



March 2017 ISSUE

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FROM THE PREZ:

March already? I am so appreciative of our membership and board for making this year already so successful and fun!

In the spirit of fun, I'm borrowing from Jeff Foxworthy this month.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A QUILTER IF:

- You suffer from Fable disease (Fabric Acquired Beyond Life Expectancy).
- You blame your ruler for a crooked cut of fabric.
- You pack for a retreat and bring every little thing you might need - and forget your fabric
- You can calculate square yardage, turn that into tiny little pieces that fit together, determine the borders and binding, and say you aren't good at math.
- You've considered moving because you just need more storage space for fabric
- In a hurry to finish a treasure by a deadline, you sew your tablecloth or blouse to your quilt.
- And, maybe, you rush to get the mail first to grab and hide a recent, much needed Quilter's purchase.

See you the 16th - Bring a friend. And get working on those mini quilts!

Maridale

Community Service Contribution this month....

This month is again baby items: diapers, wipes, formula, socks, onesies. There will be a container for cash donations if that is better for you.



COMMUNICATIONS

Just a friendly reminder that Allen Quilt Guild will meet this Thursday, March 16, at 6:30 at First Presbyterian church.

TAKE TO MEETING!

Friends

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Show & Tell

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Donations for Community Service Donation

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

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Smiles

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tyler Quilt Show "*Home is Where the Heart Is*"
- March 24-25, 2017

MEMBERSHIP

We have a great year planned for our guild with lots of fun activities for you to try. Don't forget that annual membership dues should be paid by the March meeting. Please complete the membership form (ON PAGE 7) with your check for \$25.

Karen T.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW

Ellen Rock's and Barb Abel's mom/in-law passed away on Ash Wednesday peacefully with family at her side. Her funeral will be March 17. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Harvey remains in our thoughts and prayers as he wages his battle.

FUN FACTS

The United States has approximately 21 million quilters with an average age of 62. Quilting in America creates a \$3.7 billion industry every year. Paducah, Kentucky bills itself as the quilting capital of the world. If the museum ([The National Quilt Museum](#)) is any indication, no other town will come close to claiming Paducah's title any time soon.

PROGRAMS

Our speaker for Thursday March 16th is Brenda Perry, a professional Quilt maker, lecturer, teacher and a self-proclaimed "Quiltaholic". Brenda lives in Sanger Texas with her husband of over 50 years. Brenda dabbled in many crafts before discovering quilting. She is a self taught traditional quilter.

Brenda's Program is "Waste Not - Want Not". We all have scraps and whether we save them, use them, toss them, or pass them on, your scraps have an impact on your quilts. Brenda will share about 40 scrappy quilts and quilts made from the scraps of scrappy quilts.

Our April 20th program will be a skills night. If you have a skill you would like to teach - or if there is a particular skill you would like to learn please contact Nancy W. with your ideas. She can be reached at txworst@gmail.com or 512-468-6080.



Why you should renew your membership to the Allen Quilt Guild

- ✓ You will receive a beautiful membership card hand-signed by our president created just for you!
- ✓ Your name will appear in our limited edition membership directory AND you will receive a copy of the beautifully designed directory for your very own.
- ✓ Membership card acts as a free ticket to TAQG Rally day July 8. [Cynthia LeBlanc Regone](#) is this year's speaker.
- ✓ Where else can you meet people with like interests, learn new techniques, get advice, attend workshops, and so much more...for only \$25 A YEAR?!

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so at the March meeting so you can be included when the directory is published in April.

RETREAT NEWS

A few spots have opened up for our retreat at the Sunset Center in Sunset, Texas March 17-20, 2017. Yes, you read that right. This retreat is not from Thursday to Sunday, but is from Friday to Monday instead. You can reserve your spot using the form below. Please note the due dates! For more information contact Johanna B., and if you know of anyone else that might like to come, please forward this info to them!
Hope to hear from you soon!!

