



March 2019 Issue

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What to bring to the meeting:

- Membership form and \$25 dues. Have your picture taken
- \$5 for Block of the Month 2019. \$3 for the Mystery Quilt
- Children's clothing items for Community Service
- \$35 for the March 22nd Workshop with Judy Steward
- Raffle ticket stubs and money for tickets you have sold
- Money for the May Retreat
- Show and Tell
- A sense of fun and curiosity

Letter from the President

Growing up, the calendar my mom hung in our kitchen showed a lion on March 1st and a lamb on March 31st because the month of March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.

A lot of quilt projects are like that, too. They start off tough.... you don't understand the instructions, you use the wrong stabilizer for the stitch count or you cut the fabric wrong..... The list goes on and on.

But then, something magical happens. Things start getting easier. The pattern starts to make sense, the fabric gets cut and you've hit your groove. And the project that was so unbearable to start turns out ... sweet.

And maybe, just maybe, it becomes one of your favorite projects because you know what it took to get there. Don't be afraid to face that lion of a project. It may turn out to be a lamb of a project in the end....

Diane L.

Being a member of the AQG Yahoo Group gives you access to a variety of files for projects, newsletters, etc. plus includes you on special AQG emails. Contact Lorraine M. to sign up if you are not a member.

Are you a member of our FACEBOOK group? It's a great tool to reach out to the community and other members. Feel free to send Pam H. pictures of any community service projects you are working on or information you want to share.



The AQG Spring Retreat will be held at Sunset Retreat, 410 Echo Rd., Sunset, TX 76270, from Thursday May 16, 2019 to Monday May 20, 2019 (though we may lose the Monday date if we don't have 15 people signed up for it). The cost is \$87.50 per night with a 2-night minimum. So here's how the costs shake out:

*Thursday Noon through Saturday 2 pm, OR Friday morning through 2pm Sunday will cost \$175.00. (2 Nights)

*Thursday Noon through 2 pm Sunday, OR Friday morning through 2pm Monday will cost \$262.50. (3 Nights)

*Thursday Noon through 2 pm Monday will cost \$350.00. (All 4 nights)

Persephanie Freeman will be our massage therapist for the weekend.

Retreat!

Payment in full must be received by April 10th as we have to have the total cost sent to Sunset Retreats by April 16th. Please contact Ellen Rock to sign up. DAYS OF SEWING! I'm in for sure!!

Bring a friend! It is a great way for them to get to know AQG!

March 21st Meeting

Sewing Machine Quilting and Demonstration

By Judy Steward

Judy speaks to quilt guilds and teaches classes around the country sharing her knowledge and love of quilting. She is an award-winning quilter and her quilts have been juried into the American Quilter's Society spring show in Paducah, Kentucky and Des Moines, Iowa. She has also had quilts juried into the International Quilt Association show in Houston, Texas. During the lecture, Judy shows quilts that have been machine quilted. There are a variety of designs from traditional to art fillers. Judy demonstrates how she machine quilts on her home sewing machine. One of her favorite parts of the demo is how she gets a large quilt under the machine and works with it.



Judy's workshop is Friday, March 22nd at Blue House Too from 9am-3pm.
\$35 payable to Allen Quilters' Guild
Contact Maridale or Brenda for materials information.

Tid Bits

My sewing area is bulging at the seams and I can't find anything!

1. Recycle. Utilize plastic containers that you bought salad greens, fruit etc. in to store threads, fat quarters, etc. Smaller containers such as those used for raspberries can be used for block pieces to keep them together and flat.
2. A 13" or so block carrier is great to store miscellaneous specialty rulers. If you still have them, stick the instructions in with the rulers.
3. 2 -gallon plastic resealable bags are perfect project size. They will hold enough fabric for most quilts. If the fabric is put together, you are less likely to grab a piece for something else and end up in a pickle.
4. Larger plastic containers with lids take care of the bigger projects. Add the quilt directions, all of the fabrics, specialty rulers if needed, thread and other supplies like freezer paper, stabilizer, etc. It creates your own grab-and-go kit. They also stack nicely in the closet.
5. Think dorm room. Utilize over the door hooks and the area under a bed.
6. Visit an office supply store. Magazine organizers, pencil holders (some fit the rotary cutters with room for extra blades), and desk organizers can be used in the sewing area. The architectural drawing area has some other fun tools.
7. Hang a bulletin board in the closet to hold a myriad of items such as measuring tapes. Just pin things on. If it is in the closet no one will see if it is neat and tidy. Another one can be useful within sight of your machine.
8. Use pant hangers to hold completed blocks or pressed quilt tops.
9. Group small remnants together. Someday you might actually cut them into strips or squares for a scrap quilt.
10. Purge. Swap fabric you don't think you will use with a friend or use it for a donation quilt for community service.

Allen Quilters' Guild General Meeting February 21, 2019

30 members and 8 Guests attended.

President Diane L. called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

Membership – Elaine R. – Don't forget to sign up for your Guild Membership. Dues are \$25. We will be taking photos of members to put in the directory through March. We have 5 guests here tonight: Christine, Dianne, Sherry, Sherry and Diane.

TAQG- Shelly V. – Rally Day is July 13, 2019 in Mesquite. Pam Holland is the presenter. Cost is \$5 for Guild Members (must present Membership Card., \$20 for Non Guild Members. Lunch boxes are available for \$10. There will be 3 workshops :

July 11, The Woman \$79 – Mesquite

July 12, Whimsy of Wondering \$79-Mesquite

July 15 & 16, Geraldine the Giraffe \$158 Best little retreat center in TX

TAQG has asked guilds to participate by collecting for goodie bags, donating a fiber item for the silent auction and making a door prize basket (we will be collecting batiks).

