maximum attendance for the weekend is 16 people.

The coordinator for the facility, Melody, is going to come to our meeting in June to answer questions. The main upside of her coming to help me is she is bringing cookies, and a door prize of one free retreat for one of our members (drawn at random). Somebody is going to get to go for free.

(The costs below are tentative and may need adjusting up or down a bit to account for my poor math skills:)

- Cost for Thursday 8 am through Sunday 6 pm is \$164.34 per person for 16 people, or \$144.30 for 14 people (less because we won't be renting the cabin).
- We can add Wednesday for an additional \$25.00 per person.
- If we want the food package (dinner 6 pm Friday, continental breakfast for early risers Saturday morning, brunch at 11 am Saturday, dinner at 6 pm Saturday night and brunch on Sunday) it will be \$60 plus tax per person (5 meals if I count correctly). We are on our own for Thursday, and Sunday afternoon...and Wednesday (if we book it).
- I will be happy to shop for groceries and cook breakfasts and dinners for everybody instead and we can have sandwiches, soup and salad for lunches for all 4 days for about the same amount each.
- It's probably a 15 minute drive to restaurants, quilt shops (Stitched With Love and Happiness Is Quilting), Walmart and JoAnn's Fabrics.
- They have a massage therapist available if we want. I didn't ask about her fees. Persephanie may be available if I cajole her into it.

The only other alternative I have is the Best Little Retreat Center in Richardson for day retreats only for \$18 per day plus tax... no meals included. I am sure we could find available dates if I work on it soon. I would appreciate any input from to board or from the members.

-Ellen R.

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