Johanna Britton

[Johanna Britton@hotmail.com](mailto:Johanna_Britton@hotmail.com)

Retreat 2017 coordinator

AQG Spring Retreat March 17-20, 2017 Sunset Retreat Center Registration Form

Name _____

Telephone # (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email address _____

Emergency contact name _____ tel # _____

Special considerations (food allergies, etc) _____

I plan to attend () Friday, March 17 Thru Monday, March 20 \$230
 () Friday, March 17 Thru Sunday, March 19 \$180
 () Saturday, March 18 Thru Monday, March 20 \$180

Minimum deposit of \$100 is due Jan 19th. Full payment is welcome.

Full payment due Feb. 16, 2017

Make checks payable to Allen Quilters' Guild (AQG)

Mail checks to:
Johanna Britton
713 Victorian Dr
Allen, TX 75002

AQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2/16/17

Called to order at 7:00 pm by Maridale Morgan

Present – Members 21 Guests 1

Last month's minutes were approved by Johanna Britton and seconded by Betty Matthews.

Program: Michelle Kitto of Urban Spools: The Modern Quilt Movement

Maridale Morgan - President

Farmersville Quilt Guild brought their Raffle Quilt called **Cabin in the Woods**

There is a Go Fundme page for Pebble Rehm to help replace fabric and quilting supplies lost in her house fire in January.

Heritage Quilter's will have a Quilt Celebration in Durant OK April 21-22nd at the Durant Community Center.

Programs Nancy Worst - next meeting we will have Brenda Perry with her program Waste not, Want not. April's meeting will be a Skills night.

Membership Karen Townsend- Current membership is 20. we have one new member.

Communication- Johanna for Ellen Rock who is away to see her mother who is in hospice.

Community Service - Betty Matthews - Please sign up for the hours you work for community service. There are kits here for Quilts for Kids. Next month we will be collecting socks and underwear for the homeless.

Ways and Means- Kathy Scott was unable to be at the meeting but Nancy Worst had kits for the block of the month.

Treasurer- Liz Bushong - Books for last year have been audited

The next Sew-in day is 2/25/17 there is a "sew-in" at Liz Bushong's. You can come as early as 9am. Directions can be obtained from Liz. Bring sewing machine, rulers and rotary cutters.

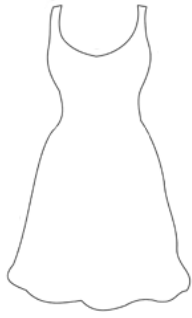
Christmas Brunch –needs someone to organize this event for this year.

Retreat- Johanna Britton - Retreat is slated for March 17 – 20, 2017 Sunset Center, Sunset, TX Friday - Monday \$230 3 days/ 2 nights \$180 **Note:** There are some openings for the retreat. If you are interested please contact Johanna.

Sunshine and Shadows-Brenda Brown – Beverly Smart (a former member) died

Open Position- Workshops, Christmas Brunch, Door Prizes & Birthdays, Hospitality & Welcome, Donation Quilt Production, Historian , Donation Quilt Promotion, Public Relations

Business meeting adjourned at 7:12



Those of you who were in the January meeting and wished to participate, received a pattern for a "red dress" to make for healthy heart month next February (2018). Completed blocks need to be turned in by the August meeting. This pattern is also posted on the Web site. Kathy Scott is in charge of this project and got the pattern from designer Sindy Rodenmayer. Sindy has made the offer of a special discount our members can use all year long. Any Allen Quilt Guild member who wishes to purchase a retail e-pattern off her website, www.fatcatpatterns.com, will receive 50% off their entire purchase just by entering in the coupon code AQQ. (Note that it must be in all capitals). This will be valid until January 1, 2018.

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217 N. Kentucky, McKinney, TX 75069
972-542-8839
Shop Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5

Don't miss our first
Kimberbell Machine
Embroidery Event:
OH, HAPPY DAY!

March 17 & 18, 9 am – 4 pm
Holiday Inn & Suites,
McKinney
\$249

Complete 6 projects (all
supplies included) PLUS
lunch

"The Happiest Little Quilt Shop In Texas!"
www.HappinessIsQuilting.com
info@HappinessIsQuilting.com

Great class coming
soon!

Becky Goldsmith
Practical Color
Sat, April 22
10 am – 4 pm
\$75

**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

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 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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Yahoo Group _____ New _____ Name Tag _____ Bylaws _____
B-day _____ Small Group _____ Newsletter _____ Check# _____

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