We will be showing our Raffle Quilts and selling raffle tickets. Watch for more information as to when tickets will be on sale..

We will be helping with the 2020 Rally Day featuring Marti Michell.

Treasurer-Laurie T-No changes since last newsletter. Laurie needs one volunteer to read through the 2018 Treasurers report. Alice G. volunteered. Laurie reminded the Guild that Allen Quilters' Guild Raffle tickets are ready with pictures of the quilt. Please pick up your packet from Laurie.

Community Service- Betty M- has a note book with patterns that we use for community service items to make it easy for members to come get a pattern. And also forms to report community service times. Betty has made packets of flannel scraps and challenged Guild members to come up with quilt designs for quilts for donations. Also pillowcase kits, tops to quilt and a queen size quilt to be tied.

Ways and Means – Kathy S – Kathy has 2 programs running this month: A BOM for \$5 in precut red and whites and a Mystery for \$3 with precut appliques. If you get blocks done and bring in to show off you will be in a drawing for a door prize.

Retreat – Ellen R. - MAY 16TH TO MAY 19TH at Sunset Retreat Center. We also have the option for Monday. Let Ellen know your preference. Since we have a meeting on Thursday, we need to decide our preference. The cost is \$87.50 per night with a 2-night minimum. A deposit of \$50 to will hold your spot. Call Ellen with any questions.

Programs-Brenda B. We will have a workshop on March 22 by Judy Steward on Machine quilting. It will include filler designs and ruler on a home machine. Cost is \$35 and will last from 9-3 at Blue House II. Please contact Brenda B. or Maridale M. to sign up.

Deborah Brizendine agreed to have a paper piecing class on March 23. Because it's so close to the Judy Steward class, Brenda is looking into who is still interested. Cost is \$40 . For info, contact Brenda B.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM

Submitted by Secretary, Shelly V.

TAQG Rally Day – July 13, 2019 with Pam Holland

Guild Members:

Mark your Calendars! Rally Day featuring Pam Holland is July 13, 2019 in Mesquite.

Pam Holland will also be holding 3 workshops:

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If you want more info, you can contact Shelly V. or check it out on the TAQG website:

<http://taqq.org/rally-day-workshops-2019/>

Our Guild will be donating a door prize basket of batik fat quarters. Consider donating a batik fat quarter for our basket at the next couple of Guild meetings.



Thanks to all who either turned in quilts, bags or placemats in February.

These are ongoing projects, so feel free to check out a kit and sew. I had extra help in cutting kits this month from our newest small group, so look for more kits to check out.

Be sure to remember that this month we will be collecting items for children such as socks, t-shirts, underwear and pajamas.

Thanks for all you do for others! Betty M. - Community Service VP

Quilter's Guild of Dallas Quilt Show 2019



Congratulations to AQG member, Mardy Cronister on her first place blue ribbon for her magnificent quilt!

For those who attended, I hope you enjoyed the vast array of quilts shown. We won't mention the vendors and the \$ we spent.

A quote on one of the quilts caught my attention:
"The circles of women around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we're weak and sing with us when we are strong." SARK

I treasure the women I have met through quilting.
Lorraine

Tickets are ready and our raffle quilt, Mosaic, is ready to travel!

Packets of tickets are ready for pick-up at our meeting. Additional tickets are available from Laurie T. if you need more tickets to sell.

See Maridale M. to sign-up to visit other quilt guilds with our raffle quilt. It is a fun way to meet other guilds, hear their programs, and, of course, sell more tickets!

This is our major fundraiser and we need your help. You could be the winner!



2019

March 15-16 – Quilt Guild of Pineywoods Quilt Show “Silver Needles in the Pines” 10-5 \$5 at Lufkin High

March 22-23 - 38th Annual Guild Quilt Show, Quilters’ Guild of East Texas. *Delectable Dresdens: Traditional to Modern.* 10am-4:30pm, Tyler, Texas. www.qgetx.org

May 10-11 – Paris, Texas Quilt Show, Love Civic Center, 2025 S Collegiate Dr, Paris TX. www.parisquiltshow.com

May 16-19 – AQG Spring Retreat at Sunset

May 24-26 – Hill Country Quilt guild “Quilting IS Art” Quilt Show, Kerrville, TX, www.hillcountryquiltguild.com

July 26-27 – 2019 Common Threads Quilt Guild “Stuck on Quilts” Temple Baptist Church, 1811 E. California St, Gainesville, TX www.facebook.com/groups/1541487532797041/

Aug 9-10 – Plano Quilt Show, Plano Event Center, www.qgplano.org

Aug 22-24 – North Texas Quilt Festival, Arlington Convention Center, www.sewingexpo.com

Oct 11-12 – Waco Homespun Quilt Guild Show, Waco Convention Center,

<https://wacoheartoftexas.com/event/2019-waco-homespun-quilt-guilds-quilt-show/2019-10-11/>

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>

Membership



Our February meeting brought us 5 new members, Shivani V., Diann L., Carol C., Joellen B., Sheri B.. Please look for them and make them feel welcome!

If you have not paid your dues for 2019, please do so at the March meeting.

We will continue taking pictures at the meeting, so if you didn’t get yours taken at the February meeting, please do so at the March meeting. We will be working on the directory and would like to include your picture.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY to these ladies: Alice G., Barbara L., Diane L.

Elaine and Diana

**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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