



September 2017 ISSUE

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FROM THE PREZ:

Hello, Members!

This is a big month for us - our Mini Quilt Auction will be held at our September 21st meeting. We have some splendid things donated! Be sure to bring your friends and neighbors with you - we need to share our beautiful work and promote our guild.

Joalyn Cartwright of Martelli's will be there as well with prizes and demonstration of products. Martelli's will also be donating a sewing table! If you want to get a preview of their products, here is the link:

<https://martellinotions.com>.

Thank you for all you do! See you Thursday.

Maridale

**QUILT
AUCTION**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

September 22-23 - *Quilting in the Falls*, Red River Quilters' Guild, at the MPEC in Wichita Falls

October 6 & 7 – Cotton Patch Quilt Guild “*Harvest of Quilts*” – Wesley United Methodist Church, 5302 State Hwy 69 South, Greenville, Texas – Admission \$5

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)

October 20-21 – Granbury Quilt Show, 1st Presbyterian Church on Bridge Street. Free admission. Quilts will be displayed on the pews of the Historic First Presbyterian Church.

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

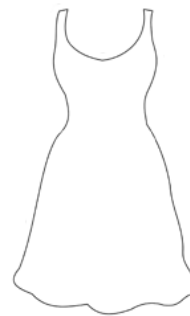


This month we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Allen Quilters' Guild. We will have refreshments and our mini quilt auction. The mini quilt auction is one of our big fund raisers for the year. Bring friends...or strangers!...to bid on the wonderful mini quilts donated by our members. Checks and cash payments only accepted.

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. The collected blocks will be made into a quilt for the January 2018 Women's Heart Health month.



AQG GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 8/17/17

Maridale Morgan called meeting to order at 7:06, Members Present 18

Last month's minutes were approved by Lorraine Mattis 1st, Lynda Lindstrom 2nd

Our speaker was Hayward "the Scissor Man" Erwin - Care and Sharpening of Scissors.

President - Maridale Morgan - We need to have a nominating committee for next year's board. Volunteers were Lorraine Mattis, Ellen Wilwert, Johanna Britton, Liz Bushong with the Alternate being Diane Pixley

Pam Hiam - Joallyn Cartwright, Martelli representative would like to come to the Mini quilt auction. If we can get 30 people there she is interested in donating a table for the auction.

Accuquilt is running a promotion for Free Shipping. Promo code is <guild 2017>. Check out their site. There are 700 free patterns on site.

TAQG- Virginia Braley - This year we need a new TAQG representative. Meetings are the last Tuesday of an odd month. Anyone who is interested contact Virginia. Consider attending the November 14th meeting. It is a Forum for vendors and speakers for guilds.

Also, TAQG is looking for a host guild to assist Plano Guild and the Women of Color Guild with the 2019 rally. Deb Tucker is next year's Rally speaker. She has a series of rulers.

Virginia asks if the guild might consider donating a door prize for next year's Rally.

TAQG is thinking of charging a small fee for the rally due to increased costs. It is still a worthwhile event.

Also, there will be no more mass reserving of seats at next year's rally.

Note: The TAQG website got hacked. So some of the info may be incorrect.

For those of you who have a coupon for Stitching Heaven, they are asking you to only use one not multiples at a time.

Raffle Quilt - Virginia is collecting money and raffle ticket stubs for this year's raffle quilt.

Johanna Britton is splitting a booth with us at the Methodist Church Bazaar in October.

MiniQuilt Auction- Johanna Britton- Mini Quilt Auction is the September meeting. Think about inviting a friend. If you run into old members, invite them.

There is a display at the library. For August, it is Mini Auction items and for September it will showcase our Birthday month and Community Service projects.

Retreat - We want to have a daytreat at the Best Little Retreat Center- let Johanna know if a weekend would be better for you.

Show & Tell:

Ellen Wilwert - Sailboat mini and table runner for auction. 3 Donation quilts that are bright and cheery

Liz Bushong - Tulip quilt, quilt for friend in rehabilitation, 30's flower quilt, coffee cup yellow quilt flimsy and 2 Christmas wallhangings with the Holy family on each

Jill Stoel - Garden quilt with purple accent.

Lorraine Mattis - rust/brown flower called Thinking of Georgia (O'Keefe)

Marge Bryan-Hour glass quilt

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM

TAKE TO SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING!

Checkbook!!

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Friends

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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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Cookies (board members only)

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Smiles



STASH BUSTER!!!

What quilt did I use that piece in? Hmm – an odd piece that's too big to throw away but you don't have plans for it? **PLACEMAT!!!** I can't believe the pieces I have found in my stash. I'm sure you have those too.

We are hoping for placemats about 18 ½ by 14 ½ (cut the batting bigger!)

Keep it simple. Consider quilting as you go as you make the top. Then add the back wrong sides together, sew, flip, tuck in flap, stitch and topstitch around the edge. Done!

Ideas:

Cut 4" squares. Piece 4 across, 3 down (12 total) and add a border (cut 2 ½" strips)

Create ½ square triangles and make pin wheels – or place randomly. Perhaps combine with equal sized squares.

PLAY! Want to try a block you have never done – this is a perfect opportunity! Use it as your centerpiece of the placemat.

Know that the placemats are greatly appreciated! I need all of them by the November meeting. I can't wait to see them!

Thank you to all of you who participate in this project!

Lorraine

NEW!!! ALLEN LIBRARY DISPLAY (Thank you Lorraine!)



Celebrating the Guild's Community Service and our 30th Anniversary



Our Allen quilters are fabulous. I was asked for some stats on what we had been giving this last year, and I was just blown away by all the things that you do for others. Last year we took 35 quilts to CASA. This year I already have over 22 quilts with several more to be finished next month at our Community Service night. We made pillowcases for kids and this year, I already have about 25 cases. Hooray for Us! We have also donated school supplies for the Fill the Bus campaign as well as diapers and wipes to ACO. Thanks to all who help make our guild such a giving guild.

This month I am collecting baby items such as diapers, wipes, onesies. As always, there will be a donation jar if you would rather I purchase the needed items. Thanks for all you all do for others.

Betty Matthews, Community Service Chair.

Quilting Myth Busters

1. Quilting was a common task in a woman's life in Colonial America

While quilting was done by those who could afford to buy imported fabric, ordinary women in early America spent their days spinning, knitting and sewing just to keep their families in clothing. Lower grades of imported linen and wool were available to almost everyone but the silks and cottons used for quilts were expensive. It wasn't until there was widespread production of affordable textiles around 1840 that more women found time and plentiful fabric for quilt making.

2. Before electricity women typically quilted in the evening by the fireside.

It was and still is difficult to do fine stitching in poor light. Before modern lighting was available most quilting was done in the daylight, outside if possible. A good deal of quilting was done in the summer due to longer daylight hours. Farm women may have been too busy to quilt during planting and harvest time but they quilted when they could find the time in the lighter months. Sometimes the quilting frame was brought outdoors in good weather so the quilters could enjoy the good light.

3. Quilting originated in early America and is purely an American craft.

Quilting has a long history back to the time of ancient Egypt and earlier. Quilted clothing has been worn for centuries. Decorative quilted petticoats were worn during the 17th century in Europe, Great Britain, America and beyond. Even today quilting is popular in countries all over the world.

**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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- 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 _____
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