



ALLEN QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER

May 2018 Issue

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FROM THE PREZ:

Mayday Mayday!

Such a busy month - I thought I understood the meaning of May Day. Here is the real story from Merriam Webster:

Owing to the difficulty of distinguishing the letter "S" by telephone, the international distress signal "S.O.S." will give place to the words "May-day", the phonetic equivalent of "M'aidez", the French for "Help me."

—"New Air Distress Signal," *The Times* [London], 2 Feb. 1923

As you rest and recover from the busy time, please remember that our program on Thursday is about Brazilian Embroidery!

Also, remember to bring to the meeting:

- 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! That auction will be here before we know it - September!

If yours isn't ready yet, get going! I know what you give will be delightful!

See you Thursday!

-*Maridale*

MAY MEETING

[Mendie Cannon, Brazilian Embroidery](#)

Mendie Cannon will present a program on Brazilian Embroidery, a style of embroidery that originated in Brazil in the 1960s. It uses a unique z-twist rayon thread. This thread and the stitches that designers create give this style of embroidery a three-dimensional look.

Mendie Cannon has been stitching in a variety of styles for over 40 years. She has been using Brazilian Embroidery for 10 years and became a certified instructor in 2007.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 7, 8, 9, [North Texas Quilt Festival](#), Arlington Convention Center

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)

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)



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 – April 19, 2018

There are 19 members (2 new members).

President Maridale M. called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

There was a thank you note from the American Heart Association for the Red Dress Quilt. It earned \$450 in their auction.

Be sure to make items for this year's silent auction.

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. 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.

Don't forget to bring a solid fat quarter to donate to the guild door prize basket.

Programs- Nancy W. and Virginia B This month, we are having a skills night led by Nancy W., Virginia B. and Betty M. Next month, we will host Mendie Cannon who will present a program on Brazilian embroidery.

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 until we sell out.

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.

Community Service – Betty M. has some kits for cheater quilts, pillowcase kits and Bibs for adults. Laurie brought up that some guilds piece, quilt and bind projects individually so members can do what they like and the projects can be ready to go at the meeting.

At the retreat, pillow cases and placemats will be made. Last year, we were able to donate 95 placemats to Meals on Wheels. Can we beat that?

Retreat - Ellen R. Anyone going to the retreat should be sure to bring 10 or more blue and white 2 ½ strips and 3 novelty fat quarters for games. Retreat begins on Thursday at 10 am, lunch will not be served so be sure to eat earlier or bring food with you. There will be a rummage sale so bring intact items, the sale of which you can keep or donate to community service. Contact Ellen R. for more information.

Treasurer - Laurie T. – no changes since Newsletter.

Ways and Means - Kathy S.- Has block patterns for March and April. Kathy has an offer, if you sign up for both the Block of the Month and the Mystery Quilt, you could win a prize. She has extras from last year's Block of the Month

Show and Tell –

Johanna – showed a Table Runner she has completed for the mini auction.

Alice G –displayed some pillowcases for community service and a quilt-as-you-go strip quilt

Kathy S- presented an Abraham Lincoln portrait quilt and a Mosaic Fox quilt

Maridale M. showed off a mini crazy quilt for the mini quilt auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM

Submitted by Secretary Shelly V.



Greetings fellow quilters:

We have a wonderful problem with our community service. We have over 50 pillowcases BUT very few quilts to go with them. I would like to try a new approach to our kids' quilt making.

1. I will make up kits of blocks or strips and then ask you to only sew the top together and then **BRING IT BACK THE NEXT MONTH!**
2. I will add the backing and batting and then one of you can take it home and quilt as you want- straight or curvy lines or angles or even circles and **BRING IT BACK THE NEXT MONTH!**
3. Then maybe someone else can bind it the next month and **BRING IT BACK THE NEXT MONTH!**

This way every 3 months, several different quilts get finished. This way no one is responsible for a whole quilt. I have the fabric (lots of it) and can work on kits as needed. Let me know what you think about this idea.

Community service donations this month are snack foods such as granola bars, Goldfish, fruit roll-ups, juice boxes, or raisins.

Thanks for all you do for others.

Betty M- Community Service Chair.

TAKE TO MAY 17 MEETING!

- Show & Tell
- Donations for Community Service (granola bars, Goldfish, fruit roll-ups, juice boxes, or raisins)
- Smiles
- 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
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- Your mini quilt!

**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 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# _____

HUMOR

(thanks Maridale!)



A second life for Grandma's quilt.

HEY DEB, HAVE YOU FINISHED RE-THREADING YOUR SERGER YET?

ALMOST...



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